

FOREWORD

Investigations embodied in this thesis entitled " Synthetic Studies in Di- and Triterpenoids " have been carried out in the Department of Organic Chemistry, Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, Calcutta - 32, during the years 1957-1960. It has been divided into two sections. Section A deals with the results leading to the synthesis of two isomers of 1,10-dimethyl-decalin-1-carboxylic acid having definite stereochemistry. Section B is concerned with the development of a new method for the synthesis of the triterpenoid skeleton, ring by ring. In the " Introduction ", a brief summary of the nature and object of the work, incorporated in this thesis, has been appended.
