

## POSTSCRIPTUM

The author of this work, the late Professor S. Sørensen (\*23rd November, 1849—†8th December, 1902), was an eminent Sanskrit scholar. While an undergraduate he strenuously applied himself to the study of Classical Philology and Sanskrit at the University of Copenhagen, where he became a pupil of J. N. Madvig and N. L. Westergaard. In 1883 he took the degree of doctor of philosophy with a most valuable and comprehensive dissertation on the "Mahābhārata and its Place in Indian Literature", in which he made an attempt at determining the oldest elements of that great epic. Unfortunately he only obtained the professorship of Indian Philology in the Copenhagen University at an advanced age. In 1902, a short time before his premature death, he succeeded V. Fausbøll in the only chair of Indian Philology in the Copenhagen University.

He began to collect the materials for the present work as long ago as about the year 1880, and continued it under great difficulties and self-sacrifice. In the year 1902 the work was so far advanced that he could commence printing, but only the first four sheets (pages 1-32) had been put into type before his death. The manuscript of the preface, the concordance, and pages 33-153 had been put into final shape by him, whilst the materials for the rest of the work were left unrevised. In these circumstances it was resolved that the work should be continued, and the revision and final preparation of the manuscript was, under the superintendence of the undersigned D. Andersen, committed to the undersigned E. Olesen, who had already assisted the author for two years.

During the further revision, however, it was found that the collection of the material had partly been provisional, and some time had to be spent in completing it. Furthermore, it was considered advisable to add a selection of the various readings from the Bombay Edition. This accounts for the rather numerous Additions and Corrections. Several other difficulties arose during the preparation and printing of the work, especially in the time of the Great War, but they were all overcome and now we are amply rewarded for all our efforts in being able to place the great work of our compatriot before the learned world.

Our sincere thanks are due to Professor Sten Konow and to Sir George A. Grierson, who both of them have read all the proofs and given us many valuable hints. Also the printers deserve our best thanks for their accurate and skilful work. No less thanks are due to the publishers, who have been ready to carry out this far from lucrative undertaking.

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