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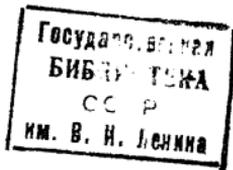
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TO THE  
RIGHT HON. W. E. FORSTER, M.P.,  
ETC., ETC.

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MY DEAR FORSTER,

I dedicate this work to you.

Our unbroken friendship, and the pleasure I have had in working under and with you, would amply justify this dedication.

But I have also a special motive which causes me to inscribe the work to you. Free, as you now are, from what are justly called the "trammels of office," you will be able to give more attention to those social subjects which are chiefly discussed in this volume.

Your knowledge of all classes of your fellow-countrymen, your sympathetic nature,

and your skilful management of business, point you out as a man who could do good service in promoting measures which have, for their end and aim, an increase of the comfort and well-being of all classes of the community. These measures are happily beyond the region of political strife; but the final purpose, at which they aim, cannot be attained without aid from the leading statesmen of the day.

I take the opportunity, which this letter affords me, of mentioning that Mr. Milverton's Essays were written long ago: long before they were read to the "Friends in Council." If I were not to make this statement, it would seem ungracious on his part that he had not alluded to the many great efforts which have already been made by individuals for the furtherance of those objects which he had most in view when writing some of these essays.

In providing open spaces for recreation in and near large towns, and in forming townships of dwelling places for artizans, sundry