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PREFACE.

The first edition of this pamphlet was published about two months ago and it was simply a reprint of the "MEMORIALS ON THE PROBLEMS OF INDIAN NATIVE STATES" addressed to H. H. the Maharaja Sahib Bahadur of Bikaner, which had appeared in the *Karnataka* between the 4th and the 15th of August 1917. These memorials, again, were but a connected and concise statement of the ideas that have been expressed in the columns of the *Karnataka* for over three years past.

The very sympathetic and appreciative reception given to the first edition by some leading national journals and by persons known for their patriotism and judgment has encouraged the writer to bring out a second edition, and he has availed himself of this opportunity to add much new matter in the shape of foot-notes and appendices which, he hopes, will be found useful.

These pages had to be written in the hurry and amid the distractions incidental to journalistic work. They must necessarily be very imperfect in respect of literary form and arrangement of matter. The writer hopes that his very imperfections may induce those who are more competent than he can pretend to be, to deal with the subject in better style and with better effect.

Dr. Sir Subramania Iyer, whose name will be written in letters of gold in the history of India's freedom and rejuvenation, has, with characteristic magnanimity, bestowed more than merited appreciation and honour upon the writer by contributing the introduction which, the reader will doubtless agree, forms the more valuable part of the book. Dr. Sir Subramania Iyer's views regarding the political future of the Native States, the essential unity of India, the all-embracing character of the movement for Home Rule and the true meaning of democracy may be further read in the pamphlet entitled "*The Shrine on the Sea-shore*" wherein the writer has recorded the conversation he was privileged to hold with the venerable President of the Home Rule League in September last.

The writer would be failing in his duty if he omitted to place on record his gratitude to the authorities of the Home Rule League, Madras, for having allowed the publication of the book under their auspices. He hopes, that with their support behind it, the subject will receive that wide and serious attention throughout India to which its intrinsic importance entitles it.

The writer has also to acknowledge his indebtedness to his ever-helpful friend Mr. K. S. Krishna Iyer B.A., for the index, and to other kind friends for other valuable assistance.

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