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To

His Highness

THE MAHARAJAH SRI SAYAJI RAO, G.C.S.I.

GAEKWAR BAHADUR OF BARODA

The most Enlightened and therefore the most
Patriotic of Indian ruling chiefs,
whose interest in all that concerns India is
paralleled only by his readiness
to advance Her cause both within his dominions
and without, whose administration
is partly a reflex of all that is best in British rule
and partly an object-lesson in the art
of progressive Government, this little book dealing
with the Industrial aspect of true
constructive Nationalism, which by precept and
by example His Highness has sought to
enforce upon public attention, is with permission
humbly dedicated by

THE AUTHOR

PREFACE

IT may fairly be claimed of anyone who puts forth a volume with so comprehensive a title, that he shall present in his Preface a *prima facie* case for his plea that it should be read. Perhaps the best way of doing this is to explain how and why it has come to be written. When the *Swadeshi* movement was first started in Bengal, it was thought by the writer of the present volume that the best way of helping the movement would be to run a periodical that would deal with the literature of Indian Economics and other industrial topics, and as a necessary corollary to the thought "The Indian Economist" was started. The writer had the honour to edit it for a period of about four years, after which it had to be discontinued owing to paucity of funds. Most of the essays in this volume were originally written for "The Indian Economist"; but these have been

thoroughly revised and organically enlarged in order to suit the comparatively permanent form of the publication.

How far I have succeeded in presenting a coherent, and intelligible account of the main operations of those industries that may with profit be engaged in by the rising generation of India, I cannot foretell. I should consider my labours amply rewarded if my readers find in the following essays an honest attempt to pave the way for the industrial regeneration of India. I have felt it essential to keep as close as possible to my main purpose, and not to turn aside into controversial by-paths even for the purpose of meeting anticipated criticism.

In conclusion, I desire to express my deep sense of gratitude to H. H. The Gaekwar of Baroda for kindly allowing me to dedicate this volume to him and to Rev. C. B. Clarke, M. A., (Cantab.), Late Principal of the C. M. S. Boys' High School, Calcutta, who has been so kind as to look over the proofs.

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January 1910. }

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