

## NOTE

This little volume was written just before Governor Altgeld's death, and is now published for the first time.

It was given to me for examination by Mrs. Altgeld, and on reading it I was convinced that it should be published just as it was left by him.

Few men in this generation have been more persistently misunderstood than Governor Altgeld. This came from his fearless and relentless attacks upon injustice and wrong in places of influence and power. Since his death much of the personal bitterness has passed away, and an ever-growing number of his fellow-men are coming to recognize him as one of the most sincere and devoted friends of humanity that this country has produced.

Governor Altgeld devoted his life to the cause of justice and died while defending the weak against the oppressors. This little volume reaching the public a year after this great man's death, cannot fail to interest and encourage all men and women who are hoping and wishing for justice on the earth.

At this time, when everyone is intent on getting something for nothing, these words of a statesman and a philosopher should not pass unheeded. Every thoughtful person who reads this book must realize that nothing can be had without cost, and that the accounts of the universe are adjusted and balanced so that in some way everyone must, sooner or later, pay for what he gets.

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