

## II.

### I N T R O D U C T I O N.

Natural aptitude for the study of Sanskrit literature enhanced by the study of Philosophical Sanskrit literature at the B.A. course and - especially by the study of the Bhāgavata Purāṇa and the Purāṇic literature at the M.A. . Hence the choice of this subject (for the Ph.D. degree) requiring a critical study of the different trends of Bhakti in India and abroad and particularly the intensive study of the Bhāgavata Purāṇa and the cognate literature thereon.

It is an attempt at the critical study of the devotional literature of India and abroad in general and of the Bhāgavata Purāṇa in particular.

Bhakti - a worldwide institution and the Bhāgavata pre-eminently the Bhakti Purāṇa with its universal appeal to humanity at large.