Hero stone of Aravaḷa

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Summary

Quite destroyed hero stone that mentions Aravaḷa, (probably) son of Śrī Cōḻamahārāju.

Edition

〈1〉 svasti śrī cōḻamahārāju[ca. 1*]〈2〉 maganṟu Aravaḷamahā[ca. 3*]〈3〉 [ca. 2*]dipra[ca. 2*]khamu[ca. 3*]〈4〉 [1 lost or illegible line]

Translation

Salutation! Aravaḷamahā[...], son of Śrī Cōḻamahārāju [...].

Commentary

The text follows the edition of J. Ramayya Pantulu (1948, pp. 331–332, № 602) in absence of a picture. The dots used in the edition to indicate lost or unintelligible characters can not clearly be attributed to a certain quantity of characters (one dot may indicate one or more lost or unintelligible characters). The Annual Report informs us that the inscription was found on a hero stone and states that it "[s]eems to record the death of another hero called Ara[va]ḷa-Mahēndra Raṭṭaguḍi, a subordinate of Chōḷa-Mahārāja" (ARIE 1917–18, p. 82).

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The inscription was noted in the Annual Report (ARIE 1917–18, appendix B/1917, № 798) with a summary of the content and edited by J. Ramayya Pantulu (1948, pp. 331–332, № 602) without translation. K. M. Sastry, while relying on J. Ramayya Pantulu's edition, gives the following summary: "Mentions Aravaḷa, son of Cōḷamahārāja." (Sastri 1969, p. 333).

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