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PREFACE

THE aim of this book is to summarize in simple language the main events and trends in the history of Malaya as far as it is known at the present time. It is hoped that it may be useful for senior students and teachers in the English schools of that country and for those of the general public, both in Malaya and elsewhere, who wish to know more about the development of this important land.

A short text-book can give only a bare outline, but, by quotation and by the bibliography, I have tried to introduce the reader to those printed sources by which this can be filled in. I acknowledge gratefully my debt to these works. If they can be made more generally available through school libraries and an interest aroused in them among the teachers of history in Malaya, one of the main objects of this book will have been achieved.

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In this new edition a chapter has been added covering the events from February 1948 to the achievement of independence in the Federation of Malaya in August 1957.

G. P. D.

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