

OBITUARY

DANIEL HENRY HOLMES INGALLS (4 MAY 1916 – 17 JULY 1999)

Daniel H.H. Ingalls, the Wales Professor of Sanskrit at Harvard University, died on 17 July 1999 of heart failure at the Bath County Community Hospital in Hot Springs, Virginia at the age of 83. His death was announced in the *Boston Globe* (21 July 1999) and the *New York Times* (22 July 1999), and made known among academic circles all over the world by his successor, Professor Michael Witzel, on 23 July 1999.

Born in New York and raised in Virginia, he graduated from Harvard University in 1936 and was soon appointed to a Junior Fellowship (1939). He studied symbolic logic under W.V. Quine and went to Calcutta for the study of the Navya Nyāya with Kālīpada Tarkāchārya (1938–1941). His fellowship, however, was interrupted by the Second World War, during which he served overseas as an Army code breaker in the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). After the war he returned to Harvard, where he held the age-honoured chair of Sanskrit and Indian Studies (Assistant Professor 1949, Associate Professor 1954 and full Professor 1958–1983) which had been occupied by his two predecessors, C.R. Lanman and W.E. Clark.

For 35 years he was an inspiring teacher for several generations of students at Harvard University, and nurtured many scholars, both inside and outside the United States. His many-sided interests might be best illustrated by the great diversity of topics of some fifty doctoral theses he supervised, as is listed in the *Indo-Iranian Journal* 27 (1984), pp. 224–225 by Professor J.W. de Jong. The same variety of branches of Indian studies can be seen again in the topics of 14 contributions to his Festschrift (*Sanskrit and Indian Studies, Essays in Honour of Daniel H.H. Ingalls*, edited by M. Nagatomi et al. (eds.) Dordrecht 1980) and those of 19 articles in another Festschrift prepared by E. Bender (*Indological Studies Dedicated to Daniel H.H. Ingalls*, Special Issue, *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, Vol. 105, Number 3, July–September 1985). He also enjoyed academic friendship with D.D. Kosambi, V. Raghavan, J. Brough, J.W. de Jong, J.A.B. van Buitenen and J. Gonda.

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As a scholar, he is mainly known as the author of two books of outstanding merit: *Materials for the Study of Navya Nyāya Logic* (Harvard Oriental Series, Vol. 40, 1951) and *An Anthology of Sanskrit Court Poetry* (Harvard Oriental Series, Vol. 44, 1965). After his retirement, he also published *The Dhvanyāloka of Ānandavardhana with the Locana of Abhinavagupta*, together with J.M. Masson and M.V. Patwardhan (Harvard Oriental Series, Vol. 49, 1990). As is evident from these publications, he studied Indology from the highly abstract intellectual treatise of Gaṅgeśa, through Epics and Kāvya (Vidyāpati), to the minute analysis of aesthetic experience (Abhinavagupta). With perfect command over language, he approached Indian philosophy with keen insight and he appreciated Sanskrit literature with refined sensitivity. Located between these two extremes are his fine contributions to law, religion (Buddhism and Hinduism) and particular words, as is revealed by his 27 articles and 21 reviews which are listed in the *Indo-Iranian Journal* 27, pp. 224–225.

He was the Chairman of the Department of Sanskrit and Indian Studies at Harvard, the Editor of the Harvard Oriental Series, and a member of the board of the Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute for many years. He also served as President of the American Oriental Society (1956–1960), and his name was listed as a member of the editorial boards of the *Indo-Iranian Journal* and the *Journal of Indian Philosophy* from the very beginning.

As is well-known, the *Indo-Iranian Journal* was started by J.W. de Jong and F.B.J. Kuiper in 1957 with five scholars of international reputation on its Editorial Board, L. Alsdorf (Hamburg), H.W. Bailey (Cambridge), L. Renou (Paris), S.M. Katre (Poona) and D.H.H. Ingalls (Cambridge, Mass.). In the course of time, however, the Journal had to replace them, whenever one of these scholars passed away. It was only in Volume 42, No. 3 (July 1999) that we read an obituary of S.M. Katre written by H.Ch. Patyal. It is indeed regrettable to note that the name of D.H.H. Ingalls as the last member of the original Editorial Board will finally disappear from the Editorial Board of our Journal.

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A detailed description of his academic activities can be found in,

- (1) *Indo-Iranian Journal* 27 (1984), pp. 223–227 by J.W. de Jong.
- (2) *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 105 (1985), pp. 387–389 by Sheldon Pollock.

In addition to the list given above, two obituaries, one for his close friend and another for his favourite pupil, were written by his hand.

1. J.A.B. van Buitenen, in *Studies in Indian Literature and Philosophy*, collected Articles of J.A.B. van Buitenen, edited by Ludo Rocher (Delhi 1988), pp. xix–xxii, originally published in *Newsletter of the American Oriental Society* No. 4, September 1981.
2. In Memoriam Bimal Krishna Matilal 1935–1991, *Journal of Indian Philosophy* 19 (1991), pp. 227–228.

Post-script: Originally, it was expected that Professor J.W. de Jong, an old friend of Professor Ingalls, would undertake the task of writing this obituary. Due to his unexpected demise, the present writer took his place.