



## Democracy and Social Progress in England (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Excerpt from Democracy and Social Progress in England The fact that relief under the poor laws is needed, not only by those described by Dr. Zahn as the uninsured lower classes, but also by those who actually are receiving insurance benefits, cannot be attributed to the fact that poor relief carries with it less disgrace in Germany than elsewhere. Dr. Zahn explained in his Washington paper that the German poor laws provided that relief should be granted only in case of extreme want and only bare necessities shall be granted. The destitute person is merely a recipient of charity with no legal right nor any means of compelling the authorities to grant relief. The eleemosynary character of poor relief imposes certain civil disabilities upon the recipient. Poverty is a disgrace. The disabilities concern chiefly electoral rights in the Empire, in the State, in the commune, and in the Church. Other curtailments of civil rights affect the service as a juror, membership in the industrial and commercial courts, and, finally, the acquisition of settlement. The basis for a grant of poor relief is proof...



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