NOTE ON LOCAL WORDS USED IN THE TEXT

All local words used in the text have been underlined. Where the local words stand for the name of the deities these begin with capital letters. In case of the other words small letters have been used. When the words first appear in the text these have been explained either in the text or within brackets. Many names of animals and indigenous plants have been used. The scientific names of these animals and plants could not be identified in many cases because of paucity of time. In such cases we have given the names without their English or scientific equivalents.

Wherever possible we have tried to approximate the local pronunciation in our spellings.