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like, and refusing to see. We must see and we must act or the war that is won will be lost.

Knowing as I do most of the leaders on both the coal owners' and the miners' side, and entertaining for them the highest regard, it is to me very regrettable to have perpetually to refer to the shortcomings of the industry. This, however, seems to be unavoidable when we have to deal with an industry which is at present the battleground for a great and fundamental change.

To quote a particular instance we have seen this industry held up to public criticism on account of the housing of its workers. Deplorable conditions have been shown to exist in some cases. This has earned the industry a bad name in many quarters. Yet, if we look at the matter fairly, should we not say that this is an evil no more peculiar to the coal industry than to any other? Have we not our slums? That such things should be is indefensible and every effort is being made to-day to abolish this last remnant of a by-gone age, but they show that the coal owners are in no worse case than the generality of those responsible for the housing of the working classes.

We say this as a prelude to asking the reader not to approach the question from the point of view either that the owners are tyrants or that the miners' leaders are revolutionaries of the Bolshevik type. It simply is not so. Throughout the war, when the very fate of our country depended in no slight measure upon the proper working of our