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PREFACE

THE essay that appears in the following pages is not a discussion of any theory of distribution. It is a brief effort to show that the agencies which are used in distributing social income, and which are responsible for the extremes in the social scale arranged on the basis of possessions, have never been adopted by any rational action, but have come into use through fortuitous circumstances and have no moral basis. Because they have been incorporated into law and tacitly accepted by society, they give to the possessing classes an undue advantage over the non-possessing classes, especially over our wage-earning people, reducing them to the position of economic slaves. The sources of wealth are outlined in an effort to show who deserve the values that flow from these sources. A chapter is devoted to each of the four usually accepted

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agencies of distribution, showing that no one of them produces rational results.

A fifth agency, that of service, is also considered, showing that through it those not interested in industrial operations secure some share of social income. It is also shown that this agency of service tends to a diffusion of wealth. In the last chapter public ownership is named as the source of permanent improvement.

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