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PREFACE

THIS little book is an attempt, by one who is not a specialist in economic history, to meet a need, hitherto ignored by specialists, for a short sketch of the economic development of Europe as a whole, considered, that is, as an area which has experienced a fairly uniform evolution, which has come under the same general influences, and within which the same processes of production have tended to dominate, while the same machinery of exchanges has had full sway. Some sections of economic histories already published have indeed done this for certain periods, but usually on a scale that makes the work available only to the advanced student. This book is primarily meant for the Higher Certificate forms at school, for Intermediate classes at the University and for members of W.E.A. classes ; it is hoped, however, that the general reader who is interested in a simple presentation of the main problems of economic history will not find this too much of a text-book.

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