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PREFACE.

THE following essays are the outgrowth of occasional addresses and three magazine articles. All are educational in character. "Reclaiming a Commonwealth" appeared first in *The Outlook*, and "The Keystone of Power" in *The Metropolitan Magazine*. Both, however, have been rewritten and considerably enlarged. Certain observations based on a visit to European schools have been incorporated in the essay last named. Taken together they constitute a discussion of some important phases of educational tendencies and of present-day interests.

No attempt has been made to prepare a treatise. Though considerable investigation has been necessary for some of these studies, the effort has been to avoid the effect of a "contribution." If the mode of treatment has made the essays less scientific it has possibly made them more readable. Should the book bring to those into whose hands it falls pleasure at all comparable to the pleasure that has come from its preparation the author will be highly gratified.

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