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P R E F A C E.

THE deep-seated democratic feeling of the whole of our educated classes, which is the mainspring of our political rebellion, has left a well-defined impression upon modern Russian literature. Educated Russians, deprived of any means wherewith to help the people out of their present difficulties, have wanted at least to know all about their condition, and have caught with avidity at any information that men of letters were able to give them.

Hence a unique development of our literature upon this subject. In no other country has so large a number of prominent writers devoted themselves to bringing to light the condition, the needs, and the hopes of the toiling masses; nowhere else have the educated classes given such

an unswerving encouragement to similar investigations. The statistical Commissions, instituted by most of our *zemstvos*, have already described the actual position of many millions of peasant households, scattered over an area far surpassing in extent that of the whole of the German Empire, with the same precision and profusion of detail as the reporters of the *Pall Mall Gazette* have devoted to the description of a few blocks of houses in Commercial Street at the time of the Trafalgar Square disturbances. A numerous body of writers, taking various points of view, has carefully elaborated in books and in magazine articles the enormous amount of rough material accumulated in official and non-official publications. Every branch of popular life of any importance, or presenting any complication, has been made a speciality. The village commune has a complete literature of its own. So has popular religion. We have talented writers, like Mrs. A. Efimenko, who have made for themselves a name and a literary position as investigators of the traditional juridical conceptions of our people; or others, like Yousoff, who is an

authority upon the modern phase of ritualistic nonconformity.

The works which have most stirred the public mind within the last twenty-five years have been those which have thrown some new light upon popular life: "The Sketches of our National Economy after the Emancipation," by a well-known anonymous author; the "Letters from a Village," by Enghelhardt; a book by Flerovsky, the works of Shapov, and the statistical essays of Professor Yansen. The magazine which for eighteen years of its existence held the foremost place amongst our periodicals, both as regards its circulation and its influence, was one which made the investigation of the life of the people its speciality. Among all the novelists and story-tellers of our generation there is none whose works are read with such avidity as those of Gleb Uspensky on village life.

The extraordinary development and variety of this kind of literature may well be taken as a conclusive proof that, apart from the great taste shown by our public for this class of subject, there must be something really original

and worth studying in our rural classes. Neither democratic tendencies nor patriotism could have withstood dulness and insipidity for so long a time.

Our peasants have in fact something unusual about them. They have not lived upon the crumbs of intellectual food which have fallen from the tables of their cultured brethren. Their popular morals, their social aims, and their religion are all their own, and differ greatly from those prevailing with the upper classes.

For the present generation the study of popular life has acquired an exceptional interest and importance, as the manifold influences of the new times have wrought a general downfall of the very basis of rural life. Russian peasants are passing through an actual crisis—economical, social, and religious—and the future of our country depends upon its solution.

In the book we now have the honour to lay before the English reader we have tried to show as briefly and as fully as possible the main features and the bearings of this double process of growth and decay, now to be observed within our rural

classes. The task we set ourselves was to choose from among the rich materials scattered throughout our literature for the last score of years, and to arrange the various separate pieces into one general picture. This work is therefore the natural supplement and completion of our two former books, which were devoted to the description of various aspects of the same crisis in the higher, though narrower, walks of our national life.

Most of that which is described in these volumes refers to the bulk of the Russian peasantry ; but in dealing with the political views and social habits of our rural classes, and the changes they have undergone since their Emancipation, we have had the Great Russian peasants chiefly in view. It is they who have shaped Russian history in the past, and who will certainly play the leading part in her future.

In conclusion, we beg to acknowledge our obligation to the *Times*, in whose columns the chapters upon the Agrarian Question first appeared ; and to the *Fortnightly Review*, which opened its pages to the chapters on "The *Moujiks*

and Russian Democracy" (considerably enlarged for the present work), and to the first and third chapters of the section entitled "Paternal Government." The remaining matter, *i.e.*, three-fourths of the entire work, is now published for the first time.

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