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## P R E F A C E

I HAD not long returned from America, in the summer of 1900, where I had been experimenting in *propria personâ*, on the treatment accorded to pauper emigrants by the Immigration Board in New York Harbour,<sup>1</sup> when I received a literary commission to visit some of the most important towns in the United Kingdom, and to observe the conditions under which the very poor, the pariah classes, are living in the three Kingdoms at the close of the nineteenth century, the century which not only boasts the gigantic strides it has made in social progress, but which claims to have developed in no small degree those feelings of humanity, of the solidarity of

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