

adjustment to be made by alteration of those conditions but beyond this, the borderland of Ethics is not encroached by Political Economy. In not a few of the so-called economic writings of today confusion has become more confounded simply through the failure on the writers' part to distinguish in their writings what is, from what ~~they~~ ^{they} think ought to be. To what degree the share ^{determined} ~~fixed~~ by economic laws are or are not in conformity with abstract justice is perhaps as debatable as any vexed question of the day.

Classifications differ as to the number of shares which ^{are} under the present system of distributions, theoretically ~~are~~ assigned to different recipients. The majority are agreed in allowing three shares at least, viz rent, interest and wages, whose recipients are respectively landowners, capitalists and laborers. There are many vigorous writers, however, who deny the right of existence to the second of these viz interest, and in virtue of the position they hold maintain that so far as interest exists at all it is through its "exploiting" the last share, namely the rightful return to labor. The introduction of