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INTRODUCTION.

MAY 11, 1907, is the fiftieth anniversary of the great Indian Military Mutiny. It is most necessary and becoming for England, as a Christian nation, always to remember the marvellous deliverance which God graciously granted in that time of peril and distress, and the fact that she was then entrusted afresh with the priceless heritage of India.

The object of these little volumes is to give a clear and popular account of the greater part of the history of British rule in India before the Mutiny. The work was originally intended for publication in India only; but I have been repeatedly requested to revise it for publication in England.

A record of the lives of the eminent men who held the important position of Governor-General of India offers, I think, the best method of imparting information to those who know little of the history of that beautiful land.

"A combination of biography and history," says the *Spectator*, "has always a peculiar charm. The best way to get new lights on any period is to put ourselves in the place of its chief actors. The vagueness of a

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general impression passes away when the acts of some heroic person are dwelt upon ; biographical truth becomes historical romance, the best of its kind."

I have tried to use as few Indian words as possible, and to make the whole work as intelligible as I can for those who have neither been in India nor connected with it, and who are, therefore, not accustomed to Indian words and phrases.

My object in writing it will be completely attained if it should lead some of these to make a fuller study of the history thus lightly touched. In the whole round of historical reading they will, in my opinion, find nothing more fascinating and romantic than the wonderful record of the conquest of British India.

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