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PREFACE

THIS book is perhaps best described as a "companion" to Economic History. It is a revision and extension of the section I contributed at the invitation of my old college friend, Mr. J. H. Jones, Professor of Economics in the University of Leeds, to *Pitman's Economics Educator*, of which he was editor. In fact, if he had not been insistent, I doubt whether I should have had the courage to attempt to survey so extensive a field. As a teacher of the subject it is true that I travelled over the ground in lectures for sixteen years, twelve in the University of Edinburgh, and four in the University of Birmingham. Each time some new features caught my eye. Almost insensibly I dropped references to matters which seemed to me of slight significance, while I expanded some points and introduced others. This process might be continued indefinitely; it will, indeed, be gathered from my observations on the nature of History that I consider it ought to be continued indefinitely. In this book my notes of the journey are for the moment stereotyped. I can only hope that teachers and students will find them helpful and suggestive as an introduction to a subject, the importance of which is every year gaining fuller recognition. In the appendix on books, I have adopted a method of treatment which is intended to be more informative than the usual bibliographical lists.

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