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**TO MY FATHER**

## FOREWORD



My friend, Mr. S. Natarajan, who was on a visit to Europe last year, sets down in this book his impressions and memories. Curiosity is not perhaps a prominent characteristic of the Indian mind, but Mr. Natarajan is of the younger generation and to him every place and every person have an interest. He notices that Europe is full of psychological types as she is of wide contrasts of topography and climate. Though he has an eye for the oddities of men and women, he is at bottom a lover of his kind. Those who read this book will know how live is his mind, how sure his touch and how fairminded his judgments.

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## INTRODUCTION

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When I returned from Europe last August, people kept on asking me what I had done during my visit. As most of them had been to Europe twenty years ago or contemplated going there within the next few years, I found it extremely difficult to tell an uninterrupted story without drawing on myself old reminiscences or hypothetical problems. That was one reason why I wrote down my experiences. Another was the fact that even today most people attach more importance to the written, and more so to the printed, word than to the spoken one. The opportunity to do so was first afforded me by *The Indian Social Reformer*. But for the discipline of writing every week for *The Reformer* the materials for this book would never have been got together.

Three others also have made the writing of this book possible and I am grateful to them. Mr. J. Mahlon Harvey of Paris set the limits and the pace of my stay in Europe. Sir Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan launches this book out with characteristic generosity. And the idea of having it published as a book first arose out of a letter from Mr. H. S. L. Polak.

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