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PREFACE.

IN the structure of this Grammar I have followed the usual system adopted in similar Grammars, and divided it into five parts, *viz.*, Orthography, Accidence, Syntax, Miscellaneous Phrases, and Short Stories and Vocabulary. I have also added a short note about the language of the Western Daffas.

I have endeavoured to be brief, and to show chiefly the points of difference between the language I am dealing with and the Sadiya Shaiyang Miri language.

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PART I—ORTHOGRAPHY.

As far as possible I follow the system of Messrs. Needham and Endle in their Miri and Cachari Grammars.

I.—VOWELS.

- (a) When not marked, always short, as in 'company.'
- (â) Long, as in 'father.'
- (ä) Like 'a' in ball.
- (e) When not marked, always short, as in *then*.
- (ê) Long, as in *they*.
- (i) Unmarked, short, as in *pen*.
- (i) Long, as in *machine*.
- (o) Unmarked, like the 'o' in *not*.
- (ô) Long, as in *bone*.
- (u) Unmarked, like 'u' in *bull*.
- (û) Short, like 'u' in *much*.
- (ù) Long, like 'o' in *tomb*.
- (ü) Like the French 'u' in *lune*.