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P R E F A C E

N E A R L Y fifty years have elapsed since the publication of the *History of the Mongols*, during which period a vast store of fresh knowledge and new material has accumulated on the subject matter covered by the four volumes of that work. Some years prior to his death our father determined upon a revision of the book, intending to incorporate in the new edition the fruits of recent scholarship and research in the wide fields to which he himself had devoted thirty years of his active life.

In the Preface to *Russia Mongolia and China*, Mr. J. F. Baddeley observes: "In acknowledging the frequent use I have made of the *History of the Mongols*, I say emphatically that a new edition of that great work is urgently called for and has only to be issued with amendments and Index to establish it permanently as the chief authority on the subject in our language."

No one realized more keenly than the author the need for the preparation of a fresh edition (particularly of Part I, which for some years has been out of print). While the intervention of the Great War and other pressing-calls on his time, combined with growing physical weakness, rendered impracticable the realization of his full hopes, he had written and passed the proofs of certain introductory chapters for Part I. We believe that the publication of this material would fulfil our father's wishes, and it is accordingly reproduced on pages 1-214 of this volume, substantially in the form in which he left it. We assume full responsibility for any errors and shortcomings which these chapters may contain.

The author always regretted that the *History of the Mongols* was originally published without an index and he fully shared the view that an index would add greatly to the value and usefulness of the work by making its contents more readily accessible to the student and the general reader. After careful consideration it was thought best to prepare separate indices of Part I and the Supplement; Part II, Divisions I and II, and Part III. These indices are included in the present book.

The difficulties of indexing a work of this character must always be very substantial, and no doubt it will be possible to find in the indices various errors and mis-readings, but it is hoped that any shortcomings in these and other respects will be overlooked in view of the fact that the work could not be checked and corrected by the author himself and that very detailed specialist investigation must have resulted in considerable delay in the publication of the volume.

We desire to record our deep gratitude to Mr. W. Perceval Yetts, O.B.E., for his generous assistance and advice in the preparation of this volume. Mr. Yetts has not only read the proofs and supervised the construction of the indices, but he has throughout spared neither time nor trouble and has freely contributed from his store of Chinese scholarship to the work.

We are specially indebted to Sir E. Denison Ross, C.I.E., for invaluable help and guidance with regard to the index of Part III. Sir Denison has also been good enough to prepare a list of the commoner proper names found in Part III with their more usual variant spellings, this list is appended to the index of Part III.

The laborious task of compiling the indices has been performed in a very careful, conscientious, and efficient manner by Mrs. Maud Davis, to whom our best thanks are due.

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