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IN
MAHARASHTRA AND KARNATAK

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PRÉFACE

I wrote this essay in 1932 for a competitive prize which was offered by the Tilak Swarajya Sangh, Poona. It should have been published long back but I wanted to make changes in the original writing which I could not do till the beginning of this year because of my preoccupation with other work of a more pressing character. In spite of the delay however, I have, not been able to recast the essay as I had desired.

The changes that have now been made are therefore of a minor nature so far as the plan of the essay is concerned. But from the point of view of information, I might say with very little of exaggeration that most of the chapters have been practically rewritten. The title of the essay has been changed from the Economic Future of Maharashtra and Karnatak to the Economic Conditions in Maharashtra and Karnatak as being the more appropriate. Maharashtra includes the Marathi speaking districts of the Bombay Presidency and the Central Provinces and Berar and Karnatak the districts of Belgaum, Dharwar, Bijapur and Kanara.

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