

was copied from a Telegu Ms. Evidences of this are to be found in many places. Thus, for instance, the cipher is used to indicate the doubling of a letter, generally a consonant, in the Prakrit parts, as उवल०बं for उवल०भं or उवल०दं. This cipher is sometimes given as in ordinary Telegu Ms. over the letter preceding, instead of between the letter to be doubled and its preceding letter. There are also some special evidences. Thus, on the second side of leaf 13, line 8, the King's speech runs thus : वयस्यांगुलीन्वेदेन दूष्येरन्नक्षराणि, which is only a mistransliteration of the correct passage in Telegu characters, in which (न्वे) and (स्वे) can easily be confounded. Again णं is often misrepresented by णि which is easily accounted for when it is borne in mind how णं and णि are similar to each other in Telegu. The beginning is श्रीवैकटेशाय नमः । वेदांतेषु &c. and the colophon : समाप्तमिदं कालिदासकृतं विक्रमोर्वशीयं नाम नाटकं ॥  
 ॥ ६ ॥                      ॥ श्री ॥                      ॥ ६ ॥                      अविदितपरदोषाः  
 ज्ञानयोग्यपूर्णः निजगुणकलिकाभिः ॥ स्वेदमामोदयनः ॥ परधनपरदारप्रोक्षिताः शेषकृत्याः  
 करकृतमपराधं क्षंतुमर्हति संनः ॥                      ॥ श्री ॥                      ॥ ६ ॥                      ॥ श्रीकृष्णा-  
 र्पणमस्तु ॥                      ॥ ६ ॥                      ॥ श्री ॥

These six Mss. agree with one another in one essential point, viz. that they all omit the Prakrit verses forming parts of the King's long soliloquy in the fourth Act. But besides the six I have also used two more Mss. viz.,

K. Which is a very excellent Ms, written in Devanâgarî characters, professing to have been copied by one Chintâmaṇi in Kâs'î, or Benares. It consists of very closely written 12 leaves having seventeen to twenty-one lines on each side with about 58 letters to the line. The Prakrit Passages have no *chhâyâ*. There are corrections made in the Ms. with *haritâla*, and red *geru* is frequently used as in A. It appears to have been used, and is very correct. The date is not given but the Ms. may be about two hundred years old. The beginning is the usual salu-