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TO
MY MOTHER

FOREWORD

People the world over stand aghast at the results brought about by the much admired economic organisation of the West. Palaces and hovels, glut and need, gormandising and starvation all exist side by side while un-employment like fell epidemic sweeps the industrial cities of the West, and at the same time a Marathon race in armaments is absorbing the attention of the nations. Are these not sufficient symptoms of ill health? Need we not set about finding ways and means of restoring humanity to full health and strength?

Western Europe has been enslaved by a financial capitalism while America is being devoured by her labour-saving devices and Russia is enthusiastically rationalising capitalism and is binding herself hand and foot in attempting to find a way out of Western economic morass.

In this booklet Sjt. P. R. Ramachandra Rao feels the pulse of the dying industries of India and comes to the only possible conclusion that any thoughtful student of Economics who steers clear of propagandistic literature can come to, i. e., the salvation of India economically lies in the revival of village industries. This means that production has to be decentralised which will distribute the fruits of labour among the workers and do away with the need for the bayonet to force markets to consume the dumped articles. The author has grasped the causes of the economic ailment and his remedy is rightly directed towards opening up channels as outlets for the energy and talents of all villagers and thereby reducing dire need and poverty.

Maganvadi,
Wardha.
11th April 1935.

J. C. KUMARAPPA.

PREFACE

TO-DAY India stands on the top of golden hours. From the crest of the national wave opens out a splendid expanse of immense possibilities. We look back at the twilight glow of our national past and are overwhelmed. The feeling soul yearns for the vivid tints of that glorious achievement to colour a future India. The youthful vision of the India to-be is an India re-born, with a splendour fetched from our storied past.

We, who are the builders of a New India, need to build on stable foundations. Our industrial reconstruction must take stock of our industrial achievement and avoid the pitfalls of our industrial decadence. That is the justification for my monograph. I have had in my inquiry illustrious predecessors like Romesh Chunder Dutt and Major Basu. My debt to them is immense.

In whatever I have written, I have spoken truly and frankly, setting the facts in their

proper perspective. Where an issue was controversial I have generally let my authorities speak for themselves.

I am grateful to Srijut J. C. Kumarappa for writing the Foreword to my monograph and for allowing me to append a note on the All India Village Industries Association.

Masulipatam,

April 1935.

P. R. Ramachandra Rao.

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