

PREFACE

THE Industrial World is passing through a stage of acute unrest. The situation has not developed suddenly, nor was it unexpected by those who know what has been going on quietly for some years past.

Pamphlets and leaflets dealing with industrial questions, wages, employment, profits, the wrongs of the workers, the oppression of the employers, have been written by men having a grievance against society, or in some cases by clever men eager to lead their readers astray, and to do so of set purpose. These publications have had a wide circulation among the working classes. Many of them are written in an interesting form, and contain half-truths speciously dressed up to resemble facts. They have gradually worked their way, until having for the most part been left uncontradicted, hundreds of working men have accepted their teachings as proved. And now the seed having been sown, the reaping of the whirlwind has commenced.

The object of this little book is to draw attention to some points of special interest at the present moment. It is by no means too late for the back-