

CRITICAL NOTICE.

In preparing the present edition of the *Vikramorvas'īyam* the following Mss. have been used.

G. This is written in Devanâgarî characters. It is an old Ms. Though the date is not given, it appears from the form of the letters and the nature and state of the paper to be about two hundred or two hundred and fifty years old, possibly older. So far as it goes it is very correct. Except the first ten or twelve pages, it does not appear to have been corrected by any one. It contains no chhâyâ or Sanskrit translation of the Prakrit passages, except of the portion which is contained in the first twelve pages, where one is sometimes given in the margin. The total number of leaves is 41. The colophon is : इति विक्रमेर्वशीये नाटके पंचमोऽंकः ॥ समाप्तमिदं विक्रमेर्वशीयं नाटकं ॥ ६ ॥ ६ ॥ ६ ॥ ग्रंथा ग्रंथ २०० संपूर्णः ॥ ६ ॥ शुभं भवतु । कल्याणमस्तु ॥ ६ ॥ ६ ॥ ६ ॥ ६ ॥ Almost all the Mâtrâs or signs of ए and ओ precede the consonants which those vowels follow, instead of being written over them as in modern Mss. The whole Ms. is in a perfect state of preservation. It has 11 or 12 lines on each side, and each line contains about 24 letters. As at the time I got this Ms. I thought it, as it was, the oldest of the Mss. I had, I took it as my guide and copied from it the text of this edition, and with the copy I collated

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