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AS IT MIGHT BE IF GUIDED
BY MODERN SCIENCE

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PREFACE

THE writer of this book having read about Indian famines and statements as to the generally half-starved condition of a large part of the Indian population, decided to visit that country in order to get some idea of its actual condition. He travelled from north to south and east to west. Furnished with introductions to the Governor-General and the three Presidency Governors, he had access to Indian Civil Servants and Indian gentlemen from whom he got information. Also he conversed with labouring agriculturalists and inspected some of their dwellings. He found a great mass of statistics in the publications of the Indian Government, and reports and books by men of eminence and of scientific attainments, and by Engineers, Agriculturalists, Economists, Medical Men, Professors and Teachers of great Indian experience. The India Office in Westminster and in Calcutta, and the Indian Trade Commissioner in the City and Indian gentlemen resident in London gave valuable information.

From what he has seen, heard and read, he finds that the men of knowledge confirm each other in their various statements, and he has been forced to the conclusion that India requires to be guided by men of science.

Under such a regime there would be abundance even for the poorest classes : granaries filled in good seasons would provide food for both men and cattle during seasons of drought. The poor labourer would have money for simple pleasures, and all classes might join in a prosperity that would make **INDIA A HAPPY COUNTRY.**

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