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INTRODUCTION.

The want of a book on Land Revenue administration in India suitable for the B.A. Examination of this and other Indian Universities has long been felt by teachers and students. Nearly twelve months ago, the Board of Studies in Economics, at my suggestion, recommended to the Syndicate the publication by this University of such a book. Owing, however, to the want of detailed technical knowledge of the subject on the part of those likely to undertake the work, it was decided to publish selections from official reports and to adapt them to the requirements of the students. Selections were accordingly made from the red-letter reports of the five major provinces and circulated to the local governments for favour of revision. They have readily and cheerfully responded to our request, and two of them, in particular, viz, the United Provinces and Bombay governments have, with commendable alacrity and generosity, entirely re-written the chapters submitted to them for revision. The University is under profound and grateful obligation to those officers of the local governments who have taken such warm and practical interest in the work with a view to ensure its usefulness. The first chapter, which has been taken from the recent Decennial Report on the Moral and Material Progress of India, purports to be a general introduction to the whole subject, which is dealt with in detail in the subsequent chapters. The book can, therefore, claim to be an authoritative compilation on Land Revenue administration and can safely be placed in the hands of all University students of economics. The University of Calcutta has adopted it as a text-book for the B.A. Examination, and it is hoped that other Indian Universities will find it suitable for their students.

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S. C. Ray.
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