**1.2. The Scale of Coalmining in the Mid-Victorian period**

(a) Areas of Coalfields in the United Kingdom

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| Coalfield | Area in square miles (estimate) |
| Northumberland and Durham | 880 |
| South Wales | 1,968 |
| Scotland | 1,760 |
| UK (total) | 9,533 |

(b) Number of collieries and quantity of coal raised, 1855

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| Coalfield | Number of collieries | Coal raised (tons) |
| Northumberland and Durham | 273 | 15,431,400 |
| South Wales | 245 | 8,550,270 |
| Scotland | 403 | 7,325,000 |

Source: H. H. B., *Black Diamonds; Or, the Gospel in a Colliery District* (London: James Nisbett and Co., 1861), pp.43-4.