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Which our liking or disliking
Limits to a single glance?"

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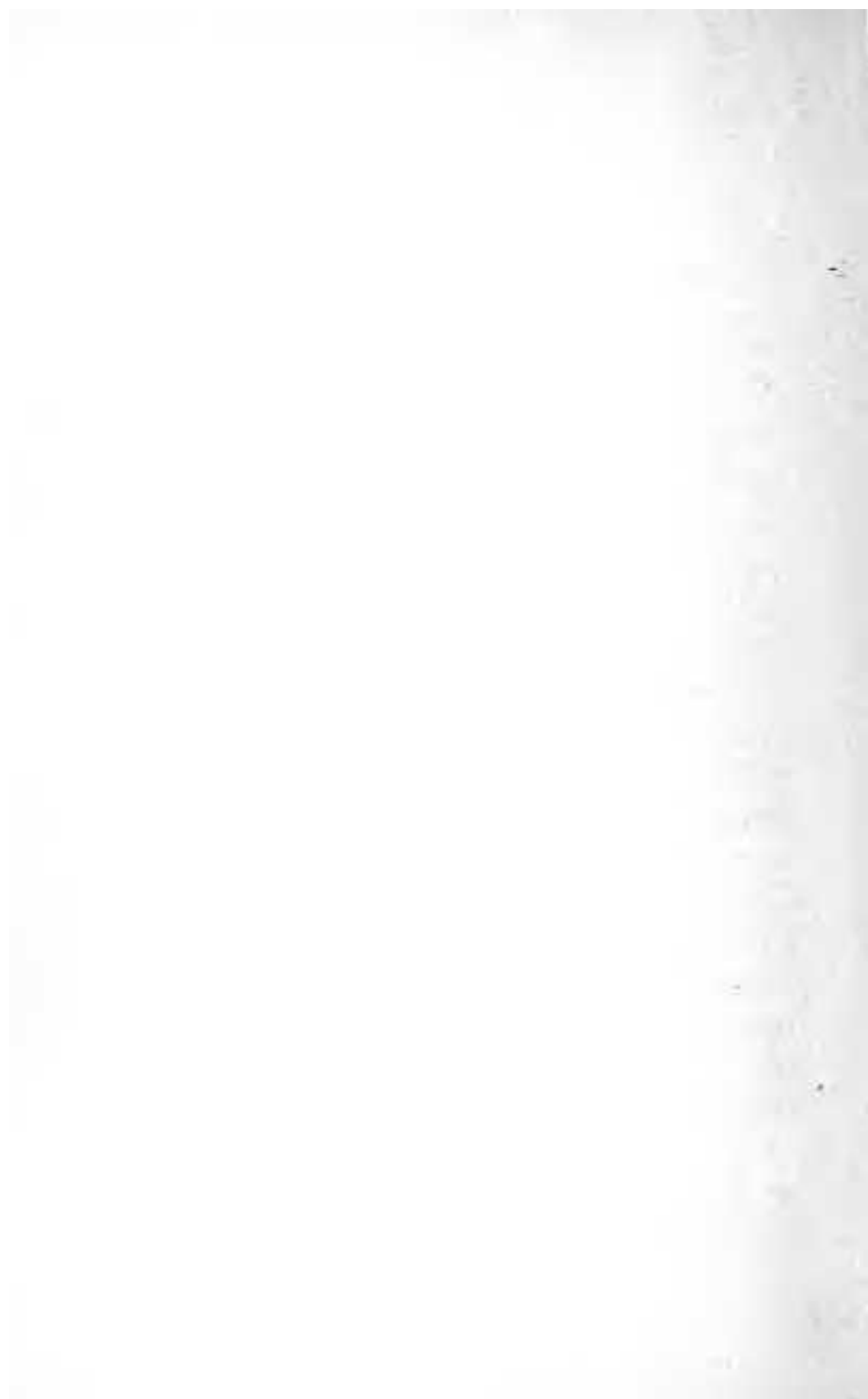
"I have always wished, once at any rate, to be face to face with the citizens of that State within a State, which is called the Co-operative Movement." — LORD ROSEBERY, *Inaugural Address 22nd Annual Co-operative Congress, Glasgow, 1890.*

PREFACE

THE object of this Book is to explain Co-operation to outsiders—the nature, growth and extent of the Movement; so that none may think too little of it, nor expect too much from it. Thinking too little is not to discern its usefulness; expecting too much is to bespeak disappointment at its actual success.

The outside public only understand Distributive Co-operation, and do not know that its original aim was to establish Co-operative Industry. Its aim is not alone to make superior grocers, but to make men—to raise a class capable of controlling their own means of support. The Store is a great device—the Co-operative Workshop is a greater. Until Labour is endowed with the right of profit, in some equitable form, the war of Industry against Capital will never cease. To vindicate Co-operative Equity as a means of concord between Labour and Wealth, is the main object of the following pages.

G. J. H.



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