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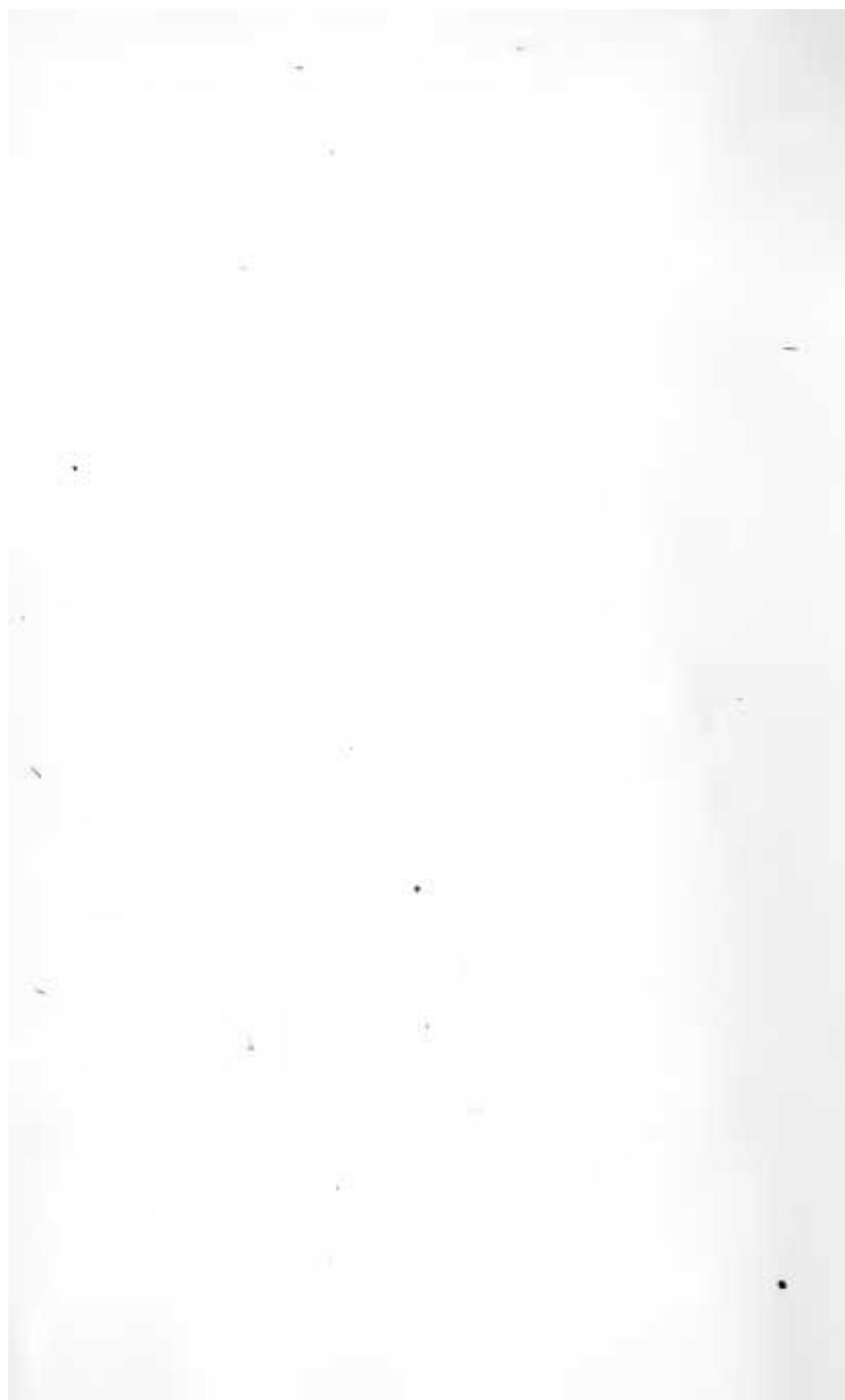


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PREFACE

THIS book was originally planned in 1913, as a sequel to my "World of Labour." I threw it aside on the outbreak of war; but during the past year I have thoroughly revised it, and added so much new matter as to make it practically a different book.

Various portions of it have appeared in various newspapers between 1914 and the present time. The largest debt I owe to the *New Age*, in which several whole chapters appeared in their original form. Another chapter is based upon a series of articles which appeared in the *Nation*. Other portions have been published in the *Church Socialist*, the *Herald*, the *Highway*, and the *Labour Leader*.

I owe so many debts to friends who have helped me with ideas, suggestions and criticisms that, instead of thanking them individually, I prefer to thank them collectively in my dedication.

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A NOTE ON BOOKS

The reader who desires to know more of the application of the principle of self-government to the industrial system should study, above all, in the columns of the *Guildsman* and the *New Age*. He will also find much to help him in the *Herald* and in various other papers.

The books which he will find most useful are the following :

NATIONAL GUILDS: an Enquiry into the Wage System and the Way Out. By S. G. Hobson. Edited by A. R. Orage. (Bell, 5s. net.)

THE WORLD OF LABOUR. By G. D. H. Cole. (Bell, 4s. 6d. net.)

THE MEANING OF NATIONAL GUILDS. By M. B. Reckitt and C. E. Bechhofer. (Palmer and Hayward, 7s. 6d. net.)

LABOUR IN THE COMMONWEALTH. By G. D. H. Cole. (Headley Brothers, 5s. 6d. net.)

OLD WORLDS FOR NEW. By A. J. Penty. (Allen and Unwin, 3s. 6d. net.)

THE MEANING OF INDUSTRIAL FREEDOM. By G. D. H. Cole and W. Mellor. (National Guilds League, 1s. net.)

And also the series of pamphlets published by the National Guilds League.