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PREFACE.

Truth is indestructible.

It is the Gibraltar against which bold falsehood, cunningly devised contradictions and criminally slanderous misrepresentations dash, unavailing, and are wrecked. It can be denied but not destroyed; covered over but not effaced.

The sun does not cease to shine because clouds obscure it. In time the clouds disappear and its brilliancy again envelopes the earth.

In this case the truth is like the sun.

History can not be obliterated nor can facts be changed. Neither can that which is criminal be converted into that which is good, simply because those who are interested in so doing either do not, or will not, recognize the truth. They may misconstrue or deny facts, mask evil and seek to influence public opinion by misleading articles and illustrations, but in the end truth and justice must prevail. The circumstantial mists which may be conjured up, and which by intrigue may be condensed into storms of passion, must disappear before the piercing rays of the sun, and with them the human and perishable interests responsible for their creation.

To simply state that a man is injurious to society—that his actions in this or that position have been without beneficial effect and prejudicial to the people—is not sufficient to establish belief or influence in the slightest degree a just and honest

mind. The man's history must be reckoned with, his past actions must be placed in the balance against the statements of those who desire his downfall. If there are those who, ignorant of the questions at issue, hesitate under the influence of false statements, their doubt can exist only until such time as Truth breaks down the barriers of calumny and misrepresentation and appears to confound its enemies. And those who are familiar with the past—who know the facts, but, through hatred or frenzy, seek to bury them—must, with the passing of passion and excitement, although there is no public confession or change of hostile attitude, acknowledge the truth unto themselves—the same truth which through it all it was impossible for their consciences to deny.

To proclaim a crime a meritorious act—to assert that it is just, and simply on such assertion reclothe actions with the versions of those whose all is staked on the crime going unpunished or being attributed to some one else—is but to weaken the foundation of sophistical reasoning and hasten the toppling of the temple of falsehood. The crime remains the crime as much as the truth remains the truth.

The greater the endeavors of malcontents and slanderers, the greater the recoil and their consequent confusion. Their attempts to defame prove the boomerangs that strike them down.