

## THE CHILD IN SOUTHERN MILLS 303

There is too much resistance yet left in the mass of human beings. Youth will then rebel at a servitude beginning *at ten years of age*: and the women will lift their arms above their heads one day in desperate gesture of appeal and cry out—not for the millionaire's surplus; not a tirade anarchistic against capital. . . . What is this woman of the hills and woman of the mills that she should so demand? She will call for hours short enough to permit her to bear her children; for requital commensurate with the exigence of progressive civilization; for wages equal to her faithful toil.

This is not too fantastic a demand or too ideal a state to be divinely hoped for, believed in and brought to pass.\*

Not inapt here is the pagan idea of *Nous*, moving upon chaos, stirring the stagnant, unresponsive forces into motion; agitating these forces into action; the individual elements separate and go forth, each one on its definitely inspired mission. Some inevitable hour shall see the universal agitation of the vast body known as the "labouring class." For the welfare of the whole world, may it not come whilst they are so ignorant and so down-pressed.

\* Of the 21,000,000 spindles in the United States, the South has 6,000,000. \$35,381,000 of Carolina's wealth is in cotton mills.

NOTE. I have seen, in Aragon, Georgia, hope for the future of the mill-hands. The Aragon Cotton Mills are an improve-