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Preface

THIS little book consists in the main of four lectures delivered to the Institute of Bankers in London at the end of 1923. An Introduction and a Conclusion have been added.

The Journal of the Institute for December, January, and February last contains a shorthand report of the lectures. The courtesy of the Council has permitted this report to be used in compliance with requests that the lectures should be made available in collected form.

Brevity and a certain levity were called for in addressing an audience composed for the most part of junior bank clerks who had just finished a day's work. With the additional matter now included the volume may be regarded as a political tract, using the word "political" to indicate what pertains to the art and science of government, and not to the art of winning elections and obtaining or retaining political power.

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