A Preface to H G Wells provides a concise and accessible introduction to the life and works of Wells. Beginning with a survey of his life and times, the book also: - illustrates the influence of place on his fiction and auto-biographical novels - provides a detailed look at his novels and science fiction, placing his work in its literary context - discusses Wells in relation to modernism - gives a detailed examination of his works The Time Machine and Tono-Bungay - includes biographies of Wells's literary friends and contemporaries - summarises his literary contribution and relevance to H G Wells was a man of many contradictions. Trained as a scientist, he possessed the creative powers and vision of an artist. A novelist and storyteller of formidable imaginative power, he wished to be remembered as an educationalist and writer on social questions. A Preface to H G Wells provides a concise and accessible introduction to the life and works of Wells. Beginning with a survey of his life and times, the book also. Also containing a useful guide for further reading, A Preface to H G Wells is the only book available to bring together in a single volume both a biography of Wells and an introduction to his work. It will be of great interest to both the student and general reader. John Hammond is a Research Fellow at Nottingham Trent University. Table of Contents. Preface. H. g. wells. In the fourth year. The league of free nations. For a book upon any other subject at the present time some apology may be necessary, but a book upon this subject is as natural a thing to produce now as a pair of skates in winter when the ice begins to bear. All we writers find ourselves engaged perforce in some part or other of a world-wide propaganda of this the most creative and hopeful of political ideas that has ever dawned upon the consciousness of mankind.