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Author's Note

This book is a very much revised form of a smaller written, to begin with, with the intention of recording railway exploration. This older book started in the Michaelmas term of 1958 - ^{written} by myself in my first term at Shrewsbury. To start with I only had two topics of exploration - the Hartleyburn + Brampton old railway and the Hexham + Allendale old railway - to work on with notes but I soon managed to recall other walks and recorded them from memory.

One advantage of this book is that the explorations are written fully (in the older book many notes had to be continued in back pages) and have all got a map explaining the route. Although I do not claim that this book is perfect I do think that I will not be so ashamed to show it to people, as I was with the older book, and I think grammar will be better by far. This does not mean that the old book will be discarded for it will remain a personal friend to me, and will also be useful for preliminary notes on tracks themselves.

I have also tried to take more photographs and have therefore left a page for them in each set of notes. These may not be very good and I will try to replace them if this is so but it will be appreciated that our explorations cover a fairly large area and this will not be easy.

Finally each block contains as much history as I was able to collect in each case. In the older edition I just wrote various statistics under the heading "Facts and Figures." This was unsatisfactory and I think this idea will be much better.

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