Preface

The present thesis is an outcome of my extensive studies in epigraphy for over twenty years. The inscriptions of the Kadambas of Goa were copied by me during the years 1954-55 and 1963-65. Besides the inscriptions of the Kadambas, I have copied numerous inscriptions of the Silaharas of Kolhapur, the Rattas of Saudatti, the Kalachuris of Mangalvedhe, the Guttas of Guttal and so on. The study of epigraphy and archaeology, which has been pursued by me with missionary zeal, has become as it were a second nature with me. I have collected several reference books essential for the study of epigraphy, archaeology, Indian calendar, linguistics and so on. I received valuable encouragement from Dr. P.B. Desai from the earlier period and from many other scholars in later period. As the Fellow of the Karnatak College I had published research articles in the Sanskrit Association under the guidance of late Dr. V.G. Bhat and Prof. R.A. Jahagirdar. During the course of taking prints of epigraphs I had several thrilling experiences, while moving in jungles or in wet fields in the rains or dry lands under the scorching sun, which troubles were crowned occasionally with valuable finds. I desire to dedicate my future years in the study of epigraphs and in writing histories of dynasties, major or minor.

R. N. Gurav.