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## Preface

THAT portion of these lectures which treats of the organization, the work and inter-relation of the different departments of a railroad company, is based in the main upon the writer's experience and observation while in the railroad service, supplemented by the information which officers of acknowledged eminence in active administration have courteously and freely given. It is believed that a large part of this information finds accessible expression for the first time.

It is hoped that this volume will aid in giving an accurate conception of the underlying principles of railroad practice to

- (a) Those whose votes elect legislators and ultimately control legislation;
- (b) Those in the railroad service who would gain a more extended view of its different phases than is afforded by contact with their own immediate duties;
- (c) Young men whose studies include the transportation industry, many of whom may make it their vocation.

## Preface

While a number of excellent books treat exhaustively of one or more specific branches of railroad construction, operation or administration, or of the legal or economic aspects of the subject, there is not, so far as the writer knows, a publication which occupies the field in which this volume is offered. It is offered, however, not as a treatise but as a primer.

The contents of this book are constituted, with some modifications, of the lectures delivered by the author in the Course on Transportation at Johns Hopkins University in the Spring of 1906.

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