

THE MAKING OF MODERN INDIA

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WHILE the dews drop, while the grey turns to gold,
 'Mid tumult of men's wars,
Through the faint silence of the lingering day,
 And the long night of stars,—
All pale and still as death she sleeps her sleep,
And God's long watch we keep.

Our eyes are heavy with dull weariness,
 Leaden with slumbering,
So heavy and so dull we do not see
 Him coming like a king ;
We do not hear His footfall by our side,—
The Bridegroom for His bride.

'Surely this sleep is death,' we say, 'the spells,
 That keep her bound so long,
'Are stronger than our best enchantments are.'
 'There is one spell more strong.'
'Sure, life can ne'er be kindled in a clod.'
'Yea, by the kiss of God.'

Then India, trancèd, bound for centuries,
 Stirs at the whispered word ;
Him our eyes saw not, e'en in sleep she knows
 For her predestined Lord.
Lo, at His touch the long enchantment breaks,
And she who slept awakes.

TO
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
THAT IS AND THAT IS TO BE
IN INDIA

P R E F A C E

THE aim of this book is to provide some material by which to estimate the character of the forces that are making the new India, and the direction in which these forces are carrying her. They are of many kinds—political, social, religious. Some of the most powerful are the ancient forms of thought and of belief which modern influences are modifying but by no means eliminating. At the centre of all these, influencing them and influenced by them, are those outstanding personalities, Indian in the texture of their minds and souls, who are leading their people into the unknown land of to-morrow. To conjecture what that future will be, to help in any way in forecasting what under wise guidance it may be,—these are fascinating and baffling tasks. The fascination of them is not always realized as it should be by the British people upon whom lies the duty of undertaking them and so of opening a way for the advance together of England and India, as comrades and friends,

With minds firm fixed upon the road
To freedom—road that ne'er can weary one.

This book seeks to help towards that end.

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