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## PREFACE

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THE life and achievements of Lord Lawrence have been already written, both in large and small. There is the exhaustive work of Bosworth Smith; there are sketches by Captain Trotter, Robert Cust, Dr. George Smith, and others; and there is the vignette by Sir Richard Temple in the 'Men of Action' series. The circumstances and events of his time too have been recorded by many pens. It would seem, therefore, as if there was no room for another monograph. But the series of the 'Rulers of India,' without a notice of the man who both saved India and ruled it, would be so incomplete that, as there may still be variety of treatment, even if nothing new be said, I have been induced to try.

For the events of Lord Lawrence's life and times I have freely used existing biographies (especially Bosworth Smith's), the ordinary histories, Blue Books, Administration Reports, and official papers kindly put at my disposal. For some local touches I am indebted to the Settlement Reports of the Delhi, Karnál, Gurgáon, and Rohtak Districts. The Settlement Reports of the Districts of our Indian Empire are mines of

information—antiquarian, historical, scientific, statistical and general—too little known in this country.

The information available from the above sources has been supplemented by my own personal recollection. I served under Sir John Lawrence's orders, in the rank and file of the Civil Service in the Punjab, through the year of the Mutiny and afterwards till he left the province. When he returned to India as Viceroy, I was his Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs for more than a year, and for a short time his Foreign Secretary. And being called on, toward the end of my service, to govern the Punjab, I found there still the impress of his master hand, weakened indeed by time and change, but not obliterated.

It may be thought that in the chapter on Afghan affairs I have not observed due proportion. There is ground for this. Sir John Lawrence's policy and action have been so much misunderstood that I have thought it best to give a plain narrative of facts with quotations from documents. It is essential to know not only what Sir John Lawrence said and did, but the time at which and the circumstances under which he said and did it. If my own conclusions be thought to be those of a disciple, the facts are there, and the reader will judge for himself.

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The orthography of proper names follows the system adopted by the Indian Government for the *Imperial Gazetteer of India*. That system, while adhering to the popular spelling of very well-known places, such as Punjab, Poona, Deccan, &c., employs in all other cases the vowels with the following uniform sounds :—

a, as in woman : á, as in father : í, as in kin : ï, as in intrigue : o, as in cold : u, as in bull : ú, as in rural.