

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

### (a) Areas of Coalfields in the United Kingdom

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

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.