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## PREFATORY NOTE

IN the summer of 1912, the undersigned, under the auspices of the World Peace Foundation, made an attempt to form some measure of the effects, on the Southern States of our National Union, of the reversed selection due to the loss of life in the Civil War of fifty years ago. In this work he was associated with Professor Edward Benjamin Krehbiel, of the chair of Modern History in Stanford University, and with Professor Harvey E. Jordan, of the chair of Histology and Embryology in the University of Virginia. Professor Krehbiel devoted himself to the historical and statistical phases of the subject, while Professor Jordan and the writer considered chiefly the biological elements, especially those related to eugenics and race progress. The present memoir con-

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tains an abstract of the material secured and the conclusions reached in this phase of the investigation, the others being later treated elsewhere. It will be freely admitted that all conclusions must be tentative and that no mathematical accuracy in the statement of the eugenic loss of the Civil War is possible. But, on the other hand, the evidence of the magnitude of such loss grows, in cumulating degree, with every additional survey of the facts concerned. The writers are under special obligation to some hundreds of veterans of the Confederate army in Virginia, Georgia, North Carolina, and other States for frank and friendly discussion of the questions involved, and to about one hundred others, not personally known, who have answered sympathetically our letters of inquiry.

For the studies in question, Rockbridge and Spottsylvania Counties, in Virginia, with Cobb County, in Georgia, were especially chosen as typical districts. Observa-

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tions of minor importance were made in Henrico, Dinwiddie, and Appomattox Counties, in Virginia, Wake County, in North Carolina, and Knox County, in Tennessee. The appended poem, by the undersigned, is suggested by our experiences in "The Wilderness" of Spottsylvania.

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NOTE.—An Introduction dealing with the outbreak of the general European war and an additional chapter on Macedonia, both written by Dr. David Starr Jordan while this book was in press, will be found in the succeeding pages.





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