

PUBLISHER'S NOTE

The purest gems lie hidden in the bottom of the ocean or in the depths of rocks. One has to dive into the ocean or delve into the rocks to find them out. Similarly truth lies concealed in the language that with the lapse of time has become obsolete. Man has to learn that language before he discovers that truth.

But he has neither the means nor the leisure to embark for that venture. We have therefore planned to help him acquire knowledge by the easier course. We have started the series of *Ancient Indian Tradition and Mythology in English Translation*. Our goal is to universalise knowledge through the most popular, international medium of expression. The publication of the Purāṇas in English translation is the step towards that goal.