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PREFACE.

THE modern advances made in physical science have been enormous. Economic and sociological science has lagged. The social equilibrium has been destroyed.

The vital relations of our social organization are strained. The conflict between capital and labor is bitter.

The very principles of our government are but on trial.

Will they endure the strain?

The new phases of industrialism, under actual sociological conditions, tend to minimize the individual, and to throw an undue proportion of the increased wealth into the hands of the few at the expense of the many.

The percentage of hopeless, and often blameless, poverty is increasing.

Moral and physical degradation and crime follow.

The people are firmly demanding that their heritage of natural monopolies and natural

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media shall be safely and honestly held in trust, and ably administered, for the equal benefit of all.

We should preserve the principles of justice and freedom, which, according to the intent of its founders, should characterize our representative government. But, with its limited tenure of office, it has evolved a phase of political immorality, and a feebleness of administrative ability, which unfit it to be a just, able, and trusted guardian of the people's common material interests where profits may accrue.

Material and profitable trusts and industries cannot safely be confided to the direct management of our representative form of government in its present phase.

Its creature, the United States militant army, with its life tenure of office, and its special militant and sociological conditions, has shown good administrative capacity, has evolved high personal integrity and honor, and has developed a corporate morality whereby, under normal conditions, it has been generally faithful to the trusts which have been committed to its charge, and it has ably discharged its material duties.

May not the Industrial Army also be a creature of our present civil government, and may we not reasonably hope to be able to say of it

all that we have said of the United States militant army?

To seek for a just and pacific solution of social and economic questions which shall restore the rightful and necessary equilibrium between the physical sciences and economic and sociological conditions; which shall confer upon the individual economic freedom, and equality of opportunity; which shall minimize poverty, want, and crime; which shall make for morality, civilization, and happiness; and which shall preserve the political and personal freedom and equality which our representative institutions were intended to establish, is the object of the writer.

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PARIS, FRANCE, *October, 1895.*

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