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PREFACE

THIS book, after an analysis of the conditions of social progress, endeavours to explain the part that is being played by the International Labour Organisation of the League of Nations in the general movement of social development throughout the world, and examines the contributions which the Organisation has been able to make to constructive social reform. Its main purpose is to give a plain account of that work. Four years have now elapsed since the Organisation established by Part XIII of the Peace Treaty began to function, and there has therefore been time to attempt some survey of its activities and some estimate of the value of its achievements. To one who, like the author, has been concerned from the start with the organisation and development of the International Labour Office, the passage of time has brought a gradually deepening conviction that this Organisation, founded in a spirit of generous enthusiasm, is destined, amid all the sombre difficulties of the post-war world, to fulfil a function of gradually increasing importance in the maintenance of that international peace which is based on social justice.

I should perhaps add that this book is a personal contribution to the annals of social progress; it is not an official history of the Organisation, and the International Labour Office is not responsible for any expression of opinion contained in it.

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- (2) Stenographic Record of the International Labour Conference : 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923.
- (3) Official Bulletin.

A full bibliography, including all works which have appeared throughout the world on the International Labour Organisation, is published annually as an Appendix to the *Report of the Director* presented each year to the International Labour Conference.

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