

#### MODERN MECHANIZATION AND SOCIETY

these dangers. But all three are within the compass of man's own power. This is the vital difference between our period and the previous ages of mankind. That is the new conditional gift of science, and of its application through mechanization.

The condition is that we shall control and direct by regulative wisdom our own specialized activities. On that condition the future of mankind will be different, not only from anything that has yet been achieved, but from anything that was even foreseeable until the new key to nature's power and resources had been found. The individual in his personal life, and society in its civilization, will be free to develop the utmost potentialities of the human mind and character, unrestricted by material limitations. A civilization richer than has been enjoyed by the most fortunate of men in a few happy regions and periods may be the assured heritage of the whole world. That is the challenge of the age to the constructive intelligence of man.