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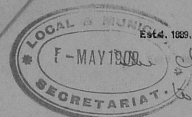
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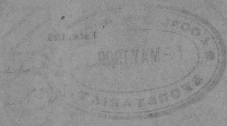
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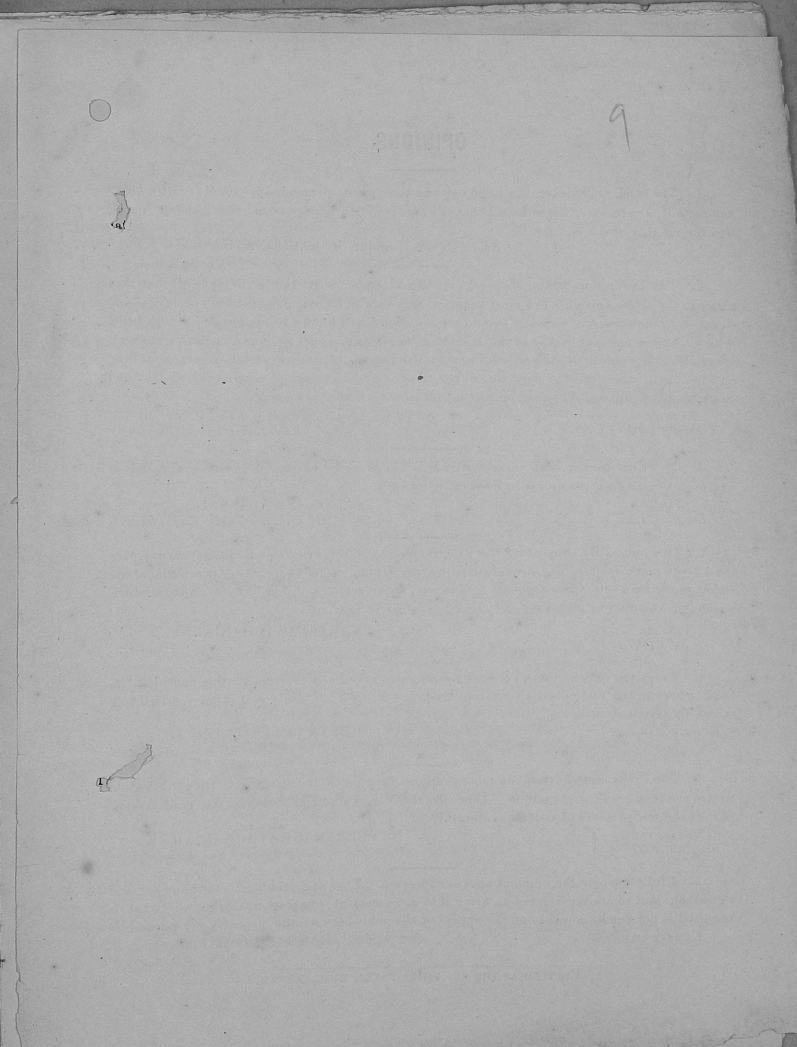
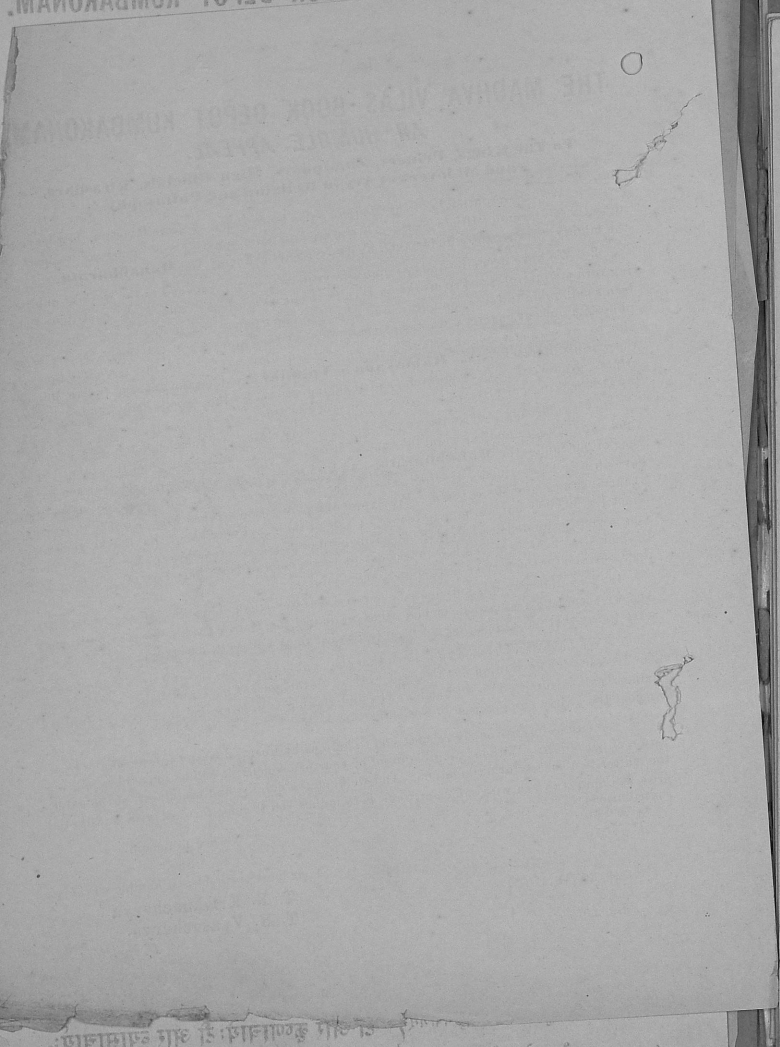
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Select opinions on the publication.

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श्रीमते रामानुज य नमः ॥

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कृपालव्यश्रीवरमङ्गासमेतश्रीदेवनायकान्तरङ्गकैङ्कर्यैकधूरवरे अखण्डमहीमण्ड
लालङ्कारमहीपालकोटीरकोटिपटितमणिकिरणपटलपाटलितपाट्पीठपर्यन्ताचा.
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रादिहृत्स्वयजगदुज्जीवनाचार्यैः सकलमुनिजनमानसारविन्दसंदोहसमुल्लास-
समुल्लसितश्रीराजहंसावतारैः श्रीभगवद्रामानुजसिद्धान्तनिर्धारकाचार्यसायबौ
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22. FROM

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भो भो रासिकाः सारासारविवेकवन्तः सहृदया आस्तिका आर्यशिखा मणयः अवधत्त दत्तच दृष्टिं श्रीमन्महाभारतमुधापाने । जानीतच औत्तरा हदक्षिणात्यपाठयोः रसतारतम्यं कृतार्थयुक्तं अत्मानं ऐहिकामुष्मिकलसं पादनेन ।

विदितमेवैतत्सर्वेषां यच्छ्रीमतो वादरायणप्रणीतस्य महाभारतस्य पाठो दाक्षिणात्यौत्तराहभेदेन द्विविध इति ।

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