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#### PREFACE.

We have been told that the time has come for a new book upon co-operative banks. And there seems reason in the suggestion. My object in writing "People's Banks: A Record of Social and Economic Success" was to awaken an interest in a movement which, though then scarcely heard of in the United Kingdom, had produced magnificent results abroad.

That object, I think, has been attained. However, evidently, though the results secured are viewed with admiration, the causes which have produced them are as yet too little understood. My object in the present book is to set forth those causes, to explain the mechanism and rationale of the institution and to give the "why, and wherefore" of each of its parts. To do this adequately it will be necessary to enter somewhat into detail, and I am afraid that it will not be altogether possible to avoid repetitions.

However, when objects and causes come to be fully understood, I think that we may look forward to as satisfactory results in this country as have been obtained elsewhere.

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