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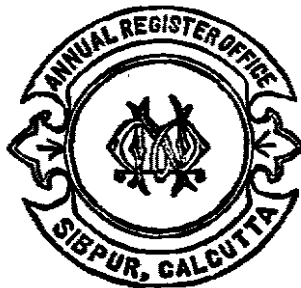
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PREFACE.

THIS QUARTERLY DIGEST of the Public Affairs of India, merely an expansion and extension of our ANNUAL REGISTER issued since 1919, is not intended to be a Political chronicle alone, though in this, its first issue, it appears to be so. Economic, Industrial, Educational Social, and other public affairs of India which are fast developing are also proposed to be incorporated into it. Even as a political chronicle, however, this issue is not complete for the last quarter ending in March, for owing to the great space taken up by the momentous proceedings of the last Assembly room could not be found for the proceedings of the Provincial Councils, of the Economic Conference, of the Science Congress, and other matters relating to Trade and Industry and Labour. These are consequently reserved for the next issue. Excepting these omissions, the subjects covered in this volume have been treated rather exhaustively, as far as informations are available.

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