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FOREWORD.

Mr. N. C. Das is to be congratulated on his compiling the Book of Essays. The Book contains 57 Essays some of which are from the pens of India's foremost men. As to the subject of these Essays they cover a very wide range and the student is sure to find them full of information.

The greatest factor in human progress has been the capacity of man to leave records of his thinking and doing for the benefit of those whom he never sees, and books constitute a part of such records, whether they be written on baked clay, palm leaf or paper. Through books readers establish communion with persons long dead and gone or living thousands of miles away. Hence books have been described as friends and companions. In this sense a book of essays like the one before us will help the readers to converse with a large number of people on a variety of topics. Men whom he would perhaps never get a chance of seeing or talking to, have

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placed their ideas before him and we hope the reader will realise the value of such communion.

The Essays deal with current topics of common interest and embody the opinions of men who are in a position to make authoritative pronouncements.

The book is intended for the I. A. and B. A. students and I think they will derive pleasure and benefit from the book.

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PREFACE

BY THE COMPILER.

In compiling this book, my object has been to present in a nutshell the products of the highest intellects of the land. Consequently it has been my endeavour to give in this book the opinion of men, who by their ability, experience and constant thought are competent to write on the subject. It is for the readers to judge how far I have been successful in this direction.

As the very nature of this work implies, I am under a deep debt of gratitude to the various contributors—men who are intellectual stalwarts, a line from whose pen may well be coveted by any great compiler, and to them I bow my head in reverence. Without the whole-hearted support, sympathy and patronage of Principal Parija, M.A., (Cantab) I. E. S., it would not have been possible for me to bring out this book. He has ungrudgingly extended me his helping hand whenever I have approached him.

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Pains I have not spared, labour I have not shirked in making the book as comprehensive as it could possibly be. The world is too big, intellectual giants striding on it are too many, and the scope and ability of the compiler is too limited. The scope of this work is mainly limited to the student community, to whom I have introduced, some of the best intellects of the age.

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