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WITHIN the limited ambit of six short chapters the life and work of Gokhale—that indomitable and selfless Nationalist—has been admirably recorded. As opposed to Tilak, who was an extremist, Gokhale was a moderate, but both were charged with the same passionate zeal for the emancipation of the country.

Gandhi's entry into Indian scene on his return from Natal and Pretoria had a tremendous impact on both Tilak and Gokhale, and although Gandhi accepted Gokhale as his guru his admiration for Tilak was as great.

This presentation by the Author in a short volume which he aptly calls "Political Thought of Gokhale" can very well launch a student of Politics into the midstream of political movement in India and provide him with a sturdy background for his intellectual fare.

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PREFACE

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