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PREFACE

THE reason for the writing of most prefaces is to set forth the purpose of the books that they preface; but if the text of the present volume does not interpret its own purpose, then that purpose is defeated. My only need of a foreword is to make two acknowledgments. The first of these is one of deep indebtedness to all the authors mentioned in the bibliography included in the Appendix of this book—especially to John Spargo, whose work on “Socialism” is so excellent an exposition of its subject that, were it not avowedly a special plea, it would leave small place for my endeavors. And the second acknowledgment is that of a word received while the last chapters of my own book were being written—the word that, at the time of his so much regretted death last Autumn, Edmund Kelly was engaged upon just such a task as mine. Had he lived to carry his plans to completion, this able lawyer, ripe scholar and keen logician would, beyond question, have won success where, it may very well be, I have encountered at least partial failure.

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