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SEMINAR ON TAMIL STUDIES

Fourth International Conference Functions From January 3 to January 9, 1974

The Trimmer Hall, a tropical style structure, specially used as an auditory for spiritual, cultural and educational talks, standing solemnly overlooking the inspiring Esplanade of the Northern City, in the North Eastern corner of the significant square where Temple and Church, Seats of dearning, Law and Library adorn the area as the necessary adjuncts of ancient culture, with the citadel of the City Fathers in the background, flanked by a pleasing park that affords public recreation and by a pond of placid water, has suddenly acquired historical significance by being the choice, by strange circumstances, for the venue of the Fourth International Conference and Seminar of Tamil studies.

The choice is symbolic | Tamii culture has a tra- space that is appropriately of sudden inspiration, for dition that entitles Semi-called the Esplanade. This the Hall has a solemn his- nars on its s'udies to be beauty spot of bounteous pised human life as mere tory of its own that can conducted in ideal and Yal Nadu has been the with pride compare with congenial surroundings. the halls of high learn- Nature and national backing. It is a hall for ground have endowed the higher thoughts.

Northern City with a vast now.

IN THE WAKE OF ECONOMIC CRISIS

Rearing their ugly and poisonous heads, the vipers of theft, robbery, and murder for the sake of money, are now roaming all over the Island. In Jaffna the menace has become a definite challenge to the people and the police. The petty thefts that are sometimes dismissed as the natural outcome of extreme poverty have now become open highway robbery with murder as the method of achievement.

rending. He was on his most depressing depresenough temptation to the be stopped. How is it to barbarous group who des- be done? dust.

How to Stop this Horror

all the lowest passions of confidence.

The gruesome find of a man are being let loose on murdered boy near about society. Here is a situa-Elephant Pass is heart tion much worse than the way to a temple for offer- sion of economy. The ings to seek Divine Help isolated instances of the for remedying a disease, last few months of the But he was overcome by base activities have bedemons deadlier than the come a chain of events disease itself. The gold threatening the people at chain in his neck was large This horror must

The people and the Police must more closer In the guise of poverty and in greater mutual

THE DIVINE THARSANAM DURING THIRUVATHIRAI-THIRUVEMBAYAI



Respisadent Full Moon radiating spiritual luminance on Thiruvathirai Day is of special significance to the Saiva World. The Almighty Nadaraja Peruman in

Therenam is a spiritual splendour.

SPADE WORK FOR THE SAIVA PARIPALANA SABHAI

Sri Sithamparanatha Chettiar's Share Is Significant

> Justice Sivasubramaniam's Tribute In Unveiling Portrait

"I bear personal testimony to the great efforts mily. made by Shri Sithamparanatha Chettiar for the progress of the Jaffna Hindu College and the Saiva Paripalana Sabhai following in the foolsteps of his revered father Shri Pasupathy Chettiar' observed Mr. Justice Sivasubramaniam while unveiling the portrait of Shri ST. M. P. Sithamparanatha Chettiar at the Navalar Ashram Hall on December 22, 1973

Continuing Mr. Sivasuhramaniam said that the poble Chestian had abiding interest in all that he life will long be rememorganized or supervised and was a source of inspiration to the staff and the students of the Hindu College and that his portrait must be available for the present generation to be reminded of the worth of selfless service.

Dr. S. Viththiananthan, his illustrious father as Professor of the Ceylon the records of the growth University said that there of the Hindu College and the Saiva Paripalana Sato the significance of the bhai reveal the part playservice of Sri Chettiar and ed by the Chettier Fatigue (Over to page 7)

"As Principal of an instituttion for whose growth Shri Chettiar had strenuously worked, I feel it my duty to participate in this happy function and pay deserving tribute to a person whose bered as useful by the Saiva Public" said Shri E. Sabalingam Principal 01 tipe Jaffaa Biade College.



திருச்சிற்றம்பலம்

நமச்சிவாயவே ஞானமும் கல்வியும் நமச்சிவாயவே நானறி விச்சையும் நமச்சிவாயவே நாநவின் றேத்துமே நமச்சுவாயவே நன்னெறி காட்டுமே.

திருச்சிற்றம்பலம்:



FRIDAY DECEMBER 21, 1973

CAUSE IS OUR CONCERN

Conflicting opinions and contesting claims have to a considerable degree affected the course of have power and authority clusively assigned by way termine all actions and events leading to the holding of the Seminar of and is hereby required to of original jurisdiction to prosecutions commerced by the Fourth International Con. hear, try, and determine any other court or vested by the State against any, ference. We are not prepared at this stage, nor are we competent to discuss the inside story of the happenings in the Committee of the Conference prosecutions upon indict- also have jurisdiction over pose the fines, penalties between the close of the Third international ment instituted therein the persons and estates of and forfeitures appertain: Seminar and now. All that we wish to see is the against any person in respersons of unsound mird, ing to such offences, and sound commonsense by every one who pect of: is directly or indirectly connected with the Conference and who has the promotion of culture as his objective.

The ceremonial inauguration of the Conference Seminar has been fixed for January 3, 1974 and invitations have been issued to the general public. Even at this eleventh hour we hope against hope that differences between the conflicting groups would be composed to preserve the prestige of the traditional glory that is Tamil Culture.

The epic lines of classical Tamil Literature போதம் ஊரே; யாவரும் கேளிர்' often quoted to illustrate the lofty ideal of high culture remind us refreshingly of the requirement of a dignified approach to the question.

Research is commonly known to be an endeayour to discover facts by scientific study of a aubject. Hence it is beyond narrow considerations of place or person. Colombo or Colombogam makes no difference. To the researcher every clime is aircraft. his own and every person is his own kith and kin. To him the sphere of thought and speech is the stillness of scientific study far from the other penalties prescribed maddening mantrams of political persuasions or bigoted beliefs. Seminary is a place for education and, therefore, a solemn institution. Let us respect the high ideals that determine research and semi-Let us not read between their intentions. Let Tamil Culture divert strong minds to the course of altering things. Let our black scruples be wiped and our thoughts reconciled to honour and onlante.

Scholarship to be significantly comprehensive can be acquired only by knowledge of languages of universal acceptance. In the days of old, frequent reference was made to the existence of eighteen nated by him, languages; the number so stated might have been arrived at by ancient scholars in relation to the literature covered by those languages.

Saint Thirumoolar speaks of the eighteen languages in the stanza quoted below.

பண்டித் சாவார் பதினெட்டுப் பாடையும் கண்டவர் கூறும் கருத்தறி வார்என்க, பண்டிதர் தங்கள் பதினெட்டுப் பாடையும் அண்ட முதலான் அரன் சொன்னவாறே.

Pundits (or scholars, men of learning) are these Every District Judge of humble cultivators pion. Lanka has earned who know the teachings found in the eighteen a hall have concurrent have become happier and international laurels for languages (of the world). These eighteen jurisdiction with every a rich harvest is hoped for the first time thus placing languages give expression to the same truths that Magistrate of divisions The doubt whether there this pictures que laland in were revealed by God the Architect of the situated within the limits would be sufficient rain the international map of

DEFINING OF JURISDICTION OF THE DIFFERENT COURTS

In the New Set-Up to be Inaugurated On the First of January 1974

New events naturally add novelty to the New of which a District Court Year. One such bappening is the implementation of may exercise jurisdiction, the Administration of Justice Law passed by the it shall also have the National State Assembly (No. 44 of 1973).

Judge shall have concurr | tituted. ent Jurisdiction with A District Court shall A District Court shall every District Judge and within its district have have jurisdiction to enter-

(a) any offence commit ted wholly or in part with in its jurisdiction;

(b) any offence committed by any person on or jurisdiction may hereafter diction. over the territorial waters | be given to District Courts | A Magistrate's Court of Sri Lanka;

(c) any offence commithigh seas where such offence is piracy by tht law of nations;

(d) any offence committed on the high seas on any ship or upon any air- five thousand rupees; craft registered in Sri

by any person who is a sentences aforesaid. citizen of Sri Lanka on! In avery case of conthe high seas or upon any tinuing offence in respect

(2) A High Court may impose any sentence or by written law.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Law, every trial as aforesaid shall be by jury before a High Court Judge;

Provided that the Chief Justice may, in his discre

ction is made under Cha- campaign for increased charged to be tried at Bar supply of food. Here is a jury, the Chief Justice tion by other countries. shall nominate three High Court Judges for the pur. Winter Weather pose and shall specify the shall be keld.

ted by any person on the impose any of the follow- jurisdiction to hear and ing sentences:-

> term not exceeding five which the debt, damage, vears;

(c) whipping;

Lower and authority to remove or abate the act, Every High Court the District Court is cons- matter, or thing complain-

Magistrate of districts and original jurisdiction in all tain causes affecting the divisions situated within civil, revenue, matrimonities of the zone for al, insolveney and testation all offences against which the High Court is mentary matters, except the revenue laws of Sri constituted.

such of the aforesaid Lanka committed wholy matters, as are by this or in part within its d strict, (1) A High Court shall any other written law ex- and to hear, try, and dein the manner provided in any other authority, person in respect of any for by written law, all and shall, in like manner, such offences, and to imthe estates of cesturs que oced the sum which such trust, and over guardians court is authorized to imand trustees, and in any pose in the exercise of its other matter in which ordinary oriminal juris-

shall, within its division. A District Court may have exclusive original determine all actions, pro-(a) imprisonment for a ceedings or matters in demand or claim, or the (b) fine not exceeding value of the movable or immovable property cr the land to be partitioned (d any lawful sentence or sold does eot exceed (c) any offence commit- combining any two of the one thousand five hundred rupees.

> It shall not be lawf (Over to page 7)

Reviewed News

FREE RICE FROM CHINA

As if to emphasise the period for the growth of (4) Whenever a dire daranaike in the current must be experienced. pter II of this Law by the production of all grains Lafir Brings Laurels Minister that a person and roots that form the To Lanka by three Judges without a gesture worthy of emula-

of the district of which water to last the autire aports.

merit of 'free rice' for paddy plants has been diswhich our country has pelled with the welcome become wellknown, the showers of this week tion, order that any trial People's Republic of China though there is an attendshall be held within a zone has made a grant of ant danger of a threatened to be specified by him by 40,000 tons of rice as a gale or fast and furious jury before three High gift to us in appreciation of winds. In any event the Court Judges to be nomi- the courageous leadership wintry weather which is of Premier Srimavo Ban- nothing new to this land,

The event of the month has been the exceedingly encouraging attainment of Mr. M. J. M. Laiir, the With the down pour in Billiards Wizard of Lanks zone within which the trial December, a regular fea- in the international arens. ture of the past, the hearts by becoming world cham-

Thiruvachaka Vila At Thiruketheeswaram

The annual feature at Thiruketheeswaram pertaining to Thiruvembavai Poojas and Arthra Thari-sanam in the form of chakam during the Thiru-Thiruvachaka Festival will vembavai Poojah days has occur this year in the been a regular occurrence period beginning Decem- at the Karainagar Sivan ber 30, 1973 and ending Temple appropriately January 8, 1974.

Swami who is in charge of terest in religious affairs the Thiruvachaka Madam and conducts the Thiru has as usual made arrange ments for discourses on Thiruvachakam by scho lars. Eslaththu Sivanadi. yar Thirukooddam con- devoted to special Abishe- Shri Chettiar. ducts the Vila.

At Karainagar Sivan Temple

Exposition of Thirava-Chithamparam The Saiva Sabhai of this Ancient Shri Saravanamuttu Temple takes abiding invachaka Vila annually. The entire Thiruvembavai period December 30, 1973 to January 8, 1974 will be tions owed a great deal to kams and lectures.

THE FIRST INSTANCE the usual oath.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3017

In the matter of the Last Will and Testamont of Sinnathamby Selladurai, ORDER ABSOLUTE IN davil East, Kondavil, East, Kondavill Jaffna

Pushparanes widow of Sinnathamby Selladurai Somasundaram of Kon. davil East, Kondavil. Jaffna

Petitioner

for disposal before T J. kankulam Road, Jaffna. Rajaratnam Esquire, Dis-TriotJudge, Jaffes on the 14th day of December, 1973in the presence of kankulam Road, Jaffna Mr. R. Balasubramaniam presently of 10/6, Eachoba-Proctor on the part of the moddai Lane, Jaifna. petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner dated 28th day of November, 1973 respectively and the affida Acting District Judge, vit of the Notary dated Jaffns on the 7th day of Senthivel 28th day of Novembr. December, 1973 in the Senthivel 1973 and the affidavit of presence of Mr. R. Bala. Point Fedro the attesting witnesses subramaniam Proctor on 135 24 dated 31st day of Octo- the part of the patitioner bor 1973 having been and the affidavit and read.

Last Will and Testament November, 1973 respecti of the decrared dated 3rd welv and the affidavit of said petitioner as the ex. +30+3) 3,333, which shall be deemed to repeal day of October 1971 and the attesting witnesses ecutor named in the said appear mixed up in the or affect the provisions of attested by R. Balasubra dated 7th day of May, 1973 Will is entitled to have printed editions and some any other written law maniam of Jaffma Notary and 11th day of May, 1973 Probate of the same issued (of which (3,333 - 1083 =) whereby special powers of Public under No. 2 the respectively having been to him accordingly on his 250 have been worm eaten punishment are given to original of which been produced and is now deposited in this case Last Will and Testament be and the same is here- of the deceased dated 29th by declared proved.

It is further declared Anapdakumarasamy that the said petitioner Jaffus Notary Public unas the executrix named in der No. 459 the original the said Will is entitled of which has been producto have Probate of the ed and is now deposited same issued to her ac- in this case, he and the 136 28 & 2

ORDER ABSOLUTE IN cordingly on her taking

This 14th day of December, 1973

Sgd- T. J. Rajaratnam District Judge, Jaffna Drawn by

Sgd. R. Balasubramaniam Proctor for Petitioner 13 28 & 2

Somasundaram of Kon-THE FIRST INSTANCE

Deceased IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFEA

> Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 3016

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of Viravanather Nagamttu This matter coming on Navaratnam of 21/1, Pun-

> Deceased. Navaratnam Thirunavnkkarasu of 21/1, Pan-

Petitioner. dated 20th day of Novem- proved-It is ordered that the ber, 1973 and 30th day of has read.

> It is ordered that the day of September, 1957 Drawn by

தமிழாராய்ச்சி மாநாடு

நிர்வரகச் செயலாளர் அறிக்கை

் நான்காவது அனேத்தலகத் தமிழாராய்ச்சி மாநாடு 3-1-1974 முதல் 9-1-1974 வரை யாழ். ககரில் சிறப்பாக கடைபெறும்.

விபரங்களே எதிர்பாருங்கள்" என்றை மாகாடு அமைப்புச் செயலாளர் திரு. இ. பேரம்பலம் அவர்கள் ஓர் பகிரங்க அறிக்கை மூலம் வேண்டுகோன விடுத்துள்ளார்.

SPADE WORK...

(From page 5)

Shri R. N. Sivapiraka sam presiding over the! Various theories have te's Court any defence or function referred to the been put forward to ex- claim in reconvention of fact that the entire area plain this discrepancy, the defendant involves surrounding the Jaffna The most common ex- matter beyond the juris-Hindu College and the planation is to say that diction of the court, such Saiva Paripalana Sabhai these editions are full of defence or claim in reconhad become a centre for interpolations and that vention shall not affect holy, cultural and educa- the excess of 47 (or 83) the competence or duty of tional activities owing to verses may be put down the court to dispose of the spade work done by as obvious additions made the matter in issue, but Pasupathy Chettiar and by the author's disciples no relief exceeding that his worthy son.

Shri V. Ragunatha Mudaliyar Secretary of the book starts with the words upon any such claim in Sabhai proposed a vote of simpaising of (verse No. 2 reconvention, thanks.

PUBLIC AUCTION view,

The unredeemed articles which were pawned with Mrs. N. Sivapiragasam of Vadalippathy, Thumpalai, Point Pedro between 1st January 1969 and 31st December 1971, will be sold by Public Auction on Saturday, the 23rd day of February 1974 at 9 A. M. at the above address by

Sgd. Public Auctioneer

& Valuer

taking the usual cath,

This 7th day of December, 1973,

of Proctor for Petitioner.

District Judge, Jaffna. anta.

Thoughts About ...

(From page 8)

said number of 3,000 in round figures

in the printed edition referred to above) is quoted

states that besides the ed therein. first four Agaval verses ses) in the Tiruvachkam. following sentences; whereas there are 652 verextant editions thereof.

the four numbers men- rupees; tioned in the penultimate petition of the petitioner same is hereby declared verse (verse No. 3,0:6) as sets of verses aggregating sentences aforesaid. It is declared that the to a total of (3,000+300 or otherwise lost in the Magistrate's Courts. course of the ages, in the

(To be continued)

DEFINING OF ...

(From page 6)

for any plaintiff to divide any cause of action for the purpose of bringing two or more actions in a Magistrate's Court. Any plaintiff having a cause of action for an amount exceeding the amount in respect of which a Magistrate's Court has jurisdiction, may abanden the excess, and seek to recover an amount not exceeding the amount in respect of which such court has jurisdiction, and the judgment of the court shall be in full discharge of all demands in respect of such cause of action.

Where in any proceeding before any Magistraor by later poets. Saint which the court has juris-Seklar's statement in his diction to grant shall be Peria Puranam that the given to the defendant

Provided that it shall as lending colour to this be lawful for the appropriate High Court Judge, on the application of any Another explanation is party to the proceeding, to state that the number to order that the whole 3,000 mentioned by Sek-lar is only an approximate to the appropriate Dis-figure, a round numb r trict Court; and in such correct to the nearest case the record in such thousand, the odd figures proceeding shall be trans-over and above the 3,000 mitted by the Magistrate being not expressly detail- to such District Court and ed. A parallel to this may such proceeding shall be found in Tiru Vatha- thenceforth be continued voorar Puranam where in such court as if it has Kadavui Ma Munivar been originally commence

A Magistrate's Court K. Muthukumaru Aiyar there are 600 Tamil (ver- may impose any of the

> (a) imprisonment for a ses actually found in the term of not exceeding eighteen months;

(b) fine not exceeding A third solution is to take one thousand five hundred

(c) Whipping:

(d) any lawful sentence referring to four separate combining any two of the

Nothing in this section

A Magistrate's Court same manner that Umpa- shall have jurisdiction to thiar tells us in his Tiru hold inquiries into deates Murai Kanda Puranam in accordance with the attested by the late R. Sgd: R. Belasubramaniam Shoppmpassic unsui, a provisions of Chapter II wary large number of De- of this Law and to exervara bymns disappeared cise and perform all such Sgd: T. J. Rejaratnam being destroyed by white powers and duties conferred or required by law to be expressed or performed by such court.

THIRUVEMBAVAI

V. SUBRAMANIAM Saiva - Pulavar

(the Star Spica) because ding human beings. the moon is in conjunction with Spica on Full Moon day in the month of twined in Thiruvachakam from their slumber; and Chitrai. Those who are is said to be the same as having been awakened used to sky-gazing would that of the Vedas, the from sleep willingly or not have failed to have scriptures of the Hindus, nuwillingly one would do been attracted by the The greatest ambition of well to bestir oneself from constellation of the Orion. the poet as portrayed in sloth and spend the time The head of Orion the the Thiruvembayai songs very usefully. Hunter represents the appears to be an infinite Nakshatra known as Mri- desire to devote his life gaseersha and the Full to the service of God and Moon day in the month His followers; the poet of Markali falls on or states that if he could is bound up with the about the day when the realise his ambition, there pursuit of morality. All moon is in conjunction would be no more want with the head of Orion for him and it will be a Next to Mrigaseersha to- matter of supreme indif. wards the east is the Nak- ference to him whether tude, and patriotism, have shatra known as Ardra the Sun rises in the East for their ultimate end the (Sampson). In Greek or not. Mythology Ardra is the From the point of view brightest Star of the of health it will be bene-Orion group and is known as Betel jeuse,

The Temple of Nadarajah in holy Chidamparam draws large crowds of Hindus for Ardra Dharsanam and the Thiruvembavai Poojas are performed at Thillai with great solemnity. Those who have visited the holy skrine during the Thiruvembavei days known how the Maidens' song of the dawning is celebrated in honour of Siva and Sakti in the menth of Margali.

At that time the females of the city of all ages rise before dawn and peramprecipeta bulate ine arousing their companions from house to house and proceeding to bathe in the sacred tank. Spiritually the maids are said to be Nagasaktie. The songs are full of praise for Lord Shive, true to nature and still more beautiful are the passages one comes across in the songs. God and Truth are synonymous; those who are spiritually inclined will tead the songe discerning God, Truth and Beauty.

It will be difficult to pick or choose any one of the twenty songs as the for 1 the souge are equally import.

Moon day in the month of Him (represented by the months of the year Markali (Dec-Jan) are set Light; who has neither day is good apart by Hindus of Tamil beginning nor endawaken spent in meditation and Agam for Thiruvembavai ing from sleep the prayer Poojah. It may be incid maidens who are stil days give an opportunity entally mentioned that sleeping sweet and yet even to the irreligious months are named after clinging to their beds in among Hindus to bathe constellation with the early hours of the early in the mornings and which the moon appears morning, and the curtain pray to Lord Shiva The to be in conjunction in drops with the praisa peal of conches and the the the Heavens. The of Him to whom can be singing of Thiruvembavai first month of the Hindu traced the creation, exist songs in the small hours year is called Chitrai after ence, and dissolution of of the mornings by that the Nakshatra of Chitra the whole universe inclu- class of Hindus known as

The philosophy contain-

Thiruvembayai Othuvars w ll rouse up from sleep even those who are unwilling to get up

The welfare of humanity the great moral virtues, like love, charity, gratigood of mankind.

- Mahatma Gandhi

Saiva Paripalana Sabhai Jaffna

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Thoughts About The Treasured Treatise Thirumanthiram

We reproduce from Shri A. Visuvanadan" Analysis of the Thirumanthiram—publication No 60 The ten days immedi-jant: The first song be- ficial to bathe in the of the Saiva Paripalana Sabhai-to give our readers ately preceding the Full gins with the praise of mornings during the wet an idea of the research study made by our The scholars in the past

> The Tirumantiram literally the holy protector, is one of the most highly esteemed religious treatises in Tamil. It forms the tenth volume of the Tamil Sruties சைவத் திருமுறை கன்) and is apterior in date to the Devarams which constitute the first seven volumes thereof as codified by Nambi Audar Nambi) having been composed at a time when the St. Seklar, we may here Tamil Language was not observe gives the lie direct Literature.

> author of the Tirumanti- original (non - existent ram, was a great Siva Yogi Agamas were in Tamil who came down from the and that the present (ex-North with the intention isting Agamas are Sansof paying a visit to the krit reproductions thereof great Richi Agastiar in his mountain abode in the Pothiya Hills in the ex- saint is said to have retreme South, but got pro- paired to the temple in videntially stopped near the neighbourhood and Tiru Avaduturai on the resumed his Yoga practices banks of the Cauvery river, seated under a bo-tree in The story goes that when the temple precincts. He he passed that way the is said to have continued Yogi was very much touch- this practices for a period ed at the sight of a herd of of some 3 000 years, woke cows which were in great up from his Yogic trances distress as a result of once a year and given the sudden death of their utterance to one of these care-taker who was known precious Tirumantira verby the name of Moolan. ses everytime that he so The Yogi got out of his woke up. own body and entered the death body of the cowherd by dint of his Yogi powers and woke up as Tirumoolar to the great delight of the cows, which he tended for the rest of the day and returned to their owners in the evening. Looking for his own body shortly afterwards he found that he had providentially disappeared from the spot where he had left it. We say providentially, as Seklar plainly states :

தன் கிலவார் சடையார்தாம் தந்த ஆகமப்பொருகா மணணின் மிசைத் திருமுவர் வாக் ing a total of some 35 கிலை தழிழ்வகுப்பக் கண்ணிய அததிருவருளால் அவ் moolar either by commen-வட்டமேக் கரப்பிக்க என் கிறைந்த உணர்வுடையார் treaties or by tradition. ஈசன் அகுள் என உணர்ந்தார்.

ously caused that body (of Tirumoolar) to disappear as he wanted the Agamic Truths revealed by bimself to be propounded in Tamil by the words of Tirumoolar for the (benefit of the Tamil) world, (Tirumoolar of immense vision realized that this was the Lord's Gracious Will.

This plain statement of particularly rich in Saiva to the fairy tales of some of our misguided Perverters of the truth who Saint Tirumoolar, the fondly assert that the

Thus reassured, our

It would thus appear that the Tiromantiram sung by Tirumcolar contained 3,000 verses only as against the 3,047 to 3,048 if the invocatory song to Pillayar quoted at the top of this note is also taken into consideration) found in many editions of this great work. There are also a number of verses not included in this 3,048 but quoted by learned scholars and commentators of by-gone times as the word of Tirumoolar. Research scholars have so far succeeded in unearthverses ascribed to Tirutators of various other This makes a total of The moon-decked Lord 3,047+1+35-3,083 verwith plaited locks, graci- ses as against the afore-

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aragellà apro Caús nelvaj stin nasia Cercigemo nes Gruz genpalan gultair arijs remma none Curine uppaid Cairel wits Tumma Cate men if daniga que Osbari.

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