To

H. H. Risley, Esq., C.I.E.,
Officier d’Académie.

My dear Risley,

Wherever my search for the plants of Bengal has led me, I have found myself following your footsteps in the study of the folks that dwell in the Lower Provinces and live in the pages of the Tribes and Castes of Bengal.

Will you, then, accept this work as a mark of my appreciation of yours, and a token of my warm regard?

Yours very sincerely,

D. Prain.