

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE.

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Sir Richard C. TEMPLE, has kindly sent me the following valuable notes :—

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS.

General Note.

Both the Andaman and Nicobar Islands have been very closely studied by Indian Government officials for about fifty years, and they and the people occupying them are now thoroughly understood. There is a considerable literature about them, ethnographical, historical, geographical, and so on.

I have myself been Chief Commissioner, *i.e.*, Administrator, of both groups for the Government of India for ten years, 1894–1903, and went deeply into the subjects connected with them, publishing a good many papers about them in the *Indian Antiquary*, *Journal of the Royal Society of Arts*, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, and elsewhere. A general survey of all information to that date concerning the islands will be found in the *Census of India*, 1901, vol. III., which I wrote ; in this volume there is an extensive bibliography. I also wrote the Andaman and Nicobar volumes of the Provincial and District *Gazetteers*, published in 1909, in which current information about them was again summarised. The most complete and reliable book on the subject is E. H. MAN'S *Aboriginal Inhabitants of the Andaman Islands*, London, 1883. KLOSS, *Andamans and Nicobars*, 1902, is a good book. GERINI'S *Researches on Ptolemy's Geography of Eastern Asia*, 1909, is valuable for the present purpose.

The best books on the Nicobars are MAN'S *Nicobarese Vocabulary*, published in 1888, and MAN'S *Dictionary of the Central Nicobarese Language*, published in 1889. I am still publishing Mr. MAN'S *Dictionary of the South Andaman Language* in the *Indian Antiquary*.

Recent information has so superseded old ideas about both groups of islands that I suggest several of the notes in the 1903 edition of Marco Polo be recast in reference to it.

With reference to the *Census Report* noted above, I may remark that this was the first Census Report ever made on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and according to the custom of the Government of India, such a report has to summarise all available information under