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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

This small book is intended to serve as an introduction to India, and to provide a background for further reading.

Without some basis of knowledge it is difficult for the general reader to follow the arguments in the many recent books and articles on the subject of India, written from widely differing political stand-points; and I have endeavoured to make my story an objective one.

In so short a summary the treatment of every aspect is necessarily inadequate. Of this I am acutely conscious, yet I hope that the book may prove a small contribution to a wider understanding of India and Indian problems, of such urgent importance at this time.

I wish to express here my sincere thanks to all those authors whose work I have consulted, and of which I have made free use, and also to Sir Frank Noyce, K.C.S.I., to Sir Frank Brown, C.I.E., to Sir Harry Lindsay, K.C.I.E., and to Mr Humfrey Grose-Hodge for their valued help and advice.

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I should add that I have incorporated in this *Outline* parts of my earlier book *Living India*, which though out of print is still in demand.

In this second and revised edition I have, within the space available, given an account of recent political developments, and of the new plans for post-war reconstruction.

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