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EDITOR'S PREFACE.

THE manuscripts of the essays contained in this volume were found among the papers of the late Capt. C. J. F. S. Forbes after his death. Unfinished though they are, it is yet deemed expedient to publish them, because they relate for the most part to a department of philology in which the student has little light to guide him, and in which any the smallest addition to our present knowledge may possess some value and interest.

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P R E F A C E .

THE object of this little treatise is to direct the attention of competent scholars to the races and languages of Indo-China, by throwing into shape the data that exist independently respecting each. It may thus be more easily seen, on what points light has already been thrown, and what facilities exist for scientific investigation.

The author's only apology for attempting the task is, that no one else is, or seems to be, inclined to undertake it. We have several works, more or less extensive, on some of the countries and inhabitants of these regions, with grammars and dictionaries of their languages; but no one has taken the trouble to study the whole, and make a scientific comparison of the parts. The consequence is that there is not a single work treating of the Indo-Chinese races and languages, which does not contain gross mistakes on important points.

In the first part of the work an attempt has been made, by a careful collation and comparison of all existing information, to trace briefly the origin and rise of the principal nations occupying the Indo-Chinese region.

The second part is devoted to a short comparative grammar of the Mon, Cambodian, and Anamese languages, being an endeavour to prove that these three form one family, the Mon-Anam. These races, together with the wild tribes allied to them, the author has ventured to consider, in opposition to generally received authorities, as the earliest settlers in the ultra-Gangetic countries.

No attempt has been made to write a complete grammar, for that of each language exists elsewhere; and throughout, the great aim has been brevity, in the endeavour to give the outlines which others, more competent, may fill up in detail.

The compilation of a work, however small, requiring constant reference to a number of books on special subjects, in an Indian jungle station, away from libraries, is a task the difficulty of which may honestly and fairly be pleaded in excuse of many shortcomings.

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