PREFACE

HAVE the Khasis been aware of their language? The answer could be simple if we consider that they have been using it for all purposes from time immemorial. What the educated few did for their language, is the prime concern of the present work.

The study has to begin with the 19th century because we are fortunate enough to have certain works which are worthy of examination. Inspired by my supervisor, I started collecting data; and discussed with him at every stage. There was a time when I mentioned to him that I intended to scale his works also, he reluctantly agreed on condition that they are worth even recording for the benefit of historical linguists. The present study reveals all the important contributions of the Khasis to the understanding of their own language.

The contents show the areas of the study. So I submit the work for scrutiny.

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