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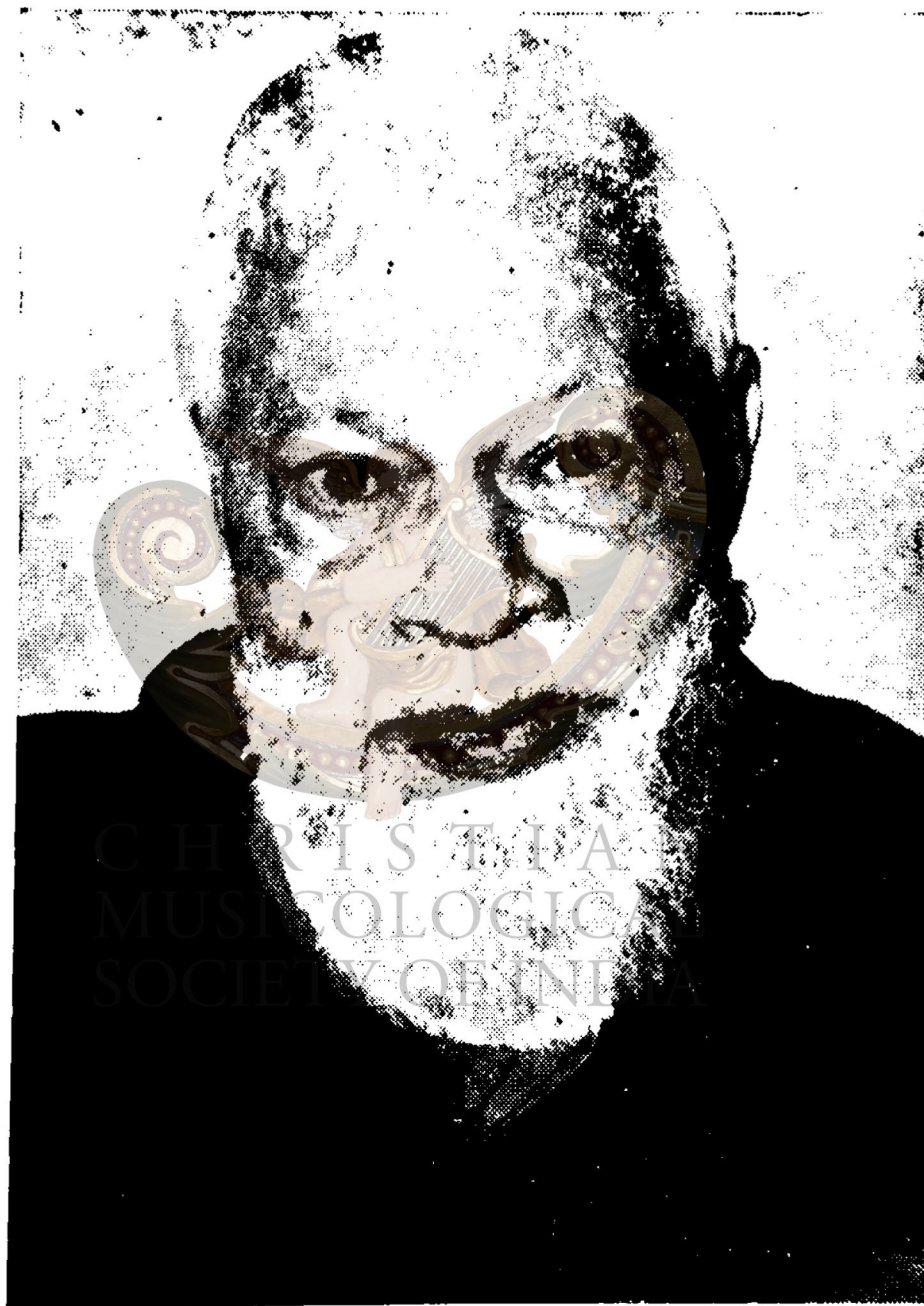
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"Denha Services" is privileged to publish this monograph of the late Rev. Dr. Placid J. Podipara C. M. I., the greatest Indian ecclesiastical luminary of the twentieth century. As it is clear from the "Foreward", the author completed this study in 1963 and has revised it in 1972. Although he entrusted it to me in 1979, he did not allow me to print it immediately. During his last days, he went through the manuscript once again, and then permitted me to publish it.

Certain technical inconveniences forced me again to delay the publication. Thus the divine Providence has brought us to this most auspicious occasion of the Holy Father's visit to India, to publish this important monograph on the origin and history of the Latin Rite Christians in India.

As far as we know, this monograph in its manuscript form has given inspiration to a few doctoral dissertations. Its publication, we hope, will definitely help many others to engage in similar researches. We wish everyone in India and abroad a fruitful reading of this fully documented monograph.

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