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To

dr. prabhakar tamkrishna

bhandarkar
PREFACE

The following pages are the expanded form of a few addresses I had the honour of delivering at the Central India Brahma Samaja, Indore, a short time ago.

At the commencement of the first chapter I have made just a passing reference to what I have called the Karma-yoga-Bhakti, a detailed account of which is given in the third chapter.

As I have expressly said, the criticism, passed against the teaching of the Gita in the fourth and the fifth chapter, is only provisional. I very much regret that I have not been able to fulfil the promise, made on page 105, to show how this criticism does not apply to the teaching of the Gita. All that I can say just now is that I fully remember that the debt remains to be paid, and that, life and health permitting, I shall, on an early occasion and in a separate volume, try to remove these objections, and also to discuss the objections which are usually brought against the teaching of Shankar. In order to show that this is not
a mere dream, I may mention that I have already prepared the manuscript of nearly three-fourths of the other volume, which will deal with such topics as these:—Western thinkers on the Hindu Religion and Hindu philosophy.—What is Pantheism?—Is Shankar's Vedanta Pantheistic?—Shankar and Ramanuja.—Ramanuja vs. Shankar.—Defence of Shankar against Ramanuja.—What is Asceticism?—Is the teaching of the Gita as interpreted by Shankar Asceticism?&c.

The only thing that now remains for me to do is to perform the pleasant duty of expressing my sincere gratefulness to Dr. Prabhakar Ramkrishna Bhandarkar,—whom I feel and shall ever feel proud to call my friend,—for his having urged and encouraged me to undertake and carry on this study, to Principal Cholmondeley of this college for his having kindly gone through certain portions of the manuscript of this essay and made some linguistic corrections, and to Rao Bahadur Achyut Bhaskar Desai for his having generously helped me to get the book through the press.

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