



Reminiscences of



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**REMINISCENCES OF**


**the late Hon. Mr. G. K. Gokhale**



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# Gokhale

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*Heroic heart ! lost hope of all our days !  
Need'st thou the homage of our love or praise ?  
Lo ! let the mournful millions round thy pyre  
Kindle their souls with consecrated fire  
Caught from the brave torch fallen from thy hand,  
To succour and to serve our stricken land,  
And in a daily worship taught by thee,  
Upbuild the temple of her Unity.*

Sarajini Naidu

Hyderabad ( Deccan ) 1915.



Prof. G. K. Gokhale.

Born, 9th May, 1866.

Died, 19th Feb. 1915.

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## FOREWORD

These reminiscences and recollections were written at the special request of the Editor of the *Elphinstonian* which, as the reading public are aware, is the valuable organ of the students for the time being of Elphinstone College, that mother of all collegiate institutions in the Bombay Presidency. It was suggested that should these be reprinted in the form of a brochure they would appeal to a wider circle of Elphinstonians and others greatly interested in the sayings and doings of that brilliant Indian politician who had in his comparatively short public career so really won the esteem and regard of thousands of his country-men. Responding to that suggestion I have now issued this little brochure, taking the opportunity to add a few more recollections here and there to illustrate some of the striking

traits of his active life. The brochure is in no sense a biography of Mr. Gokhale and lays no claim to pronounce any verdict on his public career which, as I have already stated, must be left to posterity.

D. E. WACHA.

*15th September 1915.*