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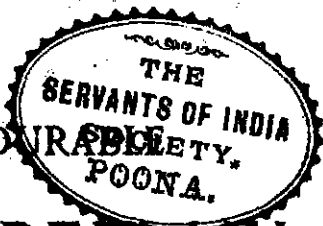
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PREFACE.

TWO considerations induced me to attempt the difficult task of writing an account of a career as yet unfinished, and of so important and varied a character as that of the Right Honourable Joseph Chamberlain, the present Secretary of State for the Colonies.

In the first place, I could find no book dealing with Mr. Chamberlain's life, with the exception of a sketch by Mr. S. H. Jeyes in "Public Men of To-day," written entirely from the political standpoint, and a small pamphlet by Mr. B. C. Skottowe, published about 1885, and now out of print.

I hope this book may supply what has been wanting in this direction.

Secondly. A just estimate of Mr. Chamberlain's character and work should result from accurate information concerning his career.

Mr. Chamberlain's position as Colonial Secretary and his intimate connection with the great scheme of Imperial Federation, have made his history and personality of considerable interest to those of his fellow-subjects in the Colonies and throughout the world, who have that great project deeply at heart—while in Birmingham no apology

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will be needed for a fuller account of the work of one of her most distinguished citizens.

It only remains for me to acknowledge the help I have received, and to say that I am entirely responsible for any opinions expressed in this book, which, however, is not intended to be a criticism, but a narrative.

My thanks are due first to Mr. Chamberlain himself, for permission to photograph Highbury and the many interesting mementoes it contains, including a selection from his private collection of cartoons, and also for kindly giving a special sitting for his portrait, which appears as a frontispiece to the book.

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