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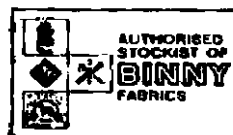
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## FOREWORD

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THE GOPALA KRISHNA GOKHALE BIRTH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE, Madras has great pleasure in offering to the public this Centenary Souvenir.

*Section one* contains factual information about the six visits that Gokhale paid to Madras from 1898 to 1913, extracts from the speeches he made on those occasions and the memorials erected in his memory such as the Statue on the Marina, the Gokhale Hall and the Gokhale Prize instituted in the University of Madras by S Srinivasa Iyengar and the poem 'In Memorium' by A. Madhaviah.

*Section two* contains extracts from Gokhale's speeches and writings enshrining his mature thoughts and ideas on the then economic, political and social problems which are valid even today, fifty years after his death. It is hoped that this will enable the reader to appreciate the Ranade-Gokhale tradition in public life.

*Section three* deals with Gokhale's observations on his contemporaries and the reminiscences of his contemporaries.

*Section four* is a very thoughtful article by "P.M." on Gokhale entitled "A Century of Change".

*Section five* gives the chronology of his life.

*Section six* is the Radio talk in Tamil on Gokhale by Shri K. Chandrasekharan.

The Souvenir contains several rare and valuable photographs and a specimen of Gokhale's handwriting.

The Committee is very grateful to all the commercial and business houses who have so readily and willingly taken up space and come forward to help. The net proceeds of this Souvenir are earmarked to form a nucleus for building up of the "Gokhale-Sastri Institute of Economics and Politics" at Karpagambal Nagar, Mylapore in collaboration with the South Indian National Association for the study of public questions and to help form public opinion on right lines.

The thanks of the Committee are due to the Members of the Souvenir Committee who have taken enormous pains in securing advertisements and rendered other kinds of help to make this Souvenir a reality.

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We earnestly hope that the Souvenir will enable the readers to have a glimpse of the life — of study, devotion, high patriotism, moral elevation, service and sacrifice — of the great and outstanding Indian Patriot, who worked hard to spiritualise the public life of India. When was it needed more urgently, than now ?

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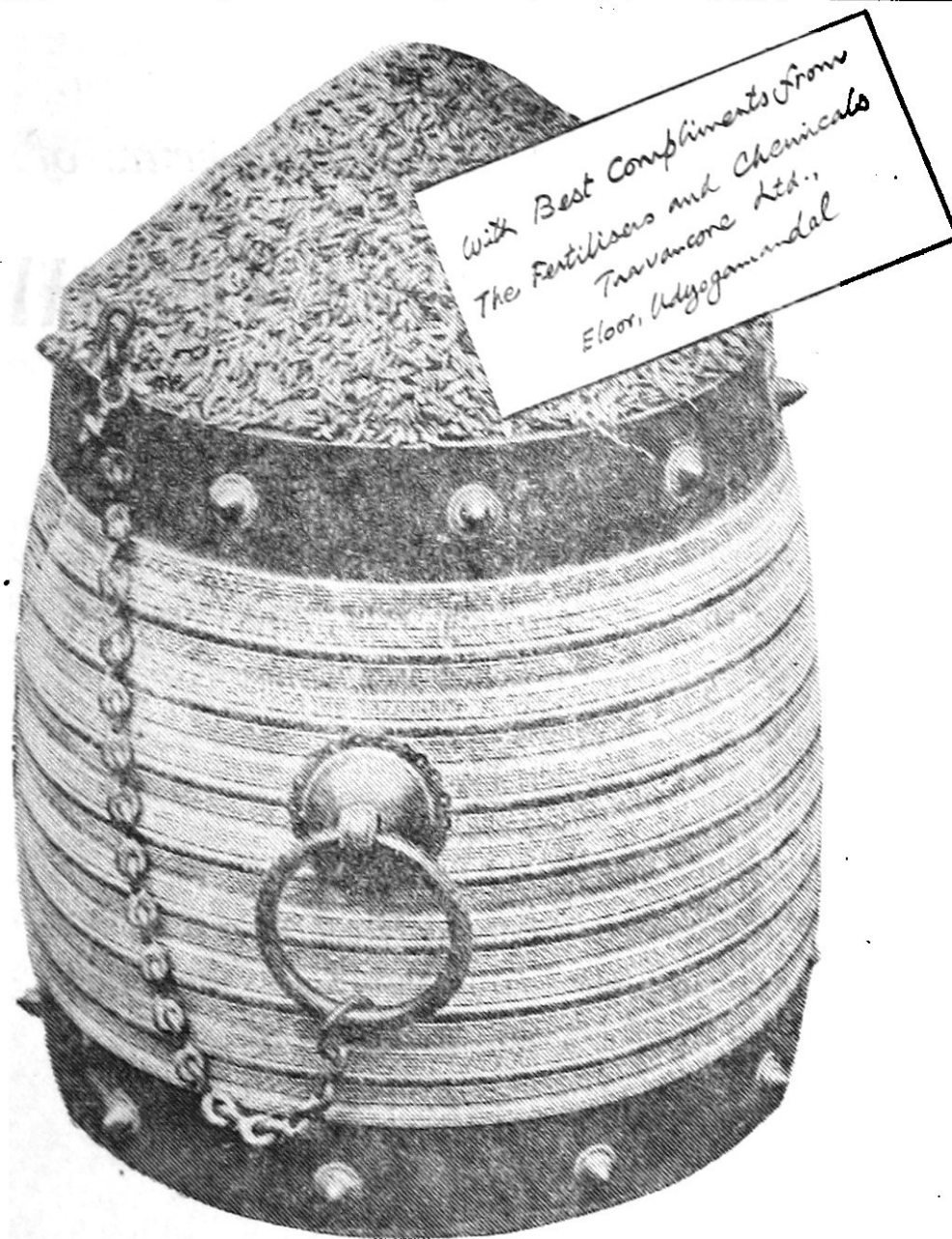
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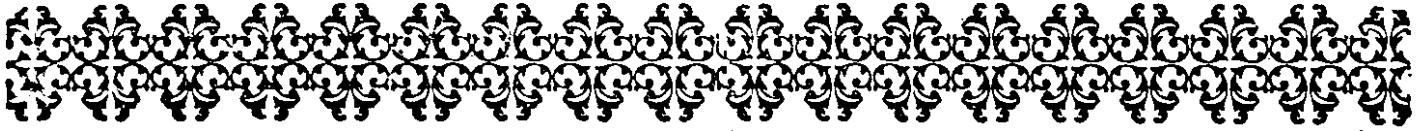
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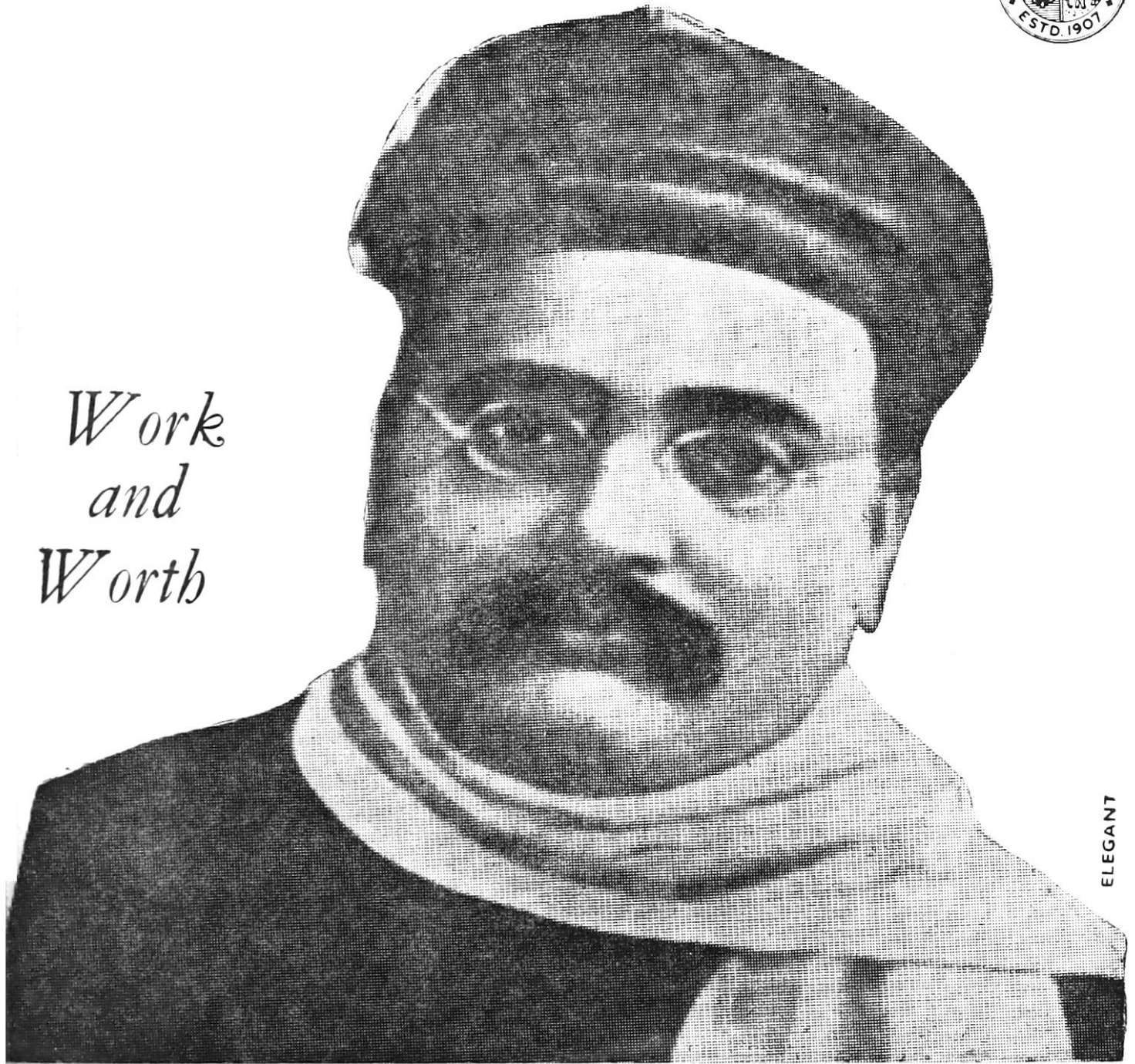
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