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READ—the following paper :—

From the Hon'ble Mr. G. H. STUART, M.A., *Barrister-at-Law*, Director of Public Instruction, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Madras, 6th June 1901, Cur. No. 4617.

I have the honour to submit three copies of Proceedings, No. 3033, dated 30th May 1901, reviewing the report on the working of the Oriental Manuscripts Library for 1900-1901.

ENCLOSURE.

Proceedings Dis. No. 3033, dated 30th May 1901.

Read the following letter from M.R.Ry. R. KRISHNAMACHARIAR, M.A. (in charge), Office of the Curator, Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, dated Museum Buildings, 1st May 1901, No. 25.

I have the honor to submit the report on the working of the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library for the year 1900-1901.

2. *Staff.*—It is with feelings of deep regret I have to refer to the sad demise, early in March, of Professor Seshagiri Sastri, who as Curator was intimately connected with the library for the last eight years during which period 2,136 manuscripts (1,676 Sanskrit, 405 Tamil, 52 Telugu and 3 Canarese) were acquired. No permanent arrangement having been made to fill up his place, I was ordered by the Director to be in charge temporarily until further orders. K. Venkatesvara Sastri, the Assistant Librarian, was on a month's privilege leave in February last, his duties having been discharged by the substitute appointed to act for him. The compilation of the descriptive catalogue is likely to be over before July next and T. Visvesvara Sastri, the acting clerk, will be thrown out of employment, having been exempted from the examination rules till the completion of the catalogue. In consideration of his attainments in Sanskrit and Telugu and of the services rendered by him to the Curator in his search for manuscripts during the last six years, he may be retained in service with great advantage.

3. *Contingent expenses.*—As explained in the last report, the suspension of the work of collecting new manuscripts according to G.O., No. 342, dated 13th June 1899, resulted in the saving of about Rs. 260 from the annual grant of Rs. 600. Particulars as to the expenditure incurred to the extent of Rs. 341 are as given below :—

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Collection of manuscripts—						
Transcription	159	2	0			
Preservation of manuscripts—				159	2	0
Binding	10	12	0			
Prevention of book-worms	48	11	9			
				59	7	9
Minor contingencies	123	2	7			
				123	2	7
Total	341	12	4			

The amount noted under 'transcription' includes expenses aggregating Rupees 125 incurred in the fair copying of extracts in the renewed slips of the descriptive catalogue of Sanskrit manuscripts in the library. The increase under minor contingencies was due to the outlay of Rs. 70 in repairing furniture.

4. *Visitors.*—The library continues to be very useful and popular. During the year under report there were 1,641 visitors composed of 806 readers, 819 copyists and 16 mere visitors, the corresponding figures for the previous year being 1,549, 660, 870 and 19 respectively.

5. *Manuscripts consulted.*—The number of manuscripts read and consulted may be seen from the following statement :—

Subject.	Number of manuscripts copied.	Number of manuscripts read.	Total.
Poetry	131	188	319
Medicine	90	67	157
Religion	55	90	145
History	49	74	123
Proton	65	36	101
Language	45	32	77
Mythology	52	22	74
Philosophy	44	13	57
Science	32	6	38
Art	28	10	38
Politics	14	20	34
Biography	18	..	18
Drama	7	7	14
Law	6	7	13
Vedic Literature	7	1	8
Miscellaneous	56	18	74
Total	699	591	1,290

From the above it may be observed that "poetry" has the largest number on the whole, and "medicine" comes next. It not unfrequently happens that two or sometimes three friends sit together for reading or copying out the same work simultaneously, though the manuscripts issued for reference stands in the name of a single visitor. Hence the number of manuscripts consulted appears to be less than the number of readers or copyists. To avoid this in future, instructions have been issued to the assistant librarian to note down the names of all the readers and copyists consulting singly or in groups. During the year under report, scholars like P.C. Ray, K. P. Trivedi, P. Cordier, and Pandya Doraswami Tevor applied to the Curator for copies of rare manuscripts and arrangements were made to furnish them, at their own cost, with copies of the following works :—

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| 1. Rasarpava. | 7. Bharatavenba. |
| 2. Prataparudriya. | 8. Udayana Kumāra Kavyam. |
| 3. Sarirakasutragunapāta. | 9. Nitisaram. |
| 4. Ashtangakānda. | 10. Kurundirattoo. |
| 5. Aśvinisamhita. | 11. Aranerichharam. |
| 6. Nīthirattoo. | 12. Padirrupattoo. |

6. *Manuscripts acquired.*—A fair idea of the manuscripts in different languages acquired during the year may be formed from the following table :—

How acquired.	Sanskrit.	Tamil.	Telugu.	Canarese.	Total.
Transcription	2	1	..	..	3
Presentation	57	39	5	1	102
Total	59	40	5	1	105
For the previous year	133	27	..	..	160

7. *Tours in search of and collection of manuscripts.*—In accordance with instructions conveyed in G.O., No. 342, dated 13th June 1899, already referred to, the work of acquiring new manuscripts by travelling in various districts was suspended until the completion of the descriptive catalogue. Consequently no tours were undertaken outside Madras. But efforts were made to secure all the available manuscripts from the local pandits. Kumara Tatachariar, son of the late Tatadesika Tatachariar, Sanskrit Pandit of the Presidency College, came forward with a gift of 16 manuscripts consisting of 26 works. These books were in the library of his grandfather, a

well-known scholar and native of Conjeeveram. Considerable antiquity can, therefore, be presumed in the case of these manuscripts. At the instance of T. Visvesvara Sastri, Arunachella Kurukkal, the Chief Priest of the Mutt at Komalesvaranpet presented a number of works relating to *Agama* (worship in the temples) and *Saiva Vedanta* (philosophy of the Saivites). The mutt is well known and ancient and the manuscripts presented appear to be considerably old and therefore reliable. Krishnamurti Rao, a student of the Madras Christian College, made a present of two Telugu manuscripts.

Manuscripts transcribed.—With the exception of Taittiriyaopanishādhāshyam—a commentary on the Upanishad—which was obtained from a pandit at Triplicane, no new works were transcribed during the year, two of the manuscripts copied being continuations of the works already taken up.

The manuscripts thus acquired are classified under the different headings given in paragraph 2 of Proceedings No. 5452 of 1900, reviewing the last report:—

	Sanskrit.	Tamil.	Telugu.	Canarese.	Total.
Drama	4	1	..	1	6
Language	7	3	..	..	10
Medicine	..	1	1	..	2
Poetry	..	1	..	..	1
Philosophy	9	12	1	..	22
Politics including morality	1	4	..	..	5
Religion	10	9	1	..	20
Science	..	2	..	..	2
Vedic literature	7	..	..	..	7
Mythology	2	4	..	..	6
Miscellaneous	19	3	2	..	24
Total	59	40	5	1	105

Two new headings "*Vedic literature*" and "*Mythology*" had to be added since works coming under the same cannot, with propriety, be given under any of the other headings.

8. *Catalogue submitted.*—An alphabetical list of the works transcribed and presented during the year is hereto appended (*vide* Appendix B), the headings adopted being the same as those above referred to. This list was prepared with special attention to the instructions conveyed in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 265, Educational, dated 4th July 1900, brief notes being given in the remarks column as regards the subject-matter, the usefulness, rarity and importance of the works, the history of acquisition, the place of deposit, &c., against each of the manuscripts transcribed or purchased.

9. *Descriptive Catalogue of the Sanskrit Manuscripts of the Library.*—The library began its existence in 1828 with only 531 volumes out of the well-known collections of Colonel Colin Mackenzie, C.B., forwarded to this Presidency by the India Government and deposited in the Old College Library. Agreeably to the resolutions of the Supreme Government at Calcutta, tours were frequently undertaken by the Curator for acquiring new manuscripts, with the result that the library has now grown 11,054 strong. A statement showing the total number of works in the library is given below:—

	Number of works.		Number of works.
Sanskrit	10,920	Arabic	164
Telugu	2,858	Persian	610
Tamil	1,203	Hindustani	58
Canarese	1,072	Miscellaneous (Javanese, Singhalese, &c.)	198
Malayalam	80	Local tracts (Tamil, Telugu, Canarese, &c.)	3,829
Marathi	343		
Uriya	33		
Total	21,368		

The descriptive catalogue now under preparation for the information of the learned world relates exclusively to Sanskrit manuscripts. The work of revising the old and preparing new slips was proceeded with even more rapidly than in the previous year, as may be seen from the following statement of work:—

Quarter ending	Revision of slips.			Preparation of slips.				Total number of slips made ready for publication during the quarter.
	Number of slips on hand at the beginning of the quarter.	Number of slips revised during the quarter.	Number of slips on hand at the end of the quarter.	Number of manuscripts, for which slips had to be prepared at the beginning of the quarter.	Number of manuscripts, for which slips were prepared during the quarter.	Number of manuscripts remaining, for which slips had to be prepared at the end of the quarter.	Number of slips prepared for works that were discovered in the course of revision.	
30th June 1900	5,731	1,119	4,612	1,047	241	806	..	1,360
30th Sept. "	4,612	1,237	3,375	806	119	687	..	1,356
31st Dec. "	3,375	1,244	2,131	687	106	581	..	1,350
31st March 1901	2,131	1,350	781	581	..	581	..	1,350
Total	5,731	4,950	781	1,047	466	581	..	5,416
For previous year	7,800	2,069	5,731	1,484	387	1,047	..	3,116

Note.—Of the 6,778 slips to be revised and prepared, 5,416 have been done and 1,362 remain.

There are only 1,362 slips on hand, and this number being about the average for a quarter, the catalogue can be completed by the date fixed by Government (1st July 1901). It is desirable to prepare similar catalogues for all other manuscripts in the library. If Government decides that the preparation of the catalogue for Telugu and other works should be taken up in the next quarter, the work of collecting rare and valuable manuscripts in the possession of private individuals all over this province will have to be indefinitely postponed. Most of the rare manuscripts in superannuated palm leaves in this country are already moth-eaten and falling a prey to the white-ants; and any further delay in the matter of rescuing and preserving them from the ravages of worms will result in the deplorable loss of the contents of these valuable manuscripts. Some necessary additional establishment to enable the Curator to proceed with the work of collecting manuscripts, without prejudice to the compilation of descriptive catalogues for Telugu and other works is obvious and even urgently required.

10. *Preservation of Manuscripts.*—Besides naphtha oil, camphor combined with pepper was largely used for preserving the manuscripts from the attacks of white-ants and it is found that camphor acts more powerfully against worms than naphthalene. The manuscripts are taken out and systematically cleaned every day by the peons and all possible precautions are taken to oil the damaged leaves. In this way, 227 manuscripts were oiled during the year as against 176 in the previous year.

11. A statement of the printed books, journals and catalogues presented or purchased during the year is given under Appendix A.

APPENDIX A.

List of printed books, catalogues and journals purchased or presented to the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, during 1900–1901.

Books.	Number of copies.
(1) The Pandit, vol. XXII	1
(2) The Chauhamba Sanskrit series numbers	10
(3) Catalogue of the library of the India office, by F. F. Blumhardt, M.A., Vol. II, Part II	1
(4) Epigraphica Indica, Vol. 5, Part VIII, vol. 6, parts I and II	3
(5) A descriptive catalogue of the Sanskrit manuscripts in the library of the Calcutta Sanskrit College, Nos. 11, 12 and 13	3
(6) Notices of Sanskrit manuscripts by Hara Prasada Sastri, M.A., Vol. I, Part III	1
(7) The History of Sri Vidyananda in Telugu by V. V. S. Avadhani, B.A.	1
(8) Sujna Gokulji zala Vedanti Prize, 1893: Translation in English of the Aitareya Upanishad with Sankaracharya's Bhashya by H. M. Bhalkamkar, B.A.	1
(9) Hayagrivastava by Kumaratatacharya	1
(10) Sadacarasarah (in Telugu) do.	1
(11) Subhashita Tarangini do.	1
(12) Padukastuthi do.	1

APPENDIX B. MANUSCRIPTS TRANSCRIBED * FOR THE GOVERNMENT ORIENTAL MANUSCRIPTS LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR 1900-1901.

No.	Name of the Manuscript in Devanagari or Tamil.	Name of the Manuscript in English.	Subject-matter.	Name of the author.	Character.	Pages.	Lines to a page.	Extent.	Condition.	Remarks.
I.—Sanskrit.										
1	तैत्तिरीयोपनिषद्भाष्यम्	Taittiriyaopaniṣad-bhāṣyam.	Vedic literature.	Nārāyaṇa dāsa.	Devanagari.	328	18	Samhitā and Yajñikī Upaniṣad, complete.	Good ...	The manuscript is rare, and 40 years old; originally obtained at the village of Melkote in Mysore province. It is a commentary proceeding on the lines of Ramanuja's interpretation of the Upaniṣad.
2	बोधायनगृह्य परिशिष्टः	Bōdhāyana Gṛihya-Parisishṭah.	Do.	Bōdhāyana.	Do.	26	18	Complete.	Do. ...	Continued from the last year's portion. The original is 27 years old and treats of the domestic rites not mentioned in Grihya-sūtra.
1	தனிகாப்புரணம்	Tanikaippurāṇam ...	Mythology.	.....	Tamil.	663	20	Complete.	Good ..	Continued from the last year's portion.
II.—Tamil.										
ALPHABETICAL List of Manuscripts presented † to the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library during the year 1900-1901.										
I.—Sanskrit.										
1	अधिकरणसागरवलिः (1)	Adhikaraṇa Sara-valih.	Philosophy.	Vedānta-charya.	Grantha.	155	5	Complete.	Injured.	A work on Viśiṣṭadvaita philosophy being a running commentary on Brahmasūtras. Eighth copy, but rare.
2	अवच्छेदकतानिरुक्तिः (1)	Avachchedakātāniruktiḥ.	Do.	Jagadīśa-bhāṭṭa.	Do.	85	10	Incomplete	Good ...	Treatise of Avachhedā in Hindu Logic (Nyāya); a gloss on Dīdhiṭi. Second copy.
3	आगमवचनानि	Āgama vachanāni.	Religion ...	.....	Do.	90	6	Do.	Injured.	Relates to Śiva worship in temples. Third copy. Rare.
4	आगमविषयः	Āgama viśayah ...	Do. ...	.....	Do.	4	4	Do.	Do.	Relates to Śiva worship in temples. Fourth copy. Rare.
5	आचार्यलक्षणादिविषयगमवचनानि	Āchāryalakṣhaṇādī-viśayāgama vachanāni	Do. ...	.....	Do.	171	8	Do.	Do.	Quotations from Tantra works regarding the qualifications of preceptor. Fifth copy; rare.
6	आपस्तम्ब सन्यावन्दनमन्त्रः (1)	Āpastamba Sandhyā vandana mantrah.	Vedic literature.	.....	Do. ...	4	5	Do.	Do.	The daily prayer of Āpastambīya Brahmins. A very common manuscript. Fifth copy.

7	कालयुक्तसवस्तरपञ्चाङ्गः	Kālayuktasavastara-pañcāṅgaḥ.	Miscellaneous.	.....	Do.	61	5	Complete.	Good ...	Calendar for the Hindu year Kālyukti, 1853 A.D. Common, but useful.
8	तर्कभाषा (1)	Tarkabhāṣa ...	Philosophy.	Kesavamisra.	Telugu.	8	6	Incomplete.	Injured.	The work has been printed. A very useful work for students of Nyāya (Hindu Logic). Tenth copy.
9	तर्कसंग्रहपरिभाषा (1)	Tarkasangraha-paribhāṣa.	Do.	Pattābhiraṇa.	Do.	85	6	Complete.	Good ...	An elementary treatise on Hindu Logic (Nyāya). Second copy. Rare.
10	तैत्तिरीयब्राह्मणम् (1)	Taittiriya-brahmaṇam.	Vedic literature.	.....	Grantha	104	5	III Ashtaka complete.	Injured.	The work has been printed; better known by the name of Yajus Sakha. Not rare. Eighth copy.
11	त्रिशतीसोत्रम्	Trishatīśōtram ...	Miscellaneous.	.....	Do.	12	8	Complete.	Good ...	A śloka (Eulogy) on goddess (Devī). Second copy. Common.
12	त्रिशतीनामावलिः	Trishatīnamavalih ...	Do.	.....	Do.	20	6	Incomplete.	Do.	All the names or attributes of Devī strung together in the metrical form. Second copy. Common.
13	दशरूपकम् - दशरूपकव्याख्यानम् (दशरूपकव्याख्यानम्) (1)	Daśarūpakam - Daśarūpakavyākhyānam (Daśarūpakavalokanam).	Language.	Dhanajaya and Dhanika.	Do.	160	7	Complete.	Do.	A treatise on different kinds of Sanskrit drama with a commentary by Dhanika and has been printed. Text, fourth copy; commentary, second copy. Rare.
14	दीधितिः चिन्तामणिग्याख्या (1)	Dīdhitih (Chintāmani Vyākhyā).	Philosophy.	Raghunātha-siromani.	Do.	60	7	Anumana Chapter, complete.	Injured.	Treatise of 'Inference' in Hindu Logic. Eighth copy. Common.
15	देवालयश्रीर्वादः	Devālayasirvadah.	Religion ...	.....	Do.	11	8	Complete.	Do. ...	A work intended for temple priests. No copy in the library, but common.
16	देवीमण्डपपूजाविधिः	Devīmanta-pūjā Vidhiḥ.	Do. ...	.....	Do.	52	5	Incomplete.	Do. ...	Method of Devī worship in temples. Second copy. Rare.
17	देव्यष्टोत्तरशतनामावलिः	Devyaṣṭōttarasatānamavalih.	Miscellaneous.	.....	Do.	4	6	Complete.	Good ...	Stotra (Eulogy) on goddess Devī. Fifth copy. Common.
18	देव्यष्टोत्तरशतनामावलिः	Do.	Do. ...	.....	Do.	7	6	Do.	Do.	Stotra (Eulogy) on Goddess Devī. All the attributes are enumerated separately. Sixth copy. Common.
19	ध्वजपटचूर्णिका	Dhvajapata Chhurnikā.	Religion ...	.....	Do.	18	5	Incomplete.	Do.	Relates to the massive pillar at the temple-gate. Rare.

* The manuscripts transcribed are on paper.

† All the manuscripts presented are on ordinary palm leaves, excepting the last which is on Sriśāla.

N. B.—The works, the names of which are marked in this list with the number (1), were presented by Kumara tatacharyar, as referred to in paragraph 7 of this report. The rest excepting the Telugu Manuscripts were presented by Arunachala kurukkal of Komalewaranpet, Madras.

Alphabetical List of Manuscripts presented to the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library during the year 1900-1901—cont.

No.	Name of the Manuscript in Devanagari or Tamil.	Name of the Manuscript in English.	Subject-matter.	Name of the author.	Character.	Pages.	Lines to a page.	Extent.	Condition.	Remarks.
<i>I.—Sanskrit—cont.</i>										
20	ध्वजारोहणभेरीताडन विषयः	Dhavarohana bheri-tadana vishayah.	Religion ...	.....	Grantha.	42	5	Complete.	Injured.	A work on the beating of the drum at the commencement of festivals in temples. Rare.
21	नामलिङ्गानुशासनम्	Namalīṅgaṇuśāsanaṁ.	Language.	Amarasingha.	Do.	182	6	2 Kāndas, complete	Good ...	A well known Sanskrit dictionary in metre. Seventy-sixth copy. Common.
22	नामलिङ्गानुशासनम्	Do.	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	64	4	To the end of Vārī-varga.	Injured.	Do. Seventy-seventh copy. Common.
23	नामालङ्कानुशासनम्	Do.	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	24	4	To the end of Digvarga	Good ...	Do. Seventy-eighth copy. Common.
24	नीतिसारः - द्रविडभाषाव्याख्यासहितः (1)	Nītisārah with a commentary in Tamil.	Polity	.....	Do.	46	4	Incomplete	Do. ...	An elementary work mainly intended for Jaina boys. It is different from the one printed under the same name. Rare.
25	न्यायसिद्धान्तमञ्जरी (1)	Nyāyasiddhānta-maṇjarī.	Philosophy.	Jānakinātha.	Telugu.	68	6	Do. ...	Do. ...	Treats of the systems of Nyāya (Hindu Logic). Fifth copy. Rare.
26	पिङ्गलसंस्तरपञ्चाङ्गः	Pīṅgalasamvat sara Panchāṅgaḥ.	Miscellaneous.	.....	Grantha.	72	5	Complete.	Do. ...	The Śāka year is not noted; but from the appearance of the manuscript and comparison, it is calculated to be 1857 A.D. Common, but useful.
27	प्रभवदिः	Prabhavadih	Do. ...	.....	Do. and Tamil.	27	3	Incomplete	Injured.	Enumerates the years, months, dates, &c., according to Hindu calendar; essential for Hindu boys. Very common.
28	छवङ्गसंस्तरपञ्चाङ्गः	Chavāṅgasamvat sara Panchāṅgaḥ.	Do. ...	.....	Grantha.	62	6	Complete.	Good ...	Calendar for Pāvāṅga year, i.e., 1846 A.D. Common, but useful.
29	प्राणः (1)	Prāṇah	Drama	Rāghavārya.	Do.	86	9	Do. ...	Much injured.	By a recent author. Rare. Unfortunately the name of the work cannot be ascertained.
30	महासङ्कल्पः	Mahasankulpaḥ	Religion ...	.....	Do.	26	4	Do. ...	Good.	How-taking at the commencement of religious ceremonies. Seventh copy. Common.
31	मालतीमाधवव्याख्या (1)	Mālatīmādhavavyākhyā.	Drama	Tripurari	Do.	232	6	Acts I to VII.	Injured.	A learned commentary on the well-known drama of Bhavabhūti—much valued by the pundits. Fifth copy. Rare.
32	मालतीमाधवव्याख्या (1)	Do.	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	160	9	Breaks off in Act VII.	Do. ...	Do. Sixth copy. Rare.
33	ग्रहणत्तम्	Mritsangrahanam	Religion ...	.....	Do.	28	6	Incomplete	Good ...	.....

34	यजुर्वेदः	Yajurvedah	Vedic literature.	.....	Do.	700	6	From II to VII Kandas incomplete.	Injured.	The Samhitā text of Yajurveda. Eighth copy. Common.
35	यजुर्वेदः	Do.	Do.	.....	Do.	120	8	Incomplete.	Do.	Contains important mantras—Udakaśānti, Abhisavanam, Mastraprasnam, &c. Ninth copy. Common.
36	यजुर्वेदपदपाठः	Yajurveda padapāṭhaḥ.	Do.	.....	Do.	303	6	Kandas I and II.	Do.	The Padh-text of Yajurveda. Sixth copy. Common, as it was written in Srimukha, 1816 A.D.
37	यादवगिरिमाहात्म्यम्	Yādavagiri Māhatmyam.	Mythology.	.....	Do.	155	8	Adhyāyas I—XII.	Do.	The manuscripts appear to be 86 years' old. It contains an account of the origin of the Melkote shrine in Mysore. Sixth copy. Common.
38	यादवगिरिमाहात्म्यम्	Yādavagiri Māhatmyam with a Kanarese commentary.	Do.	.....	Kanarese	150	10	Adhyāyas 1—5.	Much injured.	Seventh copy.
39	युक्तिसारः	Yuktisārah	Philosophy.	Gopinātha	Grantha.	212	8	Incomplete.	Injured.	A work on Hindu Logic. Rare.
40	ललितासहस्रनामस्तोत्रम्	Lalitāsahasranāma stotram.	Miscellaneous.	Vyāsa	Do.	22	7	Incomplete, 75 verses.	Do.	Stotra of Eulogy on goddess Lalita. Twelfth copy. Common.
41	ललितासहस्रनामवलिः	Lalitāsahasranāma valih.	Do.	.....	Do.	27	6	Complete.	Good ...	The manuscript was before it came to the possession of the priest of Komaleswarampet deposited at Devikapuram in North Arcot district. Common.
42	ललितासहस्रनामवलिः	Do.	Do.	.....	Do.	34	7	Do.	Do.	Do.
43	ललितासहस्रनामवलिः	Do.	Do.	.....	Do.	38	6	Incomplete.	Injured.	Do.
44	वसन्तिलकप्राणः	Vasantatīlakabhāṇa.	Drama	Varadārya	Do.	38	9	Complete.	Do.	Fourteenth copy. Common.
45	विघ्नेशष्टोत्रशतनामवलिः	Vighnēśaṣṭo t t a r a śatana māvalih.	Miscellaneous.	.....	Do.	5	6	Do.	Good.	Stotra (Eulogy) on Vighnēśa. Third copy. Common.
46	शिवसहस्रनामवलिः	Śivasahasranāma valih.	Do.	.....	Do.	28	7	Do.	Do.	1,008 attributes for Śiva. Eighth copy. Common.
47	शिवसहस्रनामवलिः	Do.	Do.	.....	Do.	30	6	Do.	Do.	1,008 attributes for Śiva. Ninth copy.
48	शिवाष्टोत्तरशतनामवलिः	Śivāṣṭottarasatnā-māvalih.	Do.		Do.	6	7	Do.	Do.	Fourteenth copy. Common.
49	शिवाष्टोत्तरशतनामवलिः	Do.	Do.		Do.	3	6	Do.	Do.	Fifteenth copy.

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<i>I.—Sanskrit—cont.</i>										
50	शैवागमसंश्लेषविधिः	Saivagama Samproksham vidhih.	Religion ...		Grantha.	42	7	Incomplete	Injured.	Describes the purificatory ceremony observed in temples. Rare.
51	श्रीकण्ठस्तोत्रम्	Śrīkanta stotram ...	Miscellaneous.	.....	Do.	4	8	Complete.	Good ...	By Krishna Raja of Mysore. Rare.
52	सामान्यनिरुक्तिः (1)	Sāmānya nirukṭih ...	Philosophy.	Gadādhara ...	Do.	103	11	Incomplete	Do.	An important work on Hindu Logic-treats of 'genus and species.' Fourth copy.
53	सामान्यनिरुक्तिः (1)	Do. ...	Do. ...	.....	Do.	72	8	Complete.	Injured.	An important work on Hindu Logic-treats of 'genus and species.' Fifth copy.
54	सुवत्तशब्दाः ...	Subantasabdhah ...	Language.	.....	Do.	43	6	Incomplete	Do.	An elementary work on 'denotations of nouns.' Twentieth copy. Very common.
55	सुवत्तशब्दाः ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	.....	Do.	46	6	Complete.	Do.	Twenty-first copy.
56	सुवत्तशब्दाः ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	.....	Do.	24	7	Incomplete	Good ..	Twenty-second copy.
57	सुब्रह्मण्याष्टोत्तरशतनामावलिः	Subrahmanyāṣṭottara Satanaṁavalih.	Miscellaneous.	.....	Do.	3	6	Complete.	Do.	Stotra or eulogy on Subrahmanya. Common.
<i>II.—Tamil.</i>										
1	அகத்திசர் தீக்ஷாவிதி	Agattisār Dikshā-vidhi.	Religion ...	.....	Tamil...	13	6	Complete.	Injured.	Intended for temple priests.
2	அகப்பேய் சித்தர்பாடல்	Agappēy Siddhar-pādal.	Philosophy.	.....	Do.	24	5	Incomplete about 100 stanzas.	Do.	A very popular work giving the philosophical truths in simple language. The manuscript gives more correct readings than the printed works. Second copy.
3	அமுதணிச்சித்தர்பாடல்	Amuthanichittar-pādal.	Do. ...	.....	Do.	4	5	Incomplete about 10 stanzas.	Do.	A work similar to the last; common.
4	அருணகிரியந்தாதி	Arunagiriyantādi ...	Miscellaneous.	Arunagiriyar.	Do.	46	5	Complete.	Good ...	Stotra or eulogy on the deity worshipped at the shrine of Trinomali in South Arcot district. Second copy.

5	அருணாசலபுராணம்	Arunachalapuranam.	Mythology.	.....	Do. ...	76	6	Incomplete.	Do. ...	Seventh copy. A mythological account of the shrine above-mentioned.
6	ஆத்திஞ்சு	Āttichūdi ...	Polity ...	Anvayar ...	Do. ...	11	4	Complete.	Do. ...	Third copy. Common but widely read by boys as it gives valuable instruction.
7	ஆத்திஞ்சு	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	17	4	Incomplete	Do. ...	Fourth copy.
8	இடைக்காடர் சித்தர்பாடல்	Idaikkāḍarsithar-pādal.	Philosophy.	.....	Do. ...	4	5	Incomplete. 10 stanzas.	...	A work similar to No. 2.
9	எண்சுவடி	Enśuvadi ...	Science ...	.....	Do. ...	34	5	Complete.	Good ..	Multiplication tables in Tamil, very common.
10	காணச்சித்தர்பாடல்	Kānachittarpādal ...	Philosophy.	.....	Do. ...	4	5	Do.	Injured.	Like No. 2.
11	குதும்பைச்சித்தர்பாடல்	Kudumbaichittar-pādal.	Do. ...	.....	Do. ...	2	5	Incomplete 10 stanzas.	Do.	Do.
12	கூர்மபுராணம்	Kūrnapurānam ...	Mythology.	Ativīramapandyan.	Do. ...	656	6	Complete excepting Adhyayas 1 to 16 at the beginning.	Good ...	The work is largely consulted. Third copy.
13	கைலாயத்திருப்பதிக்கம்	Kailāyatiruppadi-kam.	Religion ...	.....	Do. ...	14	6	Incomplete.	Do. ...	A modern work describing the heaven or abode of Siva.
14	சட்டமுனிநாயனார் ஞானவெண்பா	Sattamuninayanar-ṇānavanba.	Polity ...	.....	Do. ...	8	7	Incomplete 28 stanzas.	Injured.	Common; a work containing rules of conduct.
15	ஸாரதூர்த்தச் சதுஷ்டயம் (!)	Śāradhātūrtashtayam.	Religion ...	Varadachārya	Telugu.	234	5	Incomplete.	Good ...	Briefly explains the doctrines or tenets of the Vaiṣṇavites. Rare. Second copy.
16	சிவவாக்கியம்	Śivavākyam ...	Miscellaneous.	Sivavākiyar.	Tamil ..	40	5	Do.	Injured.	Fifth copy. A eulogy on God Siva.
17	சுப்பிரமணியர்மலை	Subrahmaniar Malai.	Religion ...	.....	Do. ...	9	6	Do.	Good ...	First copy in the library but common.
18	குடாமணி திகண்டு	Chudāmanikhan-doo.	Language.	.....	Do. ...	13	5	Do.	Do. ...	Eight copy. It is a lexicon for the words occurring in the work Chudāmani. Rare.
19	சொருபாநந்தகுபதிடதம்	Sorūpanandarupa-nidatham.	Philosophy.		Do. ...	245	6	Complete.	Injured.	Fourth copy. A work revealing the existence and qualities of God.

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II.—Tamil—cont.										
20	ஞானவெட்டியான்	Jnana vettiyan	Philosophy.		Tamil ...	106	5	Complete.	Injured.	Free from mistakes, unlike the printed books sold in the book-stalls.
21	தத்துவவுட்குறு	Tatvavudal Kuru	Do. ...	.....	Do.	44	5	Do.	Do.	A recent work
22	திருப்பாணிபாழ்வாசர் பாடல்	Tiruppaniyālvār padal.	Miscellaneous.	.....	Do.	6	6	Do.	Do.	Thirteenth copy. It is a portion of the work Mūṭṭaiyār a eulogy on God. Common.
23	திருப்பரங்குன்றர் பதிகம்	Tirupparankunrar pāḍikam.	Philosophy.	.....	Do.	81	7	Do.	Do.	A eulogy on the God of the shrine at Tirupparankunnam.
24	திருமுலத்தவக்கட்டை	Tirumullattavakkattai.	Do. ...	Tirumūlar ...	Do.	48	5	Do.	Do.	Second copy. A work in Vedānta philosophy.
25	திவாகரம்	Divākaram	Language.	.....	Do.	48	4	Do.	Good	Seventh copy. A lexicon, rare but has been printed.
26	நகைத்திரமாலை	Nakshatratramalai	Science ...	.....	Do.	114	8	Do.	Do.	A work on astrology.
27	நிதிவெண்பா	Nitivenba	Polity ...	.....	Do.	32	6	.....	Injured.	A common work on polity.
28	பட்டணத்தார்பாடல்	Pattanattarpādal	Philosophy.	Pattanathupillai.	Do.	44	6	Incomplete	Do.	A very popular work. Fifth copy; printed.
29	பிரக்லாதநாடகம்	Prahlādanāṭakam	Drama ...	.....	Do.	180	5	Do.	Good	A popular drama.
30	பிரமசிதை	Brahmagitai	Religion.	.....	Do.	208	5	.....	Injured.	Fourth copy. A poem set to music treating of the supreme soul.
31	மகாபாரதம்	Mahābhārata	Poetry Epic.	Vyāsa ...	Do.	232	6	Incomplete	Do.	Third copy. The Tamil version of the Sanskrit epic of the same name.
32	முதலிலக்கணம்	Mudalilakkanaṁ	Language.	.....	Do.	44	4	Complete.	Good.	An elementary work on Tamil grammar.
33	ரஹஸ்யத்ரயம் (1)	Rahasyatrayam	Religion.	.....	Telugu.	71	8	.....	Do.	Fourth copy. A work containing the tenets of Viśiṣṭadvaita system of philosophy.

34	ரிபுதிதை	Ribugitai	Philosophy.	.....	Do.	298	8	Adhyayas 1 to 10.	Do.	A philosophical work—largely read. Second copy.
35	வாதவூரனாந்தக்கனிப்பு	Vāḍavūrānāṇṭakkaniṭṭu.	Do. ...	.....	Do.	13	5	Complete.	Slightly injured.	A common work on the state of heavenly bliss.
36	விவேகசாரம்	Vivekasāram	Religion.	.....	Do.	275	8	Do.	Do.	Third copy. A work on monism.
37	விசுவாமித்திரசுவாமி வாக்கியம்	Viśvamiṭraswāmi vākyaṁ.	Medicine.	.....	Do.	221	7	.....	Good	This is a rare work on medicine.
38	வேதாந்தப்பிரகாரம்	Vedāntaparakaraṁ.	Philosophy.	.....	Do.	300	6	Six prakāraṇas complete.	Injured.	A useful and rare work on monistic philosophy.
39	வைஷ்ணவ ரஹஸ்யம் (1)	Vaiṣṇavarahasyam.	Religion.	Pillaioka-Charya.	Grantha & Tamil	254	7	Incomplete	Do.	A work containing the tenets of Vaiṣṇavism.
† III.—Telugu.										
1	దత్తత్రయశతకము	Dattātreyasāṭakamu.	Miscellaneous.	Paramananda	Telugu	16	5	Incomplete	Injured.	Stotra (or Eulogy) on Dattatreya. Seventh copy. Not rare.
2	పరమానందశతకము	Paramanandasāṭakamu.	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	23	5	Complete.	Do.	Useful, the copy already in the library being incomplete. This is also a eulogy.
3	వైద్యశయము	Vaidyavishayamu	Medicine	.....	Do.	144	5	Incomplete	Do.	Fifth copy; an ordinary work.
4	సంపగిమానాసాతకము	Sampagimanasāṭakamu.	Miscellaneous.	Paramananda yātrindra.	Do.	26	5	Complete.	Do.	A eulogy on Rama; ninth copy.
5	శాఖరమంత్రములు	Śābaramantramula.	Religion ...	.....	Do.	218	6	Incomplete	Do.	Contains rare mantras in Telugu.
† IV.—Kanarese.										
1	మిత్రవిందగోవిందశతకము (1)	Mitravindagovinda.	Drama ...	.....	Kanarese	102	7	Complete.	Injured.	Useful as there is only one copy in the library. This rare work is written on Sritāla (a kind of palm leaf—very durable).

† These five works were presented by Krishnamurti Rao (see paragraph 7 of the report).

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Staff.—Early in March this year the place of Curator fell vacant owing to the death of M.R.Ry. Seshagiri Sastriar who held the office with credit for the last eight years during which time a fairly large number of manuscripts were acquired for the library. The Director wishes to place on record the valuable services rendered by the deceased in connection with the library. Pending the appointment of a Curator M.R.Ry. R. Krishnamachariar, Sub-Assistant Inspector of Sanskrit schools and assistant to the Director, was directed to be in charge of the office and to prepare the annual report. The question of retaining T. Viswesvara Sastri in service should form the subject of a separate communication after the work of cataloguing of Sanskrit manuscripts is finished.

2. *Collection of Manuscripts.*—The number of manuscripts acquired during the year was 105 against 160 of the previous year, of which three were by transcription and 102 by presentation. None were purchased during the year and the work of acquiring new manuscripts by travelling was suspended in accordance with G.O., No. 342, Educational, dated 13th June 1899. Information in regard to the subject matter of each manuscript is, as usual, given in the alphabetical list annexed to the report. The manuscripts put under the two new headings—Vedic literature and Mythology—might have been classed with works on religion. Of the manuscripts acquired the largest number was under Philosophy, Religion coming next.

Visitors.—During the year under review, there was a satisfactory increase from 1,549 to 1,641 in the number of visitors who were chiefly readers or copyists. Of manuscripts consulted the largest was under Poetry.

Descriptive Catalogue.—It is satisfactory to observe that the preparation of the descriptive catalogue during the year was pushed through more expeditiously than in previous years. On the 1st April last there were 5,731 slips to be revised and 1,047 to be newly prepared. During the year 4,950 slips were revised and 466 new slips prepared; the number on hand on the 31st March last was 781 slips to be revised and 531 to be prepared. The work, it is hoped, will be finished by the time allotted by Government. Government will be addressed in regard to the cataloguing of the vernacular manuscripts in the library, when the work now on hand is finished.

General.—The work done in the library during the year was on the whole satisfactory. The Director is glad to observe that the library is increasing in usefulness and is being resorted to by scholars, eastern and western. The Curator is requested to convey the thanks of the Director to the gentlemen who were kind enough to present manuscripts to the library.

(True Extract).

(Signed) G. H. STUART,
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