

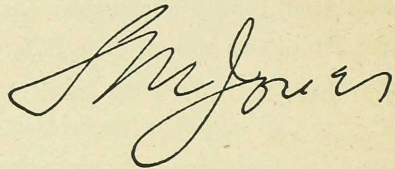
PREFACE.

I HAVE no apology to offer for writing a book. I desire to explain that I have been led to do it, not by reason of a belief that I have a peculiar fitness as a teacher of teachers, but because of the feeling that in some measure I have a message for *the plain people*, of whom I am one. During the last few years I have come to see that there is a divine purpose respecting all humanity, all-inclusive, all-pervading, and that in due time order and harmony are to be wrought out of the present chaotic social conditions that surround us. Though I cannot fully argue it out, still I am deeply impressed with the belief that the people of these United States are to lead the people of the world into a new conception of the purpose of government, the meaning of liberty and justice, and into a larger realization of freedom during the next twenty-five years than the most fanciful imagination has yet pictured. To set forth this belief in order, to give the reason why it is entertained, the processes by which the programme may be wrought out, and to lead those who shall read these pages to pin their faith more firmly to the fundamental, imperishable fact of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, is the purpose of this volume.

I believe that I can truly say that the best thing in the book is the contribution of my friend and co-worker for Equality, who has kindly contributed the chapter on "Co-operation and Profit-Sharing." If you read that and digest a very small part of it, I shall feel that you have gotten the full cost of the book. For the comfort of the reformers who do not believe in *taking profit*, I have pleasure in saying that every penny of the author's profit from this

book will be used to spread the principles of Human Brotherhood and Equality of Opportunity for All of the People. Due acknowledgment of the efficient service rendered by Mr. Herbert N. Casson in editing, and of Mr. W. J. Ghent in revising, this work is here recorded. Without their help the book would hardly have been possible at this time.

TOLEDO, O., *August*, 1899.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely reading "W. J. Ghent", positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page.