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THE very generous encouragement which the public have so uniformly extended to the publishers have enabled them to bring out the fifth edition of the first volume of the series of Indian Nation Builders. In availing this privilege how glad they would have been had not their feelings been tinged with melancholy interest by the passing away, in the interval between the issue of the last and the present edition, of three eminent sons of the motherland who had occupied such a towering place in the national edifice. But great men never die; their spirit live with an immortality co-extensive with the work which was the supreme passion of their lives. The illustrious memories of Messrs. Subramania Iyer, Mehta and Gokhale are a perpetual inspiration to the race to bring to fruition the task which they had left unfinished by their premature death.

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Publishers' Note to the Third Edition.

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PUBLISHERS' NOTE.

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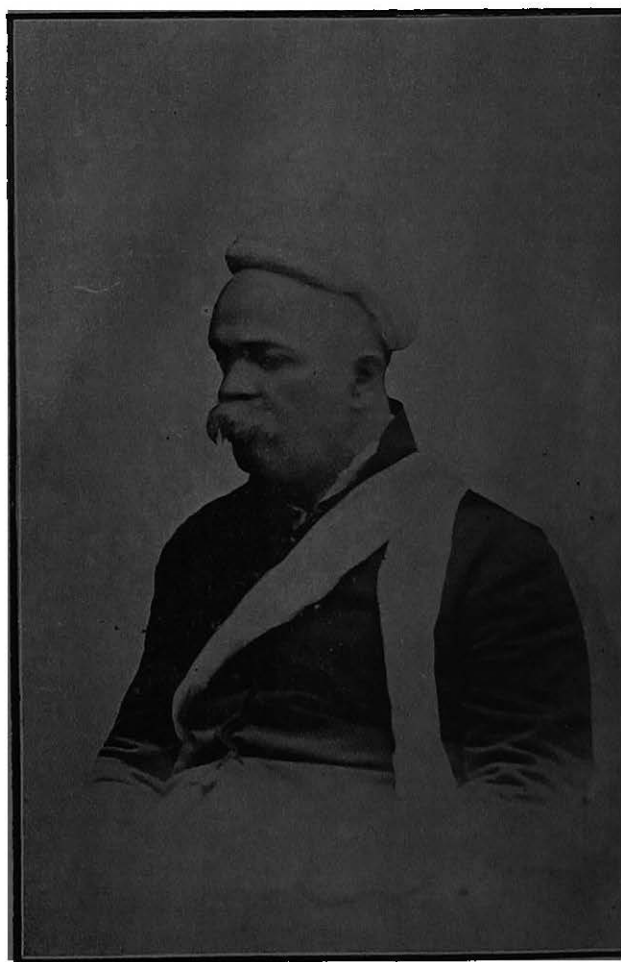
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Our thanks are due to those of our friends who have helped us in bringing out this book.

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