PREFACE.

In all humility, I present my Thesis

"BHAKTI CULT OF THE BHAGAVATA PURAŅA".

In order to facilitate easy reading and quick apprehension of the Thesis, I would like to emphasise the following:-

- 1. The Thesis comprises of eight chapters and an Appendix.
- 2. The scheme of transliteration is followed all throughout.
- 3. In the statements, the methodology,

 Bibliography and my humble claim to

 original contribution to the general

 advancement of knowledge, have been

 properly detailed.
- 4. For easy reference to the original works consulted by me, a list of abbreviations used is also included.
- 5. To give a bird's eye-view of the Thesis, the Synopsis is also appended.