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## TO THE GENERAL READER

*MOST of the subjects brought forward in these pages have been treated previously—some by myself, some by other writers. It is not only legitimate, but a bounden duty, that all who can do anything to spread the knowledge of important facts should hammer away until the British mind (so slow to move!) is informed to the point of taking action. My own writing, both in the present and in former volumes, is based on personal observation. Of other works I would, however, name Eltzbacher's "Modern Germany," in order to refer readers on certain matters to that more elaborate treatise. With me it is a case of identical knowledge, and, even where I seem to be quoting, it is repeating the echoes of the Fatherland, as they live in my own recollection and are known to most educated Germans. In this Open Letter I have touched no further, either on the causes involved or the remedy, than was necessary to illustrate and enforce its main contention.*

*Regarding certain sketches of British conditions a reader's harassed feelings here and there may take refuge in the surmise that they are painted too black. The answer again is, "I spake as I saw!" While British wealth is being piled up at the cost of physical deterioration one cannot paint too black—for the outcome is the nation's decline!*

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*AN OPEN LETTER TO THE RT. HON.  
JOHN BURNS, M.P.*

DATE: SECOND SESSION OF  
SECOND PARLIAMENT OF  
KING EDWARD VII.

SIR,—It is known that you spent part of the first long vacation the present Parliament has enjoyed in visiting "Labour Colonies" abroad, and that you returned strong in the opinion they are not what is wanted in this country. I understand that you have been to France and Belgium, but you have not been to Germany—possibly this is reserved for another holiday. You have thus not yet seen Wilhelmsdorf, the mother-colony of all, nor Luehlerheim, which charms all British visitors; you have not yet examined successful Schaeferhof, nor Freistatt—home colonies these, where the problem is being solved, how to take "back to the land" colonists who stand the test. It will be well, before forming a conclusive opinion, to see Schaeferhof, which is a farm offshoot of the Hamburg town colony, of which the report is published, "We, the executive committee and officials, give our home-colonists unstinted and unqualified praise for industry, capacity, and good conduct." At this place,