

possession of land among the people of Sparta. For seven hundred years Sparta flourished and the people were happy under those conditions. It is said they became the most patriotic people of ancient times, but their patriotism did little or nothing to encourage the brotherhood of man beyond their own borders. And here I might say that in brotherhood you have the keystone of the co-operative arch. The exclusive form of co-operation which has its modern manifestation in mergers, trusts and combines was in a degree adopted by the Indian tribes of this continent in each agreeing to a common hunting-ground for its tribe but prohibiting its use by all others. The modern trust fixes to the satisfaction of its constituent members the extent to which the hunting ground shall be used, but the general public are the game and not the hunters. In the exclusive form international co-operators say you have injustice and the germ of decay, but in the inclusive form—that which allows everyone to participate who will, and on equal terms—one of the fundamental attributes of modern co-operative success, the guarantee of its progress and permanency.

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While throughout the ages there have