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PREFACE

This thesis embodies the results of independent research commenced by me in 1953 for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Economics of the University of Poona. The study was almost complete in 1958 itself, but due to certain unavoidable circumstances it could not be submitted to the University earlier.

The paucity of systematic studies of labour organizations in specific industrial localities in India has been felt by a number of students. Herein, I have made a modest attempt to fill in this gap by presenting a picture of the rise and growth of labour organisations in Sholapur, together with their present-day functioning and problems against the background of the trade union movement in the country as a whole. This study could not be as exhaustive as I would have liked it to be, due to severe limitations in time and other resources at my disposal.

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