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PREFACE

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To a large extent these papers are a record of the work done in Madras during the past ten years, but as there is a general similarity in the conditions all over India it is possible that they may be of assistance to those interested in the industrial progress of other parts of India.

Much controversy has raged round the question of the extent to which the State may directly intervene to promote the welfare of indigenous industries and as it is still *sub judice* with the Secretary of State, except in general terms any reference to it has been omitted as I hold strongly to the opinion that our industrial policy must be framed to suit the exigencies of the political situation. The benefits which India derive from British protection far more than counterbalance any disadvantages which may arise from the necessity of submitting to the decision of the Home authorities in such debatable matters as come within the

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sphere of Indian economics. Industrial progress is essential to the maintenance of peace and contentment in India and that fact is clearly recognised by the statesmen who have the final voice in determining the course of Indian affairs. What seems to be needed is a stronger and better informed public opinion, both in India and Great Britain, on the commercial advantages which will accrue to both countries from a more extended development of the latent resources of India both agricultural and industrial. The trade between the two countries is already large and with increased production of wealth in India it will enormously extend.

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