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MADRAS DISTRICT GAZETTEERS.

ANANTAPUR.

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PREFACE.

ANANTAPUR is dealt with in the 'Manual' of the old Collectorate of Bellary (of which it formed part up to 1883) which was written by Mr. John Kelsall, I.C.S. in 1872; but the present is the first Gazetteer to be prepared for the District as it now stands. It has been drawn up in accordance with the new system under which statistics are relegated as far as possible to a separate Appendix which is to be revised decennially, after each census. The accounts of the three southern taluks are based on information collected by Mr. F. R. Hemingway, I.C.S., who was appointed by Government to assist in the matter.

The book has been written in haste amid interruptions from other work and forbearance with its defects is claimed on this ground. As the history and conditions of Anantapur in many respects closely resemble those of Bellary, passages from the Gazetteer of this latter District have, under instructions, been freely adapted for the purposes of the present volume.

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