ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Though it is not possible to mention everyone by name I would like to thank all those who helped me in my academic journey towards the completion of this Doctoral thesis.

I would first thank the UGC, for granting me a two + one year leave under its Faculty Improvement Programme that made this Project financially and otherwise viable. It was while working on a UGC sponsored Minor Research Project entitled, *Rev. Krishna Mohan Banerjea – an Outstanding Derozian*, that I stumbled upon the theme for my Doctoral thesis.

To my Principal Supervisor, Dr. Sudeshna Banerjee for her valuable academic advice, guidance, patience and encouragement through my years of toil.

To Dr. Himadri Banerjee, my Co-Supervisor for his understanding, encouragement, meticulous evaluation and constructive suggestions.

To Dr. John Abraham, Rector and Secretary, Scottish Church College, Kolkata, for his continued support and cooperation.

To Dr. Kasinath Ghosh, Vice-Principal-in-Charge, Scottish Church College, for his kind support and cooperation.

To all my colleagues at Scottish Church College especially in the Department of English, for their cooperation and support.

To Rt. Rev. Asoke Biswas, Bishop of Kolkata, the Presbyters of St. Mary’s Church, Kolkata, Christ Church, Kolkata, Trinity Church, Kolkata and Duff Church, Kolkata, and all members of clergy especially Rt. Rev. Dr. D.C. Gorai, former Bishop of Kolkata, who patiently heard me out and gave me sound advice.

To the Librarian Smt. Manashi Guha and the library staff at the Scottish Church College library, for their very enthusiastic and prompt assistance even when stressed with other library responsibilities.

To the Librarian and library staff of National Library, Kolkata for their cooperation and assistance.

To the Librarian and staff of Bishops’ College Library, Kolkata, for their assistance and cooperation and valuable inputs on my subject.

To the Librarian, St. Paul’s College Library, Kolkata for his advice and assistance.
To the Librarian, Goethals’s Library, Kolkata for his cooperation and assistance.

To the Faculty and Librarian at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta for their encouragement, support and guidance.

To late Sri Sunil Chatterjee, Librarian, Carey Library, Serampore, for his generous assistance and very constructive words of advice, and all other staff members of the Carey Library.

I owe a special word of thanks to Rev. Dr. Lachungnunga, former Principal, Serampore College for granting special permission to stay in the College Guest House to carry out my field work.

To the Librarian, Uttarpara Jaykrishna Public Library for her help and cooperation.

To the Librarian and staff of Bangiya Sahitya Parishat, for their assistance and cooperation.

To the Librarian, the Raj Bhavan Library, Kolkata, for her advice and cooperation.

To the staff at the office of the Bengali Christian periodical Nabayan, for providing valuable information related to my project.

To the Secretary and staff, YMCA, Kolkata for their cooperation.

To the Secretary and staff of the Bible Society of India, Kolkata auxiliary, for all their help.

To all those who have helped with material from personal collections especially to Gorachand Karmakar whose invaluable private collection of books has been a great source of information.

To Prof. Kalyan Chunder Dutt who has helped not only with priceless material but also with words of advice and insightful thoughts.

I would take this opportunity to thank all my interviewees who through their testimonies helped me build a large part of the premise for my thesis.

To my family members for standing by me and inspiring me when I most needed their patient and unceasing support especially my husband and daughter for their encouragement and quiet understanding.

Arpita Mukerji (nee Ghosh)
September 2013.