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## NOTE

THE following pages contain the substance of five public lectures given in the Faculty of Economics in the University of London in April and May, 1914. Though, as will be evident to the reader, the contents do not nearly exhaust the possibilities of the title, it seemed better to offer them in this slight form, substantially as they were delivered, rather than to wait indefinitely in the hope of ultimate expansion and completion, for they deal with matters of immediate importance to social workers and investigators. The illustrations of standards of living are taken from pre-war conditions. It does not appear necessary to modify the analysis of the statistical concept of a nation even though recent events have shown its difficulty and importance.

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## NOTE TO SECOND EDITION

THE text has been revised and some notes and references added. The illustrative statistics are unaltered, since the results of the 1921 Census are not yet completely published, and few of the calculations can be brought up to date. All statements expressed in money refer to pre-war price levels.

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