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TO THE  
TRUSTEES OF OUR CHRISTIAN CHURCHES  
IN WHOSE RANKS ARE SO MANY  
WHO PRIVATELY AND PUBLICLY EXEMELIFY THE GRADING  
PRINCIPLE REGARDING  
THE USE OF WEALTH ILLUSTRATED IN THESE PAGES



## FOREWORD.

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It is hoped there is a message in these pages interesting alike to the man of faith and the man of science, more interesting where the two are combined. The motive of the writing is a deep sympathy with the weak, who are forced to the wall in the awful industrial contest of life—the defective, the dispossessed in our present social chaos. The strong need no friends, they can fight their own battles, but the Christian may well say, “Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, and let my arm wither, when the one shall cease to plead the cause of the poor or the other refuse to defend him.” But the facts of Christian history and the stern laws of life must be regarded. A permanent social order can come only from a constructive principle which regards those facts and measures those laws. This principle is set forth here, at once consistent with the claims of personality and the work of social redemption.

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