

FOREWORD.

The pamphlet, here printed, was first published in 1849. It was revised in the year 1891 by Engels in order that the text might be brought more in accordance with the, by that time, generally accepted terminology of the Marxian School. Engels, at the same time, wrote an introduction explaining these changes in the text, and also supplying certain historical details which are of general interest and help to fix the place of the work in the development of the Marxian system. The present editors have taken the liberty of placing this introduction at the end of the book as an appendix. This we have done because this pamphlet, addressed to working men, was obviously intended for propaganda purposes and, inasmuch as the introduction is somewhat long and discusses a number of technical and controversial points, it was thought that it would interfere with the main purpose of the book and detract from its usefulness, somewhat after the manner of a long-winded chairman.

The pamphlet in its original form was Ricardian rather than Marxian, and those readers who are acquainted with the Hegelian philosophy, to the left wing of which school Marx belonged, will not be surprised that it has considerable value even for advanced students of Marx.