

of other and less favoured people, and that they become dispensers of bounty to them in the degree that it will not affect their own accumulations, or ease and proprietary standing. By them the book will be strongly criticised, but their criticisms will be honest, the same as their prejudices are honest.

The third will be the class — though the readers of the book from this class will be very small — who by fair means and foul, chiefly foul, and dishonest, and devilish, manipulate to get the great natural properties that should be owned by and administered for the welfare of all the people into their own hands for their own personal and excessive enrichment, who debauch and poison as they go, who are criminals in practice and many at heart, though eminently “respectable” and smooth and suave and plausible in their methods, and who strike out vigorously and viciously at everything that would present truthfully and impartially the forces that are at work in our social state, and that would seem to disturb or menace or curtail their privileges and their methods; who own a portion of the public press for the direct and deliberate promotion of their ends, or who in one form or another influence or control sufficiently some other portions — though not all by any means — as to have it belittle and belie any and all attempts to present true conditions and feasible remedies to the people. The book will be criticised by them, condemned even as being something given to exaggerating conditions or dangerous to the social order — there are numbers of expressions and forms that form sort of