The 19th and 20th centuries witnessed the emergence of a new social order in South Travancore under the impact of diverse social, economic and cultural influences. Even towards the end of the 18th century the traditional social structure had become to show signs of tottering and the proposed thesis titled, “The Social Reform Movements in South Travancore 1806 – 1936” deals with the various stages by which the new social order was ushered in.

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