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PREFACE

THIS is a book for common people, written by one of their own number. What may appear to be needless repetition of ideas in the book is due to the fact that many of the articles hinge upon the one main purpose of promoting the interests of self-supporting students. The articles were written under the following convictions:—

First, that it is of the utmost importance that the average man, especially the laborer, should appreciate the value of the future high school.

Second, that further ethical, political, and industrial progress depends more upon the high schools, greatly increased in number and improved in efficiency, than upon any other one thing.

Third, that this increase in size and improvement in quality depends upon there being provision made to supply those who would be self-supporting students with remunerative and wisely selected work.

Fourth, that the church could strike at evil in no better way than to direct its main effort toward furthering the interests of the public schools.

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