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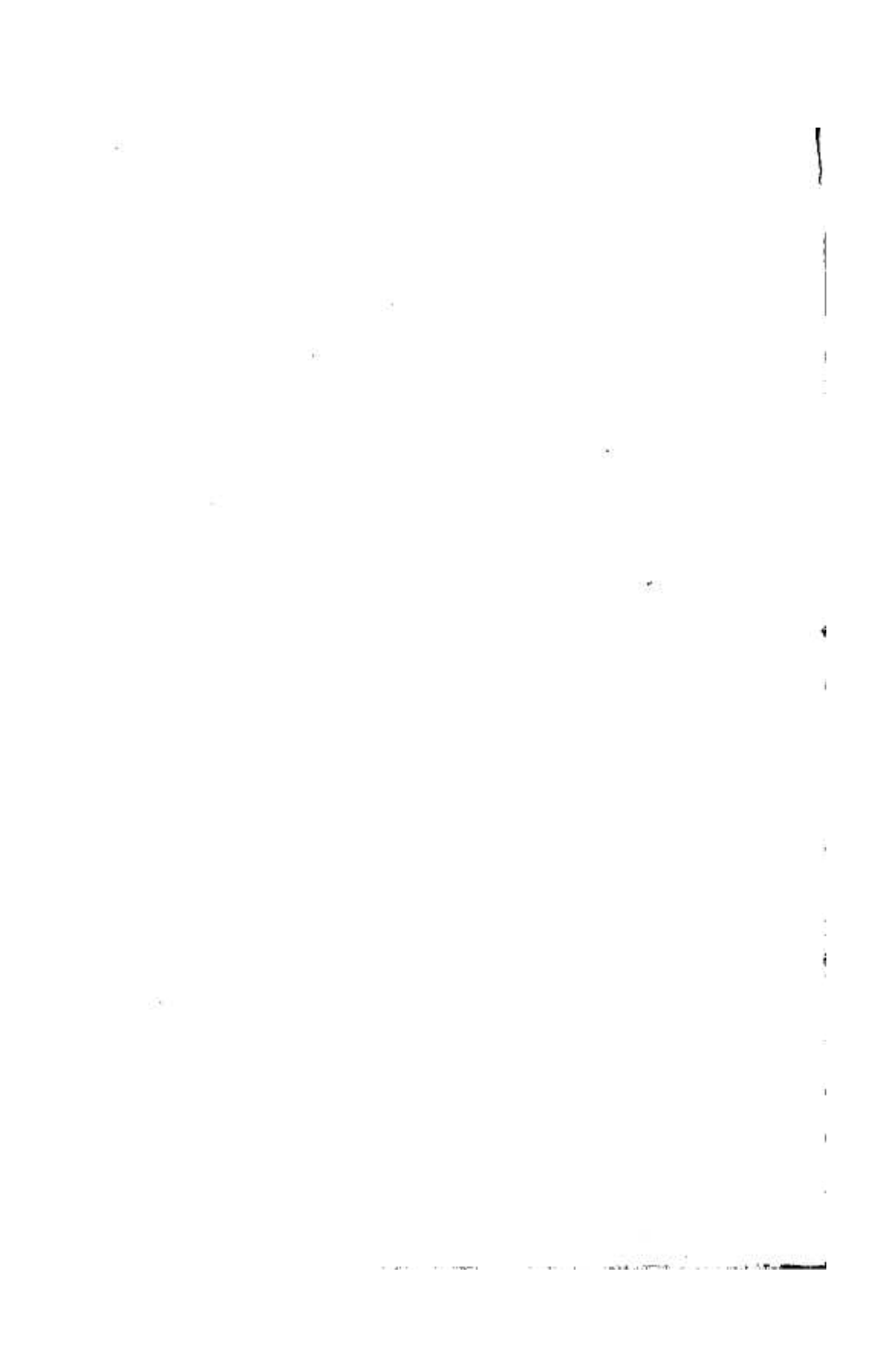
PREFACE

I N his recent speech at the Guildhall Lord Curzon said, "I sometimes think that the most remarkable thing about British rule in India is the general ignorance that prevails about it in England." When such a remark may be made, *nemine contradicente*, by a Viceroy of India, there need be no apology for a little book designed to serve as a brief introduction to the study of Indian affairs. The chief merit of the work is that it contains in a succinct form a quantity of information about India which the reader could not obtain for himself without consulting a great variety of larger productions, including many official publications.

There has been no attempt to produce a colourless compendium of facts. But while I have written frankly from the standpoint of an admirer of British rule in India, I have endeavoured to avoid the attitude of the partisan. The scope of the work has purposely been narrowed to a few of the leading features of Indian administration as it is to-day. In the last chapter alone I have permitted myself an excursion beyond the sphere of strict "actuality," suggesting some conclusions as to the character of the influence which we are exerting upon the people of India. These conclusions have been formed after five years' intimate observation of the practical relations between the rulers and the ruled.

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