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DEDICATED  
TO THE LOVING MEMORY OF MY



Grandmother  
Nistarini Devi,



Grandfather  
Moti Lal Ghose,



Father  
Nriya Gopal Dutt,



And Little Son Amiya Gopal,  
All of Whom have left the Land of the Living,  
But Whom I hope to meet again.

## PREFACE

I cannot help a little egoism in this foreword. I was born under the roof where Babu Moti Lal Ghose was working on a day (28th October, 1897) exactly 50 years after he was born (28th October, 1847). I lived with him under the same roof upto his death (5th September, 1922), *i.e.*, for 25 years. So, the first 25 years of my life were spent constantly with him. When I look back I find, besides my father, one outstanding figure who predominated over everybody during this period and this was Moti Lal Ghose. My earliest recollection is, perhaps, about Moti Lal Ghose. When as a boy of five I was standing on the roof of our house at Deoghur I saw him coming from Jashidi in a Trolley and stopping in front of our house. That is, perhaps, my earliest recollection of him. Since then, perhaps, not a single day passed when I did not remember him. He was at first my playmate, then a teacher, who taught me music, writing and morals, then a friend, philosopher and guide, and lastly I became his constant companion, an amanuensis, a Private Secretary and an attendant, rolled into one. Indeed, the little that I have learnt has been mostly from my father, the late Nritya Gopal Dutt and my grandfather, Moti Lal Ghose. The former taught me the language and the latter gave me the idea. These two were my *gurus* in the literary world. Moti Lal Ghose had a public life extending over nearly sixty years. The present generation may yet like to know something about a man who was one of the makers of modern Bengal and who made journalism in this land a power and not a mere profession. This is my apology for writing his biography. I wish it were in better hands. Nobody is more conscious of my failings than I am. Knowing them as I do I hesitate to come forward before the public. But the subject, I think, is a sacred one and the public, I hope, will receive it in that light.

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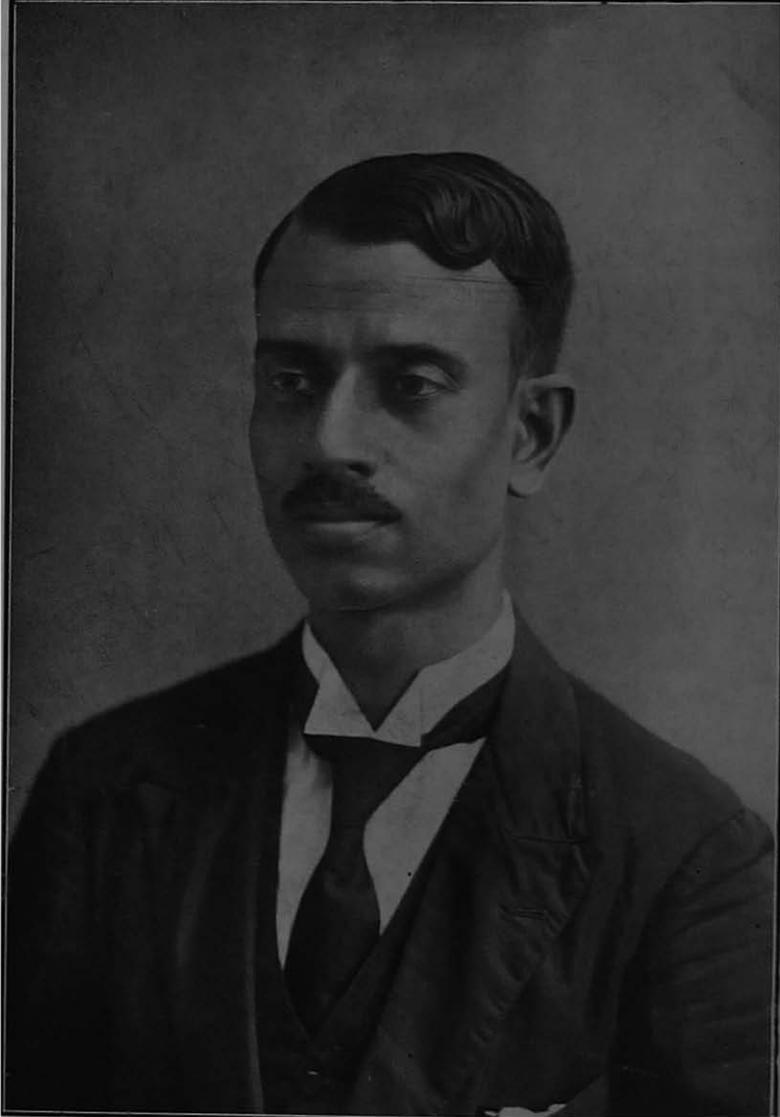
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