

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

ĀyasmataĀ Ācariyena Vījitadhammena (Wijithadhamma)  
Siri Laṅkāya Siri Jayavaḍḍhanapura Vissavijjālayamhi  
Pāli-Sogata Ajjhayanamse Jeṭṭhakathikācariyabhūtena

**Uddeso**

Āṅgalīsadese London nāma nagare (idāni pana Bristol nagare) paṭiṭṭhitā Pāli Gnatha Samiti (PTS) nāmesā samiti pana atippākaṭā ceva vidūhi susambhāvitā ca pañcatimṣādhikaṃ sataṣaṃvaccharam. Pali-Buddha dhammassa atha vā Theravāda-Buddhadhammassa sāram mūlaganthānusāreneva nīatukāmānaṃ pacchima-desavāsikānaṃ esā samiti mahadupakāraṃ katā Pālibhāsāya racitānaṃ mūlaganthānaṃ sodhanena ca muddāpanena ca tesam parivattanena ca sārasaṅgahassa pakāsanena cāti. Kiṃ bahunā. Tassā sevā pana mahatī eva.

Sirilankāya saha tassā Pali Gantha Samitiyā sambandham paunrāvaloketum ahamettha vāyamāmi ambhādisānaṃ bhikkhujanānañca tumhādisānaṃ gihī-odātavaśānañca ussukkatthāya Pālibhāsāya ca Pālisāhiccassa ca vaḍḍhanasamvaḍḍhanavisaye.

### **Pali Gantha Samitiyā Samārambho**

Ito pañcatisādhikasatasamvaccharato pubbe (1881) *Thomas William Rhys Davids* nāma paṇḍito Āṅgalīsadese London nāma nagare Pālighatha Samitiṃ samārabhi. So ekasahassa-aṭṭhasatādhika-catusaṭṭhivasse Laṅkādīpamupāgami. Tasmim samaye amhākaṃ raṭṭhaṃ Āṅgalīsajātikehi paripālitaṃ. Tadā so paṭhamataram rajjasevāya niyutto ahosi takkālaṅkaṇḍukārakassa puggalika-lekhakādhikāradhuraṃ vahanto. Pacchā nītiññu ahosi Laṅkādesse dakkhiṇabhāge Gāluṇāma padese. Tasmim adhikaraṇadhure kiccaṃ kārente tadāsanne ekassa vihārassa yaṃ kiñci adhikaraṇaṃ tassa sammukhamāpannaṃ. Taṃ vupasametum sutavinayaṃ ñātābbanti paṭijānāsi. Teneva kāraṇena so Pālibhāsam uggaṇhitābbanti tīresi.

Ekūnavīsate me vohārasatavasse Sirilānkādīpe vusitapubbesu viditasatthesu nītabahubhāsāsu sadhāsīla sutaccāgapaññādiguṇehi samupetesu bahussutesu mahāttheresu mahāpaṇḍito'ti pakaṭṭo Yātrāmullagāmajo Dhammārāmo mahātthero tassa manoratham sādhesi pālibhāsam uggaṇhāpetvā. Tato pubbe *Robert Caesar Childers*, nāma āṅgalajātiko ca tassa therassa santike Pālibhāsam uggaṇhi. <sup>1</sup> So mahāsayo Rhys Davids paṇḍitassa duvassato pubbe Laṅkādīpamāgamma ticatuvassānamantare kālenakālam Dhammārāmena mahāttherena Pālibhāsam uggaṇhi. Tassa paṇḍitavarassa Pālibhāsuggahaṇakicce kāriyasādhanatā *'Dictionary of Pali Language'* nāma Pāli-Āṅgalīsa saddakosato daṭṭhūm sakkā. So paṇḍito attano saddakosassa saññāpane etassa mahāttherassa Pālibhāsāya kosallattam atīva vaṇṇitam. Tattha vuttanayena Childers paṇḍite tasmim saddakose kārente tayo Laṅkāvāsino mahadupakārena tassa anuggahimsu. Tesu Laṅkikesu pamukho eso Yātrāmulle Dhammārāmo mahātthero hi. <sup>2</sup> Aṭṭhārasādhikadvesattati vohāravasse tena paṇḍitena pakāsitassa *Indian Antiquary* nāma pakāsane ca Dhammārāma therapādassa paṇḍiccaṇṇa taposīlādiguṇādayo ca kittimukhena vaṇṇito. <sup>3</sup>

Rhys Davids mahāpaṇito tassa *Hibbert Lectures*  
nāma kathāmālāya āyasmato Dhammārāmassa  
bhāsāppabhāvañca kosallattañca anekākārena  
sandassitaṃ hoti.<sup>4</sup> Tenetaṃ tattha vuttaṃ.

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

Tassa Rhys Davids paṇḍitassa pubbadassita-  
vacanānusārena Dhammārāmattherassa gurubhūmikā ca

accudāramanussattañca sammā paridīpiyate. Sattaṭṭha vassaṃ Pālibhāsamuggaṇhitapubbo so rajjasevāya ca ajjhāpanassa ca yena kenaci ghaṭṭhanaṃ nissāya rajjasevaṃ pahāya Āṅgalīsadesaṃ agamāsi. Viggo Fausball, R.C. Childers, Hermann Oldernburg iccādīhi takkālinamahāpācīnaṇḍitehi saddhīṃ pācīnasattha gavesane niyutto ahosi. Pubbavuttesu ṇḍitesu Fausball mahāsayo aṭṭhārasādhika-sattasattatimassa vassassa pubbe'va Jātakapāliya paṭhamaṃ khaṇḍaṃ muddāpesi. Hermann Oldernburg mahāsayo Vinayapīṭakapāliṃ muddāpesi. Etādisānaṃ mahāṇḍitānaṃ sevanabhajana payirupāsanehi samuttejito sampahaṃsito Rhys Davids ṇḍitavaro aṭṭhārasādhika-ekāsītivasse idaṃ Pāli Gantha Samitiṃ samārabhi. Tasmīññeva vasse *Hibbert Lecturers* nāma desanamālaṃ pavattetuṃ Amerikādesaṃ gato so attano kathāsu tassā samitiyā sappayojanatā ca Pālibhāsāya racitaganthānaṃ muddāpane mahapphalatā ca avadhāresi.

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

adhikārimaṇḍale sāmājikā abhaviṃsu. U.B. Brodrigg mahāsayo ca W.W. Hunter mahāsayo ca lekhakaḥ bhaṇḍāgārikadhurāṇi vahimsu.

## **Pali Gantha Samitiyā Samārambhe Sirilaṅkāya Upakāratā**

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

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

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

Pāli Gantha Samitiyā paᅇhamena sabhāpatinā eva tattha  
vuttākārena Siri Laᅇkāyaᅇ aggappattā paᅇditā  
theravarānaᅇ mūlyādhāreᅇva tassā samitiyā paᅇhamam  
s̄arasaᅇgaᅇ muddāpitaᅇ. Tasmā jānantaᅇyasmantā Siri  
Laᅇkikānaᅇ bhikkhūnaᅇ bahūpakāratā London Pāli  
Gantha Samitiyā samārambhakakiccakiriyāsu.

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

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

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



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

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

Tasmim samitiyā sabhāpatissa pubbadassitavacanā nusārena takkālīmasadesikānaṃ Sihaḷadīpikānaṃ anuggahassa sabhāvaṃ sammā paridīpiyate. Gaṇācariyo Vimalasāratthero pamukho hutvā Laṅkādīpato tālapaṇṇapotthakāni Pāli Gantha Samitiyā pesitabhāvaṃ tattha vuttaṃ. Tattha sandassitākārena tasmim eva samaye Laṅkāya dakkhiṇabhāge Rattagāme sirigaṇe

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

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

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

### **Vīsatime vohārasatavasse Siri Laṅkikānaṃ sambandho**

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

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

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

pabbajitvā attano ācariyānaṃ Pālibhāsaiṃca Tepiṭaka  
dhammaṃca sammā uggaṇhi. Daharova samāno so  
āyasmā Marammaratṭhaṃ gantvā tattha mahāpaṇḍitehi  
therehi ca sātṭhakathaṃ Tepiṭakaṃ Māgadhī  
byākaraṇaṃca pariyāpuni. Tattheva laddhūpasampanno  
ahosi. Puna Laṅkāḍīpamāgama attano pālibhāsā-  
paṇḍiccaṃ pākāṭikaronto pālighantha sodhane ca  
parivattane ca niyutto ahosi. Tasmim samaye London  
Pāli Gantha Samitiyā padhānabhuātā sirimatī Rhys  
Davids nāma mahāpaṇḍitavantiyā ca tāya pacchā tattha  
padhānattamāpannāya I.B. Horner nāma dhīmatiyā  
saddhiṃca lekhaṇa pesanavasena anekesu kiccakiriyesu  
byāvaṭo.

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

Tettiṃsavassaṃ tena Buddhadattena tisata-  
ppamāṇāni lekhaṇāni likhitapubbāni tāya samitiyā.

Aḍḍuḍḍhasatappamāṇa-paccuttarāṇi ca laddhāni tāya samitiyā.

London Pāligantha samitiyā Samārambhaka sabhāpatibhūta *Rhys Davids* mahāpaṇḍita *pacchā* eso mahātthero tasmim samāgame padhānattamāpannāya sirimatiyā *Rhys Davids* nāma mahāpaṇḍavantiyā ca tāya *pacchā* tattha padhānattamāpannāya *I.B. Horner* nāma dhīmatiyā ca saddhiṇca ovādadānavasena lekhaṇa pesanena ca ganthasodhanena ca vasena anekesu kiccakiriyesu byāvaṭo ahosi.

**Pāligantha samitiyā tena sodhitā ganthā**

Anuruddhācariyassa Nāmarūpaparicchedaṃ (1914)

Buddhadattācariyassa Abhidhammāvatāraṃ (1915)

Rūpārūpavibhāgaṃ (1915)

Vinayavinicchaya-Uttaravinicchayadvayaṃ (1927)

Buddhaghosācariyassa Sammohavinodanī nama  
Vibhaṅga Aṭṭhakathā (1923)

Upasenācariyassa Saddhammapajjotikā nāma  
Niddesaṭṭhakathā (1931)

English-Pāli Dictionary (1955)

Mohavicchedanī (1961)

Jinakālamālī (1964)

Tasmā tassa Buddhadatta mahāttherassa pālibhāsā pañdiccaṃ nissāya desadesantaresu Laṅkāvēsīnaṃ theravarānaṃ sukittirāvaṃ abbhuggatanti veditabbaṃ. Tasmim kāle London Pāligantha Samitiyā bahupaṇḍitā Buddhadatta mahāttherassa upakāreṇeva pāligantha saṃsodhanādi sabbakiccāni akariṃsu.

Thapetvā Aggamahāpaṇḍitaṃ Buddhadatta mahāttheraṃ aññe'pi viññū theravarā ca gahaṭṭhapaṇḍitā ca ganthasodhanena vā parivattanena vā tassā samitiyā anuggahiṃsu. Tesam kiccaṃ saṃkhepena dassayissāmi. Paṭhamaṃ ganthasodhanaṃ āgacchati.

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

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

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

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

Athāparaṃ Siri Laṅkikehi katāni aññānīpi pākaṭāni katipayāni kiccāni adho sandassiyamānākārena vedittabbāni. Tāni saddakosarūpens vā nāmāvalrūpena vā dissate.



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

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

### Āntikapāṭhāni

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<sup>1</sup> Guruge, Ananda, W.P., From Living Fountains of  
Buddhism, Published by the Ministry of  
Cultural Affairs, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 1984,  
introduction-iii

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

<sup>3</sup> Paññāvāsa, M., *Bemtoṭa Vanavāsa*  
*Mahāvihāravamsaya*, Printed by Saṃkha Press,  
Colombo

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