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NOTES.—TRANSCRIPTION. The spelling of Oriental names and terms in the text and Index conforms to the system of phonetic transliteration approved by the International Congress of Orientalists and adopted, in a simplified form, for Indian Government publications. No use, however, has been made of diacritical marks which would appear out of place in a book intended for the general reader.

In the Index an endeavour has been made by a uniform use of hyphens to distinguish the component parts of Turki words whenever clearly traceable. In the text the use of such hyphens has been restricted.

ABBREVIATIONS. The following abbreviations have been employed to mark, where desirable, the derivation of Oriental words : A. Arabic ; Ch. Chinese ; I. Indian ; P. Persian ; Pr. Prakrit ; S. Sanskrit ; T. Turki.