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PREFACE

DURING these years of spectacular military conflict, it is easy to forget the increasing economic turmoil that is interwoven with present-day existence. Economic issues arise on every hand. Capital and labor, wages, the cost of living, unemployment—these things are a source of endless social disruption.

Economic issues may be considered in the large. They possess equal potency in individual cases, just as the drop of water contains the qualities of the ocean. Furthermore, the individual instance is more easily studied, its characteristics are more readily comprehended, and the proper method of treatment more safely prescribed. Moreover, it is highly probable that the deductions which may be drawn from the economic conditions surrounding one specific problem are in large measure applicable to the similar problems elsewhere.

Some satisfactory method of studying economic problems must be devised. Dogma will not stand the test of experiment. Preconceptions and tradition fall by the wayside. Meanwhile the world must know!

Knowledge is the only weapon that will ever overcome the host of difficulties arising out of the stress of modern life. Knowledge must therefore be the keynote of social endeavor.