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This brochure contains a reprint of three lectures on commerce and economics delivered by me before the Fergusson College, at Poona (1907); before the Bombay Graduates' Association (1909); and before the College of Commerce (1915). The last is in reality a brief survey of the evolution of Indian commerce from historic times to date; the one before the Graduates' Association was an appeal to the local University for the institution of a Faculty of Commerce; and that at the Fergusson College was in support of the importance of an accurate and scientific study of economic problems. The fourth was a contribution to the columns of the well-known Anglo-Vernacular journal "Gujarati" on the study of the science of Statistics in which Indians are still so backward. As it was the desire of many of those who attended recently my lecture at the College of Commerce, as well as of the Principal, that it would be useful to publish it, the lecture having been given orally, it occurred to me, therefore, that I would be helping our rising students if my other papers on the subject were published along with it. This is the genesis of the present brochure. I shall feel quite rewarded if some of my countrymen would, by a perusal of these papers, be stimulated to give their exclusive attention to the study of Statistics and Economics than which there is not a wider and more fascinating branch of human knowledge for all practical purposes.

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