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TO
MY MOTHER
WHO LET ME GO



P R E F A C E

THESE chapters have been written in the hope they may be useful to the men who will go out to the magnificent work for civilization waiting to be done in Northern Nigeria, and also in the hope of showing those at home who take interest in such things that the control of the country is well worth retaining, even at an apparent financial loss for a few years.

I have tried to avoid all those controversies and questions upon which it would be presumption for a man with such a slight African experience as mine has been to express opinions, and to confine myself to an effort to represent the country and the service and the people as they would appear to men trained and living in England—as, in fact, they appeared to me—when fresh to them, and before habit had dulled the appreciation of differences.

At the risk of a little repetition each chapter has been made to stand by itself, and can be read without reference to any other; but if read one after the other in the order in which they have been placed they should give fuller and more definite ideas.

In some cases I have created typical characters to convey my meaning. There was, of course, no such man