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PREFACE

In the spring of 1914 it was my privilege to deliver the Barbour-Page Lectures at the University of Virginia and the Ford Lectures at Oxford University. As the two courses dealt with kindred subjects, I am publishing them in a single volume.

The whole might well have been entitled "Extra-Constitutional Government in the United States." The Oxford Lectures, on Property and Democracy, show how a great many organized activities of the community have been kept out of government control altogether. The Virginia Lectures, on Political Methods, show how those matters which were left in government hands have often been managed by very different agencies from those which the framers of our Constitution intended.

As the first three lectures were delivered to an English audience, they contain some explanations which are unnecessary for American readers; but it seemed on the whole better to print them in their original form.

When so wide a range of topics is treated in so small a book, it is impossible to give any adequate set of references to authorities. I have tried in the several lectures to make due acknowledgment to the men who have most nearly anticipated my lines of thought or have furnished me with the largest budgets of illustrative facts; but I have only been able to name a few among the many to whom I am thus indebted.

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