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From

Pundit M. Lakshmana Suri,
Sanskrit Pundit,
Pachaiyappa's College,
Madras.

To

The Hon'ble Mr. Lionel Davidson, I. C. S.,
Secretary to Government, Educational Department,
Fort Saint George,
Madras.

Most Respected Sir,

I respectfully beg to bring to the notice of Government that for the last 15 years or so I have been editing several Sanskrit works for the benefit of the students appearing at the University Examinations and also for others who are lovers of, and take a genuine interest in the promotion of, the Sanskrit Literature. I have also written some original works, mostly in Prose, (the Sanskrit Literature cannot boast of many good works in Prose) and many of these have from time to time been prescribed by the University of Madras as texts suitable to the several examinations. A list of all the works as so published by me is enclosed for favour of perusal.

I beg to solicit a kindly perusal of copies of testimonials enclosed which will show that my commentaries as well as my original compositions have been very favourably received not only by Indian scholars of renown and position but also by many eminent European Oriental Scholars, such as Mr. A. Macdonell, Boden, Professor of Sanskrit, Oxford; Dr. E. Hultzsch, late of the Archaeological Department, Madras, now Professor of Sanskrit, Halle, Germany; etc.

I, therefore, beg to request that Government may be graciously pleased to subscribe for copies.

schools, Colleges, and other Institutions such as the Connemara Public Library, Madras, etc. I request that Government may also be pleased to subscribe for a sufficient number of copies of my works for presentation to the Library of the India Office, London, British Museum, London, to the Imperial Library, Calcutta, etc.

In conclusion I also beg to solicit the favour of Government that, as my commentaries and original works are written in a simple, chaste and popular style with a view to encouraging a better understanding of the Sanskrit Literature, Government may be graciously pleased to accord sanction for the purchase of my editions for the use of the Heads of all controlling departments in the Presidency Town of Madras and also for the use of the Heads of all offices in the mofussil, especially members of that Great Body, the Indian Civil Service. The Government will, I hope, sympathetically take into consideration my representation and patronise my works so as to be an incentive for my further researches into this important branch of activities.

I beg to remain,

Most Respected Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. Lakshmanaswami

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लक्ष्मणकविना विवृताः श्लोकैरानुष्टुभैरनघैः ॥ १ ॥

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(2) C. T. AMBIKAPATI RAJ,

ADVOCATE 1ST AT LAW.

Colombo.

It gives me great pleasure to say, that your

work "Isa and M. upa. Karika" is the best book in Sanskrit which gives in a nutshell the leading ideas of Sri Sankara Bhashya on those Upanishads and which is at the sametime, ably written in lucid Karika style so as to enable even an average student of Sanskrit to have an easy grasp of the context. The "Mandukya Upa. Karika" in particular, seems to me to be a valuable introduction which prepares the Student to the study of the Aucharyas—Sri Gaudapada and Sri Sankara.

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(Certificates have also been given by the eminent Pandits, Brahma Sri Balakrishna Sastrigal, Tiruvadi and others; and by Seshagiri Sastrigal, M. A. late Sanskrit Professor of Sanskrit and comparative Philology, Presidency college, Madras, and Rajaraja Varma, al M. A. Vernacular superintendent, Maharaja's college, Trivandram.)

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Colombo, 31st March 1906.

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"While the best among Sanskrit *kavyas* are provided with the excellent *likas*, the hitherto available

commentaries on *natakas* have the disadvantage of being either too short or too diffuse. This defect is now being remedied by a distinguished scholar who is a native of Southern India. Mr. M. Lakshmana Sastri—or as he calls himself in his books, Sri Lakshmana Suri, Sanskrit Pandit of St. Peter's College at Tanjore, is a worthy successor of Mallinatha. His commentaries are full and learned, but at the same time clear and practical, and assist not only beginners, but advanced students in understanding difficult verses. They have been printed in the last few years in clear Nagari-type. All these editions can be strongly recommended both as University text-books and for the private use of scholars."

(Sd) E. HULTZSCH.

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Opinion.

"When I received in August 1906 the first printed copies of my edition of Madana's *Pārijātamañjarī*, I forwarded one of them to Mr. M. Lakshmana Sastri, Senior Sanskrit

Pandit, St. Peter's College, Tanjore, and asked him to write a commentary on the difficult verses in which that little drama abounds. He promptly complied with this request. On the 3rd November 1906 I received from him the MS. of the subjoined commentary, with the remark that he would have sent it even sooner if he had not been engaged at the same time in valuing the papers of the selection examination of his college. For my opinion on the value of his previous commentaries on Indian dramas I may refer the reader to the *Indian Antiquary*, Vol. XXXIV. p. 176. His *Parimala* is up to the same standard—learned, always to the point, and easy to understand, and I have no doubt that it will diffuse the sweet scent of Madana's *Flower of Paradise* over all parts of the Sanskrit-knowing world.

(Sd) E. HULTZSCH.

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Out of these works—39 in number, 18 which are in manuscript, will also be published shortly.

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The following is a copy of an appreciative letter of
the Hon'ble Mr. Lionel Davidson when he was the
Collector of Tanjore: —

Vallam,
Tanjore.
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Dear Sir,

I was glad to receive your Sanskrit
publications but having been unable to find time
in which to examine them carefully I should not
be justified in giving you the certificate which
you suggest. All I can say is that I consider
the furtherance of a knowledge of Sanskrit lit-
ture to be a most praiseworthy object, and
publications such as yours to be most in
the right direction

(sd) Lionel Davidson.

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M. LAKSHMANA SASTRIYAR has been the last ten years the Senior Sanscrit Pundit of this College. He is a distinguished and learned Sanscrit scholar and author, having published many works, and commentaries on the University Sanscrit texts which are very highly spoken of by German as well as Indian Professors. He is an enthusiastic and successful teacher, of a quiet and unassuming manner, and he has given me much satisfaction by the interest he has taken in his work. Owing to the closing of the College he has to seek work elsewhere and I trust he may find an appointment where his abilities may be utilised and appreciated.

W. H. BLAKE,

Principal.

S. PETER'S COLLEGE, S. P. G.,
TANJORE,
February 5th 1907.

BOOK-NOTICE.

COMMENTARIES BY SRI LAKSHMANA SURI.

Me WHILE the best among Sanskrit *kāvyas* are provided with excellent *ṭīkās*, the hitherto available commentaries on *nāṭakas* have the disadvantage of being either too short or too diffuse. This defect is now being remedied by a distinguished scholar who is a native of Southern India. Mr. ~~Me~~ Lakshmana Śāstri — or, as he calls himself in his books, Śrī Lakshmana Śūri — Sanskrit Paṇḍit of St. Peter's College at Tanjore, is a worthy successor of Mallinātha. His commentaries are full and learned, but at the same time clear and practical, and assist not only beginners, but advanced students in understanding difficult verses. They have been printed in the last few years in clear Nāgarī type and embrace two of the three dramas of Bhavabhūti: *Uttarāramacharitam* (Kumbakonam, 1900; 209 pages; price, 12 annas) and *Mahāvīracharitam*

(Madras, 1904; 280 pages), the *Vēṇīśāṅkhāram* (without title-page, 195 pages), the *Anargharāghavam* (Tanjore, 1900; 335 pages; price, 2 rupees), and the first half of the *Bālarāmdyaṇam* (Tanjore, 1899; 198 pages; price, 1½ rupee). All these editions can be strongly recommended both as University text-books and for the private use of scholars. Another useful work of the Paṇḍit is his *Bhāratasaṅgraha* (Madras, 1904; 159 pages; price, 12 annas), a prose epitome of the great Indian epic, which has been approved by the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, as a suitable text-book for the high-school classes. The Paṇḍit has also brought out the *Samkshiptarāmdyaṇam* (Tanjore, 1901; 41 pages), a short poetical sketch of the first *kāvya* by his father Mutṭu Subba Kavi.

E. HULTZSCH.

Halle, 21st April 1905.


COPY. 

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I have great pleasure in expressing my appreciation of Lakshmana Suri's "**BHARATA SANGRAHA & BHISHMA VIJAYA.**" They are written in elegant Sanskrit and are well suited to the standards of the F. A. & B. A. Examinations of the Madras University. I would strongly recommend them as Texts in Sanskrit Prose for any Indian University.

(Signed) V. Krishnaswamy Iyer,
JUDGE,
Madras High Court.

*Now, a member of H. E. The
Governor's Executive Council*

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MADHAVA BAGH
MYLAPORE

LAKSHMANA SURI'S "BHARATA SANGRAHA & BHISHMA VIJAYA." have been prescribed as Sanskrit text-books by the Madras University for the Matriculation & B. A. Examinations respectively. They are both written in a polished idiomatic style and they will enable students to obtain a really good knowledge of the niceties of Sanskrit composition. The want of a sufficient number of suitable works of literature in prose has been long felt and Lakshmana suri's works are admirably suited to supply the want.

(Signed)

P. S. SIVASWAMY IYER,
ADVOCATE GENERAL,
Madras.

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MADRAS,
11th August 1907.

I am glad to be able to bear testimony to the scholarship of Pandit M. Lakshmana Sastriar. From the way in which he has edited some well known Sanskrit works and has written commentaries on them, as also from his original Sanskrit Compositions in prose and verse, I have been able to make out that his scholarship in Sanskrit is very considerable, and that he is decidedly an intelligent Pandit. He has also the reputation of having been a good teacher.

M. RANGACHAR,
*Professor of Sanskrit
& Comparative Philology,
Presidency College, Madras.*

CHINGLEPET, MADRAS PRESIDENCY,
9th December 1907.

I have had some correspondence while in England with Pandit Lakshmana Suri and have also examined some of the Sanskrit Books published by him. On the strength of this evidence I believe him to possess an exact knowledge of classical Sanskrit and to have the qualification of very good practical teacher of the language. I shall therefore be very glad to hear of his receiving an appointment suitable of his acquirements and capabilities in a good College in which Sanskrit is taught.

A. A. MACDONELL,
*Boden Professor of Sanskrit
in the University of Oxford.*

MADRAS,
25th January 1908.

Pandit Lakshmana Sastri is a Sanskrit Scholar of great ability and is well known as the author of Sanskrit works and also as a commentator. A Pandit of such deep erudition is in my opinion deserving of every encouragement.

C. V. KUMARASAWMI SASTRI,
Judge, City Civil Court.

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Halle, 25. 3. 1910

My dear Pandit,

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Let me congratulate you on your new Prose work श्रीमद्विजय in which you again display your masterly command of the Sanskrit language, and which is a real gain to Sanskrit Literature, where good prose works are indeed rare.

(sd) E. Hultzsch.

Halle, 7. 7. 1910.

My dear Pandit,

Many thanks for your Anahakavya (Krishna Lilamrita) which I suppose will contain many more Sargas besides the five printed ones. Let me congratulate you on this first proof of your great scholarship and command of Sanskrit language.

(sd) E. Hultzsch.

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85, Grey Street, Calcutta

The 14th March 1910.

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Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your copies of
your works Bharata Sangraham and
Bhishma Vijayam. The subjects are well chosen
and the language is chaste and idiomatic
I wish these books could be used for
matriculation and Bachelor of Arts Examina-
tions of the Calcutta University.

(Sd) Sarada Charan Sitter,

Retired Judge of the
Calcutta High Court.

85, Grey Street, Calcutta,
April 6. 1910.

My dear Sir,

Many thanks for your edition with
commentaries of Anargha Raghavam. The poet
murari was a Bengali, contemporary of the
great reformer Sri Krishna Chaitanya of Bengal.

.....
Bengal ought to be ashamed that it
did not publish this work of its poet with
commentaries. I have gone through your com-
mentaries and they are fuller than Mallinath's.
I shall certainly recommend the work for adoption
by the university. I shall do all I can

(sd) Sarada Charan Mitter.
Retired Judge of the Calcutta
High Court.

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Dear Sir,

Please accept my best thanks for the kind present of your "Bharata Saugraha, Vishnu Vijaya, and Krishna Lilamrita" which I am reading with the greatest interest. You are rendering a great service to the Cause of Sanskrit study by publishing these works which are eminently fitted to be text-books in our Higher class English Schools.

Havli Panday,
Benares City
The 5th April 1910

yours faithfully,
(sd) Satis Chandra Vidya-
bhushana M.A., Ph.D.

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Testimonials.

*The Honorable Justice Sir S. Subramaniya Aiyar
B. L. K. C. I. E., Dewan Bahadur, Officiating Chief Justice.*

Lakshmana Sastrial, Head Pandit, Tanjore S. P. G. College, is well known for his high proficiency in Sanskrit Grammar and Vedanta being the branches of learning to which he has paid special attention. He has for some years published the B. A. Sanskrit text-books with commentaries of his own and the commentaries are considered very good and are much sought after by the Students. He is about to publish an Upanishad Karika which is spoken of highly by Mahamahopadhyaya Rajusastrial of Mannargudi the ablest living South Indian Pandit.

6 May 1901. (Sgd.) S. SUBRAMANIAN.

I have known M. Lakshmana Sastriyar for the last 3 years, and have had during this period frequent opportunities of meeting him.

He is employed as Senior Sanscrit Pandit in St. Peter's College, Tanjore and as such, is reputed to have achieved good results.

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I have myself personally received instructions at his hands and attended several of his lectures on Bhagavat Gita and am thus able to testify to his ability as a teacher.

He has also been editing for some time past, Sanscrit texts for the Higher University Examinations with Commentaries of his own which I understand have been highly appreciated by both students and teachers.

I may add that he is unobtrusive in manners and bears a good character.

TANJORE, } (Sgd.) N. SARVOTHAMA ROW,
February 6, 1902. } Sub-Judge.

102, CASTLE STREET,
CAMBRIDGE.

5th April 03.

Dear Sir,

* * * * *
* * *your own prose book seems to me
more valuable; for easy prose is more wanted than
verse for educational purposes. * * *

With thanks yours truly,
(Sgd.) C. BENDALL.

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107, BANBARY ROAD

OXFORD,

August 24th 1903.

Dear Sir,

Pray accept my best thanks for the two books which you have forwarded, viz. 1. Samkshipta Ramayana and 2. Bharata Samgraha. * * *

* * * I have little doubt that the books will prove useful to students of Sanskrit in the Upper Secondary and College classes.

Believe me to be

yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) A. N. MACDONELL,
Baden Professor of Sanskrit.

This is to certify that I have known Pandit Lukshmana Sastriyal for over seven years and that I have much pleasure in stating that he is a clever and successful teacher and a good Scholar with superior and special proficiency in Sans. Grammar and Vedanta. He has published valuable notes for the B.A. Text in Sanscrit

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for several years. He has also written original works suitable for Middle and High School Classes. His conduct is very satisfactory.

TANJORE, } (Sgd.) D. S. KRISHNASWAMY,
December 6, 1903. } Retired Asstt. Insp. of Schools.

I have known Pandit M. Lakshmana Sastrial for the past fifteen years or so. He is an erudite Sanskrit scholar possessing a very fair knowledge of the four Shastras, being a specialist in Vedanta Philosophy and a profound belletrist to boot. He has been a remarkably industrious student all his life still continuing his researches in the various branches of the oriental lore. He richly deserves the support and encouragement of those who are interested in the noble language of Sanskrit.

TRIVANDRAM, } (Sgd.) KERALA VARMA,
3rd Jan. 04. } VALIYA KOIL TAMPURAN,
C. S. I, F. M. U., M. R. A. S.,
F. R. Hist. S.

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PROFESSOR IN THE UNIVERSITY OF HALLE,
IN GERMANY; GOVERNMENT EPIGRAPHIST, RETIRED.
My dear Pandit, 20th. April 05.

Many thanks for your letter, the nice little *Kavya* enclosed in it, and your three works, which interest me very much, and on which I send you my sincere congratulations. * * * * *

* * I am glad to learn that the value of your *Bharata Sangraha* and of your father's *Samkshipta Ramayana* has been recognised at Madras. The former is indeed an excellent text-book for students, as it is written in an elegant and easy style and taken from India's national literature. It will instruct them in the language and legends at the same time. Such a prose work was a real want, because the *Dasakumaracharita* etc., are too difficult for beginners.

With best wishes and repeated thanks,
Yours sincerely,
G. HULTZSCH.

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WHILE the best among Sanskrit *kavyas* are provided with excellent *likas*, the hitherto available commen-

taries on *natakas* have the disadvantage of being either too short or too diffuse, This defect is now being remedied by a distinguished scholar who is a native of Southern India. Mr. M. Lakshmana Sastri—or, as he calls himself in his books, Sri Lakshmana Suri—Sanskrit Pandit of St. Peter's College at Tanjore, is a worthy successor of Mallinatha. His commentaries are full and learned, but at the same time clear and practical, and assist not only beginners, but advanced students in understanding difficult verses. They have been printed in the last few years in clear Nagari type and embrace two of the three dramas of Bhavabhutis *Uttararamacharitam* (Kumbakonam, 1900; 209 pages; price, 12 annas) and *Mahaviracharitam* (Madras, 1904; 280 pages), the *Venisamharam* (without title-page, 195 pages), the *Anargha-raghavam* (Tanjore, 1900; 335 pages; price, 2 rupees), and the first half of the *Balaramayanam* (Tanjore 1899; 198 pages; price, 1½ rupee). All these editions can be strongly recommended both as University text-books and for the private use of scholars. Another useful work of the Pandit is his *Bharatasamgraha* (Madras, 1904; 159 pages; price, 12 annas), a prose epitome of the great Indian epic, which has been approved by the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, as a suitable text-book for the high-school classes. The Pandit has also brought out the *Sankshipta-ramayanam*

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Halle, 21st April 1905.

(Sgd.) E. HULTZSCH.

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