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The aim of this book is expressed in the first chapter entitled "A Statement of the Problem." It is an attempt to contribute to the discussion of some of the issues confronting the struggle for independence in India, regarding this struggle as a stage in the struggle of the masses in India for emancipation, and as a part of world development. It is not possible without very much wider experience and knowledge to make more than a limited contribution to the question; but any contribution may be of value. I hope that the book may be read sympathetically by friends in the great Indian Nationalist Movement and help towards the discussion of the urgent problems still to be solved.

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