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ASAMAR PADYA-BURANJI

A METRICAL CHRONICLE OF ASSAM

Consisting of

Dutiram Hazarika's *Kali-Bharat* and

Bisweswar Vaidyadhipa's *Belimarar Buranji*

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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

The present publication *Asamar Padya-Bura iji*, or a metrical chronicle of Assam, contains two separate books, *viz. Kalibharat Buranji* by Dutiram Swarnakar Hazarika Satola, a history of Assam from the accession of Sulikpha Ratnadhvaj Singha Lora Raja in 1679, to the transfer of the territories of the Honourable East India Company to the Crown in 1858; and *Belimarar Buranji* by Bisweswar Vaidyadhupa, from Captain Welsh's expedition to Assam in 1792 to the victory of the Burman army at Khagarijan or Nowgong in 1819. Both these books were compiled, directly or indirectly, at the instance of Maharaja Purandar Singha, King of Assam from 1817 to 1818 during the period of Burmese invasion, and feudatory chief of Upper Assam under British protection from 1833 to 1838. The original manuscript of Dutiram's book was recovered for the Assam Sahitya-Sabha by Srijut Harinarayan Datta-Barua, Teacher, Jorhat Normal Training School, from the author's elder son Srijut Kamalapati Hazarika of Jorhat; and that of Bisweswar's chronicle by Srijut Hemachandra Bargohain, Mauzadar of Namti and son-in-law of the late Juvaraj Kesavkanta Singha, from a villager of his locality.

The Department records its indebtedness to the Assam Sahitya-Sabha for lending the manuscript of Dutiram with permission to use it for publication; to Srijut Harinarayan Datta-Barua, a corresponding Member of our Department, for obtaining the permission of Srijut Kamalapati Hazarika for publishing his

father's book, and for placing at our disposal valuable information about the life of Dutiram Hazarika collected from the author's family at Jorhat; to Srijut Sonadhar Das, Registrar of the Assam Civil Secretariat, retired, and Secretary of the Assam Baniya Sabha, for furnishing details of the life, ancestry and literary achievements of Dutiram; to Srijut Anandaram Buragohain, B.A., for acquiring for the Department the original manuscript puthi of Bisweswar's buranji from Srijut Hemchandra Bargohain; to Srijuts Basudev Misra, B.A., and Madhabchandra Barooah of the staff of the D.H.A.S. for assistance in transcription, editing and proof-correction.

The book is furnished with a detailed critical and biographical review in Assamese. To widen the scope of its usefulness we have prefixed an introduction in English; and have inserted a carefully prepared synopsis in English at the end of the book. We hope the publication of *Asamar Padya-Buranji* will lead to the recovery of other metrical chronicles which are as prolific and valuable as their prose counterparts.

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