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PREFACE ~~ESERVAN~~

It has been truly said that if men ~~would only~~ define the terms which they use in argument, most controversies would end before they begin.

In the following pages I have attempted to define the terms which are commonly used in political argument. These terms are derived from history, from morals, from economic science, and from law. Some elementary knowledge of these sciences is necessary to the practical politician, just as an elementary knowledge of physical science is necessary to the mariner.

This book is not meant to be a compendium of information—nor is it meant to be a summary of orthodox political doctrine. My object is not to satisfy but to stimulate inquiry; not to form my reader's opinions, but to induce him to form opinions of his own.

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