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My uncle
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Mr Varadachariar's lectures are of very substantial interest to all those concerned with the vital question of the immediate future of India, the relation of the States to the Federation. His attitude to the question is essentially founded on sound legal considerations ; he states fairly the claims which have been put forward regarding the position of the States, and shows how they rest on mistaken assumptions, incompatible with history. He investigates the very difficult question of the position of the States which accede to the Federation, and indicates the importance and complexity of the problem of the effect of alteration of the constitution, as enacted in the Government of India Act of 1935, on the obligation of the States to respect the federal bond.

All the issues which the author discusses are highly controversial ; his discussion will prove well adapted to stimulate thought and to clarify ideas on matters which are not merely of great theoretic but also of immediate practical importance, and his lectures deserve close study by Indian political thinkers and those charged

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with government of the States, whose vital importance to India has so fittingly been expressed by Lord Willingdon in his valedictory address.

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PREFACE

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