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PREFATORY NOTE.

THE subjoined Memoir on the obscure annals of the Gupta Kings of India was undertaken, in the first instance, with the limited purpose of describing Mr. Burgess's newly-acquired coins in the pages of his Archæological Report for the season of 1874-5.

Circumstances connected with his return to India, and the incidentally-delayed calls for MS., have enabled me to revise and amplify several sections of my original text ; others, wholly or partially set up in type, have been retained in their outline form ; while, latterly, important notes, which would have required time to complete, have been deferred for future publication, so as to avoid any interference with the progress of the Editor's leading Report, already somewhat in arrear.

A brief notice of some Muhammadan coins—obtained on the same occasion—which illustrate the transfer of Ethnic supremacies in the valley of the Indus, concludes these independent Chapters.



