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FOREWORD

We have great pleasure in presenting to our readers, this small volume as a Souvenir on the happy occasion of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Mahratta Education Fund, Madras.

The Souvenir consists practically of four parts. The first gives us a brief History of the M. E. F. with a statement of the progress it has been making all these years, the successive List of Office Bearers and a list of Scholarship-holders whom it has benefited by its activities.

The second part is devoted to a brief account of the Eminent Maharashtrians that have adorned South India for the last one hundred years and more. It is difficult for anybody to choose a standard of eminence which would be acceptable to all; but we have spared no pains to make the list as representative as possible in the circumstances.

The third part consists of a few historical and cultural studies contributed by our good friends, who have laboured long and earnestly in their respective subjects. Some of these articles are devoted to Literature, Art and Music; others are of Economic interest—especially those relating to the Population Problem and the Enquiry into the Economic condition of the people. We hope that the articles will be of use to research workers and therefore the volume will be found on the shelves of every Library—public and private.

Last follows the list of Maharashtrian residents in the City of Madras, (Brahmins, Kshatriyas and others), giving over a thousand names, which we trust will be of great value.

One may notice a few omissions of portraits, which we wish we could have given, if it had been possible to secure them in time.

In commemoration of the Silver Jubilee, a Meeting Hall is to be built on the site belonging to the Fund in Mowbray's Road, Mylapore—known as *Maharashtra Nivas*—the plans and estimates of which have been approved by the Managing Committee. The Ground Plan and Front Elevation of the Hall are printed to face pages 72 and 73 of this volume. It is hoped that the Hall will be completed in a few months.

We are happy to announce that a Marathi edition of the Souvenir is being issued separately.

Many ladies and gentlemen have sacrificed their time and energy to help us in this work; and to them all we tender our heartiest thanks.

> N. R. KEDARI RAO, Editor, Silver Jubilee Souvenir.

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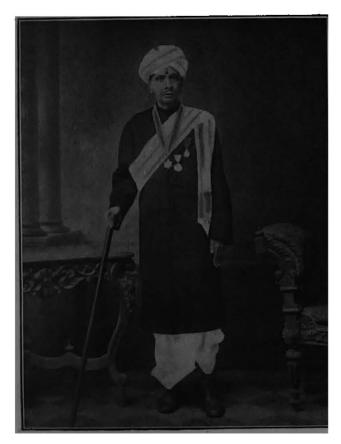
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GREETINGS

- This is the hour when we rejoice, The close of five and twenty years Of service rendered to the poor, In a bright and worthy manner.
- A hundred youths and maidens young, Whom chance had thrown the hapless among, Rescued from a life of want and gloom, Now claim a cheerful home.
- 3. Hail to those who won the glory, Heroes and heroines of our story, Pillars of a strong and mighty structure, With a bright and rosy future.
- 4. With hopeful hearts and youthful store, ' Of Energy and Faith as before, The Fund shall do its duty blest, The Lord will do the rest.

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