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PREFACE TO THIRD EDITION

A GOOD deal has happened in the Trade Union world since I last revised this book, and the present edition contains some entirely new matter as well as corrections and rearrangement of the old. The General Strike, the coal dispute of 1926, and the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Act of 1927 are dealt with as fully as space would allow. The text of the Act is printed in the Appendix.

I have cut out a chapter on the German, French and Belgian movements, which appeared in the previous editions. But certain parts of it, which are still relevant to the discussion of British Trade Unionism, I have kept and put in their appropriate places in the book.

I have to thank several friends for information on various points, and especially Mr. G. D. H. Cole, who has read my proofs and made valuable criticisms and suggestions.

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PREFACE TO FIRST EDITION

THIS book does not purport to be a purely elementary treatise. Nor, of course, is it an exhaustive study of Trade Unionism. The compression of so vast a theme into so small a compass is bound to result in many things being left unsaid and in an all too brief treatment of many important subjects. I hope, however, that despite its shortcomings, it may yet succeed in giving the reader a clear idea of what the Trade Union movement is, and in putting him upon inquiry as to what it ought to be.

I am deeply in the debt of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Webb, not only in common with all the world, for their standard works—*The History of Trade Unionism* and *Industrial Democracy*—but also for advice and suggestions in the writing of these pages. Others whom I have to thank particularly for valuable criticism or for information, are Mr. Frederic Keeling, Mr. G. D. H. Cole, Mr. W. Stephen Sanders, and my wife, besides a host of Trade Unionist friends—not least those of France and Belgium, who have given me the greatest possible assistance on my visits of investigation in their countries.

The bibliography in the Appendix contains, as will be seen, only the most modern books. Those who wish to consult earlier works will do well to refer to the elaborate bibliographies in *Industrial Democracy* and *The History of Trade Unionism*.

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