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THIS third edition of Professor Gide's *Cours d'Économie politique* has been carefully revised by its author in order not only to bring the figures up to date, but, so far as is possible within the limits of one volume, to keep abreast of the latest changes in facts and ideas. It will be found, therefore, that new chapters have been added and several of the old ones entirely re-written.

As the book is intended primarily to help French students in preparing for their examinations in the Law Faculty of Paris, the method employed by the author has been not so much to exhaust a few subjects, as to cover the whole ground of Political Economy, dealing with each question in a concise but critical way.

In the translation I have done my best to follow the thought of the author. Nothing distinctively French has been eliminated, and it may be that examples in the text will be found to apply at times to French rather than to English conditions. But it has been thought good for the student of Political Economy to see the fundamental and familiar questions of his science pose themselves in slightly different forms under the influence of another race and another tradition.

So he is reminded of the human element which is at once the main difficulty and the main interest of Political Economy.

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