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PREFACE.

THIS book is intended for the help of those who, not being Arabic or Persian scholars, would like to know something about the Oriental coins which may come in their way, as well as of others who with a knowledge of these languages find difficulties in the lettering, arrangements, and reading of the legends, which are often so different in these respects from the plain writing of a MS. or the print of a book, and in the meanings of marks and symbols which are to be found on coins.

It originated in notes, made during several years, in a copy of that valuable but now scarce book, "Elements de la Numismatique Musulmane," by F. Soret, Brussels, 1864, a reprint from *Revue de la Numismatique Belge*, ser. IV, tome ii. Considerable correspondence from India and at home, personal references made to me, and the remembrance of my own troubles when beginning to work at Oriental coins some years ago in India without much aid from books, have guided me as to what might be most usefully included in such a Manual as this.

The book will, I hope, be found useful, as one of ready reference, to Oriental numismatists generally, in the same way as Soret's has been to those who had a copy of it.

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