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# PREFACE.

SEVERAL years' experience in teaching Tamil to the members of the Indian Civil Service at Cambridge has made the Author increasingly to feel the need that exists for a Tamil Grammar, written on the same general system as the Telugu Grammar, which he published, when in Madras, in the year 1873, and which has for long been adopted as the text-book for the I. C. S., as well as by the various Missionary Societies, working in the Telugu Country.

The Author is far from undervaluing the works which have already been published on the same subject. The Student of Tamil must ever feel grateful to Dr. Pope, who has done so much to promote the study of this interesting language. But excellent as Dr. Pope's Tamil Handbook is for its own particular purpose, being written on the Ollendorf system, it necessarily presents the grammar of the language in a somewhat broken and piecemeal form. There appears, therefore, to be a real need for an additional book in the English language, giving a compact outline of Tamil Grammar; and this need the Author has now endeavoured to supply.

The Tamil Grammar of the Rev. C. T. E. Rhenius supplies the want to some extent; but not only is it almost out of print; but it needs revision and rearrangement; and as many years have passed since it was published, additional light has been thrown upon the language, and great improvements have been made in Tamil type.

The object of this book is to present the reader with a grammar of common Tamil only, as it is correctly spoken and written. In ordinary conversation and writing several vulgarisms and colloquialisms are used. These can easily be mastered

by observation, and by intercourse with the people of the country; and therefore they are only briefly noticed in these pages. When once the correct forms and expressions are known, vulgarisms and colloquialisms can easily be recognised and understood.

After mastering this Grammar, the Student will then be in a position to proceed to the study of the higher dialect, and to the perusal of Native Grammars. It is in the higher dialect that Tamil poetry, and some also of the Native prose works, are written. So different is it from the common dialect, that a person who only knows the latter, cannot understand the former. It requires, therefore, separate treatment, and practically forms a distinct branch of study.

It is hardly necessary to add, that the Native grammars were composed for those who were already well acquainted with common Tamil as their own vernacular; and hence they are written in Tamil, and deal with the higher dialect. However useful therefore to advanced Students, they are not adapted for teaching common Tamil to Europeans.

In this, as in the Telugu Grammar, the special effort of the Author has been to adopt a strictly progressive system—in other words—not to introduce matter which practically implies a knowledge of Tamil which has not been as yet imparted; and on the other hand, only to give such information as is absolutely required at the stage at which the Student has arrived. Strict attention to this principle, while it makes the book much easier to study, must be pleaded as an excuse for any features in the arrangement of the subject-matter, which may at first sight strike the reader as somewhat peculiar. As instances of this, may be mentioned the explanation in Para. 68 of the pronunciation of the first consonant, after the explanation of several letters which precede it in the alphabet—the insertion of Syntax in Chapter VI.—the reservation of information to the supplementary Chapter XI., etc., etc.

Though in some instances it might have been advisable some-

what to alter the terms used, e.g., the word stem in many places for the word root, etc., etc., yet to prevent any confusion, the Author has thought it best to retain those terms which have been already adopted in his own Telugu Grammar, and in the Tamil works of Dr. Pope.

The examples given have been chiefly selected from the textbooks prescribed for the I. C. S. examinations.

The first chapter, on the Alphabet and Orthography, may perhaps seem to be somewhat long, and to be written in a style, which strictly speaking, may not be quite suited to the pages of a Grammar. But after some years of experience in teaching Tamil, the Author has found that owing to the peculiarities of the Tamil language, the system here adopted is at once the easiest and the shortest. He therefore does not hesitate to insert it. It enables the Student, with the indispensable assistance of a qualified teacher, to acquire the power to read and to pronounce Tamil correctly, which is the first great and essential step in mastering the language.

Much time and labour have been spent upon the verbs and the rules for the formation of their tenses. All the verbs in Winslow's Dictionary have been collected and arranged under rules; and thus a regular classification has been made, which, when once mastered, will give the Student a clear and comprehensive view of the subject.

A copious index, both in Tamil and English, is given at the end of the book, and will be found most useful for reference.

A few introductory remarks are added in reference to the Tamil language, and the manner in which it should be acquired.

#### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

The languages of Southern India, of which Tamil is the most important, are termed *Dravidian*. The principal members of this group of languages are—

(1). Tamil. This is the vernacular of about 13 millions of

people, who principally inhabit the country on the Eastern side of the Ghâts from Madras to Cape Comorin, South Travancore on the Western side of the Ghâts, and also the Northern parts of Ceylon.

- (2). Malayalam. This is closely akin to Tamil. It is the vernacular of about 5 millions of people, who principally inhabit the country on the Western side of the Ghâts, from Mangalore to Trevandrum.
- (3). Telugu. This is next to Tamil in importance, from which it differs very considerably. It uses an entirely distinct written character; and introduces the Sanscrit aspirates, which Tamil does not. It is the vernacular of about 17 millions of people, who principally inhabit the country stretching North from Madras to the confines of Bengal, and far inland into the heart of the Dekhan.
- (4). Canarese. This language is closely akin to Telugu. It is the vernacular of about 8 millions of people, who principally inhabit Mysore and Canara.

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While, on the one hand, it may truly be said that no oriental living language can be properly mastered without a residence in the country where it is spoken; yet, on the other hand, the Author believes, that if a suitable teacher can be procured, it is of the highest value, especially for an Indian Civilian, to study the language for a time, before he leaves his own country. The novelty of oriental life, the new scenes around him, the trials of the climate, the heat, the lassitude which is often felt by one new to the country, added to official calls, the requirements of society in the presidency town, the journey to an up-country station, the civilities that have again to be gone through there, the settling down to a new home, and the effort to learn some of the official duties that will ere long devolve upon him, all these are very serious hindrances to steady work

with the rudiments of a language, and often greatly impede the progress of the young Civilian. Whereas, if the rudiments of the language have been thoroughly mastered at home, much of the drudgery work will have been already surmounted, every day rapid progress will be made after arrival in India, and the acquisition of the language will be a pleasure rather than a toil.

In learning Tamil the motto of the Student, especially at first, should be "Quality not Quantity." A fittle thoroughly mastered, is of much more value than a far larger quantity only half learnt. Some, by being too rapid at first, bring upon themselves the great extra trouble of having to unlearn faulty pronunciations, etc.

The Student should, from the very beginning, provide himself with a pocket-book, and enter into it all the Tamil words which he finds in the early chapters of this book, with their English meaning placed opposite to them. These he should carefully commit to memory; and constantly repeat. They will form a most useful vocabulary of common Tamil words, the acquisition of which is of primary importance in learning a living language. After the mind has been stored with a well learnt vocabulary, it will be found useful to enter in the pocket-book a number of common sentences illustrating the words in the vocabulary, and these also should be carefully committed to memory.

The Student should daily practice Tamil Handwriting, by writing copies at first of Tamil letters, and afterwards of Tamil words and sentences.

It only remains for the Author very heartily to thank the kind friends who have rendered him much valuable assistance in the preparation of this work. They are too many to mention individually, but he cannot pass over in silence the names of A. R. Hutchins, Esq., I. C. S., and F. Brandt, Esq., I. C. S., Lecturer in Tamil and Telugu at the University of Cambridge. The former has been most kind in correcting the manuscript

for the press, and the latter has most carefully read the book whilst in preparation, and offered many very useful suggestions.

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N.B.—The Author will be greatly obliged for any corrections, suggestions, criticisms, etc., which may strike the reader as he goes through this work. They can be sent either through the publishers, or direct to his private address—Curborough, Great Malvern. They would be of much value in preparing a second edition.

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# CHAPTER I.

## On The Alphabet and Orthography.

- 1. Before commencing this chapter, the student should read the preface, and especially the *introductory remarks*, which form the conclusion of the preface.
- 2. This chapter shows the system on which Tamil is written, and explains the pronunciation of the various letters, so far as it is advisable to attempt to do so on paper. It must from the first be clearly understood that it is impossible to explain correctly through the medium of the English language, all the exact shades of pronunciation that occur in the Tamil letters, and in their various combinations. It is presupposed that the student has the assistance of a competent teacher, and without such assistance it is better for him not to attempt to study Tamil for colloquial purposes. With such assistance, it is unnecessary in these pages to do more than give a general description of the sounds of the Tamil letters, leaving the more delicate shades of pronunciation to be communicated by oral instruction.
- 3. When learning to write Tamil, great care must be taken to form the letters in the proper manner. Watch the Teacher as he writes each letter, and notice carefully how he forms it. Theoretically there is no difference between the forms of the Tamil letters in printing and in handwriting; but as a matter of fact, the printed letters naturally assume a somewhat more uniform and sharply cut shape; whereas in handwriting they are more rounded off, and somewhat less sharply defined. The native running hand need not be studied till a considerable knowledge of the language has been acquired.
- 4. When learning to read and to speak Tamil, the greatest attention must be paid to pronunciation. There are several

sounds which do not exist in English; and the meaning of a word not unfrequently depends upon the hard or soft pronunciation of a consonant. Mark carefully the Teacher's pronunciation; repeat each letter and each word after him several times; and speak clearly, distinctly, in a loud voice, and with the head well up, and the shoulders thrown back.

#### SECTION 1.

- 5. In Tamil there are 12 vowers, and 18 consonants.
- 6. The 12 Tamil vowels are given in the following table, with their approximate sounds in English, as they are sounded in the Tamil Alphabet.
- 7. The second, fourth, sixth, eighth, and eleventh vowels are the lengthened sounds of the short vowels which immediately precede them. The short vowels are pronounced somewhat more abruptly than the corresponding English sounds.
- 8. All the Tamil long vowels have a drawling pronunciation, which is not used in English, and therefore cannot be exactly rendered by the English examples given below. Thus, for instance,  $\sigma$  has the sound of the French  $\hat{e}$  in même.

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10. There are no Tamil vowels which have the exact sounds of the English a in pan or of the English o in hot. Great care must be taken not to give these sounds to  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$ . One of the most common and ruinous faults in an Englishman's pronunciation is to pronounce  $\mathcal{A}$  like a in pan. Hence it is better from the first to associate  $\mathcal{A}$  with the sound of u in up, although it might be equally well represented by final a in China. When transliterating, it is better to represent  $\mathcal{A}$  by  $\tilde{a}$ .

#### SECTION 2.

- 11. In order to explain the Tamil consonants, at first a few only of them will be given which present no difficulties in pronunciation, and with them the general system of Tamil writing and reading will be illustrated. The remainder of the consonants will then be given, some of which present special difficulties in pronunciation.
- 12. As a consonant cannot be sounded without the help of a vowel, it is necessary to introduce the sound of a vowel, in order to pronounce the consonants in any alphabet. Thus, in English, the sounds of the vowels e and a respectively are introduced to pronounce the consonants b and k, as be, ka. In pronouncing the consonants in the Tamil alphabet, the sound of the vowel of is uniformly introduced. It is not written, but understood: hence the vowel of is considered as inherent in each of the 18 Tamil consonant forms. Thus, for instance, the six Tamil consonants of, u, u, t, o, on, are pronounced ka, pa, ma, ra, la, na. (Para. 10). These six consonants must be thoroughly learnt, before proceeding farther.
- 13. When it is required to denote the entire absence of any vowel sound, or, in other words, to denote that the consonant is mute, a dot is placed over the consonant. Thus the English word up would be written in Tamil letters ai; and the English words pun, rum, run, would be written uin, ric, ai. When it is necessary to name a mute consonant, the vowel a is

sounded before it. Thus when speaking of the mute consonants க், ப், ம், ர், ல், ன், they are called இக், இப், இம், இர், இல், இன். Learn the following Tamil words, மசம் a tree, பக்கம் a side, அப்பம் bread, என் my, உன் thy.

- 14. The following is a most important rule to remember. When Tamil consonants are doubled, they are pronounced much more strongly and distinctly than in English. Compare the pronunciation of the English word upper with that of the Tamil word அப்பம் bread.
- 15. When a word begins with  $\sigma$ , or  $\sigma$  these vowels usually take a sound of y. Thus  $\sigma \tilde{\sigma} \tilde{\sigma} \tilde{\sigma} What?$  and  $\sigma \tilde{\sigma} Why?$  are usually pronounced yenna and  $y\hat{a}n$ . Initial  $\mathfrak{D}$  and  $\tilde{\sigma}$  also sometimes take the y sound. Thus  $\mathfrak{D} \tilde{\sigma} \tilde{\sigma} \tilde{\sigma} \tilde{\sigma} \tilde{\sigma}$  mercy, is often pronounced yirakkam instead of irakkam.
- 16. In Tamil there are no capital letters. The vowels given in Para. 9 are called the initial forms of the vowels, because they can only be used to begin a word. In all other positions the vowel takes a different form called the secondary form of the vowel, which is combined with each of the consonant forms, so that the two together make what is called a compound letter. For example, the secondary form of @ is ? which in the case of most letters, is placed at the top of the consonant form with which it is combined; thus @ combined with # becomes the compound letter # h\$. The dot, being only placed over a consonant when it is mute, disappears when the secondary form of any vowel is attached to the consonant. The next step is to learn the secondary form of each of the 12 vowels.
- 17. The vowel 24 has no secondary form, because it is inherent in each consonant form (Para. 12). The absence of the dot, which would make the vowel mute (Para. 13), implies the presence of 24; as 35, 11, 11, 12, 13, 13, 14, 1

- 18. The secondary form of  $\mathcal{Z}$  is  $\pi$ , which is placed immediately after the consonant form; thus  $\pi$  combined with  $\mathcal{Z}$  becomes  $\pi\pi$   $k\bar{a}$ . In the same manner are formed  $u\pi$ ,  $u\pi$ ,  $\pi\pi$ ,  $\pi\pi$ , and In the case of three letters, all of which will be given hereafter, the secondary form of  $\mathcal{Z}$  is  $\mathcal{L}$ , which is written underneath the letter from right to left. Thus  $\varpi$  combined with  $\mathcal{Z}$  becomes  $\varpi$ . Examples- $\pi\pi$  a leg,  $u\pi$  a milk,  $\pi\pi$  with time,  $u\pi$   $\varpi$  a stag.
- 19. The secondary forms of @ and @ (or #) are 7 and @ respectively, which, in most instances, are placed at the top of the consonant form; as &, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{m}, \ma
- 20. The secondary forms of and a present several variations. They are of three kinds, namely— (1) A curve passing below the letter from right to left for a, and a circle added to it for a; thus, when combined with these vowels, ω and σ become ω, ω, and ω, ω. The letter becomes ω and ω (irregular)—(2) A short downward stroke for a, and a curve added to it for a; thus ω becomes μ and ω—(3) A loop under the letter ending at the right side of it for a, and σ attached to it for a; thus w and w become ω, ω, and ω, ωσ. Examples—μω a tiger, ωνσων α son, ων wages, ω a flower.
- 21. When the vowel உends a word, it is pronounced very softly and slightly; as பன்னு a tax, உப்பு salt (Para. 14), ஒரு one.
- 22. The secondary forms of  $\sigma$  and  $\sigma$  are  $\Theta$  and G respectively, which are placed immediately before the consonant; as  $\Theta$ க, பெ, மெ,  $\Theta$ r,  $\Theta$ ல,  $\Theta$ s; and Gs, Gu, Gu, Gr, Gs, Gs. Examples— $\Theta$ மல்ல slowly, மேல் upon, கேவி calumny.
  - 23. The secondary form of & is on, which is placed imme-

diately before the consonant; as sos, sou, sou, sor. In the case of four letters, which will be given hereafter, the secondary form of  $\mathbb{E}$  is 2; thus, when compounded with  $\mathbb{E}$ , the letters  $\infty$  and so become  $\infty$  and  $\infty$ .

- 24. The vowel & has the full sound of the English word eye, only when it occurs in a word of one syllable, or in the first syllable of a word; as sou a bag, so to the hand. In all other positions, and especially at the end of a word, it is pronounced almost like &, with a slight sound of y in it. Compare the sound of ei in the English word neighbour. To prevent confusion, and mistakes in spelling, it will be best for the beginner to pronounce &, when not in the first syllable of a word, like the i in fight. Examples— Home a cat, Guessu greatness, with the eigen you. (Para. 14.)
- 25. The secondary forms of  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $\mathfrak{p}$  are  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $\mathfrak{C}$  respectively, placed immediately before the consonant, and  $\pi$  placed immediately after it; as  $\mathfrak{p} \in \pi$ ,  $\mathfrak{p} \cup \pi$ . The three letters which take constead of  $\pi$  as the secondary form of  $\mathfrak{p}$  (Para. 18) retain this form also in the secondary forms of  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $\mathfrak{p}$ . Thus, when combined with these vowels,  $\mathfrak{p} \cap \pi$  becomes  $\mathfrak{p} \cap \pi$  and  $\mathfrak{p} \cap \pi$ . Examples— $\mathfrak{p} \cap \pi$  murder,  $\mathfrak{p} \cup \pi$  gold,  $\mathfrak{p} \cap \pi$  buttermilk. (Para. 28),  $\mathfrak{p} \cup \pi$  go (thou).
- 26. The secondary form of ஒன is © prefixed to the consonant, and ன affixed to it; as கௌ, பௌ, மௌ, மௌ, சௌ, லௌ, கௌ, கௌ. Example—மௌனம் silence.
- 27. All the secondary forms of the vowels have now been explained; and it has been shown how they are united with each of the six consonants, &, u, u, v, w, w to form compound letters. (Para. 16). Thoroughly learn the following table of compound letters in horizontal lines, and write them out.

| க        | கா | æ  | æ  | கு | கூ  | கெ             | சே   | ்கை         | கொ | கோ  | கௌ |
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| ன        | 9  | வி | னீ | னு | ஊ   | னெ             | னே   | <b>ट</b> ळा | തെ | തേ  | னௌ |

- 28. (a) The consonant  $\sigma$  is usually written  $\sigma$ , that is, without the little stroke at the right foot of the letter, except where it might be mistaken for the secondary form of  $\mathfrak{A}$ ; as  $\mathfrak{e}$  willage, is  $\dot{\sigma}$  you, soft charcoal; but we is a tree, etc.
- (b) The letter π always has a distinct r sound, and must not be slurred as it often is in English (not in Scotch). Notice the difference in pronunciation between the English words near, par, Parker, and the Tamil words Επ you, μππ look (thou), μππ έπ to look.
- 29. When a Tamil word has both long and short vowels, a certain amount of emphasis naturally falls upon the long, as in the word Gurasi a son. But when all the vowels in a word are short, or all long, the emphasis is always thrown upon the first syllable. In many English words the emphasis is thrown upon the second syllable, as in the words support, refresh, corrupt. Great care must be taken not to do this in Tamil; but the emphasis must always be thrown upon the first syllable; as usua a tree, Assiu send (thou). Compare the pronunciation of the Tamil word Asia he with the English word aver.

#### SECTION 3.

30. Thus far six only of the consonants have been given. The next two steps are (1) to learn all the 18 Tamil consonants in their proper order; and (2) to learn the way in which each of these consonants is combined with each of the secondary

forms of the 12 vowels. It will be found best to learn these two steps together; for some of the consonants are rather difficult to pronounce, and their pronunciation will be far more easily acquired by sounding them with each of the vowel forms in succession.

The following table of compound letters must now be carefully learnt in horizontal lines. The top line gives the initial forms of the 12 vowels. The first perpendicular column gives the 18 consonants in their proper order. Each horizontal line of compound letters shows the combination of the consonant which begins the line with each of the secondary forms of the vowels. The following table of compound letters is divided into four parts, which must be learnt separately. Whilst learning each part, the notes on that particular part (Para. 31, etc.) must be carefully studied. The next part must not be commenced, until the preceding part has been thoroughly mastered together with the notes upon

# TABLE OF COMPOUND LETTERS.

PART I.

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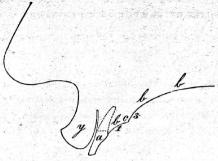
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#### NOTES ON THE COMPOUND LETTERS.

- 31. PART I. The letter  $\sigma$  has the sound of k in kill; as  $\sigma \hat{\omega}$  a stone. It has also other sounds which will be explained hereafter (Para. 68—71).
- 32. The nasal w has the sound of nga; but it is always mute (except in compounds of the rare word www.): When following this letter, the consonant s always takes a g sound; as spocs there, @wcs here, swcs where? (Para. 15).
- 33. The sound of the letter # varies in different parts of the Tamil country. For the present, it will be sufficient to regard it as equivalent to the English letter s in sun; as μ# a cow, இπ#π a king: (Para. 64).
- 34. The nasal letter ஞ has a soft sound of gnya; as ஞானம் wisdom. It only combines with the vowels அ, ஆ, எ, and ஓ.
- 35. PART II. In pronouncing some of the Tamil consonants, much depends upon the right position of the tongue. The annexed diagram, if carefully studied, will be found of much assistance. In it y represents the upper lip; a the front tooth in the upper row; b. b. b. the roof of the mouth; c the angle or ridge in the roof of the mouth, just above the back of the top row of front teeth.
- 36. Figure 1, below the ridge marked c, shows the place where the upper side of the tip of the tongue strikes against the roof of the mouth in pronouncing the English letters d, n, l, t, as in do, not, lip, tin, and the Tamil letters w and w, as in 40 a tiger, using a tax.



tip of it against the roof of the mouth, at the point marked 3 in the diagram, i.e., above the ridge in the roof of the mouth marked c. Carefully pronounce the following words  $\sqcup \pi \otimes$  suffering,  $\varpi \pi \otimes$  a jungle (Para 21),  $\sqcup \pi \perp$  is a lesson,  $\sqcup \varphi$  learn (thou),  $\sqcup \varphi$  seize (thou),  $\otimes \varpi \pi \otimes$  give (thou),  $\simeq \varpi \omega$  obtain (thou).

38. The curling back of the tongue to pronounce L (and other kindred letters) often gives to the preceding vowel a somewhat broader sound than it otherwise has. Thus the  $\pi$  in  $\pi \Theta$  a pledge sounds something like the English (not Scotch) pronunciation of the word ear;  $\pi$  in  $\pi \Theta$  a page of a book sounds something like air;  $\mathcal{C}\pi$  in  $\mathcal{C}\pi \Theta$  ruin sounds something like care.

39. In English, the letters th have two distinct sounds—(a) as in the words thought, thumb, thigh, where they have a pure th sound; and (b) as in the words though, thus, thy, where they have almost the sound of dh. (No English word begins with the letters dh). When pronouncing these letters, the tip of the tongue is in both cases placed at the edge of the top row of front teeth.

In Tamil, the letter & has two distinct sounds, namely th and dh. They are pronounced with the tongue in the same position as in making the two corresponding English sounds of th, mentioned above; but there is this great difference between the English and Tamil pronunciation. In English the tip of the tongue does not press against the edge of the front teeth, but

a current of air passes between them. This is somewhat less the case in pronouncing words which have a sound of dh, as though, thus, thy; yet in these words too it is done to some extent. But in pronouncing the Tamil 5, whether with a th or dh sound, the tip of the tongue always presses against the edge of the front teeth, and is then suddenly withdrawn, and no current of air passes between them.

- 40. (a) The letter த (as will be explained in Para. 53), when it is the first letter in a word, or is doubled, takes a th sound; as தெரு a street, தோல் leather, கத்தி a knife, பத்து ten. Compare the difference in pronunciation between the English word thin, and the Tamil word தின் eat (thou). In the alphabet, த is pronounced with the th sound.
- (b) The letter  $\mathcal{F}$  (as will be explained in Para. 53), when it stands singly in the middle or end of a word takes a dh sound; as பாதம் the foot, காது the ear, அது that (thing), இது this (thing), எது which (thing)? Compare the slight difference in pronunciation between the English words yea though and the Tamil word பேகோ.
- 41. Mark most carefully the difference in sound between and s. Compare the pronunciation of the following words—

- 42. As regards pronunciation, the English letters d and t (as in do, take,) hold a middle position between the Tamil letters, being not so hard as  $\leftarrow$ , and not so soft as  $\sigma$ . Great care must be taken to get the correct pronunciation of these letters in Tamil; for they form one of the peculiarities of the language, and as seen above, the meaning of a word sometimes depends upon the hard or soft pronunciation.
- 43. The letter wo has a very hard metallic n sound, which is not found in English. In pronouncing it, the tongue is placed in exactly the same position, as in pronouncing L. See Para. 37. Examples—L wo wo make thou, swork of an account (Para. 21), swi the eye, swom an oath (Para. 24),

பெண் a woman, (Para. 38), பணம் money. Compare the pronunciation of the two words பண்ணு make thou, and பன்ன a tax.

- 44. The letter க has theoretically a softer sound than ன. The latter is pronounced just like the English n, but க is pronounced with the tongue in the same position as in pronouncing த. See Para. 39. Examples—கான் I, காம் we, கீ thou, கீர் you (Para. 28), கரி a jackal. கல்ல good.
- 45. PART III. The consonants ப, ம, r, ல, have already been explained, and illustrated. The letter u has the sound of the English y; as டையன் a boy. The letter a has a very soft v sound, something between the English letters v and w; as வேலே work, விரல் a finger, வைத்தியன் (Para. 24) a physician, அவன் he, காவல் guard.
- 46. PART IV. The sound of the letter  $\omega$  is very peculiar. The tongue is curled back, as in pronouncing L or  $\omega m$ ; but it does not touch the palate, and a peculiar sound between y and r is made between the tongue and the palate. Owing to the difficulty in pronouncing this letter, in some parts of the Tamil country it is vulgarly pronounced like  $\omega$ , and in other parts like  $\omega m$ , which is explained in the next paragraph. Examples— $\omega \omega \omega p$  rain,  $\omega p \omega$  fruit,  $\omega \omega p$  a way,  $\omega \omega \omega$  writing,  $\omega \omega$  (Para. 38) under.
- 47. The letter of has a hard metallic sound of l, not found in English. It is pronounced by placing the tongue in exactly the same position as in pronouncing L (Para. 37.) Examples—அவள் she, கான் a day, பள்ளம் low land, மாங்கள் (Para. 32) trees, பின்னே a child, கேன் hear (thou), கேளுங்கள் hear (ye). In connexion with the pronunciation of the last three words, read Para. 38.

48. Compare the pronunciation of the following words-

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San time. Symfl tamarind.
Can work. Year a tiger.
San toddy (a drink). Sanni take (thou).
Asi a stone. Sanni kill (thou).
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- 49. The letter p, has a rough sound of r, as in the English word hurrah. Theoretically it has a rougher sound than σ, but practically little difference is made in the pronunciation of these two letters. In writing, it is most important to distinguish carefully between them; thus கரி means charcoal, but கறி means curry. Examples—கான் படிக்குறன் I am learning; அவன் படிக்கிறன், he is learning.
  - 50. The letter on has already been explained in Para. 44.

The table of compound letter's given in Para. 30, should now be read over several times. When doing so, the two following points must be carefully noted—

- 51. (1). The letters  $\mathfrak{S}$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}$ , and  $\mathfrak{S}$  take a curve below them, instead of  $\mathfrak{I}$ , as the secondary form of  $\mathfrak{S}$ . Hence with the secondary forms of  $\mathfrak{S}$  and  $\mathfrak{S}$  they become  $\mathfrak{S}$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}$ , and  $\mathfrak{S}$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}$ .
- 52. (2). The four following letters take the secondary form of  $\mathfrak{B}$  in a peculiar manner; namely  $\mathfrak{B}$ ,  $\mathfrak{B}$ ,  $\mathfrak{B}$ , and  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

#### SECTION 4.

#### ON THE VARYING SOUNDS OF THE TAMIL CONSONANTS.

53. The letter  $\boldsymbol{s}$  takes a soft th sound (Para. 40), when it is the first letter in a word, or is mute, or is doubled; as  $\boldsymbol{s}\pi\dot{\boldsymbol{u}}$  a mother, பத்து ten. But when it comes in the middle or end of a word, not being mute or doubled, it takes a soft dh sound (Para. 39), as மனிதன் a man, அந்த that, இந்த this, எந்த which? (adjectival) (Para. 15).

- 54. In some words, introduced from Sanscrit or some foreign language, initial த is sometimes pronounced dh when it is so pronounced in the original language from which the word is taken; as தேவன் (Dhâvăn) a god, தர்மம் charity (Para. 28).
- 56. No pure Tamil word begins with  $\angle$ , but there are a few words introduced from other languages, especially from Hindustani, which commence with this letter. In such words,  $\angle$  has the sound of d or t according to the sound of the letter in the original language; as  $\angle \pi \dot{\mu} u$  (Dappu) a list. When the initial letter has the sound of t, it is sometimes written double; as  $\dot{\mu} u$  or  $\dot{\mu} u$  (taná)  $\dot{u}$  police station.
  - 57. Compare the pronunciation of the following words-

(பட்டு silk. ) விட்டு having left. (Participle.) பக்கு ten. (கிக்கு seed.

- 58. When p is doubled, they take the exact sound of the English letters tt; as  $(\vec{p},\vec{p},\vec{p})$  is a fault; επρω wind. Compare the pronunciation of the following three words επίω (genitive case) of the jungle, επρω wind, επέω (participle) having watched. Compare also the two words χίωω (accusative case) a sheep, and χρωρ (accusative case) a river. (Some Tamil people insert a sound of r, when pronouncing p.
- 59. When p is mute, it may take the sound of t; but it is also pronounced with the sound of r. Thus  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{B}}\dot{p}$   $\mathcal{B}_{\mathcal{B}}$  to it may be pronounced  $\check{a}dh\check{a}tku$ ; but it is also frequently pronounced  $\check{a}dh\check{a}tku$ .
- 60. When p is preceded by so, the sound of d is inserted between them; thus  $\sigma sign$  (participle) having said, is pronounced endru.

- 61. When  $\sigma$  is preceded by ஞ், it takes a j sound, as பஞ்சு (punju) cotton.
- 62. In some words introduced from other languages, initial ச takes a j sound, when it is so pronounced in the original language; as சனம் (janam) people, சன்னல் (janam) a window.
- 63. The letter # takes a sound like the ch in church, when it is mute or doubled; as @#m# desire. (Para. 24). It also takes this sound, when preceded by i or p; as #πi# a witness (ψωρ# an effort.
- 64. The above rules regarding  $\mathcal{F}$  are observed in all parts of the Tamil country; but in the case of words not coming under these rules, the pronunciation of  $\mathcal{F}$  somewhat varies. Thus it is sometimes pronounced like the s in sun (Para. 33), and sometimes it is pronounced with a peculiar sound of sh, made by placing the tip of the tongue against the roots of the lower row of front teeth. (It is then pronounced like the Telugu  $\mathcal{F}$ .) In the case of Sanscrit words introduced into Tamil, some maintain that  $\mathcal{F}$  should be pronounced according to the sound of the corresponding letter in the original Sanscrit. Hence they pronounce the  $\mathcal{F}$  in  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{U}}$ , a country, as sh, and the  $\mathcal{F}$  in  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{U}}\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{U}}$  a hermit, like the English s in sun.
- 65. The letter  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  has a p sound when it begins a word, or is mute, or is doubled, or is preceded by  $\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$  or  $\dot{\boldsymbol{p}}$ ; as  $\boldsymbol{\omega}\boldsymbol{\pi}\boldsymbol{\omega}$  is lesson, சுப்தம் a sound, அப்படி in that way, கட்பு friendship, அற்பாடு after. (Para. 59).
- 66. The letter  $\omega$  has a soft b sound, when it occurs in the middle or end of a word, not being mute, or doubled, or preceded by  $\dot{\omega}$  or  $\dot{p}$ ; as சபை an assembly, பின்பு after, சம்பளம் wages.
- 67. In some words introduced from other languages, initial ப usually takes a b sound, when it is so pronounced in the original language; as பயம் (bayam) fear, புத்தி (buth-thi)

- wisdom. Thus u is y with a y sound means a ball, but with a y sound it means a relation; u and with a y sound means sin, and with a y sound it means sin, and
- 68. The letter s has a k sound, when it begins a word, or is mute, or is doubled or is preceded by ட் or ற்; as கத்தி a knife, பக்தி (Para. 67) reverence, பக்கம் a side, வெட்கம் bashfulness, காவற்காரன் a watchman. (Para. 59).
- 69. When க is preceded by ங் or ன் (Para. 32) it has a pure g sound; as அங்கே there, தின்கேறேன் I am eating.
- 70. When & comes in the middle or end of a word, not being mute nor doubled, nor preceded by  $\dot{L}$ ,  $\dot{\rho}$ ,  $\dot{m}$ , or  $\dot{m}$ , it is often pronounced, specially in Madras, with a simple g sound: but in other parts, specially in Tinnevelly, it takes an aspirate sound of gh. The exact pronunciation can only be learnt from the teacher. Examples  $u = \dot{m} = \dot{m}$
- 71. In a few words introduced from other languages, initial stakes the sound of g, when it is so pronounced in the original language; as somic (ganam) honour, 医页 a religious teacher.

#### SECTION 5.

## GENERAL NOTES UPON THE TAMIL LETTERS.

- 72. Read paragraphs 15, 21, and 24, and 14.
- 73. For the vowel ஒள (Para. 26), the two letters அவு are often substituted; thus மௌனம் is often written மவுனம் silence.
- 74. It will be noticed that in such words as Quantum there is a little ambiguity, for on might also stand for the letter l. (Para. 47).
- 75. The exact sound of a vowel is often somewhat affected by the pronunciation of the consonant which follows it,

because the tongue has to be brought into position for giving the correct sound to the succeeding consonant. The following words are illustrations—CoO ruin, and a house, woman, Lip under, which a child, Com hear (thou.) See paragraphs 38, 43, 46, and 47.

- 76. In a few instances custom has slightly affected the pronunciation of a word: all such peculiarities can be easily learnt by practice in talking the language.
- 77. The following is a list of the 18 Tamil consonants. When repeating them, the first ten are said in pairs—

- 78. In the case of the first ten consonants, each alternate consonant (ε, ε, ω, μ,) is followed by its own corresponding nasal (Ε, Θ, ω, ω, ι). It is a help to spelling correctly to remember that the latter, when mute, are always followed by the former respectively; as in the words μων there, ωσμ cotton, εώνωπον he saw, μέμ that, μώμ an arrow.
- 79. A mute  $\dot{\boldsymbol{u}}$  is pronounced like y, with rather an *emphasis* upon it; as செய் do (thou), செய்தான் he did. (Para. 53), கன்குய் well, properly (Para. 60).
- 80. No Tamil word begins with m, nor with any of the last four consonants, namely  $\varphi$ ,  $\varpi$ , p, and  $\varpi$ . No pure Tamil word begins with  $\omega$ ; but a few foreign words have been introduced, which commence with this letter. (Para. 56).
- 81. No Tamil word properly begins with  $\sigma$  or  $\infty$ ; but  $\varepsilon$  is prefixed to words in which  $\sigma$  and  $\omega$  are united with the vowels  $\varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon$ , or  $\varepsilon$ ; and  $\varepsilon$  is prefixed to words in which they are united with any other vowel; as  $\varepsilon$  cut form,  $\varepsilon$  similar two. This initial  $\varepsilon$  or  $\varepsilon$  is pronounced very slightly, and no

- emphasis is made upon it. (Para. 29). A few foreign words omit these prefixed letters; as ruise a cultivator.
- 82. The following five letters, introduced from Sanscrit, are used in Tamil, and make the pronunciation very clear. They can take the secondary forms of the vowels.
  - as This letter has the sound of sh in shut. The Tamil letter used in its place is ட; as கத்டம்(கட்டம்) loss, முனிஷி a native teacher.
  - w This letter has the sound of s in sun. It is always mute; as புஸ்தகம் a book, ஸ்திரி a woman. (After ஸ் the letter த has a th sound).
  - This letter has the sound of j. The Tamil letter used in its place is ச; as ஜனம் (சனம்) people, ஜீனி a saddle.

    When combined with உ and ஊ this letter becomes ஐ— and ஆர; as ஜுல் a horsecloth.
  - This letter has the sound of ksh, being merely the union of s and as. The Tamil letters used in its place are ட்ச (Para. 63); as போக்கம் (மோட்சம்) heaven.
  - and This letter has the sound of h in hut. The Tamil letter used in its place is s (Para. 70); as ann off harm, loss.
- 83. N.B.—The last two of these letters are not so frequently used in Tamil as the first three.
- 84. Additional information on the subjects treated of in this chapter, which are unnecessary for a beginner, will be given in Chapter XI. of the grammar.
- 85. All the Tamil words given in this chapter ought to be entered in a pocket book, and carefully committed to memory. In learning a living language, it is most important to store the mind with a good vocabulary.

# CHAPTER II.

Rules concerning the Combination, Insertion, and Changes of Tamil Letters.

- 86. The following simple rules are of such constant and universal application in Tamil, and enter so largely into the language, and even into the formation of cases that it is necessary to insert them here. The student however, must not spend much time upon them at first, but merely read them carefully over, and then refer to them as occasion requires.
- 87. N.B.—The expression—" a word consisting of two short open syllables"—will often occur in this book. It means, a word in which each of its two syllables has a short vowel, and consists of a single vowel or a single compound letter only; as இது this, பசு a cow. Hence it excludes such words as கத்தி a knife, அப்பம் bread, பஞ்சு cotton, (61), கட்பு friendship, (65).

#### (A) ON WORDS ENDING IN A VOWEL.

- 88. Rule I. With the exception of words consisting of two short open syllables (87), all words ending in the vowel உ, when followed by a word beginning with a vowel, drop final உ. Thus காது the ear and இல் in become காதில் in the ear; கட்பு friendship, and இல் in become கட்பில் in friendship.
- N.B.—The Tamil words which answer to English prepositions, are affixed (not prefixed) to nouns, as in the English words thereto, thereby, etc.
- 89. Rule II. Words ending in 2, which consist of two short open syllables only (87), when followed by a word beginning with a vowel, insert the consonant is. Thus use a cow and

- இல் in, become பசுகில் in a cow. (N.B.—The words அது, இது, and எது are exceptions to this rule and follow Rule I).
- 90. Rule III. With the exception of all words ending in உ, when a word ending in a vowel is followed by a word beginning with a vowel, if the final vowel of the first word be இ, சு, or ஆ, the consonant ப் is inserted; but if it be any other vowel, the consonant ப் is inserted. After final ஏ either ப் or ப் may be inserted. Thus கரி a jackal and இல் in become கரியில் in a jackal; இரசசர a king and இல் in become இரசசரவில் in a king; பூ a flower and இல் in become பூவில் in a flower.

#### (B) ON WORDS ENDING IN A CONSONANT.

- 91. Rule IV. When a word of one syllable, of which the vowel is short, ends in a mute consonant, that consonant is doubled, when followed by a word beginning with a vowel. Thus six a stone and @in in become sixed in a stone.
- 92. Rule V. With the exception of words coming under the preceding rule, when a word ending in a mute consonant is followed by a word beginning with a vowel, that mute consonant combines with the initial vowel of the word which follows it. Thus which a fish and a in become which in a fish; wolf sin a man and air in become wolf soft in a man.

#### (C) A FEW GENERAL RULES.

93. Rule VI. When a word ending in a vowel, is followed by a word beginning with one of the consonants &, F, &, or L, this consonant is, in certain instances only, doubled, i.e., it is inserted mute between the two words.

The principal instances in which this is done, are when the first of the two words is—

(a) அந்த that (adjectival), இந்த this, எந்த which? அப்படி in that way, இப்படி in this way, எப்படி (72) in which way? as — அந்தப் புலி that tiger.

- (b) A word which combines with the word which follows it to form a compound expression; as பக்கத்தச் சுவர் (63) a sidewall.
- (c) A word ending in the adverbial affix ஆய் or ஆக; as நன்முய்ச் செய். Do (it) well.
- (d) A dative case, which always ends in சூ; as அவனுக்குக் கொடு. Give (it) to him.
- (e) An accusative case, which always ends in ஐ; as அதைச் செய் (63) Do it.
- (f) An infinitive mood, which always ends in அ; as வசச் சொல்லு (63). Tell (him) to come. (See also paragraphs 616, 617).
- 94. Rule VII. When followed by a word beginning with க, ச, த, or ப, final ன் and ஸ் are grammatically charged into ற்; and final ண் and ள் are changed into ட். Thus காவல் watch, and காரன் (a masculine termination) become காவற்காரன் a watchman (68), காள் a day and கள் (the plural termination) become காட்கள் days.
  - 95. RULE VIII. Final in before # is changed into is.

Thus மாம் a tree and கள், the plural termination, become மாக் கள் (32) trees; பாவம் sin and செய்தான் he did become பாவஞ் செய்தான் (61) He did (or committed) sin i.e. He sinned.

96. A few additional rules are given in the supplementary chapter, paragraph 618 to 624; but they are not necessary for a beginner.

# CHAPTER III.

## ON NOUNS, PRONOUNS, AND ADJECTIVES.

#### (I). On Nouns,

#### ON THE TRANSLATION OF THE ENGLISH ARTICLE.

97. In Tamil there are no definite and indefinite articles, as there are in English: the English article may be regarded as inherent in Tamil nouns. But the numeral propose is often used in Tamil, where in English the indefinite article a or an is used, and specially where the English expression a certain occurs; as proposed a certain merchant. The force of the English definite article the is sometimes expressed in Tamil by prefixing the demonstrative adjective pronouns spins that, those, or graph this, these.

#### ON THE DECLENSION OF NOUNS.

- 98. Tamil nouns are divided into two great classes, namely (1) rational, and (2) irrational.
- 99. (1.) Rational Nouns, that is, nouns denoting rational beings only, are subdivided into two classes, namely—
- (a) MASCULINE NOUNS. These denote gods, and men only; as தேவன் a god, இந்திசன் the god Indra, மனிதன் a man, மகன் a son, தம்பி a younger brother, குரு a religious teacher.
- (b) FEMININE NOUNS. These denote goddesses, and women only; as தேவி a goddess, இலட்சுமி (61 & 81) the goddess Lakshmi, மகள் a daughter, டூஜோவி a wife.
- 100. (2.) Irrational Nouns, that is, nouns denoting animals and inanimate things, are all regarded as NEUTER; as காப் a dog

- மரம் a tree. Distinct words are often used to distinguish the sex of animals; but all such words are still regarded as neuter; as சேவல் a cock, பெட்டை a hen.
- N.B.—In English also animals are often spoken of in the neuter gender e.g., Leviticus VIII. 14. 15. "He brought the bullock.... and he slew it," etc. In Tamil they are invariably regarded as neuter, except when personified in fables.
- 101. The word Disian when meaning a child, and Appions an infant are regarded as neuter, because the sex is not specified. Compare the English expression—Who is it?
- 102. Tamil nouns have two Numbers (1) The Singular, and (2) The Plural.
- 103. In each number there are seven Cases; namely (1) The nominative, (2) the vocative, (3) the genitive, (4) the dative, (5) the accusative, (6) the locative, (7) the instrumental.
- 104. N.B.—In Native Grammars the cases are eight in number, and are arranged in a different manner. Some of these eight cases have more than one termination; and to the locative case no less than 28 terminations are assigned. The native form of declension is given in the supplementary chapter (625). It will be found far easier to learn the Tamil nouns in the form here given.

#### ON THE FORMATION OF CASES.

- 105. (A) Singular Number. The nominative case singular is the noun itself; as off a jackal, work a tree.
- 106. N.B.—Every Tamil noun ends in one of the six vowels அ. இ. ஈ. உ. ஊ, or ஐ, or in one of the eight mute consonants ண், ம், ய், ர், ஸ், ழ், ள், or ன்.
- 107. The vocative case, is always formed from the nominative, and usually by adding the vowel a; as with a O Jackal! (90).
  - 108. The remaining cases are all formed by adding certain

casal affixes to the inflectional base,\* by which is meant that particular form of the noun that takes the casal affixes. It is often the same as the nominative; but it sometimes has a peculiar form of its own. Thus the inf. base of soft is soft; but the inf. base of work a tree is works.

- 109. The genitive case takes either the pure form of the inflectional base, or adds இன் to it. To either of these forms may be added, at pleasure, the postposition உடைய of. Thus கரி (inf. base கரி) EEN. கரி or கரியின் or கரியினுடைய (கரியுடைய not common) a jackal's or of a jackal (90). மரம் a tree (inflect base மாத்து) EEN. மாத்து or மாத்தின் or மாத்தினுடைய (92) a tree's or of a tree.
- 110. The dative case is formed by affixing க்கு to an inflectional base ending in இ, சு, or ஆ, and உக்கு to one ending in any other letter. Thus கரி (inflec. base கரி). DAT. கரிக்கு to a jackal; மரம் (inflec. base மரத்தை) DAT. மரத்துக்கு (88) to a tree; பூ a flower (inflec. base பூ) DAT. பூவுக்கு (90) to a flower; கல் a stone (inflec. base கல்) DAT. கல்லுக்கு (91) to a stone.
- 111. The Accusative case, the Locative case, and the Instrumental case, are formed by adding ஐ, இல், and ஆல் respectively to the inflectional base. Thus நரி, (inf. base நரி), Acc. நரியை, Loc. நரியில், in a jackal ins. நரியால் by a jackal; மரம், (inf. base மரத்து) Acc. மரத்தை, Loc. மரத்தில் in a tree, ins. மரத்தால் by a tree.
- 112. (B) Plural Number. The plural Nominative is always formed from the singular nominative. The formation will be explained under each declension. It is most commonly formed merely by adding கன் to the singular nominative. Thus கரி, PL. NOM. கரிகள் jackals; மரம், PL. NOM. மரங்கள் (95) trees.

<sup>\*</sup>To prevent any confusion the old term is retained; but perhaps the more correct term would be—"the injusted form of the stem."

- 113. The plural inflectional base is in nouns (but not always in pronouns) the same as the plural nominative.
- 114. All the cases are formed in exactly the same way as in the singular. Thus மசம்; PL NOM. மசங்கள் trees; voc. மசங்களே; (inf. base மசங்களி); GEN. மசங்கள் or மசங்களின், or மசங்களையை (மசங்களினையை not common) DAT. மசங்களுக்கு; ACC. மசங்களே; Loc. மசங்களில்; INS. மசங்களால்.
- 115. There are four Declensions of Tamil nouns, which will now be explained. The *inflectional base* is put in brackets under the genitive case. In forming the cases, the rules given in chapter II. are carefully observed.

## FIRST DECLENSION.

- 116. The first declension includes all masculine nouns which end in ன்; as மனிதன் a man.
- 117. The inflectional base singular is the same as the nominative.
- 118. The plural nominative is formed by changing final ன் of the nominative singular into  $\dot{\pi}$ ; as மனிதர் men. In the common dialect கள் is often added; as மனிதர்கள்.

## SINGULAR.

119. N. மனிதன் ... a man.
v. மனிதன் ... O man!
G. (மனிதன்) மனிதனுடைய ... a man's, or of a man.
D. மனிதனுக்கு ... to a man.
A. மனிதன் ... a man'.

... in a man.

... by a man.

L. ம**னி**தனில்

I. ம**னி**தனுல்

## PLURAL.

| м. மனிதர் ம           | ு மனிதர்கள்           | men.               |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| ⊽. மணிதசே             | மணிதர்களே             | O men!             |
| G. (மனிதர்) மனித      | (மணிதர்கள்) மனி       | men's, or of       |
| ருடைய                 | <i>தர்களுடைய</i>      | men.               |
| D. <b>ம</b> னிதருக்கு | <b>மனி</b> தர்களுக்கு | to men.            |
| A. மனிதரை             | <b>மனி</b> தர்களே     | men.               |
| L. மனிதரில்           | மனிதர்களில்           | { in or among men. |
| I. மனி <i>தரால்</i>   | மனி <i>தர்களால்</i>   | by men.            |
|                       |                       |                    |

- 120. In this declension the form of the genitive in இன் as மனிதனின் is not commonly used, though it is correct both in the singular and plural. The pure form of the inflectional base is very frequently used as the genitive e.g. சீஷன் வீடு (82) the disciple's house, முடன் கால் the blockhead's leg.
- 121. The word பையன் a boy makes பையன்கள் in the plural.
- 122. The word μεώ a son takes as its plural μέπε΄, which is in reality the plural form of the poetical word με a child; occasionally also μεώπεὰ is used. When the plural sons has to be expressed, the word Εμπππὰ οι Εμπππακή, the plural of Εμππακά a son, is generally used.
- 123. Nouns of this declension in which final  $\dot{\varpi}$  is preceded by the vowel  $\underline{\mathscr{A}}$ , may also form a vocative by dropping final  $\dot{\varpi}$ , and changing the preceding  $\underline{\mathscr{A}}$  into  $\underline{\mathscr{A}}$ ; as  $\underline{\mathscr{F}}_{\alpha\beta}$ ,  $\underline{\mathscr{A}}$  a disciple, voc.  $\underline{\mathscr{F}}_{\alpha\beta}$ . If final  $\dot{\varpi}$  be preceded by the vowel  $\underline{\mathscr{A}}$ , the vocative may be formed by simply dropping final  $\dot{\varpi}$ ; as  $\underline{\omega}$  a washerman, voc.  $\underline{\omega}$   $\underline{\omega}$ .

### SECOND DECLENSION.

124. The second declension includes all nouns ending in sub; as ωσιώ a tree. They are all of the neuter gender.

- 126. The plural nominative adds son to the nominative singular; as ωνώσον trees. (95).

SINGULAR.

PLUBAL.

127. м. *шт* і а tree

... மாங்கள் trees.

v. மாமே

... மாங்களே

. (மாத்து) மாத்தின் or மாத்

... (மரங்கள்) மரங்களின் or மரங்களுடைய

D. *மாத்துக்கு* 

... மாங்களுக்கு

∆. மாத்தை

... மாங்கள

ட. மாத்தில் 1. மாத்தால் ... மாங்களில் ... மாங்களால்

128. In this, and the remaining declensions, the most common form of the genitive singular is that in இன், with or without உடைய; and the most common form of the genitive plural is the plural inflectional base, with or without உடைய. In the singular, the pure inflectional base is also often used as the genitive; as ஒரு கோமத்துப் புட்டைகள் the clothes of a certain village. ஒரு தேசத்துக் குடிகள் (93 b) the people of a certain country.

#### THIRD DECLENSION.

- 129. With the exception of words consisting of two short open syllables only (87), as  $\pi \Theta$  the middle, was a spot—this declension includes all nouns which end in the single letters  $\Theta$  or as an  $\Phi$  a house, An a river, and at the stomach.
- 130. The inflectional base is formed by doubling the consonant of the final syllable; as வீடு, inf. base வீட்டு; ஆற, inf. base அற்று. (58), வயிற, inf. base வயிற்று.

131. The plural nominative is formed by adding கள் to the nominative singular; as விகேள், ஆறுகள்.

SINGULAR. SINGULAR. 132. N. af G a house. ... an a river. v of Ci ... ചൂறേ. G. (வீட்டு) வீட்டின் or வீட்டி ... (அற்று) அற்றின் or ஹடை ப அற்றினுடைய ... ஆற்றுக்கு D. வீட்டுக்கு ... ஆற்றை A. வீட்டை ... ஆற்றில் L. வீட்டில் ... அற்றுல் 1. வீட்டால் PLUBAL. PLURAL.

N. af Dan houses, etc, etc. N. Amairivers, etc., etc.

- 133. N.B.—There is no necessity to give the plural in full, for all the plurals in this, and also in the fourth declension, are declined exactly like ωσώσώ (127).
- 134. Words ending in ② and ஹ, which consist of two short open syllables only (87), as τῶ and மஹ, do not follow the above formation, but belong to the fourth declension. Nouns in which the final ② and ஹ are doubled, as பட் ③ silk, σπஹυ wind, belong to the fourth declension.

N.B.—Read paragraph 128.

## FOURTH DECLENSION.

- 135. This declension includes all nouns which do not belong to any of the three preceding declensions. The majority of them are neuter as காத the ear; but some are masculine, and several are feminine; as பதா a father, குரு a religious teacher, மகள் a daughter, ஸ்திரி a woman, பெண் a woman.
  - 136. The inflectional base is the same as the nominative.

- 137. The nominative plural is usually formed by adding son to the nominative singular; as @usins women; but there are the following exceptions to this rule.—
- 138. (a) All nouns ending in a long vowel take க்கள் in the plural; as சு a fly, PL. சுக்கள்; பூ a flower, PL. பூக்கள், இராசா a king, PL. இராசாக்கள்.
- 139. (b) Nouns ending in உ, which consist of two short open syllables only (87) take க்கள் in the plural; as குரு a religious teacher, PL. குருக்கள்; பசு a cow, PL. பசுக்கள்; மறு a spot, PL. மறுக்கள்.
- 140. (c) A few nouns ending in உ take க்கள் in the plural without any particular rule; as சத்தரு an enemy, pl. சத்தருக்கள்; சாது a virtuous person, சாதுக்கள். etc.
- 141. (d) Some plurals vary in accordance with the grammatical laws of euphony. Thus கல் a stone makes கற்கள் or (கல்லுகள்) and நாள் a day makes நாட்கள் in accordance with paragraph 94.
- 142. Nouns ending in the vowel இ, may form a vocative by simply lengthening this letter; as தம்பி a younger brother, vocative தம்பி!

As nouns of this declension form their cases quite regularly in accordance with the rules given in Para. 109—114, it is not necessary to give more than the genitive case singular, and the nominative plural.

## Examples of Nouns of the Fourth Declension.

143. Sing. Nom. Inflec. base, & Genitive. Nom. Plural. (காற்று) காற்றின் (88) காற்று wind காற்றுகள். பட்டு silk (பட்டு) பட்டின் (88) பட்டுகள். TO the middle (TO) கடுவின் (89) கடுக்கள். (139.) முறு a spot (LDM) மறுவின் (89) மறுக்கள். (139.)

| ъЯ a jackal  | (கரி)   | கரியின் (90)   | நரிகள்.   |
|--------------|---------|----------------|---|
| இராசா a king | (இராசா) | இராசாவின் (90) | 없다. 그렇게 가게 많아 없는 것은 그리고 있다면 하고 있다면 하는 것이 없다고 있다. 그 없었다. |
| பூ a flower  | (பூ)    | பூவின் (90)    | பூக்கள். (138.)   |
| கல் a stone  |         | கல்லின் (91)   | கல்லுகள் <sub>Or</sub> கற்கள்.                          |
|              |         | 1              | (141.)  |
| மீன் a fish  | (மீன்)  | மீனின் (92)    | மீன்கள்.  |

Example of declension in full SING. N. கரி. G. (கரி) கரியின். D. கரிக்கு. AC. கரியை. LOC. கரியில். INS. கரியால். PLU. N. கரிகள். G. (கரிகள்) கரிகளின். D. கரிகளுக்கு. AC. கரிகவு. LOC. கரிகளில். INS. கரிகளால்.

144. A few nouns of this declension may change 2 before &G of the dative case into &; as—

| நாள் a day.      | DAT. | <i>நாளு</i> க்கு | or  | நாளேக்கு.  |
|------------------|------|------------------|-----|------------|
| இன்று this day   | ٠,,  | இன்றுக்கு        | ,,  | இன்றைக்கு. |
| அன்று that day   | ,,   | அன்றக்கு         | ,,, | அன்றைக்கு. |
| என்று which day? | ,,   | என்றுக்கு        | ,,, | என்றைக்கு. |

## GENERAL REMARKS UPON NOUNS.

- 145. The particle இன் may be inserted before the casal affix of any case of any noun, except the nominative and vocative. It is seldom used with nouns of the first declension; and in the other declensions its insertion is not very common in the ordinary dialect. When இன் is thus inserted, the dative adds கு only (110), and final ன் is changed into  $\dot{p}$  (94). Thus மசம் a tree; INF-BASE. மாத்து; DAT. மாத்துக்கு or மாத்திற்கு (i.e மாத்து + இன் + கு.); ACC. மாத்தை or மாத்தின்; LOC. மாத்தில் or மாத்தினில்; etc. The insertion of this particle இன் in the plural is allowable, but not very common.
- 146. In the higher dialect, instead of emu, the affix man is often used for the genitive, with or without the particle @m;

as கரி; gen. கரியது or கரியினது. This form can only be correctly used when the following noun is neuter.

- 147. The singular inflectional base is specially used, where a noun stands in an adjectival relationship to the noun which follows it, or in other words, where the two nouns form a compound expression; as தூல் சேரவு head-ache; பக்கத்துச் சுவர் a side-wall (Para. 93 b) வீட்டுப் பெட்டி a house box; etc. (See Para. 190). These compounds run to great lengths in Tamil; as for examples தொட்புத் தேன் (lit. bough-honey) i.e. The honey on a bough of a tree.
- 148. The vowel  $\sigma$  is often added to the locative and to the instrumental cases, sometimes to denote emphasis, but also sometimes merely as being more euphonic; as  $a \circ L \circ G \circ in$  the house,  $a \circ G \circ G \circ by$  a stone. (Para. 378).
- 149. The masculine affix காரன் and the feminine affix காரி are attached to the inflectional base of a noun to form a noun denoting an agent. Nouns of the second declension may also, at pleasure, affix it to the nominative case, after dropping the final ம். Thus வேலே work, வேலேக்காரன் (93 b) a workman, வேலேக்காரி a workwoman; மசம் a tree, மரத்துக்காரன் or மசக்கா
- 150. The affix ஆர் is added to singular nouns, and மார் or மார்கள் to plural nouns, to denote respect; as தகப்பஞர் a father, தாயார் a mother; குருக்கள்மார் teachers. Sometimes மார் or மார்கள் form the plural alone; as சுவாமிகள் or சுவாமிமார்கள் lords, தகப்பண்மார் fathers, etc. To தேவர் the affix ஈர் is added as தேவரீர். Thou, O God!

## (II) On Pronouns.

151. The Tamil Pronouns are declined upon the same general principles as the nouns.

- 152. The Personal Pronouns require special attention, because both in their arrangement and in their terminations they form the bases of the tenses of the verbs; and also because different pronouns are used in speaking of or to various grades of society, and thus the use of the wrong pronoun might give considerable offence.
- 153. The personal pronouns are given in the table which follows. (156). In this table the first perpendicular column gives a list of the personal pronouns in their regular order, in accordance with which the tenses of the verbs are framed. Each horizontal line gives the declension of the pronoun which heads the line.
- 154. It will be noticed in the subjoined table, that in the plural there are two forms for the second person, namely bir and bir in. The former, though plural in form, is always used in the common dialect as an honorific singular, and is employed in addressing a person of respectability; whereas the singular form b is only used to a person of inferior rank, e.g., a servant. Einsi is the full plural form, though it also is often used in addressing a single individual, to denote still greater respect than br.
- 155. In the third person plural அவர், though plural in form, is always used in the common dialect as an honorific singular, to denote more respect than அவன், or அவள். The form அவர்கள் is used for the full plural, though this form also is used of a single individual to express still greater respect than அவர்.

# TABLE OF PERSONAL PRONOUNS.

156. In this table the first perpendicular column must first be thoroughly learnt, and then each

| ntal.                   |           |                            |          |                  |                |                  |        |                 |                          | .e         | 7                        | ્યું.                     | (6)                    |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|----------|------------------|----------------|------------------|--------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Instrumed               |           | என்னல்                     | உன்னை    | அவனுல்           | அவனால்         | அதால்            |        | ஞ்மவுல்         | உம்மால்                  | உங்களால்   | அவரால்                   | அவர்களால்                 | அனைகளால்               |
| Locative. Instrumental. |           | न नं नी नं                 | உன்னில்  | <i>भृ</i> थ न्या | <u>अ</u> थनीलं | <i>শু</i> শ্লিভ্ |        | <b>ந</b> ம்மில் | உம்மி <b>ல்</b>          | உங்களில்   | அவரில்                   | <u> </u>                  | வவைகளில்               |
| Accusative.             |           | न्त न्यं अय                | உன்னே    | அவனே             | yaudar         | <b>1998</b>      |        | ருர்மை          | உம்மை                    | உங்களே     | அவரை                     | அவர்களே                   | olement Rent           |
| Dative.                 |           | என்ச்கு                    | உனச்கு   | 2) an amisite    | म्माकाक्रिड    | அதற்கு (94)      |        | நமக்கு          | உமக்கு                   | உங்களுக்கு | அவருக்கு                 | அவர்களுக்கு               | Man au S. Or S. CA.    |
| Genitive.               |           | जन्म (note $a$ ) जन्म मंस् | P. 37    | அவன்             | அவள்           | அதன், or         | அகுன். | giō.            | 9.10                     | உங்கள்     | apair                    | அவர்கள்                   | அவைகள்                 |
| Nominative.             | Singular. | I.                         | Thou.    | He. (Mas.)       | She. (Fem.)    | It. (Neuter.)    | Plwal. | We.             | You. (Honof. Sing.) 2.io | Ye.        | He. (Honof. Sing.) spari | They. (Mas. Fem.) spaints | அவைகள் They. (Neuter.) |
| Person.                 | S         | 1. пътой                   | .;<br>e€ | அவன்             | 3.√.அவள்       | <b>B</b>         | 7      | 1. ஈர்          | , (Bir                   | ்' குங்கள் | அவர்                     | 3. அவர்கள்                | அவைகள்                 |

157. Note a. Except in the pronoun அது, the form given under the genitive is the pure form of the inflectional base (108) Which is very commonly used alone as the genitive case; but உடைய may be added at pleasure; as என்னுடைய. The form of the genitive in இன் (109) may be used, as என்னின்; but it is not very common. The grammatical form of the genitive adds அது (146); as எனது; in this form, என், உன், கம், and உம் do not double their final mute consonant. (See Para. 91). The genitive of the pronoun அது it takes the particle அன் more commonly than the particle இன். It will be noticed that the various cases of அது are exceptions to the rule given in paragraph 89.

158. In the singular, the particle அன், and less frequently இன், and in the plural இன், may be inserted before any casal affix of any of the neuter pronouns of the third person, and especially in the accusative and instrumental cases. (See Para. 145.) Thus—Accus. அதை or அதனே or அதின்; Inst. அதால் or அதனை, or அதினை, etc.

159. An old form அதைகள் is sometimes used for அவைகள்; and a vulgar form அதைக்கு is sometimes used for the dative அதற்கு.

160. In addition to ππώ, there is another form of the pronoun of the first person plural, namely ππώσσή, GEN. στώσσή. etc. The difference between them is that ππώ includes the person or persons addressed, and ππώσσή excludes them. It is specially important to remember this in prayer, as ππώσσή only can be used, e.g. "Have mercy upon us (ππώσσή) sinners. If ππώ were used, it would include God as a sinner. As an exception to the above rule, ππώ is sometimes used, instead of ππώσ, by a person speaking of himself in exalted language e.g. a king addressing his subjects. It is also used for the official we in government documents.

- 161. In the third person plural neuter the form some is often used instead of some some. It is declined as follows.—
  - N. அவை.
  - G. (அவற்றா) அவற்றின், or அவற்றினுடைய.
  - D. அவற்றுக்கு (or அவற்றிற்கு, 158).
  - A. அவற்றை.
  - L. அவற்றில்.
  - I. அவற்றுல் (or அவற்றிஞல் 158.)
  - 162. The word அவர்கள் is sometimes used as an affix to a noun to denote respect; as தாரை or தாரையவர்கள் the gentleman.
  - 163. Like அவன் he, that man, அவள் she, that woman, அது it, that animal or thing, அவர்கள் they, those persons, அவை or அவைகள் they, those animals or things, are declined இவன் he, this man, இவள் she, this woman, இது it, this animal or thing, இவர்கள் they, these persons, இவை or இவைகள் they, these animals or things.
  - 164. In the same manner also are declined the interrogative pronouns ചെയ് which man, who? ചെയ് which woman, who? ചെയ്യാൻ which animal or thing? ചെയ്ക്ക് which persons, who? ചൈയോ വേട്ട് which animals or things?
  - 165. The interrogative pronoun ஆர் or யார் who is used for both masculine and feminine, and for both numbers. It is thus declined N. யார். c. யாருடைய. p. யாருக்கு. A. யாரை. IN. யாரில். Loc. யாரால்.
  - 166. The interrogative pronoun என்ன what? may be used either as an adjective, or as a noun; as என்ன புஸ்தகங்களுக்கு to what books? என்ன செய்தான் what did he do?
  - 167. When used as a noun, it also takes another form, namely என்னம், which is declined like a noun of the second

declension e.g. dat. என்னத்துக்கு for what? INS. என்னத்திருல் (145) by what?

168. The reflexive pronoun தான் self (i.e. himself, herself, itself, etc.) always refers to the subject of the verb. The only exception to this rule is, when the plural form தாங்கள் is used in addressing a single individual, to express even greater respect than கீங்கள் (154). It is equivalent to the English expression "Your honour."

# SINGULAR.

#### PLURAL.

| Mas. I | Fem. Neuter.   | Mas. Fem. Neuter.       | Mas. or Fem. |
|--------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| N. 8   | தா <b>ன்</b>   | தாம்                    | தாங்கள்      |
| G. غ   | <b>ந</b> ன்    | தம்                     | தங்கள்       |
| D. 🔌   | <b>தனக்</b> கு | தமக்கு                  | தங்களுக்கு   |
| Α. إ   | நன்னே .        | தம்ழை                   | தங்களே       |
| L. 2   | நன்னில் .      | தம்மி <b>ல்</b>         | தங்களில்     |
| 1. ∌   | <i>தன்</i> ஞல் | <i>த</i> ம்மா <b>ல்</b> | தங்களால்     |

N.B.—உடைய may, of course, be added to the genitive. The genitive in இன், as தன்னின், is not common. The grammatical forms are த்னது, தமது, and தங்களது (146.)

- 169. N.B.—There is another word தான், which is a particle, and indeclinable. It is added to other words to give emphasis; and may be translated by such expressions, as, indeed, only, etc. Thus—அத பெய்தான். That (is) quite true. This particle தான் is sometimes strengthened by the addition of  $\sigma$ ; as அந்தப் பை யைத்தானே கொண்டுவா (93). Bring that very bag.
- 170. In Tamil there are no possessive adjective pronouns, properly speaking; but in their place are used the genitive cases of the personal pronouns, etc. as என் கை my hand; அவர்க ளுடைய வீடு their house; தம்முடைய குதிரைகளுக்கு to their own horses.
  - 171. The demonstrative adjective pronouns are அந்த that, those,

- இந்த this, these. The interrogative adjective pronoun is எந்த which? These being pure Tamil adjectives are indeclinable; as அந்த மனிதர்களுக்கு to those men.
- 172. Instead of the above adjective pronouns, the simple letters அ, இ, and o respectively may be prefixed to a noun. After these letters, the initial letter of the noun, if it be a consonant, is doubled; and if it be a vowel, the letter வ is inserted and doubled; as அக்காலம் for அந்தக்காலம் that time; அவ்விலே கள் for அந்த இலகள் those leaves; இவ்வூரிலே for இந்த ஊரிலை in this village (148).
- 173. The words அப்படிப்பட்ட such (as that), இப்படிப்பட்ட such (as this), எப்படிப்பட்ட such (as what)? i.e. Of what kind? are used as adjectives. (The exact meaning of பட்ட will be explained hereafter. Para. 406.). These words are changed into nouns by affixing the terminations of the personal pronouns of the third person; as அப்படிப்பட்டவன் such a man, அப்படிப் பட்டதை such an animal or thing, etc., etc.
- 174. The adjective pronoun இன்ன such (as this) is indeclinable; as இன்ன குதிரைகளுக்கு to such horses. From it are formed இன்ஞன் such a man, இன்ஞன் such a woman, இன்னது such a thing etc., etc.
- 175. The affix உம், about which more will be said hereafter, is used to give to the word to which it is attached the idea of completeness. Hence, when it is affixed to an interrogative, it changes it into a word expressing universality. Thus from எங்கு where? எப்போது when? யார் who? எவர்கள் which persons? எவை or எவைகள் which animals or things? are formed the universals எங்கும் everywhere, எப்போதும் always, யாகும் all persons, எவைகள் (or யாவரும்) all persons, எவையும் (or யாவரும்) all persons, எவையும் (or யாவரும்) all persons, மையும் (or யாவையும்) and எவைகளும் all animals or things. With a Tamil negative verb these words would, with an English

positive verb, be translated—nowhere, never, no one and none, etc., etc.

- 176. When a word, to which உம் is attached, is declined, the உம் is always retained as the *last* syllable. Thus the dative cases of யாவரும் and யாவையும் are யாவருக்கும் and யாவற்றுக்கும். (161).
- 177. It is an universal rule that all words which take the affix உம் follow the noun which they qualify; as மனிதர்கள் யாவருக்கும் to all men. It will be noticed that, as in the above example, the second word only takes the casal affix, and the first word stands in the nominative case.
- 178. When the interrogative is an adjective, the sense of universality is expressed by affixing உம் to the noun which it qualifies; as எந்த உயிரும் every life, or with a negative verb, no life; எப்பட்டணங்களிலும் (172); in all towns or, with a negative verb, in no towns.
- 179. The particles, ஆவத, ஆகிலும் or ஆணும், when affixed to an interrogative, give it an indefinite signification; as எங்கே ஆணைம் anywhere, எப்படியாகிலும் in any way whatever, யாராகிலும் anyone, யாருக்காகிலும் to anyone, உங்களில் யாருக்காவது to any amongst you.
- 180. The words எல்லா all and சகல all are pure adjectives, and as such, always precede the noun which they qualify. As they express universality, the noun qualified by them always takes the affix உம் (175); as எல்லா மணிதர்களுக்கும் to all men.
- 181. From the above words are formed எல்லாரும் (or எல் லோரும்) all persons சகலரும் all persons, which are declined like அவர், with உம் attached (156); and also எல்லாம் all animals or things, and சகலமும் all animals or things. The

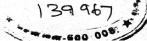
former is declined like **Mena** (161), and the latter like a noun of the second declension. Thus—

- N. எல்லாம். g. எல்லாவற்றினும். p. எல்லாவற்றிக்கும். etc. N. சகலமும். g. சகலத்தினும். p. சகலத்துக்கும். etc.
- 182. As these words end in உம், the rule given in Para. 177 is carefully observed; as மணிதர்கள் எல்லாருக்கும் to all men, மிருகங்கள் எல்லாவற்றுக்கும் to all beasts.
- 183. The single word எல்லாம் (without any casal ending) is idiomatically added to any noun of any gender, and in any case; as மணிதர்களுக்கு எல்லாம் to all men, உங்களுக்கு எல்லாம் to you all.
- 184. There are no relative pronouns in Tamil. The way in which their place is supplied will be explained hereafter.
- 185. The distributive pronouns each, several, respective, etc., are expressed in Tamil by doubling the pronoun. Thus—Give to each (அவனவனுக்கு) his portion. Trees yield fruits according to their respective (தம்தம்) kinds. Each (displayed) the power of their respective sciences. (அவனவன் தன் தன் கித்தையின் வல்லபத்தை.)
- 186. By affixing the terminations of the pronouns of the third person to adjectives (and, as will be hereafter shown, to certain other parts of speech,) a class of words are formed to which is given the distinctive term composite nouns. Thus from கல்ல good are formed the composite nouns கல்லவன் a good man, கல்லவன் a good woman, கல்லவ a good one (i.e., animal or thing); கல்லவர்கள் good people கல்லவை or கல்லவைகள் good animals or things.
- 187. The terminations of the pronouns, when thus used, are called pronominal affixes.

188. Instead of அவன் and அவர், the terminations ஒன் and ஓர் are also used; as கல்லோன், கல்லோர்.

# (III). On Adjectives.

- 189. Tamil adjectives are indeclinable; and are always prefixed to the noun which they qualify; as πὸν Ερωπεσιές to good horses.
- 190. In English one noun often stands in an adjectival relationship to another noun, so that the two together, form a compound expression; as river sand, horse cloth, etc. In Tamil the same construction is very common; and the first, or qualifying noun, always takes the form of the inflectional base. (See Para. 147) thus επ @ a jungle, επ @ ωμβ a jungle-path; yn a river, yn μων νίνει sand; επων μων έξεπ πωθ a fourpenny axe, etc. (93 b).
- 191. N.B.—Though often the exactly corresponding expression is used in English, yet this is not always the case. Thus பாறை means rock; but we cannot translate பாறை கிலம் by rock-ground, but rocky ground.
- 192. Nouns of the second declension, instead of following the above rule, may drop final ம்; as மசம் a tree, மசக்கோம்பு a branch of a tree, (Lit. a tree branch); மனம் the mind மனகோவு mental distress; பணம் money, பண முடிப்பு a money bag.
- 193. Many nouns become adjectives by affixing உள்ள, or ஆன. (These words will be explained hereafter. Para. 590, 600). These affixes denote possession, and answer in many instances to the English termination ful. Thus சக்தோஷம் joy, சக்தோஷ முள்ள மனிதன் a joyful man; அமக beauty அழகான ஸ்திரீ a beautiful woman.
  - 194. Words compounded with 2 of or and may take



the pronominal affixes (186, 187); as சக்தோஷம் உள்ளவன் a cheerful man, அழகானது a beautiful animal, thing, etc.

- 195. Adjectives are formed from Nouns ending in ம்பு, by changing it into ப்பு; and from nouns ending in க்க, and த, by changing them into க்க; as இரும்பு iron, இருப்புக்கோல். an iron rod; மருக்கு medicine, மருத்துப்பை a medicine bag; எருதை a bullock, எருத்துப் பாரம் a bullock load.
- 196. Nouns denoting qualities, which end in உடை, become adjectives by changing this termination into இய; as பெருமை greatness, பெரிய great; புதுமை newness, புதிய new.

### ON THE COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE DEGREES.

- 197. There are no Tamil forms of the adjectives to express the comparative and superlative degrees.
- 198. The force of the Comparative degree is expressed in Tamil by using the dative case alone, or the locative case with உப் attached to it; as இதற்கு அது கல்லது. (186.) That (is) better than this. Lit. To this that (is) a good one. இந்த மல்லது அம் அந்த மூல பெரியது. That mountain (is) greater than this. Lit. In the case of this mountain that mountain (is) a great one. அவனிலும் நான் பெரியவன். I (am) greater than he.
- N.B.—When the verb to be is the copula, it is usually omitted in Tamil.
- 199. The comparative degree is also expressed by using the word பார்க்கிலும் with an accusative case. It means (as will be explained hereafter) although one sees. Thus—அதைப்பார்க்கிலும் இது கல்லது. This is better than that. Lit. Although one sees that, this is a good one. (93. e.):
  - 200. Instead of பார்க்கிலும், the words பார்க்க, பார்த்தால்,

- கிட, and காட்டிலும், are sometimes used. The exact meaning of these words will be explained hereafter.
- 201. The force of the superlative degree is expressed in Tamil by using the locative case with உம் attached to it; as அவர்களி அம் இவன் கல்லவன். He (is) the best of them. Lit. Amongst them this man (is) a good one. எல்லாவற்றிலும் அந்தப் புஸ்தகம் கல்லது. That book (is) the best of all. Lit. Amongst all that book (is) a good one. (181).
- 202. The force of the superlative degree is also expressed by using such words as As much, Baque much, etc., etc.

# CHAPTER IV.

# ON NUMERALS, POSTPOSITIONS, CONJUNCTIONS, ADVERBS, AND INTERJECTIONS.

# (I). On Numerals

- The Tamil numerals are divided into Cardinals and Ordinals.
- 204. The following is a list of the Tamil Cardinal numbers as far as 23, showing both the names and the corresponding Tamil figures. The use, however, of the English figures has now been extensively introduced into India. The remaining numerals are given in Para. 224.

| 1.  | 85              | ஒன்று (vulgar ஒண்ணு).           |
|-----|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2.  | ഉ               | இரண்டு (vulgar செண்டு). (81)    |
| 3.  | Tho             | மூன்று (vulgar மூணு).           |
| 4.  | æ               | நாலு or நான்கு.                 |
| 5.  | Œ               | ஐ <b>ர்து</b> · (vulgar அஞ்சு). |
| 6.  | <del>Eli.</del> | ஆறு.                            |
| 7.  | ត               | எழு.                            |
| 8.  | 의               | எட்டு.                          |
| 9.  | ₽n              | ஒன்பது.                         |
| 10. | ໖               | பத்து.                          |
| 11. | லிக             | பதினென்று.                      |
| 12. | യമ              | பன்னிரண்டு.                     |
| 13. | று              | பதின்முன்று.                    |
| 14. | യക              | பதிறை அor பதிஞன்கு.             |
| 15. | മന്ത്ര          | பதிண்க்து.                      |
| 16. | ல்சு            | பதினுறு.                        |

- 17. மிஎ பதினேழு.
- 18. ௰அ *ப*தினை**ட்டு.**
- 19. மிக பத்தொன்பது.
- 20. உய இருப**து.**
- 21. உக இருபத்தோன்று (i.e., இருபத்தை + ஒன்று, 88).
- 22. உஉ இருபத்திரண்டு.
- 23. உட இருபத்தாமுன்று.
- 205. The word இருபது twenty is composed of இரு, an adjectival form of இரண்டு two, and பது a form of பத்து ten. Whenever this termination பது is followed by another numeral, it becomes பத்து; as இருபத்து மூன்று twenty-three.
- 206. All the cardinal numbers, except somm one, may be used as nouns or as adjectives. somm can only be used as a noun: its adjectival form is som or si.
- 207. When used as NOUNS, indicating the abstract numbers, they are declined like nouns of the 4th declension; as, Give two out of five—ஐக்தில் இரண்டைக் கொடு. See however, Para. 222.
- 208. When used as ADJECTIVES they are indeclinable, and precede the noun which they qualify; as πηων (தக்களைகள் four horses.
- 209. The Tamil numerals, and also a few other adjectives expressing number e.g., பல many கில some or few, எத்தனே how many, etc., often take the noun in the singular instead of in the plural number; as பலவிதம் many ways; கிலகாள் a few days; இருபது சூதிரை (instead of சூதிரைகள்) twenty horses. Compare the English expression—"twenty head of cattle."
- 210. When the noun qualified by the numeral is of the masculine or feminine gender, the word பேர் (or பெயர்) person is often inserted; as காதுபேர் சகோதரர்கள் four brothers,

இரண்டுபேர் மூடர்கள் two blockheads, சு பேர் திருடர் four thieves. It will be noticed that the word பேர் is idiomatically kept in the singular number. It is often used alone in the sense of persons; as ஆற பேர் six persons, சு பேர் four persons. Instead of the above order, the noun is sometimes put first in the nominative case, as He gave ten rupees to his ten partners—தண்ணுடைய கூட்டாளிகள் பத்த பேருக்கு; instead of பத்து பேர் கேட்டாளிகளுக்கு.

- 211. In tabular statements, etc. the numeral, as in English, is sometimes put last; as குதிரை நாது, ஆடு இருபது, வெள் எருடு உட. Horses, four; sheep, twenty; goats, 22.
- 212. It has been already stated that the adjectival form of simple is so of or sin (206). The numerals also from 2 to 8 have special adjectival forms, in addition to their ordinary forms, which are sometimes used. They are as follows:—

For இரண்டு two—இரு or ஈர்; as இருதலே two heads, இருபது (205) twenty.

For மூன்று three—மூ before a vowel; and மு before a consonant, which is always doubled; as மூவாசர் three kings; (90) முக்காலம் the three tenses; முப்பது thirty.

For நாலு four-நால்; as நாற்பது forty (94).

For இக்கு five—இம்; as இம்பது fifty; இங்கலம் 5 measures (95).

For ஆற six—அறு; as அறுபது sixty.

For ஏழு seven—எழு; as எழுபது seventy.

For எட்டு eight—எண்; as எண்பது eighty.

213. In combination, பத்து ten sometimes takes the form பதின்; as பதின்கலம் ten measures (209); பதின்மூன்று thirteen (204).

- 214. The adjectival form of பதினென்று eleven is பதினைர or பதினேர்.
- 215. From the cardinal numbers personal nouns are formed; but they are in common use as far as the number 5 only. They are as follows—

ஒருவன் or ஒருத்தன் one man, or a certain man. ஒருத்தி a certain woman. இருவர் two persons. மூவர் three persons. கால்வர் four persons. ஐவர் five persons.

The above, being pure nouns, cannot be placed before another noun. They can be used by themselves; or they can be placed after another noun; as உன் பின்ன நால்வர்களில் amongst your four children. (209).

- 216. To form distributives (e.g. one by one, two and two etc.) the numerals reduplicate their first syllable; they are only in common use as far as the number 8 thus ஒவ்வொன்று, இவ் விசண்டு, மும்முன்று, கக்காலு, ஐவைக்து, அவ்வாறு, எவ்வெட்டு. (Compare Para. 185).
- 217. The affix உம் expresses completeness (See Para. 175). Hence it is often added to numerals. Thus பத்து பேர் means ten persons; but பத்து பேரும் means the ten persons, implying that there are only ten in all.
- 218. The ordinal numbers are only used as adjectives, and therefore are indeclinable, and are always prefixed to the noun which they qualify. They are formed by adding Aio or Assume to the cardinal forms; as Assume two, Assume two or Assume the second.
- 219. The ordinal of ஒன்று is முதல் or முதலாம் or முதலா வது the first. In compounds ஒன்று becomes ஒர் with ஆம்

affixed; as பதினென்று eleven, பதினோம் the eleventh, இருபத் தொன்று twenty-one, இருபத்தோரம் the twenty-first.

220. The termination அவது is also used as an ADVERBIAL form as முதலாவது firstly, இரண்டாவது secondly, etc.

221. A list of the cardinal numbers from 30 to 10,000,000 is subjoined. The numerals from 20 to 80 are formed by prefixing the special adjectival forms to use (212). The numbers from 100 (sns) to 800 are formed by prefixing the same adjectival forms to snss.

222. நூற a hundred follows the third declension, and ஆயிரம் a thousand follows the second declension. When followed by other numerals, they become நூற்று (vulgarly நூற்றி), and ஆயிரத்து (vulgarly ஆயிரத்தி).

223. The forms for 90 and 900 are peculiar, namely தொ ண்ணூறு and தொள்ளாயிரம். The word தோள் means defect; and therefore the expression appears to mean 100 with the defect of 10, and 1,000 with the defect of 100.

## ADDITIONAL TABLE OF NUMERALS. (See Para. 204).

224.

30 முப்பது.

31 முப்பத்தொன்று.

40 நாற்பது.

50 ஐம்பது.

60 அறுபது.

70 எமுபது.

80 எண்பது.

90 கொண்ணாறு.

100 நூறு.

101 நூற்றென்று.

102 தூற்றிரண்டு.

103 நூற்றுமுன்று.

120 தூற்றிருபது.

- 200 இருதாறு.
- 300 மு**ந்தூறு.**
- 400 நானூறு.
- 500 ஐக்தி
- 600 அறநாறு.
- 700 எழுநூறு.
- 800 எண்ணூறு.
- 900 தொள்ளாயிரம்.
- 1,000 ஆயிரம்.
- 1,001 ஆயிரத்தொன்று.
- 1,020 ஆயிரத்திருபது.
- 1,100 ஆயிரத்தொருநாறு.
- 1,200 ஆயிரத்திருநூறு.
- 2,000 இரண்டாயிரம் or ஈராயிரம்.
- 3,000 . சடிவாயிரம்.
- 4,000 நாலாயிரம்.
- 5,000 ஐயாயிரம்.
- 6,000 ஆருயிரம்.
- 7,000 ஏழாயிரம்.
- 8,000 எண்ணுயிரம்.
- 9,000 ஒன்பதினுயிரம்.
- 10,000 பதிரையிரம்.
- 20,000 இருபதினுபிரம்.
- 90,000 தொண்ணுருயிரம்.
- 100,000 நாறுயிரம் or இலட்சம்.
- 200,000 இருநூருயிரம் or இரண்டிலட்சம்.
- . 1,000,000 பத்திலட்சம்.
- 10,000,000 நாறு இலட்சம் or கோடி.
- 225. N.B.—In modern Tamil such a number as 6712 is written குளகு2; but in old Tamil it was usually written thus— குதுளையி2.

## ON FRACTIONS.

226. The following table gives the fractions most commonly used in Tamil; but, as already stated, the whole system of English figures has now become extensively used in India.

1 த அரை 1 வ கால் 1 (i.e. ½ of ¼) வுற அரைக்கால் 1 (i.e. 3 times ¼) எத முக்கால்

227. When these fractions are joined to other numbers, if a vowel follows, final உ of the numeral is dropped; but if a consonant follows, final உ is changed into ஏ. Thus—ஒன்ற and அரை become ஒன்றரை 1½; and ஒன்ற and கால் become ஒன்றே கால் 1½.

228. The following are a few examples of the use of numerals — பத்து ரூபாய், ஆறணு (ஆறு+அணு) எட்டு பைசா அவனுக்குக் கொடு. Give him ten rupees, six annas, eight pice. அக்டோபர் மாசம் இருபத்தோராம் தேதி. The twenty-first of October. ஆயிரத் தெண்ணுற் றெண்பத்தாரும் வருஷம் (ஆயிரத்து+எண்ணுற்று+எண்பத்தாரும்). The year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

## (II) On Postpositions.

229. As in English, prepositions are usually prefixed to nouns and pronouns, so in Tamil postpositions are affixed to them. Compare the English—thereto, thereby, whereunto, etc. The actual meaning and grammatical construction of many of these Tamil words will be explained hereafter. For the present they may be regarded merely as postpositions.

230. The following are affixed to a nominative case—மட்டும் or மட்டுக்கும் until as far as, used chiefly in reference to PLACE; as இவ்விடம் மட்டும் as far as this place (172). அரையில், வரை

யிலும், or வரைக்கும், and பரியந்தம் until, as long as, as far as, used in reference both to TIME and PLACE. Thus—எது வரைக்கும்? How long? (literally until what?) பரியந்தம் is properly used with Sanscrit words only: before it, nouns of the second declension drop their final ம்; as மாணபரியந்தம் until death.

231. முதல், முதலாக, or முதற்கொண்டு from (i.e. beginning from); as பத்து வயது முதலாக முப்பது வயதுவரைக்கும். From the age of ten until the age of thirty.

232. The following are affixed to the inflectional base. Neuter nouns usually insert இன். (Para. 143).

ஒடு with, together with, உடன் or உடனே with, together with, கட்ட, அருகு, அருகே, அருகில், அண்டை, near, பொருட்டு for, for the purpose of, கிமித்தம் or கிமித்தமாக for the sake of, பேரில் or பெயரில் upon, concerning, மேல் or மேலே upon concerning, வழி or வழியாக by way of, படி or படிக்கு as, according as; மூலமாய் by means of. Thus—அவனேடு with him; என்கிட்ட near me, அதின் பெயரில் thereupon, வழக்கத்தின்படி according to custom.

233. The following are affixed to a dative case-

ஆக for; உள் or உள்ளே in, among, into, within. (In the sense of among it may also take the inflectional base.) அப்புறம், and அப்பால் on the farther side; இப்புறம் and இப்பால் on this side; as—எனக்காக for me; அவர்களுக்குள்ளே among them, ஊருக்கப்புறம் outside the village.

234. The words முன் before (or முன்னே, முன்றுலே, முன்பு, முன்னம், முன்னமே), பின் after (or பின்னே, பின்றுலே, பின்பு, பிறகு, பிற்பாடு) இழ் or இழே under, beneath, usually take the dative case. (ஆக may be added to முன், முன்பு and பின்.) Thus—இதற்கு முன்னே before this, கமக்குப் பின்னே after us, நாற்காவிக்குக் கிழே under the chair. These words may also take the inflectional base; as என் பின்னே after me, இதின் கிழ் under this.

235. The word மேல் or மேலே with an inflectional base, means concerning (232) or upon, as வீட்டு மேலே or வீட்டின் மேலே upon the house. With a dative case it means over, (i.e., without contact); as வீட்டுக்கு மேலே over the house.

236. The following are affixed to an accusative case-

போல், போல, or போலே, like, like as, தவீச except, ஒழிய except, குறித்தை about, concerning, பற்றி about, concerning, சூழ, சூழ்ந்து, சூழ்ந்துகொண்டு and சுற்றி around, கொண்டு by means of, as என்னேப்போல like me, அவனத் தனிச except him, அதைப் பற்றி concerning it. Instead of the accusative, some of these words occasionally take the nominative case.

237. To express motion from, இன் or இல் may be affixed to the inflectional base; as டாத்தில் from a tree. But to prevent confusion with the genitive or with the locative case, இவிருந்து or இனின்று are usually affixed; as ஊரிலிருந்து or உளரினின்று from a village.

238. The following rule must be carefully observed. When expressing motion to or from an object, if the object does not admit of entrance (e.g., any living creature), the dative or locative case of Duic a place must always be used. Thus—

ஊருக்குப் போ. Go to the village.

அவனிடத்தில் (or அவனிடத்திற்கு (145) or அவனிடத்திக்கு) போ. Go to him.

ஊரிலிருந்து வந்தேன். I came from the village. அவனிடத் திலிருந்து வந்தேன் I came from him.

# (III). On Conjunctions.

239. (1). The affix உம் is attached to Tamil words to express the meaning of the English conjunction and. It is either attached to each word; or all the words, except the last, are put in the nominative case, and the last word takes the required casal affix, with the addition of உம். Thus—வீட்டையும் தோட்டத்தையும் தேதிரைகளேயும் தெருடுத்தான்.

He gave a house, and a garden, and (some) horses. Or— விடு தோட்டங் குதிரைகளேயும் கொடுத்தான். (65). He gave a house, garden, and horses.

- 240. When the affix உம் is attached to a single word, it has the meaning of also or even; as அவனும், He also—or—Even he.
- 241. For other uses of 2. is see Paras. 175 and 217. This affix cannot be attached to a vocative case, a relative participle, or a finite verb.
- 242. The affixes ஆவது or ஆணும் or ஆகிலும் are affixed to nouns in the sense of either ...... or. Thus—கீயாவது நாளுவது (90, 92.)

You or I.

அதாசிலும் இதாசிலும். (98, N.B.) That or this.

243. When any of these affixes are attached to a single word, it has the meaning of at least or even. Thus—ஒரு பண மாகிலும்.

At least a penny.

244. The words அல்லது or ஆளுல் if or but ஆளுவம் although, at any rate, ஆகையால் or ஆதலால் therefore will be explained hereafter.

## (IV). On Adverbs.

245. Some words are by nature adverbs; as இனி henceforth, இன்னம் or இன்னும் yet, முன்னே or முன்பு formerly, etc.

- 246. Adverbs are also formed from nouns by affixing ஆய் or ஆக; as சக்தோஷம் joy, சக்தோஷமாய் or சக்தோஷமாக joyfully. (See Para. 93 c).
  - 247.. Some infinitive words are also used as adverbs; as கூட together, ஒருபிக்க together, வலிய freely, etc.

# (V). On Interjections.

- 248. Interjections are frequently used in Tamil; as ஐயோ alas! ஒ ஒ oh! oh! இதோ look! behold!
- 249. The word அல்லவா or அல்லவோ or அல்லோ may be regarded as an interjection, meaning forsooth! It really means (as will be explained hereafter) is it not so?

# CHAPTER V.

On the Imperative Mood, and Tenses of Verbs.

- 250. In Tamil the negative is expressed by the verb: hence every verb has two distinct forms, a positive and a negative. For the present the positive form only will be considered. The negative form will be fully explained in Chapter VIII.
- 251. That from which all the various parts of the Tamil verb are formed is called the root. It might perhaps, more correctly speaking, be termed the stem; but as the word root has been adopted in Pope's Tamil Hand-book, and in my own Telugu Grammar, it seems advisable to adhere to it. The root has the same form as the Singular Imperative.

### ON THE IMPERATIVE MOOD.

- 252. The singular imperative, which has the same form as the root, is used with the pronoun f as its subject; and hence can only be employed when addressing inferiors; as—μφ read (thou), τω walk (thou), μφή make (thou), μπή look (thou).
- 253. The honorist imperative is used with the pronoun  $\mathcal{E}_{\vec{r}}$  as its subject (154). It is formed by adding உம் to the singular imperative; as படியும், நடவும், பண்ணும், பாரும்.
- 254. The full plural imperative is used with the pronoun கீன் கள் (154). It is formed by adding உங்கள் to the singular imperative; as படியுங்கள், கடவுங்கள், பண்ணுங்கள், பாருங்கள். This form, like the pronoun கீங்கள், is also used in addressing a single individual, to denote still greater respect than the form ending in உம்.

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255. The following imperatives are irregularly formed-

Sing. வா come (thou), Honfc. வாரும், Plural. வாருங்கள்.

#### ON THE TENSES OF VERBS.

256. Tamil verbs have three principal tenses, namely—The Present Tense—The Past Tense—and The Future Tense. The last is also sometimes used as an habitual present tense, to express habit or custom.

These tenses are formed from the root (251), by adding certain temporal particles, called *medials*, and then by affixing certain *personal terminations* to the medials.

257. The MEDIALS for the present tense are and asy.

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- 258. N.B.—As will be explained hereafter, a few verbs take the medial  $\varpi$  in the past tense, and some use contracted forms: and a few verbs take  $\mu$  in the future tense.
- 259. The Personal Terminations are derived from the terminations of the *personal pronouns*, as shown in the subjoined table. The persons in each tense exactly correspond to the personal pronouns, and follow them in all their distinctions of gender, and number, and peculiarities of usage (152—6). The personal terminations are the same for all verbs.

260. Personal Pronouns. Personal Terminations.

Sing. 1 Person. நான் என்
2 நீ ஆய்
MAS. அவன் ஆன்
3 FEM. அவள் அள்

| Plur. 1    | ராம்                   | <b>ஒம்</b>              |
|------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| . (        | Вн (Honorific Sing.)   | ஈர் (Honorific Sing.)   |
| . 2{       | கீங்கள் •              | ஈர்கள்                  |
| ∫м. & в    | . அவர் (Honorific Sing | ı.)ஆர்(Honorific Sing.) |
| 3 { м. & ғ | . அவர்கள்              | <i>ஆர்கள்</i>           |
| LNEU.      | அவைகள்                 | அன                      |

261. In the plural, the terminations  $s\vec{n}$  and  $s\vec{m}$  exactly correspond in use to the pronouns  $t\hat{s}\hat{n}$  and  $s\hat{m}$ ; and thus, though plural in form, they are commonly used as honorific singulars (154, 155).

The terminations  $\pi \dot{n} \sin \dot{n}$  and  $y_i \dot{n} \sin \dot{n}$ , like the pronouns  $\hbar \dot{n} \sin \dot{n}$  and  $y_i \dot{n} \sin \dot{n}$ , are the forms used to denote the full plural; but, like those pronouns, they are sometimes used in reference to a single individual, to denote still greater respect than the terminations  $\pi \dot{n}$  and  $y_i \dot{n}$  (154, 155).

262. When affixing the personal terminations, final 2 of the medial (257) is dropped; and then the consonant takes the initial vowel of the personal termination. Thus, taking the root spec as an example,

அடை + திறை + என் becomes அடைகமுன் I am getting, or I get. அடை + ந்தோ + என் ,, அடைந்தேன் I have got or I got. அடை + வு + என் ,, அடைவேன் I shall, or I will get.

263. These tenses given in full are as follows-

|      |      | Present Tense.           | Past Tense. | Future Tense. |
|------|------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| S. 1 | Per. | அடைகிறேன்                | அடைர்தேன்   | அடைவேன்       |
| 2    |      | அழைடகிருப்               | அடைந்தாய்   | அடைவாய்       |
|      | MAS. | அடைகிருன்                | அடைந்தான்   | அடைவான்       |
| 3-   | FEM. | அடை கிருன்<br>அடை கிருள் | அடைந்தாள்   | அடைவாள்       |
|      |      | அடைகிறது                 | அடைந்தது    | அடையும் (265) |

| P. 1 | Present Tense.<br>அடைகிறேம்            | Past Tense.<br>அடைந்தோம் | Future Tense.<br>அடைவோம் |
|------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ٠, ( | அடைகிறீர்                              | அடைந்தீர்                | அடைவீர்                  |
| 2 <  | <b>அ</b> டை சிறீர்கள்                  | அடைந்தீர்கள்             | அடைவீர்கள்               |
|      | ( M.&r. அடைகிருர்                      | அடைந்தார்                | அடைவார்                  |
| 3<   | (M.&F. அடைகிருர்<br>M.&F. அடைகிருர்கள் | அடைந்தார்கள்             | அடைவார்கள்               |
|      | NEU. அடைகின்றன (264)                   | அடைந்தன                  | அடையும்(265)             |
|      | NEU. <b>அடை</b> கின்றன (264)           | அடைந்தன                  | அடையும்(265)             |

264. In the plural third person neuter of the present tense  $\dot{\omega}$  is always inserted before final  $\rho\omega$ .

265. It will be observed that the form of the third person neuter of the future tense is peculiar, and is the same both in the singular and in the plural. It is formed by adding a in to a root which takes and in the present tense, and is to a root which takes and (257).

266. The following verbs form the third person neuter of the future tense in an *irregular* manner. Thus—

| சேள்            | hear Fut. 3 per. neu.                          | கேட்கும்  |
|-----------------|--|---|
| நில்            | stand  | <i>நிற்</i> கும்  |
| கல்             | learn  | ச <i>ற்</i> கும்  |
| தா              | give   | தரும்   |
| வா              | come   | வரும்   |
| <b>ஆ</b> or ஆகு | 5 become                                       | ஆகும் or ஆம்  |
| சா              | die  | சாகும் or சாம்  |
| சோ              | ache   | கோகும் or கோவும்  |
| போ              | go   | போகும் or போம்  |
|                 | நில்<br>கல்<br>தா<br>வா<br>ஆ or ஆஞ<br>சா<br>கோ | கில் stand<br>கல் learn<br>தா give<br>வா come<br>ஆ or ஆகு become<br>சா die<br>கோ ache |

267. The personal terminations are the same for all verbs, hence the only variation is in the medials. As examples of other medials, the tenses of the verbs படி learn, and 到意因 sleep will now be given. The former takes the medials 意见, 意思, and பப; and the latter takes the medials 意见, இது, and அ. See Para. 257.

|            |  | 그렇게 되었다"라고 하면 이 사람이었다. 그렇게 살아 먹다고 하다 |                               |
|------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|            | Present Tense.                           | Past Tense.                          | Future Tense.                 |
| S. 1 Pers. | படிக்கிறேன்                              | படித்தேன்                            | படிப்பேன்                     |
| 2          | படிக்கிருப்                              | படித்தாய்                            | படிப்பாய்                     |
| MAS.       | படிக்கிறுன்<br>படிக்கிறுள்<br>படிக்கிறது | படித்தான்                            | படிப்பான்                     |
| 3 { FEM.   | படிக்கிறுள்                              | படித்தாள்                            | படிப்பாள்                     |
| NEU.       | படிக்கிற <b>து</b>                       | படித்தது                             | படிக்கும் (265).              |
| P. 1       | படிக்கிரும்                              | படித்தோம்                            | படிப்போம்                     |
| (          | படிக்கிறீர்                              | படித்தீர்                            | படிப்பீர்                     |
| 2          | படிக்கிறீர்கள்                           | படித்தீர்கள்                         | படிப்பீர்கள்                  |
| (м.&г      | . படிக்கிருர்                            | படித்தார்                            | படிப்பார்                     |
|            | . படிக்கிறுர்கள்                         | படித்தார்கள்                         | படிப்பார்க <b>ள்</b>          |
|            | படிக்கின்றன(264)                         | படித்தன                              | படிக்கும் (265).              |
| S. 1 Per.  | <i>தூ</i> ங்குக <b>ேறன்</b>              | தாங்கினேன்                           | <i>தூ</i> ங்குவே <b>ன்</b>    |
|            | தூங்குகிறுப்                             | தாங்கெஞப்                            | <i>தூ</i> ங்குவா <b>ப்</b>    |
|            | <i>தூ</i> ங்குகி <i>ருன்</i>             | <i>தூ</i> ங்கெஞ <b>ன்</b>            | தூங்குவான்                    |
|            | தூங்குகிறுள்                             | <i>தூங்</i> கிஞள்                    | தூங்குவாள்                    |
|            | <i>தூ</i> ங்குகி <i>றது</i>              | <i>தூ</i> ங்கின <i>து</i>            | தூங்கும் (265).               |
|            | <i>தூ</i> ங்குக <i>ளு</i> ம்             | <i>தூ</i> ங்கிறே <b>ம்</b>           | <i>தூங்</i> குவோம்            |
| • • •      | <i>தூ</i> ங்குகிறீர்                     | தோங்கினீர்                           | தூங்குவீர்                    |
| 2 {        | தூங்குகிறீர்<br>தூங்குகிறீர்க <b>ள்</b>  | <i>தூ</i> ங்கினீர்க <b>ள்</b>        | தூங்குவீர்கள்                 |
|            | . தூங்குகிறுர்                           | தாங்கிஞர்                            | <i>தூ</i> ங்குவார்            |
|            | . தூங்குகிறுர்கள்                        | <i>தூ</i> ங்கிஞர்கள்                 | <i>தூ</i> ங்குவார்க <b>ள்</b> |
| NEU.       | தாங்குகின்றன (264)                       | தோங்கின                              | தூங்கும்(265).                |

268. Verbs which take the medial இது in the past tense, in the third person neuter may change final அது into யது or ற்று; as தாங்கினது, தாங்கியது, தாங்கிற்று.

269. The tenses of the roots  $\omega G$  suffer, similarly, and Gansi take are added, as examples of verbs which use a contracted form in the past tense. The verb similarly takes the medial  $\mu$  in the future tense. See Para. 258.

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Present Tense.
                             Past Tense.
                                          Future Tense.
          Per. படுகேறேன்
270. S. 1
                                பட்டேன்
                                             படுவேன்
               படுகிருப்
                                பட்டாள்
                                            1 (Rouris
         MAS. படுகிறுன்
                                பட்டான்
                                            படுவான்
          FEM. படுகிறுள்
                                பட்டாள்
                                            படுவாள்
          NEU. படுகிறது
                                பட்டத
                                            படும் (265).
              படுகினும்
    P. 1
                                பட்டோம்
                                            படுவோம்
               படுகெறீர்
                                பட்டீர்
                                             படுவீர்
               படுகிறீர்கள்
                                பட்டிர்கள்
                                            1. Bafrisair
          M.&F. படுகினர்
                                பட்டார்
                                            படுவார்
          M.&F. படுகிருர்கள்
                                பட்டார்கள்
                                            படுவார்கள்
          NEU. படுகின்றன (264) பட்டன
                                            படும் (265).
271. S. 1
                என்கிறேன் (69) என்றேன்(60) என்பேன்258
         Per.
                என்கிருப்
                                என்றுப்
                                            என்பாய்
                என்கிறுன்
                                என்றுன்
           MAS.
                                            என்பான்
                என்கிருள்
                                என்றுள்
                                            என்பாள்
               என் கிறது
                                           என்னும்(265)
           NEU.
                                என்றது
                என்கிறேம்
     P. 1
                                என்றேம்
                                           என்போம்
                என் கிறீர்
                                என்றீர்
                                            என்டிர்
                என்கிறீர்கள்
                                என்றீர்கள் என்பீர்கள்
          (M.&F. என்கிருர்
                                என்றுர்
                                           என்பார்
          M.&F. என்கிருர்கள்
                                என்றுர்கள்
                                            என்பார்கள்
                என்கின்றன (264) என்றன
                                            என்னும்(265)
           Per. கொள்ளுகிறேன் கொண்டேன் கொள்ளுவேன்
 272. S. 1
               கொள்ளுகிறுய் கொண்டாய். கொள்ளுவாய்
        2
           MAS. கொள்ளுகிறுன் கொண்டான் கொள்ளுவான்
        3 🖁 🗜 🗷 கொள்ளுகிறுள் கொண்டாள் கொள்ளுவாள்
           NEU. கொள்ளுகிறது
                             கொண்டது கொள்ளும் (265)
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| P. 1 | கொ <b>ள்</b> ளுகிறே<br>ம்           | கொண்டோ<br>ம்                               | கொள்ளுவோ<br>ம்     |
|------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
|      | ( கோள்ளு <b>கி</b> றீர்             | <i>கொண்டீர்</i>                            | கொள்ளுவீர்         |
| 2-   | 시간 환경으로 가장 이번 경기를 하는 것이다.           | கொண்டீர்<br>கள்                            | கோள்ளுவீர்<br>கள்  |
|      | ∑<br>м.&r. கொள்ளுகி <i>ரு</i> ர்    | - <i>கொண்டார்</i>                          | <i>கோள்ளு</i> ுர்  |
| 3-   | м. & F. கொள்ளுகிறுர்<br>கள்         | ் கொண்டார்<br>கள்                          | கொள்ளுவார்<br>கள்  |
|      | NEU. கொள்ளுகின்<br><b>மன</b> (264). | கொண்டன                                     | கொள்ளும்<br>(265). |
|      |                                     | 그 이번 없는 이 이 등 이번 회의 개발을 잃었다. 이 이번 시간이 되었다. |                    |

273. As the personal terminations are the same for all verbs, if the first person of each tense of a verb be known, there is no further difficulty. The important point, therefore, in a Tamil verb is to ascertain the first person of each tense, or, in other words, to ascertain what medials (Para. 257) a verb takes to form its several tenses.

274. As the first step in solving this difficulty, the following general rules must be carefully studied.

275. N.B.—(1). Instead of giving the medials only, it will be found more convenient to give them with the personal termination of the first person singular attached, and to regard the whole as an affix to the root. This course will henceforth be adopted. (2). In giving the English equivalent of a Tamil verb, the form henceforth used will be the English infinitive. It must be remembered, therefore, that it does not exactly correspond in meaning to the Tamil root.

276. On the Future Tense. Rule. All roots which take க்க நேன் in the present tense, take ப்பேன் in the future tense; and all roots which take இழேன் in the present tense, take வேன் in the future. Thus—

Present Tense படிக்கிறேன் Future Tense படிப்பேன் ,, அடைகிறேன் ,, அடைவேன் ,, தாங்குகிறேன் ,, தாங்குவேன்

- 277. As an exception to the latter part of the above rule, a few roots ending in ல், ள், ண், and ன், which will be specified hereafter, take பேண், instead of வேன்; as என்கிறேன் fut. என் பேன் (258).
- 278. On the Past tense. Rule I. Roots which take க்கிறேன் in the present, take த்தேன் in the past tense; as படிக்கிறேன், past tense படிக்தேன்.
- 279. As an exception to the above rule, roots ending in அ, some of the few ending in ஆ, and the verbs இரு to be, and மோ to smell, though taking க்கிறேன் in the present, take க்தேன் in the past. Thus—

 Present Tense
 நடக்கிறேன்
 I walk. Past Tense
 நடக்தேன்.

 ,,
 ஏமாக்கிறேன்
 I exult. ,,
 ஏமாக்கேறன்.

 ,,
 இருக்கிறேன்
 I, am. ,
 இருக்கிறன்.

 ,,
 மோக்கிறேன்
 I smell. ,;
 மோக்கேன்.

280. Rule II. Roots which take Scpain in the present tense, sometimes take &cpain, sometimes @conain, and sometimes casa in the past tense; and sometimes they use a contracted form. Thus—

 Present Tense
 அடைக்றேன்
 I get. Past Tense
 அடைக்தேன்.

 ,,
 தாங்குக்றேன்
 I sleep. ,, தூங்கினேன்.

 ,,
 செய்கேறேன்
 I do. ,, செய்தேன்.

 ,,
 கொள்ளுகிறேன் I take. ,, கொண்டேன்.

- 281. After the above rules have been thoroughly mastered, it will be observed that there remain only two difficulties with regard to the tenses of a Tamil verb; namely—
- (1) to ascertain whether the present tense takes இறேன் or க்கிறேன்; (2) to ascertain, when the present tense takes கிறேன், whether the past tense takes க்கேன், இனேன், தேன், or a contracted form.

282. In order to explain these two points, Tamil verbs are divided into seven conjugations, according to the termination of the ROOT (251).

# ON THE CONJUGATION OF TAMIL VERBS.

The FIRST conjugation includes all roots ending in 4.

| The FIRST con | Jugamon ii | dindes an room                          | ·   | ·                  |
|---------------|------------|---|-----|--------------------|
| The second    | ,,         |   | " " | இ, ஐ, or ய்.       |
| The THIRD     | ,,         | ·,,                                     | ,,  | <u>e</u> .         |
| The FOURTH    | ,,         | ,,                                      | 33  | ண், or ன்.         |
| The FIFTH     | "          | ,,                                      | ,,  | ர், or <u>ந்</u> . |
| The sixтн     | ,,         | ,,,                                     | ,,, | ல், or ள்.         |
| The seventh   | ,,         | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | ,,, | a long vowel,      |
|               |            |   | ia. | or in p.           |
|               |            |   |     |                    |

283. The first three conjugations include by far the greater number of Tamil verbs, those ending in and being the most numerous of all. In the following classification no notice is taken of a few rare verbs, which specially belong to the poetical dialect.

#### THE FIRST CONJUGATION.

- 284. This conjugation includes all roots ending in A.
- 285. The present and past tenses are formed by adding க்டுறேன் and க்டேகன் respectively to the root (279). The future necessarily adds ப்பேன் (276). Thus—
  - நட to walk நடக்கிறேன் நடந்தேன் நடப்பேன்.
- 286. As exceptions to the above rule, a few verbs take session in the past tense; namely (1) the verbs sess to be copious, Sp to thrive, Sp to turn yellow, Ls to turn green, Ls to be strong, Ls to be wanton—and (2) a small set of verbs chiefly representing sounds or sensations, and formed by the repetition of two short open syllables (87); as—ss ss to ses to rustle, ser ser to glitter.

287. The verb row to be cheap may take either form of the past tense.

#### THE SECOND CONJUGATION.

- 288. This conjugation includes all roots ending in  $\mathfrak{D}$ ,  $\mathfrak{C}$ , or  $\dot{u}$ . Those ending in  $\mathfrak{D}$  form the largest class of Tamil verbs.
- 289. As a general rule, verbs of this conjugation take  $\dot{x}$ \$\mathbb{B} \mathbb{C} p \vec{\sigma}\$ in the present tense, and consequently  $\dot{x}$ \mathbb{C} p \vec{\sigma}\$ and  $\dot{u}$ \mathbb{C} u \vec{\sigma}\$ in the past and future tenses (276, 278). Thus—

பிடி to seize பிடிக்கிறேன் பிடித்தேன் பிடிப்பேன். படை to create படைக்கிறேன் படைத்தேன் படைப்பேன். சாய் to tilt up சாய்க்கிறேன் சாய்த்தேன் சாய்ப்பேன்.

290. In this conjugation, in more than a hundred instances, from the same root are formed both a transitive and an intransitive verb. In this case the transitive verb always follows the general rule given above; and the intransitive verb always takes  $\mathcal{C}$  $\mathcal{D}$  $\dot{\omega}$  and  $\dot{\mathcal{C}}\mathcal{D}$  $\dot{\omega}$  in the present and past tenses, and consequently  $\mathcal{C}$  $\omega$  $\dot{\omega}$  in the future tense (276). Thus—

அழி to destroy அழிக்கிறேன் அழிக்கேன் அழிப்பேன். அழி to perish அழிகிறேன் அழிக்கேன் அழிவேன். அலே to vex அலேக்கிறேன் அலேக்கேன் அலேப்பேன். அலே to be vexed அலேகிறேன் அலேக்கேன் அலேவேன். மேய் to feed cattle மேய்க்கிறேன் மேய்க்கேன் மேய்ப்பேன். மேய் to graze மேய்கிறேன் மேய்க்கேன் மேய்வேன்.

The following are a few of the principal roots from which both a transitive and an instransitive verb are formed—Asset to shake, and to be shaken; Asset to grind, and to be ground; Asset to boil, and to be boiled; Esset to break, and to be broken; Esset to expel, and to pass away; Esset to heap and to be torn; Essep to lessen, and to dwindle; Esset to heap and to be heaped up; Esset to make clear, and to be clear; Esset to

rub, and to wear away; Esti to soak, and to be soaked; received to wet, and to be wet; some to fill, and to be full; some to insert, and to enter; And to separate, and to be separated; unser to funigate and to smoke; ung to fold, and to be folded; unser to hide, and to be hidden; upg to finish, and to be finished;

- 291. When two roots, having different meanings, are spelt in the same manner, it is common for one root to follow the general rule (289) and take (a) க்கிறேன், த்தேன், and ப்பேன்; and for the other root to take the forms (b) கிறேன், க்தேன், and வேன். The following are the principal instances—அடை to close (a), to obtain (b); உறை to be pungent (a), to abide (b), கடி to bite (a), to reprove (b); கரி to taste saltish (a), to be scorched (b); கரப் to bear fruit (a), to be heated (b); படி to read (a), to subside (b).
- 292. A few roots belonging to this conjugation take only the forms in இறேன், ந்தேன், and வேன். The following are some of the most important—

TRANSITIVE. அளே to mingle, அறி to know, அறை to slap, ஆராய் (or ஆய்) to investigate, எறி to throw, கடை to churn, குடை to scoop out, பொதி to roll up.

Intransitive. & A to grow moist, seal to ripen, Genal to itch, Genu to faint, some to be spoiled, uni to spring, or flow, was to be cheap, also to dawn.

293. The following verbs, all of which end in  $\dot{u}$  preceded by one short syllable, take  $c_{\sigma}$  in the past tense. See Paragraphs 258, 280.

கொய்கிறேன் கொய்தேன் கொய்வேன். கொய் to pluck செய்வேன். செய்கிறேன் செய்கேன் செய் to do ெக**ய் தேன்** கெய்வேன். **கெய்கிறேன்** Qui to weave பெய்கிறேன் பெய்தேன் பெய்வேன். பெய் to rain

294. The roots may to put and may to abuse form their tenses as follows-

and to put and to abuse வைக்கிறேன் வைகிறேன்

வைக்கேன் வைதேன்

வைப்பேன். അവ வேன்.

## THE THIRD CONJUGATION.

This conjugation includes all roots ending in 2.

All verbs of this conjugation are divided into two distinct classes, namely-(i) Roots ending in 2 which consist of two short open syllables only (87); as @sn @ to give, so to be fit; and (ii) All roots ending in 2, except those included in class i; as & to run, si G to tie, Cus to speak.

297. Class I. As a general rule, verbs belonging to this class form the present tense in &&Cnow, and consequently the past tense in த்தேன் (278), and the future in ப்பேன் (276). Thus—

2. 6 to clothe

உடுக்கிறேன் உடுத்தேன் உடுப்பேன்.

கொடுக்கிறேன் கொடுத்தேன் கொடுப்பேன். GET € to give எடு to lift up எடுக்கிறேன் எடுத்தேன் எடுப்பேன்.

பொறு to sustain பொறுக்கிறேன் பொறுத்தேன் பொறுப்பேன்.

It will be of use hereafter to note the following roots in (a) of and ap, and (b) of and on, which come under this general rule-

- (a). உரு to be angry, பரு to thicken, இழ to pull, Сытц to be fat, ищ to ripen, ци to breed maggots.
  - உரு to be wormeaten, வலு to be strong, வெரு to bleach. There are the following exceptions to this general rule.
- (a). The following roots in on and up all of which are in common use, form their tenses as follows-

275 to be (279) or up to arise

இருக்கிறேன் இருக்தேன் இருப்பேன்.

எழுகிறேன் எழுர்தேன்

எழுவேன்.

விழு தெறன் விழுர்தேன் விழுவேன். and to fall அமுவேன். அழுகிறேன் அழுதேன் Mus to weep உழுகிறேன் உழுவேன். உழுதேன் உழ to plough தொழுகிறேன் தொழுதேன் தொழுவேன். Sort to worship பொருகிறேன் பொருதேன் பொருவேன். Court to fight

299. (b) The following verbs take  $\mathcal{L}Gp\dot{\varpi}$  in the present tense, and consequently  $\mathcal{L}\varpi\dot{\varpi}$  in the future (276). These verbs use a contracted form in the past tense, made by doubling the consonant in the final syllable of the root, and then adding the personal terminations; as  $\mathcal{D}G$  past tense ( $\mathcal{D}\dot{\varpi}G$  +  $\mathcal{C}\dot{\varpi}$ )

இடுவேன். இடுகிறேன் டுட்டேன் DB to give உறவேன். 2 m to exist உறுகிறேன் **உ**ற்றேன் சுடு கிறேன் சுட்டேன் சுடுவேன். & O to heat நக்**கேன்** ககுவேன். **நகு இ**றேன் 15 (5) to laugh நட்டேன் -நடுவேன். 15 to plant **கடு** இறேன் பெறுவேன். பெற்றேன் பெறு to obtain பெறுகிறேன்

N.B.—A few additional verbs belonging to this class are given in Paragraph 301.

300. (c) The following verbs may follow the above formation, but also form a past tense in  $\dot{\pi} G_{\beta} \dot{\omega}$ , which in most cases is the form more commonly used—

தகு to be fit தகுகிறேன் தகுந்தேன் or தக்கேன் தகுவேன். புகு to enter புகுகிறேன் புகுந்தேன் (புக்கேன்) புகுவேன். மிகு to increase மிகுகிறேன் மிகுந்தேன் (மிக்கேன்) மிகுவேன். கெகு to be soft செகுகிறேன் செகுந்தேன் செகுவேன். அறு to cease அறுகிறேன் (அறுந்தேன்) அற்றேன் அறுவேன்.

301. When from a root belonging to this class both a transitive and intransitive verb are formed, the former follows (a) the general rule (297), and the latter follows (b) the rule given in Paragraph 299. Sometimes also when two roots of different

meanings are spelt alike, one takes the forms under (a), and the other the forms under (b). The following are the chief instances—

G&O to destroy (a), to perish (b); ОБП 5 to collect (a), to be collected (b); பகு to augment (a), to become augmented (b) (300); ВО to dismiss (a), to leave (b); ОБП 0 to join (a), to touch (b); УДИ to cut (a), to cease (b) (300); ЦО to lie down (a); to suffer (b); Thus—

**கெ**டுக்கிறேன் ( O & B to destroy *கெடுத்தேன்* கெடுப்பேன். (OsG to perish கெடுகிறேன் செட்டே*ன்* கெடுவேன். ( and to dismiss விடுக்கிறேன் விடுத்தேன் விடுப்பேன். d a G to leave விடுகொன் விட்டேன் விடுவேன். ( u @ to lie down படுக்கிறேன் படுத்தேன் படுப்பேன். \ ∟@ to suffer படுகிறேன் பட்டேன் படுவேன்.

302. Class II. This class (296) includes a very large number of Tamil verbs. As an almost universal rule, they take \$\mathbb{Q}p\vert in the present tense, and consequently Cavin in the future tense (276). They form the past tense by changing final 2 of the root into \$\mathbb{Q} \mathbb{C} \omega \omega (257). The following are examples—

BB to run ஓடுகிறேன் ஓடினேன் ஓடுவேன். கட்டு to tie கட்டுகிறேன் க**ட்**டினேன் கட்டுவேன். Cus to speak பேசு கிறேன் பேசினேன் பேசுவேன். எழுது to write எழுதுகிறேன் எமுகினேன் எழுதுவேன். தேற்று to comfort *தேற்று* கி**றே**ன் கே*ற்றினேன்* தேற்றுவேன். пы to trust **நம்பு கிறேன் நம்பினேன்** நம்புவேன். And to steal *திரு*டு கிறேன் திருடினேன் திருடுவேன். Conto to desire கோருகிறேன் கோரினேன் கோருவேன்.

303. It will be of use hereafter to note the following roots ending in த and அ, which come under the above rule. It will be noticed that some of them occasionally drop the final உ of the root; as அருளு or அருள் to grant. They are as follows—
அருளு (ன்) to grant, அன்னு to take up in the hand, என்னு (ன்) to scoff, கல்லு (ல்) to dig out, கென்னு to pinch, சேதைய to enclose,

தள்ளு to reject, துள்ளு to leap up, தெள்ளு (ள்) to sift, தொள்ளு to perforate:

There are the following exceptions to the general rule given

in Paragraph 302-

304. (A) Words ending in இடு, namely கப்பிடு to call, கும்பிடு to worship, சாப்பிடு to eat, செல்விடு to be chilled, சுள்ளிடு to smart, கோரிடு to happen, பீரிடு to stream, form their tenses like இடு (299). Thus—

குப்பிடு to call, கூப்பிடுகிறேன் கூப்பிட்டேன் கூப்பிடுவேன்.

305. (B) Words compounded with படு to suffer (301) form their tenses in the same way as படு. The following are examples, அகப்படு to be caught, ஏற்படு to consent, புறப்படு to set out, மேட்படு to rise high, வெளிப்படு to issue forth. (See also Paragraphs 485, 580.) Thus—

புறப்படு புறப்படுகிறேன் புறப்பட்டேன் புறப்ப⊕வேன்.

306. (c) The verb போடு to put, and the defective verb போது to be sufficient, which is common with a neuter subject only, form their tenses as follows—

போடு போடுகிறேன் போட்டேண் போடுவேன். போது போதுகிறேன் போக்தேன் போதுவேன்.

307. (D) A set of verbs formed by the repetition of two short open syllables (87), as கடு கடு to throb, இனு இனு to buzz, கசு கசு to hesitate, முறு முறு to murmur, தரு தரு to quiver, வழு வழு to babble, are treated as verbs consisting of two short open syllables only, and therefore follow the general rule for such words, which is given in Paragraph 297. These verbs, like those mentioned in Paragraph 286, generally represent some sound or sensation. Thus—.

கெணுகிணுக்கிறேன் கெணுகிணுத்தேன் கிணுகிணுப்பேன். தாருதாருக்கிறேன் தாருதாருத்தேன் தாருதாருப்பேன்.

308. The verb சொல்லு (also written சொல்) to tell forms its tenses as follows—சொல்லுகிறேன், சொன்னேன் (rarely சொல்லி கேனன்), சொல்லுவேன்.

# PRELIMINARY REMARK UPON VERBS OF THE FOURTH, FIFTH, AND SIXTH CONJUGATIONS

309. In regard to verbs of these conjugations, which end in the mute consonants sin, sin, and in, ip, and sin, sin, there is the following difficulty. On the one hand, some roots ending in some, son, con, con, sometimes drop final so of the root. For instances, see Paragraph 303. On the other hand, some of the roots properly ending in one of the above mute consonants, sometimes add the vowel so to the root. In order, therefore, to prevent confusion, under each of the three following conjugations, reference will be made to those verbs which have so as an essential part of the root, and therefore fall under the third conjugation.

#### THE FOURTH CONJUGATION.

This conjugation includes all roots ending in and an.

310. Read Paragraph 309. The following table includes all roots of any importance, which belong to this conjugation. All other roots (e.g., using to make, single to think, single to curve etc.) have the vowel as the essential termination of the root, and therefore belong to the third conjugation. Read Paragraph 277.

உண் (உண்ணு) to eat உண்கிறேன் உண்டு ன் உண் பேன். பூண்பேன். பூண் கிறேன் பூண்டேன் பூண் (பூணு) to put on காண் கிறேன் கண்டேன் காண் பேண். காண் to see ஈன்பேன். ஈன் (ஈனு) to bring forth ஈ**ன் குறே**ன் ஈன் றேன் என்கேறேன் என்றேன் என்பேன். என் to say தின்பேன். Sim to eat தின் கிறேன் தின் றேன்

311. All the preceding verbs, except என், may add உ to the root in the present and future tenses. In this case the future takes வேன்; as உண்ணு குறேன், உண்டேன், உண்ணுவேன். (91).

#### THE FIFTH CONJUGATION.

- 312. This conjugation includes all roots ending in  $\dot{\pi}$  and  $\dot{\varphi}$ .
- 313. Read Paragraph 309.
- 314. All roots ending in  $\mathcal{F}$  or  $\mathcal{F}$ , consisting of two short open syllables (87), as  $\mathcal{D}\mathcal{F}$  to be,  $\mathcal{D}\mathcal{F}$  to ripen, have the vowel  $\mathcal{L}$  as an essential part of the root, and consequently belong to the third conjugation. A list of these verbs will be found in Paragraphs 297 note, and 298. See also Paragraph 307.
- 315. All roots other than those mentioned in the preceding paragraph, whether ending in the mute consonants  $\dot{r}$  and  $\dot{v}$ , as  $CF\dot{r}$  to join, saip to crawl, or adding the vowel v, as  $CF\dot{r}$ , saip, belong to the fifth conjugation. The only exception to this, is the varb  $CF\dot{r}$  to desire, which has v as an essential part of the root, and belongs to the third conjugation. See Paragraph 302.
- 316. The way in which verbs of the fifth conjugation form their tenses, will now be explained.
- 317. As a general rule these roots take & point and is sain in the present and past tenses, and consequently and in the future tense (276). In the present and future tenses the vowel sign generally added to the root, but in the past tense the mute consonant is always used.
  - 318. The following are examples-
  - அமர் (ரு) to be calm அமருகிறேன் அமர்க்தேன் அமருவேன். தவழ் (மு) to crawl தவழுகிறேன் தவழ்க்தேன் தவழுவேன்.
  - தேர் (ரு) to examine தேருகிறேன் தேர்க்தேன் தேருவேன்.
- 319. From several roots belonging to this conjugation both a transitive and an intransitive verb are formed. In this case the intransitive verb always follows the general rule given above, and the transitive verb takes the terminations க்கிறேன், க்தேன், ப்பேன். (Compare Paragraph 290.). When taking the latter mentioned affixes, the vowel உ is never added to the root in forming the present and future tenses. Thus—

தகர் to break தகர்க்கிறேன் தகர்த்தேன் தகர்ப்பேன். தகர்(ரு) to be broken தகருகிறேன் தகர்க்கேன் தகருவேன். தாழ் to lower தாழ்க்கிறேன் தாழ்க்கேன் தாழ்ப்பேன். தாழ்(மு) to be low தாழுகிறேன் தாழ்க்தேன் தாழுவேன்.

320. The following are the other principal roots from which a transitive and intransitive verb are formed—அவிழ் to loose, and to be loose; உதிர் to cause to drop, and to drop; எதிர் to meet and to come in front; கவிழ் to capsize, to be capsized; சேர் to join, and to come together; தவிர் to hinder, and to be hindered; தீர் to finish, and to be finished; வளர் to cherish, and to grow.

321. A few verbs belonging to this conjugation take only the forms க்கேறேன், த்தேன், and ப்பேன். The following are the most important of them—உயிர் to live, கார் to be pungent, குமிழ் to be globular, பார் to see, பாழ் to go to ruin, வேர் to sweat. Thus—

பார் to see பார்க்கிறேன் பார்த்தேன் பார்ப்பேன்.

322. N.B.-Read the latter part of Paragraph 319.

#### THE SIXTH CONJUGATION.

- 323. This conjugation includes all roots ending in & and in.
- 324. Read Paragraph 309.
- 325. The verbs of the *third* conjugation which end in 55 and 59, will be found under Paragraphs 297, note 303, and 308.
- 326. All other verbs which end in ள் or ல், though some of them may sometimes add உ to the root, as கொள் or கொள்ளு to take, belong to the sixth conjugation.
- 327. The way in which their tenses are formed will now be explained.
- 328. As a general rule, these roots take இரேன் in the present tense, and consequently வேன் in the future tense. The past tense is formed by changing final ல் and ள் of the root into ன்றேன் and ண்டேண் respectively. In the present and future tenses the vowel உ is generally added to the root. (In the

case of roots consisting of one short syllable only, the final mute consonant is doubled before adding 2, in accordance with Paragraph 91.) The following are examples—

சுழலுவேன். சுமன் றேன் சுமவுகிறேன் சுழல் (லு) to revolve உருண்டேன் உருளுவேன். உருளுகிறேன் உருள் (ளு) to roll கொன்றேன் கொல்லுவேன். கொல் (ல்லு) கொல்லுகிறேன் to kill கொண்டேன் கொள்ளுவேன். கொள்ளுகிறேன் கொள் (ள்ளு) to take

329. As exceptions to the above rule, the verbs கல் to learn, கேன் to hear, or to ask, தோல் to be defeated, நால் to spin, கேரைல் to do penance, and கில் to sell, do not add உ to the root; but in order to form the present and future tenses, they change final ல் and ன் of the root into p and ட் respectively, and then add கிறேன் and பேன் (277). The past tense is formed by changing final ல் and ன் of the root into p நேன் and ட்டேன் respectively.

வில் to sell விற்கிறேன் விற்றேன் விற்பேன். கேள் to hear or ask கேட்கிறேன் கேட்டேன் கேட்பேன்.

- 330. The transitive verbs and to receive and Lin to rescue take the forms given in the preceding paragraph: but the intransitive verbs and (or and) to be fit, and Lin (or Lon) to be rescued follow the general rule given in Paragraph 328.
- 331. The verb நில் to stand makes நிற்கிறேன், நின்றேன், நிற்பேண்.
- 332. Note. The past tense is the safest guide to show whether the root properly ends in 2, or in a mute consonant. For instance, when the past tense ends in 2 and, it shows at once that the root must end in 2 (302). As another instance the past tenses 2 and an appendix, as a constant of the past tenses 2 and an appendix, as a constant of the past tenses 2 and a page and a

be formed from roots ending in sin, in, and in respectively; for  $C_{\mathcal{B}}$  is really added; and then, by the laws of euphony, is after sin becomes  $\dot{\mathcal{L}}$ ; is and is become  $\dot{\mathcal{D}}\dot{\mathcal{D}}$ ; and in and is become  $\dot{\mathcal{L}}\dot{\mathcal{L}}$ .

#### THE SEVENTH CONJUGATION.

333. This conjugation includes all roots ending in a long vowel, or in the vowel 3. Most of them end in the vowel 3.

334. The verbs அண்ணு to look up, இதுமா to be elated, வமா to exult, மல்லா to fall on the back, form their tenses like verbs in அ (285).

335. The following verbs form their tenses in க்கிறேன், த்தேன், and ப்பேண்—namely, கா to preserve, ச to comb, த (or தீப்) to burn (trans.), கீ to forsake, பூ to blossom, மூ to become old, கோ to string, and also ஒ to equal, and பொ to perforate. Thus—

கா to preserve காக்கிறேன் காத்தேன் காப்பேன். ஒ to equal, or to agree ஒக்கிறேன் ஒத்தேன் ஒப்பேன்.

336. The verb ஆ (or ஆகு) to become is a very important verb. Its tenses are as follows— ஆக்றேன், ஆனேன், ஆவேன். It also forms tenses from ஆகு the other form of the root; namely ஆகுக்றேன், ஆக்னேன் or ஆயினேன், ஆகுவேன்: but these forms are not so often used, except the word ஆயிற்ற (268). The verb உண்டா to happen, is conjugated like ஆ. The following verbs form their tenses thus—

337. ஈ to give ஈகிறேன் ஈந்தேன் ஈடேவன்.

\$\begin{align\*} (\text{or } \mathscr{g} \text{it}) & to \\ \text{burn (intr.)} \end{align\*} \mathscr{g} \math

338. (1) The following verbs are peculiar, as they shorten the first syllable in the past tense. (2) In some grammars and and so are given under and so, and the former is so given in Winslow's Dictionary. The latter forms, however, are never used as imperatives (255), and do not follow the analogy of the other Dravidian languages. Their present tenses are irregular.

| aur to come              | வருகிறேன்         | வர்தேன்          | <b>வரு</b> வேன்.         |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| தா to give               | <b>த</b> ருகிறேன் | தக் <i>தேன்</i>  | <i>த</i> ருவே <b>ன்.</b> |
| #π to die                | சாகிறேன்          | செத்தேன்         | சா 2 வேன்.               |
| Cas to be hot (or burnt) | வேகிறேன்          | வெர்தேன்         | ചേമേക്ക്.                |
| Cosar to ache            | <i>நோ</i> கெறேன்  | <i>நொ</i> ந்தேன் | கோவேன்.                  |

- 339. N.B.—The verbs  $\omega \pi$  to come and  $G \cup \pi$  to go are of special importance.
- 340. The verbs போ, சா, வே, and சோ may insert கு before adding வேண் for the future; as வேகுவேண் or வேவேன். The reason of this is that there was probably another form of the root ending in கு; as போகு, சாகு. etc.
  - 341. Read again Paragraph 283.
- 342. This chapter on verbs may appear somewhat long and complicated; but when once mastered, it will enable the student to overcome one of the chief difficulties of the language.

# CHAPTER VI.

## ON SYNTAX.

#### ORDER OF WORDS AND CLAUSES IN A TAMIL SENTENCE.

- 343. The order of words and clauses in a Tamil sentence, is very different from that of English, and much more regular. Two invariable rules are always observed in Tamil; namely—
- 344. First Rule. The verb always stands last, and so concludes the sentence; as—பையன் தன் பாடத்தைச் சுறுசுறுப் பாய்ப் படித்தான். The boy learnt his lesson diligently. (93. e,c).
- 345. Second Rule. That which is governed, always precedes that which governs it. For example—
- (a) The genitive always precedes the governing noun; as மணிதருடைய குணம், men's disposition, or the disposition of men.
- (b) The adverb always precedes the verb; as அவன் கன் ருப்ப் பாடி ஞன். He sang well. (93 c).
- (c) The comparison always precedes that which is compared; as இவனிலும் அவன் கல்லவன். (198.) That man is better than this man.
- (d) The similitude always precedes that which is similar; as சூரியுகுப்போலை, அவன் புகாகிக்கிறுன். (236.) He shines like the sun.
- (e) In the same manner all subordinate sentences, expressing purpose, condition, etc. precede the sentence to which they are subordinate.

#### ON THE SUBJECT.

346. The subject is always in the nominative case. A Tamil verb agrees with its subject in gender, number, and person.

Thus தச்சன் வர்தான். The carpenter came. சூகிரை வர்தது. The horse came. அவர்கள் வர்தார்கள். They came.

- 347. Exception (1). Sometimes a subject in the singular, takes a verb in the plural to denote respect; as C said similar of the God reflected. It would, however, be more correct to put the noun also in the plural; as C said similar of.
- 348. Exception (2). When the subject is a neuter noun in the plural number, it usually takes the verb in the neuter singular. Thus instead of saying காரியங்கள் கடக்கன, it is more common to say—காரியங்கள் கடக்கது. Things happened.
- 349. If the subject be a pronoun, it is often omitted, when the termination of the finite verb sufficiently points out the person; as சேற்று வக்கான். He came yesterday.

# ON THE OBJECT.

- 350. All transitive verbs require an object.
- 351. If the object denotes a rational being, it is always put in the accusative case; as ஒரு சேவகனே அனப்பினன். He sent a servant.
- 352. Sometimes, when the object denotes an *irrational* animal, and still more frequently when it denotes an *inanimate* thing, the nominative case is used for the accusative. Thus—
- ஒரு புஸ்தகத்தைக் கொடுத்தான்—or—ஒரு புஸ்தகங் கொடுத் தான். (95)

He gave a book.

353. N.B.—If the word ஒரு were omitted, the former sentence would rather mean—He gave the book—and the latter—He gave a book—but this distinction is not always observed. In some instances, when the nominative is thus used instead of the accusative, it practically forms a kind of compound with the verb; as—பாவஞ் செய்கேன். I have sinned (95, 293).

#### ON THE CASES OF NOUNS.

- N.B.—The NOMINATIVE CASE and the ACCUSATIVE CASE have already been explained in Paragraphs 346 to 353.
- 354. The use of the GENITIVE CASE is to express possession; as Arraman using since: The king's robe. Hence it is best to regard this case as the equivalent of the apostrophe's in English, and not as the equivalent of the preposition of. Although the latter is often used in English to express possession, yet it has other meanings, which could not be translated by the Tamil genitive case, as shown in Paragraphs 361, 362, 363.
- 355. N.B.—(1) The use of the Tamil inflectional base in forming compounds is explained in Para. 190, (2). 260—11 is sometimes vulgarly changed into 2...
- 356. The dative case, besides the meaning to, has also the meaning for, expressing purpose. In the latter signification ஆக is often added to it. Thus—கவிக்கு (or கவிக்காக) வேல்பைச் செய்தான். He did the work for daily wages.
- 357. When expressing the distance of the place in which the speaker is, from some other place, the latter is put in the dative case; as—
- காஞ்சுபுரத்துக்குப் பத்து மயில். This village is ten miles from Conjeveram. (Lit. to Conjeveram.)
- 358. N.B.—In sentences expressing distance the verb is frequently omitted.
- 359. Two dative cases are used to express the force of the English preposition between, as இதற்கும் அதற்கும் மிகுந்த வித்தியாசம் இருக்கிறது. (239, 316.) There is a great difference between this and that.
- 360. Hence when expressing the distance between two places, this form is used. Compare Para. 357. Thus—இரிசுராப்பள்.

ளிக்கும் பாளயங்கோட்டைக்கும் பத்தொன்பது காதம். (239, 358.) (The distance) between Trichinopoly and Palamcotta is 19 kádams, i.e., 190 miles.

Nouns denoting the points of the compass govern a dative case; as என் வீட்டுக்குத் தெற்கு. South of my house. (93 d).

In Tamil the LOCATIVE CASE (or the dative case with உள் or உள்ளே; Para. 233) is used, where in English the pre-(or அவர்களுக்குள்ளே) நாலு பெயரை அனுப்பினுன். (210, 351.) He sent four of them.

363. The Instrumental case denotes the instrument, means. cause, agent, etc. The equivalent in English is expressed, under various circumstances, by the prepositions with, by means of, of, through, by reason of, by, etc. . Thus-

கண்ணல் கண்டேன். ஆயுதத்தால் வெட்டிறைன். மண்ணுல் அதைப் பண்ணினன். He made it of earth (mud). விரோதத்தினல் செய்தான். இந்த வேலே அவனுல் கூடும்.

I saw it with my eve. He smote with a weapon. He did it through hatred.

This work can be done by him. (Lit. Is possible by him.)

In expressing TIME, sometimes the nominative is used; as சேற்று வந்தான். He came yesterday. Sometimes also the locative case is used; as முற்காலத்தில் in former times. But most frequently the Dative is used; as இன்றைக்கு வா come to-day. நாளேக்குப் போgo to-morrow. அந்த ஊரிலே இரண்டு வருஷத்துக்கு இருப்பேன். I shall be for two years in that village.

ON THE TAMIL TRANSLATION OF THE ENGLISH VERB "to be."

3641. The verb to be is used in English in two ways.

FIRST, to express existence or non-existence; as-They are in that room-There is no tree in that field.

SECONDLY, to express the copula, in which case it stands between two nouns, or between a noun and an adjective, to express that one is or is not the other; as That is a dog. This is not just.

365. I. In Tamil, in order to express existence, in the positive the verb and to be is used (316). In addition to this, the single word with a slave used; but it can only occur in sentences which can be translated into English by the idiom—There is, There are, etc. The word wife may express either present or past time, and may take a subject of any gender and number, but of the third person only. (The formation of the word will be explained hereafter).

366. In order to express the negation of existence, the single word இல்ஃ is used, which may express either present or past time, and may take a subject of any gender, number, or person.

The following examples illustrate the way in which the verb to be is expressed in Tamil, when it signifies existence—

இந்த அறையில் இருக்கிறேன் (316, 349).

I am in this room,

கேற்று எங்கே இருக்தீர்?

Where were you yesterday?

அவன் நாளேக்கு அங்கே இருப்பான். (144, 364).

He will be there to-morrow.

வேஃக்காரர்கள் அந்த வீட்டில் இருக்கிறுர்கள். (149, 132).

The workmen are in that house.

அப்பட்டணத்தில் பத்து (பேர்) வர்த்தகர்கள் உண்டு or இருக்கி There are ten merchants in that town. [முர்கள் (172).

அந்தப் பெட்டியில் பத்து ரூபாய் உண்டு or இருக்கிறது (209, There are ten rupees in that box. [348).

நேற்று அந்த மேசையின்மேலே ஏழு புஸ்தகங்கள் இருந்தது. (ர உண்டு. gram. இருந்தன, 235, 348).

Yesterday there were seven books on that table.

அவர்கள் அந்த வயலில் இல்லே (366).

They are not in that field.

அந்த வயலில் குதிரைகள் இல்லே.

There are not any horses in that field—or—There are no horses in that field (250).

நான் நேற்று அங்கே இல்**ஃ**ல.

I was not there yesterday.

- 367. II. When in English the verb to be is the copula, it may be followed by a NOUN or by an ADJECTIVE.
- 368. (A.) When it is followed by a noun, in Tamil, in the rostrive the verb is usually entirely omitted. If it be inserted, it is the verb D.T., with the word you invariably preceding it. This word you is the verbal participle of the verb y or yes to become (336), as will be explained hereafter. Thus in Tamil, instead of saying—A thing is so and so—they say—A thing is, having become so and so.
- 369. In the NEGATIVE, the single word sow is used, which expresses present or past time, and agrees with a subject of any gender, number, or person.

The following examples illustrate the above remarks-

நான் கணக்கன்—or—நான் கணக்களுய் இருக்கிறேன்.

I am an accountant.

நீ கணக்கன் அல்ல.

Thou art not an accountant.

அவர்கள் குதிரைக்காரர்கள். (ஆப் இருக்கிரூர்கள்.) They are grooms.

என் குமாரர்கள் வர்த்தகர்கள் அல்ல.

My sons are not merchants.

அவைகள் மாங்கள். (ஆய் இருக்கிறது 348.)

Those are trees.

இவைகள் மாங்கள் அல்ல. These are not trees.

அது நாய் அல்ல; அது நரி. That is not a dog. It is a jackal.

370. (B.) When in English the verb to be is followed by an adjective, in Tamil a similar construction is never used. Thus He is good, could not be translated into Tamil by அவன் கல்ல, which would have no meaning. In Tamil, the composite noun (186) is used; as அவன் கல்லவன். He is a good man. In English He is good—is equivalent to—He is a good man; but the English idiom permits at pleasure the elipse of the noun. This cannot be done in Tamil. Hence an adjective after the verb to be in English, is, as a general rule, translated into Tamil by a composite noun. This being the case, the same rules apply as are given in Paragraphs 368 and 369. The following are a few examples—

அவன் நல்லவன், or, அவன் நல்லவனுப் இருக்கிறுன் (368). He is a good man, er, He is good.

அவன் சந்தோஷம் உள்ளவன் (193, 194).

He is joyful-or-He is a joyous man.

அவள் அழகானவள் அல்ல; அசிங்கமானவள். (368).

She is not beautiful, but ugly. (Lit. a beautiful one, or a beautiful woman).

இந்தப் படம் அழகானது அல்ல.

This picture is not beautiful—or—is not a beautiful one.

Compare—இது அழகான படம் அல்ல. (193).

This is not a beautiful picture.

இந்தப் பாடங்கள் அதிக சுளுவானவைகள்.

These lessons are very easy.

371. When the subject is not an animate object, in many

instances it is common in Tamil to use an abstract non- to express an English adjective after the copula. Thus—

இது கியாயம்: அது கியாயம் அல்ல.

This is just: (but) that is not just. Literally—This is justice: that is not justice.

இது சரி: அது சரி அல்ல.

This is right: that is not right. (Lit. This is propriety etc.).

இந்தப் பாடங்கள் அதிக சுளுவு.

These lessons are very easy. (Lit. easiness).

அது அதிக கஷ்டமும் அல்ல, இலேசும் அல்ல (239).

It is neither very difficult, nor very easy. (Lit. It is not a difficulty: and it is not easiness).

372. In Tamil there is also another construction that is used in certain instances to express the English adjective after the copula. It is made by affixing adverbial giù (and sometimes gs) to a noun (246), and adding the verb D. In this case the verb and giù cannot be omitted, because giù is here not the participle (368), but an adverbial termination to the noun. Hence also the negative, giù is retained, and the word Diama added. The following are examples—

அவன் அதிக சுகமாய் இருக்கிறுன் (246).

He is very happy.

அவன் கடினமாய் இருக்கிறுன்.

He is severe.

அவன் கடினமாய் இல்ஃ.

He is not severe.

இர்த புஸ்தகம் அழுக்காயிருக்கிறது (92).

This book is dirty.

இர்த காகிதம் சுத்தமாயில்ல (92).

This paper is not clean.

சாக்கிரதையாய் இரு!

Be (thou) careful!

சாதுக்கள் பிராணிகளிடத்தில் தபையாய் இருக்கிறுர்கள்.

Virtuous people are kind to living creatures.

N.B.—This form of expression is generally used when denoting the particular state of the subject at a particular time; whereas the forms given in Paragraphs 370, 371, generally denote the innate quality and condition of the subject. Thus—This horse is a bad one (innate quality) would be rendered in Tamil—இந்தத் குதிரை தெட்டது. But This horse is bad, i.e., sick (particular condition) would be rendered—இந்தத் குதிரை கோவாய் இருக்கிறது.

373. Closely akin to the above kind of sentences, are such expressions as the following—

அதன்மேலே நிணப்பாக இருந்தான். (நிணப்பு thoughts). He was intent upon it. Lit. He was thoughtfully upon it.

374. In English the copula often occurs in a sentence expressing possession; as This horse is the merchant's. That box is not mine. Such sentences are expressed in Tamil by the genitive ending in amount (109) with one of the pronominal affixes (187) attached to it. As the word thus becomes a composite noun, it follows the rules given in Paragraphs 368 and 369. Thus—

இந்தக் குதிரை வர்த்தகனுடையது (119).

This horse is the merchant's.

அந்தப் பெட்டி என்றுடையது அல்ல (156).

That box is not mine.

இந்தக் கத்திகள் யாருடையவைகள்? (165).

Whose are these knives?

Compare—இவைகள் யாருடைய கத்திகள்? .

Whose knives are these?

N.B.—The difference in the use of @is and Apis must be most carefully noted. The former denies existence, the latter is

the copula. Thus நாய் இல்லே means—There is no dog. நாய் அல்ல means—It is not a dog.

375. The word sion is used idiomatically, where in English we use the expression—it is not.....but, in such a sentence as the following—

துன்மார்க்கத்திருலே அல்ல, சன்மார்க்கத்தினுலே பாக்கியங் கிடைக்கும் (95, 148).

It is not from vice, but from virtue that happiness is obtained.

# ON THE TAMIL TRANSLATION OF THE ENGLISH VERB "to have."

376. The verb to have is expressed in Tamil by the verb இரு to be, or by the word உண்டு (365), preceded by a dative case. The negative is expressed by இல்லே. Thus—

எனக்குப் பணம் உண்**டு.** (Or இருக்கிறது.)

I have (some) morey. (Lit. .There is money to me.)

அவனுக்குக் குதிரை இல்லே.

He has no horse. (Lit. There is not a horse to him.)

377. Instead of the dative case, the postposition இடத்தில் is sometimes used; as—

அவனிடத்தில் சத்திகள் இல்லே.

He has no knives.

அவனிடத்தில் புண்யமும் இல்லே, கிருபையும் இல்லே.

He has neither virtue nor pity. (239).

## ON THE AFFIXES T, 2, and 9.

- 378. The affix ஏ is used to denote emphasis; as அப்படி in that vary way; வீட்டிலே in the house.
- 379. (1.) Sometimes of is added merely for euphony (148). (2.) Sometimes the particle தான் (169) is used with it; as அங்கே தானே in that very place only. (3.) Sometimes it is doubled to denote strong emphasis; as அவர் மேலேயே upon him alone.

380. The affix y is used to denote a question; as அவன் வர் தான் he has come. அவன் வர்தாஞ? Has he come? அவன் வர்த்தகஞ? Is he a merchant? நீதாஞ குசவன்? (169) Are you the potter? Here the emphasis falls on you. நீ குசவஞ? Are you a potter? Here the emphasis falls on Potter.

381. The affix p is also used to denote a question; but it usually implies doubt. Hence in expressing a doubtful alternative it is generally used. Thus—

அது ஆலமாமோ, மாமாமோ?

Is that a banian tree, or a mango tree?

382. N.B.—If there is already an interrogative in the sentence, neither 2 nor 2 can be used. Thus—

யார் வந்தான்? Who has come?

அந்த வீடு யாருடையது? Whose is that house? (374).

383. The affix a is idiomatically attached to a word to put it in strong contrast. It may be compared to the English expression—but as for. Thus—

யாணயோ நாயைக் காட்டிலும் ஆயிரம் பங்கு அதிகஞ் சாப் பிடும். (199, 209, 304).

But as for the elephant, it eats a thousand times more than a dog.

384. The affix s, when affixed to an interrogative, gives it an indefinite signification; as sides where? sidescun somewhere or other. Thus—

இவ்விடத்தில் எங்கேயாகிலும் இருக்கிமுனு? (179).

Is he anywhere here?

இவ்விடத்தில் எங்கேயோ இருக்கிறுன்.

He is here, somewhere or other.

The answer in the negative would be as follows-

இவ்விடத்தில் எங்கும் இல்லே. (175).

He is nowhere here.

385. The affix p is attached to the last word in a sentence to make it a noun sentence i.e., a sentence which stands in the place of a noun to some other verb. Such noun sentences often are used to express a doubtful alternative. Thus—

அவன் என்ன செய்வானே, உடக்குக் கெரியுமா? Do you know what he will do? Lit. Is what he will do known to you? (Here the noun sentence is the subject of கெரியுமா).

இது கியாயமோ, அல்லவோ, கொல்லும். (371). Tell me whether this is just or not?

386. The affix  $\mathfrak p$  is put at the end of a sentence which contains an interrogative, when it is immediately followed by another sentence containing the corresponding demonstrative. This at first sight appears to correspond to an English relative sentence; but it really answers to such English sentences as use the words whoever, whatever, etc. (The way in which English relative sentences are expressed in Tamil, will be explained in the next chapter). The following are examples of this use of  $\mathfrak p$ —

எது கடக்குமோ, அது கடக்கும். (265, 285.) Whatever will happen, (that) will happen.

யார் புகழோடு சீவிக்கிறுர்களோ, அவர்கள் பாக்கியவான்கள். (232, 368.)

Lit. Whoever live with esteem, they are the happy people i.e., The illustrious are the truly happy.

இவர்கள் வித்தையிலே எவ்வளவு கெட்டிக்காரர்களோ அவ் வளவு லௌகீக காரியங்களிலே மூடர்களாய் இருக்கிறுர்கள். (149, 368.)

They are as great blockheads in worldly matters, as they are clever in learning. Lit. However clever they are in learning, so much blockheads are they in worldly matters.

# CHAPTER VII.

On the Infinitive Mood, the Verbal Participle, Relative Participles, Participial Nouns, Affixes attached to Relative Participles, and Verbal Nouns.

## On the Infinitive Mood.

387. The infinitive mood is formed by adding  $\mathscr{A}$  to roots which take  $\mathscr{ACpsin}$  in the present tense, and  $\dot{s}s$  to roots which take  $\dot{s}\mathscr{ACpsin}$ . When adding  $\mathscr{A}$ , the rules given in Paras. 88 to 92 are carefully observed. The following are examples of the infinitive mood—

| அடை Pres. Tense    | அடை கேறேன் Infin  | . அடைப        | to obtain. |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|
| படு -              | படுக்றேன்         | பட            | to suffer. |
| கொள்               | கொள்ளுக்றேன்      | கொள்ள         | to take.   |
| படி                | படிக்கிறேன்       | படிக்க        | to learn.  |
| <i>F</i> 5 <u></u> | <b>நடக்கிறேன்</b> | <b>கட</b> க்க | to walk.   |

388. In the following instances the formation of the infinitive is irregular. (Compare Para. 266). Thus—

| கள் P. Tense. | கேட்கிறேன் Infin. | சேட்க           | to hear.           |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| நில்          | நிற்க <b>ேறன்</b> | நிற்க           | to stand.          |
| கல்           | கற்கிறேன்         | கற்க            | to learn.          |
| தா            | தருக் <i>றேன்</i> | தர              | to give.           |
| வா            | வருகிறேன்         | வர              | to come.           |
| ஆ or ஆக       | ஆகேறேன்           | ஆக              | te become.         |
| <b>₽</b> T    | சாகேறேன்          | சாக             | to die.            |
| கோ            | <b>கே இதேன்</b>   | <b>С</b> БГБ (а | lso Craw) to ache. |
| போ            | போகிறேன்          | போக             | to go.             |
|               |                   |                 |                    |

 வே
 வேகிறேன்
 வேக to burn.

 கின்
 தின்கிறேன்
 தின்ன and தின்க to eat.

 என்
 என்கிறேன்
 என and என்ன to say.

 உண்
 உண்கிறேன்
 உண்ண and உண்க. to eat.

389. The following sentences illustrate the use of the infinitive—

அவனே வாச்சொல்வ.

Tell him to come.

குடிக்கக் கஞ்சியும் உடுக்கக் கக்தையும் கொடுத்தார்கள்.

They gave rice-water to drink, and clothes to put on.

அதைப் பார்க்க வந்தார்கள்.

They came to see it.

அவள் ச**ர்தோ**ஷம் அடைய, இர்தச் சூட்டை வாங்கிக்கொள் ளுங்கள் (489).

Receive this branding, so that she may obtain happiness.

390. N.B.—The infinitive often expresses purpose, as in the last two examples.

391. In Tamil the infinitive is idiomatically used to conclude a subordinate sentence, which in the corresponding English is introduced by the particles as, whilst, or when. Thus—

இப்படி இருக்க, ஒருநாள் ஒரு வேடன் வக்கான். When things were thus, one day a fowler came.

சகல ஜனங்களும் ஆனர்தமாய் வேடிக்கை பார்க்க, நளமகா ராஜா புரத்தைப் பிரதக்ஷணம் பண்ணிஞன். (82, 246).

Whilst all the people were joyfully looking at the spectacle, King Nala paraded the Town.

392. This form is specially common with the infinitive star to say, in recording conversations. Thus—

'' காரியம் எப்படி கேரிட்டதா," என, புறு......என்றது.

When (they) said—" How did the affair happen?"—the dove replied, etc.

393. The infinitive is sometimes idiomatically used as a polite imperative or optative form; as—கீர் சொல்ல or சொல்லவும். Please to say.

## On the Verbal Participle.

394. The verbal participle is formed from the first person of the past tense, by dropping final si, and changing the preceding of into 2. Thus—

| P. tense | அ <b>டைக்</b> தேன் | Ver. partic. | அடை <b>ந்து</b> | having got.       |
|----------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| "        | படித்தேன்          | ,,           | படித்து         | having<br>learnt. |
| ,,       | பட்டேன் (301)      | "            | பட்டு           | having suffered.  |
| "        | என்றேன் (310)      | ,            | என்று           | having said.      |
| "        | கொண்டேன் (328)     | .,,          | <i>கொண்</i> டு  | having taken.     |

395. There is one class of exceptions to this rule, namely roots ending in 2, which form their past tense in @Consi. (Para. 302). These verbs form the verbal participle by simply dropping final Consist of the past tense. Thus—

- P. tense அடங்கினேன் Ver. partic. அடங்கி having submitted.
  - " எழுக்கேன் " எழுகி having written.
  - " கட்டினேன் " கட்டி having tied.
- 396. The following verbal participles require special notice— P. tense சொன்னேன் (326), rarely சொல்லினேன் Ver. partic. சொ ல்லி
  - , போனேன் (337), ,, போயினேன் ,, போய் ,, அனேன் (336), ,, ஆயினேன் ,, ஆய்
- 397. The special use of the verbal participle in Tamil is to express a subordinate action performed by the subject of the principal verb. In English such actions are usually expressed

by a series of *finite verbs*, coupled together by conjunctions. The Tamil idiom, on the contrary, rejects such a succession of finite verbs, and expresses all but the last by *verbal participles*. Thus—

அவன் வீட்டுக்குப் போய், அவன் தாயாரிடத்தில் சொல்ல வேன். (150, 326).

I shall go to his house, and tell his mother. (Lit. Having gone to his house, I shall tell his mother.)

நரி எருதினிடத்திற் போய்ப்பேசி (94,617), சிங்கத்தண்டை திரும்பி வர்து (232) தண்டம் பண்ணி (352), முன்னே நின்றது (331).

The fox went to the ox, and spoke to it, and came again to the lion, and made obeisance, and stood before it. (Lit. The fox having gone ... having spoken etc. etc.).

பூணே தின**ர்தோறும் என்னிடி**த்திற்கு வர்**து, பால்** குடிக்கிற**து** (145, 238).

The cat comes to me daily, and drinks milk. (Lit. The cat having come to me daily, drinks milk).

அந்தப் பெட்டியை எடுத்துக் கொண்டுவா.

Bring that box. (Lit. Having lifted up that box, having taken it, come).

398. From the preceding examples it will be observed, (1) that the Tamil verbal participle, as a general rule, expresses an action which is performed by the subject, previously to the action described by the concluding verb; and (2) that in the corresponding English, the chain of finite verbs are all put in the same tense as the concluding verb.

399. (1). Occasionally the Tamil verbal participle expresses an action which takes place simultaneously with the action described by the principal verb. This form of expression usually answers to such English sentences as place the present verbal participle immediately after the English verb. (2). In sentences of this kind, the Tamil verbal participle of the ex-

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presses the manner in which the action described by the finite verb is done, and hence is sometimes best rendered in English by an adverb. The following examples illustrate the above remarks—

நட**ந்து வ**ந்தேன்.

I came walking.

ஓடி வா!

Run! Run! (Literally-come running).

ஒரு குருடன் அதன் காஃத் தடவிப்பார்த்தான் (617).

One blind man examined it, (by) feeling its leg.

அவர்கள் அடங்கிப் பேசிருர்கள் (617).

They spoke submissively. (Literally-Having submitted).

400. Sometimes the force of the verbal participle in Tamil can be best expressed in English, by inserting a particle. Thus—

கீ என்ணப் பார்த்தா, விகடம் பண்ணிறுப் (352).

When you saw me, you made a joke. (Lit. Having seen me.)

மிகவும் ஆலோசணபண்ணி, ஏதொன்று செய்யத் தக்கதோ, அதைச் செய்யுங்கள் (300, 386).

Do whatever is proper to do, after having very carefully deliberated (on the subject).

401. A verbal participle is sometimes used ABSOLUTELY, that is, with a different subject from that of the principal verb. When translating from English into Tamil, this construction must be used with great caution, and only where the verbal participle is one that is allowed to be so used in idiomatic Tamil. Thus—

பிளப்பு கொருங்கி, யுடல் நசுங்கி, குரங்கு இறந்தது.

The split having contracted, and its body having been crushed, the monkey died.

மூடனுக்குக் கோபம் வந்தோ, போ! போ! என்றுன் (310).

The blockhead got angry, and said go! go! (Lit. Anger having come to the blockhead, he said go! go!)

402. The verbal participle is used absolutely in the following kind of sentences, expressing LAPSE OF TIME. Thus—

என் தகப்பன் விழுந்துபோய் (316, 579), பத்து வருஷம் ஆயிற்று (268).

It is ten years since my father died.—Literally—My father having fallen, ten years have elapsed.

403. In idioms like the following, the verbal participle is used absolutely—

இதைச் சொல்லிப் பயன் என்ன? (396).

What is the good of saying this ?—Literally—Having said this, what good!

404. When the particle உம் (239) is affixed to a verbal participle, the form thus made has the force of an English past tense, preceded by the word although. This form expresses concession. Thus—

நான் இரு**ந்தும்** அவன் போஞன்.

Although I remained, he went away—Literally—I having even remained, he went away.

அவன் போயும், கிடைக்குமோ? (396).

Although he has gone, will he get it? Implies—I do not think he will get it (381). Lit. Will it be obtained?

# On Relative Participles.

- 405. There are no relative pronouns in Tamil, but a Tamil verb has certain forms, called *relative participles*, which provide for the formation of what correspond to English relative sentences. Relative participles are *indeclinable*.
- 406. There are three relative participles, the present, the past, and the future. They are formed from the third person singular neuter of the corresponding tenses, by simply dropping final so.

The third person neuter of the future tense does not end in so, so no change whatever is made. Thus—

| Pres. tense,      | Pres.    |                     |  |
|-------------------|----------|---------------------|--|
| Sing. 3rd neuter_ | அடைகிறது | rel. partic. அடைறே. |  |
| Past "            | அடைந்தது | ,, அடைந்த.          |  |
| Future "          | அடையும்  | ", அடையும்.         |  |

The following are a few examples-

| Root.       | Pres. rel. partic. | Past rel. partic. | Future rel. partic. |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| படி (267)   | படிக்கிற           | படித்த            | படிக்கும் (265).    |
| படு (270)   | படுகிற             | பட்ட              | படும்.              |
| எழுது (302) | எழுதுகிற           | எழுதின            | எழுதும்.            |
| என் (310)   | என் கிற            | என்ற              | என்னும்.            |
| கொள் (328)  | கொள்ளுகிற          | கொண்ட             | கோள்ளும்.           |
| போ (337)    | போகிற              | போன               | போகும் (266).       |
| வா (338)    | வருகிற             | வர்த              | வரும் (266).        |
| இரு (316)   | இருக்கிற           | இருக்த            | இருக்கும். (265).   |
|             |                    |                   |                     |

407. (1.) The past relative participle of verbs which take இனேன் in the past tense (302) may change final ன into ப; as எழுதின or எழுதிய. See Paragraph 268. (2.) The past relative participle of ஆ or ஆகு to become is ஆன or ஆகிய.

Carefully study the following remarks-

- 408. (1.) A relative participle is always immediately followed by the word, which, in the corresponding English, is the antecedent to the relative pronoun: and the whole Tamil relative participial clause (like the relative sentence in English) stands in an adjectival relationship to that word.
- 409. (2.) Relative participles take the same construction as the verbs of which they form a part: hence they always have a subject, and, if transitive, an object. Being themselves indeclinable, they do not vary, whatever be the gender, number, or person of their subject.

- 410. (3). The Tamil relative participle is equivalent to the relative pronoun and the verb of the corresponding English relative sentence; and if the English relative pronoun be preceded by a preposition, that preposition also is included in the Tamil relative participle.
- 411. (4). The relative pronoun, included in the Tamil relative participle, is sometimes the subject, sometimes the object, and sometimes it is governed by a preposition.

The following sentences illustrate the above remarks-

1 2 3 4 412. பையன் படித்த பாடத்தை வாகி.

> 4 3 3 2 1 1 2 Read the lesson which the boy learnt.

The relative participle படித்த is immediately followed by பாடத்தை, which answers to the word "lesson", which is the antecedent to the English relative pronoun: and the whole Tamil relative participial clause—பையன் படித்த—stands in an adjectival relationship to பாடத்தை.

The relative participle  $u\varphi \,\dot{s}\,\dot{s}$  means "which learnt;" sou  $u\dot{s}$  is its subject, and the relative pronoun, included in  $u\varphi \,\dot{s}\,\dot{s}$ , is its object.

1 2 3 4 5 413. அந்தப் பாடத்தைப் படித்த பைய<sup>இ</sup>னக் கூப்பிடு.

5 4 4 3 3 1 2 Call the boy who learnt that lesson.

Here the relative participle படித்த means who learnt. The relative pronoun included in it is its subject, and பாடத்தை is its object. The whole relative participial clause அந்தப் பாடத் தைப் படித்த stands in an adjectival relationship to பையனே, which is the word which answers to the antecedent to the English relative pronoun.

1 2 3 4 5 6 14. பையன் பாடத்தைப் படித்த புஸ்தகம் எ**ங்கே** இருக்கிறது?

5 6 4 4 3 3 1 1 3 2 2 Where is the book from which the boy learnt the lesson?

Here the relative participle  $\omega \varphi_{\dot{\sigma}, \dot{\sigma}}$  means—from which . . . . learnt. The relative pronoun, and the preposition which governs it, are both included in the relative participle (411). The word and with it is the subject of  $\omega \varphi_{\dot{\sigma}, \dot{\sigma}}$ , and  $\omega \pi \omega_{\dot{\sigma}, \dot{\sigma}, \dot{\sigma}}$  is its object.

- 415. N.B.—The word which is qualified by the relative participial clause (and which answers to the antecedent in the corresponding English), takes the case required by its position in its own sentence. Thus in the first of the above sentences பாடத்தை is the object after வாகி; and in the last sentence புற்குகம் is the subject of இருக்கிறது.
  - 416. The following are additional examples-

அ**ங்கே போகிற** மனிதன் யார்? (or மனிதஞர்?)

Who is the man who is going (along) there?

கீ காளேக்குச் செய்யும் வேலே என்ன? (364.)

What is the work which you will do to-morrow?

அவர்கள் குடியிருக்கிற வீடு இதைகான? (169, 380). Is this the house in which they are living?

இந்தக் கொமத்தப் புடவைகள் வெளுச்கும் வண்ணுன் எங்கே? (128, 324).

Where is the washerman who washes the clothes of this village? (Lit. who bleaches.)

417. N.B.—The future relative participle is often used, as in the preceding example, to express habit or custom (256).

The following remarks will be found useful-

- (A.) On the relative participles of Transitive verbs-
- 418. (1). If the subject only of the relative participle is expressed, the relative pronoun, included in the relative parti-

ciple must be the object after that relative participle. For an example, see Para. 412.

- 419. (2). If the object only of the relative participle is expressed, the relative pronoun, included in the relative participle, must be the subject of that relative participle. See Para. 413.
- 420. (3). If both the subject and the object of the relative participle are expressed, the relative pronoun included in the relative participle must be governed by some preposition. See Para. 414.
  - (B.) On the relative participles of Intransitive verbs-
- 421. (1). If no subject be expressed, the relative pronoun, included in the relative participle, must be the subject of that relative participle. See the first sentence in Para. 416.
- 422. (2). If a subject is expressed, the relative pronoun, included in the relative participle, must be governed by some preposition. See the third sentence in Para. 416.
- 423. An adjective may stand between the relative participle and the noun which it qualifies. Thus—

கரையில் இருக்கிற ஒரு பெரிய மாத்தைக் காண்கிறேன்.

I see a large tree which is upon the bank.

424. The present relative participle is frequently used, where in English the imperfect past tense is employed in the relative sentence. Thus—

அந்த வர்த்ததன் அங்கே ஒரு மாடு மேய்க்கிற பையணே அழைத்தான் (352).

The merchant called a boy who was feeding an ox there.

425. The future relative participle is also sometimes used in the same manner. Thus—

ஒரு காட்டில்• ஒரு புனி அங்கே இருக்கும் மிருகங்களேத் தொந்தாவு செய்ததை.

In a certain jungle, a certain tiger troubled the beasts which were living in it.

### On Participial Nouns.

426. The relative participles take the pronominal affixes (187), and thus are formed a large class of composite nouns (186), called participial nouns. Like all composite nouns they are declined like the pronouns from which they borrow their terminations.

Thus from the relative participles of the verb Qsi to do (293), are formed the following participial nouns-

#### 427. (A.) Present time.

செய்கிறவன் He who does. செய்கிறவள் She who does. செய்கிறது It which does. செய்கிறவர் He (honorific) who does. செய்கிறவர்கள் They (M. & F.) who do. செய்கிறவைகள்) They (NEU.) who do. or செய்கிறவை 🦠

#### 428. (B.) Past time.

He who did. **செய்தவ**ன் செய்தவள் She who did. It which did. செய்*தது* He (honorific) who did. செய்தவர் செய்தவர்கள் They (M. &. F.) who did. செய்கவைகள் ) They (NEU.) who did. ரு செய்கவை

429. N.B.-It will be noticed that in the case of the neuter participial nouns, the singular form, both of the present and past time, is just the same as that of the neuter third person singular of the respective tenses.

### 430: (C.) Future time.

Future participial nouns are not very often used, except in the neuter. Besides future time, they are also used to express habit or custom (417). They are formed direct from the root, by adding ப to roots which take இறேன் in the present, and ப்ப to those which take க்கேறேன், and then affixing the pronominal affixes; as செய், செய்ப, செய்பவன்; படி, படிப்ப, படிப்பவன். In the former class of words, ப is changed into வ in the neuter singular, except after ன்; as செய்வது, என் பது. Thus—

செய்பவன் He who does (417), or will do.

செய்பவள் She who does, or will do. செய்வது It which does, or will do.

செய்பவர் He (honorific) who does, or will do.

செய்பவர்கள் They (M. & F.) who do, or will do.

செய்பவைகள்  $\{or\ G$ சய்பவை  $\}$  They (NEU.) which do,  $or\ will\ do$ .

- 431. The neuter singular of the future participial nouns from போ to go, வா to come, ஆ or ஆகு to become, கேள் to hear, and என் to say, are போவது, வருவது, ஆவது, கேட்பது, and என்பது.
- 432. (1) Instead of அவன் and அவர், the affixes ஒன் and ஓர் are sometimes used (188); as படிக்கோன், படிக்கோர், instead of படிக்கவன், படிக்கவர். (2) Occasionally the neuter plural of the participial noun takes the old form in கள் (159); as செய்ததுகள் for செய்தவைகள்.
- 433. Those past relative participles which may take ன or ய as their final letter (407), may take either form in the participial noun formed from them; as எழுதினவன் or எழுதிய வன். etc. etc.
- 434. The following are examples of the use of participial nouns-

இதைச் செய்பவள் எவள்? (164).

Who is she that (or who) will do this thing?

வானத்தையும் பூமியையும் படைத்தவர் யார்?
Who is he that created the heaven and the earth?

அவன் சொன்னதைக் கேட்கிருயா? (326, 329).

Do you hear what he said? (i.e., that which he said).

அங்கே இருர்தவர்களில் ஒரு போக்கிரி இருர்தான்.

Amongst those who were there, there was a certain scamp.

இவர்கள் இப்படிச் சொன்னதுகளின் பயன் என்ன? (For சொன்னவைகளின். 432). ,

What is the meaning of the things which they thus spoke.

435. In English, where the sex is not specified, we may say — Who is it coming? In the same way, in Tamil the neuter participial noun may be idiomatically used, as in the following sentence—

சேந்து உன்னிடத்தில் வந்ததார்? (வந்தது + யார்.) (238). Who was it that came to you yesterday?

436. In addition to the usage explained above, neuter singular participial nouns, as வருத்தது, வர்க்கு, வருவது, are frequently used as nouns expressing the action, and are then equivalent to English participial nouns ending in ing, as coming, doing, etc. The following examples illustrate this use of neuter singular participial nouns—

கீ அப்படிச் செய்கிறது தீமை (371).

Your doing so is wrong-or-It is wrong for you to do so.

அவனேப் பூமியில் வைப்பது தருமம் அல்ல (294, 371).

It is not right to keep him alive. (Lit. on the earth).

ஓர் அரசன் தன் குதிரை இறந்து போனதைக் குறித்துத் துய ரப்பட்டான் (168, 206, 236, 579, 580).

A certain king grieved over the death of his horse. Lit. concerning this horse dying.

**டீ**ர் அப்படி கிகேகம் பண்ணி**ன**கிஞ**ல், உமக்குக் கெடுதி வரும்** (266, 310).

By thus forming a friendship, you will be ruined.

- 437. It must be most carefully noticed, that the Tamil neuter participial noun takes a subject in the nominative case; whereas the corresponding English participial noun cannot do so; but governs the noun in the genitive case, or turns it into an adjective. Thus—கீ அப்படிச் செய்வது literally translated would be you doing so—, கீ being the subject of செய்வது; but in English we say—your doing so.
- 438. The dative case of the newter participal noun is often used to express purpose, where in English the *infinitive mood* is generally used. The infinitive mood may also be used in Tamil. See Para. 390. Thus—

அதைப் பார்க்கிறதற்கு வர்தார்கள்.

They came to see it. (Lit. For the seeing it).

ஸ்நானம் பண்ணுகிறதற்கு வரியிலே இறங்கிஞன் (302, 352, 379).

He descended into the pool, in order to bathe. (Lit. For making a washing).

439. The force of an English subordinate sentence beginning with the word before, is often expressed in Tamil by the word முன் before, (or its equivalent, as given in Paragraph 234,) or by the word உள் or உள்ளே within (233) affixed to the dative case of a neuter participial noun. Thus—

கி**கேக்கிறதற்கு முன்னே, உ**ன் சுபா**வ**ம் அவனுக்கு**த்** தெரியுமா? (380).

Did he know your disposition, before he formed a friendship with you? Lit. Was your disposition known to him, previous to his forming a friendship?

நான் வந்து சேருகிறதற்குள்ளே, அந்தத் தாகேது வந்தது.

That order came, before I arrived. Lit. Within the time of my coming and arriving.

# On Affixes attached to Relative Participles.

- 440. The Relative Participles take certain affixes, denoting time, manner, purpose, etc.; as Gungs when, worker is as far as, until, up according as, etc., etc. When thus used, they may be regarded as being no longer relative participles; but as forming with the affix, that which answers, in English, to the introductory particle (e.g., as, when, etc.) and the verb of a subordinate sentence.
- 441. The particle in English always begins the subordinate sentence; but in Tamil the particle always ends it. The compound form composed of the relative participle and its affix does not change, whatever be the gender, number, or person of its subject.

Thus போன the past relative participle of போ to go, and the particle பின்பு after, form the compound போனபின்பு, which is used as follows—

1 2 3 4 5 நான் வீட்டுக்குப் போனபின்பு, வேஃக்காசர்கள் கூக்குரல் 6 இட்டார்கள் (149, 299). (345).

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  After I had gone home, the workmen made a row.
- 442. N.B.—These subordinate sentences are called adverbial sentences, because they stand in an adverbial relationship to the sentence, to which they are subordinate.
- 443. The principal affixes which are thus compounded with relative participles to form subordinate (adverbial) sentences, will now be explained and illustrated. They are arranged alphabetically—
- 444. (1). The affix அளவில் (from அளவு measure) expresses тик. It is usually attached to a future relative participle, and

means when, as soon as. It is used in books rather than in conversation. Thus—

அவ்வைக்து பேரையும் விசாரிக்கும் அளவில், இராயர் ஆச்சரியப்பட்டார் (172, 204, 217, 580).

When the king questioned these five persons, he was amazed.

- 445. (2). For the affix அளவும் look under வரைக்கும் (460).
- 446. (3). The affix இடத்தில் (from இடம் place, opportunity,) expresses TIME. It is attached to a relative participle in the sense of when. It is used in books rather than in conversation. Thus—

ான் விசாரித்தவிடத்தில், அந்தச் சங்கதி எல்லாம் சொன்னுன். When I enquired, he told me the whole matter (183).

447. (4). The affix உடன் or உடனே (from உடன் immediately,) expresses TIME. It is affixed to a past relative participle, and means—immediately, as soon as. Thus—

அந்தப் புலி**பை எழுப்பின உடனே,** புலி அவர்களேப் பிடித்துக் கொன்றது (302, 328).

As soon as they had aroused the tiger, it seized and killed them.

448. (5). The affixes படி, படியே or படிக்கு (from படி a step), when joined to a present or a past relative participle express manner; and have the meaning of as, according as. Thus—

அவன் சொன்னபடி செய்வேன்.

I shall do as he said.

449. (6). The affixes படி, படிக்கு, படியாய் or படியாக, when joined to a future relative participle, express Purpose, and have the meaning of in order to, so that. Thus—

அவனுக்குத் தயவு வரும்படிக்கு, சேகித்தார்கள். (266, 406.) They did homage, in order that he might shew them favour. Lit. So that pity might come to him.

450. (7). The affix படியால் (or படியின் 145) is sometimes

added to a present relative participle, but more frequently to a past relative participle to express the CAUSE; and may be translated—by reason of, on account of, because. Thus—

நான் இப்போது தூரதேசத்துக்குப் போகிறபடியினுலே, இவை கள் எல்லாம் உமக்குச் சொன்னேன் (183, 192, 326).

I have said all these things to you, because I am now going to a far country.

மெத்தக் கருக்கல் ஆனபடியினுல், வழியில் படுத்துக்கொண்டான் (301, 336, 489).

Because great darkness came on, he lay himself down in the way.

- 451. (8). For the affix பரியந்தம் look under வரைக்கும் (460).
- 452. (9). The affix Θεπτιο (manner) is attached to a past relative participle, to express MANNER. It means according as, as. It is used chiefly in books. Thus—

ரீர் ஆக்கியா**பி**த்த**பிரகா**ரம் செய்தேன்.

I have done as you commanded (289, 293).

453. (10). The affix பின் (and its equivalents பின்னே, பின்பு, பிறஞ், etc.) is attached to a past relative participle to denote TIME. It means after, after that. Thus—

கிலநாள் போனபின்பு, திரும்பி வந்தான் (209, 337, 338).

After a few days had passed, he returned.

454. (11). The affix Θυπτιώ (from Θυπτική property) is attached to a future relative participle to denote furrose, and means—in order to.

It is used more in books than in conversation. Thus-

தானியத்தைத் தின்னும்பொருட்டு, புருக்கள் எல்லாம் இறங்கி, வஃவில் அகப்பட்டன (Thus 138, 183, 305, 310, 353, 395).

All the doves alighted, in order to eat the grain, and were caught in the net.

455. (12). The affix போது or பொழுது (time) may be affixed

to any of the relative participles to denote TIME; and then means when or whilst. Thus—

எங்கே ஆகிலும் பெண்ணே மாமியார் வீட்டுக்கு அனுப்பி வைக்கிறபோது, விசாரப்படுவார்களோ? (179, 577, 580.)

In any place whatever, do they grieve when they are sending off the bride to her father-in-law's house?

வீ நியை எட்டிப் பார்**த்தபோதா**, ஒரு சின்ன பிள்**னே பை**க்கண் டான் (310, 321).

When he peeped into the street, he saw a little child.

இராசா ஒரு பொல்லாங்கில் கடக்கும்போது, அவ<sup>3</sup>னத் தடுத்துச் சொல்லுகிறவன் மக்திரி (427).

When a king enters on an evil course, the one who speaks and checks him is the prime minister.

456. The present and future relative participles are very frequently used with this affix, where in English the imperfect tense is used. Compare Paras. 424, 425. Thus—

மறுபடி தலேயை உள்ளே வாங்குகிறபோது, வாசற்படி தலேயில் இடித்தது (289).

When he was drawing in his head again, it struck against the window-frame. (Lit. The window-frame struck on his head).

ஒரு சக்கியாகி ஒரு ஏரிக்கரைமேலே போகும்போது, ஒரு செம்படவன் மீன் பிடித்தான். (93 b, 353.)

Whilst an ascetic was going along the bank of a certain pool, a fisherman caught a fish.

457. (13). For the affix மட்டும் or மட்டுக்கும் look under வரைக்கும் (460).

458. (14). The affix ωπέβτέβιδ (from ωπέβτώ measure) is attached to a past relative participle to express time; and means as soon as. Thus—

் அவர்கள் அந்தப் பெட்டியைக் கொண்டுவர்த மாத்திரத்தில், அரசன் அதை அசையோடு திறந்தான் (285).

As soon as they had brought the box, the king eagerly opened

it. (Lit. As soon as they having taken the box, came, the king opened it with eagerness).

459. (15). The affix முன், and its equivalents முன்னே, முன்பு, etc. (234) are affixed to a future relative participle, to express time, and signify—before, before that. Thus—

வெள்ளம் வரும் முன்னே, அணே போடுங்கள்.

Put (ye) a dam, before the flood comes.

N.B.—For another form of expression see Paragraph 439.

460. (16). The affixes வசைக்கும் or வசையில் (from வசை a limit), மட்டும் or மட்டுக்கும் (from மட்டு extent), அளவும் (from அளவு measure), and பரியந்தம் (limit) are joined to a relative participle to express TIME, in the sense of until. Thus—

அவன் இற**ர்து போனவரையில், அது ந**ட்முடைய பேரில் **இ**ருர்த**து** (316, 579).

It was (entered) in our name, until he died. (or மட்டும், மட்டுக்கும்.)

அந்த இடையன், பிரசங்கம் முடியும் அளவும், அப்படியே சுமந்துகொண்டான் (489). (Or முடியும் வசைக்கும் etc.)

The shepherd thus bare the load, until the recitation was ended.

எனக்குப் பதினெட்டு வயது ஆகிற வரைக்கும், அந்த பென் ஷன் கொடுத்தார். (or மட்டும், மட்டுக்கு etc.) 336.

He gave (me) the pension, until I was eighteen years old. (Lit. until an age of 18 years became to me.)

461. The affixes வரைக்கும் and மட்டும் are also attached to a past relative participle to denote பயர, and mean—as far as. In this sense வரைக்கும் may also be attached to a present relative participle. Thus—

தமிழ் பாஷை படித்தவரைக்கும், இஷ்டந்தான். (95, 169). I like Tamil, as far as I have studied it. என்னுல் கூடியமட்டும், நன்முய்ச் செய்கேன். (293, 407). I did it as well as I could. (*Lit*. I did it well, as far as it was possible by me.)

### On Verbal Nouns.

The verbal noun in Tamil has several forms.

462. (A). One form of the Tamil verbal noun is made by affixing தல் to a root which takes. இறேன் in the present tense, and த்தல், or less frequently க்குதல், to a root which takes க்குறேன் in the present tense. Thus from the root மடிப் is formed செய்தல் doing, and from the root படி is formed படித்தல், or படிக்குதல், learning. These verbal nouns, like the neuter participial nouns explained in Paragraph 436, express the act, and thus closely resemble English participial nouns ending in ing; as doing, saying, etc. They are declined like nouns of the fourth declension; and are chiefly used in the nominative or the dative case. Thus—

சொல்லுதல் எல்லாருக்கும் எளிது (181, 326).

Speaking is easy for all, i.e. It is very easy to talk (but not so easy to act).

கெவுளி சொன்னதைக் கேட்டு (329, 436), ஏறுதற்கும் இறங்கு தற்கும் தடையாய் இருக்கிறதை அறிக்கு (239, 292, 368), வெகு கோம் அங்கேதானே இருக்தான் (2, 379).  $\{$  ஏறுதல் + கு becomes ஏறுதற்கு, Para. 94.  $\}$ 

Hearing a lizard chirping, and knowing that it was a bad omen for ascending or descending (the tree), he remained there a long time.

463. From the above examples, it will be noticed that these verbal nouns take a subject, like the participial nouns. See Paragraph 437. Thus the sentence your doing this is right would be translated into Tamil—கீர் இதைச் செய்தல் கல்லது,

which literally translated would be—you doing this is right, 370.

- 464. The formation of some verbal nouns belonging to this class require attention.—
- (1). The roots போ (or போகு) to go (337)—ஆ (or ஆகு) to become (336)—வா to come (338)—கேள் to hear or to ask (329), form their verbal nouns as follows—போதல் or போகுகல், going—ஆகல் or ஆகுகல் becoming—வருகல் coming, கேட்குகல் hearing or asking.
- (2). Roots of one short syllable ending in a mute consonant, usually insert the vowel உ before the verbal noun termination; and double the final consonant (91); thus—உண், verbal noun உண்ணுகல் eating; 局前, verbal noun 局前如此的 eating; 局前, verbal noun 局前如此的 eating; 局前, verbal noun 局前如此的 standing.
- affixing கை to a root which takes இரேன் in the present tense, and க்கை to a root which takes க்கேரேன்; as போகை going, கடக்கை walking. The root வர makes வருகை coming; கேன் makes கேட்கை (94) asking or hearing; கில் makes கிற்கை (94.) standing. Section 2 of Paragraph 464 also relates to verbal nouns of this class; as கின்றுகை eating. The most common use of this form of the verbal noun is in the locative case, to express time; it is then usually translated into English by the word whilst or when. It is also sometimes used in the instrumental case, to express the cause or reason. The following examples illustrate the above remarks.

நால்வர் ஒர் ஊருக்குப் போகையில், வழியில் ஒரு பணமுடிப் பைக் கண்டார்கள் (192, 215, 310).

Whilst four persons were going to a certain village, they saw a bag of money in the road.

இப்படி இருக்கையில், ஒரு காள் ஒரு சேவகன் வந்தான் (316, 338).

When things were thus, one day a certain servant came.

உம் **முடைய துரை**த்தனம் குடிகளுக்கு அசமாதானமாய் இரு**க்** கையால் (371), இராச்சியத்தை உடனே இழக்**து போ**வீர் (579).

By reason of your rule being uncongenial to the people, you will forthwith lose your kingdom.

466. These verbal nouns, as will be seen from the preceding examples, usually take a *subject*, like the verbal nouns explained in Paragraph 463. But in the case of some words, and especially of those ending in  $\dot{x} \cos x$ , they do not do so, but are treated as pure nouns. Thus—

இவர்களுடைய கடக்கை கல்லத அல்ல (370). Their conduct is not good. (Lit. Walking.)

மூடர்களுடைய சேர்க்கையால் கெடுதி வரும் (266).

By association with blockheads, evil will come. Literally—By associating with.

467. (C.) Another form of the verbal noun is made by affixing is to the infinitive mood (387, 388). Thus—

| Root.        | Infin.        | Verbal noun.              |                    |
|--------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>செ</b> ய் | செய் <b>ய</b> | செய்யல்                   | doing.             |
| ஆலோசி        | ஆலோ சிக்க     | ஆலோ சிக்கல்               | considering.       |
| ஆ or ஆகு     | ஆ <b>க</b>    | ஆகல்                      | becoming.          |
| நி <b>ல்</b> | நிற்க         | நி <i>ற்</i> சு <b>ல்</b> | standing.          |
| வா           | வ்ச           | வரல்                      | coming.            |
| Csar         | கேட்க         | <b>கேட்க</b> ல்           | hearing or asking. |

This form of the verbal noun is not much used in the common dialect, except in the instance mentioned in the next paragraph. It usually takes a *subject* (463); but may sometimes be used as a pure noun. The following are examples of the use of this form.

## சொன்னபடி செய்யல் அரிது.

It is difficult to do as one has said. Lit. Doing according as one has said, is difficult.

எல்லாம் உன் செயல் (181, 368).

It is all thy doing.

அ**ர்த** வீட்**டில்** ஆடலும் பா**டலுமா**ய் இருக்கிறது (239, 373).

In that house it is (all) playing and singing.

468. This form is most frequently used in connexion with the word μώ (266), and its corresponding negative μετω, which in this connexion mean—it is proper, and it is not proper! The expression is equivalent to the English auxiliaries may and may not, expressing permission and prohibition. The following are examples—

ரீ ஊேருக்குப் போகலாம். (போகல்+ஆம்.)

You may go to the village. Literally—Your going to the village is fit, or proper.

நான் வரலாமா?

வாலாகாது.

May I come?

You may not come.

அவன் அங்கே நிற்கலாகாது.

He must not stand there. Literally—His standing there is not fit.

469. (D). There are also a set of nouns formed from verbs by adding ப்பு to roots which take க்கிறேன் in the present tense, and வு to roots which take கிறேன்; as படி to learn படிப்பு learning; அறி to know, அறிவு knowledge. These nouns do not express the act (462), and are treated in all respects as pure nouns; as அவனைடைய படிப்பு his learning, நல்ல அறிவு good knowledge.

# CHAPTER VIII.

On the Negative form of Verbs, Passive Verbs, Reflexive Verbs, and Causal Verbs.

On the negative form of verbs.

#### THE NEGATIVE TENSES.

In Tamil the negative is expressed in the verb, hence every verb has a distinct negative form.

470. A pure negative tense is formed by adding the personal terminations to the root; when doing so the rules of euphony, given in Paragraphs 88—92, are carefully observed. This tense theoretically refers to all time; but it is commonly used only as an habitual present tense. Thus from the roots படி, கட and அனப்பு are formed the tenses படியேன் I learn not, கடவேன் I walk not, அனுப்பேன் I send not. They are thus declined—

#### SINGULAR.

| Per. | 1 படியேன             | <b>ര∟േയി</b> ത്    | <b>ച</b> ുത്താப <b>ു</b> വன |
|------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
|      | 2 படியாய்            | <b>கடவா</b> ப்     | அ <b>றுப்பா</b> ய்          |
|      | (M. படி <b>பா</b> ன் | <b>கடைவா</b> ன்    | அனுப்பான்                   |
|      | 3 🖁 ஈ. படியாள்       | <b>கட</b> வாள்     | <b>அ</b> துப்பாள்           |
|      | N. படியாது           | க <b>டவாது</b>     | அனுப்பாது                   |
|      | Pro                  | RAL.               |                             |
| Per. | 1 படியோம்            | <b>கட்</b> வோம்    | அனுப்போம்                   |
|      | ் படியீர்            | க <b>டவீ</b> ர்    | அனப்பீர்                    |
|      | 2 { படியீர்கள்       | கட <b>வி</b> ர்கள் | அனுப்பீர்கள்                |
|      | ( M.F. படியார்       | <b>ந்டவா</b> ர்    | அனுப்பார்                   |
|      | 3 தா. படியார்கள்     | <b>கடவார்கள்</b>   | அனுப்பார்கள்                |
|      | ( NEU. படியா         | கடவா               | அனப்பா                      |
|      | • 16                 |                    |                             |

N.B.—With the exception of the one word அறியேன், this tense is not very often used in common Tamil, except in the third person singular neuter. The following are examples—

அதைக்குறித்து நான் ஒன்றும் அறியேன் (240, 292).

I do not know anything about it. Lit. Even one thing.

அது எனக்குத் தெரியாது.

I do not know. Lit. It is not known to me.

- 471. The following formations must be noted—போ makes போகாது, அ makes ஆகாது, வா makes வாரது.
- 472. The negative present tense is most commonly expressed by the nominative singular of the neuter participial noun formed from the present relative participle (436), followed by the word இல்ல (366); as கான் படிக்கிறது இல்ல (contracted into கான் படிக்கிற இல்ல) I am not learning. Literally—I learning—is not, or There is not my learning. The pronoun alone shows the number and person, as—

நான் படிக்கிறதில்லே

**நீ** படிக்கிற தில்வே

I am not learning.
Thou art not learning.

அவன் படிக்கிற தில்லே, etc.

He is not learning, etc.

The following are examples:-

அவன் அந்த வேஃபைச் செய்கிறதில்ஃ.

He is not doing that work.

பிள்ளே தூங்குகிறதில்லேயா? (380).

Is not the child sleeping?

473. The neuter singular of the past and of the future participial nouns are also sometimes used in the same way with இல்ல, to form A negative fast and A negative future tense; as—கான் செய்தது இல்லே, I did. not, or have not done; கான் செய்வது இல்லே, I shall not, or will not do. Thus—

நான் அவ**னிட**த்தில் கடன் வாங்கினதும் இல்லே, சீட்டைக்கி மித்ததும் இல்லே (239)

I neither received the loan from him, nor tore up the bond.

474. The negative past tense is most commonly expressed by the infinitive mood followed by இல்ல; as—கான் படிக்கவில்ல, I learnt not, or I have not learned. The words do not change, whatever the subject may be; but the number and person are shown by the pronoun only. Thus—

அவர்கள் நேற்று அந்த ஊருக்குப் போகவில்லே (388).

They did not go to that village yesterday.

475. The negative future tense is most commonly expressed by the infinitive mood prefixed to the tense ωτ τ ωτ τ ως. which is the pure negative tense from the root ωτ τ ως. Thus—

நான் படிக்க மாட்டேன் I shall or will not learn.

கீ படிக்கமாட்டாய், etc. Thou shalt or wilt not learn, etc.

Thus—இந்தப் பையன் பாடத்தைப் படிக்கமாட்டான்.

This boy will not learn the lesson (353).

476. The negative imperative singular is formed from the third person singular neuter of the pure negative tense (470), by changing final த into கே. The honorific form adds உம், and the plural adds உங்கள்; Thus—neu. sing. 3rd. per. படியாது; Imper. படியாகே, படியாதேயும், படியாதேயுங்கள். Do not read. (Compare Paragraphs 253, 254). Thus—

பையனே! வீட்டுக்குப் போகாதே!

Boy! do not go to the house!

- 477. The negative verbal participle is formed by adding ஆமல் to the root; as படியாமல் not having learnt. There is also another form not so commonly used, which is exactly the same as the third person singular neuter of the pure negative tense; as படியாது.
- 478. Negative verbal participles are used just in the same way as the positive verbal participles (397 etc.) Thus—

மந்திரி தன் ஈஷ்டத்தையும் பாராமல், இராசனேத் த⊌த்துச்சொ ன்⊚ன் (168, 240, 297, 321).

The prime minister not considering his own loss even, rebuked the king.

479. The negative relative participle which may refer to any time, is formed from the singular third person neuter of the pure negative tense, by changing final e into y; as neu. sing. 3rd per. μφωπρε rel. partic. μφωπρε, who, or which does not learn, or did not learn, or will not learn, etc. (Final ρε is sometimes omitted; as μφωπ. They are used just in the same way as the positive relative participles (408—415). The following are examples—

எ**ந்த உயிரை**யும் கொல்லாத ஒரு சந்நியாசி ஒரு எரிக்கரைமே லே போனுன் (328).

An ascetic, who did not take life, went along the bank of a tank. Lit. Who did not kill any life. (See Para. 178).

காப்பாற்றுத் திரவியம் நாசம் ஆகும் (266, 302).

The wealth which one does not guard, will be lost. Lit. Will become a loss.

480. Negative participial nouns (compare 426) are formed by adding the pronominal affixes to the negative relative participle; as—

செய்யாதவன் A man who does not, has not done or

will not do.

செய்யாதவள் A woman who, etc. etc.

செய்யாதது An animal or thing which, etc. etc.

செய்யாதவர்கள் People who, etc. etc.

செய்யாதவைகள் Animals or things which, etc. etc.

The following are examples-

பாராதவன் காரியஞ் சாந்துயரம் தரும் (95, 120, 266).

The act of one who does not examine will give trouble.

விர்த்தி பண்ணுதது குறையும் (290).

That which one does not increase, will decrease.

481. The negative relative participles take affixes (like the

positive relative participles) to form subordinate sentences (440). Thus—

அவன் அந்தப் பணத்தை எனக்குக் கொடாதபடியால், பிரி யாது செய்தேன் (450).

As he did not give me the money, I brought a case against him.

482. The negative verbal noun is formed by changing final த of the neuter sing. 3rd person of the negative tense (470) into டை; as படியாமை the not learning. Thus—

எப்பொழுதும் தீமை செய்யாமை நல்லது (175, 370).

It is a good thing never to do wrong. Lit. The not doing ever wickedness is a good thing.

483. By prefixing the negative verbal participle to the verb இரு, to be, a complete negative verb may be formed. This form is frequently used; as படியாமல் இருக்கிறேன் or படியா கிருக்கிறேன், I am not learning. படியாமல் இரு, Do not learn. Thus—

இரை கிடையாமல் இருந்த ஒரு நரி இரைக்கு வெளிப்பட்டு வந்தது (305).

A fox which had not got any prey, went forth for prey.

The use of the above form with 25 frequently occurs in the formation of negative subordinate sentences. Thus—

கீ படியாமல் இருந்தபடியால், பரிட்சையைக் கொடுக்களில் ஸே (450, 474).

As you did not study, you did not pass the examination.

484. Instead of இரு, the verb போ to go is sometimes used as above, to form a negative verb; as காணுமற்போனுன் (94, 310). He disappeared.

#### On Passive Verbs.

485. A form answering to the passive voice in English is occasionally used in Tamil, and is made by prefixing the infi-

nitive mood of a verb to the verb படு (301) to suffer; as அடிக்கப்படுக்குறன், I am beaten; அடிக்கப்பட்டேன், I was beaten; அடிக்கப்படுவேன், I shall be beaten.

- 486. This form is seldom used in Tamil; and when translating from English into Tamil, the passive should, as a rule, be turned into the active voice.
- 487. It must be here noted that sometimes the verb படு is idiomatically added to an *intransitive* verb, without altering its meaning. Thus instead of இருக்கேன், the form இருக்கப் பட்டுகள் is sometimes used.
- 48S. In the same manner such a form as இருக்கப்பட்ட is sometimes used for the relative participle, instead of இருக்கிற.

#### On Reflexive Verbs.

499. A reflexive verb, answering in some respects to the middle voice in Greek, is formed by affixing the verb G and G (328) to the verbal participle of another verb. This form expresses that the action denoted by the verbal participle is done in reference to, or for the benefit of the subject. Thus—

அவினப் பார்த்தோக்கொள்ளச் சொன்னேன். (321, 326).

I told him to look out for himself, i.e., to beware.

துரையவர்கள் உடுப்பு உடுத்திக்கொள்ளுகிறுர்கள் (162).

The gentleman is dressing himself—or—is putting on his clothes.

490. This form with Θεπεί is also sometimes used to express a continuous action. Thus—

இப்படியே சொல்லி, வழக்கு ஆடிக்கொண்டார்கள் (302). They continued to talk and quarrel in this way.

491. N.B.—Occasionally this form with Θ σπ σ appears to be used merely as an *expletive*, without adding any special meaning to the verb to which it is affixed.

### On Causal Verbs.

492. Causal verbs, as a general rule, are formed by adding வி to roots which take கிறேன் in the present tense; and ப்பி to roots which take க்கிறேன். Both these classes of causal verbs take க்கிறேன், த்தேன், and ப்பேன் in the present, past, and future tenses (289). Thus—

செய் to do (present tense செய்கிறேன் causal செய்கி) to cause to do; செய்விக்கிறேன், செய்விக்டுதேன், செய்விப்பேன். கட to walk (present tense; கடக்கிறேன்) causal, கடப்பி to cause to walk; கடப்பிக்கிறேன், கடப்பித்தேன், கடப்பிப்பேன்.

- 493. A few roots ending in a mute consonant, which take இறேன in the present tense, form a causal by adding பி to the root; as காண் to see, காண்பி to cause to see, to show; கல் to learn கற்பி to cause to learn, to teach.
- 494. Some roots form the causal by adding த்து to the root; these verbs come under Paragraph 302. Thus படு to suffer, படுத்து to cause to suffer.
- 495. The verb கட to walk may take as its causal கடப்பி or கடத்து.
- 496. Some roots make other changes to form causal verbs. It will be easier to treat such forms as distinct verbs, as they are all given in the dictionary. The following are examples—

| a ற                    | to ascend              | Causal | ஏற்று  | to cause to ascend.                     |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------|--------|---|
| <b>⊕</b> 0             | to run                 | ,,     | ஓட்டு  | to cause to run, to drive.              |
| கலங்கு                 | to be troubled         | "      | கலக்கு | to cause to be troubled.                |
| திரும்பு<br>அகு (or ஆ) | to return<br>to become | ,,,    |        | to cause to return. to cause to become. |

497. The following sentences illustrate the use of causai verbs—

இராயர் அம்பட்டணே அழைப்பித்தான்.

The king caused the barber to be summoned.

பிராமணர்கள் அம்பட்டனே மூன்று காலம் ஸ்கானம் பண்ணு வித்து, சமஸ்த காரியங்களே நடப்பித்துக்கொண்டார்கள் (490).

The Brahmins continued to make the barber to bathe three times (a day), and to conduct all the rites.

# CHAPTER IX.

On Auxiliary Verbs, Conditional Sentences, the Optative Mood, Certain Parts of the verb EN to say, and on the Principal Parts of a Tamil Verb.

# On Auxiliary Verbs.

498. I. From the root வேண்டு (302) are formed (1) a regular transitive verb, meaning to entreat; and (2) a defective impersonal verb, meaning to be needed, to be wanted. The parts of the defective verb which are in most frequent use are the third person of the habitual present or future tense, namely வேண்டும் (commonly pronounced வேணும்), and வேண்டாம் (commonly pronounced வேணும்) which is the corresponding irregular negative form. These words govern a dative case. Thus—

பத்து ரூபாய் உமக்கு வேண்டுமா? (209, 380).

Do you want ten rupees? Lit. Are ten rupees needed to you? அந்தப் பெட்டி எனக்கு வேண்டாம்.

I do not want that box. Lit. That box is not needed to me.

499. The words Carma Oi and Carma ri are also used as auxiliary verbs, and are then attached to the infinitive of another verb, to express computation; and have the meaning of must, and must not. Thus—

அவன் தன் பாடத்தைச் சீக்கிரமாய்ப் படிக்கவேண்டும்.

He must learn his lesson quickly. Lit. It is necessary for him to learn, etc.

**நீ அங்கே போகவேண்டாம்.** 

You must not go there.

500. Other parts of the defective verb commo are also affixed to the infinitive of other verbs, as auxiliaries, to express the above meaning. Thus—

எனக்கு வாவேண்டிய பணம் முப்பது ரூபாய். (368, 407). The money which must come to me is thirty rupees.

நான் செய்யவேண்டியதைச் செய்வேன் (434).

I shall do what I ought to do.

501. N.B.—The auxiliary Caumioù is often used idiomatically by an inferior, when making a request to a superior. In English some such word as please must be inserted. Thus—

நான் செய்த குற்றத்தை நீர் மன்னிக்கவேண்டும்.

You must please forgive the fault that I have committed.

- 502. II. The word கூடும், the third person neuter of the future tense of கூடு to join, is idiomatically used in two significations; namely (1) In the sense of to be possible, expressing ABILITY, and governing an instrumental case; as அத அவருல் கூடும் He can do it. (Lit. That is possible by him); and—(2) In the sense of to be fit, suitable, proper, expressing fitness, and governing a dative case; as இது காரியத்தைக்குக் கூடும். This is suitable for the purpose.
- 503. The corresponding negative is கடாத, which is used in exactly the same manner; as (1) அத அவளுல் கடாது. He cannot do it—(Lit. That is not possible by him.) (2) இத காரியத்துக்குக் கடாது. This is not suitable for the purpose.
- 504. The words so Dic and so Lange are also attached, as auxiliary verbs to the infinitive of other verbs; and these are used to express two distinct ideas, namely—
  - 505. Firstly. ABILITY and INABILITY-as-

வானத்தையும் பூமியையும் படைத்தவர் இதையும் செய்யக் கூடும் (239, 240, 426).

He who created heaven and earth, can do this also.

ஒரு கிழப்புவி பலவினத்**தால்** ஆகாரம் சம்பாதிக்கக் கூடாது (289, 352, 363).

A certain old tiger, owing to weakness, was unable to get its food.

506. Secondly. Fitness and Unfitness—or—Propriety and Impropriety; as—இப்படி உச்சரிக்கக் கூடுமர? (289).

Is it proper to pronounce it in this way?

அவர்கள் துரையினுடைய சன்ளிதானத்திலே பிரவேசிக்கக் கூடாது (128, 289.)

They must not enter into the presence of the gentleman. (Lit. It is not proper for them to enter.)

507. Other parts of 5-6 are also used to express the same meaning. Thus—

என்னுல் கடியமட்டும் அதை என்றுய் எழு இணேன் (302, 407). I wrote it as well as I could. (*Lit.* As far as it was possible by me.)

508. III. The English auxiliary verb may, expressing Permission, is expressed in Tamil by the verbal noun formed from the infinitive mood (467), prefixed to ஆம், a shortened form of ஆகும் (266). In this idiom the verb ஆ or ஆகு has the meaning to be fit or proper. See Paragraph 468.

509. The corresponding negative may not is formed in exactly the same manner, by substituting yaπa (471) for yie.

510. The following are examples-

அவன் அக்கப் பையனே அப்படி கண்டிக்கலாமா? May he punish the boy in that way?—or—Is it proper for him to punish the boy in that way?

மாணத்துக்கு இடம் ஆகிய புலியின் கெட்டப் போகல் ஆகாது (232, 407).

It is not proper to go near a tiger, which is a place for death i.e. which is a great risk to life.

இதற்கு முன்னே**தா**னே **டீ** இப்படிச் சேர்**த்துக்கொ**ள்ளல் ஆகாதா? (379, 489).

Before this time ought you not to have collected (your money) in this way for yourself? (Lit. Was not your-collecting-for-yourself befitting?)

511. N.B.—When sub is used as above, in the sense of the English auxiliary may, the corresponding negative is frequently expressed by \*\*L\_TS (506). Thus—

Ques. நான் இப்படிச் செய்யலாமா? Ans. செய்யக்கூடாது. Ques. May I do so? Ans. You must not do so i.e. no.

512. IV. The verb set (300) means to be fit. set (the third person neuter of the habitual present or future tense), and sets the corresponding negative form, are added as auxiliary verbs to the infinitives of other verbs to express fitness and unfitness. They may be rendered in English by the auxiliary verb ought, and ought not. Thus—

நீ கற்*ளூ*ரிடத்தில் இருக்**கத்** தகும் (188).

You ought to be with learned persons. (Lit. It is befitting to be etc.)

புருடன் தன் மணவியை அடிக்கத் தகாது.

A man ought not to beat his wife.

513. Other parts of the verb seg are used in the same manner. Thus—

செய்யத்தகாதவைகளேச் செய்தாய் (434).

You have done what you ought not to have done.

514. V. A form expressing PERMISSION, and equivalent to the English auxiliary let, is made by changing final அ of an infinitive into அட்டும். This word is probably a corruption of ஒட்டும், the third person neuter of the habitual present or future tense of ஒட்டு to permit, allow. Thus அவன் வசட்டும் Let him

come, which is probably an abbreviated form for அவன வர வாட்டும். Permit him to come. The following are examples—

> நான் போகட்டும் Let me go! இருக்கட்டும் Let it be! i.e. Never mind!

515. With the sign of a question this form may be translated by the English auxiliary may. Thus.

நான் வீட்டுக்குப் போகட்டுமா? ▶

May I go home?

### On Conditional Sentences.

516. Condition, (which is expressed in English by if (or by its equivalents, in case, supposing, etc.) is expressed in Tamil by a form made by changing final a and a of the first person singular of the past tense into was; as

| Past tense | படித்தேன்           | Conditional | படித்தால். |
|------------|---------------------|-------------|------------|
| ,,         | <b>அ</b> துப்பினேன் | "           | அனப்பிஞல். |
| ,,         | வர் தேன்            | ,,          | வந்தால்.   |
| ,,         | போனேன்              | ,,          | போனுல்.    |
| ,,         | பட் <b>டே</b> ன்    | ,,          | பட்டால்.   |
| ,,         | கொண்டேன்            | ,,          | கொண்டால்.  |

517. This form is the same for all genders, numbers, and persons. The following are examples—

ரீர் கூப்பிட்டால், வருவார்கள்.

If you call, they will come.

பிள்ளே அழுதால், நாம் போகவேண்டும் (316,499).

If the child cries, we must go.

518. There is another form, which is not often used in the common dialect, made by affixing an to roots which take

கேறேன் in the present tense, and க்கில் to those which take க்கிறேன்; as செய்யில், படிக்கில். Thus—

அவன் புத்தியாய் கடக்கில், அவனுடைய காரியஞ் சுத்திக்கும் (95, 246, 289).

If he behave wisely, his affair will succeed.

- 519. N.B.—A still more uncommon form is made by affixing இன் and இக்கின், instead of இல் and இக்கில்.
- 520. Another common form for expressing condition in Tamil, is made by adding and or and or and to become, to the future tense, or to the past tense of a verb. Emphatic or is sometimes added to the tense when thus used. The following are examples—

இந்த மந்திரத்தைச் செபித்தாய் ஆனல், காளி உமக்குப் பிரத்தி யட்சம் ஆவாள் (63, 289).

If you repeat this mystic verse, Kali will appear to you. Lit. If you have prayed this verse Kali will become an appearance to you.

அவண் என்னிடத்தில் வருவான் ஆணுல், அவனுக்கு அந்தப் பெட்டிகளே எல்லாம் கொடுப்பேன் (183, 238).

If he will come to me, I will give him all those boxes.

521. The negative if not, is usually expressed in Tamil by கிட்டால் (the conditional form of விடு 301) preceded by the negative verbal participle of another verb. When thus used, the final மல் of the negative verbal participle is often omitted; as செய்யாமல் கிட்டால் or செய்யாகிட்டால். Thus—

அவன் வந்தால், அவனேடு பேசுவேன்; வாரவிட்டால், அவ ஹாக்கு உதவி செய்யமாட்டேன் (232, 475).

If he comes, I will speak with him; but if he does not come, I will not assist him.

522. The word இல்லா for இல்லாமல், a verbal participle con-

nected with the word இல்ல (366), is often prefixed to விட்டால், and used in the sense of if not, or otherwise. Thus—

அவன் வந்தால், அவனேடு பேசுவேன்; இல்லாவிட்டால், அவனுக்கு உதவி செய்யமாட்டேன்.

If he comes, I will speak with him; if not, I will not assist him.

523. In accordance with Paragraph 483, a negative form for condition may also be made by prefixing the negative verbal participle of any verb to இருக்கு ல், the conditional form of the verb இரு. Thus—

அந்தப் பாடத்தைப் படியாமல் இருந்தால், அது உனக்கு எப்ப டித் தெரியும்?

If you do not learn that lesson, how will you know it?

524. In accordance with Paragraph 484, instead of இருந்தால் the word போளுல் may be used, which is the conditional form of the verb போ to go. Thus—

கீர் அதைச் செய்யாமற்போஞல், உம்மு**டையபே**ரில் ஆயாச**த்** தாக்கு இடம் ஆகும்

If you do not do it, it will be a ground for displeasure against you. Lit. It will become a ground for displeasure in your name.

525. When ein is added to the conditional form in win (516), the expression has the force of even if, or although. Thus—

நான் சொன்**றை**அம், அவன் செய்வா<u>ை</u>?

Although I tell him, will he do it?

புலி கெடந்தாலும், போவான்.

Though a tiger should lie there, he will go.

526. This form expresses a pure supposition, and thus its use is slightly different from the form given in Para. 404. Thus—

ஆமைக்கு மயிர் இருக்காலும், would mean "Though a tortoise had hair," a pure supposition. Here இருக்கும் could not be used,

as it would mean—" Though a tortoise has hair," and thus imply that it had hair.

N.B.—For the words ஆனல் or ஆகில், the conditional forms of ஆ or ஆக, and for ஆனைம் and ஆயினம் and ஆகிலம், see Paragraphs 595, 596.

## On the Optative Mood.

527. (1). The optative mood, expressing a wish, is commonly formed by adding the tense \*\*E-Cap\*\* to the infinitive of another verb. This tense is the only part of the verb in common use. Thus—

கீ இன்று முதலாக விகடகளியாகப் போகக்கடவாய் (231)! From this day forth may you be a jester!

- 528. N.B.—In such sentences as the above, the affix ags (as in Ascarduns) has the force of the particle as. Thus the literal translation would be—may you go as a jester.
- 529. (2). Another way of expressing the optative is by adding as to the future tense of any verb. In the third person neuter, it is added to the neuter participial noun formed from the future relative participle (430); thus—

வாழ்வீராக!

May you prosper!

உம்முடைய இராச்சியம் வருவதாக! (431).

May thy kingdom come!

530. (3). Another way of expressing the optative is by adding so to the root. Thus—

வாழ்க அரசனே!

May you prosper, O King!

531. The negative optative is formed by prefixing the negative verbal participle of any verb to one of the optative forms of இரு. See Paragraph 483. Thus—

கீர் **வி**ழாதிருப்போக! (விழாது 477.) May you not fall! On the use of the words என்று, என, என்னும், என்கிற, என்பது, என்றுல். etc.

532. I. The word sing is the verbal participle of the verb six to say (310). It is idiomatically used in sentences, which in the corresponding English generally use the word that. Its most common occurrence is when the words of a speaker are repeated. It will be found easiest to regard it as a particle meaning thus, which word is frequently used in old English to express the same idea; as, for instance, in the Biblical expression—Thus saith the Lord—The following are examples—

533. அவள்—''சீ எதற்காக இப்படி என்னே அடிக்கிருய்''— என்று கேட்க (391), அவன்—''நான் ஏதாகிலும் ஒன்று சொன்ன படியே (179,448) செய்**பாடையா**ல், அடிக்கிறேன்'' என்று சொன் ஞன் (482).

When she asked him,—"Why do you beat me in this way?" he replied—"I beat you, because you do not do one single thing as I tell you." Literally—When she asked thus "Why do you beat me in this way?" He said thus—"I beat you by reason of your not doing, as I say any one thing."

அவன் செத்தப்போவான் என்று பயப்படுக்றேன் (579, 580.) I fear that he will die. Lit. He will die, thus I fear.

அவன் அங்கே இருக்கிறுன் என்று எனக்குத் தெரியும்.

I know that he is there. Lit. He is there, Thus it is known to me.

அவன் அதைச் செய்யக்கூடும் என்று நிணக்கிறேன் (505).

I think that he can do it. Lit. He can do it, thus I think.

அந்த நாயை அடிக்கவேண்டாம் எ**ன்**ற கட்ட*ளே கொ*டுத்தேன் (297, 499).

I ordered you not to beat the dog. Lit. You must not beat that dog, thus I gave an order.

534. The word sign is not used before any other part of the

verb என். Thus—அந்தப் பணத்தைப் பையனுக்குக் கொடுத்தார் கள் என்*ருன்*. (or என்று சொன்னுன்).

He said that they had given the money to the boy.

535. Instead of a sign, the infinitive sa is sometimes used in the higher dialect. Thus—

''சுகேதேர்கள் திரவியம் இல்லாவிட்டாலும் (522, 525) ஒரு வர்க்கு ஒருவர் உதவுவார்கள்''\_\_ என சோமசன்மா சொன்னுன்.

"Friends, although they may not have wealth, will help one another,"—thus Somasunmá said.

536. Sometimes என்று is used as a pure verbal participle. Thus—சேவகன்—''நீதாஞ குசவன்? வா''\_என்று, பிடித்துக் கொண்டான் (380, 489).

The servant said—"Are you the potter? Come along!" and he seized hold of him. Or—The servant seized hold of him saying—"Are you the potter? Come along!"

537. Sometimes என்று is used in the sense of saying to oneself, or thinking; and thus often expresses the reason or cause (399), and hence may sometimes be translated by as or because. Thus—"இந்தப் பணே கலப்பைக்கு ஆகுமா? என்று பார்க்கிறேன்," என்று முன் (321).

He said, I was looking (at it), thinking whether this palmyra tree would do to make a plough. Lit. I was looking, saying (to myself.) "Will this palmyra tree be suitable for a plough?"

''இத்தணே நாளேக்குப்பிறகு இவ்வளவு ஆனையம் புத்தி வர்ததே,'' என்று கொஞ்சஞ் சர்தோஷப்பட்டான் (234, 244, 580).

He rejoiced somewhat, because after so long a time his boy had at any rate got this much intelligence. Lit. saying (to himself) after so many days this much intelligence at any rate has come (to my boy).

538. (1). It must be specially remembered that the particle or sign is by no means the exact equivalent of the conjunction that

in English (532.) In sentences in which the words of a speaker are repeated, என்று closely equals the force of inverted commas, because, in Tamil, the direct words of the speaker are usually given. In English, we may use the direct form with inverted commas, or an indirect form of expression with that; thus in English we may say—"I will come," said he—or—He said that he would come. In Tamil the first form of expression is used; as வருவேன் என்று சொன்னை (or வருவேன் என்று சொன்னை (thus—I will come (or I will come, said he).

- (2). If the sentence were வருவான் என்ற சொன்னுன், it would mean that the subject of வருவான் was a different person from the subject of சொன்னுன் Thus—வருவேன் என்றுன் means—He (A) said that he (A) would come. வருவான் என்றுன் means—He (A) said that he (B) would come.
- 539. When there are a succession of subordinate sentences each of which is followed by a single, the conjunction exists added to it. Thus—

நம்முடைய இராசனுக்குப் பொல்லாங்கு கேரிடும் என்றும் (304), இராசா ஒரு பொல்லாங்கில் நடக்கும்போது (455), அவினத் தடுத்துச் சொல்லுகிறவன் அல்லோ மந்திரி என்றும், ஆலோசித் தான் (249, 368, 427).

He reflected as follows—Evil will happen to our king, and when a king is about to run into evil, the one to speak and check him is the prime minister, forsooth.

540. The word என்று is idiomatically used with words expressive of some particular sound, or sensation. Thus அத தள தளவேன்று கொதிக்கிற ஓசையைக் கேட்டான். He heard the sound with which it boiled, saying thala thala i.e. With which it bubbled up (423).

வீடு மட மடவென்று விழுந்தது (316).

The house fell with a crash. Lit. Saying mada mada.

பட படவென்று வேலே செய்கிறுன்.

He is working in a hurry. Lit. Saying pada, pada.

541. The word என்று is often used idiomatically with the verb வேண்டும் (499), as in the following sentence—அவர்கள், யாணேமைப் பார்க்கவேண்டும் என்று அசைகொண்டார்கள் (321).

They desired to see an elephant. Lit. We must see an elephant, thus they desired.

542. II. The English expression named or called is most commonly expressed in Tamil by என்னம், the future relative participle of the verb என் to say; occasionally also என்ற is used; and sometimes also என்ற is idiomatically used in this sense. The following examples illustrate the use of these three words—

லகுபதனன் என்றுங் காகம் வந்தது.

The crow, named Laghubadanan, came.

தென்னுறு என்கிற ஊரிலே இராமன் என்று ஒரு பிராமணப் பிள்ளே பிறந்தான் (285).

In the village named Thennalu, a certain Brahmin boy, named Rama, was born.

543. III. என்றது, the neuter participial noun (431) formed from the future relative participle of என், is sometimes idiomatically attached to a subordinate sentence, as in the following examples—

பொய்யான பொருளாசை மெய்யான அருளாசையை விலக்கும், என்பது உண்மையே (193, 378).

That is true which says—"Lying coveteousness checks true liberality" i.e. The saying is true—"Lying etc. etc.

ஆத்தொக்காரனுக்குப் புத்தி மட்டு (368), என்ப**தற்குக் கு**டியான வன் திருஷ்டாந்தம் ஆணை

The cultivator became an illustration of the saying—"The wisdom of a hasty person is limited. Lit. The cultivator

became an illustration to that which says—Wisdom is a limited thing to a hasty person.

544. என்கிறது and என்றது may be used in the same manner. Thus.—

மூடன் கைப்பொருள் இழப்பான், என்கிற**தைக் கு**லுக்க**னிடக்** கிலே காட்டி**றை**ன்.

He illustrated in the case of the Mahomedan the saying—"A blockhead will lose what he has even got in his hand.

போய் கின்று, மெய்யை வெல்லுமா (328, 331)? என்றதை அத்திருடன் அன்றைக்குத்தான் கிஜம் என்று கம்பினுன் (169, 172, 532).

That very day the thief believed the saying to be true—"Shall falsehood stand and conquer truth?" Literally—That day that thief believed that which said—"shall falsehood stand, and conquer truth"—saying—"It is true."

545. IV. என்றுல் (or எனில் 518) the conditional form of என் to say is used idiomatically with எப்படி how, and என்ன what, in the sense of the English expression—as follows. Thus—அந்தப் பிராமணன் புலியைப் பார்த்தா, ஆலோசிக்கிறுன், எப்படி என்றுல்—"இந்தக் காப்பு நமக்கு வலியக் கிடைக்கிறதா" etc. etc. (247, 289).

The Brahmin looked at the tiger, and reflected as follows— This bracelet can be obtained for me gratis, etc. etc.

N.B.—The expression literally translated is—" How? if I say." It is only used when a somewhat long clause has to be given.

546. The expression sin single why if I say, is idiomatically used in the sense of for or because, to introduce a reason or cause. Thus—

ுநான் தெ**ந்ரிஷி**க்கிறேன், என் என்றுல், கடன் கொடுக்கமாட் டேன், போ!" என்றுன். (475, 492, 534).

He replied—"I will make you know them, for I will not give you a loan. Be off!" (Lit. Why, if I say.)

### ON THE PRINCIPAL PARTS OF A TAMIL VERB.

547. In the following tables are given, as examples, the principal parts of a few Tamil verbs—

| Imper. (ROOT)   |                                      | படி                                     | <b>ெ</b> சய்             |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
|   | prese                                | ent படிக்கிறேன்                         | செய்கிறேன் .             |
| Tenses  | $\begin{cases} \\ \end{cases} $ past | படித்தேன்                               | செய்தேன்                 |
|   | (futu:                               | re <b>"</b> படிப்பேன்                   | செய்வேன்                 |
| Rel. partic. $\begin{cases} \text{prese} \\ \text{past} \\ \text{future} \end{cases}$ |                                      | ent படிக்கிற                            | செய் <b>சி</b> ற         |
|   |                                      | படித்த                                  | செய்த                    |
|   |                                      | re <i>படிக்</i> கும்                    | செய்யும்                 |
| Verbal partic.  |                                      | படித்து .                               | செய்து                   |
| Conditional   |                                      | படித்தால்                               | செய்தால்                 |
| Infinitive  |                                      | படிக்க                                  | செய்ய                    |
| Verb nouns  |                                      | படிக்கல்                                | . செய்யல்                |
|   |                                      | படித்தல்                                | செய் <b>தல்</b>          |
|   |                                      | படிக்கை                                 | செய்கை                   |
|   |                                      | Negative form.                          |                          |
| 548.  | Present                              | படிக்கிறதில் <b>ஃ</b>                   | செய்கி <b>றதில்</b> ‰    |
|   | Past                                 | படிக்களில்லே                            | செய்யவில்லே              |
| $\mathbf{Tenses} egin{cases} \mathbf{P} \\ \mathbf{F} \end{bmatrix}$                  | Future                               | படிக்கமாட்டேன்                          | <b>செய்யமாட்டேன்</b>     |
| Habit. pres. L  |                                      | . படியேன்                               | செய்யேன்                 |
| Verbal p  | partic.                              | படியா <b>ம</b> ல் ( <i>or ப</i> டியாது) | செய்யாமல் (செய்)<br>யாது |
| Rel. par  | tic.                                 | படியாத                                  | செய்யாத                  |
| Imperative  |                                      | படியாதே                                 | செய் <b>யா</b> தே        |
| Verbal noun   |                                      | படியாமை                                 | செய்யாமை                 |

549. N.B.—In giving a complete synopsis of a Tamil verb, other forms might be added, but the above are the principal parts, and should be carefully committed to memory. A few more examples are added.

| 550. | Imper.      | ஆ (or ஆகு)          | போ               | வா              |
|------|-------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|      | Present T.  | ஆகேறேன்             | போகிறேன்         | வருகிறேன்       |
|      | Past T.     | ஆனேன்               | போ னேன்          | வர்தேன்         |
|      | Fut. T.     | ஆவேன்               | போவேன்           | வருவேன்         |
|      | Rel. P. PR. | ஆகிற                | போகிற            | வருகிற          |
|      | Do. PAST.   | ஆன or ஆகிய          | போன              | வர்த            |
|      | Do. fut.    | ஆகும்               | போகும்           | வரும்           |
|      | Verb P.     | ஆய்                 | ு போய்           | வர்து           |
|      | Cond.       | ஆனல் (ஆகில்         | ) போனுல்         | வர்தால்         |
|      | Infin.      |                     | போக              | வா              |
|      | V. noun     | ஆகல்                | <i>போ</i> கல்    | <b>வர</b> ல்    |
|      | Do.         | ஆதல்                | போதல்            | வருதல்          |
|      | Do.         | ஆகை                 | போகை             | வருகை           |
|      |             | . Negative j        | forms.           |                 |
| 551  | Pres. T.    | ் ஆகிறதில் <b>ஃ</b> | போகிறதில்லே      | வருகிறதில்லே    |
| 001. | Past T.     | ஆகவில்லே            | போகவில்லே        | வரவில்லே        |
|      |             | ( ஆகமாட்            | போகமாட்          | வரமாட்          |
|      | Fut. T.     | }<br>ெடன்           | டேன்             | டேன்            |
|      | Heb.Pres.T  | . ஆகேன்             | போகேன்           | வசேன்           |
|      | Ver. par.   | ஆகாமல்              | போகாமல்          | வாாமல்          |
|      | Rel. par.   | <i>ஆகா த</i>        | போகாத            | வராத            |
|      | Imper.      | <i>ஆகாதே</i>        | போகாதே           | வராதே           |
|      | Verb noun   | ஆகாமை               | போகாமை           | வராமை           |
| 552. | Imper.      | படு                 | கொள்             |                 |
|      | Pres. T.    | படுகெறேன்           | கொள்ள            | <b>நகி</b> றேன் |
|      | Past T.     | பட்டேன்             | <i>கொண்</i> (    | டேன்            |
|      | Fut. T.     | படுவேன்             | கொள்ள            | நவே <i>ன்</i>   |
|      | Rel. P. FR. | படுகிற              | சொள்             | ரு <i>⊊ற</i>    |
|      | Do. Past    | பட்ட                | <i>கொ</i> ண்ட    |                 |
|      | Do. Fut.    | படும்               | கோள்ள            | <sub>த</sub> ம் |
|      | Verb past   | பட்டு               | டி <i>காண்</i> ( | 9               |

Cond. பட்டால் கொண்டால் Infin. பட கொள்ள Verb noun படல் கொள்ளல் Do. படுதல் கொள்ளுதல் Do. படுகை கொள்ளுகை Negative form.

553. Pres. T. படுகிறதில்வே கொள்ளுகிற தில்லே ப்பட்சில்லே Past T. கொள்ளவில்லே *படமாட்டே*ன் Fut. T. கொள்ளமாட்டேன் Hab. pres. T. படேன் கொள்ளேன் Ver. past. படாமல் கொள்ளாமல் Rel. past. கொள்ளாத படாத Imper. கொள்ளாதே படாதே

படாமை

கொள்ளாமை

Ver. noun

# CHAPTER X.

On the uses of the several Tenses—Combinate forms of the Tenses and Participles—Certain uses of the Verbal Participle—Translation of Tamil and English—
Intensive Verbs—and on the Idiomatic
Uses of several verbs.

### On the uses of the several Tenses.

- 554. I (a) The present tense, besides its ordinary use as a full present, is sometimes used for the future tense, to denote certainty or rapidity. Compare the English expression "I am coming," though the person has not yet started to come. So in Tamil, a servant when called, would reply வருக்குறன்"I am coming." In the same manner—கான் செயித்துவருக்குறன், என்றன். "I will quickly conquer and return," said he.
- 555. (b) The present tense is also sometimes used to express habit or custom, as—

மனிதர் பாவஞ் செய்கிறுர்கள். Men sin.

நாய் குரைக்கிறது.

The dog barks.

குதிரை கணேக்கிறது.

The horse neighs.

- 556. II (a) The future tense, besides its ordinary use to express future time, is also used as an habitual present tense, and thus often expresses habit or custom, see Para. 256; as தச்சுவேல் செய்வேன் (352). I do carpenter work. The use of this tense as an habitual present is specially common in the singular third person neuter in such words as வேண்டும், கூடும், ஆம், etc. (498, 502, 508).
  - 557. (b) In close connexion with the above meaning, the

future tense is sometimes used in the sense of the English auxiliary would, to express habit or custom in past time. Thus—

சேவகர் அடிக்கடி வந்து, விலேகொடாமல், பாண சட்டிகள் எடுத்துக்கொண்டு போவார்கள்.

The servants would constantly come to him, and carry off pots and pans, without paying for them (397, 477, 489, 629).

558. Following the analogy of the corresponding tenses, the present and the future relative participles are also used to express habit or custom. Thus—

பிறர் பொருளாற் சிவிக்கிற மனிதன் துக்கத்தையே அனுபவிப் பான் (94, 289).

The man who lives upon the wealth of another, will obtain sorrow. i.e., A sycophant will reap sorrow.

இந்தக் கொமத்தப் புடவைகள் வெளுக்கும் வண்ணன் எங்கே? (128, 324).

Where is the washerman who washes the clothes of this village? 559. For the future participle used in this sense, see also Paragraph 417.

On Combinate forms of the Tenses and Participles.

560. A perfect tense, a pluperfect tense, and a future perfect tense are formed by prefixing the verbal participle of any verb to the present, past, and future tenses of இரு to be; as படித்திருக்கி நேன் (i.e. படித்தா + இருக்கிறேன்) I have learnt; படித்திருக்கேன், I had learnt; படித்திருப்பேன், I shall have learnt. Thus—

அங்கே போய் இருக்கிறுன்.

He has gone there.

ஒருவன் பதினுபிரம் வராகன் வைக்கிருந்தான் (209, 224, 294). A certain man had stored up ten thousand pagedas.

இன்றைக்குச் சாயங்காலம் நீர் வருகிறதற்குள்ளே அந்த வேலே பை முடித்திருப்பேன். (439).

I shall have finished that work, before you come this evening.

though formed from the past tense, yet occasionally has the force of an English present participle. In the same manner, when it is prefixed to the past tense of ②西, the tense thus formed has sometimes the force not of a pluperfect, but of an imperfect past tense. Hence the tense ②中山东西南南 may not only mean I had made, but also—I was making. Thus—

ஒரு குசவன் பாண சட்டிகள் செய்து (629), விற்றுச் சீவனம் பண்ணிக்கொண்டு இருந்தான்.

A certain potter was getting his living (by) making and selling pots and pans. (Para. 399 (2)).

562. On the same principles as explained above, are constructed combinate forms of the verbal participle, and of the relative participles. Thus—

இவ்வாச்சரியம் .எல்லாம் பார்த்திருந்த காகம் அந்தப் புருக் களின் பின்னே போயிற்று (172, 183, 234, 268.)

The crow, which had seen all this wonderful affair, went after the doves.

இராச்சியம் ஆண்டுகொண்டிருந்த இராயனுடைய தாயார்இறந்து போனள் (150, 328, 579.)

The mother of the king who was ruling the kingdom, died—
i.e. The mother of the ruling sovereign died.

563. Such combinate forms as the following are also in common use-

அவ்வூரில் கடை வைத்துக்கொண்டிருக்கும் ஒரு வர்த்தகனிடத் தில் போஞர்கள்.

They went to a merchant who was keeping a shop in that village. This expression is practically equivalent to—who was a shop-keeper in that village.

564. These combinate forms are not so much used in Tamil as in English; and may often be sufficiently expressed in Tamil by a simple form. In modern Tamil they are more largely used, as they give greater precision of expression.

Remarks upon certain uses of the Tamil verbal Participle.

565. It has been already explained in Paragraph 397, that the verbal participle is specially used in Tamil to prevent a succession of finite verbs; and that where such a succession of finite verbs occurs in English, having the same subject throughout, all but the last are expressed in Tamil by verbal participles.

566. Exactly in the same manner, the verbal participle is used to prevent a succession of any such Tamil forms as can complete a clause; as for instance the infinitive mood (387), the relative participles, (405) relative participles with affixes (440), participial nouns (426), verbal nouns (462), and the conditional form (516). The subject of course must be the same throughout. The following are examples—

தேசார்தாம் போய்ப், பணம் சம்பாதித்துக், கலியாணம் பண் ணிக்கொள்ள ஆலோசித்தார்கள் (389, 489).

They determined to go to another country, and to get money, and to marry.

மழையிலேயும் காற்றிலேயும் அடிபட்டு, இரை கிடையாமல் இருந்த ஒரு நரி இரைக்கு வெளிப்பட்டு வந்தது (483, 485).

A certain fox which had been beaten about in the wind and rain, and had not obtained any prey, set forth to get some food. (Lit. for prey.)

இராயர் அவர்களே அழைப்பித்து, விசாரிக்கும்போது, நடந்த சங்கதிகளே எல்லாம் சொன்ஞர்கள் (455).

When the king sent for them, and made enquiry, they told him all that had happened.

ஆய்ந்து பாராதவன் காரியஞ் சாந்துயாந்தரும் (95, 266, 480).

The act of one who does not look and examine, will give trouble.

இராயன் அதை அழைப்பித்துக், கொடுப்பதற்கு முன்னே இற ந்துபோஞள் (439, 579).

Before the king could send for it, and give it to her, she died. (Lit. Before the king gave it, having caused it to be summoned.)

மாத்துக்காரன் சந்தடி அறிந்து, வீட்டி விருந்து அதட்டிக் கொ ண்டே ஓடி வருகையில் (237, 465), திருடன் அதை அறிந்து, மாத்தில் இறங்கிவந்தான் (237).

When the owner of the tree heard the noise, and came running out of his house, scolding (399), the thief perceiving it, came down the tree.

குடிகளுக்கு வாரக்கங் கொடுப்பித்துப் (492) பயிர் இடுவித்து (492) அந்தப் பணத்தைப் பகுதிப்பணத்தோடு சேர்த்தால் (516), அதனைல் குடிகளும், அவர்களால் அரசரும் பலன் அடைவார்கள்.

If you cause advances to be given to the cultivators, and (if you) cause them to get a crop, and (if you) collect the money (given in advance) together with the tax-money, by that means the cultivators, and through them the king, will obtain profit.

# Hints regarding the translation of Tamil into English, • and English into Tamil.

- 567. In connexion with the preceding remarks, the following hints regarding translation from the one language into the other, will be found useful—
  - 568. I. In Tamil, the verb is always placed last (344).
- 569. II. In Tamil, what is dependent always precedes that on which it depends (345).
- 570. III. When in English there are a series of finite verbs having the same subject, in Tamil all, except the last, are expressed by verbal participles (397).
- 571. IV. In English a subordinate clause or sentence is attached to the principle sentence by some connecting word placed at the beginning of it, as; when you come, I will give you that book. In Tamil, on the contrary, the connecting word or particle is always placed at the end of the subordinate sentence; as கீ வரும்போது, அந்தப் புஸ்தகத்தைக் கொடுப்பேண். (You come—when, that book I will give).

- 572. V. In English, when there are a series of subordinate clauses having the same subject, the connecting word is always placed at the beginning of the first clause, and is sometimes also repeated with each succeeding clause. In Tamil, when the subject is the same throughout, all except the last of such a series are expressed by verbal participles. For an example, see Paragraph 566, last sentence.
- 573. VI. When in Tamil there is either (a) a long and complicated subordinate clause,—or (b) a series of subordinate clauses—it will often be found best to translate them into English by a principal sentence, or a series of principal sentences; and then at the beginning of the English sentence which corresponds to the principal sentence in Tamil, to insert some word (e.g. then, therefore, etc.) which is equivalent to the particle concluding the Tamil clause. In other cases it will be found best to insert some short connecting sentence, including in itself what has preceded, e.g. As this was the case—while all this was going on—when they did so, etc. etc. The following are examples—

தன் பிதா இறந்த உடனே (447), இராச்சிய பட்டாபிஷேகம் பண்ணிக்கொண்ட ஒரு இராசகுமாரன் பயன் இல்லாத காரியங் களிற் செலவு செய்ய விரும்பியபோது (407, 455, 603), மிகுதி யாகப் பொக்கிஷத்தில் திரவியம் இல்லாமையால் (603), மந்திரியை அழைத்தான்.

A certain prince who had got himself crowned king immediately his father had died, desired to make expenditure upon things which were not of any use. Then, as there was not money in abundance in the treasury, he called for his Prime Minister. (Literally—Who had made for himself the royal-title-anointing.)

In this passage—"when he desired to make" etc. is changed in translation into—He desired to make etc. ... then."

''காப்பாற்றுத தொவியம் நாசம் ஆகும் (479, 587) விர்த்தி பண் நைதது குறையும் (480) ; தானும் அதுபவித்துச், சற்பாத்திரத்தில் செலவழியாதது வீண் ஆகும்,'' (566) எனச் சாஸ்திரம் இருக்கிறதி னும் (436, 535) — மேலும் இன்பமும் புண்ணியமும் கீர்த்தியும் யாருக்குண்டு (376), திரளாகப் பணங் குகித்தவர்களுக்கே உண்டு (428). இல்லாதவர்கள் உலகத்திலே கடைப்பேணம் ஆவார்கள், ஆகையினுலம் (594, 603).— மேன்மேலுஞ் சம்பாதிப்பதே யோக் செயம். (371, 436).

There is a Shaster, saying—"The wealth which a man does not preserve will be lost; that which he does not increase will decrease; that which he does not enjoy himself and spend upon a worthy person, will be to no purpose." Moreover, who has happiness, merit, praise? Those who have stored up money in heaps. Those who have it not, are like walking corpses on the earth. For these two reasons, the best thing is to acquire more and more (wealth).

The literal Tamil is—Both by reason of there being a Shaster etc.—and because they are like walking corpses etc. It is impossible to translate these clauses literally in English. The equivalent of them is given in the short inserted sentence—For these two reasons, etc.

### On Intensive Verbs.

- 574. Certain verbs are added to THE VERBAL PARTICIPLES of other Tamil verbs, in order to *intensify* their meaning. They are as follows—
- 575. N.B.—These intensive verbs must be carefully distinguished from *auxiliary* verbs, which are added to the INFINITIVE MOOD of other verbs.
- 576. The verbs and to leave (301) and Gun (306) to put, when added to the verbal participles of other verbs, intensify the meaning. The force of them may generally be expressed by an English adverb. Thus—

பின்பு அவனே அனுப்பிவிட்டேன். Afterwards I sent him away. முதனும் வட்டியு**ங்** கொடுத்து விடுகிறேன். (554). I will pay *up* both the principal and the interest.

577. The verb some to put (294), and occasionally the verb some to give (299) are also used in the same manner; thus—

அதைக் கட்டி வைத்தான்.

He tied it up.

கதவை மூடிப், பூட்டிட்டு, வெளியில் வந்தான் (397).

He shut the door, locked it up, and came out.

அவர்கள் போய்கிட்டார்கள்.

They went away.

578. The verb an to come (338), when added to the verbal participle of another verb, intensifies its meaning, by giving to it the force of continuity. Thus—

ஒருவன் இராஜாவுக்கு ஆருட்ம் சொல்லி, அனேக வெகுமா னங்களேப் பெற்றுக்கொண்டு வந்தான் (2, 399).

A certain man continued to get many presents (by) telling soothsaying to the king. Or—used to get, etc.)

சமஸ்த காரியங்களே நடப்பித்துக்கொண்டு வருகையில், இரா யர் அந்த வூருக்கு வந்து சேர்ந்தார் (465, 495).

Whilst they were continuing to cause all things to be carried on, the king arrived at the village.

579. The verb Qua to go (337), when added to the verbal participle of another verb, intensifies its meaning, by giving to it the force of completeness; it may often be expressed in English by an adverb. Thus—

அது வாடிப்போயிற்று (268). இறந்துபோஞள். It is withered away. She is dead.

On the verbs up and cur.

580. I. The verb  $\omega O$  to suffer (301) is frequently attached to a noun to form an intransitive verb. The causal form

படுத்து (494) is similarly used, to form a transitive verb. Nouns of the second declension when thus used, drop final ம். Examples — சந்தோஷப்படு to experience joy, i.e., to rejoice, சந்தோஷப்படு த்து to cause to experience joy, i.e., to gladden.

N.B.—Other uses of this verb are explained in Paragraphs 485, etc.

581. II. The verb போ to go (337) is sometimes attached to a noun to form a verb. Examples தித்திரைபோ to go asleep, மோசம் போ to be cheated.

582. The infinitive Gurs is used as a postposition meaning except, with the exception of. Thus—

அந்த நிலம் போக, மற்ற நிலம் என்னுடையது (374).

With the exception of that land, the remaining land is mine.

N.B.—Other uses of this verb are explained in Paragraphs 484, 524, 579.

On the verb a or as

583. The verb  $\underline{\mathscr{A}}$  or  $\underline{\mathscr{A}}$  to become (336), and several of the parts derived from it, are used idiomatically in various ways. Some of these uses have already been explained e.g.  $\underline{\mathscr{A}}$  508,  $\underline{\mathscr{A}}$  368 to 374, etc.

584. (1). This verb is sometimes used in the sense of to be finished, or completed. Thus—

அதின் வாய்தாவும் ஆயிற்று (240, 268).

The term also for it has ended. (Or elapsed).

கெடு ஆனவுடனே போய்விட்டான் (447, 577).

As soon as the date had expired, he went away.

585. In close connexion with the above meaning, this verb is sometimes affixed to the verbal participle of another verb to express completion. Thus—

கீர் சொன்னதெல்லாம் செய்தாயிற்று. (183, 268, 434).

All that you said has been done.

- **குரு உபதே**டித்து ஆனவுடனே போய்**கிட்**டார். (577).
- As soon as the teacher had finished teaching, he went away.
- 586. (2). The past tense of this verb is sometimes used very idiomatically with a verbal noun. The expression is almost equivalent to the past tense of the verb from which the verbal noun comes; only it denotes a more continuous action. Thus—
- இன்னஞ் சம்பாதிக்கவேண்டும் என்கிற ஆசையிஞல் ஆலோசிக் கல் ஆஞன், எப்படி என்முல்—(541, 545).

With a desire which says—"I must get more," he became a considering—how if I say—i.e. With a desire to get more he meditated as follows. Compare the English expression "He fell a thinking."

587. (3). (a). This verb is often used with a noun in the nominative case, to form the predicate. Thus—

காப்பாற்றுத் திரவியம் நாசம் ஆகும் (479).

The wealth which a man does not preserve will be lost. Lit. Will become a loss.

- (b). Much in the same manner, this verb is used sometimes as equivalent to DT preceded by  $y\dot{u}$  (368) to express the English copula. Thus—
- புத்தியீனர்கள் புத்தியாகச் செய்வதும் விபரீதம் ஆம். Even that which fools do as wisdom is the opposite. i.e. "The wit of fools is folly."
- 588. (4). (a). ஆம் (and colloquially ஆமா) is sometimes used in the sense of yes, in reply to a question. It is better to avoid this use of the word. See Paragraph 652 (b). Sometimes also ஆம் is added to a sentence to denote certainty; as அங்கே பெண்கள் இல்லே ஆம். There certainly are no women there.
- 589. (5). and, the future participial noun, neuter gender, is sometimes used to introduce a sentence, and may then be translated by the English word thus. When thus used, it is

attached to a neuter participial noun. As—அவன் சொன்னதா வது. He spoke thus—or. What he said was—

- 590. (6). The relative participle ஆன, when added to an abstract noun, transforms it into an adjective. See Paragraph 193. Thus சிறப்பு beauty, சிறப்பான உடுப்பு a beautiful garment literally, a garment which is beauty.
- 591. In the same manner ஆன (or ஆசிய, another form of the relative participle) is used, where in English one noun stands in Apposition to another noun. (It is, however, often omitted in the common dialect). Thus—அவன் குமாரனையே இராமன். His son Rama. தர்ம சொருபன் ஆகிய களச்சக்கொவர்த்தி. King Nala, the personification of justice.
- N.B.—It will be observed that in the above examples as the meaning of who is or who was (587 b;) and that the literal translation would be—Rama who is his son.
- (7). Some uses of 35 have been explained in Paragraphs 233, 246, 373, 528, and also its use in forming an optative in Paragraph 529.
- 592. The word as is also used idiomatically for summing up; and may then be expressed in English by altogether, or in all, or total. Thus—
- அசல் அர்ஜி—க; டவுல் சாகுபடிக் கணக்கு—க; ஆக— உ—உம், இத்தாடன் அனுப்பியிருக்கிறேன் (204, 560). இத்தாடன் is for இதன்+உடன் (232). I have herewith sent the original petition—1; the account of the estimated cultivation—1; in all—2.
- 593. A form made by adding ஆ≢ or ஆய் to a neuter participial noun, is often used to connect a subordinate clause with the clause to which it is subordinate. In many cases this form

is equivalent to a finite verb followed by என்ற, as explained in Paragraph 532. Thus—

என் மேலே உங்களுக்கு தயவு தப்பி இருக்கிறதாகத் தோன்று கிறது (560).

It appears as if your favour towards me was failing.

மேற்படி ஜாகை முக்கால் வரிசை எரிக்குபோய்விட்டதாயும், அதிலை தனக்கு ரூபாய் ச பெறமான சாமான்கள் சேதப்பட்டு போனதாயும் சொன்னன் (226, 577, 579).

He said that one-third part of the said place had been burnt up, and that owing to it, he had lost property of the value of 4 rupees.

N.B.—Here விட்டதா என்றாம், and போனதை (or போயிற்று) என்றும் might be used.

- 594. (8). அகையால் or ஆகையிலைம் (145) and ஆகலால், the instrumental cases of the verbal nouns ஆகை and ஆகல், literally mean by it being so. They are constantly used in the sense of the English words therefore, or wherefore.
- 595. (9). The conditional form and i (or And ), which literally means if it be so, is constantly used in the sense of the English words but or if.
- 596. (10). The forms ஆனுவம், and ஆயினம், and ஆகிலும், which literally mean—although it be so (525) are constantly used in the sense of the English word nevertheless.

N.B.—For other uses of the above words, see Paragraphs 179, 242, and 243.

597. (11). The word asses, the emphasised form of the infinitive mood literally means—as it is so (391). It is used in the sense of the English word therefore.

On the roots ear, and and ani.

598. The root உள் expresses existence. It appears in the expression நான் உள்ளவும் as long as I live. See Paragraph

460. In the poetical dialect only there is a full tense 20 m in I exist. The following parts derived from this root, are in common use—

உண்டு, which is explained in Paragraph 365.

உள்ளது, which is used in the sense of it is true i.e., it really exists.

உள்ள the relative participle.

உள்ளவன், உள்ளவள், உள்ளது etc. etc. the participial nouns.

- 599. The relative participle உள்ள is sometimes used in the sense of it is true; as உள்ள கதை a true story. The same meaning is also sometimes attached to the neuter participial noun; as உள்ளது சொல்லு. Speak the truth.
- 600. The most common use of உள்ள is to express possession. Hence when it is added to an abstract noun it transforms it into an adjective (193). Thus அவர் கீதியுள்ள கியாயாதிபதி. He is a just judge. Literally—He is a judge possessing (to whom there is) justice.
- 601. The participial nouns frequently take the same meaning, as explained in the last paragraph. Thus அவன் விசுவாசம் உள்ளவன். He is a trustworthy man.
- 602. N.B.—The negative of உள்ள is expressed by அற்ற, the past relative participle of அற (300); as திக்கு a refuge, திக்கற்ற பாவி, a wretch without any refuge; இரக்கமற்றவன் a merciless man.
- 603. From the root @so, which denies existence. i.e. which negatives the subject, are derived the following parts—

இல்கே, which is explained in Paragraph 366.

இல்லது, a singular third person neuter.

இல்லாமல். இல்லாது (or இல்லா) and இன்றி, verbal participles இல்லாத (and இல்லா) a relative participle. இல்லாதவன், இல்லாதவள், இல்லாதது (or இல்லது) etc. etc. participial nouns.

இல்லாமை a verbal noun (482).

604. The verbal participle இல்லாமல், and less frequently இன்றி, are used as postpositions signifying without. Thus—

தடை யில்லாமல் பணம் கொடுத்தார்கள்.

They gave the money without hesitation.

605. From the root and which denies quality. i.e. which negatives the predicate, are derived the following parts—

அல்ல, which is explained in Paragraph 369.

அல்லது, a singular third person neuter.

அல்லாமல், அல்லாது (or அல்லா) and அன்றி, verbal participles.

அல்லாத (and அல்லா) a relative participle:

அல்லாதவன், அல்லாதவள், அல்லாதது or அல்லது etc. etc. participial nouns.

அல்லாமை a verbal noun.

- 606. The verbal participle அல்லாமல், and less frequently the verbal participle அன்றி, are used in two ways, as follows—
- 607. (A) Firstly, அல்லாமல் (or அன்றி) is used in the sense of except, besides, but. In this case, the word preceding it takes emphatic ஏ (378). It is then always followed by a negative verb, and the corresponding positive verb is always implied with the words preceding அல்லாமல். Thus—

இந்தப் பிள்ளயே அல்லாமல் வேறே சாட்சி யில்லே. (Here before அல்லாமல் the words சாட்சி ஆய் இருக்கிறது are implied).

Except this child, there is no other witness. This implies —This child is a witness, but there is not another witness.

தன்பமே அல்லாமல், இன்பஞ் சம்பவிக்கமாட்டாது.

(Here before அல்லாமல் the word சம்பவிக்கும் is implied.)

Happiness will not result, but affliction (will result).

நளமகாசாதா என்கிற வசனமே அல்லாமல், வேறே வசனம் இல் லாமல், அவர்மேலேயே செர்தையாக இருந்தாள் (373).

Without any other word except the word—"King Nala," she has her thoughts fixed upon him alone.

608. (B) Secondly, அல்லாமல் (or அன்றி) is used, where in English we use the expression not only.....but also. In this case the word preceding அல்லாடில் takes the affix உம் (239). In this idiom, the word preceding அல்லாமல் is usually a neuter participial noun. Thus—

அவன் பட்சமாய்ப் பேசினதுமல்லாமல், பிச்சைகளேயுங் கொடு த்தான்.

Not only did he speak favourably, but he also gave some

- 609. N.B.—Instead of அல்லπωώ, the words கூகி and ωμω are sometimes used in sentences like those explained in the preceding paragraph.
- 610. The words அல்லாமல் and அன்றி take the affix உம், and are then used as conjunctions at the beginning of sentences, in the sense of besides, moreover. Sometimes also they are added to அது or இது, in which case the உம் is attached to them; as அல்லாமலும், or அன்றியும், அதுவுமல்லாமல் besides this.
- 611. The word அல்லது is sometimes used, where in English the word or is used. Thus—

இதை செரி, அல்லதை தெப்பிதம். This is (either), right or wrong.

# CHAPTER XI.

### Supplementary Information.

#### ON THE ALPHABET AND ORTHOGRAPHY.

- 612. The letter & (also written 本), called ஆய்தம், is inserted by Tamil grammarians between the vowels and the consonants. It is only used in poetry, and has a ch sound; thus இஃத, a poetical form for இத, is pronounced ichdhu.
- 613. In ordinary native writing the dot over a consonant is often omitted.
- 614. Tamil grammarians divide the 18 consonants into three classes as follows—
  - (1). வல்லினம், or strong class, viz. க, ச, ட, த, ப, p.
  - (2). டுமல்வினம், or soft class, viz. ங, ஞ, ண, க, ம, ன.
  - (3). இடையினம், or middle class, viz. ய, ா, ல, வ, மு, எ.
- 615. Abbreviations are used in Tamil; and a list of those most commonly in use are given in the appendix.

### ON THE INSERTION AND CHANGES OF LETTERS.

- 616. With reference to Rule VI, Paragraph 93, it is useful to remember that the letters க, ச, த, ப are never inserted, when the first word is a relative participle, a finite verb, a vocative case, a word ending in emphatic C, or interrogative ஆ, or அ, or the postpositions, உடைய, ஓடு, இலிருந்த, இனின்று.
- 617. These letters are always inserted when the first word is போய், or ஆய், or verbal participle ending in இ (395), or ending in உ preceded by a double consonant; as பேசிக்கொண்டான், செத்துப்போனுன்.

618. With regard to changes of letters, as for instance those given in Paras. 94 and 95, many more will be found in the poetical dialect. With regard to them Rhenius in his Tamil grammar says—

"It is evident that these changes form a part of that system of artifices, by which the ancient Hindoo literati excluded the common people from understanding their writings, making them too perplexing to be studied by everyone; hence it is that they are not strictly observed in the common intercourse of life; and it is to be wished that they were altogether banished from the language."

- 619. As some of these changes have found their way into the ordinary dialect, a few of them are added as illustrations—
- 620. (a). When final ன் and ல் are followed by த், the two letters become ற்ற். Thus பொன் gold, and தக்டு a plate, become பொற்றக்டு a gold plate; கடல் the sea and திரை a wave, become கடற்றிரை a sea wave.
- 621. (b). When final or is followed by st the two become ட்.
  Thus நாள் a day and தோறும், become நாடோறும் daily.
- 622. (c). When final ல is followed by க், they each become ல், Thus கல் good and தால் a rule, become கன்னால் a good rule.
- 623. (d). When final sim is followed by is the latter also becomes sim; thus sim the eye and bir water, become sim sim tears; sim cold and bir water become sim sir cold water. These two compounds are both in common use.
- 624. Sanscrit compounds are sometimes introduced into Tamil, with the compounds formed according to the rules of Sanscrit grammar. The following are the most common examples—

When final அ is followed by initial அ or ஆ, the two become ஆ; thus பஞ்ச and அங்கம் become பஞ்சாங்கம் a calendar.

When final அ is followed by initial இ the two become ஏ; thus—சுச and இந்திசன் become சுசேந்திசன் the god Indra.

When final அ is followed by initial உ the two become அ; thus—சூரிய and உதயம் become சூரியோதயம் sunrise.

#### ON NOUNS.

625. According to native grammars a noun has eight cases (104); as follows—

| 1st          | case | Nominative    | மரம்                |                                  | a tree.      |
|--------------|------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 2nd          | . ,, | Accusative    | மரத்தை              |                                  | a tree.      |
| 3rd          | ,,   | Instrumental  | <b>ம</b> சத்தால்    |                                  | by a tree.   |
|              |      | Social        | மா <i>த்தோ</i> (    | 9 (232)                          | with a tree. |
| 4th          | ,,   | Dative        | ம <i>ரத்து</i> க்கு | 5                                | to a tree.   |
|              |      |               | மா <i>த்து</i> க்க  | ாக (233)                         | for a tree.  |
| 5th          | ,,   | Motion (from) | மரத்தில்,           | <b>யா</b> த்திலிரு <b>ந்து</b> , | from a tree. |
|              |      |               | or மாத              | <b>த்தினி</b> ன் <b>று</b> (237) |              |
| 6th          | ,,   | Genitive      | மாத்தின்,           | மாத்தினுடைய,                     | of a tree.   |
|              |      |               | gramm               | atical மரத்தி                    |              |
|              |      |               | னதை (               | 146)                             |              |
| $7 	ext{th}$ | ,,   | Locative      | மாத்தில்,           | மா <b>த்</b> தினிடத்தில்         | in or at a   |
|              |      |               | (238)               |                                  | tree.        |
| 8th          | ٠,,  | Vocative      | மசமே                |                                  | O tree.      |

626. In the higher dialect, the *inflectional base* is sometimes used as a locative case. Thus—

இதைக்கேட்டு, புருக்கள் எல்லாம் போய், நிலத்து இறங்கி, வூலயில் அகப்பட்டன (329).

On hearing this, all the doves went, and alighted on the ground, and were caught in the net.

627. In the higher dialect, some nouns admit of a kind of conjugation, besides declension i.e. they change in form, when connected with a pronoun of the first or second person. The Telugu student will at once recognize this as the universal rule

in that language, whereas in Tamil it is only used in the higher dialect. Thus, for instance, அவன் பாகி means He is a sinner (368), but if the subject be நான், then the form would be as follows—நான் பாகியேன். These forms are made by affixing the personal terminations of the verbs (260) to the inflectional base of a noun.

628. In the common dialect the word yq  $u\dot{s}$  is frequently used, which is formed as above from the word yq a foot, and means—I, your humble servant. Thus—

தங்கள் ஆசீர்வாதத்தினுலே அடியேன் சுகமாய் இருக்கிறேன் (168, 372).

By your blessing, I your humble servant am well.

- 629. Sometimes in Tamil two or more nouns, instead of taking the conjunction sin, are formed into a compound expression, with the sign of the plural affixed; as una sin pots and pans.
- 630. In very colloquial Tamil, a noun is sometimes reduplicated, to give it a kind of comprehensive meaning. The latter word generally takes the consonant s. Thus Cums a table, Cums a table etc. Compare the English expressions hokus pokus, heggledy piggledy.

#### ON VERRS.

631. In the higher dialect, instead of the medials இற and க்குறு (257) the forms இன்று and ஆகின்று are sometimes used in the present tense and present relative participle; as படிக்கின்றேன் etc. or படியாகின்றேன் etc. etc.

#### ON VULGARISMS.

- 632. In common conversation several vulgarisms are used, which will be easily learnt by familiarity with the colloquial language. The following are illustrations—
  - 633. (a). The letters  $\dot{r}$  and  $\dot{p}$  are sometimes interchanged.

The letters  $\dot{p}$   $\dot{p}$  are sometimes changed into  $\dot{s}$ ,  $\dot{s}$ ; as காத்த for காற்று wind. The letter  $\dot{p}$  is sometimes changed into  $\dot{m}$  in Tinnevelly, and into  $\dot{w}$  in Madras; as கோளி or கோய் for கோழி a fowl. The letters  $\dot{m}$   $\dot{p}$  are sometimes changed into  $\dot{m}$   $\dot{m}$   $\dot{m}$ ; as நண்ணு for நன்று one (204).

- 634. (b). The termination இறது of the third person neuter of the present tense is changed into குத; as கடக்குது for கடக் இறது; இருக்குது for இருக்கிறது.
- . 635. (c). The medial த்து of the past tense is changed into ச்சு; as படிச்சேன் etc. for படித்தேன். Hence for the verbal participle படிச்சு is used for படித்து.
- 636. (d). The termination பிற்ற (268) of the third person neuter of the past tense is changed into ச்சுத or ச்சு; as போச்சது or போச்சு, for போயிற்று; ஆச்சுது or ஆச்சு for ஆயிற்று.

#### ON SYNTAX.

837. The past participial nouns ஆனவன், ஆனவள் etc. from ஆ to become, and the future participial nouns என்பவன், என்பவள் etc. from என் to say, are sometimes added to nouns (and specially when they are the subjects of sentences) without any actual meaning, but merely to throw emphasis upon them. The present participial nouns அதேறவன், etc. and என்தெறவன், etc. are also used in the same manner in colloquial Tamil. Thus—ஒரு இராச குமாரன் ஆனவன் மக்திரியை அழைத்து, etc. (Lit. One who was the son of a king).

A certain prince called his prime minister, and etc.

இராயன் என்பவனுடைய தாயார் இறந்துபோனுள் (579).

The mother of a certain king died. (Lit. One who was named Irayan).

638. In Tamil, when there are a series of NOUNS of the same class (i.e. all rational beings, or all neuters) instead of affixing sub to each of them, it is common to put them all in the nomi-

native case, and then to add the words என்ற இவர்கள் (these namely) or என்பவர்கள் (those named), if the series of nouns denote rational beings, and என்ற இவைகள் or என்பவைகள் (431), if they be neuters. These final words alone are put in the case required by the construction of the sentence. Thus—

சாத்தன், கொற்றன் என்பவர்களுக்கு அறிவிப்பேன் (492).

I will inform Sathan and Kottan. (Lit. I will cause it to be made known to S. and K.)

பொன், வெள்ளி, ஈயம், இரும்பு, என்பவைகளே அவனுக்குக் கொடுத்தார்கள்.

They gave him gold, silver, lead, and iron.

639. Where the whole of a series of nouns is not specified, in English the expression "etcætera", or "and others," or "and the rest" are used. The same meaning is expressed in Tamil by the use of the relative participle (முதலான or முதலைய. Thus—

தேவேந்திரன் முதலான தேவர்கள் எழும்பிஞர்கள்.

Indra, and the other gods rose up.

பொன் முதலானவைகளே அவனுக்குக் கொடுத்தார்கள்,

They gave him gold, etc.

640. When there are several SUBJECTS to the same verb, if they are all of the same class (i.e. if they all denote rational beings, or are all neuters) உம் is attached to each, and the verb is put in the plural. Thus—

புருடர்களும் ஸ்திரீகளும் பிள்ளகளும் வணங்கிஞர்கள்.

Men, women, and children worshipped.

641. But if the subjects include both rational beings and also neuters, the verbs must be repeated with each subject, or, in some cases, the postposition  $\mathfrak{SO}$  with may be employed. Hence—"Men and horses perished"—would be translated in Tamil thus—

**மனிதர் அ**ழிந்தார்கள், குதிரைகளும் **அ**ழிந்தன.

The men perished, and the horses also perished.

Or மனிதர் குதிரைகளோடு அழிக்தார்கள்.

The men perished, together with the horses.

642. If there are subjects of all three persons to the same verb, the verb is put in the *first person* plural. If there are subjects of the second and third person only, the verb is put in the *second* person plural. Thus—

நானும், நீரும், அவனும் போவோம்.

I, you, and he will go.

கீரும், அவனும் போவீர்கள்.

You and he will go.

643. When two or more centrive cases belong to the same noun, they cannot take the conjunction உம்; but the governing noun must be repeated after each genitive case, or they may all be put in the nominative case, followed by என்பவர்கள் or என்பவைகள், or by என்று இவர்கள் or என்று இவைகள். Thus—

சிவப்பு, பச்சை, டீலம், என்பவைகளுடைய தன்மை. The nature of red, green, and blue.

- 644. Besides the form of compound expressions explained in Paragraph 190, there is another form which is occasionally used, and of which the construction is very peculiar. The natural order appears to be reversed, and the first noun stands in the nominative case. Thus—ஒரு குடம் பாலக்கு ஒரு துளி உறை மேகர். One drop of sour buttermilk to a pot of milk. Probably this is a case of apposition, and the sentence literally translated would be—Sour butter milk—one drop, to milk—one pot.
- 645. The dative case is sometimes used in the sense of the English expression with reference to, or regarding. Thus—

பணம் செல்லாத்தற்கு, செட்டியார் இருக்கிறுர், காட்டுங்கள்.

With regard to the money not passing, there is the merchant, show it to him.

### இதற்கு என்ன செய்வது?

What must I do about this? Lit. That which one will do about this what (is it)?

646. The Infinitive mood and the verbal participle are sometimes idiomatically repeated to express a continuous action. Thus—

பார்க்கப்பார்க்க, வேடிக்கையாக இருக்கும் (373, 391.)

As a person kept gazing upon it, it was a pleasing spectacle.

தேம்பித்தேம்பி ஓயாமல் அழுதான்.

He kept sobbing and weeping unceasingly. Lit. He wept, sobbing, sobbing and not ceasing.

- 647. In the case of a few words, the first part is reduplicated to intensify the meaning; as πΘπΘώς to tremble greatly.
- 648. A peculiar idiom is occasionally used, which in form is equivalent to என் why? attached to the 3rd person masculine of the future tense, but used with a subject of any gender, number or person; as கீ அப்படி விரும்புவானேன்? Why do you wish thus? It is probably some contraction, and may possibly be a root noun, followed by ஆன (து) என்.
- 649. The word apai before and its equivalents (234) are sometimes affixed to a negative relative participle (479), which in this case drops the final  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ ; and sometimes to the dative case of a negative participial noun (480). See Paragraphs 439 and 459. Thus—

கீ இதைச் செய்யா முன்னே இங்கே வா. Before you do it, come here.

டீ இதைச் செய்யாததற்கு முன்னே இங்கே வா. Before you do it, come here.

650. The word போல like or as (236) is frequently added to

a neuter participial noun; as செய்கிறதுபோல like the doing. Sometimes also it is added to the conditional form (516). Thus—

முத்து மாஃகள் உதிர்ந்தாற்போல, அன்னப்பகூகள் இறங்கி வந்தன (320).

The swans descended like the dropping of pearl garlands.

- 651. N.B.—Sometimes also such forms as the following are used, செய்கிருப்போல, செய்தாப்போல, and செய்யுமாப்போல, which are composed of the relative participles, followed by ஆ and போல.
- 652. In Tamil, an answer is usually given by repeating the verb of the question; or by repeating the noun of the predicate, if the question be in the form of a sentence in which there is no verb, the copula being understood (368). Thus—
- Q. அவன் வந்தாஞ? Has he come? A. வந்தான் Yes; literally—He has come; வசனில்ல No; literally—He has not come (474) Q. அது மாமா? Is that a tree? A. மாம்தான் Yes; literally—It is a tree (169); மாமல்ல, No; literally—It is not a tree.
- 653. The verbs வாங்கு and சொள் mean to receive, and the person from whom anything is received takes the postposition இடத்தில். The verbs அடை and பேற mean to obtain, and the person through whose instrumentality anything is obtained, is put in the instrumental case. See last example in Paragraph 566. Thus—

ஒரு சூடியானவன் ஒரு செட்டியினிடத்தில் கடன் வாங்கி இரு ந்தான் (560, 637).

A certain householder had received a loan from a certain merchant.

அவனுல் அதை அடைந்தேன்.

I obtained it through him—or—by his means.

654. Verbs signifying to give, to make known, to teach, and

to consent, in addition to an object in the accusative case, take also a dative case of the person. Thus—

அஞ்ஞானிகளுக்கு ஞானத்தைப் போதித்தான்.

He taught wisdom to the ignorant.

அதை உங்களுக்கு அறிவிப்பான் (492).

He will make this known to you—or—He will inform you of this.

655. The intransitive verbs கிடை to be obtained, சம்பகி to happen, இரங்கு to be merciful, பயப்படு to be afraid, govern a dative case. Thus—

அது எனக்குக் கிடைத்தது.

I have got it. Literally—That has been obtained to me.

எனக்கு இரங்கும் (253).

Be merciful to me.

அவனுக்குப் பயப்படுகிருர்கள் (580).

They are afraid of him.

656. The verb என் means to say. When it is necessary to express the person addressed, the verbal participle பார்த்த or கோக்கி is used. It may be compared to the English word "addressing". Thus—

சந்நியாசி செ**ம்படவ**ீனப் பார்த்**து**, "கீ எப்போது கரை ஏறு வாய்?" என்றுன் (534.)

The hermit said to the fisherman—or—The hermit addressing the fisherman, said—"When will you ascend the bank" Literally—Looking at the fisherman.

657. The verb Cus means to speak. The person addressed takes the postposition & Or 2-Com with. Thus—

அதைக்குறித்து அவஞேடு பேசுவேன்.

I shall speak to him about it.

658. The verb சொல்லு (சொல்) means to tell (326).

When the object to the verb is expressed by a noun, the person addressed is put in the dative case, or takes the postposition &O or 2... Con with. Sometimes also the postposition Quisão is used. Thus—

எங்களுக்கு நியாயங்களேச் சொல்லும் (253).

Tell us the reasons. Literally-Tell to us the reasons.

அந்தச் சங்கதியை அவஞேடு சொன்னேன்.

I told the matter to him.

659. Sometimes the verb Θεπώω is used in the sense of the English verb to name; and it then governs an object in the accusative case. Thus—

ஒரு தோழி பெயரைச் சொல்லி, ஒரு தோழியை அழைப்பாள் (399).

She would call one companion, naming the name of another.

660. When  $Q = \pi \hat{N} \hat{M}$  is preceded by an infinitive mood, the person is put in the objective case. Thus—

குதிரைக்காரீன வரச்சொல்லு.

Tell the horsekeeper to come.

661. The verb சேன் to ask may take a double accusative. Thus—ஒரு சிக்கெணக்கார2ணக் கடன் கேட்டான்.

He asked a miser for a loan—or—He asked a loan of a miser.

- 662. Sometimes, however, the person takes the postposition இடத்தில்.
- 663. The student should carefully enter in a note book, and commit to memory, all the idiomatic expressions with which he may meet in reading and conversation. Being peculiarities of expression and not of grammar, they cannot be dealt with in a grammar, and therefore a few illustrations only are added.

சேவகன் அவனே இன்னை என்று அறியாமல், ''என்ன மாத் தைப் பார்க்கிருய்?'' என்றுன் (174).

The servant not knowing who he was, said-" Why are you

looking at the tree? Literally—The servant not knowing him's saying "he is such an one," said What are you looking at the tree!

மாணத்துக்கு இடம் ஆசிய புலியின் கிட்டப் போகல் ஆகாது (509, 591).

One must not go near a tiger, as it is a great risk of life—Literally—Which is a place for death.

மாணத்துக்கு நாலண்டையும் வழி. (அண்டை a side) 217.

We are exposed to death on all sides. Literally—There is a way to death on the four sides.

இவ்வுலகத்தில் மனதோத்த மித்திரஞே சம்பாஷிக்கிற இனும் வேறே ஆனந்தம் ஏது? (மனது + ஒத்த 335).

What greater pleasure is there in the world, than conversing with a congenial friend—Literally—In this world, what is another pleasure, than conversing with a friend whose mind agrees.

அவள் என் பங்கிலே வாத்தக்கதாக தயவு பண்ணி இரட்கிக்க வேண்டும்.

You must protect me, and show favour to me, so that she may fall to my lot.

Here as is affixed to siss., the neuter participial noun formed from the past relative participle of set to be fit. When this expression is added to the infinitive of another verb, it expresses purpose.

# CHAPTER XII.

# Appendix I.

### ABBREVIATIONS.

Abbreviations are frequently used in Tamil, specially in business and legal papers. The principal of these are given in the following table—

| English.                            | Tamil word.          | Abbreviation.          |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| A Rupee                             | ரூபா <b>ய்</b>       | <b>@L</b>              |
| An anna $(\frac{1}{16}$ of a rupee) | <b>4</b> :           | 24                     |
| A pie $(\frac{1}{12}$ of an anna)   | பைசா                 | பை                     |
| Total (592)                         | ஆக                   | <b>%_</b>              |
| A measure (wet or dry)              | கலம்                 | €mr                    |
| A weight of 500 lbs.                | பாரம்                | டு                     |
| A yard                              | கஜம்                 | <b>ക</b> _             |
| A square yard                       | குழி                 | 5                      |
| Number                              | கம்பர் (English word | <i>l</i> ) <i>I</i> ₅⊾ |
| A year                              | வருஷம்               | <b></b>                |
| A month                             | மாசம்                | B                      |
| Date (i.e. Day of the month         | ) தேதி               | உ                      |
| Current                             | <b>நாளது</b>         | Tol .                  |
| Aforesaid                           | மேற்படி              | தை                     |
| Wet cultivation                     | <b>நன்செய்</b>       | . <i>ஈ</i> றவ          |
| Dry cultivation                     | புன்செய் •           | புது                   |
| Long-lived (a polite title          | to                   |                        |
| a junior)                           | சொஞ்சி <b>வி</b>     | For                    |
| Most honourable                     | இராச இராசஸ்திரி      | ന്ലന്മ                 |
|                                     |                      |                        |

## Appendix II.

#### ON GRAMMATICAL TERMS.

- (I). Alphabet அரிவரி, letter எழுத்தை, short letter குறில், long letter செடில், dipthong இணை, vowel உயிர் எழுத்து, consonant மெய் எழுத்து, compound letter உயிர்மெய், primary form of a letter முதல் எழுத்து, secondary form சார்பெழுத்து, the dot over a mute consonant புள்ளி.
- (II). Grammar இலக்கணம், orthography எழுத்**கியல் (இய**ல் means *chapter)*, etymology சொல்லியல், syntax *தொட*ரியல், prosody யாப்பியல், rhetoric அணி இயல்.
- (III). A noun பெயர்ச்சொல், an adjective உரிச்சொல், a numeral எண்ணூரி, cardinal தொகை எண், ordinal முறை எண், pronoun பிரதிப்பெயர், adverb விணையுரி, particle இடைச்சொல்.
- (IV). A casal affix is called உருபு, and a case is வேற்றமை, nominative case எழுவாய், vocative case விளிவேற்றமை. The other cases are numbered e.g. accusative case இரண்டாவது வேற்றமை (218) etc.

Rational nouns are called உயர்தினே (high caste), and are divided in the singular (ஒருமை) into ஆண்பால் (masculine) and பெண்பால் (feminine). Plurals of masculine or feminine nouns are called பலர்பால். Irrational nouns are called அஃறினே; Neuter singulars are called ஒன்றன்பால், and neuter plurals பல வின்பால். The single word plural is expressed by பன்மை.

(V). A transitive verb is called அறகின, an intransitive verb தன்னின. Causal, passive, reflexive, and auxiliary verbs all come under the term துணைவினே (help-verb). Defective verbs are called குறைவினே.

A finite verb is called முற்று விளே; and those parts which have no personal termination are called எச்சம் (defect). This term

includes the conditional, the infinitive, the verbal participle (which are all called அனே எச்சம் because they require a finite verb to complete the meaning)—and the relative participles, (which are called பெயர் எச்சம், because they require a noun to complete the meaning). The imperative mood is called எவல், the optative mood, வியங்கோள், a verbal noun தொழிற்பேர், and the negative form எதிர்மறையொழி.

Conjugation is called வினேமுற்று, a root பகுதி, a personal termination விகுதி, a medial (257) இடைநிலேச்சொல், the three tenses, முக்காலம் (212), the present tense நிகழ்காலம், the past tense இறந்ததாலம், the future tense எதிர்காலம், the three persons முவிடம், the first person தன்மையிடம், the second person, முன்னிலேயிடம், the third person, படர்க்கையிடம்.

(VI). Insertion of letters தோன்றல், transmutation of letters, திரிதல், omission of letters தெடுதல்.

# Appendix III.

### ON DAYS, MONTHS, AND YEARS.

The day, distinguished from the night, is called  $\iota \iota s \dot{s}$ , and the night  $\mathfrak{D}^{\sigma \tau}$ .

A day consisting of 24 hours is called  $\varpi n \circ n$ , when considered as a part of the month; but  $\varpi \wp \varpi \omega$ , when it is considered as a part of the week.  $\wp \varpi \omega \mathscr{B}$  or  $\wp \varpi \varpi$  means the day or date of the month, marked  $\varpi$ ; it is called  $\mathscr{B}\mathscr{B}$ , with respect to the age of the moon.—The day is divided into 60 parts, called  $\varpi n \wp \varpi \varpi$ , vulg:  $\varpi n \wp \varpi$ , which is equal to 24 minutes. The night, viz., from sunset to sunrise, is divided into 4 parts, called  $\varpi n \omega \omega$  or  $\varpi n \omega \omega$ .

The week is called Symu or antio. It consists, like ours, of 7 days, which receive their names from the 7 planets called

கோகம், in which the Hindoos include the sun: to these names, the term கிழமை is added; as:

| ஞாயிறு,      | the Sun,  | ஞாபி <i>ற்று</i> க்கிழ <b>மை,</b> | Sunday.    |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| தெங்கள்,     | the Moon, | திங்கட்கிழமை,                     | Monday.    |
| செவ்வாய்,    | Mars,     | செவ்வாய்க்கிழமை,                  | Tuesday.   |
| புதன்,       | Mercury,  | புதன் கிழமை,                      | Wednesday. |
| <br>வியாழம், | Jupiter,  | <b>விபா</b> ழக்கிழமை,             | Thursday.  |
| வெள்ளி,      | Venus,    | வெள்ளிக்கிழமை,                    | Friday.    |
| சனி,         | Saturn,   | சனிக்கிழமை,                       | Saturday.  |
|              |           |                                   |            |

The month is called  $\omega \pi_{\mathcal{S}}\dot{\omega}$  or  $\omega \pi_{\mathcal{S}}\dot{\omega}$ , and marked  $\omega^{\sigma}$ . The first month of the year is  $\mathcal{F}_{\dot{\mathcal{S}}}\mathcal{F}_{\partial \mathcal{S}}$ . They are 12 in number, as follows—

| 1-  | — சித்திரை,              | half of | April and May.         |
|-----|--------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| 2—  | —வைகாசி, ∶்              | · do.   | May and June.          |
| 3—  | —ஆனி,                    | do.     | June and July.         |
| 4   | $-3\phi$ ,               | do.     | July and August.       |
| 5—  | —ച്ചുഖ <del>ത്തി</del> , | do.     | August and September.  |
| 6   | _பு <b>ரட்டா</b> சி,     | do.     | September and October. |
| 7—  | —ஐப்பசி, (vulg: அற்பசி)  | do.     | October and November.  |
| 8—  | —கார்த்திகை,             | do.     | November and December. |
| 9   | <b>–</b> மார்கழி,        | do.     | December and January.  |
| 10— | —ை <b>த</b> ,            | do.     | January and February.  |
| 11— | <b>⊸</b> மாசி,           | do.     | February and March.    |
| 12- | — பந்களி.                | do.     | March and April.       |

N.B.—The year is called வருஷம் and marked . When the age of a person is meant, வருஷம் is not used, but வயத or வயசு or பிசாயம்; which literally signifies age: For instance, I am 10 years old, must be rendered by எனக்குப் பத்த வயதண்டு, not பத்த வருஷம்; but, I was born 10 years ago, must be expressed by வருஷம், viz. கான் பிறந்த பத்த வருஷமாயிற்று (402).

The Hindoos have a cycle of 60 years, each of which has its own peculiar name. The English date A.D. is now so generally used in India, that it is not necessary to give the names of the Hindoo years.

# Appendix IV.

### ON THE POINTS OF THE COMPASS, AND SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC.

A region or point in the horizon is called Some or Sites. The four chief points are—

குழக்கு The East. மேற்கு The West. தெற்கு The South.

The four intervening angles are called up 20, viz.

தென்பெற்கு, South-East. தென்மேற்கு, South-West. வடமேற்கு, North-West. வடபெற்கு, North-East

The signs of the Zodiac are called gar a. Their names are these:

மேலும் or மேடம். Aries கன்னி. Virgo. ரிஷபம் or இடபம், Taurus துலாம், Libra. மிதுனம். Gemini விருச்சிகம், Scorpio. கற்கடகம், Cancer. தனுசு, Sagittarius. இங்கம், Leo.

### Appendix V.

### TABLE OF RELATIONSHIPS.

The father's called தகப்பன், அப்பன், தக்தை or பிதா. The father's brothers, do. do. But the elder brother of the father, பெரியப்பன்.

— younger do. செற்றப்பன்.

The mother, தாய், ஆபி, அம்மாள், ஆய்ச்சி, அம்மை.

The mother's sister, do.

But the mother's elder sister, பெரிய ஆயி.

do. younger do. கின்ன ஆபி.

The grand-father, both on the father and mother's side, பாட்டன்.

The grand-mother, both on the father and mother's side பாட்டி, பேர்த்தி.

The father's sister,
The mother of one's wife or husband,

The brother of the mother, அம்மான், தாய்மாமன்.

Brothers and sisters, கூடப்பிறந்தவர்கள் or சகோதார்கள்.

The elder brother (of the same father and mother) அண்ணன், தமையன்.

The younger brother of (do.) sing.

The elder sister of (do.) அக்காள் or தமக்கை

The younger sister (do.) தங்கச்சி or தங்கை.

The husband, நாயகன், கணவன், மணவாளன், கொழுநன், பருத்தா or பத்தா, அகமுடையான், (vulg: ஆமுடையான்,) &c.

The wife, பெண்டாட்டி, மணவி, நாயகி, தாரம்.

A brother-in-law, மைத்துனன், (vulg: மச்சினன், மச்சான்,) it means also a cousin, who is the mother's brother's son or the father's sister's son.

A sister-in-law, மைத்துனி, (vulg: மச்சினி, மச்சினிச்சி,) also the wife's younger sister, or the younger brother's wife; also a cousin, who is the mother's brother's daughter, or the father's sister's daughter.

The wife's elder sister,

கோழுக்கி.

The husband's brother.

கொழுந்தன்.

The husband's sister.

நாத்தனர்.

Persons who have married two sisters, call each other சகலன்.

Persons who have married two brothers, are called ஒய்ப்பிடியார், ஓசகத்திமார்.

Several women, married to one man, call each other சக்களத்தி.

A father-in-law, மாமன்.

A mother-in-law, LDTLA.

A son-in-law, மருமகன், also the son of a man's sister or of a woman's brother.

A daughter-in-law, மருமகள், also the daughter of a man's sister, or of a woman's brother.

A grandson, பேரன், பேரப்பிள்ளே.

A grand-daughter, பேர்த்தி, also a sister's grand son.

N.B.—This is taken from the grammar of the Rev. C. T. Rhenius.

## Appendix VI.

### ON THE SPECIAL USE OF CERTAIN WORDS.

(1). The Tamil language has several nouns to denote the infancy of men, or of animals, or of trees, which must not be used promiscuously. Thus infants and children are called குழக்கை, and பின்ன, which last is also used of young Palm trees; as தென்னம்பின்னே. The word குஞ்சு is used of birds, of mice, of fishes, and of insects; thus புறுக்குஞ்சு a young pigeon; சோழிக்குஞ்சு a chicken; எலிக்குஞ்சு, மீன்கு ஞ்சு, etc. etc. The common appellation for the young of four-

footed animals is குட்டி. Thus கிங்கக்குட்டி, குதினாக்குட்டி, காய்க்குட்டி, பூணக்குட்டி, etc. It is also used of serpents; as பாம்புக்குட்டி. The calves of cows and buffaloes cannot be called simply குட்டி, but we must say கன்ற or கண்றுக்குட்டி: thus, பசுவின் கன்ற or பசுவின் கன்றுக்குட்டி; எருமைக் கண்ற or எரு மைக் கன்றுக்குட்டி. But of horses and asses we may say either குட்டி or மதி: thus, குதினாமதி, கழுதைமதி. Of harts, camels and elephants, we may say either குட்டி or கன்று; மான்கன்று, நட்டைக்கன்ற, யாணக்கன்று. Lastly, of all plants, whilst they are little (the Palm tree excepted), we must use the word கன்று: மாங்கன்ற, வேப்பங்கன்ற, புனியங்கன்ற, முருங்கைக்கன்ற, &c.

(2). In order to denote the male and female sex, the Tamil people use the words ஆண், and பெண்; and this can be said of every creature, also of animals and birds: however, if it is said absolutely, it is supposed only of men, for whom they also add the word பின்னே. Thus, ஆண் பின்னே, பெண் பின்னே; yet this does not signify a male or a female child, but absolutely, a man or a woman: and when பின்னே is thus added, it cannot be said of other animals.

The male of birds is called சாவல், the female பெட்டை, and these two words are placed before or after the specific name of every bird: thus, சாவற்கோழி or கோழிச்சாவல், a cock; பெட்டைக்கோழி or கோழிப்பெட்டை, a hen; சாவற்புரு, a male pigeon; பெட்டைப்புரு, a female pigeon, &c. With regard to four-footed beasts they vary: the male calf of oxen is called காலாக்கண்று, the female, கடாரிக்கண்று. If they be greater than calves, the male is simply called காலா, the female கடாரி. But when they are, fit for work, then the ox is called எருது, the cow பசு. The bull is called பொலியெருது. The male of buffaloes in every age is called கடா, to which, if it be small, they add கண்று, கடாக்கண்று: the female they always call எரு

கைமை, and if it be small, எருமைக்கன்று. The male of horses and asses is called குண்டு; thus, குண்டுக்குத்னா, குண்டுக்கழுதை, the female கோளிகை; thus, கோளிகைக்குத்னா, கோளிகைக்கழுகை. The female of other quadrupeds are called with one common word பெட்டை: thus, பெட்டையாடு, பெட்டைமான், பெட்டைய்யூண், பெட்டைகாய், &c. But with regard to the male they vary: for the male of dogs, cats, foxes, monkies and such like, they call கடுவன்; of harts கூல; of sheep and goats கடோய்.

N.B.—This is taken from the grammar of the Rev. J. Beschi.

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