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As General Editor of this Series I must thank my friend Mr. Phiroz Taraporevala for his help in making it possible. His brother the late Kaikhushru was keenly interested in a series of books in Librarianship and it is a fitting tribute to his memory that the present series is named after him.

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## GENERAL EDITOR'S PREFACE

I consider it an honour to include the name of Raosaheb S. R. Ranganathan among the writers of the Kaikhushru Taraporevala Memorial Series. In a sense the idea of starting this series was given to me by him. When I told him that the work done by him and the Madras Library Association in publishing his magnificent series of books on Library Science was an adequate expression of our Library consciousness, he differed from me. He said he desired that "books on Library Science, of all ranges, of all depths, of all standards, of all sizes and in all languages should flow incessantly from all parts of our Motherland."

Partly as a result of this conversation, I contemplated a series of primers on various aspects of Library Science and my friend Mr. Phiroz Taraporevala very willingly gave me his support and agreed to my suggestion that it should be named after his brother and my friend, the late Kaikhushru Taraporevals. Mr. S. V. Damle of the N. K. Publishing House, Poona also enthusiastically offered his co-operation in bringing out the Series. As its General Editor I must express my thanks to all these three friends for making the venture possible.

In December 1944 Raosaheb Ranganathan was invited by me to speak to the students of the Diploma Class in Librarianship conducted by the University of Bombay. He very readily agreed and gave a course of six lectures on Library Classification. The present book is based on these lectures. It is an admirable summary of all that the Raosaheb has thought and written on this problem and I have no doubt that it will prove an excellent introduction to the Science of Classification.

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