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FOREWORD

This volume endeavors to present from the American viewpoint the economic, social, political and religious situation in India. No attempt is made to treat Indian history except where the historical setting adds clarity to the presentation of modern movements. The war is taken as a starting point because by a peculiar combination of circumstances it brought India to the threshold of her national desire.

It was my privilege to reside in India during that portion of Lord Curzon's régime when the partition of Bengal precipitated the extreme nationalist agitation. A few years later a trip to Great Britain gave opportunity for inquiries concerning Indian movements from the standpoint of British administration. It was again my fortune to visit India at the time of the recent governmental tour of investigation conducted by Hon. E. S. Montagu, the present Secretary of State. The demand for Home Rule, coupled with India's vast and effective participation in the world war, made this a particularly opportune time to gain fresh and vivid impressions.

Obligation must be acknowledged to the long list of authorities on India. Likewise to friends who as government officials, missionaries, and Indian gentlemen, representing the Christian, Hindu, and Mohammedan communities, have helped interpret the spirit of this land of ancient charm and marvelous future. Special gratitude is due Mrs. Williams for her efficient collaboration in research and in the preparation of the manuscript.

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