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TO MY FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES  
AT SRINIKETAN



## AUTHOR'S PREFACE

This little volume naturally falls into two parts. In Part I an attempt has been made to reproduce the central thoughts of Tagore on rural reconstruction. This is followed in Part II by a brief account of his practical efforts in this field.

For Tagore's thoughts reliance has been placed exclusively on his writings and utterances. Practically all references are to the original Bengali sources excepting "City and Village", which was written in English, and "Gora", for which the English translation has been used. The rich style of Tagore, as is well known, does not easily lend itself to rendering in a foreign language. Accordingly, translations have generally been free, though every care has been taken to represent the substance faithfully. Quotation marks have, however, not been used except in the few cases where the text has been closely followed.

A bibliography has been appended for those who might intend to pursue the subject further. Though not exhaustive, it is hoped that it includes all important writings and utterances of Tagore, having a direct bearing on rural reconstruction.

For the exposition and all comments offered in this book the writer alone is responsible.

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