

# PATRICK GEDDES IN INDIA



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## EDITOR'S NOTE

The passages in this book represent a fraction of the writings of Patrick Geddes between 1915 and 1919, drawn from reports that he made on eighteen Indian cities. His work was commissioned both by British Governors and by Indian Rulers. Many more reports are known to have been written, some of which are said to remain, still in typescript, in the pigeon-holes of India.

The first selection of material was made by Dr. H. V. Lanchester. The task was then to choose passages that clearly illustrated the practical application of those town planning principles for which Patrick Geddes stood.

Particular places are not deliberately identified with any particular comment, unless necessary to illustrate the general argument—as in the plans illustrating methods of 'conservative surgery.'

Patrick Geddes wrote as he thought and the actual wording of many passages could only be understood with difficulty, especially after they had been uprooted from their context. With the approval and assistance of Dr. Arthur Geddes, his son, these passages have been edited, but Patrick Geddes's picturesque style has not been wilfully altered.

The illustrations were taken by Anthony Denney, on war service in India, and show that persistent loveliness and vitality Patrick Geddes so much admired.

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