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1908 HUTCHISON & BROADBENT, McKEESPORT, PA. To the memory of the many sterling patriots, who, coming from every walk and condition of life—the heights of affluence as well as the depths of poverty,—who were actuated by high conceptions of their duty to the public, who labored loyally and unceasingly in tract, pamphlet and press, on the public platform and in the heart to heart talk with their fellow-man for the establishment of what they deemed to be more equitable conditions in money affairs, who had the courage of their convictions even when the expression of those convictions was the signal for a flood of the most unfair and brutal vituperation and ostracism, the following pages are affectionately dedicated by one who considers their lives, their labors and their unselfish adherence to principle as a priceless legacy to the nation and an inspiration to the cause of progress.

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PREFACE.

When any comparatively inexperienced writer ventures to put his thoughts and opinions into a definite form and place them before the public, he is generally expected to preface his efforts with an apology to his readers for attempting to trespass upon their time.

This is especially true if the subject to be treated is one that has been much discussed by other and more seasoned authors. Those who would invade such a field are supposed to tread very softly and be very reluctant to advance anything different from the general average of what has already been written upon the subject.

That precaution is one that would be very pertinent if there was somewhat of a consensus of opinion among the established authors, but in the subject of "money," though tens of thousands of books, pamphlets and tracts have been issued and countless columns of newspaper space been utilized by scores and scores of writers, the views expressed are so varied and contradictory that the comparatively inexperienced may, without apology and even with some degree of confidence, venture into the field, in the hope that he may present something that will help in some degree to bring about that which the established authors have signally failed to produce after years of voluminous writings.

The text of the pamphlet will, I hope, be sufficiently clear to not require any explanatory treatment in advance.

It endeavors to present in a definite form some of the most salient features of the "money question," as such question, in the author's judgment, presents itself before the people of today and it has been written somewhat particular-

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ly to make clear certain points that were hardest for him to comprehend and which he humanly assumes may have confounded many others.

It does not pretend to be an exhaustive treatment even of those points discussed, much less a discussion of the whôle money subject, but is simply offered in the hope that in the reading of it some will have their interest sufficiently aroused to induce them to study the subject in all its various phases.

The title, "The Other Side," had its origin in connection with a paper read by the author recently before the Emerson Club of this city. The subject for the paper was to be the general one of "Money," but the management desired a more explicit one to advertise. In my quandary I stated that I wanted to discuss the other side of money, the side not given so much publicity from press and platform. The suggestion seemed to arrest attention, "the other side" was adopted and, as this pamphlet is in the nature of an elaboration of the paper read, and for want of a more suitable and expressive one, it has been continued in that position.

McKeesport, Pa., January, 1908.