

## PREFACE

The Samskrit Education Society, Madras, has great pleasure in placing in the hands of scholars and students of Sanskrit the second volume of their publication *Kṛdantarūpamālā*. The first volume of this work was released about a year ago by Dr. C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, the President of the Society. It is a rare piece of good fortune to the Society, which owes its very inception to the blessings of the Acharya of Kanchi Kamakoti Pitha, that His Holiness will be sanctifying the grounds, premises and the new block of buildings of the Society by his *viṣaya-yātrā* there and also, on that occasion, releasing the second volume of this large undertaking of the Society.

It is gratifying to note that this project, the Concordance of Verbal Derivatives, has been welcomed by the scholarly world; the reviews as well as the demand for the copies have been very encouraging. However, a feeling of sadness has unavoidably come into the work of the Society by reason of the unexpected demise of Sastraratnakara Kulapati Pandit S. Ramasubba Sastrigal who was the first Head of the Department of Teaching and Higher Studies at the Society. He was a distinguished traditional Pandit and the foremost scholar in *Vyākaraṇa* in the South and the availability of his services was one of the primary reasons for the Society undertaking this major long-term project. On the occasion of the release of the second volume of the work, the Society would like to place on record its deep sorrow and the sense of loss sustained by the Society in the passing away of this eminent *Paṇḍita*.

Fortunately Sri Ramasubba Sastrigal had not only compiled the greater part of the work but had also, during his stay at the Society's teaching centre, trained two younger scholars, Sri V. S. Srivatsankacharya and Sri T. K. Pranatartiharan. Both of them had already qualified themselves in *Nyāya* before they came to the Society; under Sri Ramasubba Sastrigal, they qualified themselves in *Vyākaraṇa*, in accordance with the Society's scheme to train young Pandits equipped in one *Śāstra* to become proficient in a second *Śāstra*. Both of them were, from the beginning, assisting Sri Ramasubba Sastrigal in the preparation of this Concordance and after the demise of Sri Sastrigal, have been continuing the work.