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## PREFATORY NOTE

AT the invitation of the organisers of the Extension Lectures of the Mysore University I agreed to deliver at Bangalore and afterwards at Mysore three lectures on the life and work of my master G. K. Gokhale. They were actually delivered in the beginning of 1935. At Mysore I did not exactly repeat what I had said at Bangalore, but varied the matter considerably. The Bangalore Press, which undertook to publish the lectures in book form, entrusted the editing to my friend Mr. A. V. Ramaswami. With much skill and ingenuity he has contrived to fuse the two threes into one three, so that what appears in the book as the first lecture is really an amalgam of the first Bangalore lecture and the first Mysore lecture; and so with the second and third lectures. The plan has its defects and the acute reader will not fail to discover a few loose ends. Still the Publishers and I venture to think that some continuity is maintained, and the lectures, though each a trifle too long, read more or less together.

It is much to be wished that the book had been brought out soon after the delivery of the lectures. The Publishers would assure the public that the delay, regrettable as it is, was unavoidable.

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## APPENDIX.

### CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS.

1866. May 9. Born at Katluk in Chiplun Taluk, Ratnagiri District.
1876. Migrated to Kolhapur for education.
1879. Death of his father.
1880. Married.  
New English School started in Poona.
1881. Matriculated.
1882. Studied in Rajaram College, Kolhapur.
1883. Studied in Deccan College, Poona.
1884. Studied in Elphinstone College, Bombay.  
*Took the B.A. Degree.*  
Joined Law Class.  
Formation of the Deccan Education Society.
1885. Fergusson College opened.  
Employed as Assistant Master, New English School.  
Maintained coaching establishment for Public Service Certificate Examination.
1886. *Became Life Member of the Deccan Education Society.*  
Wrote frequently to the *Mahratta*.  
First public speech at Kolhapur on India under British Rule.
1887. Married second time.  
*First introduced to M. G. Ranade by S. H. Sathe.*
1888. Edited English section of *Sudharak*.  
Elected Hon. Secretary of the Sarvajanika Sabha and Editor of its *Quarterly*.  
Public speech (not delivered) upholding the action of Lord Reay in the Crawford case.
1889. Took part in the Indian National Congress held at Bombay.
1890. Tilak resigned from the Deccan Education Society.  
Spoke at Calcutta Congress on the reduction of salt duty.

1891. Appointed Secretary of the Deccan Education Society.  
Spoke at Nagpur Congress.
1892. Spoke at Allahabad Congress on Public Services.
1893. Death of his mother.  
Secretary, Bombay Provincial Conference.  
Engaged in collection of funds for the Deccan Education Society.
1895. Joint Secretary of the Indian National Congress.  
Fellow of the Bombay University.  
Editor of the *Rashtra Sabha Samachar*.
1896. Resigned Secretaryship of Sarvajanika Sabha and Editorship of its *Quarterly*.  
Organisation of the Deccan Sabha.  
*First meeting with Gandhi*.
1897. *First visit to England. Evidence before the Welby Commission.*  
*Plague Measures in Poona. Publication in England of complaints on the subject.*  
First meeting with John Morley.  
*Return from England. Apology incident.*
1898. Took prominent part in plague-relief work.
1899. *Elected Member of the Bombay Legislative Council.*  
Criticised famine relief measures of Government.  
Death of his second wife.
1901. *Opposed Land Alienation Bill. Walk-out from the Council.*  
Opposed introduction of communal principle in the District Municipalities Bill.  
Supported Temperance movement.  
*Death of Ranade.*
1902. *Retired from the Fergusson College.*  
*Elected to the Imperial Legislative Council.*  
Criticised Government's financial policy :—
1. Currency surpluses ;
  2. High level of taxation ;



3. Salt duty ;  
4. Army expenditure.
1903. Budget speech :—  
1. Reduction of salt duty ;  
2. Abolition of excise duty on cotton goods ;  
3. Indianisation of services ;  
4. Increased effort for spread of education.  
Gandhi stayed a month with Gokhale in Calcutta.
1904. *Received title of C.I.E.*  
Budget speech: Criticised increased army expenditure.  
Opposed the Official Secrets Bill.  
Opposed the Indian Universities Bill.
1905. Opposed the Universities Validation Bill.  
Budget speech :—  
1. Reduction of salt duty ;  
2. Pleaded for relief to agriculturists ;  
3. Indianisation of services.  
*Founded the Servants of India Society : 12th June.*  
Second visit to England.  
*Presided over the Benares Congress.*  
President of the Poona City Municipality.
1906. Third visit to England.
1907. Death of his brother.  
Deportation of Lala Lajpatrai.  
*Undertook lecturing tour in Northern India.*  
Budget speech :—  
1. Urged complete abolition of salt duty ;  
2. Pleaded for free primary education ;  
3. Pleaded for constitutional reforms.  
*Congress split at Surat.*
1908. Evidence before the Decentralisation Commission.  
Fourth visit to England.  
*Announcement of the Minto-Morley Reforms.*  
Arrest and imprisonment of Tilak.  
Defamation suit against the *Hindi Punch*.

- Indian National Congress at Madras.  
 Founded Ranade Economic Institute.
1909. Rejected offer of lecturing tour in America.
1910. Moved a resolution on Indentured labour to Natal (adopted).  
*Moved a resolution on Elementary Education (withdrawn).*  
 Criticised the Press Bill.  
 Acted as Secretary to Sir W. Wedderburn at Allahabad Congress.
1911. *Introduced the Elementary Education Bill.*  
 Opposed the Seditious Meetings Bill.  
 Contributed a paper on "East and West" to the Universal Races Congress.
1912. Spoke on the resolution of Bhupendranath Basu on Police Administration in India.  
 Moved a resolution on Indentured labour.  
 Moved a resolution on resources of local bodies.  
*Defeat of the Elementary Education Bill.*  
 Fifth visit to England.  
*Visit to South Africa.*  
*Appointed to the Public Services Commission.*
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 Raised funds for South African struggle.
1914. Seventh visit to England with the Public Services Commission.  
*Declined offer of K.C.I.E.*  
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- Page 6, line 33—*For* “ are ” *read* “ is ”.
- „ 8, „ 3—*Add* “ the ” after “ all ”.
- „ 21, „ 34—*For* “ were ” *read* “ are ”.
- „ 64, „ 14—*Add* “ the ” after “ would ”.
- „ 65, „ 20—*For* “ was ” *read* “ were ”.
- „ 98, „ 11—*For* “ here ” *read* “ there ”.
- „ 100, „ 1—*For* “ for compromise as if that was  
a discredit.” *read* “ for com-  
promise,” as if that was a  
discredit.
- „ 104, „ 5—*For* “ lead ” *read* “ lend ”.
- „ 117, „ 27—*Add* “ from the methods of those ”  
after “ methods ”.
- „ 126, „ 34—*Add* “ scarcely ” after “ can ”.