

HISTORICAL GRAMMAR
OF
OLD KANNADA

*(Based entirely on the Kannada Inscriptions
of the 8th, 9th and 10th centuries A.D.)*

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A work of this kind can be easily felt to be necessary from the point of view of the needs of Diachronic Linguistics for the scientific study of the Kannada language. It is hoped that these investigations in the diachrony of the Kannada language will be carried out further upto modern times, taking into consideration both inscriptions and literary works. The linguistic facts whose *diachronic relationships* are the objects of our investigations and which are the fixed points in historical processes are undoubtedly ascertainable from inscriptions and literature. It is needless to point here that similar investigations must also be proceeded with, in regard to the other cognate Dravidian languages, so that it will be made possible to produce comprehensive historical and comparative grammars as well as dictionaries. It is hoped that the attempt made here at the Historical Grammar of Old Kannada entirely based on the inscriptions of the 8th, 9th and 10th cent. A. D., will fit into this larger scheme.