

## FOREWORD.

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These words were expressly written for the Canadians. In one form or another, through the press, platform or pulpit, they have found their way to the Canadian public.

Intense love for the country that gave me birth and education actuated me in writing these essays in the intervals of travel. Delivered as addresses in different parts of Canada, they give vent to my feelings about affairs Indian. That in places, my utterances are impassioned, I do not feel ashamed.

The great thirst for knowledge that Canada is exhibiting to-day has made a deep impression on my mind. That India be near Canada's heart, and distant in miles only, has been my constant purpose and prayer during my entire stay in this country.

To Canada I came, in the words of a detractor, "without credentials." I landed on the British Columbian coast "with an undeniably Eastern complexion and countenance" as my only introduction; "a bare working knowledge of English" my only asset.

On my arrival in Vancouver, B. C., I found misconceptions generally prevalent about the lives, habits, traditions and institutions of the Indian immigrants. Agitators had raised a storm of protest against the incoming of a few hundred countrymen of mine and declared them "British Columbia's problem."

Investigation of the British Columbian immigration problems brought home to my mind that the opposition offered to the India immigrants was merely sectional—not of a national or even a provincial character. Large-hearted men like Colonel Falkland Warren, C. M. G., R. A. (Retired), Doctor Alexander S. Monroe, the Dominion Immigration Inspector, and Mr. Fred. Wade, K. C., the President of the Canadian Club, Vancouver, B. C., denounced the misguided and prejudiced agitators.

My defence of my countrymen on the Pacific Coast brought me some disapprobation. Even a missionary imputed sordid motives. But, despite the threats of being "stoned to death," where I went in Canada I have been gratified with the enthusiastic welcome accorded me. The Canadian press has favorably reviewed my speeches, writings and career and shown me many courtesies. My audiences have always given me warm receptions. The thoughtful kindness of friends has deeply touched my heart. The reminis-