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- On page 5 line 5, instead of " a immensely " read " an immensely "
- " " 9 " 28, Rs. "32-15-7" " Rs. "21-13-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
- " " 12 " 16, " 22,000 " " 2,20,000
- " " 35 " 37, "month" " "week"
- " " 44 last line opperession " "oppression"
- " " 66 second table, first line, instead of " Mear " read " Year "
- " " 68 line 33, instead of " 1934, " read " 1924 "
- " " 86 second marginal headline instead of " works, " read " work "
- " " 89 line 10, instead of "latter," read "later"
- " " 92 for the first set of figures substitute the following:—
1,4401,600 — 81,40,762 — 2,70,07,139.
- " " 118 line 16, instead of "living" read "a living"
- " " " last but tbird line instead of "take" read " I take "

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FOREWORD

The word "Coolie" is derived from the original Tamil Kuli meaning "hire". Dictionaries describe the word as "the European's name for a hired native labourer in the East". For over a decade I have seen the grim spectacle of unrecounted misery in the hovels and factories of India where the "hired native labourer" is confronted with conditions bordering upon semi-slavery. This monograph is an attempt to share with the reader the truth about the working classes in India.