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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION, 1883-84.

THE period fixed by the Punjab Government for the compilation of the *Gazetteer* of the Province being limited to twelve months, the Editor has not been able to prepare any original matter for the present work; and his duties have been confined to throwing the already existing material into shape, supplementing it as far as possible by contributions obtained from District Officers, passing the draft through the press, circulating it for revision, altering it in accordance with the corrections and suggestions of revising officers, and printing and issuing the final edition.

The material available in print for the *Gazetteer* of this district consisted of the Settlement Reports, and a draft *Gazetteer* compiled between 1870 and 1874 by Mr. F. Cunningham, Barrister-at-Law. Notes on certain points have been supplied by District Officers; while the report on the Census of 1881 has been utilized. Of the present volume, Section A of Chapter V (General Administration), and the whole of Chapter VI (Towns), have been for the most part supplied by the Deputy Commissioner; Section A of Chapter III (Statistics of Population) has been taken from the Census Report; while here and there passages have been extracted from Mr. Cunningham's compilation already referred to. But with these exceptions, the great mass of the text has been taken almost, if not quite verbally from Mr. Fryer's Settlement Report of the district.

The draft edition of this *Gazetteer* has been revised by Messrs. Fryer, Gladstone and Douie, and by the Irrigation Department so far as regards the canals of the district. The Deputy Commissioner is responsible for the spelling of vernacular names, which has been fixed throughout by him in accordance with the prescribed system of transliteration.

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

The present edition of the *Gazetteer* was prepared at the conclusion of the revision of settlement of the district. The following portions of it which are closely connected with the settlement have been almost entirely re-written :—

Chapter I.

„ IV, Section A.

„ V, „ C.

In the following the matter of the last edition has been partly retained but they have for the most part been re-written :— Chapter II Chapter III Sections D and E. Chapter III Section B is the account of social life given in Sir F. Fryer's Settlement Report, altered only so as to make it accord with the present time and Section C of the same Chapter is similiary his account of the religious life of the people slightly added to. Chapter III, Section F, contains his account of the Kalhora family, and the rest of the section describes the other leading families of the present days. Chapter III, Section A, Chapter IV Sections B and C and Chapter VI have been revised and brought up to date. Chapter V, Sections A and B have been revised with the assistance of the officers of the departments to which they relate. Valuable notes on various subjects have, as indicated where they appear in the *Gazetteer*, been kindly contributed by Captain C. P. Thompson, Deputy Commissioner, Mr. B. Wallis, Superintending Engineer, Mr. Molloy, Executive Engineer Indus Canals, and Dr. Jukes.

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