As is the case with all sciences, the growth of linguistics is marked by greater and greater specialisation. It has been my privilege to work on a subject in descriptive linguistics.

It is the purpose of this work to present a descriptive study of Central and North Bhili based on author's own fieldwork, and to supply reliable data for further studies in Bhili.

When different Bhili dialects are thus described, the ground is prepared for determining the position of Bhili in Indo-Aryan languages. It has been noticed that Bhili in the West shares some features with Gujarati, in North-West with Rajasthani and in South with Khandeshi and Marathi.

Besides considering parts of Bhili as transition area, it is also useful to describe Bhili - or varieties of Bhili as coherent language systems; this may enable us to work out a proto Bhili stratum - if there is any - in Indo-Aryan.

I have, therefore, described the two major dialects of Bhili as independent language systems. A brief comparison of the Bhili morphophonemics with Gujarati morphophonemics, given as an appendix, may give an idea of the degree of similarity at the morphophonemics level.
In the course of my work on the present thesis, I have had my first opportunity to apply some of those very principles which I had learnt in the classroom, and to see them work themselves out in concrete detail. For me, this is but the beginning of a great and absorbing intellectual experience for the years to come.

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