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FOREWORD

WE live in an age of rapidly changing values. This must be my excuse for adding another to the long list of books dealing with the Education, Life and Work of Woman.

Nearly all the more important works in this field (such as *Woman and Labour*) were published before the war. Since those days everything has changed. The immense development of Psychology, in particular, has opened up new social perspectives; and looking down these we find that the whole problem of Woman in relation to Society takes on a new form.

The present study is necessarily full of shortcomings. In the nature of things it cannot be more than a mere sketch, an attempt to suggest new lines of thought. But it may serve to carry the discussion a stage further. At the very least it should help to make it clear that the present chaos and insecurity in everything appertaining to Man and Woman and their social relations and functions is intolerable.

In certain quarters it may perhaps be suggested that it is not a man's business to write about Woman in general, or the Woman's Movement in particular. Is not the woman of to-day able to look after herself? But are there any women's problems that are not also men's problems? The interests of the two sexes are inextricably mingled.

The Education of Girls, the Work of Women in Industry, the Population Question, Sex Equality, Sex Psychology, Marriage, the Chaos in Sex Relationships, Genius and Sex

—are not all such subjects of equal concern to men and women alike?

All thoughtful people will agree that vital social problems cannot be dealt with in a fruitful way save through a whole-hearted co-operation between the two aspects of our common humanity.

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