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PREFACE

In this Bulletin we have examined the main provisions of the Madras Agriculturists' Relief Act and their effects on the rural folk. We have surveyed the conditions of the agriculturists in a few villages in the South Arcot District soon after the passing of the Agriculturists' Relief Act. Our object was to find out how far this Act has been beneficial to the peasants. We do not claim this survey to be, by any means, exhaustive, but we hope that it will give one a fair indication of the working of the Act in the rural parts of the Presidency.

We have appended to the Bulletin statements, prepared from the data collected during the survey, to prove certain conclusions arrived at by us, the questionnaire used by us during the survey, the texts of the Madras Agriculturists' Relief Act, the Debt Conciliation Act, the Debtors' Protection Act and the Agriculturists' Loans Amendment Act of 1935 with the rules framed thereunder, the press communiques of the Government regarding the Madras Agriculturists' Relief Act and the Judgment of the Madras High Court, in the hope that they may be of use to the readers.

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