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## FOREWORD

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The lack of frequent and reliable communications between Turkey and the United States of America has made it difficult for either country really to know the other. Relatively few Americans visit Turkey, and even fewer Turks cross the Atlantic. Histories, descriptions of travel, and books describing the crimes and atrocities committed in Turkey have been written, but these often cause a strange misconception due to the absence at home of any adequate knowledge of truthful conditions. In the same way, it is not surprising that Turkish subjects regard America as a "land flowing with milk and honey," where poverty, underfeeding, unemployment, and internal strife are unknown and where its peoples pause in their mad chase for money only long enough to toss about their easily acquired gains.

The author of this volume has realized, after months of residence in Turkey as a government official, the necessity for a book giving reliable and up-to-date practical information regarding Turkey, especially of that Turkey which was embraced within the boundaries as they existed in 1914.

To accomplish this, he has been successful in securing as collaborators for certain chapters persons who are recognized as among the best informed and most qualified to write upon the particular subjects. Like all writers, they are human and give a personal touch, but at the same time they have endeavored to be fair to their audience. The subjects of the chapters have been so selected that the knowledge contained therein should serve equally for

the statesman, the financier, the merchant, the missionary, the educator, and the student of affairs in general. The economic and business experience of the author, Mr. Eliot Grinnell Mears, together with his naturally observing and analytical mind, have enabled him to plan and carry out exactly the kind of book which is most needed now. Mr. Mears, whom I knew well in Constantinople, has had an exceptional opportunity to study Turkey in transition. His prior residence in Greece (a country which was a part of Turkey less than a century ago), his investigations in the Caucasus and Armenia as a member of the Harbord Mission, and his position as commercial attaché to the American High Commissioner in Turkey with his office in the American Embassy at Constantinople, have given him a perspective and an insight into the situation at first hand.

At this time when peace is being established in Turkey, many changes are being made regarding nationalities formed from the old Turkish Empire; the reconstruction of the country must be carried forward. This volume contains the information properly brought together for those who are charged with or will be interested in the future developments in the Near East. It is appalling to know that a knowledge of the true situation has been deliberately suppressed by sentiment and censorship, and that the world in general has been led into accepting specially prepared literature as fact. Few foreigners, indeed, realize that in the Turkish Empire as it existed in 1914, the Arabs were as numerous as the Turks, that the Armenians formed less than ten per cent of the total population, and that the Arab and Kurdish Mohammedans were hostile to the Turkish Mohammedans. Unless the foreigner, whatever his nationality, approaches in a spirit of fair-minded studiousness the intricate overlapping questions of race, religion, and nationality in their peculiar Oriental setting, he must fail to grasp the

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distinction between fiction and reality, between things as he thinks they are and things as they really are.

The efforts of Mr. Mears in this volume will be appreciated by all readers. The book contains much that is new and not to be found in any other published work. The diversity of information and the convenient form in which it is set forth make it very helpful for reference. It is, moreover, unique, interesting, and comprehensive—valuable to all students interested in the problems and welfare of Turkey.

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### *Most important abbreviations used in this index*

admin. ....	administration
agric. ....	agriculture
Amer. ....	American or Americans
Brit. ....	British or Britain
coll. ....	college or colleges
econ. ....	economic
Ger. ....	German, Germans or Germany
govt. ....	government
hosp. ....	hospital
Ital. ....	Italian or Italy
mt., mts. ....	mountain, mountains
Ott. ....	Ottoman
pop. ....	population
prov. ....	province
rdg. ....	regarding
rept. ....	report
ry. ....	railway
terr. ....	territory
univ. ....	university or universities

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