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PREFACE

THE first part of this book has been written mainly for English readers ; the seven chapters that follow mainly for Indians. These chapters were contributed in the first instance in the form of special articles to leading newspapers and reviews in India, and are now reproduced in book form at the request of many correspondents, and with the kind permission of the Editors of the *Times of India*, the *Pioneer*, *Capital*, the *Sind Gazette*, the *Indian Review*, and the *Hindustan Review*. Some parts of the articles have been re-written and enlarged, whilst extra paragraphs dealing with the proposal to establish a State Bank in India have been introduced in Chapter VII.

The third part of the book gives the text of the Royal Commission on Indian

Finance and Currency issued under the King-Emperor's orders, and also the text of a Note collecting in convenient form the author's oft-repeated criticisms of the recent financial activities of the India Office. This Note, which deals fully with all the matters that have been referred to the Commission, was placed before the Commission in June, 1913.

The fourth part or conclusion of the book explains briefly why India's advance means not only increased strength and prestige for India, but also increased strength and prestige for the whole Empire.

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