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PREFACE.

The idea of publishing an English edition of my *Handboek der Indische Klankleer* (Leiden, Blankenberg & Co. 1894) was suggested to me by others; but for that suggestion this translation certainly would not have been undertaken. In general I have followed the Dutch text; alterations have been made only, when there were positive inaccuracies in the Dutch edition or when an alteration had become necessary because of the progress of comparative philology since 1894. I have also considerably augmented the references to the scientific literature and somewhat enlarged the part on the accent. Some emendations are due to the recensions of Kern, Speyer, Zubatý [and Johansson], of whose observations and remarks I have made a grateful use.

I further need only repeat, what I said in the preface to the Dutch original: the purpose of my having composed this little handbook is to introduce the student into the comparative-phonetic study of Sanskrit. Though as a rule students of Classical and Germanic philology do not read Vedic texts, I have not hesitated to cite words and forms, which had already become obsolete in the epic and classical language, mentioning, of course, the fact, that such a word only oc-

curs in Vedic. In general I have avoided to cite Iranic, Lithuanian and Slavonic: I know, it is true, that this lessens the scientific worth of my book, but I do not think it desirable to trouble the student with several languages, which are either quite unknown to him or which he only just begins to learn.

May this edition be of some use to the students in England, America and India.

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