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To

MY FRIENDS

AMONG THE RAILWAYMEN, THE MINERS,  
THE COTTON-SPINNERS, THE POST-OFFICE  
WORKERS, AND THE TEACHERS IN  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



## PREFACE

THIS is what I have learnt—not from books. It is a statement of the point of view of manual workers. I do not overestimate the ability of my teachers, for their conceptions are not altogether clear; but I think this is what they mean. It is their contribution to the life of our time. Their point of view is significant, even if the number of workers who have acquired it is small. No programme or policy is discussed here: all I have attempted is a short statement of the attitude which arises from the experience of workers, and is the basis of their claims and their hopes. I trust that the readers of this book will not think of the doctrines of Marx or of Mill, but of the experience of workers in factories and mines, on roads and on railways.

C. DELISLE BURNS.

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