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P R E F A C E.

THE preceding Decennial numbers of this Statement ended with the years 1872-73 and 1882-83, respectively. On the present occasion it was determined to treat the decade as terminating with the year 1891-92, in order that it might more nearly coincide with the period intervening between two general enumerations of the population, the last of which took place at the end of February 1891.

The review has to be affiliated,* according to statute, to the year 1891-92, but as the main object in view is to exhibit the course of administration and its results on the general condition of the people during the decade ending with that year, the latter has been given prominence chiefly as a limit, or point of comparison, instead of being treated in the detail that would be held necessary in the ordinary annual Return.

In general outline, the Decennial Statement for 1882-83 has been followed. On the one hand, however, the maps have been omitted and the historical preludes to some of the sections curtailed, whilst, on the other, chapters have been added relating to the Army and Indian Marine, to Vital Statistics, Sanitation, and Surveys, and a concluding Summary is given of the factors involved in the general condition of the masses, and their relative development and importance in the present day.

Some delay has been caused in the publication of this Statement, owing to the necessity of preparing special abstracts of the working of the different branches of the administration, consequent upon the change of period above mentioned, a change which did not allow time for the preparation of such abstracts by the Provincial Governments and Administrators in anticipation of 1892-93, the year originally prescribed for their submission.

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