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PREFACE

THE purpose of this book is not to attempt an historical review of India, nor yet to enter into any lengthy dissertation on the political problems of the country.

No book, however, which professed to describe the India of to-day, or any aspects of its European life, would be complete were the Reforms not mentioned. Accordingly I have touched on them here, but from the standpoint of the non-official European.

The outlook of the official European has often been put before the public by distinguished soldiers and Civil Servants, but the point of view of European non-officials, who form no inconsiderable proportion of the European community in India, is not sufficiently well known.

Certain fallacies, too, exist in the minds of many who have never visited India as to the conditions of European life in the country to-day. Many people at home have some link with India ; public interest in the country is deep and widespread.

I have had this fact in mind, and aimed at dealing with aspects of European thought and everyday life in the country, in the belief that such information about India will make a popular appeal if dealt with in as interesting, clear and simple a way as possible.

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