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This book makes a critical of the role of Europeans in the freedom in India, especially from 1880-1920. Tracing the factors responsible for the beginning of political awakening among the Indian masses, it discusses at length the formation of Indian National Congress and A.O. Hume's contribution to it. Further it examines critically the political agitation as well as propaganda work in Great Britain, the rising of extremism and revolutionary



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Foreword

It is pleasure to introduce to the readers a work which appears to be innovative in offering an interpretation of our political history which is likely to be controversial. I have glanced at some pages of this book and formed an impression that the author, whom I have known for many years, has diligently constructed a connected account of the role of 'non-officials' British individuals in Indian politics till around 1920. The pages I have seen (space is precious) – I particular the long list of historical sources, primary and secondary – suggest that Dr. S. D. Gajrani has been engaged in extensive research into a variety of source material for many of the years he has spent as a teacher in the Patiala University at Patiala. The product of that research is now placed before me and teachers of modern Indian Political history. The judgment the reader can form will, I surmise, vary because some scholars may be happy that restored to the non-official British public men in the India the credit justified. While there may be lack of agreement about the evaluation of 'liberal' Englishmen connected with the Congress in its early days, I am given to the author for the completion of the information he has put out together in these pages.

I think that the generally accepted view of the role of some Englishmen in the nationalist movement is roughly as follows; in the early years of the Congress, some 'non-officials' British individuals played an important role as tutors and guardians in the fledgling institution of Hume and Wedderburn and the like. There followed a period of decades of the twentieth century when the British who had previously appeared in the role of lobbyists in England and advisors in India when the Indian Parliamentary Committee, the British Indian National Congress, the Home Rule League, etc. were prominent in Indian affairs. From the nineteen-twenties increasingly the erst