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less boy should not choose as his text, 'I have been young but now am old.' " An inference is that experience counts, I have drawn from this source which happily does not demand a stately or a sturgid style. The teachings of experience may readily be conveyed and appropriated, while, of that of the schools, it may be said what the old lady said of her minister when enjoined to give a frank opinion "Oh well, he is invisible six days of the week, and on the seventh he is incomprehensible."

There may be reminiscences; if so, they are given with the full knowledge that in some quarters, to be reminiscent, gives the impression of incipient senility.

The chief end aimed at is to present the possibilities Nova Scotia offers as a field for legitimate mining speculation. The word is used advisedly, for it may not be denied that mining is subject to risks other than diminished demand and fluctuation in 'market' prices.

The book would not have been written at this time, nor in its present form, had it not been for an idea conveyed by Mr. R. D. Anderson of the Nova Scotia Mines Department. Happening into the office Mr. Anderson said, "Look over this stuff, which I have put together in spare moments, and if it suits use it in the Mining Record. The 'stuff' had reference to the economic minerals of Nova Scotia, principally those less known. I read it over and said to Mr. Anderson, "You have given me a foundation on which I shall build."

When the book was mapped out, chapters were purposed to be written dealing with improved conditions, the social uplift of mine workers, and kindred subjects. The planning, for the time, has gone aglee; the subjects still remain, and may, in the future, be deserving of attention.

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