

## PREFACE.

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The Taittiríya Bráhmaṇa of the Black Yajur Veda includes three *Prapáthakas* and a supplement called the *A'ranyaka*, each of which, it is intended, should form a separate volume of the present edition; an analysis of the entire work being annexed to the last. This transference of introductory matter to the end is due to a desire on the part of the Editor not to undertake the task of analysis until after a thorough examination of the text in a printed form. To obviate, however, the inconvenience of this delay in the publication of what should always be placed at the beginning of a book, a detailed table of contents in English has been annexed to this volume, which, it is hoped, will prove of interest to those who have not the leisure to wade through the intricacies of the original Sanskrita.

The manuscripts used in the preparation of the work for the press are—

1st A, a carefully written copy, in *puthi* form, of the text with the accents, now in my possession, but originally transcribed for the late Paṇḍita Sakháráma S'ástrin. Although of modern date, it having had the advantage of revision by the Paṇḍita, is remarkably correct.

2nd B, a modern copy of the text without accents, *puthi* form, carelessly written and untrustworthy, except the last book which is correct.

3rd C, a manuscript about a hundred years old, lent to me by a Benares Paṇḍita through Bábu S'ivaprasáda.

4th D, a tolerably correct text from the Benares College, procured for me by Dr. Fitz-Edward Hall.

5th E,—Ditto ditto, more modern than the former: neither has any number or mark on it.