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## PREFACE

THE following pages contain descriptions of some of the greatest earthquakes of the last two centuries. These eighteen earthquakes have been chosen not only for their magnitude and destructive power, but chiefly for the light that they throw on the nature and origin of great earthquakes, and because, in every case, very careful studies have been made of the phenomena that accompanied and followed them.

Of one earthquake that would naturally have found a place in the series—the great Kwanto earthquake of 1923, by which Tokyo and Yokohama were almost destroyed—I have given a full account in a volume, *The Japanese Earthquake of 1923*, issued in 1931 by the publishers of the present work, of which, indeed, it may be regarded as a second volume.

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