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## PREFACE

Since delivering these lectures in the spring of 1909, I have not had an opportunity to revise them until now. They are printed substantially as delivered; for the sake of clearness, part of the first has been transferred to the second, thus shortening the former, and lengthening the latter. I have avoided, as far as possible, attempting to enforce my points by referring to later aspects of the questions under discussion, presented by recent events. If the view taken of the matter is sound, the passage of time is sure to furnish new instances, and the reader will have no difficulty in making the application himself. As delivered, the title of the lectures was "Some Unsettled Questions Relating to Popular Government."

A. G. S.

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