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In the compilation of this portion of the Manual, I have had the advantage of the use of note-books left by the late Messrs. Hebbert and Spencer of the Madras Civil Service, who had successively been entrusted with the work, but neither of whom had been able to carry it through, and I take this opportunity of thanking the many officials and residents of South Canara who so willingly gave me any information I asked for, notably in connection with the chapter on The People. My special acknowledgments are due to Mr. J. C. Fernandez, B.A., M.L., now District Munsiff of Shiyali, who afforded me much assistance in the compilation and arrangement of materials for chapters I, IV and V. I have also freely availed myself of extracts from an article on Canara contributed to *Fraser's Magazine* by Mr. M. J. Walhouse, who was for many years District and Sessions Judge of Mangalore. The information in the chapter on Population has been largely added to by Mr. H. A. Stuart from notes taken for the Census of 1891.

Surgeon-Major W. A. Lee was kind enough to write for me a Medico-topographical and Statistical chapter, but under the scheme for the revised edition of the District Manuals this subject is to be dealt with in the second or statistical volume. I have consequently been unable to secure its appearance in this volume.

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