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INTRODUCTION

In placing the 1937 Year-Book before our readers, it is perhaps, necessary to remind them that the volume refers to the year before the inauguration of Provincial Autonomy.

With Burma separated from India for more than a half-year, with popular ministries in the Provinces tackling one problem of rural reconstruction after another, the reader would very naturally look for facts and figures bearing on the problems which are now the most topical. But the difficulties in satisfying this demand are too obvious to be mentioned. For our part, we are far from content with the fact that in these matters we anticipated at an early stage the need for a new orientation in the presentation of statistics.

Thanks to the separation of Burma, current trade figures are not comparable with those of the last and previous financial years. Those who are interested can only rely on hypothetical calculations with aid of the figures of coastal trade. We can only hope that before the next Year-Book is due we shall be enabled to revise the figures according to present requirements. Of current problems, legislation for debt relief is the most important and as such has received even more detailed notice than usual. The other sections of the Year-Book have been brought up-to-date.

With the inauguration of the new reforms, not only the compilation is becoming more and more difficult, but the Year-Book has to include a large mass of new material which is only slowly becoming available.

We are confident that those who have so far given us their generous support will continue to co-operate with us and help us to accomplish the much bigger tasks that still remain.

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