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P R E F A C E .

IN April 1907, the Government of the United Provinces deputed me to enquire into the condition of the local industries and the possibilities of their development. A report based mainly on available written materials, printed and unprinted, supplemented in some cases by personal inquiries and observation, was submitted in the following July. This report was placed before the Industrial Conference that met at Naini Tal in the autumn of last year, and was at the same time communicated to the press. Since then, under the orders of the Government, I have pursued the inquiry by touring through all the industrial centres of the province. I have also had the advantage of going round the principal industrial towns of the Madras Presidency in the company of Mr. A. Chatterton, and have paid short visits to various places in Bengal, the Central Provinces, Western India, Rajputana and the Punjab. The preliminary report has been almost entirely rewritten. An account of the industrial condition and possibilities of the province is now published in the form of these Notes.

It is necessary to mention that no attempt has been made by me to deal except incidentally with the question of industrial and technical education. An excellent note, treating of the requirements of this province, was written last year by Mr. S. H. Butler, C.I.E., and the subject was discussed in detail at the Naini Tal conference. A definite and comprehensive scheme was drawn up there. General industrial problems—such as commercial training and education, the growth of an industrial press, the fostering of exhibitions, the development of waterways for the carriage of bulky goods and the reorganisation of the banking system of the country—have also been excluded from these pages. Some of these questions have been separately considered by the Government.

In collecting the facts and formulating the suggestions set forth here I have received generous assistance from a very large number of gentlemen, official and non-official, in these provinces and out of it. It will be invidious to mention names. My indebtedness to books and publications will be obvious from the text. Finally, I must acknowledge the constant help and valuable guidance I have received throughout the course of my investigations from Mr. W. H. Moreland, C.I.E., Director of Land Records and Agriculture in these provinces.

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