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TO
MY FATHER

PREFACE

THIS book, as its title suggests, is intended to throw some light on the New Indian Constitution. It seeks to state the Indian problem and to examine the suggested solution, critically but not without an appreciation of the difficulties inherent in it. It is somewhat of an adventure for a young mind to attempt an analysis of a problem so complicated. My only apology lies in the fact that the Indian point of view with regard to the new Constitution has not so far been made available to the British public through any authoritative publication. In the following pages the problem has been examined from the point of view of one who desires to emphasize agreements and to promote a "rapprochement" between the two great countries. The writer has been profoundly impressed by the lack of knowledge of Indian problems displayed by many in Great Britain, and not the least by those who may be called upon to play an important part in shaping the new Constitution. If the book succeeds in arousing some interest among the British public on Indian questions and checks the campaign of misrepresentation, it will have fulfilled its purpose.

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