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Footnotes appear at the bottom of the page. In order to keep footnotes to a minimum and to enhance readability I have included page references in parentheses after quotations from the novels in the body of the text. All page references in the text are to the Penguin editions of the novels: *Bleak House*, 1971, *Hard Times*, 1969, *Little Dorrit*, 1967, *A Tale of Two Cities*, 1970, *Great Expectations*, 1965, and *Our Mutual Friend*, 1971. Numbers in brackets in the text refer to page numbers of the present study. For familiar journals I use MLA abbreviations (*DSA*, *NCF*, and *ELH* for *Dickens Studies Annual*, *Nineteenth Century Fiction*, and *English Literary History* respectively).

No one is useless in this world who can lighten
the burden of it for anyone else.

Charles Dickens, *Our Mutual Friend*

...forcing, adjusting, abbreviating, omitting,
padding, inventing, falsifying, and whatever else
is of the essence of interpreting.

Friedrich Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morals*