FOREWORD.

Historical.

a) Agricultural produce of West Indies—Sugar and Cacao.

b) Lack of labour, Caribs unsuitable. Introduction of slaves from West Africa, cruelty of slave trade and its abolition.

c) Indentured labour from India; its institution, terms, and its cessation.

Economics.

a) Foreign competition, protective tariffs and cheap labour.

b) Professor Shephard's enquiries. Room for enquiries and investigation into the economic situation.

Scope.

a) The writers approach the problem.

b) The object of enquiries.

c) Special line taken. Correlate information required and that obtained by the system of forms.

Method.

a) Forms designed by Professor Shephard to yield the required information.

b) Addition and completion of forms.

c) Maps and segregation of estates into districts, the compacting and condensing of figures obtained and construction of graphs.

d) Results followed up by personal enquiries on estates.

i.) Information received.

ii) The personal factor, its importance, unprejudiced observations.