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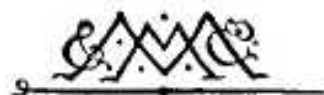
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PREFACE

THESE impressions of a tour through India, made during the winter of 1907-8, are presented in no spirit of dogmatism. They are simply the record of personal observation, aided by abundant conferences with those who had the best right to pronounce an authoritative judgment, whether amongst the native races or amongst our own countrymen. I have sought to avoid the presumption of pronouncing judgment upon problems on which long experience alone entitles one to have definite opinions, as well as the danger of saying one word which might increase the difficulties of those responsible for Indian administration.

The notes appeared originally in the columns of the *Scotsman*, and are reprinted only at the suggestion of those, both here and in India, to whom they seemed to have

little interest. Those who command ripest experience sometimes, from their very familiarity, forget, and are therefore unable to describe, the contrasts that have most piquancy and freshness for the reader at home.

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