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PREFACE

AFTER this terrible War is over, in which we are fighting for the highest conception of humanity, "Right against Might," and our efforts, combined with those of our gallant Allies, have been crowned with success, the industrial war with our trade competitors will dominate and express our national needs. We shall assuredly suffer crushing commercial defeat if advantage is not taken by British manufacturers to study, adopt, and improve methods of economical production which our rivals have long practised. Neglect, delay, or failure in the attempt will lose to Great Britain the markets of the world for Portland Cement.

It is imperative that we should view with detachment the methods of our fathers if we are to be free to rise to the heights of modern practices, and to strive for the mastery in the perfection and dominion of our products.

Let us not sit in our office chairs bemoaning our fate and consenting to our trade passing to other countries, but let us get busy in our industrial departments, and to order add progress. For the cement manufacturer the immediate future has immense potentialities.

Much time and pains have been given to ensure accuracy in this treatise, to divest it of scientific technicalities, and to present a clear, simple, and realistic description of the actual and economical manufacture of a building material which is of fundamental and supreme importance.

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