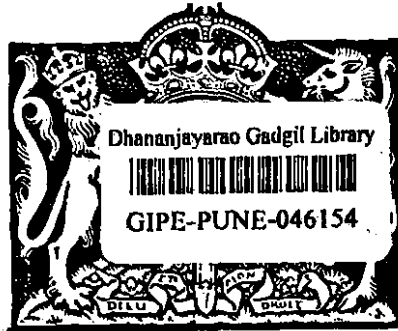
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PREFACE.

An attempt has been made in this brochure to make a study of the cotton mill industry as far as Bengal is concerned. Few other industries in recent years have engaged greater attention or wider interest of the people of the province, as it is generally believed—and perhaps not unreasonably so—that cotton mills possess immense possibilities in Bengal. This monograph would give an idea, supported by facts and figures as far as possible, of the development of the industry in this province which, by the way, happens to be the home of the first cotton mill on the Indian soil. These figures have been supplied, on request, by the management of the individual mills and I have had to depend on them for their accuracy. Suggestions for incorporation in the future editions, if any, of this brochure with a view to making it more informative will be welcomed.

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