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FOREWORD

HAVING had the opportunity of perusing, in our *Colliery Workers' Magazine*, the short but interesting and important historical survey by Mr. Williams of the development of Capitalistic Combines in the Coal Industry, it is a pleasure to be afforded the chance of recommending that his more ambitious efforts shall receive every encouragement from the workers in the Industry.

Knowledge is power, and the need of the moment is that the workers shall be put in possession of reliable information respecting the insidious entrenchment of the forces arrayed against them in their apparently hopeless struggle for a higher and better existence.

The Colliery Combine is synonymous with the Steel and Iron Combine, the Shipping Combine, and a multiplicity of interests other than coal producing and disposal, making the term "proceeds of the industry" unequal and entirely unfair in its application to coal owner and workmen.

I hope that this book will render assistance in arousing the workers to the imminent danger threatened by the operations of the combines to every hope and aspiration they possess.

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