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A Critical Edition of the Iḷampūraṇar's commentary on the Collatikāram. Comparative studies of Tamil and Sanskrit grammars. Development of Tamil grammatical tradition.

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