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## PREFATORY NOTE

A glance at the list of select references will show that books dealing with Indian Economics are many, and there are many others not included in that list. And yet I felt that there was room for the addition to it of one more book. Indian Economics is becoming an important subject of study in our Universities. Though there are valuable Reports and books on separate questions, books attempting to treat the subject as a whole are few. Some of them are mere sketches, and in others pieces of Indian Economics are sandwiched between long dissertations upon ordinary economic theory. The student, as a result, gets confused and is not able to appreciate the inter-relation between various parts of the subject of Indian Economics. By assuming that the reader has a good grounding in the theory of Economics I have been able, in the present book, to devote myself, almost exclusively, to Indian economic conditions and to arrange the subject in a manner that clearly shows the *historical* as well as *organic* relation between the various problems of Indian Economics.

My difficulty has been not in *adding* to the volume but in making it as small as is consistent with an intelligent treatment of a vast subject. I am aware of important gaps in that treatment, *e.g.* Indian Finance, Land Tenures, Land Revenue, etc. for which

the reader must refer to other books. But I hope that the outline here attempted is not marred by the simplification that has resulted from the exclusion of such subjects. I shall gratefully receive helpful suggestions and criticisms.

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