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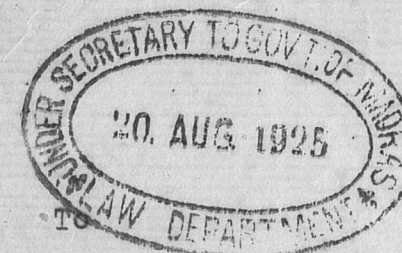
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Honoured Sir,

I have for some years been engaged in the work of research in Indian History and have more particularly specialised in the Field of South Indian History. I have embodied the results of my labours in several - magazine articles, monographs and books. The latest of my books entitled 'Dravidian India' has elicited high commendation from Indian, English and German Scholars as a real contribution towards a deeper and fuller knowledge of the culture and history of the Tamils.

It is now my devout prayer that the Government will be pleased to issue orders for patronising this publication of mine which is priced at Rupees four per copy. I shall feel amply rewarded for all my labours in the cause of promoting and advancing historical research in this Presidency by liberal patronage at the hands of the Government. If the Government are pleased to purchase at least two hundred copies of my book 'Dravidian India' for use in libraries, Colleges and other public institutions under their control, it will, I am sure, inspire me to further efforts in this direction, enable me to bring out

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the remaining volumes of this series on Dravidian antiquities and culture and will help me in the fulfilment of the sacred task of interpreting the monuments of Dravidian glory - a task to which I have dedicated my life.

I beg leave to state that I have already delivered a course of University lectures on "The Early History of the Andhra Desa".

I have herewith attached copies of opinions I have received from scholars and distinguished educationists, both foreign and Indian, about my publications and work generally.

I pray that my request may be granted,

I have the honour to be,

Honoured Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. R. Sessa Dyengar

Madras,
19th August '25.

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the pamphlet attached.

DRAVIDIAN INDIA

(VOL. I.)

BY

T. R. SESA IYENGAR, M.A., M.R.A.S., F.R.H.S.

Asst. Professor of History, Pathaiyappa's College, Madras.

SELECT OPINIONS

"Your valuable work on Dravidian India has come to hand.....I have found a great deal of new matter in it, collected from all available sources including many rare works. This work supplies a want long felt, and solves several difficult questions. The third chapter on ancient South Indian Polity is particularly interesting and full of parallels with the Polity of Sanskrit literature."

J. Jolly,

Professor of Sanskrit, Wurzburg University,

GERMANY.

"Many thanks for your very interesting book, 'Dravidian India' which you have been so kind as to send me. It is one of the best scientific contributions to the early history and archaeology of India that I have seen, and I hope it will have a wide circulation. It is what the journalists would call thoroughly up-to-date.....Congratulating you upon your work."

Rev. A. H. Sayce, D.LITT., LL.D., D.D.,

Professor of Assyriology, Queen's College,

OXFORD.

"I have been reading your book with great interest, and am indeed glad that the Dravidian civilization of South India is now receiving attention, and I hope that you...will carry forward researches into ancient Tamil works to elucidate it."

F. E. Pargiter, Esq., M.A., I.C.S. (Retd.)

OXFORD.

"The opinion that all that was best in ancient Indian culture did not come exclusively from the Indo-Aryans is fast gaining ground. And we ought to be grateful to Mr. T. R. Sesa Iyengar for having shown that however much the invaders may have brought with them into India, still they had to receive a good deal from the sons of the soil. Here as elsewhere assimilation has taken place on the basis of give and take. Any one who reads through the pages of 'Dravidian India' must admit that the Aryas had to take much from the Dravidians. The book does credit to Mr. Iyengar who has produced not only a valuable scholarly work but also a readable literary production."

Rev. R. Zimmermann, S.J.,

Professor of Sanskrit,

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"....I am in agreement with some of your views...."

Lionel D. Barnett, M.A., Litt.D.,
Professor, University College,
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

"I have read with great interest 'Dravidian India.' It deals with a great number of historical questions.....you have given us a careful statement of these questions with the views expressed by different scholars, and you have added some ingenious suggestions of your own."

E. J. Rapson, Esq., M.A.,
Professor of Sanskrit,
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

"I have found the book very interesting."

Sir Asutosh Mookerji,
Vice-chancellor of the Calcutta University and
Justice of the High Court of Calcutta,
CALCUTTA.

"This book is a valuable introduction to that important but much neglected study—Dravidian culture and its place in Hindu civilization.....Mr. Iyengar combines literary art and scientific history in a manner that engages and sustains attention. We, Dravidians, are proud to be shown that as between Aryan and Dravidian, if there has been borrowing on the one hand, there has been giving on the other.....that the Hindu civilization of to-day is the common heritage of both."

C. R. Reddy M. A. (cantab) M. L. C.

Formerly Inspector-General of Education, Mysore,
MADRAS.

"Mr. T. R. Sessa Iyengar has done valuable research work in the history of the ancient Tamils, and has fairly ventilated his unbiassed conclusions both on the platform and in the press. He has published in book form the results of his research work which cannot fail to delight every patriotic Tamilian who peruses them."

The Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur Mr. T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai,
Minister for Development,
MADRAS.

"Everything which any one has written on the subject has been pressed into service by the author. With his chief conclusions every one who has investigated the history of South India with sympathy and insight is bound to agree.....The valuable accounts given in this book of ancient Tamil polity are based chiefly on the author's study of ancient Tamil literature.....If the author would only follow where his facts lead him.....his book would form a splendid contribution to the reconstruction of South Indian History, for the author's own scholarship and judgment are all that is desirable. In the last chapter he promises a more

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extensive study of Tamil literature.....and we eagerly await its publication, for we expect he will thereby win the blue ribbon of South Indian scholarship."

Mr. P. T. Srinivasa Iyengar, M.A., in "The Hindu,"
4th June 1925.

"The book is certainly a welcome contribution to the great problem of Dravidian culture and literature. He is painstaking and discriminating in the collection and judgment of materials for his work.....The book is a valuable introduction to the study of ancient South Indian polity. The author is well grounded in the classical works of Tamil literature, and he has gone into the subject in a spirit of real research and intelligent inquiry.....An equally interesting portion of the work is the chapter on South Indian polity where he deals in a sympathetic spirit with the political and social institutions that prevailed in ancient Dravida such as the division of society into classes or castes, the village and tribal organisations, the institutions of war and marriage."

"The Swarajya,"
13th June 1925.

"....The most interesting chapters of Mr. Iyengar's book are those dealing with Dravidian culture and ancient South Indian polity.....Mr. Iyengar reduces the whole position after an admirable but brief analysis from the realm of speculation to that of historical facts.....Mr. Iyengar's strong point is that nothing that is essential is left out, while the ideal of brevity is worked up to. He establishes that the Dravidians were sufficiently advanced to develop languages of their own.....Mr. Iyengar gives proof of considerable research, and the volume is one which should find a place in the library of every student of South Indian History".

"The New India,"
May 30th, 1925.

".....The author rightly deprecates the attempt of scholars to turn to the Indo-Aryan epics to find materials for the reconstruction of ancient South Indian history.....The author corrects the wrong impression generally prevalent that Tamil is derived from the classical Sanskrit, and proves that the Tamil language has an originality and a singularity of its own.....The last chapter.....throws a flood of light on the political and Social condition of South India.....The author is to be congratulated on the genuine and systematic attempt he has made in collecting together all the available sources of information on the subject and presenting the case of Dravidian India in a convincing way before the historical world and deserves the gratitude of all lovers of Indian History."

"The Indian Social Reformer,"
July 4th, 1925.
BOMBAY.

"That Mr. Sesha Iyengar has taken much pains and spared no trouble in wading through a mass of literature pertaining to Dravidian India and its salient features admits of no doubt..... There is a sustained effort throughout to make the book interesting and instructive and to be impartial in his conclusions..... we welcome with pleasure any book that will throw some light on the civilization, culture, religion.....of the ancient DravidiansLabours in this direction deserve the gratitude of posterity Mr. Iyengar deals in his book with all possible aspects and features of Dravidian India, and we only wish to record our appreciation of his love for and devotion to Dravidian India. We commend this book to all lovers of Dravidian India".

5th June 1925.

"The Justice,"

"Its main purpose is to prove the antiquity of Dravidian civilization, its independence of Aryan civilization, and its greatness.....The pages in which he outlines a picture of ancient Dravidian life are of the greatest interest.....He has not allowed the partisan to overwhelm the scientist in his book, and it is a valuable contribution to our knowledge of the Dravidians of twenty centuries ago and of the importance and independence in the history of political and commercial life of early India."

June 23, 1925.

"The Madras Mail,"

".....It is a bright augury for the future that we have now got scholars who are endeavouring to establish beyond doubt the undoubted antiquity of the Dravidian race and of its civilizationIn this noble band of historical research--workers Mr. T. R. Sesha Iyengar.....occupies an honoured place.....This book is the first scientific attempt to write the history and achievements of the ancient Tamils.....It forms a valuable contribution to South Indian History and is a research work based on original sources.....It is our earnest opinion that the author and his scholarly book deserve the encouragement of all Tamilians."

21st June 1925.

"The Swadesamitran,"

"Allow me to thank you very much for the copy of the first volume of your admirable 'Dravidian India.' It presents an attractive and accurate picture of early Dravidian culture and history such as we have long been wanting. I trust that in the succeeding volumes you will continue the history."

Rao Bahadur Prof. K. V. Rangaswami Iyengar, M.A., F.R.H.S.,

TRIVANDRUM.

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SELECT OPINIONS.

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Asst. Professor of History,
Pachaiyappa's College, Madras.

Took the M. A. Degree in History in
1913.

Served as Lecturer in History at
Christian College during the academic year
1913-14

Asst. Professor of History at Pa-
chaiyappa's College, since July 1914.

Was appointed an Examiner in History
by the University for the Intermediate for
three years.

Engaged since 1912 in doing research
work in connection with early Indian
History; at the invitation of the University

of Madras delivered a course of twelve lectures on the "Early History of the Andhra-desa" in 1924. Read a paper before the Third Oriental Conference on "The Early Dravidian Religious Development."

Original contributions to Indian History and Culture:—

'The Ancient Dravidians'—A book of 240 pages with a Foreword by Mr. C. R. Reddy and dedicated to the late Sir Asutosh Mookerjee of Calcutta.

'A History of Tanjore under the Nayaks and the Marathas', written in 1912.

'The Indo-Aryan Epics and South India', published in 'The South Indian Research.'

'An unwritten Chapter in the History

of Ancient South India' (Pachaiyappa's College Magazine.)

'The Commercial Activity of the Ancient Dravidians' (Pachaiyappa's College Magazine.)

'Ancient South Indian Polity,' (The Indian Review).

'The Early Dravidian Religious Development,' a summary of which has already been published by the Third Oriental Conference.

'A Peep into the Early History of the Andhradesa up to its final absorption into the Empire of Vijayangar,' ready for the Press.

'The Pallava Emperors'—(An article published in the Tamil Magazine, 'Vivekananda').

'A sketch of South Indian History' in Tamil, ready for the Press.

Miscellaneous Publications:—

'The Later Moghuls.'

'The Ancient Greeks' in Tamil prescribed for the S. S. L. C. Examination, 1923.

'The Reign of George III.'

'The First Two Stuarts and the Puritan Revolution'.

'A short History of England', a book of nearly 520 pages.

'A Short History of Greece'.

'The Ancient Dravidians'

The Daily Express, Wednesday Morning, November 9, 1921.

'In the 'Pachaiyappa's College Magazine' for September, 1921, Mr. T. R. Sesha Iyengar, M.A., Assistant Professor of History in the Pachaiyappa's College, has begun an interesting paper styled 'An Unwritten Chapter in the History of Ancient South India' His object is to set before the reader a truer conception of the place of the Dravidians in South Indian History, as in his opinion the achievements and civilization of the Dravidians have been considerably underrated by Aryan bigotry and pride. Recent scholars, whose researches have vastly increased our knowledge of the Ancient History of South India, have done much towards a just appreciation of the Dravidian contribution to world culture. But a popular exposition like that undertaken by Mr. Sesha Iyengar has a definite educative value.'

**COUNCIL OF POST GRADUATE TEACHING
SENATE HOUSE,**

Calcutta, 23rd November 1923.

I shall be pleased to accept the dedication of your book entitled 'The Ancient Dravidians,' which I have found very interesting.

(Sd.) Asutosh Mookerjee.

Mr. T. R. Seshan, M.A., M.R.A.S., of the Pachaiyappa's College is one of the few students of Indian History, who are now making a diligent study of it in a true research spirit. Some of his theses that have come to my notice show signs of judicious study and some originality. He takes a special interest in the ancient history of South India, his laudable attempt in this direction being to examine some existing theories and to correct them....His attempts at examining the existing theories and at constructing a satisfactory historic account of this country are laudable and deserve every encouragement.

(Sd.) G. VENKOB A RAO,
Asst. Archaeological Superintendent
for Epigraphy,
MADRAS. 27-7-1922.

The Government of Madras in their G. O. No. 230, Mis, 9th May 1922, have sanctioned the inclusion of my name in the free distribution list of Epigraphical and Archaeological Reports.

In recommending me for a History Lecturership in the Dacca University Mr. C. L. Wren, M.A., Professor of English, Dacca University, formerly Principal Pachaiyappa's College, wrote:—'Though his departure would be a loss to the efficiency of the College, I can cordially recommend him as an able teacher of 8 years' experience. He is doing original work on South Indian History and keeps well in touch with the latest historical studies. He shows a real interest in his teaching work, and I have been impressed during my year of Principalship with his conscientiousness and thoroughness.'

3rd January 1923 'JUSTICE.'

FOUR BOOKS BY

MR. T. R. SESHA IYENGAR.

We are in receipt of four text books by Mr. T. R. Sesha Iyengar, M.A., M.R.A.S., F.R.H.S., Assistant Professor of History in the Pachaiyappa's College, Madras. They are (1) A short History of Greece (2nd edition), (2) The Later Moghuls, (3) The First Two Stuarts and the Puritan Revolution and (4) The Ancient Greeks in Tamil. The first one is intended for the Intermediate students and the rest for the S.S.L.C. Candidates. One of them, *the Ancient Greeks* in Tamil, is prescribed already as a text book for the S.S.L.C., examination, 1923. Mr. T. R. Sesha Iyengar's enterprise in the field of Dravidian research needs no introduction from our hands. His contributions, at once original and valuable from the view point of the

South Indian Historian, are by now well-known and popular. His years of labour to unravel some of the forgotten Chapters of South Indian History are now bearing fruit. We may mention 'Ancient South Indian Polity,' 'Indo-Aryan Epics and South India,' 'An unwritten chapter in the History of Ancient South India,' 'The Commercial Activity of the Ancient Dravidians,' 'History of Tanjore under the Nayaks and Marathas,' are some of his well-known contributions in the region of Dravidian History. It is a regrettable feature of writers of Indian History that they do not pay sufficient attention to the important part which South India played in the polity of India as a whole. This partly is due to want of sufficient materials to be availed of. For instance, the new book, recently published, 'Cambridge History of India' costs Rs. 34/- or so, has paid little or no attention to South India. And any attempt, therefore, at original research to

discover to the wider world some of the early chapters of South Indian History deserves the congratulation and gratitude of every one who loves his native land. We have no hesitation in welcoming these students' text-books, coming as they do from such a lover of South India as Mr. Iyengar. The usefulness of these books is well demonstrated by the fact that his Tamil book has already been prescribed as a text book for S.S.L.C., Examination. His other books are equally good, clothed in an admirably easy rendering, and we have no doubt that they will be felt extremely useful by those to whom they are intended.

Pachaiyappa's College Magazine,
February 1924.

We congratulate Mr. T. R. Sesha Iyengar, M.A., M.R.A.S., F.R.H.S., on his being

invited by the University to give a series of lectures on the 'Early History of the Andhradesa.' He is an old Pachaiyappa Boy and *we hope this is the beginning of a series of academic honours that await this talented research scholar.*

ANCIENT DRAVIDIAN CULTURE.

'THE SWARAJYA'

PROF. T. R. SESHAN'S LECTURE.

Speaking on 'Some aspects of Ancient Dravidian Culture' at the Pachaiyappa's Hall on Saturday evening, Mr. T. R. Sesha Iyengar said that the Dravidians of old had an indigenous system of civilisation, religion, and philosophy, a highly developed literature and a well-cultivated language and a system of government suited to their own national genius and national character. Judged by these standards of national greatness, they were found to be

one of the most civilised nations on the face of the earth. They established mighty kingdoms in the north and south of India, and supplanted everywhere the uncivilised tribes with whom they came into collision. Their architecture had an indigenous origin, and had had its own course of evolution. In arts, painting, and music they attained a high degree of proficiency, and like the Accadians of old venerated the mountains very much. In the field of commerce, their activities had been very striking. South India was one of the foremost maritime countries in the ancient world, and she was the mistress of the Eastern seas. In short, the Dravidians possessed a genius and an individuality of their own, and made great contributions to the Aryan civilisation. They were entitled to a high place in the history of the world.

Dewan Bahadur T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai, Minister for Development, presiding

on the occasion, said that the ancient Dravidian civilisation had many traces of democracy. Democracy which was now the ruling idea everywhere was not a thing newly imported into India, but had actually existed here in times of yore. The village panchayats in those times had undisputed sway, but now they were no longer respected. The spirit of faction in several villages now greatly impaired the usefulness of the panchayat system, and if once, the villagers made up their differences, they could be expected to work the panchayats with a very high level of efficiency once again as in days gone by.

COPY OF A LETTER FROM Dr. SKINNER,
Principal, Madras Christian College,
to Mr. A. Krishnasami Iyer, High Court
Vakil, Madras.

This will introduce to you Mr. T.
R. Seshan, M.A., Asst. Professor of History

in Pachaiyappa's College and at one time Lecturer in History in this College. He will explain to you the matter in which he wishes your help, and I will only say that if you see your way to render him the service he desires, *it will be a service to one for whose character and attainments I have the highest respect.*

(Sd.) WILLIAM SKINNER.

COPY OF A LETTER FROM Mr. Alladi Krishnasami Iyer, B.A., B.L., High Court Vakil, Madras, to Mr. C. Sreenivasa Rao Sahib, Secretary, Madura College Committee, Madura.

Dr. Skinner has sent me a note in which he speaks very highly of Mr. T. R. Sesha Iyengar, M.A., and I herewith enclose the letter for your reference. I understand that the History Professorship is vacant in the Madura College. May I recommend him to you.

(Sd.) A. KRISHNASAMI IYER.

In forwarding my application to the Director of Public Instruction for an Asst. Professor's place in Government service, the Principal of the Christian College wrote thus:—

Mr. Seshan took his B.A. degree from the College in 1911. In 1913 he passed the M.A. degree examination in History and was appointed lecturer in that subject last July. I know him well as a student and can testify to the interest he took in his studies and to the excellence of his conduct. *To his work as lecturer he has brought a real enthusiasm for his subject, a sound knowledge of it, and the habit of thoroughly preparing himself for his classes.* I shall be glad if he obtains an appointment in the Government service.

(Sd.) WILLIAM SKINNER.

*Principal, Madras Christian College.
September 1913.*

COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE Hon'ble The Advocate-General Mr. S. Srinivasa Iyengar to Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao Sahib, Secretary to the Madura College Board.

I have much pleasure in introducing Mr. T. R. Sessa Iyengar, Asst. Professor of History, Pachaiyappa's College. He has excellent testimonials, and has been warmly recommended to me. He is an applicant for the Chair of History in your College at Madura. I believe he is very keen on his work, and *will prove an excellent professor.* I have great pleasure in recommending him to you in his efforts to secure the vacant professorship.

(Sd.) S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.

PACHAIYAPPA'S COLLEGE.

Madras, December 30, 1916.

I am glad to testify to the work and character of Mr. T. R. Seshan who has

been History Lecturer in this College for two and a half years. *He has been most conscientious in his work, sparing no pains to read round his subjects and secure the best possible presentation for them* He has habitually dealt with large classes and his work has been both with Intermediate and with B.A. students.

(Sd.) J. C. ROLLO,
Principal.

PACHAIYAPPA'S COLLEGE.
Madras, 30th December 1916.

Mr. T. R. Seshan, M.A. has been Lecturer in History in this Institution for the last two years and a half. doing work in the Intermediate and B.A. Classes. He is a well-read and enthusiastic teacher who likes his profession and bestows much pains in the preparation of his lectures. He has been handling with considerable success very

large classes and is very popular with the students generally. Of a retiring and modest disposition, he has always been very gentlemanly in his behaviour and bears an excellent character. His relations both with the students and his colleagues have always been very cordial, and in my opinion *he is bound, with his qualifications, to prove a good professor.* He is very young and is very fond of studying and therefore capable of producing even much better work than he is doing at present. Any Principal of a College will find him to be a very agreeable colleague to work with, and students will find him to be a very useful guide.

(Sd.) K. RAMANUJACHARI,
Professor of History.

'I have read Mr. Sesha Iyengar's History of Greece and I consider it a

good and suitable book for Intermediate Students.'

R. M. STATHAM ESQ. M.A.

Dy. Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

.....It will quite fulfil its purpose and be exceedingly useful to Intermediate Students'.

H. DODWELL ESQ. M.A.

Curator, Record Office, Madras.

'A short history of Greece from the earliest times to the death of Alexander by T. R. Sesha Iyengar, M.A., M.R.A.S., Asst. Professor of History, Pachaiyappa's College, Madras, is a book which, while it will be of special service to our Intermediate students, is written in such an interesting way that it will attract readers in general. This little book, however, is one of due proportion in

describing events which cover a period of over 2500 years, contains maps of a practical and useful kind, and in other ways is prepared by the author to serve a most useful purpose in the case of students. This book might well be adopted by the Board of Studies as a Text Book in History for Intermediate Students.'

J. ANDREW SMITH ESQ., M.A.

(Oxon), F.M.U.

Principal, Pachaiyappa's College, Madras.

March 12, 1920.

'I have read Mr. Sesha Iyengar's History of Greece. I feel sure that it will meet the requirements of Intermediate teachers and students. Mr. Sesha Iyengar has had long experience and he has brought to the writing of this book a very real knowledge of the subject and of the standard required for

the Intermediate Examination. There is no attempt to cram facts or to give a dry as dust narration. The students' interest is stimulated, suggestion is made for following up his reading, and at the same time he is given a text book complete in itself. Every teacher has felt the absence of a really good Text-Book for Greek History—a book that meets the requirements of our students. Mr. Sesha Iyengar's book will meet the long felt want. I hope that it will be widely used in our Colleges, and I feel sure that it will give our students just what they have all along wanted.'

M. A. CANDETH ESQ., B.A. (Cantab) LL.B.
Professor of History,
Presidency College, Madras.

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 'The book amply fulfils the promise which the author makes in his preface of serving the needs of Intermediate

students. His experience as a lecturer has enabled him to realise the difficulties of the Indian student, and his treatment of the subject is designed to help the student in overcoming them. This little book is characterised by its lucid presentation, its sound and analytical treatment of the causes of events, and the maps which are clear and highly useful.'

C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN ESQ., MA.
 (Oxon).

Professor of History, Maharaja's College,
Trivandrum.

—
 'Mr. Seshan brings to his study of Greek History an enthusiasm to which he confesses in his introduction and which his book aims at communicating to his readers. It is a manageable book that he has written on Greek history, and will therefore be of considerable use

to students who read it. The great merit of the book is that it treats Greek life and history as a whole. It is not a mere political history of Greece but deals with the constitutional, social, literary, and artistic life and development of the Greek peoples, and he traces events to their causes and follows out their results—a process which ought to excite the interest of students.....'

M. RATNASWAMY ESQ., M.A.

(Cantab), Bar-at-Law.

Principal and Professor of History,

Pachaiyappa's College, Madras.

'The Ancient History of Greece has been for several decades a subject of special study by University Students for the Intermediate Examination and many have been the texts prescribed and read in Madras. While there are numerous excellent books written by well-known

historians, few cover the syllabus as a whole and are of equal merit for all periods and aspects of history. Mr. T. R. Sesha Iyyengar, Asst. Professor of History, who has been a Lecturer on the subject for several years in the Madras Christian and Pachaiyappa's Colleges, has written a useful book entitled "A Short History Of Greece from the earliest times to the death of Alexander." In compass of about 300 pages, the story of the growth, development, and decay of ancient Greece is told. The sketches of the careers and the achievements of the leading historical figures and the descriptions of the political and social institutions are made themes of special interest to students. A number of sketch maps, a careful index, and a chronological table appended to the book enhance its value.'—*The Madras Mail* March 8, 1920.

‘Messrs. P. R. Rama Ayer & Co., have just published a Short History of Greece, written by Mr. T. R. Sessa Ayengar, M.A., M.R.A.S., Assistant Professor of History, Pachaiyappa’s College, Madras. This small book of 300 pages, covers the period from the earliest time to the death of Alexander and it is specially written for the use of the Intermediate students. Characters of the leading men and the causes and effects of the chief events are clearly and fully described, and great attention is paid to explain the constitutional importance of each of the periods. Maps to illustrate the extent of Greek Colonies, plans of important wars, and Alexander’s campaigns are very carefully drawn. The get up of the book is excellent.’—*The Hindu* February 17, 1920.

‘History of political institutions has always been a subject of absorbing interest, and considerable talents and scholarship have been devoted to the study of the history of the Greeks as the early founders of the Political Philosophy of the West. On the researches of scholars, a great variety of text-books has been written by European writers, but many of them, though admirable in themselves, are mainly written to inculcate a special view or a special pet theory. Such volumes therefore have laid stress either on the growth of political institutions, or the political history proper, or largely on campaigns of Greece’s great soldiers and thus become inadequate, except as introductory to a special study. It is therefore a real service that Mr. T. R. Sessa Ayengar, M.A., M.R.A.S., has rendered in his Short History of Greece of 300 pages to the students of our

Intermediate Collegiate Classes Every section of importance and interest to a student offering Greek History as a subject of examination has been carefully yet succinctly treated. There are general chapters on historical figures and political institutions as well as special ones on individual outstanding figures and institutions. A number of sketch maps, chronological table, and an index are also appended. As a Text-Book of Greek History therefore, it has admirably supplied a long felt need.—
The New India, March 24, 1920.

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UNIVERSITY LECTURESHIP.

Mr. T. R. Sessa Iyengar, M.A., M.R.A.S., F.R.H.S., Asst. Professor of History in the Pachaiyappa's College, has been appointed as University Lecturer, for the year 1924-25, the subject of the lectures being "The early History of the Andhradesa." Mr. Sessa Iyengar had been doing very valuable research work in South Indian History. He is also the author of many historical works such as "the History of Tanjore under the Nayaks and Marthas." We congratulate the learned Professor on his appointment to the University lectureship, deserving as he does, by his enterprise in the field

of Dravidian research and original contributions to discover to the wider world some of the forgotten chapters of South Indian History.

Daily Express, 20th January 1924.

SOUTH INDIAN HISTORY.

An effort has been made in the course of an article in the *Pachaiyappa's College Magazine* for September by Mr. T. R. Sessa Iyengar M.A., M. R. A. S., F.R. Hist S., to outline a true conception of the place of the Dravidians in South Indian History. Mr. Sessa Aiyengar very truly states that the history and exact contribution of the ancient Dravidians has not been truly appreciated, nor estimated at its proper worth, and in the article he has contributed, he ventures on a proper estimation of this question. He claims for the Dravidians an even more ancient civilisation than that of

the Aryans: "The Dravidians have already developed a civilisation of their own, long before the Aryan civilisation was transplanted into their midst..... Their civilisation was more ancient than that of the Aryas." Mr. Sesha Aiyangar hopes that his article will stimulate research regarding the question. We are confident that his labors will lead to a greater and better appreciation of the large contribution of Dravidians to Indian culture. They were enjoying a high state of civilisation before the Aryans came.

'New India,' November 26th 1921.

History for S.S.L.C. Students.—The student population owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. T. R. Sesha Iyengar M.A., M.R.A.S., F.R.H.S., Asst. Professor of History, Pachaiyappa's College, Madras, for his Manual entitled "The First two Stuarts and the Puritan

Revolution," published in time, so as to be useful to the history students of the S.S.L.C. It is written throughout in a simple style to be quite intelligible even to an average reader. The value of the book is all the more enhanced by virtue of the author being a lecturer of History of ten years' standing in one of the leading Colleges of S. India.

New India 21st October 1922.

Indian History for S.S.L.C.—Mr. T. R. Sesha Iyengar, M.A., M.R.A.S., F.R.H.S. of Pachaiyappa's College is to be congratulated on the expeditious manner in which his book entitled "The Later Moghuls", has been published, soon after the publication of his book "The First Two Stuarts and the Puritan Revolution" reviewed in our columns. The portion dealing with the rise of Marathas in general and that of Shivaji

in particular is elaborately dealt with in view of the fact that many English historians of high repute had written adversely of his reign, in the face of unrefuted facts to the contrary.'

New India, 4th November 1922.

ANCIENT DRAVIDIAN CULTURE.

A LECTURE.

On last Saturday evening a lecture was delivered at Pachaiyappa's Hall by Prof. T. R. Seshaiyengar of Pachaiyappa's College under the presidency of the Hon'ble Dewan Bahadur Sivagnanam Pillai, the Minister for Development, on 'Some Aspects of Ancient Dravidian Polity'. The lecturer began by saying that the greatness of the ancient Dravidians was due to their possession of an almost independent language, literature, general culture, polity, and so

on.....He concluded with a stirring appeal for a band of workers who will consecrate their lives for the sacred task of interpreting the monuments of Dravidian glory, and said that an Indian nation could be built only on the solid foundation of historical knowledge and that we can progress only along the lines of our old national institutions.

'The Hindu' February 6th 1924.

Some Aspects of Ancient Dravidian Culture.

MR. SETHA IYENGAR'S LECTURE.

The lecturer pointed out that the Dravidian civilization was much older than that of the Aryans. The art of agriculture was known to the Dravidians long before the advent of the Aryas into the south. Linguistic, traditional, literary, and archaeological sources

confirm this view. The brass and iron implements of agriculture found in monuments such as the rude stone circles, cromlechs, kistvaens, dolmens, urns, Tumuli, Pandukulis at Adichanallur, Perumbair, Coimbatore, Pallavaram testify to the early prevalence of this art.....He described the village organisation of the Dravidian society as it might have existed in the earliest period. There are evidences of the regular institutions of Dravidian autonomous villages, unions of villages, and territorial divisions. This is confirmed by references in Tolkappiyam to the five different communities living apart by clans, each having special deities and chiefs. He then lightly touched upon the subject of South Indian commerce, and showed that the southern Dravidians had been carrying on trade with west Asia from the remotest times, and that the Tamils

consequently became prosperous and produced those splendid classical works associated with the Augustan Age of Tamil literature.

The President, the Hon'ble Dewan Bahadur Sivagnanam Pillai, in his concluding reforms said:—'What the lecturer has told you is the fruit of eleven years of labour on his part. It is a voluminous paper that he has read dealing with a number of important questions. My verdict upon his lecture is one of praise. It is in consonance with the cherished ideals of our people, and it is all the more worthy of commendation since it is an Aryan that has so glowingly referred to the greatness of the Dravidian races. The lecture should be printed and read by the public.

'Justice' February 5th 1924.

ANCIENT SOUTH INDIAN POLITY.

Mr. T. R. Sesha Iyengar M.A., M.R.A.S., F.R.H.S. contributes a readable article on the ancient polity of South India to the May number of the Indian Review. He bases his conclusions on what is written in the Sangam work....Regarding the denotation and connotation of the word State in Ancient India the learned writer says, 'According to Valluvar the constituent elements of a State are the minister, people, resources, allies, army, and fortresses.....' Regarding the great assemblies that formed an integral part of the ancient constitution, Mr. Iyengar says, 'According to Purapporal Venbamaalai, the Council of Elders which existed in the Tamil country should possess the eight qualities and should always look to success after duly weighing the chances of victory and defeat.....'

The following information about irrigation in those days will be found interesting.—'The Ancient Tamil kings realised that the great remedy against famine was irrigation.....'

The Vedic Magazine for June 1922.

ANCIENT DRAVIDIAN CULTURE

ITS CONTRIBUTION TO INDO-ARYAN THOUGHT.

Under the auspices of the Madras Literature Society, Mr. T. R. Sesha Iyengar, M.A., Asst. Professor of History, Pachaiyappa's College delivered a learned lecture on "Some Aspects of Ancient Dravidian Culture" in the Pachaiyappa's Hall on Saturday. The Hon. Dewan Bahadur T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai was in the chair.

The lecturer, after explaining that there were clear evidences to show that the Dravidians had been inhabiting this land even in the times considered now as

pre-historic, gave a comprehensive survey of the change and development undergone by Dravidian polity and culture ever since their beginnings. The whole period covered in his lecture he divided roughly into three parts, *viz.*, the pre-historic period (before 1,000 B. C.), the semi-historic period (from 1,000 B. C. up to 100 B. C.), and the historic period (from 100 B. C. onward), and gave a connected account of the life and society of the Dravidians in each of these periods.

'Were the ancient Dravidians civilised?' was the question he next took up for discussion. What were the criteria of national greatness? If they had a highly cultivated language a highly developed literature, an indigenous system of civilisation, religion, and philosophy, and if they had evolved in the course of ages an indigenous system

of Government suited to their genius and character, then they had satisfied all the tests of national greatness. After furnishing abundant proof to establish everyone of these points from the writings of eminent historians and research scholars, he emphasised that there should be no hesitation in saying that the Dravidians were one of the most civilised nations on the face of the earth.

On the racial question he denied that there was any justification for the theory that the Dravidians were degraded *Kshatriyas* and as such were descended from the Aryan family. On the other hand, he maintained that although Indian traditions and legends did not throw much light on the origin of the Dravidian race, by applying the linguistic test it was possible to arrive at the conclusion that they were a distinct race by themselves, and did not belong to the Aryan

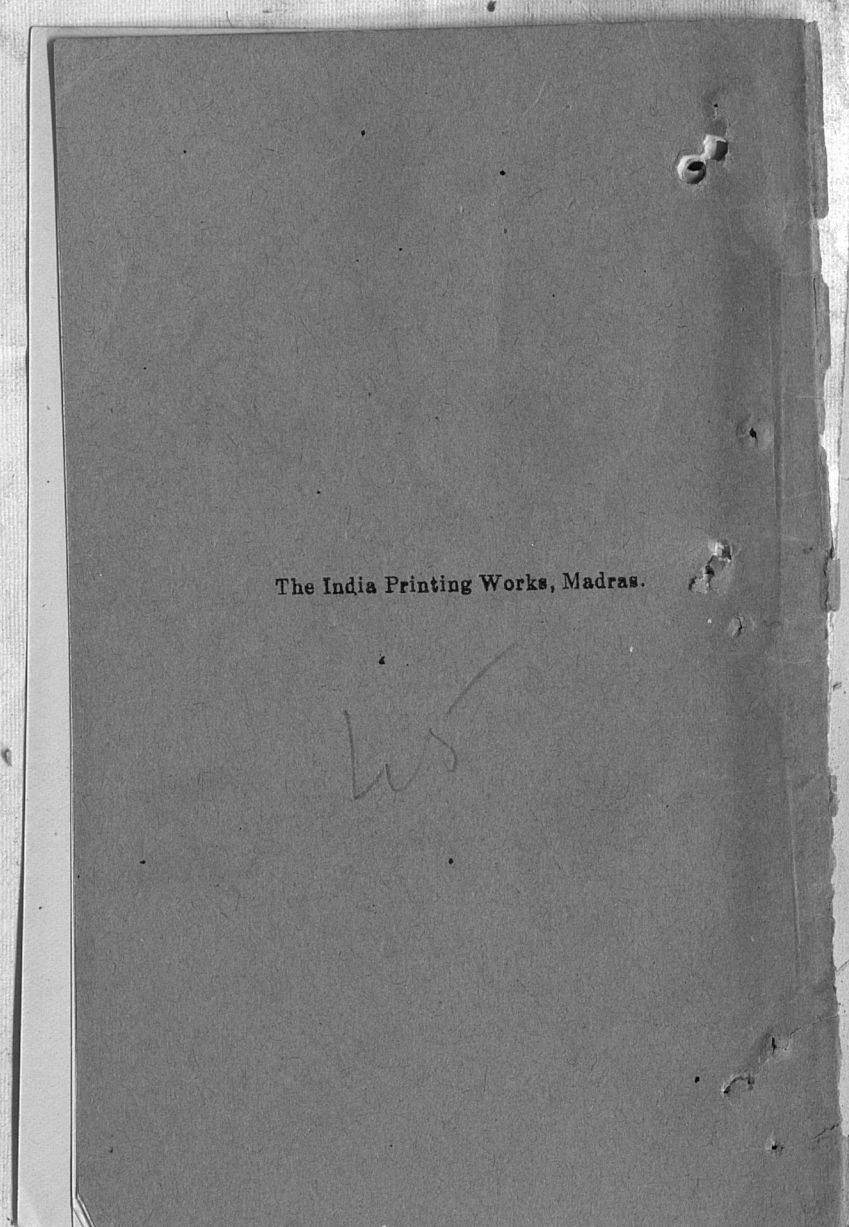
family. The Dravidian languages were fundamentally different from Sanskrit, the language of the Aryans. Sen Tamil was almost entirely free from Sanskrit. The finest Tamil works such as the *Kural* were almost original in design and execution. Tamil grammar had its distinct individuality. The fact that the perfect Tamil grammar, *Tolkappiam*, was written so long ago as the 4th century B. C. proved that many lesser forms of Tamil grammar should have existed before it. Sanskrit had been enriched by the Dravidian languages; its grammar had been slowly but surely modified by their grammars.

The division of society among the Tamils as described in various books showed that long ago they emerged out of savagery and settled as a civilised community. They were a people who originally spread throughout India. It

was supposed that the Aryans introduced agriculture in South India. Nevertheless there were very strong grounds for thinking that the art existed here long before the Aryans came. The cultivation of paddy had long been carried on on a gigantic scale here, and the Dravidians were the first to systematise agriculture. The lecturer then explained at length that the Dravidians had progressed considerably in the realms of politics, philosophy, commerce, and the fine arts long before they came in contact with the Aryans.

The Chairman, in the course of his remarks, complimented the lecturer on the fact that although he was an Aryan by birth he gave due justice to the claims of the Dravidian. He hoped that his countrymen, after having heard or read the lecture, would be able to sink their differences and come up to a higher level.

New India February 4, 1924.



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With reference to Proceedings R.C.No.1018-E/25 dated 17-9-25, I have the honour to submit the following remarks regarding Mr.T.R.Sesha Ayyangar's book "Dravidian India" which has been sent to me for favour of remarks.-

Mr.T.R.Sesha Ayyangar has written a more useful book. He has consulted all existing authorities and has made a careful study of his authorities. His generalisations are supported by facts and he does not indulge in Historical Romance. Students reading for Honours will find the book to be of great use, and all students studying Indian History will find it a useful book ~~to~~ consult. In my opinion this book ought to find a place in every College library and ^{even} school libraries would ~~be~~ do well to place it on their shelves.

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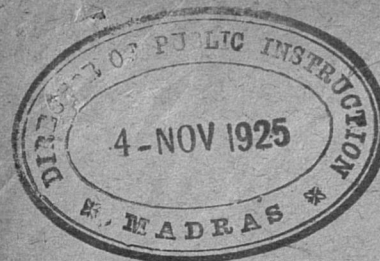
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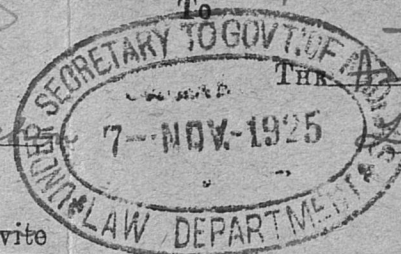
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