

THE
MENACE OF PRIVILEGE

*A Study of the Dangers to the Republic
from the Existence of a Favored Class*

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Up! our heritage to claim!
Up! in love and honor's name!
Hearts that falter, would ye shame
Trust our fathers gave?
Once again the belfry swings,
Freedom's bell above us rings:
Palter not with baser things!
Rest—but in the grave.

—FRANCES MARGARET MILNE: *For Humanity.*

TO THE MEMORY
OF THOSE
WHO HAVE BEEN OVERBORNE BY PRIVILEGE
AND
TO THOSE WHO ARE NOW
ENLISTED IN THE GREAT STRUGGLE AGAINST PRIVILEGE
THIS VOLUME IS DEDICATED

Facts are to the mind what rules of morality are to the will. It is bound to know them and to bear their weight; and it is only when it has filled this duty, when it has viewed and measured their whole extent, it is then only that it is permitted to unfold its wings and to take flight to the high region where it will see all things in their totality and their results.—GUIZOT: *History of Civilization in Europe*.