

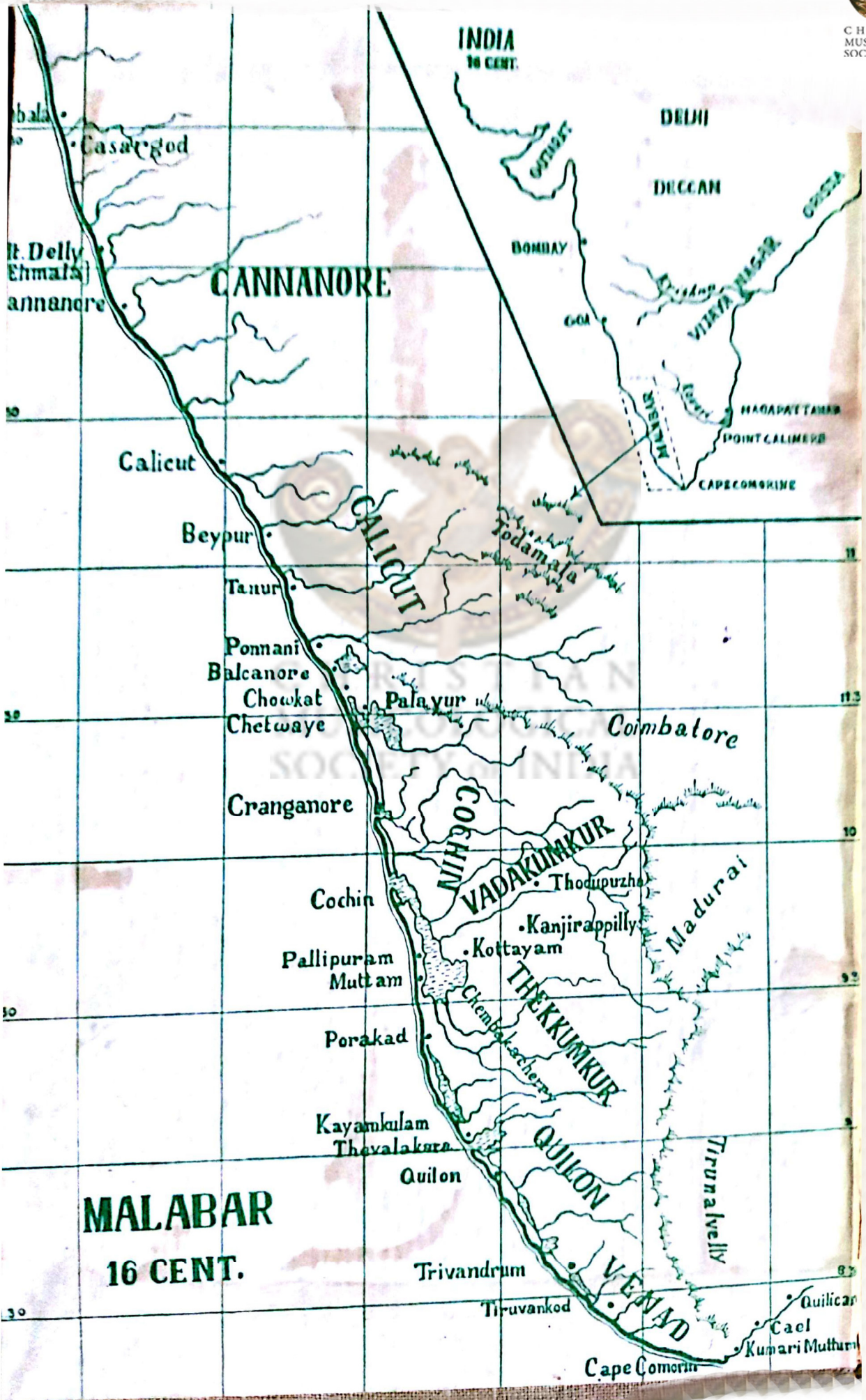


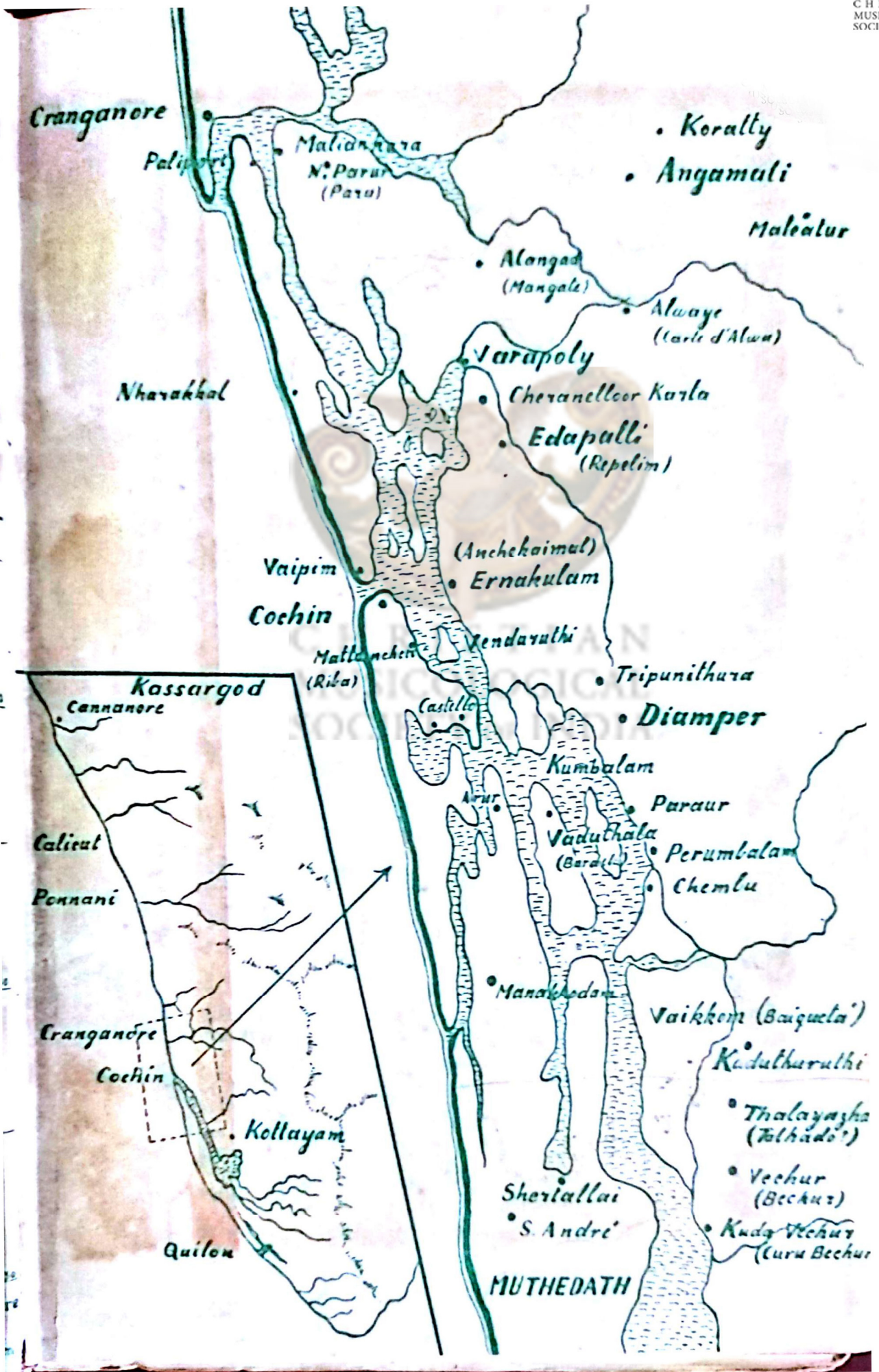
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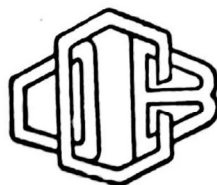
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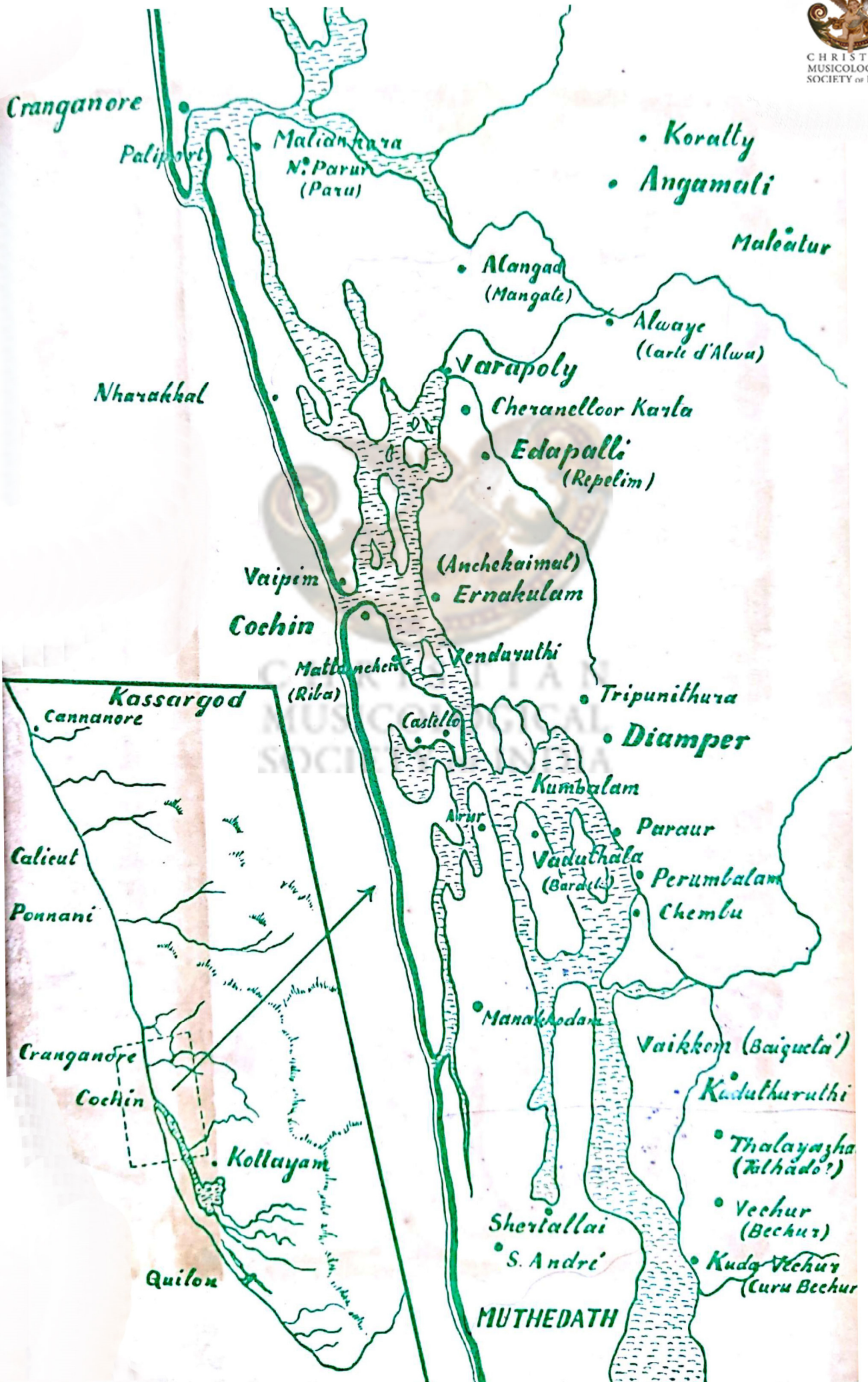
Two points are treated in the present volume: the question of the tomb of Saint Thomas in Mylapore, now a suburb of Madras, and the history of the Christians of Saint Thomas after the death of the apostle up to the arrival of the first Latin missionaries in the Middle Ages.

In his introduction to the first point the author gives a short review of the different opinions about the apostolate of Saint Thomas in India without entering into a critical evaluation of the arguments given for or against it. Then follows the question of the tomb in Mylapore, which is treated *in extenso* according to the published and unpublished sources from the second to the 18th century, which we have collected and hope to publish in the near future in their original texts. Of the greatest importance are here the Portuguese reports about the discovery of the tomb in 1517, about its opening by order of the Portuguese king in 1522 and about the local traditions concerning the apostle and his tomb for which Christian and non-Christian witnesses were called in 1533.

In the second part of the book Portuguese and Indian sources are examined for the chief event in the history of the Christians of Saint Thomas: their exodus from Mylapore to the South Coast of India, the arrival of Thomas of Cana and the foundation of the community of Cranganore, which gave origin to the two divisions of the Nordists and Sudists, the coming of the brothers Sapor and Prot and the community in Quilon, the fallen-away communities in Kerala and the Syrian Church at Cape Comorin. Then the author describes the social and the socio-ecclesiastical life of the Christians of Saint Thomas, their cult and liturgical life, and their attitude towards the Latin rite and the Portuguese efforts of Latinization.



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