

## PREFACE

I present in the following pages the result of my work on the theiss titled 'S'ri Gokulanāthajī's contribution to S'uddhādvaita Vedānta.' The term S'uddhādvaita Vedānta is understood here in its wider sense, a School of Philosophy and Religion, particularly The Puṣṭimārga. I have tried my best to obtain all available material and have made judicious use of it. How the present work tends to add to the advancement of general knowledge, is said in the statement No.1.

I would like to clarify one point here. The words bhāṣya, ṭīkā, vivṛti, vivaraṇa, vyākhyā, etc., have some technical sense, but it appears that the writers of Vallabha Saṁpradāya have not been scrupulous in using these words. I have used in English the words tract and commentary (or ṭīkā) for all such words. As regards transliteration, I have to state that I have not followed it in the case of names which are popularly spelt otherwise.

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