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PREFACE

THE preparation of this catalogue has been a pleasant task during the past two years, though the appearance of the work has been considerably delayed by the many exactions of university duties. The plan followed in describing the manuscripts was originally adopted in conference with Mr. Cochran while he was collecting them for his own library, and now that he has presented the collection to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City in order to make it accessible to the public, the plan then designed seems equally suitable for the purpose of the general exhibition of the collection.

The descriptive method, thus chosen, has kept several objects in view. By the side of technical matters for the information of Oriental specialists, particular attention has been paid to the art side of the collection, so as to convey some idea of the illuminations, miniatures, bindings, and the like, in addition to matters of literary interest, details of historic import, or items of a personal nature regarding the individual owners of the copies in generations long past, as gathered from the Oriental seals and memorandums. It would seem that no serious objection could be raised critically to the fulness with which such matters are recorded in the pages that follow.

To the generous donor who made the manuscripts accessible to the public and available to scholars that may wish to consult them in future, a special acknowledgment is due. Beyond that, a personal expression of thanks is owing to him for the constant interest that he has shown, in every possible manner,

in the preparation and publication of the catalogue. Without his aid the volume could not have appeared in the Columbia University Indo-Iranian Series.

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readily, as usual, his technical advice in all matters relating to the make-up of the volume and his skilled service in reading every revise of the proofsheets, to supplement the care bestowed by the readers of the Norwood Press.

To each and all of these willing helpers most hearty thanks are expressed anew.

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