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"That the masses of men are robbed of their fair earnings—that they have to work much harder than they ought to work for a very much poorer living than they ought to get—is to my mind clear."—*Henry George.*

"They (Political Economists) are men of only one idea—Wealth, how to procure and increase it. Their rules seemed infallibly certain to that supreme end. What did it signify that a great part of mankind was made meanwhile even more wretched than before, provided wealth on the whole increased?"—"Catholic Quarterly Review," Jan., 1880.

"The working class is the only class which is not a class. It is the nation. It represents, so to speak, the body as a whole, of which the other classes only represent special organs. These organs, no doubt, have great and indispensable functions, but for most purposes of government the State consists of the vast labouring majority. Its welfare depends on what their lives are like."—*Frederic Harrison.*

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TO MY SYMPATHETIC WIFE  
I DEDICATE THIS BOOK.





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