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"Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and the bag of deceitful weights?" MICAH

#### FOREWORD

This book is offered to the public in the hope that it may help to crystalize some of the ideas which now seem to be clashing and forming in the public mind—ideas about money and the present crisis. On these ideas, in my opinion, recovery—a reasonably prompt recovery, as well as escape from worse ills—absolutely depends.

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