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TO THE ELUCIDATION OF THE

ANCIENT LITERATURE AND HISTORY OF MY COUNTRY,

AND HAS AWAKENED IN MY COUNTRYMEN

A LIVING INTEREST IN THEIR PAST,

I GRATEFULLY DEDICATE THIS VOLUME.

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## *PREFACE.*

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**T**HE idea of writing a History of Hindu Civilisation first occurred to me sixteen years ago, when I submitted to the Oriental Congress a short essay on Aryan Civilisation in India, which earned a prize awarded by the Italian Government. The execution of the work, however, has had to be postponed from year to year for various reasons which it is needless to mention. Even now, the work is published with considerable diffidence, as, on many points, the information which I have been able to collect is meagre and unsatisfactory. I venture to hope, however, that the present publication will create interest in the subject, and thus lead eventually to a more exhaustive treatment of it.

PREFACE.

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