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**Pāli Gnatha Samiti (PTS) ca Pacchimadese
Theravāda-Buddhadhammañca; Sirilañkāya saha
Pali Gantha Samitiyā Sambandho:
Punarāvalokanamekaṃ**

Āyasmatā Ācariyena Vijitadhammena (Wijithadhamma)
Siri Lañkāya Siri Jayavaḍḍhanapura Vissavijjālayamhi
Pāli-Sogata Ajjhayanamse Jeṭṭhakathikācariyabhūtena

Uddeso

Āṅgalīsadese London nāma nagare (idāni pana Bristol nagare) patiṭṭhitā Pāli Gnatha Samiti (PTS) nāmesā samiti pana atippākaṭṭhā ceva vidūhi susambhāvītā ca pañcatimsādhikam satasamvaccharam. Pali-Buddha dhammassa atha vā Theravāda-Buddhadhammassa saram mūlaganthānusārenea nātukāmānaṃ pacchima-desavāsikānaṃ esā samiti mahadupakāraṃ katā Pālibhāsāya racitānaṃ mūlaganthānaṃ sodhanena ca muddāpanena ca tesam parivattanena ca sāsanaṅgahassa pakāsanena cāti. Kiṃ bahunā. Tassā sevā pana mahatī eva.

Sirilaṅkāya saha tassā Pali Gantha Samitiyā sambandhaṃ paunrāvaloketuṃ ahamettha vāyamāmi amhādisānaṃ bhikkhujanānañca tumbhādisānaṃ gihī-odātavasanānañca ussukkatthāya Pālibhāsāya ca Pālisāhiccassa ca vaḍḍhanasaṃvaḍḍhanavisaye.

Pali Gantha Samitiyā Samārambho

Ito pañcatimśadhikasatasamvaccharato pubbe (1881) *Thomas William Rhys Davids* nāma paṇḍito Āṅgalīsadese London nāma nagare Pālighatha Samitiṃ samārabhi. So ekasahassa-aṭṭhasatādhika-catusaṭṭhivasse Laṅkādīpamupāgami. Tasmim samaye amhākaṃ raṭṭhaṃ Āṅgalīsajātikehi paripāliṭaṃ. Tadā so paṭhamataraṃ rajjasevāya niyutto ahosi takkālalāṅkaṇḍukārakassa puggalika-lekhakādhikāradhuraṃ vahanto. Pacchā nītiññu ahosi Laṅkādesse dakkhiṇabhāge Gālunāma padese. Tasmim adhikaraṇadhure kiccaṃ kārente tadāsanne ekassa vihārassa yaṃ kiñci adhikaraṇaṃ tassa sammukhamāpannaṃ. Taṃ vupasametum sutavinayaṃ nītabbanti paṭijānāsi. Teneva kāraṇena so Pālibhāsaṃ uggaṇhitabbanti tīresi.

Ekūnavīsateme vohārasatavasse Sirilānkādīpe vusitapubbesu viditasatthesu nītabahubhāsāsu sadhāsīla sutaccāgapaññādiguṇehi samupetesu bahussutesu mahāttheresu mahāpaṇḍito'ti pakaṭo Yātrāmullagāmajo Dhammārāmo mahātthero tassa manorathaṃ sādhesi pālibhāsaṃ uggaṇhāpetvā. Tato pubbe *Robert Caesar Childers*, nāma āṅgalajātiko ca tassa therassa santike Pālibhāsaṃ uggaṇhi.¹ So mahāsayo Rhys Davids paṇḍitassa duvassato pubbe Laṅkādīpamāgamma ticatuvassānamantare kālenakālaṃ Dhammārāmena mahāttherena Pālibhāsaṃ uggaṇhi. Tassa paṇḍitavarassa Pālibhāsuggahaṇakicce kāriyasādhanatā '*Dictionary of Pali Language*'nāma Pāli-Āṅgalīsa saddakosato daṭṭhūṃ sakkā. So paṇḍito attano saddakosassa saññāpane etassa mahāttherassa Pālibhāsāya kosallataṃ atīva vaṇṇitaṃ. Tattha vuttanayena Childers paṇḍite tasmīṃ saddakose kārente tayo Laṅkāvāsino mahadupakārena tassa anuggahipsu. Tesu Laṅkikesu pamukho eso Yātrāmulle Dhammārāmo mahātthero hi.² Aṭṭhārasādhikadvesattati vohāravasse tena paṇḍitena pakāsītassa *Indian Antiquary* nāma pakāsane ca Dhammārāma therapādassa paṇḍiccaṇa taposīlādiguṇādayo ca kittimukhena vaṇṇito.³

Rhys Davids mahāpaṇīto tassa *Hibbert Lectures*
nāma kathāmālāya āyasmato Dhammārāmassa
bhāsāpabhāvañca kosallattañca anekākārena
sandassitaṃ hoti.⁴ Tenetaṃ tattha vuttaṃ.

"I once knew such a man he would have seemed nothing to a passing observer, but then a deceased looking monk rather mean in stature. When he first came to me, the hand of death was already upon him. He was sinking into the grave from effects of a painful and incurable malady. I had heard of his learning as a Pali scholar and of his illness and was grateful to him for leaving home under such circumstances to teach a stranger. There was a strange light in his sunken eyes, and he was constantly turning away from questions of Pali to question on Buddhism. I find him versed in all the poetry and ethics of the suttas. There was an indescribable attraction about him. His simplicity and high minded filled me with reverence".⁵

Tassa Rhys Davids paṇḍitassa pubbadassita-
vacanānusārena Dhammārāmattherassa gurubhūmikā ca

accudāramanussattañca sammā paridīpīyate. Sattaṭṭha vassaṃ Pālibhāsamuggaṇhitapubbo so rajjasevāya ca ajjhāpanassa ca yena kenaci ghaṭṭhanam nissāya rajjasevaṃ pahāya Āṅgalīsadesaṃ agamāsi. Viggo Fausball, R.C. Childers, Hermann Oldernburg iccādīhi takkālmamahāpācīnaṇḍitehi saddhīm pācīnasattha gavesane niyutto ahoṣi. Pubbavuttesu paṇḍitesu Fausball mahāsayo aṭṭhārasādhika-sattasattatimassa vassassa pubbe'va Jātakapāliya paṭhamam khaṇḍam muddāpesi. Hermann Oldernburg mahāsayo Vinayapītakapāliṃ muddāpesi. Etādisānam mahāpaṇḍitānam sevanabhajana payirupāsanehi samuttejito sampahaṃsito Rhys Davids paṇḍitavaro aṭṭhārasādhika-ekāsītivasse idaṃ Pāli Gantha Samitiṃ samārabhi. Tasmiññeva vasse *Hibbert Lecturers* nāma desanamālam pavattetuṃ Amerikādesaṃ gato so attano kathāsu tassā samitiyā sappayojanāta ca Pālibhāsāya racitaganthānam muddāpane mahapphalatā ca avadhāresi.

Rhys Davids paṇḍito'va tassā samitiyā paṭham asabhāpatidhurañca vahi. Cattāro mahāpaṇḍitā nāmehi Viggo Fausball, Hermann Oldernburg, Emile Senart, Richard Morris cāti tassā samitiyā paṭhame

adhikārimaṇḍale sāmājikā abhaviṃsu. U.B. Brodrigg mahāsayo ca W.W. Hunter mahāsayo ca lekhaka bhaṇḍāgārikadhurāni vahimsu.

Pali Gantha Samitiyā Samārambhe Sirilaṅkāya

Upakāratā

Pāli Gantha Samitiṃ samāraddhuṃ Rhys Davids mahāpaṇḍitassa Sirilaṅkikassa Yātrāmullagāmajassa Dhammārāmassa mahāttherassa Pālibhāsuggaṇhāpana paṭhavameva mahadupakāramakarīti veditabbaṃ. Na tu kevalaṃ. Taṃ samitiṃ ārabhituṃ Sirilaṅkāya saddhā sampannā pālibhāsāsāhiccassa vuddhikāmā tesattati theravarā ca tevīsati gahaṭṭhā ca tassa mahāpaṇḍitassa mūlyena anuggahiṃsu. Visavasena Vākukātithe Ambagahapiṭi nāma vihāre Gaṇācariyena Vimalasāra mahāttheravarena pañcaginiyā (ettha ginīti takkāliṇa mūlyam) anuggahi. Laṅkāya Gāḷu nāma padese E.R. Guṇaratna Atapattu Mudalindena pesitaṃ tesam nāmāvali 'Journal of the Pali Text Society - 1882' nāmasmiṃ tassā samitiyā paṭhama sārasaṅgahe 18-20 piṭṭhesu antogadhā. Tena Rhys Davids paṇḍiteneva

tasmim̐ s̐rasaṅgahe 'Report of the Pali Text Society'
nāma tasmim̐ samitiyā nivedane evaṃ vuttamatthi. "....In
the spring of 1882 there came the welcome intelligence
that more than seventy of the most important of the
members of the Buddhist Order in Ceylon and shown
their appreciation of the work, and their trust in its
promoters, by subscribing in advance to the cost of the
printing...."

*".....These donations having supplied at home the
deficiencies which would other vice have arisen in the
changes for printing if we had not had recourse to the
subscriptions of the Ceylon, we have been enabled to
leave the whole of the latter amount in the Island itself,
to be applied their exclusively to the purchase of
manuscripts....."*

Pāli Gantha Samitiyā paṭhamena sabhāpatinā eva tattha
vuttākārena Siri Laṅkāyaṃ aggappattā paṇḍitā
theravarānaṃ mūlyādhāreṇeva tassā samitiyā paṭhamaṃ
s̐rasaṅgahaṃ muddāpitaṃ. Tasmā jānantāyasmantā Siri
Laṅkikānaṃ bhikkhūnaṃ bahūpakāratā London Pāli
Gantha Samitiyā samārambhakakiccakiriyāsu.

Na kevalaṃ mūlyadānamatteneva Siri Laṅkikā bhikkhū Pāli Gantha Samitiyā anuggahiṃsu. Atha tassā samitiyā saṃvaḍḍhanañca niccaveva paṭṭhayiṃsu saddhiṃ abhinavāhi yojanāhica. Catunnaṃ pamukhānaṃ sīhaḷabhikkhūnaṃ tādisāni tīni āsaṃsanasandesāni tena mahāpaṇḍitena tasmim paṭṭhamasārasaṅgahe pakāsītāni tāni sīhaḷabhāsāya likhitānyapi. Tathā Pālibhāsāya likhitaṃ eakaṃ sandesañca tattha pakāsitamatthi. Taṃ sandhāya tena mahāpaṇḍitena evaṃ vuttamatthi.

"But the Buddhist Bhikkhus themselves are by no means desirous that our effort should be directed either entirely or immediately to the publication of the Pitakas alone. I have received from four of their number, whose opinion, especially on those points on which they agree, may fairly be taken as representative of the general opinion of the sangha, the four letters (three in Sinhalese and one in Pali) which are printed in full in the Appendix...."

Evamādinā nayena Rhys Devids paṇḍitena likhitaṃ idampettha āharāmi Pāli Gantha Samitiyāya saddhiṃ Siri Laṅkāya sambandhaṃ tumhākaṃ sandassanatthāya.

Siri Laṅkāya gahaṭṭhapabbajitā tālapaṇṇa pottha
kānuppādānena vā tesam paṭilekhanena vā sāra
saṅgahassa lekhanasampādanena vā Pāli Gantha
Samitiyā saddhiṃ accantasamīpasambandham pavatta
yimsu. Rhys Davids paṇḍito 1884 vasse tasmim samitiyā
sārasaṅgahe evam vadati.

*" our great want has been now, as heretofore,
that of good MSS.; and this respect we have, as
heretofore, to express our thanks to Gooneratne
Mudaliar who has not only had some MSS. copied under
his directions..... As prominent these other friends, I
should like to mention the name of Wimalasara
Unnanse, of the Ambagahapitiya Vihara, Galle, to whom
the society is especially indebted for procuring, not only
subscribers, but also manuscripts....."*

Tasmim samitiyā sabhāpatissa pubbadassitavacanā
nusārena takkālinasadesikānaṃ Sīhaḷadīpikānaṃ
anuggahassa sabhāvaṃ sammā paridīpiyate. Gaṇācariyo
Vimalasāratthero pamukho hutvā Laṅkādīpato
tālapaṇṇapotthakāni Pāli Gantha Samitiyā pesitabhāvaṃ
tattha vuttam. Tattha sandassitākārena tasmim eva
samaye Laṅkāya dakkhinabhāge Rattagāme sirigaṇe

vihāre Saddhānandatthero Sucittālaṅkāra, Abhidhammā
 vatārā'ti dve potthake pesesi. Tathā Gālu padese
 Minuwangoḍa nāma gāme Bulatgama Dhammālaṅkāra
 siri Sumanatissattherena Mahāniddeśaṅca. Laṅkāya
 majjhimabhāge Mahānagare Pattiruppuwavihāre
 Sūriyagoḍa Soṇuttaratthavirena Udānaṃ pesitaṃ. E.R.
 Guṇaratanena Atapattu Mudalindena Pauggalapaññattiṃ
 pesitaṃ. Tasseva upadesena Aṅguttara, Saṃyutta dve
 nikāyā ca Udāna, Apadāna, Itivuttaka, Pauggalapaññatti
 aṭṭhakathāyo ca paṭilekhanamakari. Kālatitthe Abraham
 Mendis Mudalindassa upadesena Petavatthu, Vimana
 vatthu dve ganthā ca Puggala-aṭṭhakathā ca paṭilekhana
 makari.

Siri Laṅkiko Louis de Zoysa nāma Mudalindo
 asmiṃ samitiyā paṭhamassa sārasaṅgahassa "List of Pali,
 Sinhalese, Sanskrit Manuscripts in the Colombo
 Museum" ti mātikaṃ katvā sāragabbhalekhanam
 racayitvā pakāsesi. Tato pacchā dutiyakalāpe James
 Alwis paṇḍitassa dve desanāyo pakāsītā. Atha tatiye
 kalāpe E.R. Guṇaratanassa Mudalindassa Telakaṭṭhā
 gāthā sodhanam pakāsitaṃ. 1886, 1887, 1892 vassesu
 teneva Mudalindena Vimānavatthu Aṭṭhakathā, Pajjamadhu,
 Dhātukathā Aṭṭhakathā'ti tayo ganthā sodhetvā tasmim

sārasaṅgahe pakāsitā tathā N. Saddhānanda nāma bhikkhunā
1890 saṃvacchare Saddhammasaṅgahaṃ sodhesi ca.

Vīsatime vohārasatavasse Siri Laṅkikānaṃ sambandho

Tato pacchā vīsatime vohārasatavasse'pi bahu Siri
Laṅkikā gahaṭṭhapabbajitā paṇḍitā Pāli Gantha Samitiyā
saddhiṃ sahasambandhino ahesuṃ. Tesu eko mahātthero
pamukho hoti. So pan na añño. Maramma-raṭṭhato
Aggamahāpaṇḍita nāma gāravopādhiṃ laddho paṭhamo
Laṅkāvāsī samāno Polvatte Buddhaddatto māhātthero'va.
So Theravaro tiṃsavassaṃ attano pālibhāsāpaṇḍccaṃ
tāya Pāli Gantha Samitiyā kiccakiriyesu sampayojesi.

Pāli Gantha Samitimārabbha tassa mahāttherassa
mahāsevā teneva mahāttherena attano sayaṃ likhita
apadāne suṭṭhu sandassitātthi. Tathā Ānanda W.P.
Guruge nāma paṇḍitassa 'From the Living Fountains of
Buddhism' nāma ganthe ca. Imasmiṃ pariyesane te dve
gathā atisayena samavalokitā.

Eso mahātthero Laṅkāya dakkhiṇadisābhāge
Ambalangoda padese Polvatta nāma gāme uppanno
jātiyā dasadvādasavasso samāno sambuddhasāsane

pabbajitvā attano ācariyaṃ Pālibhāsaṃca Tepiṭaka dhammaṃca sammā uggaṇhi. Daharova samāno so āyasmā Marammaraṭṭhaṃ gantvā tattha mahāpaṇḍitehi therehi ca sātṭhakathaṃ Tepiṭakaṃ Māgadhi byākaraṇaṃca pariyāpuṇi. Tattheva laddhūpasampanno ahosi. Puna Laṅkāḍīpamāgama attano pālibhāsa- paṇḍiccaṃ pākāṭikaronto pālighantha sodhane ca parivattane ca niyutto ahosi. Tasmim samaye London Pāli Gantha Samitiyā padhānabhuātā sirimatī Rhys Davids nāma mahāpaṇḍantiyā ca tāya pacchā tattha padhānattamāpannāya I.B. Horner nāma dhīmatiyā saddhiṃca lekhaṇa pesanavasena anekesu kiccakiriyesu byāvaṭo.

Paṭhamatarameva eso mahāpaṇḍito ekūnavīsatiya- dhike ekādasame vohāravasse dasame māse (October) tāya samitiyā samārambhakassa Rhys Davids paṇḍitassa lekhaṇaṃ pesitapubbaṃ Pālibhāsāya. Māsato pacchā tena dinnam paccuttaram tena mahāttherena sīhaḷabhāsāya ṭhapitaṃ tassa sayamlikhitāpadāne 81-82 piṭṭhesu.

Tettiṃsavassaṃ tena Buddhadattena tisata- ppamāṇāni lekhaṇāni likhitapubbāni tāya samitiyā.

Adḍuddhasatappamāṇa-paccuttarāni ca laddhāni tāya samitiyā.

London Pāligantha samitiyā Samārambhaka sabhāpatibhūtaṣṣa *Rhys Davids* mahāpaṇḍitaṣṣa pacchā eso mahātthero tasmim samāgame padhānattamāpannāya sirimatiyā *Rhys Davids* nāma mahāpaññavantiyā ca tāya pacchā tattha padhānattamāpannāya *I.B. Horner* nāma dhīmatiyā ca saddhiṇca ovādadānavasena lekhaṇa pesanena ca ganthasodhanena ca vasena anekesu kiccakiriyesu byāvaṭṭa ahoṣi.

Pāligantha samitiyā tena sodhitā ganthā

Anuruddhācariyassa Nāmarūpaparicchedaṃ (1914)

Buddhadattācariyassa Abhidhammāvatāraṃ (1915)

Rūpārūpavibhāgaṃ (1915)

Vinayavinicchaya-Uttaravinicchayadvayaṃ (1927)

Buddhaghosācariyassa Sammohavinodanī nama
Vibhaṅga Aṭṭhakathā (1923)

Upasenācariyassa Saddhammapajjotikā nāma
Niddesaṭṭhakathā (1931)

English-Pāli Dictionary (1955)

Mohavicchedanī (1961)

Jinakālamālī (1964)

Tasmā tassa Buddhadatta mahāttherassa pālibhāsā paṇḍiccaṃ nissāya desadesantaresu Lankāvāsīnaṃ theravarānaṃ sukittirāvaṃ abhuggatanti veditabbaṃ. Tasmim kāle London Pāligantha Samitiyā bahupaṇḍitā Buddhadatta mahāttherassa upakārenea pāligantha saṃsodhanādi sabbakiccāni akariṃsu.

Thapervā Aggamahāpaṇḍitaṃ Buddhadatta mahāttheraṃ aṅṅe'pi viññū theravarā ca gahaṭṭhapaṇḍitā ca ganthasodhanena vā parivattanena vā tassā samitiyā anuggahiṃsu. Tesam kiccaṃ saṃkhepena dassayissāmi. Paṭhamam ganthasodhanaṃ āgacchati.

Añ kaṃ	Ganhanāmaṃ	Sodhaka	Pakāsita vassaṃ
1	Nāmarūpasamāso (Khemappakaraṇa)	P.Dhammarāmo	1915-16 sārasaṅgahe
2	Saccasaṅkhepa	P.Dhammarāmo	1917-19 sārasaṅgahe
3	Mahāvamsa-tīkā, (Vamsatthappakāsini)	G.P.Malalasekero	1935
4	Vitthārīta Mahāvamsa	G.P.Malalasekero	1937
5	Visuddhajanavilāsini	C.E.Goḍakumburo	1954
6	Hatthavanagallavihār avamsa	C.E.Goḍakumburo	1956

7	Samantakūṭavaṇṇanā	C.E. Goḍakumburo	1958
8	Samantapāsādikā Bāhiranidāna	N.A.Jayawickramo	1962
9	Upāsakajanālaṅkāro	H. Saddhātisso	1965
10	Dīgha-nikāya-ṭikā (Līnatthapakāsini)	Lily de Silva	1970
11	Thūpavaṃso	N.A.Jayawickramo	1971
12	Buddhavaṃsa and Cariyāpiṭaka	N.A.Jayawickramo	1974
13	Dasabodhisattuppatti kathā	H. Saddhātisso	1975
14	Vimānavatthu & Petavatthu (navīnasodhanaṃ)	N.A.Jayawickramo	1977
15	Pañcappakaraṇatthak athā	N.A.Jayawickramo	1979
16	Abhidhammattha saṅgaha Abhidhammatthavibh āvinī-ṭikāya saddhim	H. Saddhātisso	1989
17	Nāmacāradīpikā	H. Saddhātisso	1990 sārasaṅgaha
18	Bhesajjamañjūsā	J. Liyanaratno	1997

Atha dutiyaṃ Pālibhāsāya racitānaṃ potthakānaṃ Āṅgali bhāsāparivattane niyuttānaṃ vibudhajanānaṃ nāmāni ca tesāṃ parivattanānaṃ nāmāni ca sandassīyante.

Aṅk aṃ	Ganthanāmaṃ	Parivattakassa Nāmaṃ	Pakāsita vassaṃ
1	Epochs of the Conqueror nāma Jinakālamāliniyā parivattanaṃ	N.A.Jayawickramo	1962
2	The Inception of Discipline nāma Samantapāsādikā Bāhiranidānassa parivattanaṃ	N.A.Jayawickramo	1962
3	Thūpavaṃsassa parivattanaṃ	N.A. Jayawickramo	1971
4	The Birth Stories of the Ten Bodhisattas nāma Dasabodhisattupattikat hāya parivattanaṃ	H. Saddhātisso	1975
5	The Casket of Medicine nāma Besajjamāñjusāya parivattanaṃ	Jinadāso Liyanaratno	2002

Athāparaṃ Siri Lānkikehi katāni aññānīpi pākaṇi katipayāni kiccāni adho sandassiyamānākārena veditabbāni. Tāni saddakosarūpens vā nāmāvalīrūpena vā dissate.

Angam	Gathanāmaṃ	Ganthasarūpam	Kattā	Pakāsitavassam
	Dictionary of Pāli Proper Names	Saddakosam	G.P. Malalasekaro	Paṭhamo kaṇḍo - 1937 Dutiyo kaṇḍo - 1938
	Catalogue of the Nevill Collection of Sinhalese Manuscripts in The British Library nāma nāmāvali	Nāmāvali	K.D. Somadāso	Paṭhamo kaṇḍo - 1987 Dutiyo kaṇḍo- 1989 Tatiyo kaṇḍo- 1990 Catuttho kaṇḍo - 1990 Pañcamo kaṇḍo - 1995
	Tape cassette from Introduction to Pāli	Pauthulādrīgha paṭṭikā	H. Saddhātisso	
	CD from Introduction to Pāli	CD paṭṭika	H. Saddhātisso	

Evamādinā nayena Sri Laṅkikānaṃ bhikkhūnaṃca gihīnaṃ
odātavasanānaṃca London Pāli Gantha Samitiyā saddhiṃ
pavattitaṃ sambandhaṃ daṭṭhabbaṃ. Te mahāpaṇḍitavarā
mūlyappadānena ca ganthasodhanena ca parivattanena ca
saddakosādi aññehi ganthasampādanenaca tassā samitiyā
anuggahimsu.

Āntikapāṭhāni

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introduction- lii

² Childers, R.C., Dictionary of the Pali Language,
Published by Trubner & Co. and 60, Paternoster Row,
London, 1872, Preface- Viii

³ Paññāvāsa, M., *Bemtoṭa Vanavāsa*
Mahāvihāravamsaya, Printed by Saṃkha Press,
Colombo

10, 1977, p. 112

⁴ Guruge, Introduction- lii

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