PREFACE

The Study of the Assamese Middle Class forms an important part of any analysis of historical developments in Assam in the colonial and post colonial periods. This work was undertaken because the Assamese Middle Class has not been studied exhaustively and from the right perspective till now by scholars working on various phases of historical development in Assam. In the course of this work, records in the State Archives of Assam, the National Archives of India, the National Library, Calcutta, and the West Bengal Archives were consulted to gather enough data for the study. As sufficient materials were not available in government documents and other published and unpublished sources, a field trip was undertaken to collect information in the tradition of Oral History. The results of that field trip are included in the Appendices of this work and the details of the other data collected can be found in the bibliography.