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PREFACE

Mexico and its affairs have of late taken much space in the press dispatches. For about a generation that country has been well policed and has prospered. A general shock of surprise and disappointment has therefore been felt at recent events. Many have been ready to charge the renewal of insurrection and war to racial defects in the Mexican people. A good deal of superficial writing has appeared in the papers,—the remarks of observers ignorant of the country's history and failing in consequence to enter into the deeper currents of its national life.

The Mexican people are engaged in a struggle for freedom. Political independence has been achieved; liberty of conscience is at last realized; a liberal constitution guarantees human rights. But the burden of popular ignorance and of industrial helplessness has not yet been lifted. That load must be taken off. It has grown insufferable. The paroxysms that are now shaking the country to its center are but blind struggles after this liberty. Mexico needs help, especially the