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PREFACE

THE first eight chapters of the following work are an enlarged and otherwise considerably altered form of a series of eight papers on Socialism contributed to *Good Words* in 1890-1.

The series itself originated in, and partly reproduced, a course of lectures delivered in Edinburgh a few winters previously before an audience chiefly of working men.

More than half of the work, however, is new ; and has been written at intervals during the last two summers.

A book thus composed must necessarily have defects from which one written only with a view to publication in book form would have been free.

The author has been prevented by more urgent demands on his time from adding to it two chapters for which he had prepared notes, one