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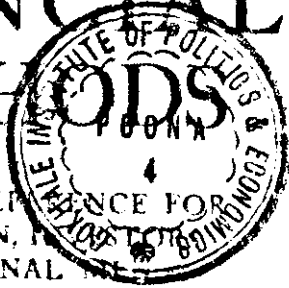
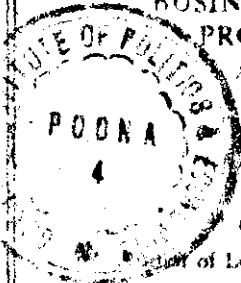
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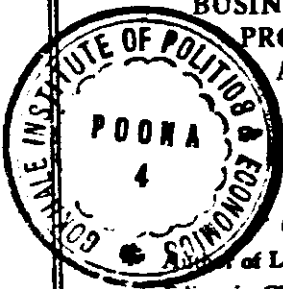
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## FOREWORD.

**W**E are rapidly nearing an epoch when all men will be compelled to study the science of finance in order to survive in the fierce business struggle.

Out of this progress has risen a new literature—the literature of finance.

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