

Home (1917) Department.
(Education)

Ordinary SERIES.

G.O. No. 139

DATED the 7.2.1917

INDEXED

[Despatch Abstract.]

Oriental Manuscripts Library.

Informing M.R.Ry. M. Krishnamachariyar that the Government
are unable to allow him to borrow manuscripts from the ———

PAPERS PUT UP WITH CURRENT No. _____

Papers of the department to which the current belongs.

Number.	Date.	Original (= O.) or spare copy (= S.O.)	Remarks. (In this column such of the papers as have been removed for copying, printing, etc., should be marked with a cross.)	Initials of Referencer with date in token of return to Reference department.
804- 135 743 925 1115 818 786	8-1899 14-2-13 13-8-13 6-5-14 21-8-15 6-10-15 24-3-16 18-7-16	S-e S.C. S-e S-e O O O O		

Papers of other departments.

Department.	Number	Date.	Original (= O.) or spare copy (= S.O.)	Initials with date of (1) Referencer acknowledging returns of the paper concerned or (2) Despatcher to denote the return of the papers to the department concerned.

From

CN-496 Eog

31.17

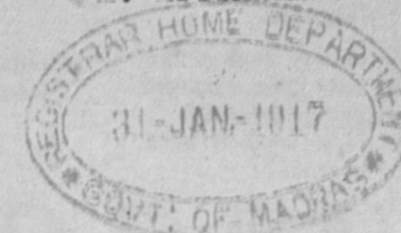
2

M. R. Ry.,

M. Krishnamachariar M.A., M.L., Ph.D., M.R.A.S.,

District Munsiff, Tanuku

Kristna District



To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras

Educational Department.

Through

The Curator,

Oriental Manuscripts Library,

Madras.

Sir,

I have been doing original research work in Sanskrit Literature for the last ten years and more. As a student, I published a booklet on the History of Classical Sanskrit Literature copies of which are now out of print. The work was well appreciated and was recommended as a text-book in the Universities of Calcutta and Allahabad. I am appending printed extracts from the opinions of some eminent scholars that had occasion to see it. I have now a comprehensive book on the subject in preparation, with the latest references to writings in India and in Europe. My name is in the list of persons interested in Sanskrit learning maintained by the Governments of Madras, Bombay, the Punjab and Travancore to whom their catalogues, reports and publications are sent free. There are however many rare catalogues, reports and manuscripts in the Oriental Manuscripts Library at Madras, which contain a mine of information, not yet explored and systematised, but which under the rules of the Library cannot be lent out. I am in service in a distant station and I have not the convenience of visiting the Library for reference.

70

3

A History of the Classical SANSKRIT LITERATURE

BY

M. KRISHNAMACHARYA, M.A., B.L.,

Member of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. The Antiquity of Sanskrit. | 6. The Dramatic writings. |
| 2. The periods of literature. | 7. Lyric and Didactic poetry. |
| 3. Epic Poetry. | 8. Prose Literature. |
| 4. Artificial Epics. | 9. Fables and Fairy Tales. |
| 5. The Indian Drama. | 10. Rhetorical Literature |

with appendices on Grammar and Lexicography and a historical introduction on Style and Language.

Price Re. 1-4-0

EXTRACTS FROM OPINIONS.

The "Madras Mail".—"On the subject of Chronology of ancient Sanskrit works, the author has not the advantage of reliable data, for the lack of materials in this respect is a deplorable feature of Indian Literature of this period. Mr. Krishnamachariar has, however, attempted to turn such slender materials as are available to good account by a critical and scholarly examination of them. He has thus

brought together much useful information in regard to the dates of the several ancient Sanskrit authors and their literary productions. The book is dedicated to the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland."

The "Hindu" Madras.— "We are glad to acknowledge the receipt of a neat little volume entitled "A History of the Classical Sanskrit Literature" from Mr. Krishnamacharyar, M.A., B.L. The book is the first of its kind in Southern India, and we must congratulate the author on his successful adventure. Mr. Krishnamacharyar has, with remarkable success attempted to emulate the learned scholars of Europe whose researches in this line are too well-known. This book has now at last supplied the long-felt want among the student population, who, we believe, will be not a little pleased to find this book. We also heartily commend this interesting book to those who may have a taste for the Classical Sanskrit Literature."

The "Englishman" Calcutta.—Mr. M. Krishnamacharya, M.A., B.L., has written an interesting essay on Classical Sanskrit Literature, which professes to summarise the results of the latest inquiries into Indian studies. Within the compass of less than two hundred pages, the author has certainly managed to compress a mass of information, literary and biographical of singular interest. The book is appropriately dedicated to the Royal Asiatic Society, "as a humble contribution to its admirable work of Oriental Research."

The "Central Hindu College Magazine," Benares.—
"A useful sketch of its subject."

The "Indian Review" Madras.—"This book comprises a brief account of Sanskrit Literature in the various divisions into which it falls, *vis.*, Epics, Puranas.....It is not only a fairly exhaustive summary of the chief works in Sanskrit with an account of the authors thereof, but is interspersed with the views, criticisms, appreciations, &c., of the author, no less than with those of various eminent scholars of Sanskrit. It will be interesting to all having acquaintance with Sanskrit. It will be specially useful to the Sanskrit students of our Universities who have had hitherto no suitable text-book on this subject."

The "Mysore Review."—"In this work the author brought together much that is at present known about Sanskrit Literature and its makers. A pretty long introduction deals with the Vedic or the Pre-Sanskritic period also. The book appears to have been specially intended for the students preparing for University Examinations."

A. A. MACDONELL ESQ., M. A.,
Boden Professor of Sanskrit,
University of Oxford.

"I have glanced at different parts of your book and I can certainly say that it has produced a very favourable impression on me. You seem to have undertaken the work

in a rational spirit, without excessive partiality for mere tradition. What you say about later writers ought to be especially useful. I am glad to see so much is being done in the South of India for the study of Sanskrit. You yourself who are still so young have already done very creditable work."

SIR F. A. NICHOLSON, I. C. S., C. I. E.,
Formerly a Member of the Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

"I am extremely glad to see your little book and to hear that it is so well thought of, as it has been recommended as University text-book : that is indeed an honor to have achieved so early in life. It seems very interesting and well-written. I am especially glad to see that you are one of those graduates who are turning their knowledge to useful effect : as you may remember, the old Court of Directors established the higher education in order that knowledge might "filter down to the masses." Accept my best thanks for your book and congratulations not only on its success but on your ability to compose so capital a work."

SIR GUROODAS BANERJEE, K. C. I. E.,
Retired Judge of the High Court
OF CALCUTTA.

"I have had time only to glance over portions of the book ; but from what I have seen, I may say that the book evinces much thought and research and will prove useful to the students of Sanskrit."

THE HON'BLE. MR. SARADA CHARAN MITRA,
Judge, High Court,
CALCUTTA.

"I have read with pleasure your book on the History of the Classical Sanskrit Literature. It is full of interesting information and shows original research in Indian Chronology."

R. S. LEPPER ESQ., M. A., L. L. B.,
Professor of History, Maharaja's College,
TRIVANDRUM.

"I have no doubt it will prove useful to students of the subject and you seem to have taken considerable trouble with it and have presented it in a very nice form and get-up."

REVD. A. HEGGELIN, S. J.,
Professor of Sanskrit,
St. Xavier's College,
BOMBAY.

"The book contains much that is good ; you have given the names and the works of many later poets, which are not found in other histories of the S. Literature. The reasons adduced by you for the priority of the Ramayana over the Mahabharata are worth reading. So also your summary of Vedic forms. The book has other good passages and interesting remarks, which to enumerate would be too long."

RAMAVATARA SARMA ESQ., M.A.,
Professor of Sanskrit,
PATNA COLLEGE.

"The little book is interesting and compendious. I have gone through it. It is more readable than Weber and contains more information than the corresponding portions of Fraser and others."

HARI MAHADEV BHANDARKAR ESQ., M.A.,
Professor of Sanskrit,
Wilson College,
BOMBAY.

"The book gives in a small shape all information about the Classical Sanskrit Literature. It does reflect much credit on you, especially as you say this is your first attempt. Your work must be a useful guide to all scholars, engaged in Indian literary research."

BHASKAR RAMACHANDRA ARTE ESQ., M.A.,
Professor of Sanskrit,
BARODA COLLEGE.

"I have read many portions of your book with pleasure and I think it will be very useful to our college students. It gives all necessary information about authors and their times, which generally lies scattered in a few books and journals not within the reach of ordinary students. I wish you every success which it rightly deserves."

SADASHIV JAIRAM ESQ., M.A.,
Professor of Sanskrit,
Government College,
JABBALPORE.

"I acknowledge with great pleasure the receipt of a very valuable book from you. I consider it to be a very precious present The way in which you have handled the subject is most creditable to you and useful to the lovers of Sanskrit. Many modern writers of classical poetry and prose, which are not mentioned in Macdonnell's for example, have been sketched out by you. In short, I am very much pleased to have this book to read."

K. B. PATHAK ESQ., M.A.,
Professor of Sanskrit,
Deccan College,
POONA.

"Many thanks for a copy of your History of Sanskrit Literature which is very valuable and interesting."

GANGANATHA JHA ESQ., M.A.,
Professor of Sanskrit,
Muir College, ALLAHABAD.

"Many thanks for your very kind letter of the 1st Novr., and for the very acceptable present accompanying it. I have gone through your book and it appears to be an excellent synopsis of all that happens to be known with regard to the salient features in the History of Sanskrit Literature."

K. RAMANUJACHARIAR ESQ., M.A.,
Principal,
Maharaja's College,
VIZIANAGARAM.

"May I offer you my congratulations on your having made a good beginning and hope that you will continue your labours which have been so far fruitful."

K. SUNDARA RAMA IYER ESQ., M.A.,
Professor of History,
The College,
KUMBAKONAM.

"Even a layman can acknowledge the vast extent of learning you have brought to bear on the work and its absorbing interest as a survey of the ancient and mediaeval Sanskrit Literature. I am sure it will be of much help to students who take up Sanskrit for our University Examinations."



[C. No 496] From Mr. M. Krishnamachariyar,
Dated the 30th January 1917.

Subject - Requesting that he may be permitted to take out books from the Oriental MSS Library.

A draft order declining to comply with the request of Mr. M. Krishnamachariyar is submitted for approval. For a precedent, please see No. 925, Edl, dated the 21st August 1915.

(N)

TL
5.2.17.

Ad
6.2.17

JA
7/21

Wendt, II, 10 (u)---21; 502-4-13.

DEPARTMENT.

191

191

READ ALSO:—

191

191

No. 139, dated the 7- 2- 1917.

Miss

M. R. Key. M. Krishnamachari
is informed, that it is a standing
rule that the originals of
manuscripts should not be
removed from the Oriental
MSs Library, but that every
facility should be given for their
being copied on the spot. The
Govt regret that they cannot
allow him to borrow manuscripts
from the Library.

To Mr W. J. M. Knapman
Avt. N. A., M. L.
Dr. Knapman, Tamsui.

Copy to the Cms. D.P.

5217

~~a~~
~~6.2.17~~

Amherst

When given for copying
When copied
When examined
When signed

19

HEAD AMHERST G.O., No.
19

DATED

CURRENT No.

ENCLOSURES TO G. No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

A A A A A A A

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DUTY.

PAPER NOT FILLED UP, BEING MEANT FOR DESPATCH
IN ORIGINAL.

N.B.—

A — Copy in full.
B — Not to be copied.
P — Copy abstract only.
Q — Copy heading only.

The first sentence of the
amendment is to be inserted
in the first sentence of the
amendment. The first sentence
of the amendment is to be
inserted in the first sentence
of the amendment.

11/15/19

(1000) P. 4th ed. of
(1000) P. 4th ed. of