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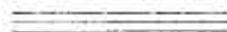
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To those who believe :--

In the fundamental integrity and nobility of human nature ;

That knowledge should be placed before prejudice in the analysis of social problems ;

That man has a kingdom of opportunity, duty, responsibility, effort, joy, and life ;

and

That the golden age of the world lies in the present and in the future--not in the past.

this book is dedicated.

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PREFACE

A QUESTIONING age lays bare the innermost secrets which the scalpel of critical analysis will reveal. Nothing is so sacred, nothing so holy that it may claim exemption from the ordeal. Every available nook and cranny of life is searched, and the results of the investigation appear in the daily press. Publicity reigns.

Nevertheless, when all is said, there must be some guiding idea behind analysis and criticism, else their best efforts lead nowhere beyond the desert of skepticism and disillusionment. Hence the necessity for seeking out and enunciating some precepts by the aid of which the course of society may be guided. Where is the North Star of Social Progress? By what unit shall men measure the Sanity of Social Action? Can there be devised a body of social metrics by means of which the course of society may be fairly judged?

It is the part of a sane society to ask these questions, at the very least. Perhaps there falls, too, within the boundaries of its obligation the duty to seek diligently till they be answered.

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