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Preface.

IN preparing this work, I have made frequent and generous use of the results of official investigations which have been carried out under my own direction. They comprehend the work of more than twenty-five years; and as they cover many features of the present volume, I have felt justified in using them more freely than other official publications. The reports of the various State bureaus of statistics of labour offer a vast amount of valuable but cumulative material along the very lines of my own investigations. I have also drawn freely from lectures on social economics delivered at the Catholic University of America and at other institutions, and free use has also been made of articles that I have published in various magazines. The editors and publishers of *The Forum*, *North American Review*, *Popular Science Monthly*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *The Chautauquan*, *Munsey's*, *The Bulletin of the Catholic University of America*, *Annals of the American Academy*, and *The Journal of Sociology of the University of Chicago*, have generously given their consent for the use of articles or portions of articles that have appeared in those periodicals. The charts and diagrams have been reproduced from the reports of the Eleventh Census, with the kind permission of Hon. CORNELIUS N. BLISS, Secretary of

the Interior. Where figures used in this volume do not agree with those given in the census or in the articles to which reference has been made, the changes are due to reverification.

It is not intended that the "Outline of Practical Sociology" should be exhaustive; there are many great questions, such as taxation, the finances, etc., which have not been included, because they will come more appropriately in other volumes of the "American Citizen Series." The references given at the head of each chapter could have been greatly increased in number, but it was deemed advisable to give simply those that are most accessible.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the services of Messrs. CHARLES W. MORRIS, Jr., WALTER F. CARRUTHERS, and CHARLES H. VERRILL in the verification of data and citations and in proof-reading; and I am under great obligations to the editors and publishers of the periodicals enumerated and to the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, and am especially grateful for the kind and valuable suggestions of Dr. HART, the editor of the Series.

CARROLL D. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *February* 1899.

Note to Fifth Edition.

THIS revision comprehends changes made necessary by the publication of the reports of the Twelfth United States Census. In the revision it has been impossible to make strictly accurate comparisons relative to total population for different periods, for the reason that prior to the census of 1900 such totals excluded white persons in the Indian Territory, Indians on reservations, and the population of Alaska, these being stated separately; at the Twelfth Census the total included these and the population of Hawaii. It has therefore seemed wise in this revision to adopt the census method and use the aggregate of all populations under the sovereignty of the United States as given in the census reports. Such use does not involve any great variation in the percentages, at least not enough variation to warrant the constant changes that would be necessary to recognise it.

Some of the charts and diagrams appearing in previous editions, reproduced from the reports of the Eleventh Census, do not appear in the reports of the Twelfth, but the improved forms of the latter census

have been substituted for the old forms with the kind consent of Hon. William R. Merriam, Director of the Twelfth Census.

The titles of some new works of importance have been added to the references at the head of chapters.

I am indebted to Mr. Charles W. Morris for valuable assistance in making the changes for this revision.

CARROLL D. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *September*, 1902.

SUGGESTIONS FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND READERS.

BY THE EDITOR.

THE volumes of the American Citizen Series are intended to serve as handbooks on the subjects of which they treat, by giving a systematic outline in which general divisions and relations shall be made clear, problems shall be studied, and the criteria for solving them shall be pointed out. It is hoped, however, that both in general reading and in class work these books may stimulate further inquiry; and therefore pains have been taken throughout to indicate and to classify the more important literature. At the head of each chapter will be found a bibliography leading to additional material, both secondary and primary. It will thus be easy to supplement the treatment in each volume by reference to the appropriate parts of other treatises; and it will be possible also to illustrate and to verify by going to the sources.

Teachers may perhaps find it interesting and profitable to give out a chapter at a time to their students as a basis for study; indeed, the numbering of the paragraphs is intended to make easy the division into lessons. By using the references at the head of each chapter it will be possible for members of the class to prepare critiques of the author's treatment, or topical studies of subjects which he has not had space to treat in detail, or on which there is controversy. The author has clearly stated his own conclusions and takes the responsibility for them, and he therefore does not refer simply to authorities who agree with him: in the references other points of view will be found represented.

One class exercise which will be much facilitated by the references is the graphic representation of sociological results