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## PREFACE.

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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 Report, 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 utilised. Of the present volume, Section A of Chap. V (General Administration), and a great part of Chap. VI (Towns) have been supplied by the Deputy Commissioner ; Section A of Chap. 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 a great portion of the text has been taken almost, if not quite verbally, from Col. Wace's Assessment Reports of the district.

His Settlement was conducted under special circumstances, and of course was concerned only with the village areas of British Territory. Accordingly, his reports afford very inadequate material for an account of the district. No better or fuller material, however, was either available or procurable within the time allowed. After a time, doubtless, a second and more complete edition of this *Gazetteer* will be prepared ; and meanwhile the

present edition will serve the useful purpose of collecting and publishing in a systematic form, information which had before been scattered and in part unpublished.

The draft edition of this *Gazetteer* has been revised by Messrs. MacNabb and Coldstream, and Cols. Wace and Nisbet.

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.

The final edition, though completely prepared for printing by the Editor, has been passed through the press by Mr. R. G. Thomson.

THE EDITOR.

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