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PREFACE.

The author of this little book is one of those who hold that Indians should co-operate in the work of the Simon Commission only on a basis of perfect equality. Until this status of equality is accorded, which may be done by constituting a committee of the Indian Central Legislature into a parallel Commission with equal authority, Indians should maintain the boycott, to the reality of which Sir John Simon and his colleagues cannot shut their eyes.

Whatever the final decision of His Majesty's Government, it will be beneficial to discuss and clarify some of the important issues, like those of the fitness of democratic institutions to the East and the place of India in the Empire, which have been raised. Some of the chapters were originally written as newspaper articles.

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