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Peace, Progress and Prosperity of every country largely depend on its political sovereignty — independence. To attain political independence, as also to preserve it, patriotic sentiment is essential. Spirit of oneness — something common — breeds a sense of unity and consciousness; and all these are termed "national". Common grievance, common difficulty and common danger always give rise to intense nationalism and its growth.

History of any country means the history of its people and their civilisation, more particularly the rise and growth of nationalism. So the study of nationalism of any country is of basic importance. To us, the Indians, the study of Indian nationalism is all the more important. Karnataka people take pride not merely in the rise and growth of Indian nationalism, but also those of nationalism in Karnataka. From my early student days I was attracted to the theme of nationalism in Karnataka.

As regards the source material for the thesis,
they have been numerous in some respects, while very scanty or sketchy in other respects. An attempt has been made to collect the material from different sources and classify them. The task of classification or utilisation of the various material has not been always easy. Further the nature of the subject appeared to me to be such that repetition of some ideas or events in different places, could not altogether be avoided.

This work may be regarded, besides its being a thesis, as a token of my gratitude for the dedication and sufferings the freedom-fighters and martyrs of the nation in general and this region in particular underwent.

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