

## PREFATORY NOTE

During the last few months I have used some public occasions to outline certain ideas on post-war policy which, while they arise directly from my own political creed, seem to me to have a claim on the attention of open-minded people of all political parties or none. I have been gratified by the result, for the group of speeches in question seems to have aroused interest and discussion. A large number of requests have been received for the texts of the speeches, so when it was suggested that the Cambridge University Press might reproduce them in pamphlet form, I gladly agreed.

A much larger collection of my platform utterances since I have been a member of the Government is shortly to be published, under the title *Looking Forward*, by Messrs Hodder & Stoughton, who have very kindly placed no obstacle in the way of this present publication.

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