

Till Earth and Sky stand presently at God's great Judgment Seat;  
*But there is neither East nor West, Border nor Breed  
 nor Birth,  
 When two strong men stand face to face, tho' they come  
 from the ends of the Earth.*

I am delighted to see that Anand has mentioned my name in this book. I am proud to have played a small part in the Indian movement for independence during the First World War and, as a result of my experiences, I cherish the indelible memory of the brave Indian freedom fighters.

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## FOREWORD

IT IS PROBABLY BECAUSE I am one of the few contemporaries of Savarkar, and perhaps the only survivor of Germany's fighters for Indian independence, that Vidya Sagar Anand has asked me to write an introductory note to his biography.

I did not meet Savarkar personally, though I certainly experienced his remarkable influence, and I came into contact with many other Indian leaders in Berlin, Constantinople, and Kabul. Indeed the German members of my Mission, in Kabul, were led to pursue our own strategic aims against the British rule, and we were so struck by the profound patriotism of our Indian friends that we had only India's fate in mind, and Afghanistan quickly became merely a geographical starting-point for the general struggle for India's freedom.

Savarkar's unswerving attitude carried us through the most formidable struggles and his conduct was always an example to us all.

It is the great merit of Vidya Sagar Anand's book that he has introduced the work and character of this distinguished man and national leader to a generation greatly in need of such an example. Savarkar deserves such a memorial in the light of precedence given to Mahatma Gandhi and Pundit Nehru.

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