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PREFACE.

On May 13th, 1912, the *Daily Mail* opened its columns to an inquiry into the causes of the Labour Unrest which within the last few years has become the most prominent and sinister phenomenon in the national life. The *Daily Mail* while pointing out the incalculable gravity of the issue inaugurated a discussion in which all shades of opinion should be frankly and fully expressed, all interests represented. Mr. H. G. Wells, the famous novelist and social writer, led off with a series of six stimulating and brilliantly lucid articles and contributed two further articles later in the controversy.

The discussion at once aroused national interest and assumed the widest scope. To it men of all classes, many of the best minds of the country and of all schools of thought, contributed ; practical statesmen such as Earl Grey ; great landowners such as the Duke of Marlborough ; thinkers such as Mr. Frederic Harrison and Mr. John Galsworthy ; leaders of the working men themselves, such as Mr. Vernon Hartshorn ; prominent men in the business world such as Sir Walter Runciman, Mr. Dudley Docker and Mr. Seebohm Rowntree ; the headmasters of many of our great public schools. Rarely, if ever, has a more remarkable discussion taken place in the Press.

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