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PREFACE

THE following pages discuss the departure of the State from the Great Trust charged upon it in regard to Equality, and propose a remedy. The argument is this: The State is not fulfilling the Trust undertaken by it, to establish and maintain equality as far as that is practicable in the government of men; an undertaking which means, in effect, that the State shall provide a reasonable mode of regulating Inequality. The failure is due to want of men sufficiently equipped for the requirement. To treat existing adjustments as a performance of the Trust is to support a False Equation. There is probably energy enough for remedy, for however true it may be that human, like inanimate, energy is slowing down, it appears to remain relatively the same. The remedy is to be found in substituting for current forms of education a system which shall Organize the Brain, so that energy

may be set free and then directed effectively to the purpose. Education thus conducted should indeed be competent to provide for all purposes; the Great Trust is only an instance.

The argument is followed by an Illustration.

In 1902 Brooks Adams published *The New Empire*. In 1903, before I had seen that work, I asked Mr. Adams to join me in the new undertaking of unity in the instruction of the Law School of Boston University. He accepted, and from that time to this has been contributing of his great energy and other gifts to the desired result. I owe him a debt greater than I can pay, but not greater than I wish to acknowledge.

The system of unity in education, worked out at some length in these pages, is foreshadowed in the Introduction to *The New Empire*, and has since been stated more or less fully, from time to time, by Mr. Adams and myself; in *Centralization and the Law*, published in 1906, and particularly in two addresses delivered in February, 1908, and published as a Bulletin of the Law School mentioned, under the title of *Unity in Modern Education*. The present undertaking

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puts the subject from the point of view of psychophysics, or Mental Energy and the Brain; psychology of habit lies at the foundation of the problem.

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