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## PREFACE.

THE world has grown wiser and older by a century and a half since a famous French poet and philosopher offered the advice that a nation should cultivate its garden and rest content with that object in life. In the East as well as in the West men have now a wider outlook. They begin to take an interest, and consequently a part, in carrying on and even shaping their governments. From the West, which owes so much in the past to the Aryan race, India has in turn received freedom, free speech, free trade, free movement. The mass of the population remains uneducated, and cannot tell whence comes the new spirit that moves on the face of the waters. But the spirit blows, and all men hear the sound thereof, and are stirred by its breath. The education of those who pass through our schools does not end in the school-room, and for those who are classed as "unable to read or write" it begins in the village, in the municipal town, in the courts of law, and on the railways. Knowledge or ignorance, truth or error, must circulate like the currency through the multitudes. It cannot be a matter of indifference what lessons we teach to the young, for what they learn they will pass on to others. Whether they are trained in the right path, or left to stray into prejudice,

intolerance, and disloyalty to their neighbours, the rising generation are born to be citizens. An effort ought to be made to teach our future citizens the A B C of their rights and duties. Who am I, and who are my neighbours? How am I governed and what is expected of me? What becomes of the taxes I pay? What is done to keep me and my property safe, and to protect me from disease and famine? These are questions which must occur to many, and they lead up to the further question: What is my duty to my neighbour? It is the main purpose of the author of this little volume to place before Indian school-boys a few simple facts about the land in which they live; but it is believed that older citizens of the British Empire may find in its pages some information about India which will be of interest to them. Be that as it may, the author at least ventures to hope that his work may lead some of the rising generation in India to value their heritage of British citizenship, and to acknowledge the duties which they owe to themselves and their fellow countrymen.

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