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PREFACE

No one who teaches at the London School of Economics can ever be sure how much of what he writes is his own and how much belongs to his associates and pupils. This book is based on the work of many scholars (not all of whom will agree with the interpretation it offers). In particular, my colleagues H. L. Beales and F. J. Fisher have contributed perhaps more than they realize. The paragraphs on the cotton industry and on the standard of life of the workers are drawn from the researches of Miss Frances Collier of the University of Manchester, and those on the coal and iron industries have gained from the reading of an unpublished thesis by A. H. John. The statistical material, without which the book could hardly have been written, was assembled by a former student, W. Ashworth; and the final chapter owes something to brief conversations with Professor W. W. Rostow of Harvard. I thank them all.

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