PREFACE

The activities of the Servants of India Society in Kerala are a subject, which has not been seriously studied so far. The Devadhar Malabar Reconstruction Trust (DMRT) formed under the aegis of the Servants of India Society was a remarkable movement, which contributed a lot to set right the disordered condition of Malabar after the Rebellion of 1921. For want of a serious academic study the invaluable services rendered by the volunteers of the Servants of India Society and the DMRT workers have practically become a forgotten chapter in Kerala history. The present work is a modest attempt to fill the gap, and I hope that my effort would be justified. In the preparation of this thesis I have received help and support from several persons. But for their unstinted co-operation, the work would not have attained its present shape.

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