

Sanskrit, almost synonymous, and may be conveniently represented by the same words. If ten or fifteen equivalents under one of these words, say, Cheat, Censure, or Way, are given, it would be unnecessary to repeat all of them again under the synonymous words. In all such cases, therefore, references have been made to some general word under which are given all the equivalents. In a few cases the reference has been made, not for any equivalents, but for any expressions, phrases, idioms &c. that may have been given under the principal word. In no case will the student have to refer to the Dictionary *more than twice*.

In a work which professes to deal with the phrases and expressions of the English Language, the writer cannot afford to disregard the several small useful proverbs, mottoes, or other expressions which have become proverbial. I have, with this view, inserted, under some principal word therein, such proverbs &c., and have given exact or approximate equivalents, wherever they existed in Sanskrit, and have in a few cases given my own translation of them. Of this nature are proverbs given under Bush, Handsome, Make, Oil, Race, Something, Suffer, Touch &c.

With regard to the method of writing the Sanskrit equivalents, an objection might possibly be raised. Throughout the work the usual practice of representing every anusvara in the body of a word by its corresponding nasal has been rejected and the anusvara sign is invariably used, where usually a nasal would stand. I have not been able to understand the principle on which scholars reject this system and betake themselves solely to the other; though the anusvara system is most convenient in printing, and occasionally saves much misunderstanding. Besides, it is a practice generally followed in our old Manuscripts, and is sanctioned by Panini as being optional. For these reasons I have scrupulously followed it in this Dictionary, but more especially because it is very-convenient in printing. The rules of Sandhi, to make the words clearly intelligible, are not in all cases strictly observed.

It now remains for me to do the grateful duty of acknowledging my obligations to those that have assisted me in the preparation of the Dictionary in one form or another. Foremost among them stand the works of Mr. Borocah and Prof. Williams, both of which I have most frequently consult-