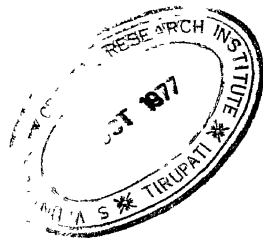


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PREFACE

AS can be seen from the preface to Prof. Sten Konow's edition of the Kharoshthī Inscriptions¹, more than thirty years ago arrangements were concluded for the preparation of a volume of early Brāhmī and Kharoshthī Inscriptions in *CII*. The joint editorship of this volume was entrusted to Professors Lüders (Brāhmī inscriptions) and Rapson (Kharoshthī inscriptions). In 1922, however, Prof. Rapson relinquished his post on account of other engagements, and Prof. Konow took over the charge and succeeded in bringing out the volume referred to above on Kharoshthī inscriptions in about six years.

The task of Prof. Lüders was more comprehensive, as the number of early Brāhmī inscriptions was comparatively greater than the number of Kharoshthī inscriptions. Moreover Prof. Lüders could not devote his whole time to this work as he was preoccupied with many other problems of Indology, though for the last twenty years of his life he tried his best to fulfil the responsibility he undertook. Shortly before his lamented death on 7th May 1943, when he was already seriously ill, he requested Prof. E. Waldschmidt to continue his work on Brāhmī inscriptions and bring his unfinished task to an end. After the death of Prof. Lüders, Mrs. Lüders handed over the unfinished manuscript of the work on Brāhmī inscriptions and other similar manuscripts on different subjects to Prof. Waldschmidt. As Prof. Waldschmidt was then in the military service, all this manuscript-material was put into trunks and kept securely in a safe in the Berlin Academy, of which Prof. Lüders was a prominent member and head of the Oriental Commission. Later, these trunks, together with other precious material in the Berlin Academy, were brought for security purposes into a mine at Bernburg. After the war, in the summer of 1945² the trunks were plundered and their contents scattered, with the result that some of this valuable material was lost in the confusion. What remained was collected by an official of the Berlin Academy and was again entrusted to the charge of Prof. Waldschmidt.

After putting this material into proper order and on inspecting it, Prof. Waldschmidt noticed that in the material before him there was nearly nothing from the second group of Brāhmī inscriptions which is styled as "Southern Inscriptions" in Prof. Lüders' List and which begins with the number 962. Evidently Prof. Lüders intended to publish the Northern and Southern Brāhmī Inscriptions separately in two volumes, and it was obvious that he first worked only on the northern inscriptions. Even the manuscript of Prof. Lüders on Northern inscriptions was not complete when it came to the hands of Prof. Waldschmidt, and there were many lacunae which needed to be filled in. It is difficult to decide whether these lacunae were already there as Prof. Lüders had not worked out these parts or whether they were results of the plundering and mishandling of the trunks. It seems, however, certain that Prof. Lüders had not written the introduction to his intended volume treating the questions relating to the different eras and other points of general interest. Similarly the treatment on language of the different groups of inscriptions as also the various indices were missing in the manuscript. The bulk of the manuscript as it then existed dealt with the Mathurā and Bhārhut inscriptions besides some other smaller groups and separate inscriptions of major importance. Hence Prof. Waldschmidt proposed in 1947 to the then Director General of Archaeology to publish the material in different fascicles, beginning with the Bhārhut

¹ *CII*, Vol. 2, Part I, Calcutta 1929.

² Shortly before the end of the war Mrs. Lüders had suddenly died on 13th of March 1945.

inscriptions as this was the most complete group in the manuscript of Prof Luders. The present work was undertaken after Prof Waldschmidt's proposal was accepted in a letter No. 21 A/12/49-4886 dated 11th April 1949 of the Superintendent of Publications, Department of Archaeology, Government of India, New Delhi

The year 1941 saw the publication of Prof Luders' book on "*Bhārhut und die buddhistische Literatur*" (Abhandlungen für die Kunde des Morgenlandes, XXVI, 3, Leipzig 1941), and in this book the author discussed many of the Bhārhut inscriptions. On comparing the treatment of certain inscriptions as contained in the unpublished manuscript intended for the *CII*, and in the published work on Bhārhut, it was found, that in some respects the latter showed an advance over the former. The published work contained in certain cases a more detailed discussion, besides a treatment of some general topics like the relation of Bhārhut sculptures to the Pāli texts, and a criticism of B. M. Barua's work on Bhārhut. Hence it seemed necessary to include this material in the present work at proper places, all the more so because copies of Luders' book on Bhārhut are no more available.

The recovered material of Prof Luders as far as Bhārhut is concerned comprised the treatment of most of the individual inscriptions. It has been supplemented with an introduction headed by Luders' criticism of Barua's *Barhut*, and continued by a treatment of general topics, like a discussion of the language, of the age of the inscriptions, and of the nature of the personal and place names. The index of the words has as well been added. In completing the manuscript of individual inscriptions, the originality of Luders' text has been retained as far as possible. Minor changes and additions were often necessary, but have not been indicated at all places. Similarly the supplementing of the text made with the help of the published work of Luders on Bhārhut has not been distinguished as such. The inscriptions, however, on which any treatment whatsoever was missing in the manuscript have been so indicated in the foot notes.

In the present text it was thought advisable to divide the inscriptions into two main groups: A donative inscriptions, and B inscriptions describing the sculptural representations, and so to arrange them anew. Consequently it was not possible to maintain the sequence of the numbers found in the List of Brāhmī Inscriptions, but these numbers from the List have been mentioned in brackets by the side of new numbers, and in addition a concordance of the old and new numbers has been attached.

In the year 1952, Dr M. A. Mehendale of the Deccan College Research Institute, Poona (India), arrived at Göttingen and joined Prof Waldschmidt in his work on Bhārhut inscriptions.

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Postscript 1958: When our manuscript was completed in 1954 we had not heard of the removal of as many as fifty-four pieces of the railing of the Stūpa of Bhārhut, discovered at Pataora and other villages near the modern village of Bhārhut, to the Allahabad Municipal Museum. These sculptures have been treated by Dr Satish Chandra Kala, Curator, Municipal Museum Allahabad, in his book on 'Bharhut Vedikā', Allahabad 1951. Some six or seven pieces are provided with inscriptions, read by Dr Kala. One inscription *hamsajātakam* (below B 41) was already known to the public from Cunningham's drawing. The new inscriptions have been re-edited by Dr D. C. Sircar, Government Epigraphist for India, in *Epigraphia Indica*, Vol XXXIII, pp 57-60. They have been included in our volume at proper places.

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¹ Hultzsch states in his German paper on Bhārhut inscriptions (ZDMG Vol XL, 1886), p 59, that 38 of the inscriptions, the eye-copies of which had been published by General Cunningham in *StBh*, have not been removed to Calcutta. For that reason estampages of them could not be made by him in 1885, when he prepared his article. The same conditions are prevalent till now. Some 40-50 inscriptions, part of them fragmentary, have to be taken as lost or supposed to remain somewhere "in situ". For them the readings can rely only upon the unauthentic eye-copies published in *StBh*, and reproduced from them in the plates below. All the cases in which the eye-copies alone are available have been noted as such - Cf, however, postscript 1958 to preface, above p VI

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ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

1962

(A) ADDITIONS

I Since the writing of our "Postscript 1958" (p. VI), mentioning the removal of fifty-four pieces of the railing of the Stūpa of Bhārhat to the Allahabad Municipal Museum, some more information regarding the whereabouts of the Bhārhat sculptures and inscriptions has come to our notice.

Two reliefs, one of them with the inscription No. A 112 which, according to Cunningham ((*StBh*, Pl. LVI, 65) came 'from Uchahara', and another with a representation of the Bodhi Tree (*StBh*, Pl. XXXI, 3), are now in the Freer Gallery, U.S.A., see A. K. Coomaraswamy, *The Two Reliefs from Bharhut in the Freer Gallery*, Journal of the Indian Society of Oriental Art, Vol. VI (1933), pp. 149-162. The sculptures are also reproduced in Ananda K. Coomaraswamy, *La Sculpture de Bharhut*, traduction de Jean Buhot, Paris 1956, Plate XXV. This book does not contribute much regarding the inscriptions, however, it presents Bhārhat sculptures in fifty-one plates in a quality superior to ours. As the book is easily available, it will be useful to state where our inscriptions are to be found in the illustrations of the book and vice versa.

Our No	Coomarasw	Our No	Coomarasw	Our No	Coomarasw
A 8	Fig 108	B 1	Fig 20	B 42	Fig 143
12	" 68	2	" 21	43	" 79
14	" 109	3	" 22	44	" 75
16	" 58	4	" 18	45	" 237
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25	" 122	6	" 17	47	" 73
29	" 56	7	" 41	48	" 151
31	" 77	8	" 44	49	" 72
32	" 72	9	" 42	50	" 111
33	" 69	10	" 46	51	" 69
34	" 15	12	" 37	52	" 80
38	" 59	13	" 56	54	" 241
39	" 46	14	" 59	55	" 35
40	" 60	15	" 58	56	" 200
51	" 109	16	" 57	57	" 170
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96	" 95	35	" 63	73	" 178
98	" 73	36-39	" 25	74	" 180
100	" 87	36-37	" 29	77	" 145
112	" 66	38-39	" 28	78	" 71
119	" 75	40	" 30, 33	82	" 90
123	" 40				
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Coomarasw	Our No	Coomarasw	Our No	Coomarasw	Our No
Fig 15	A 34	Fig 26	B 24-26	Fig 38	B 20
" 17	A 95, B 6	" 27	B 23-25	" 40	A 123
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Coomarasw	Our No	Coomarasw	Our No	Coomarasw	Our No
Fig 49	A 61	Fig 77	A 31	Fig, 145	B 77
" 56	A 29, B 13	" 79	B 43	" 147	B 64
" 57	B 16	" 80	B 52	" 151	B 48
" 58	A 16, B 15	" 83	B 59	" 153	B 68
" 59	A 38, B 14	" 87	A 100	" 170	B 57
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" 61	B 19	" 94	A 73	" 174	B 69
" 63	B 35	" 95	A 96	" 176	B 58
" 66	A 112	" 105	cf Fig 73	" 178	B 73
" 67	B 32-34	" 107	cf Fig 68	" 180	B 74
" 68	A 12	" 107 bis	cf Fig 61	" 200	B 56
" 69	A 33, B 51	" 108	B 66, A 8, A 22	" 223	B 67
" 71	B 78	" 109	A 51, A 14	" 231	B 46
" 72	A 32, B 49	" 122	A 25	" 237	B 45
" 73	A 98, B 47	" 141	B 50	" 241	B 54
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2 Recent acquisitions of the Bhārat Kalā Bhavan, Banaras¹, include some sculptures from Bhārhut having inscriptions which hitherto were known only from the eye-copies published by General Cunningham in *S&Bh* as "from Uchahara" (these have been reproduced in this volume) At the request of Dr G S Gai, Ph D, Government Epigraphist for India Ootacamund, Shri Ravi Kushnadasa, Hon'ry Director of Bhārat Kalā Bhavan, recently sent us estampages of five inscriptions (A 36, A 47, A 48, A 104 and B 62) for being included in the Corpus See additional Plate No XLVIII We have to thank both the gentlemen for their kind help Dr Gai also contacted Professor K D Bajpai of Sagar University, Madhya Pradesh, who some time ago paid a visit to Bhārhut and inspected the archaeological collection of the Ramvan Museum (near Satna, some miles distant from Bhārhut) He found there about two dozen sculptures from Bhārhut, some with fragmentary inscriptions which he read as follows

1 **Utama**

2

tasa dānam

3

thabho dānam

Professor Bajpai states in a paper on 'New Bharhut Sculptures', to be published shortly, that he came across three Bhārhut railing pillars "in the locality" (Ramvan or Satna?) One (No 3 in this paper) is a fragmentary pillar with an inscription It is our No A 7 Another pillar (No 2 in the paper) has the inscription No A 26 Both inscriptions were known through Cunningham's eye-copies as on "pillars in Batanmāra" Prof Bajpai has been kind enough to send us impressions of A 7 and A 26, and a copy of the manuscript of his paper For this generosity we are very grateful to him Prof Bajpai's description of the third pillar, "representing the complete figure of a standing Yakshi", applies exactly to the Yakshi on a "pillar at Batanmāra" reproduced in Cunningham's *S&Bh*, Pl XXI, and in Coomaraswamy's book on Bhārhut, I c Fig 47 Prof Bajpai found an inscription on the pillar which can be read as **Soraya thabho dānam** But if the two Yakshis are identical, the reading should be a little different, see below, postscript on A 124 Cunningham, *S&Bh*, Pl LV, gives seven inscriptions as found on "pillars at Batanmāra" His Nos 90-96 correspond to our Nos A 124, A 54, B 35, A 43, B 59, A 26 and A 7 Of these, B 35 and B 59 are in the Indian Museum, Calcutta, A 7, A 26, and probably A 124 are on the pillars discovered by Prof Bajpai It therefore remains for the future to find out the whereabouts of only A 43 and A 54 **thabho dānam**, read by Prof Bajpai on a sculpture, possibly constitutes the end of the inscription A 54 Luckily the whereabouts of the inscriptions "from Uchahara" (Cunningham, *S&Bh*, Pl LVI, 61-67), which correspond to our Nos A 47, A 36, A 48, A 104, A 112, B 62, and A 4, are today perfectly clear, A 4 is in the Indian Museum, Calcutta, A 112 in the Freer Gallery, U S A, and the rest in the Bhārat Kalā Bhavan in Banaras²

We now add special postscripts to the inscriptions mentioned above

A 7 (809), Plate XLVIII

On a fragmentary railing pillar No 3 recovered by Prof K D Bajpai, who reads the inscription as **Karahakatasā Utara gadhika-thabho dānam** and explains **Utara (Utara)** as "personal name of the donor, who was a dealer in perfumes" (**gadhika**) The impression of the inscription now available seems indeed to give **ga** instead of **ga**, whereas it is clearly to be read in Cunningham's eye-copy on which every one had to rely until now No wonder that, in Prof Bajpai's words, 'the second word has been read by all scholars as **Utara-gadhikasa**' The present editors regarded **Utara-gadhika (Utara-grdhvaka?)** as a name derived from the constellation **Utara** like **Uttara-dāsaka, Uttara-datta, Uttara-mittā** and similar names mentioned by Hilka Even if **gadhika** is the correct reading, it should be interpreted in the same way, i.e. as the personal name **Utara-gadhika (Utara-gandhika)** It would be necessary to have **Uttarasā** to enable us to separate **Utara** from **gadhikasa**, cf A 55 etc The **sa** of **Karahakatasā** in the reading of Prof Bajpai is missing in the impression and has been added in mistake

¹ Cf Indian Archaeology, A review, ed by A Ghosh, 1950-60, p 82, and *ibid* 1960-61 New Delhi 1961, p 74, Plate LXXXVII

² The bulk of the Bhārhut sculptures is in the Indian Museum, Calcutta

A good number is nowadays also kept in (1) the Allahabad Municipal Museum, Allahabad, (2) the Bhārat Kalā Bhavan, Banaras, and (3) the Ramvan Museum, District Satna, a few pieces are kept in (4) the Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay, as well as (5) the Freer Gallery, U S A A number of sculptures is apparently still in the possession of private people in places not far from the present village of Bhārhut

³ This is not absolutely certain as traces of an **l**-hook seem to come out if the rubbing is held against light The letters on the whole are not very clear in this impression

Λ 26 (808), Plate XLVIII

On a fragmentary railing pillar No 2 recovered by Prof K D Bajpai. The reading taken from Cunningham's eye-copy is confirmed by the impression. It may be possible to read **Jātāmītaśa**, but the ā-stroke of **tā** is rather underdeveloped. To read **Jātamtase** (as Prof Bajpai does) is unwarranted and against grammar.

Λ 36 (877), Plate XLVIII

Cunningham's eye-copy of this inscription is described as coming "from Uchahara". The sculpture is now in the Bhārat Kalā Bhavan, Banaras. The impression now available confirms our reading. Only the anusvāra of **dānam** does not come out clearly in the impression (**dānam** on p. 27 is a misprint for **dānam**).

Λ 47 (876), Plate XLVIII

The reading from Cunningham's eye-copy, described as "from Uchahara" and now in the Bhārat Kalā Bhavan, Banaras, is confirmed by the impression.

Λ 48 (878), Plate XLVIII

The remark on Λ 47 applies also to Λ 48, we should, however, read **yā** instead of **ya** in **[Pa]rakat[ā]kaya**.

Λ 104 (879), Plate XLVIII

The remark on Λ 47 applies to Λ 104 too.

Λ 124 (803)

The inscription is not a fragmentary one as explained by Luders, there is also no possibility of combining it with Λ 43 or with any other inscription as suggested by Barua-Sinha and rejected by Luders. The inscription is clearly legible as

Sakaya thabhā dānam

in the photograph published by Coomaraswamy, l. c. Fig. 47, and can be made out also in the photograph in **StBh**, Pl. XXI, "Pillar at batanmāra", near the left hip of the Yakshi. If this Yakshi is the same as the one discovered by Prof Bajpai, his reading should not be **Soriya thabo dānam** but **Sakaya** as given above. It is likely that the inscription is somewhat mutilated at present, but the old photographs are quite clear. We have to translate: The pillars (are) the gift of Sakā (**śakra**)⁴.

B 62 (881), Plate XLVIII

The reading is

tīmtīmṅgīlalākuchhumbh[ā] Vasu[g]ut[o] m[o]ceto Mahādevenam

Cl. note 1 on p. 155

(B) CORRECTIONS

Page XI, f. n. 1, line 1—**krtvā** instead of **krtvā**

„ XIII, line 4—**1** instead of **-1**

„ XV, lines 11-10 from below, read—**1** for **Gāgīputa-** and **Vāchhīputa-** in A l. c. §6(1) and p. XXI, f. n. 1', instead of ' cf. also **Gāgīputa-** and **Vāchhīputa-** in A l'

„ XX, line 19—**bhikshumī** instead of **bhikshumī**

„ XXI, line 19—**tth** instead of **tth²**

line 22—(l. c. **tt²**) instead of (l. c. **tt**)

„ XXV line 12—**(ā)to** instead of **-ato**

„ XXVI, line 8—**(ā)ye** instead of **-(ā)ye**

„ XXX, f. n. 1, line 2—**1** with the exception ' instead of ' with exception'

„ XXXI, line 16—**1** were later on ' instead of ' became later on '

„ XXXIII, line 12—**1** doubtless ' instead of ' doubtlessly '

„ XXXVII, line 3—**(ushnisha)** instead of **(usnisa)**

f. n., line 3—**1** in Luders " instead of **1** on Luders, "

„ 6, line 2 from below—**1** (five times) ' instead of ' (five times) '

„ 7, line 21—**Mahā-mora-giri** instead of **Māhā-mo-a-giri**

line 14 from below—**-vadhana** instead of **-vadhana**

line 12 from below—**Puṇa-vadhana** instead of **Puṇa-vadhana**

„ 7, line 7 from below—**-vada** or **-vida** instead of **-vada** or **-vida**

„ 10, f. n. 12, line 1—**1** derivative ' instead of ' derivation '

„ 11, line 4—**1** Eastern gateway ' instead of ' eastern gateway '

line 8—**1** Chanda ' instead of ' Chandra '

f. n. 2, line 2—**1** the more so ' instead of ' the more '

f. n. 4, line 2—**1** as usual ' instead of ' as usual 'y'

„ 12, f. n. 5—**tsī** instead of **tsā**

„ 21, line 7—**Setaka** instead of **Setaka**

„ 23, line 8—**1** Ramaprasad ' instead of ' Ramprasad '

„ 24, f. n. 1, add—Possibly we can take **Jātāmtra** as 'one to whom a friend has been born'. This name would be in a way parallel to **Ajātasatru**

f. n. 7, add—If the name **Ghātula** is derived from **Ghata**, and not **Ghata**, then it may refer to the sign Aquarius

- Page 27, line 10, 'only once', *add* f n —twice in the case of Chikulana (A 39, A 40) and Nagara (A 43, A 44)
 line 14—'dānam' *instead of* 'dānam'
- 31, f n 4, *add*—Or Vacu may refer to the name of the gods
- 32, line 2—(**Srīmatī**) *instead of* (**Srīmatī**)
 f n 5, *add*—For Tīṣā see classification I, 2, A, b (names derived from stars)
- 35, f n 2, *add*—For Nagarakūta, p 5 in mistake included under female names, see classification I, 4, a, II (names derived from spirits and animal deities)
- 37, line 8 from below, p 47, line 1 from below—'recurs' *instead of* 'reoccurs'
- 48, f n 3, *add*—**Isirakhta** occurs perhaps also in A87a
- 57, f n 6, *add*—Or **Kodā** may stand for ***Koddā** < **Kodyā** (cf p 169, lines 6-7)
- 59, line 17—(875)⁶ *instead of* (875)⁵
- 70, line 9 from below—'was translated' *instead of* 'is translated'
 f n 5—'by the side of' *instead of* 'at the side of'
- 71, f n 6, *read*—'enumeration' *instead of* 'juxtaposition'
- 72, line 1—**JĀTAKAS** *instead of* **JATAKAS**
- 73, f n 1, line 5—'whose sovereign is Kuvera' *instead of* 'whose sovereign Kuvera is'
- 75, line 14—'Ajakālāpaka is 'some one' *instead of* 'Ajakālāpaka 'some one'
 line 1 from below—'figures' *instead of* 'figure'
- 79, f n line 2—'unbelievable' *instead of* 'Tunbelievable'
- 80, line 2 from below—'Kokā' *instead of* 'Koka'
- 87, line 7 from below—'Bodhisattva' *instead of* 'Boddhisattva'
- 89, line 10—'Holy One' *instead of* 'Holy one'
- 93, line 13—'beating' *instead of* 'bearing'
 line 8 from below—'The hall of gods' *instead of* 'The hall of the gods'
- 94, line 22—'the hall of gods' *instead of* 'the hall of the gods'
- 98, line 10 from below—p 53ff' *instead of* '53ff'
- 101, line 1—'on the seven-stringed vīṇā' *instead of* 'on the the seven-stringed vīṇā'
- 108, line 3 from below—'Holy One' *instead of* 'Holy one'
- 109, line 25—'away on both sides' *instead of* 'away both sides'
- 112, line 7 from below—'erakū' was substituted ' *instead of* 'so **eraka** was substituted'
- 113, line 2—'he was reborn' *instead of* 'he is reborn'
 line 8 from below—'undeī No B 23' *instead of* 'No B 23'
- 115, line 9 from below—'restrained' *instead of* 'restricted'
- 117, f n 2, line 17—'a place for walking' *instead of* 'a place of walking'
- 119, line 2—'female-attendant' *instead of* 'female-mahout'
- 122, line 12—'at present kept in' *instead of* 'at present in'
 line 15—'Jātaka' *instead of* 'jātaka'
 line 1 from below—'infested' *instead of* 'infected'
- 124, line 25—'mocking by' *instead of* 'mocking of'
- 127, line 25—'can only be' *instead of* 'can be only'
- 135, line 1 from below—'there' *instead of* 'three'
- 140, line 5—**ayam** *instead of* **ayam**
- 141, line 9—**velugumbamim**, line 6 from below—'slaughter' *instead of* 'slaughter'
 line 1 from below—'interference' *instead of* 'intreferece'
 f n 2—**avekkipanti** *instead of* **avekkipani**
- 145, line 22—'an example of' *instead of* 'an example for'
 line 3 from below—'whether it is' *instead of* 'may it be'
- 146, line 4—'Northern gate' *instead of* 'northern gate'
- 148, f n 1, line 2—'Kakusandha, see' *instead of* 'Kakusandha (see)'
- 150, line 16—'on the Himavat' *instead of* 'in the Himavat'
- 153, line 5—**jātyandhah** *instead of* **jūtyandhah**
- 159, line 2 from below—'refused' *instead of* 'rejected'
- 168 line 1 from below—'is **ārāmika**' *instead of* 'is **isārāmika**'
- 173, line 10—'As know'n' *instead of* 'As we know'
- 175, line 22, line 24—'Evil One' and 'Holy One' *instead of* 'Evil one' and 'Holy one'
- 180, line 26—'a role also' *instead of* 'also a role'
- 183, 184, *read*—**Hem Abh** before **Hem An**
- 184, *read*—**JPASB**, before **JPTS**
- 186, line 9—'thabho' *instead of* 'thabo'
- 188, line 8—'A 46' *instead of* '46 A'
- 191, line 12—'Anādhapemāika' *instead of* 'Anādhapeḍḍika'
 line 5 from below—'vaya' *instead of* 'vada'
- 192, line 11—**Isirakhitā** *instead of* **Isurakhitā**
- 193, line 8 from below—'(Chittuppādasilā' *instead of* '(Chittoppādasilā.'
- 197, line 11—'petakim' *instead of* 'paṭakim'

(C) MISPRINTS

OMISSION OF PUNCTUATION—SIGNS

- Page XVIII, line 25—B 55,
 ,, XX, f n 9, line 3—a sibilant,
 ,, XXIX, line 7 from below—A 3
 ,, 2, line 6 from below—(**Gargaputra**),
 ,, 4 line 6 from below—A 75,
 ,, 7, line 13—**Morajābhu-kata**,
 line 23—(**Tākāri-pada**),
 ,, 22, line 15—No 36, Barua-Sinha,
 ,, 59, f n 2, line 1—editors
 ,, 73, line 10 from below—three,
 line 10 from below—Chamdā,
 ,, 95, f n 2, line 5—p 89
 ,, 96, f n 2, line 1—32f ,
 ,, 97, line 25—A 62,
 ,, 102, f n 2—I, 27
 ,, 110, line 25—No 60,
 ,, 112, line 5 from below—(36ff)
 ,, 118, f n 2, line 5—beyond,
 ,, 120, line 9—Sircar,
 ,, 121, lines 17, 19—coping-stone
 line 5 from below—,star-shaped
 ,, 124, line 2—Pi
 ,, 125, line 6—coping-stone
 ,, 128, line 11—No 74,
 ,, 131, line 5—p 120f ,
 ,, 138, line 3 from below—speaking,
 ,, 149, line 2—coping-stone
 ,, 150, line 11—Bhusajātaka,
 ,, 159, line 8—p 108f ,
 ,, 160, line 11—p 97f ,
 ,, 165, line 24—p 133ff ,
 ,, 167, line 15, line 6 from below—‘ of many elephants ’
 ,, 172, line 6 from below—Cunningham,
 ,, 180, line 6 from below—p 171,
 ,, 181, lines 7-8—‘ that the men are sleeping decorative purpose ’
 ,, 184—**PTSD**, **SBE**

INCORRECT PUNCTUATION—SIGNS

- ,, VII, f n , line 1—1886, (p 59),
 ,, XXVIII, line 13—~~ā~~
 4, line 18—(**Buddharakshit**)⁶ A 76
 ,, 7, line 13—**Morajāna(h)**-kata
 ,, 27, line 2 from below—(P 12)
 ,, 38, f n 1—I, 1, a
 ,, 130 lines 4-3 from below—accord-ing
 ,, 133, line 3 from below—,torties the (insert, however, comma after speaking,.)
 ,, 147, line 13—head while
 ,, 165, line 25—(124a),

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- ,, 194, line 3— §13
 ,, 195, line 16— §6
 line 19— §26
 ,, 197, line 7—**IV**
 ,, 198, line 12—**III**
 line 11 from below—**I**
 ,, 201, line 15 from below—**to**

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

(D) REMARKS ON SOME REPRODUCTIONS

A 4 (882), Plate II

In the impression on Plate II the word *dānam* is obliterated

A 54 (804), Plate XXIV

The first aksara of line 2 in the reproduction on Plate XXIV should read *sa*, not *pa*

B 56 (709), Plate XXI, XLV

The aksaras *u[ra]*, visible in Cunningham's photography, are obliterated in the reproductions on plate XXI

B 81 (902), Plate XXIII

The aksara *lo* of (*bhaga*)*gata* is by mistake written *go* in our copy

INTRODUCTION

I. LUDERS' CRITICISM OF BARUA'S WORK ON BHĀRHUT

THE work published by Sir Alexander Cunningham on his excavations at Bhārhut¹ was at his time an important achievement, because the reproduction of the sculptures was done in original photographs and not in sketches as usual up to that date. Cunningham, helped by Subhūti, also began the interpretation of the sculptures, to which work in later time Andersen, Chavannes, Coomaraswamy, Foucher, Hultsch, Minayeff, Oldenburg, Rhys Davids, Rouse, Waldschmidt, and Warren contributed with merit. The great progress which has been made in Indian Archaeology and Epigraphy and in the investigation of Buddhist literature since the publication of Cunningham's book made the re-edition of the finds urgently desirable. The first step in this direction was undertaken by Barua and Sinha in 1926, when they published a new edition of the inscriptions at Bhārhut². Later on Barua endeavoured to give in a work of three volumes an exhaustive account of all questions regarding the stūpa³.

One has to admit thankfully that the material offered for investigation in Barua's latest work is quite large and improved. The 97 plates in part III show a row of sculptures never published before, and some reproductions are more complete or appear on a bigger scale. The technical make-up of his plates is generally very good, but in spite of this one has to refer here and there to the old photographs of Cunningham which are more clear.

The kernel of Barua's publication is the second Book which contains the description and the identification of sculptures and bears the title "Jātaka-Scenes". Vogel already opposed the designation of the sculptures as Jātaka-Scenes, *JRAS* 1927, p. 593 ff, but Barua neglected this fully justified criticism. The number of real Jātakas up to then identified at Bhārhut was 32, according to the list given in *Barhut* I, p. 86 ff, Barua has enlarged it to double that number. But unfortunately this apparently great rise in identifications proves to be an illusion. Barua indeed has the merit to have explained convincingly a number of representations for the first time. He identified rightly, as I believe, the figures on pillars represented on Cunningham's plate XIV and XV (see B 60 and B 61)⁴ with the main persons of the Kandarj (341) and of the Samuggaj (436)⁵. Besides, he succeeded in identifying the 'fragment' on plate XXVII with the Sammodamānaj. (33)⁶, plate XXXIII, 7 with the Kapj (250)⁷, and the scene of the medallion in *Barhut* III, Pl. XCIII

¹ *The Stūpa of Bharhut* a Buddhist Monument ornamented with numerous sculptures illustrative of Buddhist Legend and History in the third century B C, London 1879

² *Barhut Inscriptions* Edited and translated with critical notes by Benmadhab Barua and Kumar Gangananda Sinha. Published by the University of Calcutta 1926

³ Benmadhab Barua, *Barhut* Book I Stone as a Story-Teller. Book II Jātaka-Scenes. Book III Aspects of Life and Art. Indian Research Institute Publications. Fine Arts Series Nos. 1-3. Calcutta 1934-1937

⁴ In the following text unless something is specifically mentioned the plate numbers refer to Cunningham's publication. When the sculptures bear inscriptions reference has been made to our number and classification in this publication, e.g. B 60. Sculptures bearing no such numbers do not have inscriptions.

⁵ *Barh* II, p. 117 f., 132 f.

⁶ *Ibid* II, p. 91 f.

⁷ *Ibid* II, p. 109 f. In Barua's list we find instead Makkataj (173), although Barua himself had decided in favour of the Kapj and denied the Makkataj.

(141a) with the Gūthapānaḥ (227)¹. Not quite sure, but not improbable, is the identification of reliefs on Pl XLI 5 with the Sūchy (387)² and the reliefs in *Barhut* III, Pl. LXXI (92) with the Kanhaḥ (29)³. With this, the number of identifications which are acceptable, comes to an end. The identification of the relief on Pl XXXIV 1 with the Vannupathaj (2)⁴ is not convincing. The same has to be said of the identification of the relief on Pl XXXII 4 with the Samgāmāvacharaj (182)⁵ and of the reliefs on Pl XLVIII 4 (see B 63) with the Mūlapariyāyaj (245)⁶. His endeavour to bring together at all cost every sculpture with some text, and as far as possible with some Jātaka, very often led Barua to completely unjustifiable and sometimes even impossible combinations.⁷

On Pl XLVII 9 (see B 64), we have a relief in which a woman—she is according to the inscription the young wife Asādhā—sits on the branches of a tree in a cemetery and tells something to three jackals. I ask myself in vain what that has to do with the Aslakghanaj (126)⁸, as in the Jātaka the king's daughter does not climb up a tree, and also has no reason to do so, and the jackals do not play any role. Likewise I do not understand, how it is possible to explain the horse in the half-medallion represented in *Barhut* III, Pl XXVI as the famous horse Valāha, which, according to the Jātaka (196), brings home 250 merchants, whereas, according to the Divy p 120, only the merchant Supriya⁹ is brought home. In the medallion a horse is to be seen, being led by a man with a rein, while another man with a spear in hand follows him. The horse is certainly not, as Barua maintains, represented as flying. Besides, the man with the spear, whom nobody would suppose to be a merchant, does not hold fast to the tail of the horse, as told in the story. Barua's opinion that the artist intended to suggest through the man before the horse, that the horse was having a human voice, will not find common consent. Probably the half medallion is purely decorative, and the representation is chosen with regard to the profession of the donor of the pillar, viz the horseman (*asavārīka*) Suladha (Sulabdha), cf A 22. It seems to me also in no way reasonable to identify the relief on Pl. XLII 9 with the Chullakasetthuj (4), or even with the Gandatunduj (520)¹⁰, or to combine the relief on Pl XLII 7 with the Madhupindika-Apadāna (Ap 97)¹¹. The relief on Pl XLVI 4 is being explained by Barua as the illustration of the Kisa Vaccha episode¹² (J V, 134, 3 ff) in the Sarabhangaj (522). In that case we are asked to believe, that the man who in the relief stands with folded hands before an ascetic is the king who, according to the story, is deeply offended by him because of his spitting. I also consider the interpretation of the relief on the Pl. XLIV 4 and its identification with the Gahapatuj (199)¹³ as totally wrong. In any case the man to the left does not lie on the earth, being caught in a noose. On the contrary, he sits in a position called in

¹ *Ibid* III, p 3 f

² *Ibid* II, p 126 f

³ *Ibid* II, p. 90 f. Barua himself seems to have given up the identification of the fragment on Pl XXXIII 6 with the Sumsumāraj (208) proposed in the *JPASB*, New Ser XIX, p 348 f because it is not again mentioned in his list. The monkey represented in the fragment seems in fact only to be decorative, as well as the squirrels in *Barh* III, Pl X.

⁴ *Ibid* II p 81 f

⁵ *Ibid* II, p 103 f. The bridge on which the great elephant walks, and the curious basis on which the small elephant stands remain unexplained.

⁶ *BI* p 84, *Barh* II, p 108 f.—*Dighatapasi* cannot mean 'the venerable ascetic' but is obviously a proper name.

⁷ Some of these false interpretations, not mentioned here, have been discussed in the text.

⁸ *BI* p. 83, *Barh* II, p. 97 ff

⁹ *Ibid* II, p 104 f

¹⁰ *Ibid* II, p. 170 f

¹¹ *Ibid* II, p 167 f

¹² *Ibid* II, p 144 f

¹³ *Ibid* II, p 103 f

Sanskrit *avasakthkā*,¹ in Pāli *saṃghāti-* or *dussapallatthikā*² and which, as the name indicates, consists in binding the garment round the knees and hips for support. The ascetic in the relief on Pl XLVI 4 is also sitting in the position of *saṃghātipallatthikā*, his right arm, however, being free, while the man in our relief has put the arm in the supporting tie made from his garment.

The treatment by Barua of our inscription No B 80 (for particulars cf. below) is a further example to show on what unfounded suppositions his identifications are sometimes based. It is also characteristic of the method of Barua, to see how he deals with a small fragment of a coping stone, that is preserved in the Indian Museum and has been reproduced for the first time in *Barhut III*, Pl LXXXV (98). Barua completes the sculpture which bears our inscription B 65 (cf. our treatment) by the photograph of another which, however, as everybody will see at first sight, does not fit in with the former. In this way he finds it possible to identify the relief with the Indasamānagottaj (161) or with the Mittāmittaj (197)³.

Barua's lack of knowledge and feeling for the language has also become a rich source of errors. Barua and Sinha show often in their interpretations of labels a disregard for even the most simple rules of phonology. The inscription B 45 reads *Sechhajataka*. It is probably not to be expected of the authors to know that *sechha* is the western form of Sanskrit *śaksha* and that *sekha*, the eastern form, has been taken over into Pāli, but the identification of *sechha* with *siñcha*, *secha*, under express rejection of the right etymology, and the translation based thereon as 'a Jātaka-episode of water-drawing'⁴, is more than can be forgiven even to a beginner. One may judge the *Kodāyo* in our inscription B 72 as one likes, but that it cannot go back to *Kodṛi-rāja* or *koṭṭarāja* and that it cannot mean 'fort-keeper'⁵ need scarcely be pointed out. On the name of the mountain Nadoda occurring at different times in the labels (cf. B 70-76) it is said in BI p 98 "Nadoda seems to equate with *Nālada* or *Nārada*, and is obviously used as a synonym for *Gandhamādāna*, *nala* or *nalada* meaning a scented plant or mineral". In the translations of the labels in *Barhut II*, p 162, 165, 169, Nadoda is accordingly simply substituted by "Mt Nārada". Any comment seems to me to be superfluous. The inscription B 66 *Bramhadevo mānavako* is translated as "the young [Rūpa-]Brahma deity Subrahmā"⁶ or "the youthful Rūpabrahma deity"⁷, the scene has been explained as a greeting of the Buddha by the Brahmakāyika goddesses after he had attained Bodhi. That in fact would be a very curious representation of the event. But it is not necessary to deal with it any further, for the inscription can only mean 'the young Brahmā Brahmadeva', and that any relation of the relief to the Rūpabrahman goddesses is missing is obvious.

Finally even representations rightly explained for a long time have been wrongly interpreted by Barua. The story of the bullock and the jackal forming the basis of the relief on

¹ *Vaj*, 95, 299, *Trk*, 532, *Hem. Abh.*, 679, *Gaut*, 2, 14, *Manu* 4, 112, *krivā chavāvasakthkāṃ nādhīyita*, rightly translated by Buhler as 'while he sits on his hams with a cloth tied round his knees, let him not study'. In the Buddhist Sanskrit the word has been distorted to *utsakthkā*, *Mvp*, 263, 19 *notsakthkayā*, 263, 85 *notsakthikākratāyāglānāya dharmam deśayushyāmāh*.

² In *Chullav*, 5, 28, 2 it is said of the chhabbaggiya monks *saṃghātipallatthikāya nāsīdanti saṃghātiyā pattā* (so to be read) *lujjanti*, which in *SBE XX* is translated 'sat down lolling up against their waist-cloths (arranged as a cushion) and the edges of the waist-cloths wore out'. In *Suttav*, *Sechh*, 26 it is forbidden to sit in the house *pallatthikāya* on which the old commentary remarks *yo anāḍariyam patucca hatthapallatthikāya vā dussapallatthikāya vā antaraghare nāsīdati āpatiti dukkatassa*. Instead of the garment it was of course possible to support the knees also with the arms. A special cloth has also been used for support—*āyogapatia*. See *Vv* 33, 41, *Vism*, I, 79.

³ *Barh II*, p 99 f

⁴ *BI*, p 84

⁵ *Ibid*, p 92 f

⁶ *BI*, p 56

⁷ *Barh II*, p 23

Cunningham's plate XXVII 10 was found years ago by Chavannes, *Contes et Apologues* I, p. XI in some Buddhist text. Barua does not know of it and wants to combine the relief and the Vakaj (300) which has quite different contents¹. The scene represented on the pillar of the South-West quadrant having the inscription *Yavamajhakiyam jātakaṃ* (Pl. XXV 3) has already been explained rightly by Cunningham (p. 53 ff.) in its main features, although he had access only to the later versions of the story in the *Buhatkathāmañjarī* and in the *Kathāsaritśāgara*. Minayeff later on hinted at the story of the prudent Amarādevī and the four ministers in the *Mahāummaggaḥ* (546)² as the model of the artist³. The representation exactly follows the text. Barua⁴ manages to identify the relief with two different episodes of the *Mahāummagga-jātaka* on the basis of some unbelievable misinterpretations of the details.

But I may stop here. If I wanted to mention all the unjustified conclusions, all the contradictions, inexact and unclear matters found throughout the work of Barua I should have to fill many pages. They are as numerous as the many misprints and false citations⁵.

¹ *Barh* II, p. 114 f.

² *J*, VI, 368, 14 ff.

³ *Recherches sur le Bouddhisme*, p. 148 ff.

⁴ *Barh* II, p. 158 ff.

⁵ Thus far the introduction is a rendering of the essentials of Lüders' preliminary remarks in *Bhārhut und die buddhistische Literatur*,² pp. 1-9.

II. THE LANGUAGE

The Bhārhut inscriptions, which belong to the central group of early Brāhmī inscriptions, are written in a Prakrit showing predominantly Western dialectal characteristics, e.g. the nom. sg. mas. in *-o* (§ 25) and the preservation of *r*, initially and medially, as opposed to the eastern *-e* and *-l*. Barua, *Barh* I, p. 48, calls the language “a monumental Prakrit with a marked tendency to conform to Pāli diction”. Regarding the inscriptions describing the sculptural representations he is of the opinion “that the scriptural source of the Barhut artists was not in all cases the Pāli but of mixed character, with the predominance of the Pāli elements”.

The following inventory brings out some dialectal mixture, for instance in the representation of the Sk. cluster *ksh* (§ 13), which is sometimes assimilated to *(k)kh* and sometimes palatalised to *(ch)chh*, and in the cerebralisation of *n*, occurring in the Torana inscriptions A1 and A2 only, whereas all other inscriptions avoid the cerebralisation of *n*, and even show the cerebral nasal *n* changed to dental *n* [cf. § 12(c)]. The latter fact is rightly observed by Barua l.c., but it is a distortion, when he notes such an essential difference between the orthography of the inscriptions on the gateway pillars and the main bulk of inscriptions, as to say “in the former the dental nasal (*n*) is replaced by the cerebral (*n*), and in the latter the cerebral is replaced by the dental.” As a glance at the inscriptions will show, A1 and A2 contain dental nasals; the point of difference is no more than that cerebralisation takes place in the two Torana inscriptions¹.

a. Phonology

§ 1 Treatment of the Sk. vowel *ṛ*: The vowel, as usual, shows the threefold treatment *viṛ* that it is changed to *a*, *i*, and *u*. However, it is possible to say that the change to *a* is predominant, for the change to *i* occurs only in the illustration *viṛ*, and in animal names like *sigāla* and *miga*, while the change to *u* is restricted to the words of human relationship.

(I) Change Sk. *ṛ* > *a*:

Sk. *kṛta* → *kata*— A 112, A 129

Sk. *krishna* → *kanhula*— A 63.

Sk. *grihapati* → *gahapati*— A 21.

Sk. *Supi āvrisha* → *Supāvāsa*— B 7 (Here ordinarily we should have expected *Supāvāusa*— in combination with *v*)

(II) Change Sk. *ṛ* > *i*:

Sk. *nṣhi* → *isṣi*— in *Iṣṛakhatā*— A 50, A 53, A 87² *Iṣidata*— A 86; *Iṣpālita*— A 59.

Sk. *mṛga* → *miga*³ B 47, B 48, B 68

Sk. *ṣṛgāla* → *sigāla*⁴ B 64 Perhaps also in

¹ A 129, the very fragmentary third Torana inscription, has again only the dental *n*.

² According to H. Berger, *Zwei Probleme der mittelindischen Lautlehre*, München, 1955, p. 30 *ṛ* becomes *i* as a rule, when the following syllable contains *i*, cf. *kṛmi* < *krmi*, *kṛki* < *krki*, *vṛchika* < *vrśchika*.

³ The change *ṛ* > *i* in this case is explained by H. Berger (p. 40) as due to the influence of the oft-occurring fem. *mṛgī* > *mugī*.

⁴ According to H. Berger (p. 25 f.) *sigāla* belongs to the class of words which denote specific Indian things and are therefore most probably of non-Aryan origin. This is supported by the occurrence of the suffix *-āla/-āra* which is frequent in words which are etymologically unclear.

- Sk *Riṣhyaśruṅgiya*->*Isis[im]g[ya]* B 53¹
- (III) Change Sk *ṛi>u*:
 Sk *naṣtri*->*natu*- A 50.
 Sk *mātāpitrī*->*māt[ā]pitu-na* A 108²
- § 2. Treatment of Sk *ayī* and *ava* —As is to be expected they become *e* and *o* respectively.
- (I) Change *ayī>e*:
 Sk **krayivā>keiā* B 32 (But it is also possible to explain the form as coming from *kriivā>*kittā>kettā*. Such a change, however, is not frequent in Bhārhut inscriptions)
- (II) Change *ava>o*
 Sk *Śraavanā*->*Sonā*- A 123 (Perhaps this personal name may also be derived from *Suvarnā*-)
 Sk *vyavakrānta*->*vakata*- B 18 (Is it not possible to derive *vakata*- from Sk *avakrānta*-? The initial *v*- may be a phonetic tendency to pronounce *v* before *o*.)
 Sk *āmravat(a)*->*Aboda*- B 69
 Sk *avakrānti*->*ūkramti*- (*i e okramti*) B 19 This is according to Hultzsch, who considers the form as a mistake for *okramti*— Luders, however, would like to derive it from Sk *upakrānti*— In view of the fact that we do not get any long *ū* vowel before a cluster, it is better to regard *ū* as a mistake for *o*, the usual left horizontal stroke being put to the right by mistake. If, however, the reading *ū* is the correct one, then we better read the following letter as *k* and not *kr*. This *k* then will not stand for *kk* as the preceding vowel is lengthened, cf *Mahāsasena*- A 13.
- § 3 Treatment of Sk diphthongs *ai* and *au* —As usual they become *e* and *o*, except that *au* is supposed to have been preserved only in a solitary instance (see however below).
- (I) Change *ai>e*.
 Sk *Vaiyayanta*->*VeJayamta*- B 22
 Sk *Vaiśā*->*Vedśa*- A 30, A 33, A 34
 Sk. *śaiksha*->*sechha*- B 45
 Sk *-nakāyika*->-*nekāyika*- A 57
 Once Sk *chaitya*->*chātya*- B 69 This is obviously a mistake, the top horizontal mark being put to the right by mistake instead of to the left. See above the probable mistake in *ūkramti*- for *okramti*-
- (II) Change *au>o*
 Sk *Gauṭīputra*->*Gotīputa*- A 1
 Sk *kaśāla*->*kosala*- B 39.
- (III) *au* is supposed to have been preserved in
 Sk *pautra*->*pauta*- A 1 But this is highly improbable. The change *au>o* is found in the very same inscription in the instance *Gotīputa*-. It is

¹The change *n>i* in *śruṅga>siṅga* is explained by H Berger p 30 to be due to the existence of the old palatal *ś*

²For the change of *n>u* in words of relationship as result of the influence of the gen sg forms like *putuh*, *mātuḥ* etc see Ch Bartholomae, *Ausgleicherscheinungen bei den Zahlwörtern 2, 3 und 4 im Mittelhändischen* Mit einem Anhang über *putunnam*, Sitzungsber Heidelberger Akademie 1916, V, and H Berger p 60 ff.

therefore reasonable to suppose that the word really has to be read *potēṇa*, see the remark on the akshara *po* in note 1 of A 1

§4. Treatment of *e* and *o*: These sounds are normally preserved. The following incidental changes, however, may be noted:

(I) Change *e* > *i*. Sk. *kubera*- > *kupīra*- B 1. Perhaps this betrays a tendency to pronounce the second syllable short, especially when a long syllable follows (the actual form used is *kupīro*)

(II) *o* occurs for *e* obviously by mistake in
Sk. *Mīśrakeśī*- > *Mīśakosī*- B 28

(III) Change *o* > *u* before a cluster is attested in
Sk. *Nandotārā*- > *Nadutara*- A 119

(IV) *māchito* B 62 for *mochito* is obviously a mistake in the eye-copy, the putting in of the upper left horizontal mark having been forgotten.

§5 Treatment of the vowel *a*: Though this vowel is fairly well preserved, it is possibly sometimes lengthened before a consonant cluster, and in a few cases it changes to *i* and *u* under the influence of *y* and *m* respectively

(I) Change *a* > *ā* before a consonant cluster—It must be stated that clear cases of this type of change are really very few. Most of them seem to be hypothetical (Note also that changes *i* > *ī* and *u* > *ū* in similar circumstances are rarely found)

Sk. *Punaroasu*- > *Punāvasu*- A 72. It is, however, possible that we get here a combination of *punā*- and *vasu*, *punā* itself being the form for *punar*-. Thus the change of *a* > *ā* in *Punāvasu* may not have anything to do with the cluster *rv*, cf. similar combinations in *Araha-guto* B 18, B 20, and *chha-damtya* B 49

Sk. *Angāradyyut*- > *Āgaraju*- A 1. Here also the right horizontal mark in the middle supposed to be for *ā* is not very clear and seems accidental, exactly as in the case of *pautena*. Note also that in the inscription A 2 line 2 we get *Āgaraju*- with short *a*

Sk. *Gāgāmītra*- > *Gāgamīta*- A 89

Sk. *sattaka*- > *sādika*- B 27. But *sādika*- may go back to *sātkā*.

The next are the three instances where *a* > *ā* occurs in the genitive singular term *-assa* > *-āsa*, cf.

asavārikāsa A 22, *Thupadāsāsa* A 25, *bhadamīśāsa* A 38. Similarly we get a long vowel before a simplified cluster of *rāyñah* > **rāñho* > *rāñho* A 4, cf. also *Gāgīputa*- and *Vāchhīputa* in A 1

(II) Writing of *a* as *ā* by mistake is found in *toianām* A 1 (cf. § 12, c), *dān*[*ā*] A 49 a, *gajājātaka* B 42 a, *Bhāramdeva*- A 100, *Dhamārakkhīā* A 52, and *Bhutārakkhīā*- A 38

(III) Change *a* > *i* due to the influence of palatal *y*:

Sk. *nyagrodha*- > *nirodha*- B 70

Sk. *Rīshyamrīga*- > *Isimrīga*- B 48. (This is according to Luders, all other editors derive it from *Rīshumrīga*-.)

Sk. *Rīshyaśrīnga*- > *Isisrīnga*- B 53

(IV) Change *a* > *u* due to the influence of labial *m*:

Sk. *smaśāna*- > *susāna*- B 64.¹

¹The change *a* > *u* in *susāna*- is explained by H. Berger as a result of *samprasāraṇa*. For this the author presupposes (18, 6 n 13, also cf. p 61, 66) a hypothetical form **śvaśāna*- for *smaśāna*-. But elsewhere the rounding of lips due to *m* is shown by Berger himself

§6 Treatment of the vowel *ā* This vowel suffers most changes, though it is not infrequent to find it well preserved. It is principally changed to *a* before a consonant cluster, before the gen sg fem. term, at the end of the word mostly in nom sg. fem and abl sg mas, and lastly it is represented as a short vowel in some cases mostly due to the negligence of the scribe and should in fact be taken to stand for a long vowel in such cases

(I) Change *ā* > *a* before a consonant cluster

Sk *ārya*->*aya*- A 38, A 51, A 56 etc

Sk *rāya*->*aya*- A 1, A 2 (It may be observed that in the inscription A 1 long *ā* is preserved in *Gāgīputa*- and *Vāchhīputa*-)

Sk *bhāryā*->*bhaya-ye* A 4

Sk *Kāśyapa*->*Kasapa*- B 17

This change is also observed before clusters with nasals.

Sk *sūtrāntika*->*sutamitka*- A 51

Sk *upakrānti*-(?)>*ūkranti*- B 19 [cf § 2 (II)]

Sk *vyavakīānta*- (?)>*vakata*- B 18

Sk *brāhmana*->*bramana*- B 51

Sk *īājñāh*->*rañ* A 1 (But cf *īāñ* A 4 We also get long *ā* in *rājano* A 3 and short *a* in *rajano* A 130, where we have to suppose that the gen. sg. forms are formed on the analogy of such forms as *attano* etc.)

Sk *ātmanā*->*atanā* A 112

Sk *ānivat(a)*->*Aboda*- B 69

(II) Change *ā* > *a* before the gen (abl) sg fem termination. It is observed before the term *-ya* and sometimes before *-ye*, but never before *-yā*.

Sk *Pushyadevā*->*Pusadeva-ya* A 120

Sk *bhāryā*->*bhārya-ya* A 46 Also cf *Purkaya* A 17, *Purkayā*¹ A 19 (in these two cases abl sg term), *Badhukaya* A 42, *Nadutaraya* A 119, and *Nagarikaya* A 43.

Sk *Pushyadattā*->*Pusadata-ye* A 43, A 44

Sk. *Nāgā*->*Nāga-ye* A 74 Also cf *Kamuchukaye* A 54 b, *Bhutaye* A 77, and *Sapagutaye* A 78²

As against these instances we have numerous instances where *ā* is preserved before *-ya* and *-ye*, cf the following: *Nāgasenāya* A 14, *Purkāya* A 16 (abl sg.), *Idadevāya* A 19, A 45, *Sāmāya* A 20, *Bhojakatakāya* A 24, *Benākatikāya* A 49 a, *bhāryāya* A 115, *Sonāya* A 123 etc. etc., before *-ye* cf *Nāgarakūtāya* A 4, *nāgarikāya* A 44, *Phagudevāya* A 75, *Ujjhikāya* A 114, *Ghosāya* A 117 etc.

As mentioned above *ā* is never shown as *a* before the ending *-yā*, cf *Kūjarāyā* A 10, *Nāgadevāyā* A 11, *samanāyā* A 12, *Purkāyā* (abl sg.) A 18, A 20, *Pusāyā* A 27, *Nāgulāyā* A 29, *Sīrmāyā* A 48 etc. etc.

(III) Change *-ā* > *-a* at the end of a word

(a) At the end of nom sg fem words, cf *devata* B 8, B 12, *Sudasana* B 10, *Mahakoka* B 12, *Idasālaguha* B 35, *Sivala* B 56, *-Chitupādāsila* B 67

(b) Also in the acc sg fem with or without the loss of final anusvāra, cf *disa* B 26, *katha* (<*kanthā* acc to Luder^s) B 73, *dakṣmam* B 26

¹Perhaps this is a mistake for *Purkāya* (cf A 16) or *Purkāyā* (cf A 18, A 20), as we do not get any other instance of the shortening of *-ā* before *-yā*

²In A 24 we get *Diganagay*[e] It will be seen that the final vowel stroke is not quite clear. At other places in this inscription we get the gen sg term *-ya* in *Bhojakatakāya* and *bhichhunya* and *not-ye*. *Nā[m]ā*[i]nagarikaya A 45 may be a mistake for *-kāya*, because in the same inscription we get *Idadevāya*, and *bhayaye* A 4 may be a mistake for *bhayāye*, as we have *Nāgarakūtāye* in the same inscription.

- (c) At the end of the abl sg mas forms: *Karahakata* A 6, A 7, *Chekulana* A 40, *Nāsika* A 46
- (d) The final *ā* of gen pl mas is also sometimes shortened to *a* (which is shown with or without anusvāra), cf *Suganam* A 1, *dāyakana* A 16, *Sagāna* (for *Sugāna*) A 2 and *devānam* B 27 (Note that in the first two instances *ā* is changed to *a* also before the gen pl term)
- (e) The final *ā* of instrumental sg. is shortened in *Dhanabhūtna* A 1.
- (IV) In the end we may note that *ā* is sometimes represented as *a* just by way of a mistake in such cases as
- Sk *dāna-*→*dana-* A 81, A 127
- Sk *jātaka-*→*jataka-* B 42 (the actual form here being *jataa-*), B 45, B 48, B 51 etc
- Sk *Sthāna-*→**Thāna-*→*Tana-* A 127
- Sk *ṛājan-*→[*nā*]garayā B 36.
- Sk *ārāmaka-*→*arāmaka-* B 72 Also in the following instances *matu* A 28, A 120, *Samudatā-* A 122, *Samka-* or *Samaka-* A 6, A 41, A 66, *bhanaka-* A 39, A 61, *Anamda-* A 50, and *Bṛīkkanādikata* A 21, A 22 (Perhaps in this last instance *ā* in *Bumbikā* becomes short as at the end of the first member of a compound)

One wonders whether these instances suggest a slightly appreciable tendency to pronounce the first syllable short, as the following instances perhaps show a tendency to pronounce the second syllable short. *Āgaraju*¹ A 1, *Agaraju* A 2, *Bidala* B 42, *Suyata* B 50, *avayesi* B 51, *Asadā* B 64 In the instances *vjadhara-* B 61, *Mahamukhi-* A 42, and *Mahakoka* B 12 the change has occurred in compound

- (V) The change of *ā*→*i* in *Venuvagumyā* (Sk *Venukagrāma-*) is not certain, as Luders is inclined to read *Venuvagāmyā*

§ 7 Treatment of the Sk vowel *i* The vowel is fairly well preserved The changes that occur are rather sporadic and have no general application

- (I) Change *i*→*ī* before a cluster The only illustrations are *Bībikanādikata* A 22 (if its derivation from *Bimbikānadikata* is correct) *Mahendrasena-*→**Mahiddasena-*→*Mahīdasena-* A 13 But we find that the short vowel is preserved in such cases as *Idadevā* A 19, A 45
- (II) Change *i*→*e* before a cluster, observed only in *Vesabhu-* (*Viśvabhū-*) B 14 and *Anādhapedika-* (*-pndika-*) B 22 The same change, but not before a cluster, is perhaps to be seen in *Kosabeyekā-* (*Kausāmbeṅkā-*) A 52 (but Luders is inclined to read *kosabeykaya*), and in *śrī-*→*seri-* A 100 (see, however, fn 3 to A 100, p 52)
- (III) Writing of *i* as *a*, obviously due to the negligence on the part of the scribe to attach *i* vowel mark, is seen in *chetaya* (for *chetiya*<*chaitya*) B 68, *Samaka-* (*svāmi-*) A 66, *Moragrami* (*giri-*) A 26, and *tumgala* B 62 (but Luders proposes to read *tumngila*).
- (IV) Change *i*→*u* due to assimilation in *u[su](kāro)* (*iṣhu-*) B 56, and *Susupālo* (*Śśupāla-*) B 72

§ 8 Treatment of the long vowel *ī*: This vowel is mostly shortened before the gen sg. term., in the compound formation, in suffixes and occasionally before a consonant

¹ Perhaps an instance of metathesis But we may also read *Agaraju*, see § 5 (I), p. XV

cluster. it is also sometimes shortened by mistake. In all these cases it is interesting to compare these changes with those of the long vowel *ā*

- I) Change *i>ɪ* before a cluster is not at all frequent. The only instance observable is *Dighatapasi* (*dīrgha-*) B 63
- II) Change *i>ɪ* before gen sg term. This change is universal and is observed before all the three terminations, viz *-ya*, *-yā*, and *-ye*, cf. some of the following instances *-bhichhunya* A 24 etc., *Vāsūthya* A 35, *Ākāmandya* (abl sg) A 37, *bhichhunyā* A 12 etc., *Kodyānyā* A 14, A 15, *yakhyā* A 116, *bhichhun* A 44, *bhichhunye* A 43, A 74 etc.
- III) Change *i>ɪ* is observed at the end of the nom sg of stems ending in *i'* and *i*. *yakhi* B 2, *yakhi* B 10, *Padum[ā]vat[i]* B 30, *Dighatapasi* B 63.
- IV) Change *i>ɪ* is observed in the compound formations in *Vāchhīputa-* A 1, *Gūtīputa-* A 1, *Revatimūta-* A 34, *Bhāranudeva-* A 100². But long *i* is kept in *Gāgīputa-* A 1.
- V) Change *i>ɪ* is observed in suffixes in all cases, cf. *chhadamīya* B 49, *yavamahak* A B 52, *Maghādevya* B 57, *Bhogavadhanya* A 51 etc.

This change is also found before the possessive suffix *-mat*, cf. *Sīrūmā* B 8, *Sīrūmā* A 110

- VI) In the following instances the shortening occurs due to mistake or as a result of occasionally pronouncing first or second syllable short.

Isāna- (*iśāna-*) A 84 a, A 85 b, *tira-* (*tīra-*) B 62 (but Lüders proposes to regard the sign for *ra* as a chance stroke and to read *tiri* instead of *tīrā* and combine *tiri* with the following *tumgila*), *Sīrasapada-* (*Śīrīshapada* ?) A 73

§ 9 The short vowel *u* is well preserved. It is shown, obviously by mistake, as *u* in *Saga-* (for *Suga*-<*Śunga-*) A 2 and in *kamāra-* (*kumāra-* ?) A 3

§ 10 The long vowel *ū* is not preserved

- I) It is changed to *u* before a cluster in *Punakya* (*Pūrnakīya*) B 55, *sūtamika-* (*sūtrāntika-*) A 51, *Dhuta-* (*Dhūrta-*) A 96, and *tura-* (*tūya-*) B 27.

- II) It is changed before the gen sg mas term in *Vesabhunā* B 14 (or rather *Vesabhuno*, cf. § 12 (c))

- III) It is shortened in the first syllable in the following instances *Bhuta-* or *Bhūta-* (A 8, A 31, A 38, *Thupadāsa* (*Stūpadāsa-*) A 25, *rupakāra-* (*rūpa-*) A 55, *suchi-* (*sūchi-*) A 23, B 9 etc., *muga-* (*mūka-*) B 59, *Dusita* (*Dūshita-*) B 75, and once in the second syllable in *Virudaka-* (*Vīrūdhaka-*) B 4.

§ 11 Treatment of simple consonants. The simple consonants are in a very large majority of cases well preserved. The cases of palatalisation and cerebralisation have been separately dealt with below (§ 13, § 14). The change of surds to sonants occurs in a few cases with *k*, *ṭ*, *t*, and *th*. The opposite tendency of changing sonants to surds occurs in only two illustrations with *d* and *b*. This latter tendency may show the hand of a north-western scriber in the writing of these inscriptions.

§ 12 Treatment of Sanskrit stops.

- a) In the case of gutturals, the only change of note that has occurred is of *k* to *g* in only one instance

Sk *mūka*->*muga-* B 59 (see the change of *-t*->*-d-*, *-t*->*-d-* and *-th*->*-dh-* below).
The change of *kh*>*k* as a result of loss of aspiration is found in *Dṛīdhanishkrama-*

¹The only case where *i* is shown as ending of the nom. sg. is *devi* B 56

²Perhaps also in *Bībhānādīkata* (*Bembhānādīkata*) A 21, A 22

³The opposite change of *-g*->*-k-* in *Ajagālo* B 3 is not noticed, as Lüders himself seems to have given up his suggestion to equate this word with *Ajagāloka-*. He is inclined to take *Kāloka* from the root *kal*.

> **Dadamkkhama*->*Dadamkama*- B 77

Once *-k-* seems to have become *-v-*, due to assimilation, cf *Venukagrāma*->*Venuvagīma*- A 52 *jatara* B 42 for *jataka* is obviously a mistake

- (b) The palatals are equally well preserved The change of *-j->-y-* is to be noticed in *Mahāsāmāyikā*->*Mahāsāmāyikā*- B 18 (For palatalisation see below §13)
- (c) The cerebrals, with the exception of *n*, are well preserved The change of *-t->-d-* is found once in *sātukā* (or *sattaka*)>*sādika*- B 27 The change of *th>t* is perhaps to be noticed in *Sthāna*->**Thāna*->*Tana*- A 127, *Śreshthaka*->*Setthaka*->*Setaka*- A 18, *śṛṣhtotpādāna*-(?)>**śaiṭhōpādāna*->*satupādāna*- A 58, and the change of *-dh->-d-* is noticed thrice.

Sk *Ashādāhā*>*asadā* B 64, Sk *Virūdhaka*->*Virudaka*- B 4, Sk *Dṛidhamshkrama*->*Dadamkama*-¹ B 77

The cerebral nasal *n* is, however, in all cases changed to *ṇ*, except in the inscriptions A 1 and A 2

Sk *bhānaka*->*bhanaka*-or *bhānaka*- A 39, A 59, A 54a, A 61, A 62, Sk *śramanā*>*samanā* A 12, Sk. *brāhmaṇa*->*bramaṇa*- B 51

Even in term we have *ṇ* for *n*, cf *m[ā]tāpitṛma* A 108 In B 14 we have *Vesabhunā*.

But as the gen sg term is *no*, this is obviously a mistake for *Vesabhuno*

Now in A 1 and A 2 we find *n* preserved in the body of the word and in terminations, cf *torana*-² A 2, *putena* A 1, *pautena* A 1

In A 1 we have *toranām* The *nā*, as has been noted in Luders' treatment of the inscription, is obviously a mistake for *na*

Similarly *Vāchhīputena* in A 1 may be considered as a mistake for *Vāchhīputena* (For cerebralisation see below § 14)

- (d) The dentals show only the following few instances of certain changes

Change of a sord to sonant is found in two cases

-t->-d- in Sk *āmravat(a)*->*Aboda*- B 69,

-th->-dh- in *Anāthapīṇḍika*->*Anādhāpēdika*- B 32

The contrary change of a sonant to sord is found in *-d->-t-* in Sk *Vidura*->*Vitura*- B 55 (See the change of *-b->-p-* below)

-d->-y- in Sk *avādesi*>*avayesi* B 51 Luders notes that this change is an eastern peculiarity and shows that the original text of the Gāthās was composed in a dialect of eastern India On the other hand we get *bramaṇo* in the same inscription, and the preservation of the cluster *br* as well as the nom sg in *o* are western characteristics

- (e) The labials also show only instances of sporadic changes *-b->-p-* in *Kubera*->*Kūpura*- B 1 (see above the change of *-d->-t-*), *b>bh* in Sk *bisa*->*bhisa*- B 58

§13. Palatalisation The instances of palatalisation are not frequent, cf *vidyādhara*->*vjadhara*- B 61, *Angāradyut*->*Āgaraju*- A 1, A 2 and *yavamadyakiya*>*yavamajhakiya* B 52 Perhaps we find palatalisation also in *Vātsīputra*->*Vāchhīputa*- in A 1, *dhenachhaka* B 76<*dhenūtsaka*- The cluster *ps* is palatalised to *chh* in Sk *apsaras*->*achharā*- B 28, B 30, B 31

More important is the treatment of the cluster *ksh* which is sometimes assimilated to *(k)kh*, but sometimes palatalised to *(ch)chh* The word that shows both the treatments

¹Hultzsch derives it from *Dandanishkrama*

²But we have *torana*- in A 129

simultaneously is *bhikshunī*¹ According to T Michelson² and Lüders³, the *-kh-* forms are the eastern and the *-chh-* forms are the western ones, because this distinction is clearly shown by the Eastern and Western inscriptions of Aśoka⁴ Recently H Berger has put forward this view in a modified form He states that *ksh* > *chchh* is not found in the east, in Māgadhī The change of *ksh* > *chchh* in the central and western dialects in a number of instances is explained by him not as the result of a spontaneous dialectic tendency but is taken as the result of 'certain phonetic conditions', accordingly in all such cases where *ksh* becomes *chchh*, he tries to find out the phonetic conditions which govern the change (see Berger I c p 71 ff and p 86) So while in the opinion of S K Chatterji, *ksh* becomes *chchh* in *bhikshu(nī)*, because of the habit to pronounce this word as *bhukshyu(nī)*, according to H Berger the *chchh* is the result of dissimilation of the two gutturals in the form *bhukshuka* > *bhukkhuka* But this seems unlikely, as the word *bhukshuka* does not occur in Buddhist literature and in Prakrit inscriptions, and even in Sanskrit literature it is not very old It is more reasonable to suppose that the double treatment shows the different speech habits of the regions from which the monks (or nuns) came, or of the scribes who were responsible for recording the donations The Eastern form *bhukkhū* gradually must have gone over to the other regions as it was an ecclesiastical term, cf. also Lüders, *Bhārh* p 174

(I) Instances for *ksh* > *kh* are 'dakshuna->dakhna- B 26, yaksha->yakha- B 1, B 3 etc⁵, *Rashvraکشیتا* > *Isvrakhitā* A 50, A 53, A 87, A 88⁶, *bhukshum* > *bhukhum* A 11, A 12, A 29 etc

(II) Instances of the Western change of *ksh* > *chh* are found mostly in the parallels for the Sk word *bhikshunī*, cf. *bhichhum* A 24, A 37, A 42, A 43, A 74, etc It may be interesting to observe that this change takes place when the (ab or) gen suffix is *-ye* or *-ya* It never shows this form with the suffix *-yā*

Words other than *bhichhum* in which palatalisation of *ksh* is found are *Chula-* (*Kshudra-*) B 11, *sechha-* (*śaksha-*) B 45⁷ and *kuchhi-* (*kukshi-*) B 62⁸

Perhaps the word for 'six' *chha* B 26, and B 49, is to be equated with **kshat*⁹

§14 Cerebralisation Not many instances of cerebralisation are witnessed in these inscriptions The only instances available are *patsamdhu* (*prat-*) B 18, *atha* (*artha*) A 108, *pathama* (*prathama*) A 34, *Bhogavadhamya* (*-vardhana*) A 51, *Sthāna* > **Thāna* > *Tana* A 127 (for cerebralisation of *n* see §12 c above)

§15 Sibilants As in the case of the Prakrits of the midland all the three sibilants are reduced to the single dental sibilant without any exception, cf. *Ajātasatu* (*-satu*) B 40, *sisa*

¹The word *bhikshu bhikku, bhichchu* does not occur in the Bhārhut inscriptions Both the Prakrit forms, however, occur in the Sāñchī inscriptions

²J.A.O.S., 30, 88

³*Bhārh*, p 173 ff See also Reichelt in *Stand und Aufgaben der Sprachwissenschaft* (Festschrift Streitberg, 1924) p 244, J Bloch, *La Formation de la Langue Marathe* p 111 ff, S K Chatterji, *The Origin and Development of the Bengali Language*, Calcutta, 1926, p 469

⁴Mehendale, *Historical Grammar of Inscriptional Prakrits*, Poona 1948, §37 (m) and f n 42

⁵We have also *yakhla* A 105, *yakhi* B 2, A 116, *yakhum* B 10

⁶We have also *Agrakhitā* A 23, *Gorakhitā* A 46; A 68, *Devarakhitā* A 93, *Dhamarakhitā* A 95, A 118, *Nāgarakhitā* A 4, [Na]garakhitā A 54 b, *Budharakhitā* A 55, A 57, A 58, A 76, *Bhutarakhitā* A 31, *Sagharakhitā* A 108

⁷Acc to Lüders *sechha* is the western form, whereas *sekha* is the eastern one See *Bhārh* p 174 and below p 124 H Berger (p. 86) says that the palatal in *sechha* does not conform to his theory, which demands *sekha* and that the word is therefore an exception which cannot be explained

⁸Acc to Berger the palatal in *kuchhi* is due to dissimilation to avoid the second guttural (*kukhi*), p. 72

⁹In the opinion of H Berger the palatal in *chha* should have first developed, when this word followed an *anusvāra* at the end of the preceding word in a sentence According to him there was a tendency in the Indo-Aryan to avoid the sequence of a nasal and a sibilant. p 70

(*śishya*) B 63, *śilā* (*ślā*) A 1, *Ghosā* (*Ghoshā*) A 117, *Asadā* (*Ashādhā*) B 64, *Alambusā* (*Alambushā*) B 31 etc etc

§16 Final consonants of Sanskrit words are usually dropped and we get the base with a vowel ending, cf *Suchilomo* B 9, *Pasenajī* B 39, *Sūrmā* B 8, *Sūrmasa* A 110

But in a few cases the final consonant is preserved and we get the inflected forms directly from their Sanskrit equivalents, cf. *bhagavato* B 13, B 15, and *Vīpasno* B 13 In *Abode* (loc sg) the base is *Aboda* which Luders derives from *Āmravat* with an addition of the vowel at the end

§17 Clustered consonants: The consonant clusters are as a rule assimilated, the single letters, where the cluster occurs medially, serving the purpose of the double one¹ It is only in a few cases that clusters with *r* are preserved, the cases of anaptyxis are also equally rare

§18 Clusters with stops

(a) The so-called double consonants are always represented as single ones Thus *kukuta-* (*kukkuta-*) B 42, *Ujḥkā* (*Ujḥkā*) A 114, *Isadata-* (*Rishudatta-*) A 86, *Budhi-* (*Buddhi-*) A 21, *Sudhāvāsa-* (*Śuddhāvāsa-*) B 24 etc. etc

(b) Clusters with *g* like *rg* and *lg* > *g* (i.e. *gg*), cf *Gāgīputa-* (*Gārgīputra-*) A 1, *Phagudevā-* (*Phalgudevā-*) A 30, A 75; similarly *igh* > *gh* (*ggh*) in *Dighatapasī* (*Dīrghatapasvī-*) B 63

(c) Clusters with *th* like *shṭh* (or *shṭ*) > *ṭh* (or *ṭ*) (i.e. *tṭh*² or *tt*). Thus *Vāsīṭhu-* (*Vāsīshṭhī-*) A 35, *Jēṭhabhadra-* (*Jyēshṭhabhadra-*) A 92. In *Seṭaka-* (*Śreṣṭhaka-*) A 18, and *satupādāna-* (*śṛṣṭopādāna-*?) A 58 we have *t* and not *th*

(d) Clusters with *t* like *kt*, *pt* and *rt* > *t* (i.e. *tt*), cf *Atmūta-* (*Atmukta-*) A 81, *Vasugūta-* (*Vasugūpta-*) B 62, *Dhamagūta-* (*Dharmagūpta-*) A 94, A 120, *natu-* (*napṭri-*) A 50, *Dhūta-* (*Dhūrta-*) A 96

The cluster *st* is always assimilated to *th*, where medially it stands for *tth*, cf *thabha-* (*stambha-*) A 6, A 7 etc, *Bahuhathika-* (*Bahuhastka-*) B 70, B 71, B 81; *Thūpadāsa-* (*Stūpadāsa-*) A 25.

(e) The cluster *bḥh* > *dh* (*ddh*). *Suladhā-* (*Sulabdha-*) A 22

(f) Clusters with *ḥ* like *tḥ*, *rḥ*, and *lḥ* > *ḥ* (*ḥḥ*); cf. *upāṃna-* (*utpāna-*) A 1, *chitupādā-* (*chitropādā-*?) B 67, *Sapagūṭā* (*Sarpagūṭā*) A 78, *Vyāpī* (*Vyāpī-*?) B 61.

§19 Clusters with the semivowel *y*: Almost in all cases the clusters are assimilated. Only in the case of *ty* and sometimes in *ry* we find an instance of anaptyxis

(a) Clusters *ky* and *ry* > *k* (*kk*) and *j* (*jj*), *ty* > *ty*

Sk *Śākyamuni-* > *Sakamuni-* B 23

Sk *īāyya-* > *raja-* A1, A2

Sk *chātīya-* > *chātīya-* B 69

(b) The cluster *iy* becomes mostly *y* (*yy*), but in a few cases *iy*

Sk *ārya-* > *āya-* A 33, A 38 etc etc

Sk *bhāryā-* > *bhayā-* A 4, but *bhāryā-* A 34, A 115

(c) The cluster *vy* > *v* in *vokata-* (*vyavakīānta-*?) B 18.

(d) The clusters *śy*, *śy*, and *shy* > *s* (*ss* medially).

Sk *Kāśyapa-* > *Kasapa-* B 17.

Sk *Śyāmaka-* > *Sāmaka-* A 66, A 73

Sk *śishya-* > *śisa-* B 63

¹In a few cases where we have a long vowel before the assimilated cluster, the single consonant perhaps does not stand for the double one, cf. above the remarks under the treatment of the vowel *a*.

²As already mentioned (§ 14) cerebralisation has no great scope in these inscriptions.

Sk *Pushyaka*->*Pusaka*- A 47 etc

For the change of *sy*>*s* we have the instances of gen sg. of mas nouns in *-a*.

(In a few cases where the preceding vowel is lengthened before this ending *s* does not stand for *ss* See above under the treatment of vowel *a* § 5 (i))

(For palatalisation of dental clusters with *y*, viz *dy* and *dhy*, see § 13)

§20 Clusters with the semivowel *r* In a large majority of cases these clusters are assimilated In a few instances clusters *kr*, *dr*, and *br* are preserved¹, and in a few cases anaptyxis steps in with the cluster *śr*

(a) The Cluster *kr*>*k* (*kk*) (or *kr*)

Sk *Chakravāka*->*Chakavāka*- B 6, also *dhamachaka*- B 38, *Bodhuchaka*- A 106

In the case of *chankrama*->*chakama*- B 77, B 78, A 127 we do not find the representation of the anusvāra

In *Dadankama*- (*Drdhamshkrama*-) B 77 the aspiration due to *śh* is lost.

The cluster *kr* is preserved only in *ūkrami* (*upakrānti*-?) B 19

(b) The cluster *gr*>*g* (*gg*). *ngodha*- (*nyagrodha*-) B 70

(c) The cluster *tr*>*t* (*tt* medially) in all cases, cf

Sk *Mitra*->*Mita*- A 101

Sk. *putra*->*puta*- A 1, also *devaputa*- B 18, B 20 etc

Sk *trikotika*->*ukotika*- B 78

(d) The cluster *dr*>*d* (*dd* when not accompanied by anusvāra and when not preceded by the long vowel) (or *dr*) or *l* (*ll*)

Sk *Sambhadrā*->*Sabhadā* B 29

In the case of *ndr*>*d* we do not get anusvāra in Sk *Chandrā*->*Chadā* B 2, but the anusvāra is represented in *Chamdā* A 128

Sk *Indradevā*->*Idadevā*- A 19, A 45, also *Idasālaguhā* B 35, *Mahāsena*- A 13.

The cluster *dr* is preserved in *Jethabhadra*- (*Jyeshthabhadra*-) A 92

The cluster *dr*>*l* in the case of Sk *ksudra*-; cf *Chulakokā* B 11, *aya-Chula*- A 51, *Chulana*- A 91

(e) The cluster *pr*>*p* (*pp* medially) in all cases

Sk. *prāsāda*->*pāsāda*- B 22.

Sk *Suprāvursha*->*Supāvasa*- B 7

(f) The cluster *br* is preserved in *bramana*- (*brāhmana*-) B 51, *Bramhadēva*- (*Brahmadeva*-) B 66

(g) The clusters *śr* and *sr*>*s* (*ss* medially) generally.

Skt *śramanā*->*samanā*- A 12

Sk *Mśrakeśi*->*Mśakosi*- B 28

Sk. *sahasra*->-*sāsasa*- B 26

The cluster *śr*>*sr* (or *ser*) in

Sk *Śrīmat*->*Śrīma*- A 110, or fem noun *Śrīmā*- B 8, A 48

Sk *Śrī-putra*-?>*Seryā-puta*- A 100

§21 Clusters with the semivowel *v* Mostly the clusters are assimilated, but we get two instances of anaptyxis

(a) Cluster *tv*>*t* (*tt*) in *ketā* (*kraytvā*) B 32

Cluster *ṭv*, however, becomes *tuv* in *latuvā* (*latvā*) B 44

¹Such clusters with *r* are also retained in Pāli in words like *chitra*, *bhadra*, *tatra*, *brāhmana* etc. Cf. H Berger (l c p 19f) and inscriptional Prakrits (see Mehendale l c § 410) In Bhārhut, the tendency to preserve clusters is found only with regard to *r*, whereas in the Aśoka inscriptions it is found also with other semivowels like *y* and *v* (Mehendale l c § 43, § 45)

- (b) Cluster *rv* > *v* in *Punāvāsu-* (*Punarvasu-*) A 72 (see, however, article §5 (i)).
- (c) Clusters *śv* and *sv* are assimilated to *s* (*śs* medially).
 Sk *Viśvadeva-* > *Viśadeva-* A 1
 Sk *Viśvabhū-* > *Viśabhū-* B 14 (the *e* in the first syllable is short, as *o* in the case of *okramti* B 19, if that reading is the correct one).
 Sk *Svāmika-* > *Samika-* A 6, A 41.
 Sk *Dūrghatāpasvīm-* > *Dūrghatāpasī-* B 63

§22 Clusters with sibilants The most important cluster under this head is *ksh* which shows double treatment viz *kh* (*kkh*) and *chh* (*chchh*). This has been already dealt with above under palatalisation §13 The other cluster met with is *rs* which becomes *s* (*śs*), cf *Sudasana* (*Sudarsana*) B 10.

§23 Clusters with *h*: The only cluster to be found is *rh* which is represented as *rah* in *Arahaguta-* (*arhat-*) B 18, B 20

§24 Clusters with nasals: These clusters are assimilated, and the anusvāra is mostly not shown in the case of clusters with *n*, *ñ*, *ṅ*, and *m* In the case of clusters with *n*, however, the anusvāra is mostly represented in writing The absence of anusvāra is to be attributed to the negligence of the scribe and not to the phonetic tendency, otherwise we have to regard the simple letter as standing for the double one

- (a) Clusters with the nasal *n* The two clusters to be observed are *ng* and *ngñ*, and they are very often represented without the anusvāra Cf *Suga-* (*Sungā-*) A 1 (*Saga-* A 2), *Āgaraju-* (*Angāradyut-*) A 1, A 2, *Sagha-* (*Sangha-*) A 40, A 108, A 109 The anusvāra is shown in *Ganguta-* (*Gangta-*) B 5, *ṭumugula-* (*ṭumugula-*) B 62, as read by Luders, (other editors have read *ṭumugala-*), and perhaps in *Sa[m]ghamita-* A 106, and *śś[im]g[īya]* (*Rashyaśringa-*) B 53. For the cluster *nkr* see §20 (a)
- (b) Clusters with the nasal *ñ* The cluster *ñc* is perhaps represented with anusvāra in *pa[m]chanekāyika-* A 57 But *ñj* is without anusvāra *Kujarā-* (*kuñjarā-*) A 10 The cluster *ññ* is in all cases assimilated to *ñ* Cf *rāñō* (*īyñāh*) A 1, A 4, *śgālāñati* (*śngālājñāpti*) B 64
- (c) Clusters with the nasal *ṅ* In the case of this cluster too it is not customary to mark the anusvāra; thus *Anādhapadika-* (*-pindika-*) B 32, *Kadaruki* (*Kandaruki*) B 60, and *Muda-* (*Munda-*) A 102
 The cluster *rn* is assimilated to dental *n* in *Punakiya-* (*Pūrnakiya-*) B 55
 Similarly *nn* is assimilated to dental *n* in *Avsana-* (*Avishanna-*?) A 82
 In *nh* coming from *nñ* also we find the dental *Krishnula-* > **Kanhula-* *Kanhula-* A 63
- (d) Clusters with the nasal *n* In a majority of cases the anusvāra is not represented in the parallels for *bhadanta*, thus *bhadata-* A 39, A 58, A 59, A 64, A 65, A 66, but *bhadamta-* only in A 38 and A 61 In all other cases, except one, we find anusvāra represented in the case of cluster *nt* *ūkranti* B 19, *vejayanto* B 22, *chhadamtiya* B 49, *śilākammanto* A 1, *amtevāsino* A 73, *sutamikasa* A 51 The anusvāra is, however, not found in *vokata-* (*vyavakrānta-*) B 18

In the case of *nth* anusvāra is seen in *Pamthaka-* A 71, but not in *katha* (*kantā*)¹ B 73

The cluster *nd* also is more often shown with the anusvāra *Kākandī-* A 37, *Na[m]d[ī]nagarikā-* A 45, *Anamda-* A 50, *Namda-* A 69, *[Na]mdagrī-* A 97,

¹ Derivation according to Luders. Buhler would connect it with *kvātha*, and Hultzsck with *kāshtha* (*katha* being mistake for *kātha*).

vamdate B 40 But anusvāra is not seen in *Nadagnī-* A 54, *Nadutarā-* A 119, *Muchulūda-* B 31 a, and *vadate* B 37

For the cluster *ndī* see § 20(d)

In the case of *ndh* we find anusvāra in *patṣamdhi* B 18, but not in *Kakusadha-* B 15, and *gadhakutī* B 34

The cluster *mn* > *n* in *knarā-* B 54 It has become *mn* in *uṣamna-* (*uṣanna-*) A 1.

The cluster *ny* initially becomes *n* in *nygodha-* (*nyagrodha-*) B 70

The cluster *gn* > *g* (*gg*) in *Agnakṛta-* A 23

- (e) Clusters with the nasal *m* In the case of this nasal the anusvāra is mostly not represented

For the cluster *mb* we have the following illustrations *Āḥṛkanādīkṛta* (*Bimbukā-*) A 21, A 22, *Kosabeyeka-* (*Kausāmbeykā-*) A 52, *Kosabakutī* (*Kausāmba-*) B 33, *jabū* (*jambū*) B 74 The anusvāra is shown only in the case of *Alambusā* B 31

In the case of cluster *m̄bh* we find that in a large number of instances the parallels for *stambha* do not show anusvāra Thus we have *thabha-* A 6, A 7, A 25, A 27 etc etc, while anusvāra is shown only in two cases: *thambha-* A 71, A 98 Of these two A 71 seems to show anusvāra carefully in all words, cf *aya-Pamthakasa*, *thambho*, *dānam* *Sabhadā* (*Sambhadā*) B 29 also does not have anusvāra

The cluster *mm* is once shown with and once without anusvāra *-samnada-* (*samnada-*) B 27, but *samadakā-* B 68

The cluster *mr* > *b* in Sk *āmravat(a)* > *Aboda-* B 69

The cluster *tm* > *t* (*tt*) in *atanā* (*ātmanā*) A 112.

The cluster *dm* shows anaptyxis in *Padum[ā]vat[ṛ]* (*Padmāvatī*) B 30.

The cluster *ṛm* is assimilated to *m*, mostly shown without anusvāra, cf *dhama-* (*dharma-*) B 38, A 94, A 95, etc, *navakamika-* (*navakarmika-*) A 59 The anusvāra is shown in two instances. *śilākamma-* (*śilākarma-*) A 1, and *Sudhammā* (*Sudharmā*; B 21 The cluster *sm* initially becomes *s* in *susāna-* (*smaśāna-*) B 64 But in the abl sg term. it becomes *-mh-* (< *-smāt*), cf. *Moragnimhā* A 25

Lastly the cluster *hm* is once shown as *mh* and once as *m* (*mm* ?) *Brahmadeva-* (*Brahmadeva-*) B 66 and *bramana-* (*brāhmaṇa-*) B 51

b. Morphology

§25 Masculine and Neuter Nouns ending in *-a*

- (i) Nom sg. mas *-o*: *Kuṣuro* B 1, *yakho* B 1, B 3 etc, *thabho* A 6, A 7 etc, *saso* B 42 a, *dāno* (used as mas) A 96
-a only once *chakama* B 77, but we have the regular form *chakamo* B 78.
-e *pāsāde*¹ B 22 As this is the only form with *-e* ending it is obviously a mistake for *-o* ending
- (ii) Nom sg neut *-am*. The anusvāra at the end is preserved in a large majority of instances, cf *dānam* A 4, A 7 etc, *jātakam* B 47, B 49 etc, *toanam* A 2, *kāritam* A 1, *turam* B 27, *dhamachakam* B 38, *yavamajhakiyam* B 52.

¹ Barua-Sinha regard it as loc. sg and change *Vejayamto* to *Vejayamte*

- a* When the final anusvāra is sometimes not represented, cf. *dāna* A 5, A 6 etc., *jātaka* B 41, B 42 etc., *Jetavana* (acc sg) B 32, *kata* A 112, A 129, *torana* A 129, *dān[ā]* A 49a is probably mistake for *dāna(m)*.
- (iii) Inst sg —*ena* *putena* and *pautena* A 1
—*ena* *Vāchhūputena* A 1 (as already remarked this is perhaps a mistake for —*putena*), *kotsamihatena* B 32
- (iv) Dat. sg —*yā* (= *ya*) *athāyā* (mistake for *athāya*) A 108
- (v) Abl sg —*a* This and the —*ā* endings are more common *Kārahakāṭa* A 6, A 7, A 8, *Nāsika* A 46, *Vedisa* A 33
—*ā* *Vedisā* A 30, A 32, A 34, A 35, *Pāṭakputā* A 13, A 14, A 15
—*ato* This is not very frequent *Vedisāto* A 31, *Baha[da]to* A 50, and perhaps in . . . *to* A 80 where the place name is missing
- (vi) Gen sg —*sa*. *Visadevasa* A 1, *Mitasa* A 101 etc., *Kasapasa* B 17, *Mahādevasa* B 81 It is clear that in the large majority of cases in which this ending occurs it stands for —(*a*)*ssa* But in three or four instances we find the preceding vowel *a* lengthened, and if these readings are correct then we may assume here a slightly developed tendency to pronounce the gen sg ending as a single consonant with the compensatory lengthening of the preceding vowel *asavānikāsa* A 22, *Thupadāsasa*¹ A 25, *bhadamīsa* A 38, *Bhutāvakhu[ā]sa* A 38
- (vii) Loc sg —*e* This is more frequent *īaje* A 1, *Nadōde* B 70 etc., *ṣavate* B 73, B 74, *jātaka* B 42a
—*mi*(?): *Moragurami* A 26 (with the change of the base in *gri-* to *gva-*) But Lüders regards the form as a mistake for *Moragurima* or *Moragurimha*, the abl sg form . . . *tirami* B 62 But Lüders regards *īa* a mistake in the eye-copy and reads it along with the following word as *timitimigīa-*
- (viii) Nom pl mas —*ā*: *thabhā* A 25 etc., *de[v]ā* B 24
- (ix) Nom pl neut —*ān* *kāmāvacharasahasām* B 26 For *dānā* A 49a cf. §5, II
- (x) Acc. pl mas —*e* *sise* B 63
- (xi) Gen pl —*ānam* *Suganam* A 1, *devānam* B 27
—*āna* *Sagāna* A 2, *dāyākana* A 16
- §26 Fem Nouns ending in —*ā*
- (i) Nom sg —*ā* *Chadā* B 2, *Chulakokā* B 11, *Alambusā* B 31, *devatā* B 11, *Asadā* B 64
—*a* When the length of the final vowel is not marked *devata* B 8, B 12, *Mahakoka* B 12, *Sudasana* B 10, *Idasālaguha* B 35, *Sivala* B 56, *chutupādasila* B 67.
- (ii) Acc sg —*am* *utaraṃ* B 25, *dakhnam* B 26, *purathama(m)* B 24
—*a*. With the absence of final anusvāra *dīsa* B 24, B 25, B 26, *katha* B 73 (Sk *kanthā*)
- (iii) Abl sg —(*ā*)*yā* *Purikāyā* A 18, A 20, *Purikāyā* A 19
—(*ā*)*ya*: *Purikāyā* A 16, A 17, *Asitamasāyā* A 36

¹Hultzsch and Barua-Sinha read *Thupadāsasa*

- (iv) Gen sg. $-(\tilde{a})y\tilde{a}$ *kujarāyā* A 10, *Nāgadevāyā* A 11, *Samanāyā* A 12, *Sakaṭadevāyā* A 15
 $-(\tilde{a})ya$ When frequently $-y\tilde{a}$ is shortened to $-ya$. *Nāgasenāyā* A 14, *Sāmāyā* A 20, *Anurādhāyā* A 32, $-bhāryāyā$ A 34, A 115, *Idadevāyā* A 19, A 45, *Benākaṭikāyā* A 49a, *Badhukayā* A 42, *Nāgarikayā* A 43, *bhāryayā* A 46, *Pusadevayā* A 120, *Nadutarayā* A 119.
 $-(\tilde{a})ye$ *Nāgarakutāyē* A 4, *Nāgarikāyē* A 44, *Ghosāyē* A 117, *bhayayē* A 4, *Pusadāyē* A 43, A 44, *Nāgayē* A 74, *Kamuchukayē* A 54b.

(v) Loc sg. $-ya$: *Mahāśāmāyikāyā* B 18

§27 Mas Nouns ending in $-i$

- (i) Nom sg. $-i$: *bodhi* B 13, B 14 etc , *Kaḍariki* B 60.
(ii) Acc. sg. $-i$: The final anusvāra being not shown *giri* B 75, *paṭsamdhi* B 18
(iii) Inst sg. $-na$ *Dhanabhūtina* A 1.
(iv) Abl. sg. $-mhā$. *Moragirimhā* A 25, A 27 etc.
(v) Gen sg. $-no$ *Budhano* A 21, *gahapatino* A 21, *Sakamunno* B 23, *Nadagirino* A 54, [*Na*] *madagirino* A 97.
 $-sa$ We have only one illustration · *Dhanabhūtsa* A 3

§28 Fem Nouns ending in $-i$

- (i) Nom. sg. $-i$. *suchi* A 23 etc , *ūkranti* B 19, *Kosabak[u]ti* B 33, *gadhakuti* B 34, *sigālañāti* B 64 ($<-jñapti$).
(ii) Abl sg. $-mha$: *kuchhumha* B 62

§29 Fem Nouns ending in $-ī$

- (i) Nom sg. $-ī$ *yakhi* B 2, *yakhni* B 10, *Mśakosi* B 28, *Padum[ā]vai[ī]* B 30
 $-ī$ Only one instance with long ending *devī* B 56 But all earlier editors read *devi*.
(ii) Abl. sg. $-ya$ · *Kākamāyā* A 37
(iii) Gen. sg. $-yā$ *bhikkhunyā* A 12, A 29, A 80, *Koḍiyānyā* A 14, A 15, *Pānkunyā* A 49, *yakhnyā* A 116
 $-ya$: With the shortening of final $-ā$: *bhichhunya* A 24, A 37, A 42, A 79, *bhikkhunya* A 52 (but perhaps we should read $-yā$ here, because in all instances where *ksh* $>$ (*k*)*kh*, we get $-yā$ ending), *Vāsūthiya* A 35
 $-ye$ *bhichhunye* A 43, A 74, A 75, A 76, A 77, A 78, *bhikkhunye* A 44 (this is again doubtful. In view of *ksh* being represented by (*k*)*kh* perhaps we have to read *bhikkhunyā*), *ko dalākiye* A 127.
 $(-y:)$ *bhikkhunyi* A 11 · but we are asked to read *bhikkhunyā*)

§ 30 Mas Nouns ending in $-ū$

- (i) Nom sg. $-u$. *A[jā]tasai[u]* B 40.
(ii) Gen sg. $-no$: *Punāvasuno* A 72. *Vesabhunā* B 14; but this is a mistake for *Vesabhuno*.

§ 31. Fem Nouns ending in $-ū$

- (i) Nom sg. $-ū$: *jabū* B 74.
 $-u$: *vadhu* B 64

§32 Mas Nouns ending in *-ri*(i) Gen sg *-no*: *Ja[hra]natuno* A 50*-u*([?]) *bhātu*. A 54a(ii) Gen pl. *-na*. With the loss of final anusvāra *m[ā]tāptuna* A 108§33 Fem Nouns ending in *-ri*(i) Gen sg *-u*: *matu* A 18, A 28, *mātu* A 54b, A 120 (*māta* A 90b perhaps a mistake for *mātu*), *dhtu* A 42

§34 Mas and Fem Nouns ending in consonants

We find both the tendencies to derive the forms from their Sanskrit parallels or to change these bases to those ending in vowels

(a) Mas nouns in *-at*.(i) Gen. sg *-o* *bhagavato* B 13, B 14, B 15 etc.*-sa* With the transference to *-a* declension, only in *Sṛvmasa* A 110.(ii) Loc sg *-e* *Himavate* B 79(b) Mas nouns in *-an*.(i) Nom sg The forms of *rājan* are directly derived from Sanskrit. *rājā* B 39, B 56, *Nāgarājā* B 6, B 36, B 37 Once *Nāgarāja* B 31a. But we have the ending *-o* in *Suchilomo* B 9(ii) Inst sg. *atanā* A 112 comes from Sk *ātmanā*(iii) Gen sg The forms of *rājan* are again derived from Sanskrit *rājño* A 1, A 4 But the ending *-(n)o* is witnessed in *rājano* A 3, A 130(c) Mas noun in *-it*(i) Nom sg *-i* *Pasenaji* B 39(d) Mas nouns in *-in*(i) Nom. sg *-i* *Dṛghatapasī* B 63, *Vijapī* B 61(ii) Gen sg *-(n)o* *Vīpasino*¹ B 13, *petakino* A 56, *amtevāsino* A 73*-sa* With the change to vowel base *Mahamukhsa* A 42(e) Mas noun in *-ut*(i) Gen sg *-sa* *Āgarajusa* A 1(f) Fem noun in *-as*(i) Nom sg *-ā* *achharā* B 28, B 30, B 31§35. Pronouns We have only the forms of the relative pronoun *ya*: Nom sg *mas*. *yo* A 127, nom. sg neut *yam* B 51§36. Numerals Perhaps we have the nom pl neut. form of *tri* in (*t*)*im* B 25. The other numerals are *chha* "six" B 26 and *sahasa* "thousand" B 26

§37 Verb forms: We only get some forms of the present indicative, one form of Aorist, one form of absolutive, and some past passive participles

(a) Present 3rd sg indicative

(i) active *-ti*. *deti* B 32, *dohati* B 73, *anusāsati* B 63, *dadati* B 75, *sāsani* (for *sāsati*) B 18(ii) middle *-ie* *vadate* B 37, *vamdāte* B 40(b) Aorist 3rd sg *-si* *avayesi* B 51.(c) Absolutive *-tā* *ketā* (<**kraytvā*) B 32

(d) Past passive participles

All these, except *dina* (i e *dinna*) for *data* (i e *datta*), are derived from their corresponding Sanskrit equivalents *upanna-* (or *upanna-*?) A 1, *kata-* A 112,¹From *Vīpasyn*. Barua-Sinha derive it from *Vīpascht-*. But in that case the form should be *Vīpasisa*

A 129, *vokata-* B 18, *samhata-* (<*samshita-*?) B 32, *gahuta-* (<*grhūta-*?) B 50, *māchta-* (for *mochta-*) B 62, *kānta-* (causal) A 1 Besides these, we get various participle forms in the proper names of poisons, e.g. *guta* (<*gupta*) in *Arahaguta-* B 18, B 20, *Vasuguta-* B 62, *Sapaguta-* A 78, *Dhamaguta-* A 94, A 120, *rakhuta-* (<*ṛakshita-*) in *Nāgavakhuta-* A 4, A 54b, *Govakhuta-* A 46, *Agrakhuta-* A 23 etc etc, *data-* (<*datta-*) in *Pusadata-* A 43, A 44, *Isidata-* A 86, but *dina-* only in *Isidina-* A 62, *bhuta-* (<*bhūta-*) in *Bhutaka-* A 8, *Bhuta-* A 77, *jāta* in *Jāta-* A 56 and *Sujata-* B 50, *vrūda-* (<*vrūdhā-*) in *Virudaka-* B 4, *ladha-* (<*labdha-*) in *Suladha-* A 22, *pālita-* in *Istpālita-* A 59, *dushta-* (<*dūshita-*?) B 75, *mūta-* (<*mukta-*) in *Atimūta-* A 81, *visana-* (<*viśhanā-*?) in *Avisana-* A 82, A 83.

c. Some important Suffixes

- (1)-(ā). *Anurādhā* A 32, *Alambusā* B 31, *Asadā* B 64, *Asītamāsā* A 36, *Idadevā* A 19, *Idasālaguha* B 35, *kachulā* A 115, *katha* B 73, *Kodyā* A 116, *Golā* A 49, *Ghosā* A 117, *Chadā* B 2, *Chāpadevā* A 34, *chitūpādasila* B 67, *Chulakokā* B 11, *dakhina* B 26, *Diganagā* A 24, *ḍisa* B 24-B 26, *devatā* B 8, B 11, B 12, *Nāgadevā* A 11, *Nāgasenā* A 14, *Nāgā* A 74, *Pusadevā* A 120, *Pusā* A 27, *Phagudevā* A 75, *bhayā* A 4, *bhāryā* A 34, A 46, A 115, *Mūdadevā* A 121, *Sakatadevā* A 15, *Sabbhādā* B 29, *-sabhā* B 21, B 65, *Samanā* A 12, *Sāmā* A 20, *Sudasana* (for *-nā*) B 10, *Sudhammā* B 21, *Sonā* A 123, *Somā* A 37.
- (2) *-ī* *Kākamā* A 37, *kuchhu* B 62, *kuṭi* B 33, B 34, *devī* B 56, *Misakosi* B 28, *yakhu* B 2, A 116, *Vāsithi* A 35, *sigālañāti* B 64
- (3) *-i* < *-vin*: *Dighatāpasī* B 63
- (4) *-i* < *-it* *Pasenajī* B 39
- (5) *-i* < *-in* *amtevāsī* A 73, *Kadarikī* B 60, *petakī* A 56, *Mahāmukhī* A 42, *Viyapī* B 61, *Vīpasī* B 13
- (6) *-ikā*:
- (a) in place names
Kosabeyekā A 52, *Chudathilukā* A 10, *Dabhinkā* A 42, *Nāgarikā* A 43, A 44, *Nandnagarikā* A 45, *Parakatikā* A 48, *Purikā* A 16-A 20
- (b) in personal names
Anādhapedika B 32, *Avāsikā* A 126, *Ujhukā* (?) A 114, *Badhukā* (?) A 42
- (c) in ecclesiastical designations
navakamika A 59, A 60 (?), *Pamchanekāyika* A 57, *Mahāsāmāyikā* B 18, *sutamika* A 51.
- (d) in professional designation
asavārika A 22
- (7) *-ita* (*-ita*) *Gangita* B 5, *yami[ita]* A 103
- (8) *-iyā*:
- (a) in jātaka titles
isisingiya B 53, *chhadamtiya* B 49, *bhisaharamiya* B 58, *maghādeviya* B 57, *mugaphakiya* B 59, *yavamajhakiya* B 52, *Vitura-Punakiya* B 65
- (b) in place names.
ko dalākhiya A 127, *Khujatdukhiya* A 38, *Chikulamiya* A 39, *Therākūtiya* A 41, *Bhogavadhaniya* A 51, *Venuvagamīyā* A 52
- (9) *-ilā* *Kāhila* A 63, *Ghātula* A 28, *Nāgilā* A 29, *Mahila* (?) A 65, *yakhila* A 105, *Saghila* A 109

- (10) *-kã*
 (a) in personal names
Ajakãlaka B 3, *Apuknaka* A 67, *Janaka* B 56, *Pamthaka* A 71, *Pusaka* A 47, *Bhutaka* A 8, *Valaka* A 61, *Vasuka* A 46, *Viyutaka* A 104, *Vrudaka* B 4, *Veduka* B 72, *Satika* A 132, *Samaka* A 66, *Samika* A 6, A 41, *Sãmaka* A 73, *Setaka* A 18.
- (b) in place names.
Utaragudhika A 7, *Chuladhaka* A 17, *Padelaka* A 47, *Bhojakatakã* A 23, A 24, *Selapuraka* A 54, *Kamuchuka* B 54b.
- (c) as diminutives or possessives
adhirajaka A 130, *asãmaka* B 72, *jãtaka* (passim), *tikoṭika* B 78, *dãyaka* A 16, *bahuhathika* B 70, B 71, *bhatudesaka* A 17, *mãnavaka* B 66, *mgasamadaka* B 68.
- (11) *-ta* (or *-ita*) usual p.p.p suffix (§ 37, d).
Agrakhita A 23, *Atimuta* A 81, *Isidata* A 86, *kata* A 112, *kãrita* A 1, *Jãta* A 56, *Dusita* B 75, *samhata* B 32, *Suyata* B 50, *Suladha* A 22.
-tã. *Israkhitã* A 53, *Pusadatã* A 43, A 44, *Bhutã* A 77, *Sapagutã* A 78, *Samdatã* A 122
- (12) *-ti* *ũkramti* B 19, *Dhanabhũti* A 1, A 3,
- (13) *-na* (§ 37, d). *Avsana* (?) A 82, A 83, *Isidina* A 62, *upamna* A 14, *dãna* (passim).
- (14) *-na* (?) *Chulana* A 91, *Chekulana* A 40.
- (15) *-nũ*. *Kodiyãni* A 14, A 15, *Pãrĩknĩ* (?) A 49, *bhũkhunĩ* and *bhũchhunĩ* (passim), *yakhun* B 10.
- (16) *-mat* > *-ma* (*-mã*)· *Ayamã* A 33, *Sĩrima* A 110, *Sĩrimã* B 8, A 48.
- (17) *-vat(a)*· *bhagavat* (for references see index), *Himavata* B 79
-vati· *Padumãvati* B 30.

III. DATE AND PALAEOGRAPHY

The inscription A 1 on a pillar of the eastern gateway (*torana*) records that this gateway with its carvings was caused to be made by *Dhanabhūti*, son of *Āgaraju* (*Angāradyuti*) and grandson of king *Viśadeva* (*Viśvadeva*) during the reign of the *Sugas* (*Śungas*). Moreover, from the inscription A 3, mentioning a gift of prince *Vādhapāla* (*Vyādhapāla*), the son of 'king' *Dhanabhūti*, it results that the donor *Dhanabhūti* was a king (*rājan*) like his grandfather (and probably also his father). The text of the fragmentary inscription A 2 on a *Batanmāra* *Torana* pillar was probably the same as that of A 1, and a third *Torana* pillar inscription (A 129) of somewhat similar wording is in existence, but the aksharas *hena* in line 1 do not fit in with one of the names in A 1, and it remains very doubtful whether king *Dhanabhūti* also erected this gateway. Two of the gateways were evidently his donation.

King *Dhanabhūti*, dating his inscriptions in the *Śunga* reign, is supposed by *Buhler* and others to have been a feudatory of that dynasty.² His connection with some donor of the name *Dhanabhūti* in a *Mathurā* inscription (List No. 125), maintained by *Cunningham*³, is, however, rejected by *Luders* in his revision of the *Mathurā* inscription given below; see supplement to our *Bhārhut* inscription No. A 1. So the location of king *Dhanabhūti*'s possessions remains inevident, and the contents of our inscriptions yield no more than a somewhat vague date for the erection of two of the *Bhārhut* gateways in the *Śunga* reign, i.e. between circa 184 to 72 B.C.

For further elucidation on the chronological position of the *Bhārhut* inscriptions we have to consider their palaeography. To the experts of old their similarity with the inscriptions of *Aśoka* from the middle of the 3rd century B.C. was striking. *Cunningham* says "The alphabetical characters of the inscriptions are precisely the same as those of *Aśoka*'s time on the *Sānchi* *Stūpa*, and of the other undoubted records of *Aśoka* on rocks and pillars", and elsewhere "I do not wish to fix upon any exact date, and I am content with recording my opinion that the alphabetical characters of the *Bharhut* inscriptions are certainly not later than B.C. 200".⁴ *Buhler*'s book on *Indian Palaeography*⁵ displays great advance in the classification of the oldest *Brāhmī* inscriptions. He distinguishes an old *Maurya* type from a younger *Maurya* and from a *Śunga* type. To the *Śunga* type he attributes the *Bhārhut* *Torana* inscriptions, found by him to be apparently younger than the bulk of the rail inscriptions. The latter he considers to represent the old *Maurya* type. On the whole he gives 150 B.C. as date for *Bhārhut* in his table.

Some differences even in workmanship between the sculptures of the *Toranas* on the one hand and of the pillars and bars of the railing (*vedikā*) on the other hand had already been observed by *Cunningham*. According to him the sculptured statues on the balusters of the eastern gateway were "much superior in artistic design and execution to those of the railing pillars". These balusters of the *Torana* he found further remarkable as having

¹ The donor in the inscription A 4 is *Nāgarakhitā* (*Nāgarakshitā*), the wife of a king whose name with exception of the last akshara *ka* is lost. *Hultzsch* was of the opinion that the name should be reconstructed as *Dhanabhūti*. This suggestion is tempting, but against the reading of the last akshara

² In the fragmentary inscription A 130 a king occurs who seems to be designated as *adhiyā*

³ *StBh.*, pp. 15 ff., *Barua*, *Barh.*, I, p. 29 says "Dhanabhūti seems to have been a king of the *Mathurā* region".

⁴ *StBh.*, p. 127

⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 15

⁶ *Indische Palaeographie* (1896), p. 32

single Kharoshthī letters—called ‘Arian letters’ by him—engraved on their bases or capitals as marks of the sculptors “The letters found”, he says, “are *p*, *s*, *a* and *b*, of which the first three occur twice I think it probable that these letters may be numerals, the initials of the words *pānch*=5, *sāt*=7, *āth*=8, and *ba*=2”.¹

𑀧 𑀦 𑀩 𑀨 𑀫
p a b a s

On the other hand not less than 27 marks, discovered on any portions of the railing, were all in Brāhmī letters. Cunningham came to the conclusion that Western artists were employed by king Dhanabhūti at the gateways, “while the smaller gifts of pillars and rails were executed by the local artists”²

It is now generally believed that the Bhārhut stūpa with its railing and gateways was built in successive stages, and that its history extends over more than a century. The mound will have existed in the third century B C, as it was built of large size bricks (12×12×3,5 inches) which are typical for the Maurya age. For some time it may have been surrounded by a wooden fence and decorated with wooden gateways. The old wooden models of the railing and gateways, however, became later on, towards the end of the second century B C, replaced by stone work³. Barua imagines three stages in the execution of the stone work⁴. 1. In the first stage “the mound was enclosed by a railing of rough-hewn stone, with four quadrants, four entrances, a square coping with certain ornamentation on its outer face, and some statues of demigods and demigoddesses on terminus pillars”. 2. “In the second stage, when the eastern terminus pillar of S E Quadrant was recorded to be the Barhut first pillar⁵, some alterations were made resulting in the replacement of the right terminus pillar in each quadrant by one connected with a return, added at the time, and bearing a lion-statue guarding the approach. In this stage a few other statues of demigods and demigoddesses were carved on three out of four right terminus pillars in the quadrants. The artists employed hailed all from localities where Brāhmī was the current script”. 3. “The third stage was reached when king Dhanabhūti erected the gateways. He employed some artists, who hailed from a north-western region where Kharoshthī was the current script, to do the work. These artists must have also worked on the great railing, either fashioning some of the pillars and rail-bars, or carving new sculptures, or inserting new pillars and rails, in short, giving a finishing touch to the work of repair or decoration”. Barua dates the three stages as follows⁶: “The first stage is Mauryan but not necessarily Aśokan, it is probably post-Aśokan. The second or middle stage must be dated as early as 150 B C and the third or final as late as 100 B C, half a century being sufficient, upon the whole, for the development of the Barhut plastic art from the first⁷ to the Prasenajit pillar”⁸. Giving these dates, Barua keeps in line with Foucher who wrote⁹: “we feel certain that towards the end of the second century the final touch must have been given to the decoration of the stūpa, commenced, no doubt, during the third”.

¹ L c, p 8, and note 2

² It may be recalled that, as stated above p XI (§ 12, c), the cerebral nasal (*ṅ*) appears only in the gateway inscriptions A 1 and A 2.

³ Foucher, *The Beginnings of Buddhist Art*, London, 1917, p. 34

⁴ *Barh*, I, pp 32 ff

⁵ Cf No A 34

⁶ *Barh*, I, p 36

⁷ Cf No. B 26-31, B 36-39, B 60-61, B 70-72, A 62.

⁸ L c, p 34.

To the discussion, how to arrange the early Brāhmī inscriptions chronologically, an impetus was given at his time by Ramaprasad Chanda in 'Dates of the Votive Inscriptions on the Stūpas of Sanchī'¹ Chanda proposed the following order of inscriptions²

- 1 Edicts of Aśoka
- 2 Nāgārjuni Hill cave inscriptions of Aśoka's grandson Daśaratha
- 3 Besnagar Garuda pillar inscriptions
- 4 (a) Inscriptions on the railings of Stūpa I at Sāñchī
(b) Inscriptions on the railings of Stūpa II at Sāñchī
(c) Bhārhut railing inscriptions
(d) Inscriptions on the remnants of the old Bodh-Gayā railing
- 5 (a) Besnagar Garuda pillar inscription of the year 12 after the inscription of mahārāja Bhāgavata
(b) Inscription of Nāyamikā, widow of the Andhra king Sātakanī I in the Nānāghāt cave
(c) Bhārhut torana (gateway) inscription
- 6 Hāthigumphā inscription of Khāravela, king of Kalinga
- 7 Sāñchī torana inscriptions
- 8 Inscriptions of the time of Śodāsa

Chanda's researches form the basis of later inquiries in Bhārhut inscriptions by Barua and Sinha³ and by N G Majumdar.⁴

Barua and Sinha print and discuss three lists of letters A gateway inscriptions "engraved by Western artists whose script was Kharoshthī", B coping inscriptions "engraved by different sculptors apparently of the same period", and C rail-pillar, rail-bar, rail-panel and rail-medallion inscriptions, engraved at different times by different artists (masons and sculptors) of different localities, where the Brāhmī was or was not the prevalent script" Obviously list A contains the younger type of letters and B the older, while in C both types are mixed N G. Majumdar, inquiring into the chronology of early Brāhmī inscriptions, again distinguishes two layers of Bhārhut inscriptions In his edition of Sāñchī inscriptions, contributed to the monumental, but somewhat bulky work of Marshall and Foucher on Sāñchī in three volumes, he gives a clear survey of the palaeographical position and a revised, and in our opinion more correct, date for the Bhārhut inscriptions, viz circa 125-75 B C instead of 150-100 B C His results with respect to the older Bhārhut inscriptions he states (Vol I, pp 270f), after having fixed the last quarter of the second century B C as the date of the railing of Stūpa 2 at Sāñchī, in the following words "Judging from palaeography, the major portion of the balustrade of the stūpa of Bharhut would also appear to belong to this period", and again: "The inscriptions of Stūpa 2, together with those on the Bharhut railing and the Bhilsa pillar⁵, represent therefore the concluding phase of group 2 of our table of alphabets⁶ (circa 125-100 B C)"

The younger inscriptions engraved on a gateway pillar "and some portions of its railing which appear to have been later additions" he attributes to a different cate-

¹ *MAI*, I, 1919

² *L c*, pp 14-15, cf *BI*, pp 108 f

³ *BI*, pp 103-112

⁴ Marshall, Sir John, and Alfred Foucher *The Monuments of Sāñchī* With the texts of inscriptions edited, translated and annotated by N G Majumdar, Calcutta Manager of Publications, 1940, 3 vols

⁵ Refers to the Besnagar Garuda pillar Dr D C Sircar is of the opinion that the Besnagar eptaph of Heliodorus "cannot be much earlier than the end of the second century B C" [*The History and Culture of the Indian People*, ed by R C Majumdar and A D Pusalker, Vol II (1951), p. 195]

⁶ *Monuments of Sāñchī*, Vol III, end.

gory and has them classed “ with certain epigraphs on the Bodh-Gayā railing, e g those of the time of Brahnamitra and Indrāgnimitra and with the Mathurā inscriptions of Utaradāsaka and king Vishnumitra ”. This group, according to him, belongs to about 100-75 B.C

We look with some reserve at the attempts to classify individual Bhārhut inscriptions as earlier, and others as later, resting upon the shape of one or two test letters only. Certainly, a process of gradual transformation of aksharas in early Brāhmī can be stated, and the general trend is clear enough. However, as Barua says¹, “ certain forms became stereotyped at a particular period of time as an outcome of a very complex process, of the action and reaction of various factors. The shape of letters depends on the local style, the personal habit and temperament, the nature of space and material, the position of the scribe, the nature of the tool, and the rest ”. Sometimes we find slightly different forms of test letters side by side in the same inscription, or in inscriptions doubtlessly belonging to the same time. In other cases advanced types of one letter occur together with conservative ones of another. So in the inscription B 26 (Plate XVIII) an advanced *chha* of nearly ‘butterfly’ type stands by the side of an old shaped *kā*, and in B 28- B 31 (Plate XVIII), in the words *alambusā* and *achharā*, the letter *a* is written each time in a somewhat different shape, although the inscriptions are found on one and the same sculpture and refer to the same representation. Majumdar says, after discussing the palaeographically late features of some letters of the



ground balustrade inscriptions of stūpa I in Sāñchī “The parts of the balustrade where these inscriptions occur must undoubtedly have been later insertions, due to subsequent additions and repairs, and they have no bearing on the date of the balustrade as a whole”².

It seems wise, not to decide in such cases without allowing some margin for the habits of the individual scribes, and to take into consideration, besides palaeography, any other evidence that might be available.

The gradual change in the form of some test letters in Bhārhut is shown in the following synopsis.

Regarding letter *a*. In the inscriptions of Aśoka the two left arms of the letter *a* generally meet at a point. Another type, more rare, has a gap between the arms, and this type is a characteristic of the post-Aśokan writing.

Letter *ka*: The old type is a cross of which the horizontal and the vertical intercross each other in the middle. The later type has a shorter horizontal, crossing higher up, and looks like a hanging sword, or a dagger.

Letter *ga*. In the old type the arms form a sharp angle at the top, the later type has a markedly rounded top instead of the angle.

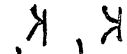

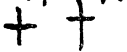













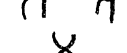














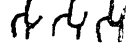


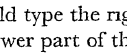

Letter *chha*. The old types show nearly a circle bisected by a vertical. Then the corpus becomes more elliptical, and finally it looks like a butterfly with two loops.

Letter *dha*. In the inscriptions of Aśoka this letter is of the shape of the Roman D, the vertical stroke appearing to the left. In the post-Aśokan writing the vertical stroke is found to the right, and the form of the letter is a reversed one.

Letter *pa*. In later times the right vertical is heightened, and the left and right verticals are nearly equalized.

¹BI, p 110

²Sāñchī, Vol I, p 268

	Railing	Torana	Mathurā (List 125)
a			
ka			
ga			
chha			
dha			
pa			
bha			
ma			
ya			
ra			
va			
sa			
pu			
su			

Letter *bha*. In the old type the right vertical of the letter is of equal length with the left one, later on the lower part of the right vertical is elongated

Letter *ma*. In later times a tendency towards angularization is obvious

Letter *ya*. The old type is that of a vertical standing upon a horizontal crescent, sometimes high-curved. Later on the letter resembles an anchor

Letter *ra*. The old type is a straight vertical stroke with equally thick ends; later on the upper end gains in the thickness, and the letter looks like the blade of a sword. An old variation has the vertical stroke curved like a corkscrew

Letter *va*. As in the letter *ma* a tendency towards angularization is obvious in later times.

Letter *sa*. In the younger type, as with the letter *pa*, the right vertical stroke is lengthened and nearly equalized to the left one

Letters *pu* and *su*: In the earlier type the *u*-mark is applied towards the middle part of the letter, in the later type in continuation of the right vertical.

REFERENCES OF INSCRIPTIONS TO PLATES

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A 1	I	A 45	VII	A 86	XII	A 129	XXVI*
A 2	XXIII*	A 46	XXIV*	A 87	XII	A 130	XXVI*
A 3	XXIII*	A 47	XXIV*	A 87a	XXVIII	A 131	XXVI†
A 4	II	A 48	XXIV*	A 88	XII	A 132	XXVI*
A 5	II	A 49	XXIV*	A 89	XXV*	A 133	XXVI*
A 6	II	A 49a	XXXIX	A 90ab	XII	A 134	XXVI*
A 7	XXIII*	A 50	VII	A 91	XII	A 135	XXVI*
A 8	II	A 51	VIII	A 92	XII	A 136	XV
A 9	XXIV*	A 52	XXIV*	A 93	XIII		
A 10	II	A 53	VIII	A 94	XIII	B 1	XVI
A 11	II	A 54	XXIV*	A 95	XIII	B 2	XVI
A 12	III	A 54a	XXVIII	A 96	XIII	B 3	XVI
A 13	III	A 54b	XXVII	A 97	XXV*	B 4	XVI
A 14	III	A 55	VIII	A 98	XIII	B 5	XVI
A 15	III	A 56	VIII	A 99	XIII	B 6	XVI
A 16	III	A 57	VIII	A 100	XIII	B 7	XVI
A 17	XXIV*	A 58	IX	A 101	XIII	B 8	XVI
A 18	III	A 59	IX	A 102	XIV	B 9	XVI
A 19	IV	A 60	IX†	A 103	XXV*	B 10	XVI
A 20	IV	A 61	IX	A 104	XXV*	B 11	XVI
A 21	IV	A 62	IX	A 105	XIV	B 12	XVI‡
A 22	IV	A 63	XXV*	A 106	XIV	B 13	V
A 23	IV	A 64	IX	A 107	XXV*	B 14	XVII
A 24	IV	A 65	IX	A 108	XIV	B 15	XVII
A 25	V	A 66	IX	A 109	XIV	B 16	XVII
A 26	XXIV*	A 67	X	A 110	XIV	B 17	XVII
A 27	V	A 68	X	A 111	XIV	B 18	XVII
A 28	V	A 69	XXV*	A 112	XIV†	B 19	XVII
A 29	V	A 70	X	A 113	XXV†	B 20	XVIII†
A 30	V	A 71	X	A 114	XV	B 21	XVIII
A 31	V	A 72	X	A 115	XXV†	B 22	XVIII
A 32	VI	A 73	X	A 116	XV	B 23	XVIII†
A 33	XXIV*	A 74	XI	A 117	XIV	B 24	XVIII*
A 34	VI	A 75	XI	A 118	XV	B 25	XVIII*
A 35	XXIV†	A 76	XI	A 119	XV	B 26	XVIII
A 36	XXIV*	A 77	XI	A 120	XV	B 27	XVIII
A 37	VI	A 78	XXV*	A 121	XV	B 28	XVIII
A 38	VI	A 79	XI	A 122	XV	B 29	XVIII
A 39	VI	A 80	XI	A 123	XV	B 30	XVIII
A 40	VII	A 81	XI	A 124	XXV*	B 31	XVIII
A 41	VII	A 82	XI	A 125	XXV*	B 31a	XXXIX
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B 38	XIX	B 50	XX	B 63	XXI	B 76	XXIII*
B 39	XIX	B 51	XX†	B 64	XXI	B 77	XXIII*
B 40	XIX*	B 52	XX	B 65	XXI	B 78	XXII
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LOCATION OF BHĀRHUT INSCRIPTIONS

as described by General Cunningham¹

- I Inscriptions on pillars of gateways (*torana*)
A 1 (687), A 2 (688), A 129 (689)
- II Inscriptions on coping stones (*usn̄vā*)
(I) A 70 (690)
(II) B 57 (691), B 63 (692), B 69 (693), B 50 (694), B 42 (695), B 77 (696),
(III) B 64 (697),
(IV) B 48 (698), B 68 (699),
(V) B 41 (700), B 54 (701), B 65 (702),
(VI) B 46 (703), B 45 (704),
(VII) A 5 (705), B 58 (706), B 73 (707), B 74 (708),
(VIII) B 56 (709), B 67 (710), B 75 (711)
- III Inscriptions on pillars (*stambha*) of railing and returns (gates)
(a) *S E Quadrant*
(P 11) A 34 (712), (P 12) A 38 (713), B 14 (714),
(P 13) A 68 (715), (P 17) A 71 (716), B 11 (717),
(P 15) A 42 (718), (P 18) A 14 (719),
(P ?) A 12 (720), (M 5) A 50 (721), B 16 (722),
(P 21, M 2) A 24 (723), B 43 (724), (P 6) A 21 (725),
(P 10) B 7 (726), A 94 (727), (P 26) A 22 (728),
(P 14) A 98 (729), B 47 (730), B 32 (731), B 33 (732), B 34 (733),
(P 1) A 95 (734), B 6 (735), B 4 (736), B 5 (737)
- (b) *S Return*
(P 29) A 62 (738), B 23 (739), B 24 (740), B 25 (741), B 26 (742), B 27 (743),
B 28 (744), B 29 (745), B 30 (746), B 31 (747), B 60 (748), B 61 (749),
B 38 (750), B 39 (751), B 36 (752), B 37 (753), B 71 (754), B 70 (755),
B 72 (756), A 136 (757)
- (c) *S W Quadrant*
(P ?) A 123 (758), (M 7) A 40 (759), B 17 (760),
(P 9) A 74 (761), (P 23) A 61 (762),
(P 27) A 8 (763), (P ?) A 52 (764),
(M 10) B 78 (765), (P 30) A 65 (766),
(P 25) A 6 (767), (P 2) A 66 (768), B 52 (769),
(P 16) B 8 (770), B 9 (771), A 80 (772)
- (d) *W Return*
(P 3) A 59 (773), B 40 (774), B 21 (775), B 22 (776), B 18 (777)
- (e) *N W Quadrant*
(P 8) A 29 (778), B 13 (779), (P 20) A 30 (780),

¹A 1, B 1 etc refer to our treatment of the inscriptions below Group A consists of donative inscriptions, group B of inscriptions describing the sculptural representations. The numbers given in brackets are the corresponding ones on Luders' 'List of Brāhmi Inscriptions'. The arrangement in the List follows the order given by Cunningham in *StBh*

displaced B 76 (781=791), (M ?) A 16 (782), B 15 (783),
 (M 9) A 32 (784), B 49 (785), (P 31) A 39 (789), B 10 (790),
 (P 5) A 58 (792), B 2 (793), B 1 (794), B 3 (795)

f) *N Return*

P 28) B 55 (786), A 60 (787), B 66 (788)

g) *E Quadrant*

P 22) A 27 (796), (P 19) A 51 (797),

P 4) A 25 (798), (?) A 46 (799),

P 7) A 73 (800), B 19 (801), B 53 (802)

h) *Displaced Batanmāva*

A 124 (803), A 54 (804), B 35 (805), A 43 (806), B 59 (807), A 26 (808),
 A 7 (809)

i) *Displaced Pataava*

B 51 (810), B 12 (811), A 17 (812), A 33 (813), B 20 (814)

IV *Inscriptions on rail-bars (sūci)*a) *S E Quadrant*

A 78 (815), A 15 (816), A 37 (817), A 13 (818), A 11 (819), A 10 (820),
 A 120 (821), A 114 (822), A 118 (823), A 81 (824), B 44 (825), A 119 (826)

b) *S Return*

A 102 (827), A 84 (828), A 85 (829), A 86 (830), A 72 (831), A 89 (832),
 A 63 (833)

c) *S W Quadrant*

A 93 (834), A 31 (835), A 49 (836)

d) *Inscriptions on displaced rail-bars and on fragments*

A 19 (837), A 18 (838), A 20 (839), A 76 (840), A 77 (841), A 67 (842),
 A 109 (843), A 108 (844), A 96 (845), A 105 (846), A 101 (847), A 86 (848),
 A 110 (849), A 64 (850), A 79 (851), A 45 (852), A 90 (853), A 115 (854),
 A 92 (855), A 56 (856), A 55 (857), A 41 (858), A 53 (859), A 28 (860),
 A 23 (861), A 122 (862), A 91 (863), A 82 (864), A 83 (865), A 106 (866),
 A 57 (867), A 87 (868), A 3 (869), A 75 (870), A 116 (871), A 117 (872),
 A 103 (873), A 100 (874), A 121 (875), A 47 (876), A 36 (877), A 48 (878),
 A 104 (879), A 112 (880), B 62 (881), A 4 (882), A 99 (883), B 79 (884),
 A 35 (885), A 69 (886), A 126 (887), A 131 (888), A 128 (889), A 132 (890),
 A 9 (891), A 130 (892), A 113 (893), A 134 (894), A 107 (895), A 135 (896),
 B 80 (897), A 97 (898), A 125 (899), A 133 (900), B 75 (901), B 81 (902),
 A 127 (903), B 82 (903a)

TEXTS AND TRANSLATIONS

PART A

DONATIVE INSCRIPTIONS

(a) FORMAL ASPECT

In comparison with the later donative inscriptions, the wording of the Bhārhut inscriptions is simple. In its shortest and very common form the inscription mentions only the name of the donor, put in the genitive, followed by the word *dānam* "gift"¹. In about forty cases the object of the donation is specified as *thabho* (*thambho*),² *thabhā*,³ *suchi*,⁴ *bodhuchaka* (A 106), *tanachakamapariv[reho]* (A 127). Usually the word *dānam* comes after the object of gift, but the reverse order of words is found in not less than twelve cases⁵. In one inscription (A 50) the word *dānam* is obviously to be understood, but the writer did not think it necessary to inscribe it⁶. Whereas in most cases particulars regarding the native place, profession etc. of the donors are given *before* the word *dānam*, in four inscriptions we find a word or two added *after* it, referring to the native place (A 39) or the personal relationship (A 46, A 90) of the donor. In A 76 the female donor is characterised as a nun (*bhichhunī*) *after* the word *dānam*. Normally the donations are made by individuals obviously for their own spiritual welfare. In one case (A 108), however, it is specially mentioned that the gift was made for the benefit of the parents of the donor (*mātāpituṇa athāyā*). In A 5, the donation does not come from an individual donor but from the community of the town Karahakata. It was probably collected by subscription. Similarly in A 16 the gift is attributed to a group of donors from Purikā⁷. Normally it is to be presupposed that only the cost of the objects given was borne by the various donors, but in one case (A 112), if the interpretation given below is correct, the inscription would mean that the donor himself had carved the relief besides paying the cost of the stone. In A 1, special reference is made to the stonework (carving) added to the *torana* as decoration.

(b) CONTENTS

The donors mentioned in the 136 Bhārhut inscriptions of our group⁸ include both the men and women who lead the worldly life and those that have renounced it. Thus on the one hand we have about 58 gifts from laymen⁹ and about 36 from laywomen,¹⁰ whereas

¹In about eight cases the anusvāra is omitted. Once, in A 96, the word is used in the masculine form *dāno* which, according to Luders, is probably a clerical error (as well as *dān[ā]* A 49a).

²A 6, A 7, A 8, A 39, A 40, A 46, A 50, A 54, A 58, A 61, A 65, A 66, A 68, A 71, A 73, A 80, A 87a, A 94, A 98. In A 34 it is mentioned that the pillar donated is the first one (*pathamathabho*).

³A 25, A 27, A 29, A 123, A 124.

⁴A 23, A 56, A 72, A 87, A 89, A 96, A 101, A 104, A 105, A 109, A 111, A 118, A 119.

⁵Cf. *dānam* or *dāna thabho* A 6, A 58, A 61, A 94, *dānam thabhā* A 25, A 27, A 29, A 123, *dānam* or *dāna suchi* A 109, A 118, A 119, *dāna tanachakamapariv[reho]* A 127.

⁶The word *dānam* is missing also in A 3, A 9, A 11, A 35, A 43, A 44. But these inscriptions seem to be incomplete.

⁷In Sāñchī, gifts have been made by villages, or by particular sects or guilds having their residence in Vedśā or Ujjenī (Ujjayīni).

⁸Four newly recovered inscriptions (A 49a, A 54a, A 54b, A 87a) have to be added.

⁹A 1-A 3, A 6, A 7, A 13, A 21-A 23, A 25, A 26, A 30, A 31, A 36, A 40, A 47, A 50, A 54a, A 54 b, A 55, A 81-A 113, A 129(?), A 130(?), A 132, A 133(?).

¹⁰A 4, A 9, A 10, A 14, A 15, A 18, A 19, A 20, A 27, A 28, A 32-A 35, A 45, A 46, A 48, A 49, A 49a, A 53, A 114-A 128, A 134(?).

on the other hand there are 25 donations by monks' and 16 by nuns. It is perhaps striking to find monks and nuns making donations, as they were forbidden to own any personal property besides some ordinary requisites. Probably we have to suppose that they collected the money required for some pious purpose by begging it from their relatives or acquaintances. It is, however, never stated in Bhārḥ as in Jain inscriptions from Mathurā, that the dedication was made by a layman at the request of some clergyman. The wording of the Bhārḥ inscriptions refers to the Buddhist clergyman in such a way, as if he himself had made the donation.

In some inscriptions only the names of the donors are mentioned, while in the others we find details regarding

- (I) the places they come from,
- (II) the family (*gotra*) or tribe they belong to, or the relationship they have to some other person,
- (III) the professions they follow, and
- (IV) the ecclesiastical titles they bear (in case of monks)

The places from where the donors come are mentioned in 52 cases. Several of these place-names occur more than once, for instance, *Vēḍisa* (six times), *Karahakata* (five times), *Purikā* (five times), *Moraguri* (five times), *Chudathīla* (thrice), *Pātalīputa* (thrice), *Bibikānadakata* (twice), *Bhojakata* (twice), *Chkulana* (= *Chekulana*, twice), *Nagara* (twice). The other place-names occur only once, see the treatment of place-names below p. 6 f.

The donors mentioned in A 1-4 and in A 130⁽²⁾ are members of the royal family of king Dhanabhūti who apparently was a feudatory of the Śungas. In A 1, Dhanabhūti is called the grandson of 'king' Visadeva. In A 3, he himself is called king (*ṛāja*) and his son Vādhapāla is styled 'prince' (*kumāra*). In A 4, a female donor of the name Nāgarakhitā is mentioned as the wife of a 'king' whose name is lost. A 130 refers to a 'king' and a 'supreme king' (*adhivāja*) whose name again has not been preserved. The historical bearing of these inscriptions is discussed under A 1.

The family (*gotra*) of a female donor is given in A 35 as *Vāsithi* (*Vāsīsthi*), and the name of a tribe to which two female donors from Pātalīputa and another lady from some unknown place belong, occurs as *Kōḍya* (A 14, A 15) and *Kōḍa* (A 116)³. In a few inscriptions the donor's relationship to his mother is mentioned as 'the son of so and so'. Such is the case in A 1 where king Dhanabhūti and his ancestors appear. Here the name of the respective mother refers to her gotra, e.g. *Gāgīputa* (*Gārgīputa*) *Gotīputa* (*Gauṭīputa*), *Vāchhīputa* (*Vātsīputa*)⁴. In A 100, however, the donor is mentioned simply as the son of Śrī (*Seryāputa*).

Once the relationship of the donor to his grandfather and father is expressed as *Jahvanatu Isvrakhitaputa* (*Jahvanapītri Isvrakshitaputa*) A 50.

The female donor *Pusadevā* (*Pushyadevā*) is referred to as 'the mother of so and so' e.g. *Dhamaguta-matu* (*Dhamagupta-mātri*) in A 120. In three other cases the name of the

¹ A 8, A 17, A 38, A 39, A 41, A 51, A 54, A 56-A 73. The titles *upāsaka* for male and *upāsikā* for female lay-worshippers, as well as *bhikkhu* or *bhichhu* (*bhikṣu*) for monks are never used in Bhārḥut inscriptions. We find only *bhikkhuni* or *bhichhuni* (*bhikṣuni*) for nuns. The monks in Bhārḥut inscriptions are to be recognized only from their ecclesiastical titles given below. In Sāñchī inscriptions, however, *upāsaka* and *upāsikā* occur 4 and 15 times respectively, and *bhikkhu* or *bhichhu* as also *bhikkhuni* or *bhichhuni* occur very often.

² A 11, A 12, A 24, A 29, A 37, A 42-A 44, A 52, A 74-A 80.

³ Cf. *Kōḍyo* for *Kōḍya* in A 116 and B 72.

⁴ Cf. Hultzsch, *IA* Vol. XXI (1892), p. 227, note 11. "The custom, in accordance with which each of the three kings bears a secondary name derived from the *gotra* of his mother, has descended through the Andhras to the Kadambas and Chalukyas, see Dr. Fleet's *Kanarese Dynasties*, p. 5, note 2."

female donor is not mentioned, but she is called 'the mother of so and so' cf *Setaka-mātu* (*Śreṣṭhika-mātri*) A 18, *Ghāṭila-mātu* A 28, and *Tosālasa māta* = *Gosālasa matu* (*Gosālasya mātuh*) A 90 In A 54b, a man named *Nagarakhita* (*Nāgarakṣita*) occurs as a donor in the company of his mother

A female donor is referred to as 'the wife of so and so' in *Revatimitabhāryā* (*Revatīmitrabhāryā*) A 34, in *Vasukasa bhāryā* A 46, or 'the daughter of so and so' in *Mahāmukhsa dhātu* (*Mahāmukhino dhutuh*) A 42

The professions of lay-donors are mentioned only in two cases One of the donors (A 22) is styled as 'horseman' (*asavārka* = *asvavārka*), and the other (A 55) as 'sculptor' (*rupakāraka* = *rūpakāraka*) In A 21, the donor is characterized as 'householder' (*gahapati* = *grhapati*)¹

A great variety is to be found in ecclesiastical titles²

aya (*āya*) 'the venerable' A 8, A 67 - A 72,

bhadata (*bhadanta*) 'the reverend' A 41, A 64 - A 66,

bhānaka (*bhānaka*) 'the reciter' A 54, A 54a, A 63,

combination of *bhadanta* with *aya* A 38,

combination of *aya* with *bhānaka* A 62,

combination of *bhadata* with *bhānaka* A 39, A 61,

combination of *aya* with *sutamika* (*sūti āntika*) 'the student of the sūtrāntas' A 51;

combination of *aya* with *petaki* (*petakn*) 'who knows the *putakas*' A 56,

combination of *aya* with *antevāsī* (*antevāsīn*) 'the pupil' A 73,

combination of *bhadata* with *satupaḍāna* (*sṛṣṭopādāna*) 'who has abandoned attachment' A 58,

combination of *bhadata* with *aya*, *bhānaka*, and *navakamika* (*navakarmika*) 'superintendent of the works' A 59,

bhatudesaka (*bhaktodeśaka*) 'superintendent of meals'³ A 17,

pañchanekāyika (*pañchanakāyika*) 'who knows the five Nikāyas' A 57,

bhikhunī (*bhikshunī*) 'a nun'⁴ A 11, A 12, A 29, A 44, A 52, A 80,

bhichhū A 24, A 37, A 42, A 43, A 74 - A 79

Personal Names

As the following classification points out, there is a great variety in the names given to persons A large number of these names is religious (theophoric)⁵ Apparently we are in a period when the worship of old vedic deities still existed and when the rule of some Grihyasūtras recommending to name a person after some nakshatra was in vogue But the cult of minor deities and spirits like Yakshas, Bhūtas and Nāgas and of saints seems to have

¹In Sāñchī inscriptions there is a great variety of professional epithets like *sethi* (a banker), *vanyā* (a merchant), *āvesani* (a foreman of artisans), *rājyalīkārā* (a royal scribe), *rajuka* (a high District officer), *lekṣhaka* (a writer), *vadhakī* (a mason), *pāvārka* (a cloak-seller), *soṭika* (a weaver), and *kamika* (an artisan). The epithets 'horseman' (*asavārka*, Bhārḥ A 22) and 'householder' (*gahapati*, Bhārḥ A 21) occur as well (Rhys Davids SBE XI, p 257, note, sees in *gahapati* a 'village landholder')

²In Sāñchī we get some more ecclesiastical titles like *thera* (Senior), *dhamakathika* (preacher of the law), *vināyaka* (guide, instructor) and *śāpursa* (a holy man) On the general importance of some of the church titles see below p 48 and notes

³The donor is not specially said to be a monk But the office he holds is known from the Pāli texts to be that of a clergyman

⁴The corresponding designation for monks *bhikhu* or *bhichhu* (*bhikshu*) is not to be found, as mentioned above p 1, note 11

⁵'Theophore Namen', see Hilka, Alfons, *Dre altindischen Personennamen*, Breslau, 1910, pp 78-112

been very popular. Besides, names derived from the Vaishnavite and Śarvite deities prove also the existence of these sects in that period. Often the person is called 'protected' (*guta*=*gūpta*, *rakṣita*=*rakṣita*, *pālita*) or 'given' (*data*=*data*),¹ by some deity or star, or the person is said to have some deity as his 'friend' (*mītra*=*mītra*) or 'god' (*deva*), or is said to be the deity's servant (*dāsa*)². In the case of such names as may be called Buddhist, however, words as *saṃgha*, *dharma*=*dharma*, *budha*=*buddha*, *bodhi*, and *thūpa*=*stūpa* appear in place of the deity's name.³ It is surprising that such Buddhist names are relatively few, and that there is no marked difference in naming laymen and clergymen.⁴ The non-religious names referring to the appearance of the body, mental dispositions, plants or animals are comparatively seldom met with.⁵

I Religious Names

- 1 Buddhist. (a) Male names *Thupadāsa* (*Stūpadāsa*) A 95, *Dhamaguta* (*Dharmagūpta*) A 94, A 120, *Dhamarakṣita* (*Dharmarakṣita*) A 95, *Budharakṣita* (*Buddharakṣita*)⁶ A 55, *A 57, *A 58, *Budhi* (*Buddhi*) A 21, *Bodhiguta* (*Bodhigūpta*) A 99, *Saṅghamitra* (*Saṅghamitra*) A 40, *Samghamita* (*Saṅghamitra*) A 106, (A 107), *Saṅgharakṣita* (*Saṅgharakṣita*) A 108, *Saṅgha* (*Saṅgha*) A 109
 - (b) Female names *Dhamarakṣitā* (*Dharmarakṣitā*)* A 52, A 118, **Budharakṣitā* (*Buddharakṣitā*)⁶, A 76, **Samanā* (*Śramaṇā*) A 12
- 2 Names derived from stars
 - A Constellation (*nakṣatra*)⁷—(a) Male names *Utaragidhika* (*Uttaragṛdhika*?) A 7, *Jyēṣṭhabhadra* (*Jyēṣṭhabhadra*) A 92, **Punāvāsu* (*Punarvasu*) A 72, *Pusa* (*Pushya*) A 98, *Pusaka* (*Pushyaka*) A 47, *Phagudeva* (*Phalgudeva*) A 30, *Bhāramideva* (*Bharamideva*) A 100, *Revatimītra* (*Revatimītra*) A 34, *Satika* (*Svātika*) A 132
 - (b) Female names *Anurādhā* A 32, **Pusadātā* (*Pushyadattā*) A 43, A 44, *Pusadevā* (*Pushyadevā*) A 120, *Pusā* (*Pushyā*) A 27, **Phagudevā* (*Phalgudevā*) A 75, *Sakatadevā* (*Sakata*[=*Rohini*] *devā*)⁸ A 15, *Sonā* (*Śraṇanā*) A 123, *Tisā* (*Tishyā*) A 49a.
 - B Planet (*graha*)⁹—(a) Male names *Āgaraju* (*Angāradyuti*) A 1, A 2.
 - C Sign of Zodiac (*rāṣi*)¹⁰—(a) Male name *Siha* (*Simha*)¹¹ A 111
 - (b) Female name *Chāpadevī*¹² A 34
- 3 Vedic. (a) Male names *Agvarakṣita* (*Agvarakṣita*)¹³ A 23, *Mahāsasena* (*Mahendrasena*)¹⁴

¹ Hilka l c p 49 ff

² Hilka l c p 47.

³ Hilka l c p 104 f

⁴ In the following list the names of monks and nuns are shown with an asterisk mark

⁵ Hilka refers to them under the heading 'Naturgeschichtliche Benennungen' l c pp 113-152

⁶ The name *Budharakṣitā* could be also equivalent to Sk. *Budharakṣitā* and refer to the planet Budha. But as 'dharma' and 'saṃgha' are found compounded with 'rakṣita' or similar expressions for 'protected' they are more likely to be Buddhist names

⁷ Hilka l c pp 33-38 (Gestirnnamen).

⁸ In Sāncī the name *Rohanadevā*, read by Majumdar as *Rohanadevā*, is attested (cf *List* No 467, Majumdar 466). Other names with *Rohani* as first member of a compound are *Rohanimitā* (*List* No 996, 1033) and *Rohamasvā* (*List* No 1327)

⁹ Hilka l c p 103, cf note 4 about the possibility of *Budharakṣitā* also being a name derived from a planet (*Budha*)

¹⁰ Hilka l c p 38

¹¹ Perhaps this may be a name derived from an animal, cf Hilka p 119, *Simha-gṛhosa* etc.

¹² *Chāpa* is taken to be the same as *dhanus*, the sign of the zodiac Sagittarius. Hilka, l c p 138 gives a list of names containing some word for 'bow' as the second member of a compound. But as in our case the name is that of a woman, it is not likely that it refers to the weapon

¹³ Hilka l c p 80 f

¹⁴ Hilka l c p 82 (Indra as Mahendra)

A 13, *Mita* (*Mitra*)¹ A 101, **Mahara* (*Mahra*, *Mihra*)¹ A 73, *Visadeva* (*Viśvadeva*)² A 1

(b) Female names *Ayamā* (*Aiyamā*)³ A 33, *Idadevā* (*Indradevā*)⁴ A 19, A 45, *Mitadevā* (*Mitradevā*)¹ A 127, *Somā*⁵ A 37

4 Purānic: (a) Male names

(I) Deities in general—*Devarakhita* (*Devarakshita*)⁶ A 93, *Devasena*⁶ A 64

(II) Spirits and animal deities—**Bhutaka* (*Bhūta*)⁷ A 8, *Bhūtārakhita* (*Bhūtarakshita*)⁷ A 31, *A 38, *Yakhula* (*Yakshula*)⁸ A 105, **Gorakhita* (*Gorakshita*)⁹ A 68, **Nāgadeva*¹⁰ A 70

(III) Rishi worship¹¹—*Isidata* (*Rishidatta*) A 86, **Isidina* (*Rishidatta*) A 62, **Isipālita* (*Rishipālita*) A 59, A 60(?), *Israkhita* (*Rishrakshita*) A 50, A 87, (A 87a), A 88

(IV) Minor deities—*Srīma* (*Śrīmat*)¹² A 110, **Mahula*¹³ (*Mahpālita*?) A 65, *Gāgamita* (*Gāṅgāmītra*)¹⁴ A 89

(V) Śaivite—*Isāna* (*Īśāna*)¹⁵ A 84, A 85, *Vādhapāla* (*Vyādhapāla*)¹⁶ A 3, *Samka* (*Svāmika*)¹⁷ A 6, *A 41

(VI) Vaishnavite—**Kanaka* (*Kṛishnaka*)¹⁸ A 39, *Kanhla* (*Kṛishnala*) A 63, **Valaka* (*Balaka*)¹⁹ A 61, *Valamita* (*Balamitra*) A 36

(b) Female names²⁰—

(I) Spirits and animal deities—**Bhutā* (*Bhūtā*) A 77, *Yakhī* (*Yakshī*) A 116, *Gorakhitā* (*Gorakshitā*) A 46, **Drganagā* (*Dinnāgā*) A 24, **Nāgadevā* A 11, *Nāgarakhitā* (*Nāgarakshitā*) A 4, A 54b, *Nāgasenā* A 14, **Nāgā* A 74, **Nāgūlā* A 29, **Sapagutā* (*Sarpagutā*) A 78

(II) Rishi worship—*Israkhitā* (*Rishrakshitā*) A 53

(III) Minor deities—*Srīmā* (*Śrīmatī*) A 48, *Serī* (*Śrī*) A 100, *Chamdā* (*Chandrā*)²¹

A 128

(IV) Śaivite—*Samdatā* (*Svāmdattā*) A 122

¹ Hilka l c p 87

² Hilka l c p 88

³ Hilka l c p 81

⁴ Hilka l c p. 81 f

⁵ Hilka l c p 102 f

⁶ Hilka l c p 79-80

⁷ Hilka l c p 87

⁸ Hilka l c p. 88

⁹ Hilka l c p. 120

¹⁰ Hilka l c p 84 f

¹¹ Hilka l c p. 104

¹² Hilka l c p. 94

¹³ On suffix *-(i)lā* in names, see Hilka, l c p 68 f

¹⁴ Hilka l c p 84

¹⁵ Hilka l c p 96

¹⁶ The name has been classified as Śaivite under the assumption that *vādha* corresponds to Sk *vyādha* 'hunter' and that 'the protector of hunters' is a designation of Rudra-Śiva.

¹⁷ Hilka l c p 104

¹⁸ According to Luders *Kanaka* is the defective writing for *Kanhaka* (*Kṛishnaka*). For names referring to *Kṛishna* see Hilka l c p 93. Hilka, however, takes *Kanaka* as 'gold' and classifies the name as referring to minerals (cf p 121). It is also possible to relate it to the appearance and parts of the body (II, 1) as it could correspond to 'karnaka'.

¹⁹ Hilka l c p. 94

²⁰ For references to Hilka see under male names.

²¹ Hilka l c p. 101 f.

II Non-religious Names

1 Appearance—colour, size, dress, voice, and parts of the body:

(a) Male names—**Sāṃaka*¹ (*Śyāmaka*) A 66, *A 73, **Chula* (*Chuludra*)² A 51, **Chuladhaka* (*Kshudra*?) A 17, *Chulana* (*Kshudra*?) A 91, *Mahamukhi* (*Mahā-mukhi*)³ *A 42, *Muda* (*Munda*) A 102, *Ghātula* (*Ghāta* ‘nape or back of the neck’?) A 28(b) Female names—*Sāmā* (*Syāmā*)⁴ A 20, *Golā*⁵ A 49, *Ghovā* (*Ghoshā*)⁶ A 117, *Kachulā* (*Kāñchulā* ‘a bodice’) A 115

2 Mental disposition and temperament

(a) Male names—*Anamda* (*Ananda*) A 50, *Avsana* (*Avshanna*) A 82, A 83, ¹*Namda* (*Nanda*)⁸ A 69, **Nadagiri*⁹ (*Nandagiri*) A 54, *Namdagiri*¹⁰ A 97, *Dhuta* (*Dhūrta* ‘crafty, cheat’) A 96(b) Female names—*Ujhekā* (*Ujghikā* ‘one who has abandoned (?)’) A 114, *Nadutarā* (*Nandottarā*) A 119, **Badhikā* (*Baddhikā* ‘one who is bound’) A 12.

3 Wealth, fame, and birth

(a) Male names—*Dhanabhūti*¹⁰ A 1, A 2, *Vasuka*¹¹ A 46, *Setaka* (*Śreshṭhaka*)¹² A 18, *Jātamita* (*Jūtāmtra*?) A 26, **Apiknaka* (*Apigīrnaka*?) A 67, *Yavika* (*Javās*?)¹³ A 136, *Gosāla*=*Tosāla* (*Gośāla* ‘born in a cow-stall’) A 90, **Jāta*¹⁴ A 56, **Panthaka* (*Panthaka* ‘born on the way’?)¹⁵ A 71, *Viyutaka* ‘one born in the country’(?) A 104, *Suladha* (*Sulabdha*) A 22(b) Female name—*Avāsikā* (*Āvāsikā* ‘one who has a residence(?)’)

4 Plants and animals

(a) Male names—*Atumuta* (*Atumukta*)¹⁶ A 81, *Suga*, *Saga* (*Śuṅga*) A 1, A 2.(b) Female names—*Valmitā* (*Vellimitrā*) A 35, *Kuyarā* (*Kuñjarā*)¹⁷ A 10

5 Unclassified male names

Jahura A 50, *Tamita* A 103

Place-Names

Besides the place-names which occur more than once (cf p 2) viz *Veḍiva* (six times), *Karahakata* (five times), *Purikā* (five times), *Moragiri* (five times), *Chudathāla* (thrice), *Pātalaputa* (thrice), *Bibikānadikata* (twice), *Bhojakata* (twice), *Chukulana* (*Chukulana*, twice),

¹ *Hilka* l c p 127² *Chula*, *Chuladhaka* and *Chulana* do not appear in Hilka's classification under ‘Gestalt und körperliche Eigenschaften’, p 125³ *Hilka* l c p 128⁴ *Hilka* l c p 127⁵ *Golā* ‘a ball’ may refer to the round form of the body. But it could also be derived from the river *Godā* (= *Godāvari*) or from the country of the name ‘*Gola*’.⁶ For names compounded with *ghosha* as second member, see *Hilka* l c p 130⁷ A list of names referring to dress and ornament but not including *Kachulā* is given by *Hilka* l c p 126⁸ *Hilka* l c p 134⁹ *Nanda*, *Nanda-parvata* and *Nandi-giri* occur also as the names of a mountain¹⁰ *Hilka* l c p 133¹¹ For compounds with *vasu* see *Hilka* l c p 133 For other names derived from the deities called *Vasus* see *Hilka* l c p. 88¹² *Hilka* l c p 131¹³ For names referring to fame see *Hilka* l c p 142¹⁴ For names referring to birth see *Hilka* l c p 123¹⁵ Cf *Pāṇini*, IV, 3 29¹⁶ *Hilka* l c p 115¹⁷ For names referring to animals, including other names for elephant but not *kuyarā*, see *Hilka* l c p 117 ff

Nagara (twice)—a number of places, in which the donors originated, is mentioned only once, for instance *Asitamasā*, *Kamuchu*(?), *Kākamū*, *Kosambī*, *Khuyatiduka*, *Therākūta*, *Dabhna*, *Namānagara*, *Nāsika*, *Padela*, *Parakata*, *Parikma*, *Bahada*, *Benākata*, *Bhogavadhana*, *Venuvāgāma*, *Srīsapada* and *Selapura*

A Formation

If we compare these names with such place-names as are found in Sāñchī inscriptions, certain formative elements of that time are conspicuous. We find

- (a) Names ending in *-kata* *Karaha-kata* A 6, A 7, A 8, *Para-kata* A 48, *Bībīkānādī-kata* A 21, A 22, *Benā-kata* A 49a, *Bhoja-kaṭa* A 23, A 24

The ending *-kata* probably goes back to Sanskrit *kaṭaka* ' (modern *kaḍā*) in the sense of 'circle, valley or camp'. It occurs also very often in Prakrit inscriptions as *-kata* or *-kada*, for instance in Sāñchī in *Beda-kada*, *Bhadana-kata* (*Bhadana-kada*), *Madalāchhu-kata* (*Madalāchhu-kada*), *Moraṅābhū-kata* (*Moraṅā(h)u-kata*) (*Moraṅāhu-kada*), *Sīda-kada* (*Seda-kada*), *Vraha-kata* (*Ve oha-kata*)

- (b) Names ending in *-gāma* (Skt *-grāma* 'village') *Venuva-gāma* A 52

In Sāñchī we get a few more names with this ending, which is frequently used in the formation of place-names *Kāmadatī-gāma*, *Nava-gāma*, *Sāmka-gāma*.

- (c) Names ending in *-kūta* 'peak' or *-giri* 'mountain' *Therā-kūta* A 41, *Mora-giri* A 25, A 29

In Sāñchī the names ending in some word for mountain are *Chuda-giri*, *Chuda-mora-giri*, *Māhā-mora-giri*, *Boṭa-Śrīparvata*

- (d) Names ending in *-nagara* 'town' *Namdi-nagara* A 45

In Sāñchī *Nadi-nagara* or *Namdi-nagara* and its derivatives occur very often. We also get *Athaka-nagara*

- (e) Names ending in *-pada* (Skt *-pada* 'a village', cf above the ending *-gāma*): *Srīsa-pada* A 53

In Sāñchī this ending is found in *Kuthu-pada* (*Kuthuka-pada*), *Tākāra-pada* (*Tākāri-pada*) *Tarīda-pada*, *Phujaka-pada*, *Rohani-pada*

- (f) Names ending in *-pura* 'town' *Sela-pura* A 54

In Sāñchī we find *Adha-pura* or its derivative

- (g) Names ending in *-vadhana* (Skt *-vardhana* 'growth', 'increase'). *Bhoga-vadhana* A 51.

In Sāñchī we often have *Bhoga-vadhana* (or *-vadhana*), besides *Dhama-vadhana* and *Puñā-vadhana*

- (h) Other endings which are found in Sāñchī inscriptions, but which are not met with in Bhārhut inscriptions are

-ghara (*Udubara-ghara*, *Kura-ghara*, *Kora-ghara*, *Kosa-ghara*),

-patha (*Kachu-patha*, *Subhaga-patha*, *Seṭa-patha*, *Sveta-patha*),

-vāta or *-vada* or *-vida* (Skt *vṛta* 'enclosed, enclosure') in *Achā-vāta* or *-vada*,

Puru-vida, *Poda-vida*,

-vana (*Tuba-vana*, *Madhu-vana*)

B Identification

Some of the place-names in Bhārhut inscriptions are to be identified with certainty, others only conjecturally, the location of quite a number of towns or villages remains unknown

¹ Cf the name of the town *Dhamā-kataka* (List No 1271) by the side of *Dhamā-kata* (List No. 1225), and *Dhamā-kada* (List No 1205), and *Dhenukā-kataka* (List No 1092) by the side of *Denukā-kata* (List Nos 1090, 1093, 1096, 1097), and *Dhenukā-kada* (List No 1121)

(1) The first group comprehends some renowned localities extending over a vast area from Pātaliputra (Patna) in the north-east of India to Nasik and Karhād, places in the former Bombay State, in the West. Therefore it is obvious that Bhārhut attracted visitors not only from its vicinity but that pilgrims even from distant places flocked to the shrine or supported subscriptions to contribute to the embellishment and ornamentation of the monument. Important localities to be identified are

Karahakata, probably the modern Karhād, in the district of Sātārā, Bombay State, about forty miles north of Kolhapur. The name reappears in the Kudā Buddhist cave inscription (*List* No 1055) as Karahākada, and seems to be the ancient form of the later Karahataka, Karād, the capital of one of the branches of the Śilāhāra family¹

Kosambī (Sk *Kausāmbī*), modern Kosam, on the left bank of the Jumna, about thirty miles to the west of Allahabad, according to the Mahāparinibbānasutta it was one of the great Indian cities at the time of the Buddha, famous as capital of the Vatsas or Vamsas². To Kosambī our inscriptions refer only once (*A* 52). The nun Dhamarakhitā, inhabitant of Venuvagāma, is called Kosabeyikā (*Kausāmbeyikā*) "native of Kosambī"

Nāsika,³ the modern Nasik on the Godāvārī, 117 miles by train to the north-east of Bombay, a celebrated place of pilgrimage, known to archaeologists on account of some old cave-temples

Pātaliputra (*Pātaliputa*), modern Patna, the capital of Magadha in Maurya and Gupta times, founded by Ajātaśatru of Magadha as Pātaligāma in ca 483 B.C., the last year of Buddha's life. A description of the town as the residence of the Maurya Chandragupta has been given at the end of the fourth century B.C. by the Greek ambassador Megasthenes. For excavations see L. A. Waddell, *Report on Excavations at Pātaliputra* Calcutta 1903, D. B. Spooner, *Mr Ratan Tata's Excavations at Pātaliputra ASIAR*, 1913-14, pp 53-86⁴

Purikā, according to the Khula-Harivamśa (Visnuparvan XXXVIII, 20-22) a town between two ranges of the Vindhya mountains. The *Paurikas* or *Paulikas* are enumerated by different Purānas in the list of people in the Deccan after the *Dandakas* and before the *Maulikas* and *Āsmakas*⁵

Bhojakata, second capital of Vidarbha (Berar),⁶ probably to be identified with Bhojpur in Bhopal, six miles to the east south-east of Bhilsa. The Bhojpur topes have been described by Cunningham ('Bhilsa Topes') and some relic bowls with inscriptions have been found there (*List* No 676-678)

¹Hultzsch, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 228, note 20, Cf Nunda Lal Dey, *The Geographical Dictionary of Ancient and Medieval India*, 2nd ed 1927, p 92, Shafer, Robert, *Ethnography of Ancient India*, Wiesbaden 1954, pp 93 f (Nr 176)

²Cf Malalasekera, *Dictionary of Pālī Proper Names*, I, pp 692 ff, Nunda Lal Dey, l c. pp 96 f; *BI* pp 127 f

³Cf Bimala Churn Law, *Geography of Early Buddhism*, London 1932, p 57, Nunda Lal Dey, l c p. 139, and p 147, under Pañchavati, *BI* p 128, Nāsika is found in the enumeration of people of the west of India in the Purānas, see W. Kirfel, *Die Kosmographie der Inder*, 1920, p 75

⁴For further references see Nunda Lal Dey, l c pp 151 ff, Malalasekera l c Vol II, pp 178 f, *BI* p 129

⁵Cf Kirfel, l c p 75, Nunda Lal Dey, l c p 162, Law l c p 65, *BI* p 130, Hultzsch, *IA*, Vol. XXI, p 234, note 55, remarks "On a town of this name, which is referred to in the great epic, see the Konkan, *IA*, Vol XIII, p 134. Another Puri in Orissa is well-known by its shrine of Jagannātha, *IA*, Vol XX, p 390"

⁶Nunda Lal Dey, l c p 33, and 224, Law, l c p 62, *BI* p 131, Shafer, l c p 91, Hultzsch, *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 229, note 32

Vedisa (Sk. *Vaidīśa*, P *Vedisa*, *Vedisaguri*), modern Besnagar,¹ 2½ miles to the north of Bhilsa in Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh), at the fork of the Bes (*Bias*) and the Betwa rivers; known from the pillar inscription of Heliodoros, the Greek ambassador from Taxila, sent to the king Kāśīputa Bhāgabhadra (Cf *List* No 669) The name is derived from the river *Vīdīsā* (Bes, Bias), mentioned in the Purānas as one of the rivers originating in the Paryātra mountain² together with the *Vetravati* (Betwa), the *Vaidīśas* appear *ibid* in the lists of the Vindhya population³

(2) Suggestions can be made regarding the following places

Asitamasā, supposed by Cunningham to have been situated on the bank of the Tamasā or Tonse river in Rewa, Central India⁴

Kākamāi,⁵ is known from grammatical Sanskrit literature⁶ as well as from Buddhist and Jain sources The *Kāśikā* on Pāṇini IV, 2, 123 cites the name as that of a place in the East, quoting the derivation *Kākaṇḍaka* "inhabitant of *Kākaṇḍi*" In the SnA p 300 Sāvattī (*Śrāvastī*) is said to have originally been the residence of the Rishi Savattha, "just as Kosambī was the abode of Kusumba and Kākaṇḍī that of Kākaṇḍa" (*yathā Kusubassa nivaso Kosambī Kākaṇḍassa Kākaṇḍī*) Hultzsch⁷ referred to the mentioning of Kākaṇḍī in Jain literature (Pattāvalī of the Khara-taragachha, *IA* Vol XI, p. 247) The exact location of the town is not known

Nandīnagara has been identified with Nandigrāma=Nandgaon in Oudh, eight or nine miles to the south of Fyzabad,⁸ or with Nandner (near Tonk),⁹ but these identifications are not very probable, as the town is more often quoted in early Brāhmī inscriptions than any other,¹⁰ besides Ujenī (Ujjayinī) Is it a second name for some important place in central India? According to the dictionaries *nandīnāgarī* means a particular kind of writing, and *nandīnāgaraka* a particular written character —A town *Nandīpura* occurs in a Jain cosmographical list after Kauśāmbī¹¹

Benākata cf A 49a

Bhogavadhana (Sk *Bhogavardhana*), a place met with in several early Brāhmī inscriptions,¹² and known from Sanskrit literature The exact location is unknown¹³ The Purānas place the country between *Āsmaka* and *Konkana*¹⁴ Majumdar¹⁵ summing up what is known says. "From some of the Purānas it seems that this place has to

¹Nunda Lal Dey, l c p 29 (Bessanagara), p 35 (Bīdisā), Law, l c p 35, *BI*, p 132, Malalasekera, l c Vol II, p 922 For a sketch of Besnagar by Cunningham see *Reports of the Archaeological Survey of India*, ed by Sir A Cunningham, Vol X, Pl XII, for a description of the remains, *ibid*, pp 36-46 In the 'Monuments of Sāñchī', Vol I, p 2, the following note is given "The city was not confined to the fork between the two rivers but extended at last two-thirds of a mile to the river Bes" Cf *ASIAR*, 1913-14, p 186

²Kirfel, l c p 65

³Kirfel, l c p 76

⁴Law, l c p 56, Nunda Lal Dey, l c p 202 (Tamasā), *BI* p 125, Kirfel, l c p 65 (Tamasā)

⁵Malalasekera, l c Vol I, p 558, *BI* p 127, Law, l c p 27

⁶Monier-Williams, *Sanskrit-English Dictionary*, s v

⁷*IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 235, note 59

⁸*BI* p 128, Law, l c p 31, Nunda Lal Dey, l c p 131 Monier-Williams, *Sanskrit-English Dict*, gives *Nandīgrāma* as name of a village near Daulatabad

⁹Majumdar, *Sāñchī*, Vol I, p 299, referring to Buhler

¹⁰Cf *List* s v *Nadīnagara*, *Nādīnagara*, *Nandīnagara* and derivatives *Nadanagarikā*, *Nadīnagarikā*, *Nādīnagarikā*, *Nandīnagarikā*, *Nandīnagarikā*, *Nandīnagarikā*.

¹¹Kirfel, l c p 226

¹²Cf *List* s v *Bhogavadhana*, *Bhogavadhanaka* and *Bhogavadhanya*

¹³*BI* p 130 f

¹⁴Kirfel, l c p 75

¹⁵*Sāñchī*, Vol I, p 300

be located somewhere in the direction of Āśmaka and Mulaka, that is, in the Godāvāri valley "

Moḡarī (Sk *Mayūragiri*) is represented in Sāñchī inscriptions by the village (*gāma*) Chuda-moragiri¹ and by Mahā-moragiri² Hultzsch³ contributed the following note "With Mayūragiri compare Mayūraparvata, a locality which is referred to in a quotation of the *Charanavyūhabhāshya*, see Dr Buhler's translation of Āpastamba, p XXXI note, and Dr von Schroeder's *Maṭṭrāyani-Samhitā*, p XXIV"

Venuvāgāma (Sk *Venukagrāma*), dwelling-place of the nun Dhamarakhitā, the "native of Kosambī" (A 52), is stated⁴ to be a suburb of Kosambī and to have been identified by Cunningham with the modern village of Ben-Purwa to the north-east of Kosam. But the name seems more akin to *Beluvagāma* (also called *Beluvagāmaka* and *Belugāma*, a village near Vesāhī (*Vaiśālī*), where the Buddha spent his last rainy season, according to the Mahāparinibbānasutta⁵. In the corresponding Sk. text (Mahāparinirvānasūtra § 132) the name of the village is *Venugrāmaka*⁶. The modern Belgaum in the Deccan also represents Venugrāma⁷.

Srisapada The location of the place is unknown. Hultzsch⁸ refers to a village called Śrīshapadraka mentioned in two inscriptions of the Gurjara dynasty⁹.

(3) The list of place-names not identified as yet comprehends-

Kamuchū (?), Khujatūka,¹⁰ Chikulana (Chekulana),¹¹ Chudathūla, Therākūti, Dabhna, Nagara,¹² Padela,¹³ Parakata, Parikna, Bahada, Bībikanadikata,¹⁴ Selapura

[Epithets designating somebody with regard to his domicile are formed from place-names with the suffixes *-ikā*, *-iyā* or *-kā*, see the treatment of important suffixes (under b, a, 8, b, and 10, b) above pp XXVIII f.]

¹ List No 625, as read by Majumdar

² List Nos 189, 313, as read by Majumdar

³ *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 234, note 54

⁴ *BI* p 127, Law, l c p 35

⁵ Malalasekera, l c Vol II, p 313

⁶ Waldschmidt, *Die Überlieferung vom Lebensende des Buddha* I, Göttingen 1941, pp 88 ff

⁷ Cf Nunda Lal Dey, l c p 195, sv Sugandhavanti

⁸ *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 237, note 66

⁹ *Id*, Vol XIII, pp 82 and 88 Barua-Sinha's (*BI* p 27) equation with *Srisavattlu*, a city of the Yakkhas in Ceylon (Malalasekera, l c Vol II, p 1149), does not need to be discussed

¹⁰ *BI* p 128 "The Purānas mention *Kubjaka* and *Kubjāma* among the holy places of India"

¹¹ Barua-Sinha (*BI* p 128), wrongly taking Chikula as name of the place, try to combine it with Chaul, near Bombay, by way of "*Chikula*, *Chekula* = *Cheula*"

¹² Occurring only in the derivation *nāgarika* A 43 (A 44). Kurfel, l c p 80, mentions *Nāgaraka* as designation of the residents of Pātaliputra according to Vātsyāyana's *Kāmasūtra* with Yaśodhara's commentary. Could *nāgarikā* appear in the Bhārhut inscription as a short form for *Namdanāgarikā* met with in A 45 and other early Brāhmī inscriptions?

¹³ Barua-Sinha, *BI* p 129 "But Padela is evidently the ancient name of Pandelua in Bilaspur District, Central Provinces"

¹⁴ Barua-Sinha, *BI* p 130 "This, as its name implies, was a place in the region of the Rimbikī river"

1 A 1 - 4 DONATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY¹A 1 (687), PLATE I

ON a pillar of the eastern gateway, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta. Edited by Cunningham, with remarks by Rajendralala Mitra, and Buhler, *StBh* (1879), p 128 f. No 1, and Pl XII and LIII, Rajendralala Mitra, *PASB* 1880, p 58 ff, Hultzsch, *IA*, Vol XIV (1885), p 138 f, and Pl 1, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 60, No 1, *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 227, No 1, Ramaprasad Chandra, *MASI*, No 1 (1919), p 21, No 20, and Pl V, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 1f, No 1 Buhler, *ASWI* (1883), Vol V, p 73

TEXT

- 1 Suganam raje raño Gāgīputasa Visadevasa
- 2 pautena² Gotputasa Āgarajusa putena
- 3 Vāchhīputena Dhanabhūta kārtaṃ toranām³
- 4 silākammamto cha upamno⁴

TRANSLATION

During the reign of the Sugas (*Śungas*)⁵ the gateway was caused to be made and the stone-work (i.e. carving) presented by Dhanabhūta,⁶ the son of a Vāchhī (*Vātsī*),⁷ son of Āgaraju (*Angāradyut*),⁸ the son of a Gotī (*Gaupī*)⁷ and grandson of king Visadeva (*Viśvadeva*),⁹ the son of Gāgī (*Gārgī*)⁷

That the *Śungas* are meant by the *Sugas* was first recognised by Buhler. *Raje* was translated by Rajendralala Mitra 'in the kingdom', by Barua-Sinha 'within the dominion',¹⁰ but the term *rāyasaṃvatsare* in No 22 and 33, *rāyasaṃ* in No 51 of my *List* is in favour of the meaning 'during the reign' assigned to the word by Hultzsch. *Silākammamto* was first correctly explained by Rajendralala Mitra, it refers no doubt to the sculptures on the gateway. Buhler was the first to derive *upamno* from Sk *utpannah*, but his translation was wrong. Hultzsch rendered '*silākammamto cha upamno*' at first 'and the masonry was finished' and later on 'and the stone-work arose'

Barua-Sinha take *upamno* in the sense of the causative and translate 'and the workmanship

¹ Another donation by a member of the royal family is probably to be found in the fragmentary donative inscription No A 130

² This word has been read by all editors as *pautena*. But as the diphthong *au* never occurs in the Bhārhut inscriptions and as it is linguistically untenable we suggest to read *potena*, the *o* as the middle horizontal mark to the left, which is supposed to give the *mātrā* for *au*, is very slight and hence it is very likely that it is just an accidental prolongation of the middle horizontal mark to the right. On somewhat similar ground Luders himself reads *dānam* instead of *donam* in A 64

³ Read *toranam*. The engraver has forgotten to incise the left upper bar of *na*

⁴ The last *akshara* looks like *na*, but there can be little doubt that it is to be read *no*, the right portion of the *o*-sign being attached to the top of the *na* and not as usually to the middle of the letter

⁵ The name appears in the classification given above II, 4, a (names derived from plants). *Sunga* is a name for the Indian fig tree (= *vata*)

⁶ See classification II, 3, a (names derived from wealth, fame, and birth)

⁷ Regarding gotra-names cf p 2

⁸ See classification I, 2, B, a (names derived from planets). Hultzsch, *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 227, note 11 "As suggested by Dr. Buhler, this name has to be explained by *Angārā[ka] ūva dyotata ity Angārā-dyut*, 'shining like (the planet) Mars' "

⁹ See classification I, 3, a (names referring to vedic deities)

¹⁰ Barua, temporarily having changed his opinion, translates 'during the reign of the Śungas' in *Barh* I, p. 29, but 'within the dominion of the Śungas' again *ibid*, p 41

in stone has been produced', but all these renderings are unsatisfactory. In my opinion the term *uppanno* is used here in the same meaning as in the language of the Buddhist Pāli Canon. Innumerable times it is stated in the Vinaya that such and such object was *samghassa uppanno*, cf. e.g. Cullav., V, 23, 1 f. *samghassa makasavijanā uppannā hoti; chamaravijanā uppannā hoti, samghassa chhattam uppannam hoti*. The words are generally translated 'a mosquito fan, or a *chamarā* fan, or a sun-shade, had come into the possession of the Samgha'. This is quite true, but it is only by donations that the Samgha acquired these things, and so *uppanna* seems to have assumed the meaning of 'presented', which would suit admirably well also in our inscription.

From the inscription A 3 (mentioning Dhanabhūti's son, prince Vādhapāla) it results that Dhanabhūti—to his grandfather the title 'king' is given in our inscription—was a king himself. Cunningham found the name Dhanabhūti as that of a donor again in an inscription from Mathurā (*List No. 125*), and tried to link this donor to king Dhanabhūti of our Bhārhut inscriptions. The revision of the inscription *List No. 125* given here as a supplement shows that his assumption is an ill-founded one.

SUPPLEMENT MATHURĀ INSCRIPTION OF DHANABHŪTI

List No. 125, PLATE I

Fragmentary inscription on a railing pillar from Mathurā. According to Cunningham the inscription was cut on a corner pillar with sockets for rails on two adjacent faces, and sculptures on the other two faces. Afterwards another railing was attached, and fresh holes of a much larger size were then cut in the face bearing the inscription. Cunningham, moreover, states that the pillar was in the Aligarh Institute, but when Mr. Ramaprasad Chanda visited the Institute in September 1921, he was unable to trace the stone.² So our knowledge of the inscription is restricted to the reading and the facsimile which Cunningham published first *Arch Surv Rep*, Vol III (1873), p. 36, No. 21, and Plate XVI, and again *Stūpa of Bhārhut* (1879), p. 130, and Plate LIII. The facsimile in the *Stūpa of Bhārhut* is less trustworthy, being evidently altered, not from the stone itself, but in accordance with preconceived ideas about the reading of the text. From this revised facsimile Senart edited the whole inscription in '*Inscriptions de Pyadasī*', Vol II (1886), p. 476, note 1=*Ind Ant*, Vol XXI (1892), p. 246, note 62 (English translation), and the second part only in *J As Sér VIII*, Vol XV (1890), p. 119 f.

TEXT

1	ka[p] ³		
2	bhūti[sa] ⁴	.	ts ⁵
3	putrasa		sa ⁶

¹ Cf. the discussion on the date of our Bhārhut inscriptions above p. XXX.

² *ASI Ann Rep*, 1922-23, p. 166.

³ The second *akshara* may have been *ha*, but it can hardly have been *la* as assumed by Senart. After *kaḥ* about six *aksharas* are completely destroyed. As regards the restoration of this and the next two lines see the remarks below.

⁴ Of *sa* only a minute particle is preserved, but the reading is certain. Between *bhūti* and *ts*, about four *aksharas* are missing.

⁵ In the first facsimile the sign is only *tsa*, in the revised facsimile it has been changed to *tsā*, but certainly only because Cunningham thought that *Vāsiṣṭiputrasa* was the original reading.

⁶ Before *sa* the facsimile shows a sign which Cunningham transcribed by *la*, but in this he cannot be right, as *la* never shows a slanting bottom line as the letter in the facsimile. Considering that Cunningham was unable to decipher the last but one letter in the second line, it is very probable that the corresponding letter in the third line also was defaced and that the sign given in the facsimile is imaginary.

- 4 Dhanabhūtsa dāna[m]¹ vedikā
 5 toranāni cha ratanagr̥h[e]² sa-
 6 rvabudhapujāye³ sahā⁴ mātāpi-
 7 tihī⁵ sahā [cha]⁶ chatu[hī]⁷ parishāhī⁸

TRANSLATION

The gift of Dhanabhūti, the _____, the son of a (Vā)ts(i) _____, bhūti (consisting in) a railing and gateways at the jewel-house in honour of all Buddhas, together with (his) parents and together with the four assemblies

Whereas the second part of the record is absolutely clear, the restoration of the sadly mutilated first three lines presents considerable difficulties. On the Eastern gateway at the Stūpa of Bhārhut there is an inscription (A 1) which records that the gateway was caused to be made and the stone work presented by Vācchputa Dhanabhūti, the son of Gotiputa Āgaraju and grandson of *rājan* Gāgīputa Visadeva. And there is at Bhārhut another inscription on a rail (A 3) to the effect that the rail was the gift of the *Kumāra* Vādhapāla, the son of *rājan* Dhanabhūti. When Cunningham became acquainted with these inscriptions, he tried to establish a connection between the Dhanabhūti of the Bhārhut inscriptions and his namesake at Mathurā by supplying in the Mathurā inscription *dhana* at the end of the first line, restoring *vātsī* at the end of the second line and *vādhapā* between *putasa* and the supposed *lasa* in the third line. In his revised facsimile, where the restored letters have been entered, the first four lines appear therefore as follows

kapa _____ (Dhana)-
 bhūti[sa] _____ (Vā)tsī-
 putrasa (Vādhapā)lasa
 Dhanabhūtsa dānam vedikā

Cunningham was of the opinion that from the record as restored by him we obtain another name of the royal family mentioned in the Bhārhut inscription in Dhanabhūti II, the son of Vādhapāla, and grandson of Dhanabhūti I, and he used this arrangement of the pedigree for deriving important conclusions with regard to the date of the Bhārhut Stūpa. But a glance at the text of the inscription as established by Cunningham will be sufficient to show that it can never convey the sense that Cunningham gathered from it. Neither is Vādhapāla called the son of Dhanabhūti I, nor Dhanabhūti II the son of Vādhapāla. I doubt very much that there was any relation between the Dhanabhūti of Bhārhut and the Dhanabhūti of our inscription. Judging from the palaeography of the inscriptions, the latter must be at least fifty years younger. There is nothing to prove that he was a *rājan* or the son of a *rājan*. On the contrary, the assignment of a share in the gift simply to his father and mother tends to show that he was a private person. The restoration of *is putrasa* as *Vātsīputrasa* is probable, but it cannot be decided whether it is to be joined with the preceding name or with

¹ The *anusvāra* appears only in Cunningham's revised facsimile, but as the inscription is carefully engraved, we may assume that it was overlooked in the first facsimile.

² The *e*-sign is missing in the facsimiles, but probably only by oversight.

³ The *e*-sign is distinct in the first facsimile, but omitted in the second.

⁴ Here and in the next line the word is clearly *sahā*.

⁵ Cunningham read *mata putrohi*, Senart *mātāputihī* (?) and later on *mātāputāhi*. For grammatical reasons the reading *-putihī* would seem to be the correct one. The *i*-sign of *hī* is distinct.

⁶ The *akshara* which according to the facsimile was blurred and omitted in their transcriptions by Cunningham and Senart was evidently *cha*.

⁷ According to the facsimiles the last *akshara* was blurred. It was either *hī* or *hi* as read by Senart.

⁸ Cunningham and Senart read *parishāhi*, but here again the *i*-sign is distinct in the facsimiles.

Dhanabhūtsa. In the latter case, we should, of course, have to assume that it was due to mere chance that he had a mother of the same *gotra* as the Dhanabhūti of Bhārhut, **their** identity being precluded by the script of their records. There is absolutely no reason **why** *bhūtsa* should be restored as *Dhanabhūtsa*, names ending in *bhūti* being very frequent in **this** time.

The term *ratnagr̥ha* seems to denote a Stūpa. The term *P parisā*, Sk *parishad* is **used** also in the Pāli Canon and in the scriptures of the Sarvāstivādins with reference to **the** division of the Buddhist Order into *bhikkhus*, *bhikkhunīs*, *upāsakas* and *upāsikās*.

A 2 (688), PLATE XXIII

FRAGMENTARY inscription on a pillar of a gateway, now at Batanmāra Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 128, No 2 and Pl LIII, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 3, No. 2.

TEXT

- 1 Sagāna raja
- 2 Āgaraju
- 3 toranam'

TRANSLATION.

During the reign of the Sugas (*Śungas*)² Āgaraju (*Angāradyt*)² **the** gateway

The text of the inscription was probably the same as that of No A 1. Another fragmentary torana-inscription is No A 129.

A 3 (869)³, PLATE XXIII

RAIL inscription Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 116, Cunningham *StBh* (1879), p 142, No 54 and Pl LVI, Hultzsich, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p. 60; and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p. 225, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 30, No 103; Barua, *Barh.* I, p. 42.

TEXT

Dhanabhūtsa rājano putasa kamārasa⁴ Vādhapālasa [dānam]

TRANSLATION

(Gift) of prince Vādhapāla (*Vyādhapāla*),⁵ the son of king Dhanabhūti

Dhanabhūti is already known as the donor of¹ the 'torana' mentioned in A 1. **There** he is not referred to as 'king' as he is in our inscription, in A 1, however, his grandfather bears that title.

¹From Cunningham's eye-copy. The transcript on p 128 has *Saganam* and *Aga Rajna*. **The** true readings are apparently *Sugānam raje* and *Āgaraju*.

²For the names see notes in A 1.

³Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing.

⁴*kamārasa* is obviously a scribe's mistake for *kumārasa*.

⁵This derivation is not quite certain, but more probable than that of Barua and Sinha who suggest Vṛddhapāla. For *vāḍha* = *vṛddha* they refer to 'vāḍharāja' in the Hathagumphā inscription (*List* No. 1345), but there *vāḍharājan* appears. The name Vādhapāla (=Vyādhapāla) has been classified above (I, 4, a, 5) as Sarvite.

A 4 (882)¹, PLATE II

RAIL inscription, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta —Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), Pl LVI, No 67 (Plate only), Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p. 60, *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 225, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 33, No 115

TEXT

kasa rāño bhayaye Nāgarakhitāye dānam

TRANSLATION

Gift of Nāgarakhitā (*Nāgarakshitā*)², the wife of king ka.

Hultzsch proposed to read *tusa* instead of *kasa* in the beginning of the inscription and was of the opinion that the name of the king should be reconstructed as Dhanabhūti, the king mentioned in A 1 and A 3. In this he was followed by Luders (*List*) and Barua-Sinha. The impression on the estampage, however, does not bear out that reading. As no king's name ending in *-ka* appears in the Bhārhut inscriptions it is difficult to make any suggestion about the name of the king whose wife Nāgarakshitā was

¹ Luders' treatment of this inscription has not been recovered.

² See classification I, 4, b, 1 (names derived from spirits and animal deities).

2. A 5 – 54 DONATIONS BY INHABITANTS OF CERTAIN PLACES

(a) A 5 - 9 Inhabitants of Karahakata

A 5 (705), PLATE II

ON a coping-stone (No VIII), now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 131, No 16, and Pl LIII, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol. XL (1886), p 62, No 16, and *IA*, Vol. XXI (1892), p 228, No 16; Ramaprasad Chanda, *MAI*, No I (1919), p 20, No 15, and Pl V, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 33, No 119

TEXT

- 1 Karahakata-n[1]gamasa
- 2 dāna¹

TRANSLATION

The gift of the town of Karahakata

A 6 (767), PLATE II

ON a pillar of the South-Western quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 25) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 136, No 56, and Pl LIV; Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol. XL (1886), p 68, No 70, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol. XXI (1892), p 233, No. 70, Barua-Sinha, *BI*, (1926), p 12, No 27

TEXT

Karahakata² Samkasa³ dāna thabho

TRANSLATION

The pillar (is) the gift of Samika (*Svāmika*)⁴ from Karahakata

A 7 (809), PLATE XXIII

ON a pillar, now at Batanmāra Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p. 139, No. 96, and Pl LV. Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol. XL (1886), p 59, *IA*, Vol. XXI (1892), p 225; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 17, No 46

TEXT

Karahakata Utaragidhikasa thabho dānam⁵

¹This is the reading of Hultzsch. In the impression before me the word is obliterated.

²Hultzsch *-ka[ā]*, Barua-Sinha *-kaā*, but the abl sg in *-ā* is quite common in Bhārhut inscriptions

³The *ka* has been inserted afterwards

⁴See classification I, 4, a, 5 (Śaivite names)

⁵From Cunningham's eye-copy which agrees with his transcript. The *nam* has been written above the line

TRANSLATION

The pillar (is) the gift of Utaragīdhika (*Uttaragrdhyaka* ?)¹ from Karahakata.

A 8 (763), PLATE II

ON a pillar of the South-Western quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 27) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 135, No 52, and Pl LIV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 67, No 67, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 232, No 67, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 11, No 24

TEXT

- 1 Karahakāṭa
- 2 aya-Bhutakasa thabho dānam

TRANSLATION

The pillar (is) the gift of the venerable Bhutaka (*Bhūtaka*)² from Karahakāṭa

A 9 (891)³, PLATE XXIV

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 143, No 8, and Pl LVI, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 36, No 126

TEXT.

rakat[ā]yāyā⁴

TRANSLATION

(The gift) of a female inhabitant of (Ka)ra(ha)kata (?)

Cunningham read the inscription as *rakatayāyā*, but the third letter in his eye-copy is clearly *t[ā]* or *t[o]* Luders in his *List* proposed to restore [Karahak]atīyāyā, gen. of Karahakatīyā i.e. a female inhabitant of Karahakata This explanation has also been adopted by Barua-Sinha, but as there is no *ha* between *ra* and *ka* it remains doubtful

(b) A 10-12 Inhabitants of ChudathīlaA 10 (820), PLATE II

ON a rail-bar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C B 16) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 139, No 6, and Pl LV; Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol. XL (1886), p 71, No 104, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p. 235, No 104; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 18, No 54

TEXT

Chudathīlkāyā Kujarāyā dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of Kujarā (*Kuñjarā*),⁵ the Chudathīlkā (inhabitant of *Chudathīla*).

¹ See classification I, 2, A, a (names derived from constellations)

² See classification I, 4, a, 2 (names derived from spirits and animal deities).

³ Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

⁴ From Cunningham's eye-copy.

⁵ See classification II, 4, b (names derived from animals).

A 11 (819); PLATE II

ON a rail-bar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C B 19) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 139, No 5, and Pl LV; Hultzsch, *ZDMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p 71, No 103, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 235, No 103, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 18, No 53

TEXT

Chudathīlk[ā]yā Nāgadevāyā bhikhunīyī' (dānam)

TRANSLATION

(The gift) of the nun Nāgadevā,² the Chudathīlkā (inhabitant of *Chudathīla*).A 12 (720); PLATES III, XLVI

ON a pillar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 132, No 9, and Pl LIII, Hultzsch, *ZDMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p 64, No 29, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 229, No 29, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 7, No 10

TEXT

- 1 Samanāyā bhikhunīyā Chudathīlkāyā
- 2 dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of the nun Samanā (*Śramanā*),³ the Chudathīlkā (inhabitant of *Chudathīla*)

Barua-Sinha's correction of *Samanāyā* to *Sumanāya* is superfluous For the male name Samana see the Sāñchī inscriptions Nos 336 and 530 in my *List*, the Nāsik inscr No 1144 and the Bhatuprolu inscs Nos 1332 and 1337 and the female name Śamanikā in No 43 The spelling of the name with the dental *na* conforms to the rule observed in the Bhārhut inscriptions, where, with the exception of the torana inscription, *ṇa* is everywhere replaced by *na* The derivation of Chudathīlkā from Sk *Chundasthālī* proposed by Barua-Sinha need not be discussed

(c) **A 13-15 Inhabitants of Pātāliputra**A 13 (818), PLATE III

ON a rail-bar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C B 44) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 139, No 4, and Pl LV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p 71, No 102, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol. XXI (1892), p 235, No. 102, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 18, No 52

TEXT

Pātāl[i]putā Mahidasenasa dānam

¹Read *bhikhunīyā*²See classification I, 4, b, 1 (names derived from spirits and animal deities)³See classification I, 1, b (Buddhist names)

TRANSLATION

The gift of Mahīdasena (*Mahendrasena*)¹ from Pāṭalīputa (*Pāṭalīputra*)

A 14 (719), PLATES III, XXVIII

ON a pillar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 18). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 132, No 8, and Pl LIII, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol. XL (1886), p 63, No 28, and Pl, *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 229, No 28, Barua-Sinha, *BI*. (1926), p 7, No 9

TEXT

- 1 Pātal[ī]putā Nāgasenāya Kodi-
- 2 yāniyā dānam²

TRANSLATION

The gift of Nāgasenā,³ the Kōḍiyānī (belonging to the *Kōḍiya* tribe), from Pāṭalīputa (*Pāṭalīputra*).

Hultzsch mentioned as a possibility that Kōḍiyānī, which occurs again as the surname of a lady from Pāṭalīputra in No A 15, might be the equivalent of Kaundinyāyanī, and Barua-Sinha have accepted this explanation which in my opinion is phonetically untenable. Hultzsch himself preferred to take Kōḍiyānī as the feminine derivation of Kōḍiya formed like *aryānī* from *arya*, *kshatryānī*, from *kshatrya*, etc. There can be little doubt that this is the right view, and that Kōḍiyānī has the same meaning as Kōḍiyadhī, the epithet of the lay-sister Suppavāsā in A I, 26. *Kōḍiya* occurs as a surname of the *thera* Sūtthiya, the founder of the *Kōḍiya gana*, in the Sthavīrāvalī of the Kalpasūtra of the Jains 4, 10. *therā Sūtthiya-Suppādibuddhā Kōḍiya-Kākamdagā Vagghāvaccasagottā*⁴ *Kōḍiya* becomes *Kōḷiya* in Pāli and *Kōliya* in the later language. The Kōliyas or Kōliyas are frequently mentioned in Buddhist literature as a tribe that was intimately related to the Śākīyas, although there were quarrels between them about the water of the Rohinī river which divided their territories; see *J* V, 412, 14 ff; *DhA*. transl III, 70; *SnA* 352, 7 ff, *Mvu* I, 348, 8 ff, II, 76, 7, III, 93, 20. That the surname of the Jaina *thera* is nothing else but the name of that tribe is proved by the second designation as *Vagghāvacca*, which agrees with the statement that the Kōliyas were known also by the name of Vyāghrapadyas (*Mvu* I, 355, 13 *kālena rishanā jātā tti kōḷiyā tti samājñā vyāghrapathe vyāghrapadyā samājñā cha*) and their town as Kolanagara or Vyagghapajja (*SnA* 356, 17 f). The legends about the origin of these names are, of course, later inventions.⁵ I am therefore convinced that Kōḍiyānī is a surname of the same meaning as Kōḍiya in the Jaina text. The exact counterpart of Kōḍiyānī is Śākīyānī, 'belonging to the Śākya tribe', used of the mother of the Buddha in *Mvu* II, 12, 15. Cf A 15, B 72 and Kōḍāya in A 116.

¹ See classification I, 3, a (names referring to vedic deities)

² The second line is engraved above the first line

³ See classification I, 4, b, 1 (names derived from spirits and animal deities)

⁴ On *Kōḷiya (Kōḍiya)-Gana* see Buhler in 'Further Proofs of the Authenticity of the Jaina Tradition', *WZKM*, IV (1890), p 318.

⁵ See Weber-Fausboll, Die Pāli-Legende von der Entstehung des Śākya- und Kōliya-Geschlechtes, *Indische Studien* 5, pp 412-437, Hardy, R. Spence, *A Manual of Buddhism*, second edition London, 1880, p 317 ff, Law, Bimala Churn, *Tribes in Ancient India*, pp. 290 ff, Kern, *Buddhismus*, translated by Jacoby, Vol I, pp 174 and 295

A 15 (816), PLATE III

On a rail-bar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C B. 42). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 139, No 2, and Pl LV; Hultzs, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p. 71, No 100, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p. 235, No 100; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 17 f, No 50

TEXT

Pātalputā Kodyāniyā Sakatadevāyā dānam

TRANSLATION.

The gift of Sakatadevā (*Śakatadevā*),¹ the Kodyāni (belonging to the *Kodya* tribe) from Pātaliputa (*Pāṭalīputra*).

For Kodyāni cf note on No A 14

(d) A 16-20 Inhabitants of PurikāA 16 (782), PLATE III

On a pillar of the North-Western quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 137, No 71, and Pl LIV, Hultzs, *ZDMG*, Vol. XI. (1886), p 69, No 83, and Pl., and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 234, No 83; Barua-Sinha, *BI*, p 14, No 33

TEXT:

Purikāya dāyakana dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of the donors from Purikā

A 17 (812), PLATE XXIV

On a pillar, now at Pataora Edited by Cunningham, *StBh*. (1879), p 139, No. 99, and Pl LV, and Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 17, No 47

TEXT

Chuladhakasa Purikaya bhatudesakasa dānam²

TRANSLATION.

The gift of Chuladhaka (?),³ from Purikā, the superintendent of meals.⁴

A 18 (838), PLATE III

On a rail-bar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh*. (1879),

¹ See classification I, 2, A, b (names derived from constellations)

² From Cunningham's eye-copy. The transcript has *Purikāya*

³ *Chula* occurs as the first part of the name of the goddess Chulakokā 'Little Kokā' (B 11), cf. also *Chulana* in A 91. *Chula* has been derived from *kshudra* in the translation of our inscription by Luders in his *List* Regarding different personal names beginning with *Chula* see *List* p.186. In our classification the name has been grouped as referring to the size of the body, see II, 1, a.

⁴ The expression *bhatta-uddesaka* occurs in Pāli texts and is translated in *PTSD*, as '(thera) (an elder) who supervises the distribution of food, a superintendent of meals'

p 140, No. 23, and Pl. LVI, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 72, No. 118, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol. XXI (1892), p 236, No 118, Barua-Sinha *BI* (1926), p 21, No. 73.

TEXT

Purikāyā Setaka-[mā]tu dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of the mother of Setaka (*Śreshṭhaka*)¹ from Purikā

Setaka cannot be equated with Pāli *Setaka* or Sk *Śvetaka*, as considered possible by Barua-Sinha, but was correctly derived by Hultzsch from Sk *Śreshṭhaka*. In case of the latter equation to which Barua-Sinha do not categorically object they propose that the name 'may be taken to mean a dignitary, a man of substance, or a banker, it being=Bengali *Set* or *Śeṭh*'

A 19 (837), PLATE IV

ON a rail-bar,² now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C B 33)³ Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 140, No 22, and Pl LVI, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 72, No 117, and Pl., and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 236, No 117, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 21, No 72.

TEXT

Purikāyā Idadevāya dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of Idadevā⁴ (*Inradevā*) from Purikā

A 20 (839); PLATE IV

ON a rail-bar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 140, No 24, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 72, No 119, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 236, No 119, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 21, No 74

TEXT

Purikāyā Sāmāya dānam

TRANSLATION.

The gift of Sāmā (*Śyāmā*)⁵ from Purikā

(e) A 21-22 Inhabitants of BibikanadikaṭaA 21 (725), PLATE IV

ON a pillar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 6).

¹See classification II, 3 a (names derived from wealth, fame, and birth)

²It seems that the heading 'S W Quadrant' Cunningham, *StBh*, p. 140, and Plate LV does not apply to the rest of the rail-bar inscriptions Nos 837-884 in my *List*. (Regarding the numbers in this edition see the concordance on p. 182)

³or C B 41 ?

⁴The name Idadevā—cf classification I, 3, b (names referring to vedic deities)—reoccurs (A 45) as an inhabitant of Nandinagara

⁵See classification II, 1, b (names derived from appearance of the body).

Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 133, No 14, and Pl LIII, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 64, No 33, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 230, No. 33; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 8, No 13

TEXT

- 1 Bībikanadikata' Budhno gahapatino
- 2 dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of the householder Budhi (*Buddhi*)² from Bībikanadikata (*Bimbikānadikata* ?)

Buddhi, spelt both Buddhi and Budhi, is a common name at this time, and Barua-Sinha's correction to Bodhi is quite unnecessary. The name of the place is probably correctly explained by Barua-Sinha as containing the name of a river Bimbikānadi, not yet identified.

A 22 (728), PLATE IV

On a pillar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 26) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 133, No 17, and Pl LIII, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 64, No. 36, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 230, No 36, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 8, No 15, also p 84, No 197, Barua, *Barh*, Vol II (1934), p 104 f, and Vol III (1937), Pl XXVI (21-24)

TEXT

- 1 Bībikanadikata Suladhasa asavārikā-
- 2 sa dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of the horseman Suladha (*Suladbha*)³ from Bībikanadikata (*Bimbikānadikata* ?).

The upper half medallion of the pillar dedicated by Suladdha shows a fully accoutred riding horse led by the bridle by a man whose clothing consists only in a short garment tied round his waist, while another man clad in the same fashion and holding a spear in his right hand appears at the horse's tail. It is quite possible that Suladdha had the pillar decorated with a horse attended by a groom and a soldier with regard to his own profession, but I cannot agree with Barua's opinion that the medallion illustrates the story of the Valāha horse either in the version of the Jātaka (No 196) or in that of the *Divy* (p 120). The horse is certainly not represented as flying, the man behind does not seem to be tied to the horse's tail, and the strange idea that the artist has represented the horse's gift of human speech by the human figure in front will probably meet with little approval.

(f) A 23—24 Inhabitants of BhojakaṭaA 23 (861)*; PLATE IV

RAIL inscription, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh*.

¹ Both Hultzsch and Barua-Sinha read *Bimbikānadikata*, but the *ka* has no *ā*-sign.

² See classification I, 1, a (Buddhist names). The name could also correspond to *Budhin* and refer to the planet *Budha*.

³ See classification II, 3, a (names derived from birth).

⁴ Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing.

(1879), p 141, No 46, and Pl LVI; mentioned by Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol. XL (1886), p 59, and *IA.*, Vol. XXI (1892), p 225; Ramaprasad Chanda, *MASI*, No I (1919), p. 20, and Pl V, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 27, No 96

TEXT

Agirakhitasa¹ Bhojakatakasa suchi dānam

TRANSLATION

A rail, the gift of Agirakhita (*Agnrakshita*)², the Bhojakataka (inhabitant of *Bhojakaṭa*)

Ramprasad Chanda first read the name of the donor correctly Before him it was read *Atankhata* (Cunningham), *Atantata* (Hultzsch, Luders) or *Atanata* (Barua-Sinha)

A 24 (723), Plate IV

ON a pillar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 21). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p. 133, No 12, and Pl LIII, Hultzsch, *ZDMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p 64, No 31, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 229, No 31, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 7, No 12

TEXT

Bhojakatakāya Diganagay[e]³ bhichhumīya⁴ dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of the nun Diganagā (*Dinnāgā*)⁵ the Bhojakatakā (inhabitant of *Bhojakaṭa*)

(g) A 25—29 Inhabitants of MoragiriA 25 (798), PLATE V

ON a pillar of the North-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 4) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 138, No 86, and Pl LV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 71, No 96, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 235, No 96, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 16, No 40

TEXT

Moragirimhā Thupadāsāsa⁶ dānam thabhā

TRANSLATION

Pillars, the gift of Thupadāsa (*Stūpadāsa*)⁷ from Moragiri (*Mayūragiri*)

Thabhā may be a clerical error for *thabho*, but it occurs again in No. A 27 and A 29, and as all three inscriptions record gifts of persons from Moragiri, it is not improbable that

¹ *kh* has been inserted underneath the akshara *ra*

² See classification I, 3, a (names referring to vedic deities)

³ The *e*-sign is not quite distinct, but probable

⁴ Barua-Sinha wrongly *bhichhumīyā*.

⁵ See classification I, 4, b, 1 (names derived from spirits and animal deities)

⁶ Hultzsch and Barua-Sinha *Thupadāsasa*, but the fifth *akshara* is distinctly *sā*

⁷ See classification I, 1, a (Buddhist names)

the three donors had joined to bear the expenses of several pillars and that for this reason the plural is used in the inscription.

A 26 (808), PLATE XXIV

ON a pillar, now at Batanmāra Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 139, No. 95, and Pl LV, Hultzsck, *ĀDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 59, and *IA.*, Vol XXI (1892), p 225, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 17, No. 45

TEXT

Moragirami Jātamutasa dānam¹

TRANSLATION

The gift of Jātamita (? *Jitāmītra*?)² from Moragiri (*Mayūragiri*)

A 27 (796), PLATE V

ON a pillar of the North-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 22). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 138, No 84, and Pl LV, Hultzsck, *ĀDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 70, No 94, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 235, No. 94; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 15, No 38

TEXT

Moragirimhā Pusāyā dānam thabhā³

TRANSLATION

Pillars, the gift of Pusā (*Pushyā*)⁴ from Moragiri (*Mayūragiri*)

A 28 (860),⁵ PLATE V

RAIL inscription Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 141, No 45 and Pl. LVI: Hultzsck, *ĀDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 74, No 133, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 238, No 138, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 27, No 95

TEXT

Moragirimā⁶ Ghātīla-matu dānam

TRANSLATION.

Gift of the mother of Ghātīla⁷ from Moragiri (*Mayūragiri*)

¹ From Cunningham's eye-copy. The transcript has *Moragiri* and *Jitāmīta*. *Moragiri* is evidently a mistake for *Moragiri* or *Moragirimha*. *Jitāmīta* may be a mistake for *Jitāmīta* ('one who subdued his friend') or better *Jitāmītra* ('one who defeated his enemy'), but in the eye-copy the first *akshara* is distinctly *jā*

² Under the assumption that *Jitāmītra* has to be understood, the name has been classified II, 3, a (names derived from wealth, fame, and birth).

³ For *thabhā* see the remark on A 25.

⁴ See classification I, 2, A, b (names derived from constellations)

⁵ Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

⁶ This is probably a clerical mistake for *Moragirimhā* to be found in A 25, A 27, A 29. The defective spelling also appears in *Moragiri* (A 26)

⁷ See classification II, 1, a (names derived from appearance of the body). It has been assumed, that *ghāta* and *ghātaka* are used in the meaning of "nape or back of the neck"

A 29 (778), PLATE V

ON a pillar of the North-Western quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 8). The inscription is engraved over a medallion followed by the inscription No B 13 Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 137, No 67, and Pl. LIV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 69, No 81 (first part), and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 234, No 81 (first part); Ramaprasad Chanda, *MASI*, No I (1919), p 19, and Pl V, No 4, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 13, No 31

TEXT

Moragirimha Nāgilāyā bhikhuniyā dānam thabhā¹

TRANSLATION

Pillars, the gift of the nun Nāgilā² from Moragiri (*Mayūagirī*)

(h) A 30-35 Inhabitants of Vedisa³A 30 (780), PLATE V

ON a pillar of the North-Western quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 20) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 137, No 69, and Pl LIV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 69, No 82, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 234, No 82, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 14, No 32

TEXT

Vedis[ā] Phagudevasa dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of Phagudeva (*Phalgudeva*)⁴ from Vedisa (*Vaidisa*)

A 31 (835), PLATE V

ON a rail-bar of the South-Western quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C B. 26) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 140, No 20, and Pl LV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 72, No 116, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 236, No 116; Barua-Sinha, *BI.* (1926), p. 20, No 70.

TEXT

Vedisāto Bhutarakhitasa dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of Bhutarakhita (*Bhūtaakshita*)⁵ from Vedisa (*Vaidisa*)

¹ For *thabhā* see the remark on A 25 From the estampage it appears that the word *thabhā* is inscribed on a surface different from that of the rest of the inscription

² See classification I, 4, b, 1 (names derived from spirits and animal deities), and p XXVIII (suffix *-ilā*) For the formation of this name Hultzsch refers to *Pāṇini* 5, 3, 84, and *ZDMG*, Vol. XXXVII, p 551, No 5, note 2

³ The fragmentary inscription No A 135 refers possibly also to some inhabitant from Vedisa

⁴ See classification I, 2, A, a (names derived from constellations)

⁵ See classification I, 4, a, 2 (names derived from spirits and animal deities)

A 32 (784); PLATES VI, XLI

ON a pillar of the North-Western quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (M 9). The inscription is engraved over a medallion just above the inscription B 49 Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p. 137, No 73, and Pl LIV; Hultzs, *DMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 70, No 85 (first part), and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 234, No 85 (first part), Ramaprasad Chanda, *MASI*, No I (1919), p 19, No 5, and Pl. V; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 14, No 34

TEXT.

Vediśā Anurādhāya dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of Anurādhā¹ from Vedisa (*Vaidīśā*)

A 33 (813), PLATE XXIV

ON a pillar, now at Pataora. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 139, No 100, and Pl LV, Hultzs, *DMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 59, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 225, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 17, No 48

TEXT

Vedisa Ayamāyā dānam²

TRANSLATION

The gift of Ayamā (*Aryamā*)³ from Vedisa (*Vaidīśā*)

A 34 (712), PLATES VI, XXVII

ON the corner pillar of the railing of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 11) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 132, No 1, and Pl. XII and LIII, Hultzs, *DMG*, Vol XL (1886), p. 63, No 22, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol. XXI (1892), p 229, No 22; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 3 f, No. 4

TEXT

Vediśā Chāpadevāyā⁴ Revatimtabhāriyāya pathamathabho⁵ dānam

TRANSLATION

The first pillar (is) the gift of Chāpadevā,⁶ the wife of Revatimta (*Revatimtra*),⁷ from Vedisa (*Vaidīśā*)

A 35 (885)⁸, PLATE XXIV

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 143, No 1, and Pl LVI, Hultzs, *DMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p 59, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 225, Barua-Sinha, *BI.* (1926), p 35, No 120.

¹ See classification I, 2, A, b (names derived from constellations)

² From Cunningham's eye-copy

³ See classification I, 3, b (names referring to vedic deities)

⁴ Barua-Sinha wrongly read *-devāya*

⁵ Barua-Sinha wrongly read *pathamo*

⁶ See classification I, 2, C, b (names derived from sign of zodiac)

⁷ See classification I, 2, A, a (names derived from constellations)

⁸ Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

TEXT

Vedisā Vāsithiya Velimī[tāyā]¹

TRANSLATION

[Gift] of Velimī[tā] (*Vellimtrā*),² the Vāsithī (*Vāsishthī*), from Vedisa (*Vaidisa*)

As Cunningham's eye-copy shows, the right portion of the inscription, containing at least the word *dānam*, has broken away Barua-Sinha give a restoration adding *Velimī(ta-bhāryāya dānam)*³ Accordingly their translation is The gift of Vāsishthī, the wife of Venimtra (sic), from Vidiśā. It is, however, more probable that *Vāsishthī* is a surname indicating the *gotra* of the woman mentioned as donor, cf Pāli *Vāsetthī*, *Vāsettha*, *Vāsetṭha*.

(i) A 36-54 Inhabitants of various places mentioned only once

A 36 (877)⁴, PLATE XXIV

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 142, No 62, and Pl LVI, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 32, No 111.

TEXT

Asitamasāya Valamītasā dānam⁵

TRANSLATION.

Gift of Valamīta (*Valamītra*)⁶ from AsitamasāA 37 (817), PLATE VI

ON a rail-bar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C B 51). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 139, No 3, and Pl. LV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 71, No 101, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p. 235, No 101; Ramaprasad Chanda, *MASI*, No I (1919), p. 20, No. 19, and Pl V; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 18, No 51

TEXT

Kākamīdiya Somāya bhūchhuniya dānam

TRANSLATION.

The gift of the nun Somā⁷ from Kākamīdi (*Kākamīdi*)A 38 (713); PLATES VI, XXXIII

ON a pillar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P. 12). The inscription is engraved over a medallion Edited by Cunningham, *StBh*. (1879),

¹ From Cunningham's eye-copy.² See classification II, 4, b (names derived from plants)³ For the completion of our inscription by adding a fragment see No A 125⁴ Lüders' treatment of this inscription is missing⁵ From Cunningham's eye-copy The inscription has recently been recovered and is now in the Bhārat Kalā Bhavan, Banaras.⁶ See classification I, 4, a, 6 (Vaishnavite names)⁷ See classification I, 3, b (names referring to vedic deities).

p 132, No 2, and Pl LIII; Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 63, No 23, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol. XXI (1892), p 229, No 23; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 4 ff, No 5

TEXT

bhadamtāsa' aya-Bhutārakhit[ā]sa' Khujatīdukiyasa dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of the *bhadanta*, the venerable Bhutārakhita (*Bhūtārakṣita*),³ the Khujatīdukiya (inhabitant of *Kubjatīnduka* ?)

A 39 (789); PLATES VI, XXXII

ON a pillar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 31) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 137, No. 77, and Pl. XXIII and LIV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p 70, No 88, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 234, No 88, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 14, No 36

TEXT

bhadata-Kanakasa bhanakasa thabho dānam Chikulaniyasa

TRANSLATION

The pillar (is) the gift of the reverend Kanaka (*Kṛṣṇaka* ?),⁴ the reciter, the Chikulaniya (inhabitant of *Chukulana*).

As regards the name of the place cf. No A 40 *Kanakasa* (cf. *Kanikā* in *List* No. 1202 and 1203) may be defective writing for *Kanhakasa*, cf *Moragirimā* for *Moragirimhā* in No A 28 A donor's name *Kanhula* occurs in No A 63

A 40 (759); PLATES VII, XXXIII

ON a pillar of the South-Western quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (M 7). The inscription is engraved over a medallion, followed by the inscription No B 17. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 135, No 48, and Pl. LIV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 67, No. 64 (first part), and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 232, No. 64 (first part), Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 11, No 21

TEXT.

Chekulana Saghamitasa⁵ thabho dānam

TRANSLATION

The pillar (is) the gift of Saghamita (*Sanghamitra*)⁶ from Chekulana.

The adjective *Chikulaniya* in No A 39 proves that the name of the place was *Chekulana* or *Chukulana*, not *Chikula* as supposed by Barua-Sinha

¹The third *akshara* is distinctly *tā*

²The *ā*-sign of the first *tā* is distinct, of the second *tā* only probable

³See classification I, 4, a, 2 (names derived from spirits and animal deities).

⁴See classification I, 4, a, 6 (Vaishnavite names) and special note

⁵It is not impossible that there was an *anusvāra* after the first *sa*

⁶See classification I, 1, a (Buddhist names)

A 41 (858)¹; PLATE VII

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 141, No. 43, and Pl LVI, Hultzs, *ĀDMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p 74, No 136, and Pl , and *IA* , Vol XXI (1892), p 237, No 136, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 26, No 93.

TEXT:

bhadata-Samikasa Therāk[ū]tyasa² dānam

TRANSLATION

Gift of the reverend Samika (*Svāmika*),³ the inhabitant of Therākūta (*Sthavirākūta*)

Hultzs took Samika and Therākūta as names of two donors, and Luders in his *List* was the first to explain the word Therākūtya as ‘inhabitant of Therākūta’ Luders, however, followed Hultzs at that time, when taking Samika as the equivalent of Sk. *Śyāmaka*, apparently regarding *Samika* as an error for *Samaka* recurring in A 66 in *bhadata-Samaka*. In A 6 where Samika is the name of a lay-donor Luders explains it by *Svāmika* (as already *List* No. 244), and in view of the fact that there is no marked difference in naming laymen and Buddhist clergymen there is no reason why *Svāmika* should not be the name of a *bhadanta*. The explanation of *Samika* by *Śamika* (Barua-Sinha) needs no discussion

A 42 (718), PLATE VII

ON a pillar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 15). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 132, No 7, and Pl LIII, Hultzs, *ĀDMG*, Vol. XL (1886), p 63, No 27, and Pl , and *IA* , Vol XXI (1892), p 229, No 27, Ramaprasad Chanda, *MASI*, No I (1919), p 20, No. 12, and Pl V, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 6 f, No 8

TEXT:

- 1 Dabhnikāya Mahamukhisa dhitu Badhika-
- 2 ya bhichhunīya dānam

TRANSLATION:

The gift of the nun Badhikā (*Baddhikā*),⁴ the daughter of Mahamukhi (*Mahāmukhin*),⁵ the Dabhnikā (inhabitant of *Dabhina* ?)

Hultzs's suggestion accepted by Barua-Sinha that *Badhikaya* might be a clerical mistake for *Bodhikaya* is wrong. *Badhikā* is the female name corresponding to *Badhaka* occurring as the name of two different monks in the Sāñchī inscriptions, *List* Nos 484 and 633. The Sanskrit equivalent of *Mahamukhisa* is hardly *Mahāmukhyasya* as assumed by Barua-Sinha. Female adjectives are frequently formed from names of places with the suffix *-ikā*. The name of the place must therefore be *Dabhina*, in Sanskrit perhaps *Dabhina*, but not *Darbha*⁶ as stated by Barua-Sinha. A parallel place-name is Dharakina in the Sāñchī inscription, *List* No 259

¹ Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

² The *ū* in the akshara *kū* is not quite distinct, it could also be read *u*

³ See classification I, 4, a, 5 (Śaivite names)

⁴ See classification II, 2, b (names derived from mental disposition and temperament). We take *Baddhikā* characterising a female 'bound to' worldly desires

⁵ See classification II, 1, a (names derived from parts of the body)

⁶ According to Barua-Sinha, in the Brahmanda- and a few other Purānas *Darva* or *Darbha* is mentioned as a country on the hills

A 43 (806), PLATE XXIV

FRAGMENTARY inscription on a pillar, now at Batanmāra. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 138, No 93, and Pl. LV, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 16, No 43.

TEXT

Pusadataye Nagarikaya bhichhunye¹

TRANSLATION

(The gift) of the nun Pusadatā (*Pushyadattā*),² the Nagarikā (inhabitant of *Nagara*).

As regards the restoration suggested by Barua-Sinha, see the note on No A 124.

A 44 (806 a)³, PLATE XXVIII

INCISED near the representation of an acrobatic scene on a fragment of a pillar from Nagaudh State in Central India, now belonging to the Allahabad Municipal Museum (Ac/2915) Edited by Dines Chandra Sircar, *JRASB*, Letters Vol XIV, 1948, p 113 f, *EI*, Vol XXXIII (1959/60), pp 57 f, Kala, *BhV.* (1951), p 30, and Pl 1, an illustration of the fragment of the pillar is also given by Stella Kramrisch, *The Art of India through the Ages* (1954), Pl 17

TEXT

Pusadataye Nāgarikāye bhikhunye⁴

TRANSLATION

(The gift) of the nun Pusadatā (*Pushyadattā*),² the Nāgarikā (inhabitant of *Nagara*).

This inscription first published by Mr Sircar in 1948 is very similar to A 43. The differences are that in A 43 we read *Nagarikaya bhichhunye* whereas the present inscription, according to Mr Sircar, has *Nāgarikāye bhikhunye*.⁵ Mr Sircar first read a doubtful *sa* at the end of the inscription, perhaps because he accepted the combination of A 43 and A 124, following a suggestion made by Barua-Sinha but rejected by Luders under A 124. In his second article Dr Sircar came to the conclusion that the epigraph ends with the word *bhikhunye* and translated the record “(The gift) of Pushyadattā, the nun of the city”

A 45 (852), PLATE VII

ON a rail-bar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C B 48) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 141, No 37, and Pl. LVI; Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol. XL (1886), p. 74, No 132, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 237, No 132, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 24, No 87

¹From Cunningham's eye-copy His transcript has *Nagarikāye* Supply *dānam* at the end

²See classification I, 2, A, b (names derived from constellations)

³Luders, of course, had no knowledge of this new discovery A 43 and A 44, both mentioning the place name *Nagara*, were for a time-a rubbing not being available-considered to be identical, otherwise they would have been inserted after A 12

⁴As read by Mr Sircar in his second article. Possibly the inscription has *Nagarikāya* as in A 43.

⁵Note, however, that in our inscriptions the genitive sg -*ye* is found elsewhere with the base *bhikhuni* and not with *bhikhuni*, see § 29 (III)

TEXT

Na[m]d[i]nagarikaya Idadevāya dānam

TRANSLATION:

The gift of Idadevā (*Indradevā*)¹, the Namdnagarikā (inhabitant of *Nandnagara*).

A 46 (799), PLATE XXIV

ON a pillar of the North-Eastern quadrant Original lost Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p. 138, No 87, and Pl LV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p. 59, and *IA.*, Vol XXI (1892), p 255 (refers only to the name of the place), Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 16, No 41

TEXT

- 1 Nāsika Gorakṣitīya thabho dānam
- 2 Vasukasa bhāriyaya²

TRANSLATION.

The pillar (is) the gift of Gorakṣitā (*Gorakṣitā*)³ from Nāsika, (of Gorakṣitā) the wife of Vasuka⁴

A 47 (876)⁵, PLATE XXIV

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 142, No. 61., and Pl. LVI, Barua-Sinha, *BI*. (1926), p. 32, No 110

TEXT

Padelakasa Pusakasa suchu dānam⁶

TRANSLATION:

The rail-bar (is) the gift of Pusaka (*Pushyaka*)⁷ the Padelaka (inhabitant of *Padela*)⁸

A 48 (878)⁹, PLATE XXIV

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 142, No 63, and Pl LVI, Barua-Sinha, *BI*. (1926), p. 32, No 112.

TEXT

[Pa]rakat[i]kaya Sīrimāyā dānam¹⁰

¹See classification I, 3, b (names referring to vedic deities). In A 19 the name recurs as that of an inhabitant of Purikā

²This is the reading of Cunningham's eye-copy. In his transcript Cunningham reads *gorakṣitīya* which appears to be the correct reading, and *bhāriyāya*. Nāsika stands for Nāsikā.

³See classification I, 4, b, 1 (names derived from spirits and animal deities).

⁴See classification II, 3, a (names derived from wealth).

⁵Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

⁶From the eye-copy of Cunningham

⁷See classification I, 2, A, a (names derived from constellations).

⁸Barua-Sinha translate *Padelaka* as 'the man of Pāndya' (?) which seems to be unfounded.

⁹Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing.

¹⁰From the eye-copy of Cunningham

TRANSLATION.

The gift of Sirmā (*śrīmatī*)¹, the Parakatūkā (inhabitant of *Parakata*).

A 49 (836), PLATE XXIV

ON a rail-bar of the South-Western quadrant Original lost. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 140, No 21, and Pl. LV, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 21, No. 71.

TEXT

Golāyā Pārikimiyā dānam²

TRANSLATION³

The gift of Golā,³ the Pārikini (inhabitant of *Parikina*)

Barua-Sinha, following Cunningham, translate the inscription 'The gift of Pārikini from Golā' As the epithet indicating the native place of the donor is placed sometimes before and sometimes after the personal name, and as *Golā* occurs as a female name in the Sāichī inscription *List* No 596, there can be no doubt that here also *Golā* is the personal name *Pārikini* then is probably derived from the name of a place With *Parikina* may be compared *Dharakina* in No 259 of my *List* and *Dabhna*, from which *Dabhnikā* is derived in No A 42

A 49a, Plate XXXIX

ON a pillar, now in the Allahabad Municipal Museum (Ac/2914), inscribed below the inscription No B 31a Edited by Kala, *BhV* (1951), p 31; Sircar, *EI*, Vol. XXXIII (1959/60), p 59

TEXT

Tis[ā]yā Benākatikāya dān[ā]⁴

TRANSLATION.

The gift of Tisā (*Tiśhyā*), the Benākatikā (inhabitant of *Benākata*)⁵

A 50 (721), PLATE VII

ON a pillar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (No 6510)⁶ Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 132, No 10, and Pl LIII, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 7, No 11

¹See classification I, 4, b, 3 (names derived from minor deities)

²From Cunningham's eye-copy which agrees with his transcript

³See classification II, 1, b (names derived from appearance of the body)

⁴*dān[ā]* may be a mistake for *dāna=dānam* The final anusvāra is sometimes not represented, see above § 25 (ii) It is hardly believable that *dānā* has been used in the plural number for *dānām*

⁵Benākata is a place-name ending in *kata* like others mentioned above p 7. In a Nāsiḥ Buddhist Cave inscription, *List* No 1125, we find Gotamputa Sūri-Sadakami (*Gauṁamīputra Śūri-Sātakami*) called "lord (*svāmin*) of Benākataka of Govadhana (*Govadhana*)" According to Bimala Churn Law (*Historical Geography of Ancient India*, Paris [1954], p 301, s v. *Benākataka*) the place was situated on the Venṅa river in the Nāsiḥ district Nundo Lal Dey (*The Geographical Dictionary of Ancient and Mediaeval India*, 2nd ed 1927, p 29) mentions "Benākataka" as "Warangal, the capital of Telngana or Andhra", 1c p 28 he gives "Bena" as "the river Wain-Gangā in the Central Provinces", "a tributary of the Godāvāri"

⁶See *ASIR*, 1925/26, p 148, Note 1, and p 297, No 48

TEXT

- 1 Baha[da]to Ja[hira]natuno¹ Isi-²
- 2 rakhitaputasa Anamdasas thabho

TRANSLATION

The pillar (is the gift of) Anamda (*Ananda*)³, the son of Isirakhita (*Rishvakshita*)⁴, the grandson of Jahra (?)⁵ from Bahaḍa (?)

With *Bahadato* compare *Vedsāto* in No A 31 Barua-Sinha proposed to correct the first three words to *Bahadagojatrāsā dānam*, but the reading given above is absolutely certain as far as *natuno* is concerned. The names of the place and of the grandfather of the donor are not quite reliable, but the geographical name Bahadagojatura may be cancelled.

A 51 (797), PLATE VIII

ON a pillar of the North-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 19). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 138, No 85, and Pl LV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, (1886), Vol XL, p 70, No 95, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 235, No 95, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 15, No 39

TEXT

- 1 aya-Chulasa sutamtikasa Bhogavadha-⁶
- 2 nivasa dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of the venerable Chula (*Kshudhā*),⁷ the student of the Sūtrāntas,⁸ the Bhogavadhaniya (inhabitant of *Bhogavardhana*)

A 52 (764), PLATE XXIV

ON a pillar of the South-Western quadrant. Original lost. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 135, No 53, and Pl LIV; Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 59, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 225 (mentions only the name *Kosabeyekā*), Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 12, No 25

TEXT

- 1 Kosabeyekaya bhikhuniya
- 2 Venuvagimivāya Dhamārahutā-
- 3 yā dānam⁹

¹Barua-Sinha read *Bahadagojatrāvanātana*. The bracketed letters are blundered and doubtful, but *ha* is more probable than *ti*. The fourth *akshara* is distinctly *to*, not *go*. The last two *aksharas* are clearly *tuno*.

²The second *akshara* is distinctly *si*.

³See classification II, 2, a (names derived from mental disposition and temperament).

⁴See classification I, 4, a, 3 (names referring to Rishi-worship).

⁵The name has remained unclassified.

⁶*bho* has also the *u*-sign.

⁷See classification II, 1, a (names derived from appearance of the body).

⁸The term *suttantika* of course refers to the study of the Suttapitaka, cf. *PTSD* sub voce, Rhys Davids-Oldenberg, *Vinaya Texts*, Part I, p XXX (SBE XIII). The school of the Sautrāntikas, thought of by Hultzsch and Barua-Sinha, did not arise before the beginning of the third century A.D. In Barua's later work (*Barh* I, p 46) the translation is "well-versed in the Sūtras". The corresponding *sūtātika* in Sañchī (*List* No 635) is translated by Majumdar p 297 "one who is versed in the Suttantas". A nun versed in the sūtras is called *sūtātikinī* (*sautrāntikini*) *List* Nr 319, 352 (Sañchī).

⁹This is the reading of Cunningham's eye-copy. His transcript reads *Kosabeyekaya bhikhuniya Venuvagimivāya Dhama Rakhuta*. The correct reading appears to be *Kosabeyekaya* (or *Kosambeeyekaya*) *bhikhuniya Venuvagimivāya Dhamarakhutāyā dānam*.

TRANSLATION

The gift of the nun Dhamarakhitā (*Dharmarakshitā*),¹ the Kosabeykā (native of *Kausāmbi*), the Venuvagāmyā (inhabitant of *Venukagāma*).

A 53 (859)²; PLATE VIII

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 141, No 44, and Pl LVI, Hultzsch, *ZDMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p 74, No 137, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 237, No 137, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 27, No 94

TEXT

Sirisapada Isirakhitāya dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of Isirakhitā (*Rishuakshitā*)³ from Sirisapada (*Śrīshapadra*)

A 54 (804), PLATE XXIV

ON a pillar, now at Batanmāra Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 138, No. 91, and Pl LV, mentioned by Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p. 59, and *IA.*, Vol. XXI (1892) p 225, re-edited by Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 16, No 44

TEXT

- 1 Nadagirino bhānakasa Selapuraka-
- 2 sa thabho dānam⁴

TRANSLATION.

The pillar (is) the gift of Nadagiri (*Nandagiri*)⁵, the reciter, the Selapuraka (inhabitant of *Śalapura*)

A person of the name of Namdagiri is mentioned as a donor in No A 97, cf also No A 69, where the venerable Namda is referred to.

A 54a, PLATE XXVIII

ON a pillar, now in the Allahabad Municipal Museum (Ac/2918). Edited by Kala, *BhV.* (1951), p. 22, Sircar, *EI*, Vol. XXXIII (1959/60), p 58

TEXT

girino bhānakasa bhātu

TRANSLATION

(The gift) of, the brother of (Nada)giri, the reciter

The reciter whose name ended with the word *giri* is probably Nadagiri (*Nandagiri*),

¹ See classification I, 1, b (Buddhist names)

² Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

³ See classification I, 4, b, 2 (names referring to Rishi-worship).

⁴ From Cunningham's eye-copy. The transcript has *Nandagirino* and omits the *sa* of *Selapurakasa*.

⁵ See classification II, 2, a (names derived from mental disposition and temperament).

donor of a pillar, mentioned in the inscription A 54. For *bhātu* cf *matu*, *dhtu* p XXVII (§ 33). In A 50 the Gen sg of *napṭṛ* is *natuno*. It is, however, impossible to read the traces of the *akshara* following *bhātu* as *no*. The *akshara* may have been *pa* or *ha* as Dr Sircar has suggested, and represent the initial consonant of the name of the donor.

A 54b; PLATE XXVII

ON a rail-bar, now in the Allahabad Municipal Museum (Ac/2972) Edited by Kala, *BhV* (1951), p 33; Sircar, *EI*, XXXIII (1959/60), p 58

TEXT

[Na]garakhitasa cha mātu cha Kamuchukaye dānam

TRANSLATION:

Gift of Nagarakhita (*Nāgarakshita*) as well as of (his) mother¹, the Kamuchukā (inhabitant of *Kamuchu* ?)²

Similarly it is recorded in No A 96b that the mother of Gośāla shared with her son in the expenses of a rail-bar

¹ Cf. A 18, A 28, A 120

² Dr Kala regards *Kamuchukā* as the name of the mother, whereas Dr. Sircar reads the second part of the inscription *cha mātu Chakamuchukaye dānam* "and (his) mother Chakramochikā". He notes "The word *cha* possibly suggests that the present epigraph was the second of a set of two inscriptions, the first recording a gift of Nāgarakshita, while the inscription under study records only the gift of his mother"

3. A 55 DONATION BY A SCULPTOR (WITHOUT REFERENCE
TO THE NATIVE PLACE)¹

A 55 (857)², PLATE VIII

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 141, No. 42, and Pl LVI, Hultzsck, *ZDMG*, Vol. XL (1886), p 74, No 135, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p. 237, No. 135; Ramaprasad Chanda, *MASI*, No I (1919), p. 19, and Pl V, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 26, No 92.

TEXT.

Budharakhitasa rupakārakasa dānam

TRANSLATION.

The gift of Budharakhita (*Buddharakshita*),³ the sculptor.

The name *Budharakhita* is found as that of a monk in A 57 and A 58

¹For donors following certain professions mentioned with reference to their native place see No. A 17 (*bhatudesaka*) and A 22 (*asavārka*). In A 21 a donor is specified as *gahapati*

²Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing.

³See classification I, 1, a (Buddhist names)

4. A 56 - 73 DONATIONS BY MONKS:

(a) A 56 - 63 Monks having specific church titles¹

A 56 (856)², PLATE VIII

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 141, No 40, and Pl. LVI, Hultzsch, *ꣳDMG*, Vol. XL (1886), p 74, No 134, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 237, No 134, Barua-Sinha, *BI*. (1926), p 24 ff, No 91, Luders, *Bhārḥ*. (1941), p 174 f

TEXT

aya-Jātasa petakino suchi dānam

TRANSLATION

The rail-bar (is) the gift of the venerable (*ārya*) Jāta,⁴ who knows the Pitakas

A 57 (867)⁵, PLATE VIII

RAIL inscription, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta Edited by Cunningham, *StBh*. (1879), p 142, No 52, and Pl LVI, Hultzsch, *ꣳDMG*, Vol. XL (1886), p 75, No 144, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 238, No 144, Barua-Sinha, *BI*. (1926), p 28, No 101, Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p. 175 f.

TEXT.

Budharakhitasa pa[m]cha-nekāyikasa dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of Budharakhita (*Buddharakshita*),⁶ who knows the five mākāyas

The attribute *paṃchanekāyika* is given to the monk Devagiri in the Sāñchī-inscription *List* No 229 The name Budharakhita is common in inscriptions and reoccurs in A 55 and 58 In our inscription it is of course the name of a monk, not of a lay-man as suggested by Barua, *JPAŚB*, New Ser XIX, p 358, and *Baśh* Vol I, p 46, although he is not expressly called a bhikkhu

A 58 (792), PLATES IX, XXIX

TOGETHER with Nos B 1-3 on the inner face of the terminus corner pillar of the North-Western quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 5) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 138, No 80, and Pl XXII and LV, Hultzsch, *ꣳDMG*, Vol XL (1886),

¹For donations by monks mentioned as inhabitants of certain places see No A 8, A 17, A 38, A 39, A 41, A 51, A 54

²On the general importance of some of the church titles (*petakin*, *paṃchanekāyika*, *bhānaka*) cf. below p 71 and notes For monks having church titles mentioned with reference to their native place see No A 51 (*sutamitka*), A 39 and A 54 (*bhānaka*)

³Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

⁴See classification II, 3, a (names derived from birth)

⁵Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

⁶See classification I, 1, a (Buddhist names)

p 70, No 90, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 234, No 90, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 15, No 37

TEXT

- 1 bhadata-Budharakhita satupadāna-
- 2 sa dānaṃ thabho

TRANSLATION

The pillar (is) the gift of the reverend Budharakhita (*Buddharakhita*)¹ who has abandoned attachment

The meaning of *satupadāna* has not yet been ascertained. It does not seem to be a proper name, but rather denotes some clerical dignitary. Hultzsch hesitatingly traced it back to Sk *śāstropādāna* and translated it 'who is versed in sciences', but although *sata* may stand for *saṭṭha*, it is very improbable that the *stra* of *śāstra* should develop into *ṅgual iha*. Nor do I understand how *upādāna* could possibly have been used as an adjective. Barua-Sinha take *satupadāna* as 'a monumental Prakrit counterpart of the Pāli *Satipatthāna* or *Satipatthānika* and the Sanskrit *Smṛatyupasthāna* or *Smṛatyupasthānika*' (sic). I consider it unnecessary to discuss this explanation. In my opinion *satupadāna* is an imperfect spelling for *sattupadāna*=Sk *sṛishtopādāna*, 'who has abandoned attachment'. With *satta* for *saṭṭha* we may compare participles such as *matta*=Sk *mṛshṭa* (*D* II, 133), *samtatta*=Sk *samtrasta* (*J* 322, 2), and with the whole term *samavasatthesana*², 'one who has completely abandoned longing' (*D* III, 269, A II, 41), and *anupādāna* 'free from attachment' or 'clinging to existence', frequently used of an Arhat.

A 59 (773), PLATES IX, XXXIV

On the left outer face of the return corner pillar of the Western gate, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 3). The inscription is engraved on the left hand pilaster of the middle relief (see also Nos B 21, B 22, B 40). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 136, No 62, and Pl XVI and LIV, Hoernle, *IA*, Vol XI (1882), p 29, No 24, Hultzsch, *ZDMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p 68, No 76, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 233, No. 76; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 13, No 30

TEXT

bhadatasa aya-Isipālita bhānakasa navakamika dānaṃ

TRANSLATION

The gift of the reverend, the venerable Isipālita (*Rishipālita*)³, the reciter and superintendent of the works

A 60 (787), PLATE IX

FRAGMENTARY inscription on the right outer face of the same pillar as No B 55, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 28). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), Pl XIX (Pl only),

¹ See classification I, 1, a (Buddhist names)

² That this is the correct reading has been shown by Kern, *Toev.* II, 56, cf *esanaṃ patimssatthā* A. II, 42

³ See classification I, 4, a, 3 (names referring to Rīshu-worship).

Hultzsch, *ZDMG.*, Vol. XL (1886), p 76, No 154, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 239, No. 154, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 14, No 35

TEXT.

[m]ika[sa dānam]

TRANSLATION·

The gift of mika

The inscription seems to have consisted of about 16 *aksharas*, and it is possible that it recorded the gift of the venerable Ispālita, the superintendent of the works (*aya-Ispālitaśa navakamikaśa dānam*), just as the inscription on the corner pillar of the Western gate, see A 59 But the restoration must be taken for what it is worth

A 61 (762); PLATE IX

On a pillar of the South-Western quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 23) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 135, No 51, and Pl LIV; Hultzsch, *ZDMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p 67, No 66, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p. 232, No 66; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 11, No 23

TEXT

bhadamta-Valakasa bhanakasa' dāna[m]² thabho

TRANSLATION

The pillar (is) the gift of the reverend Valaka,³ the reciter

A 62 (738), PLATE IX

On the return terminus pillar of the Southern gate, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 29) The inscription is engraved on the left of the middle relief of the inner face On the same pillar we find the inscriptions Nos B 23-31, B 36-39, B 60-61, B 70-72 Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 134, No 27, and Pl XIV and LIV; Hoernle, *IA*, Vol X (1881), p 259, No 17, and Pl., Hultzsch, *ZDMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p 65, No 45, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p. 230, No 45; Ramaprasad Chanda, *MASI*, No 1 (1919), p. 20, No 14, and Pl V, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 8 ff, No 18

TEXT

aya-Isidinasa⁴ bhānakasa dānam

TRANSLATION·

The gift of the venerable Isidina (*Rishudatta*),⁵ the reciter

¹ Barua-Sinha *bhānakasa*, but the *bha* seems to have no *ā*-sign

² Hultzsch *dāna* The *anusvāra* is probable

³ See classification I, 4, a, 6 (Vaishnavite names).

⁴ As observed by Hoernle, there is a hook or angle to the left of the *sa*, but I doubt that it has any meaning

⁵ See classification I, 4, a, 3 (names referring to Rishi-worship)

Three sides of the pillar are decked with sculptures. Each face has three reliefs marked at the bottom by a railing and flanked, the uppermost by a palm-tree, and the lower ones by octagonal pillars with bell-shaped capitals. As this inscription is the only donative inscription on the pillar, it probably refers to the gift of the whole pillar, although the object of the donation is not stated.

A 63 (833), PLATE XXV

ON a rail-bar of the Southern gate. Original lost. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p. 140, No. 18, and Pl LV, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 20, No. 68.

TEXT

Kanhilasa bhānakasa dānaṃ¹

TRANSLATION

The gift of Kanhila (*Kṛishnala*),² the reciter

b A 64-73 Monks called bhadanta or aya³

A 64 (850), PLATE IX

ON a rail-bar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C B 18). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p. 141, No. 35, and Pl LVI; Hultzschn, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p. 73, No. 130, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p. 237, No. 130, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 23, No. 85.

TEXT

bhadata-Devasenasa dānaṃ⁴

TRANSLATION

The gift of the reverend Devasena.⁵

A 65 (766), PLATES IX, XXXI

ON a pillar of the South-Western quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 30). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p. 136, No. 55, and Pl XXXII and LIV; Hultzschn, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p. 68, No. 69, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p. 233, No. 69, Ramaprasad Chanda, *MAST*, No I (1919), p. 20, No. 11, and Pl V, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 12, No. 26.

TEXT

bhadata-Mahulasa thabho dānaṃ

¹From Cunningham's eye-copy which agrees with his transcript.

²See classification I, 4, a, 6 (Vaishnavite names).

³Monks are also called *bhadanta* or *aya* when (a) their native place is mentioned and (b) specific church titles are given. For (a) see No A 38 (*bhadanta aya*), A 41 (*bhadanta*), A 8 (*aya*), for (b) see A 39, A 38, A 59, A 61 (*bhadanta*), A 51, A 56, A 59, A 62 (*aya*).

⁴Hultzschn and Barua-Sinha *donam*. The horizontal stroke to the left of *dā* which gives the *akshara* the appearance of *do* is much thinner than the *a*-stroke and probably accidental.

⁵See classification I, 4, a, 1 (names referring to deities in general).

TRANSLATION

The pillar (is) the gift of the reverend Mahila ¹

According to Luders *Mahila* is probably a shortened form of a compound name such as *Mahapāṭita* or *Mahrakkhita*. The suffix -(i)la, (i)lā is, however, common in personal names, s Hilka, l c pp 68 f, and above p XXVIII on suffixes (9). Barua-Sinha's derivation from *Madhvīla* is phonetically impossible, the correction to *Mihila* is unnecessary

A 66 (768), PLATE IX

ON a pillar of the South-Western quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 2), where also B 52 is found. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p. 136, No. 57, and Pl. LIV, Hultzsck, *ZDMG*, Vol. XL (1886), p 68, No 71, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 233, No 71; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 12, No 28

TEXT

bhadata-Samakasa thabho dānam

TRANSLATION

The pillar (is) the gift of the reverend Samaka (*Śyāmaka*)²

Samakasa may be a clerical error for *Samakasa*, but it is more probably a defective writing for *Sāmakasa*, as *Sāmaka* occurs as the name of a monk also in A. 73, and of different persons in the Nāsik inscription *List* No 1126 and the Bhattiprolu inscription *List* No 1337

A 67 (842), PLATE X

ON a rail-bar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C B. 22) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh*. (1879), p 140, No. 27, and Pl LVI, Hultzsck, *ZDMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p 73, No. 122, and Pl, and *IA.*, Vol XXI (1892), p 236, No 122, Ramaprasad Chanda, *MASI.*, No 1 (1919), p 19, No. 1, and Pl V, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 22, No 77

TEXT

ava-Apiknakasa dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of the venerable Apiknaka (*Apigīrnaka* ?)³

Apiknaka is found again in the form *Ampiknaka* as the name of a Buddhist monk in the Bhājā inscription, *List* No 1081, Barua-Sinha's derivation of the name from Sk. *Aprakīrṇa* is quite unlikely

A 68 (715), PLATE X

ON a pillar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 13). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 132, No 4, and Pl. LIII; Hultzsck, *ZDMG*, Vol.

¹ See classification I, 4, a, 4 (names derived from minor deities).

² See classification II, 1, a (names derived from appearance of the body)

³ See classification II, 3, a (names derived from wealth, fame, and birth). *apigīrṇa* "praised" is attested by lexicographers

XL (1886), p 63, No 25, and Pl , and *IA* , Vol XXI (1892), p 229, No. 25, Ramaprasad Chanda, *MAI*, No. I (1919), p 19, No 2, and Pl V, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 6, No. 6.

TEXT

aya-Gorakhitasa thabho dānam

TRANSLATION

The pillar is the gift of the venerable Gorakhita (*Gorakshita*)¹

A 69 (886)², PLATE XXV

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 143, No 2, and Pl LVI, Barua-Sinha, *BI*. (1926), p 35, No 121

TEXT

aya-Namda³

TRANSLATION

(The gift of) the venerable Namda (*Nanda*)⁴

A reciter Nadagiri (*Nandagiri*) is mentioned in A 54, and the name Namdagiri also occurs in A 97 Nada, Namda or Namda by itself is found as a personal name in the inscriptions *List* Nos. 289, 1032, 1121, and 1345

A 70 (690), PLATE X

ON coping-stone No. I, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 130, No. 1, and Pl. XII and LIII, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 60, No 2, and Pl, and *IA* , Vol XXI (1892), p 227, No. 2; Barua-Sinha, *BI*. (1926), p 33, No 118

TEXT

aya-Nāgadevasa dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of the venerable Nāgadeva⁵

A 71 (716), PLATES X, XXXII

ON a pillar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 17). The inscription precedes No B 11. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 132, No. 5, and Pl XXIII and LIII; Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 63, No 26 (first part), and Pl, and *IA* , Vol. XXI (1892), p 229, No 26 (first part), Barua-Sinha, *BI*. (1926), p 6, No 7.

¹ See classification I, 4, a, 2 (names derived from spirits and animal deities)

² Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

³ From the eye-copy of Cunningham

⁴ See classification II, 2, a (names derived from mental disposition and temperament)

⁵ See classification I, 4, a, 2 (names derived from spirits and animal deities)

TEXT

aya-Pamthakasa thambho dānam

TRANSLATION

The pillar (is) the gift of the venerable Pamthaka (*Panthaka*)¹A 72 (831), PLATE X

ON a rail-bar of the Southern gate, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (CB 6). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 140, No. 16, and Pl LV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 72, No 114, and Pl I, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 236, No 114, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 20, No. 66

TEXT

aya-Punāvasuno suchi dānam

TRANSLATION

The rail-bar (is) the gift of the venerable Punāvasu (*Punarvasu*)²A 73 (800), PLATE X

ON a pillar of the North-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 7). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p. 138, No 88, and Pl LV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 71, No 97, and Pl I, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 235, No 97, Ramaprasad Chanda, *MASI*, No I (1919), p 19, No 6, and Pl I, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 16, No 42.

TEXT.

- 1 Maharasa amtevāsino aya-Sāma-
- 2 kasa thabho dānam

TRANSLATION.

The pillar (is) the gift of the venerable Sāmaka (*Śyāmaka*),³ the pupil of Mahara⁴

The spelling with the long *ā* in the first syllable proves that Sāmaka is Sk *Śyāmaka*, not *Śamaka*, as suggested by Barua-Sinha, cf note on No A 66 *Maharasa* may be taken as defective spelling for *Mihurasa* as proposed by Barua-Sinha, their tentative equation of *Mahara* with Sk. *Madhwara* is phonetically impossible

¹ See classification II, 3, a (names derived from birth)

² See classification I, 2, A, a (names derived from constellations)

³ See classification II, 1, a (names derived from appearance of the body)

⁴ See classification I, 3 a (names referring to vedic deities)

5. A 74-80 DONATIONS BY NUNS¹

A 74 (761), PLATE XI

ON a pillar of the South-Western quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 9) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p. 135, No 50, and Pl LIV; Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p. 67, No. 65 and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 232, No 65, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 11, No 22

TEXT.

Nāgaye bhichhuniye dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of the nun Nāgā²

A 75 (870)³, PLATE XI

ON a rail-bar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 142, No 55, and Pl LVI, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 75, No 146, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 238, No 146, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 31, No 104.

TEXT

Phagudevāye bhichhuniye dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of the nun Phagudevā (*Phalgudevā*).⁴

A 76 (840), PLATE XI

ON a rail-bar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 140, No 25, and Pl LVI, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 73, No. 120, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 236, No 120, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 21, No. 75.

TEXT

Budharakhitāye dānam bhichhuniye

TRANSLATION

The gift of the nun Budharakhitā (*Buddharakshitā*)⁵

A 77 (841); PLATE XI

ON a rail-bar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C B 34) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 140, No 26, and Pl LVI; Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol. XL (1886), p. 73, No. 121, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p. 236, No 121; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 22, No. 76.

TEXT:

Bhutaye bhichhuniye dānam

¹For nuns mentioned with reference to their native place see No A 11, A 12, A 24, A 29, A 37, A 42-44, A 52

²See classification I, 4, b, 1 (names derived from spirits and animal deities).

³Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

⁴See classification I, 2, A, b (names derived from constellations).

⁵See classification I, 1, b (Buddhist names).

TRANSLATION.

The gift of the nun Bhutā (*Bhūtā*)¹A 78 (815); PLATE XXV

ON a rail-bar of the South-Eastern² quadrant Original lost Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 139, No 1, and Pl LV; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 17, No 49.

TEXT

Sapagutaye bhichhumy[e] dānam³

TRANSLATION

The gift of the nun Sapagutā (*Sarpagutā*)⁴A 79 (851), PLATE XI

FRAGMENTARY inscription on a rail-bar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta Edited by Cunningham, *StBh*. (1879), p. 141, No 36, and Pl LVI; Hultzs, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 73, No 131, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 237, No 131, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 23, No. 86

TEXT

. . . . kaya bhichhuniya dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of the nun kā .

A 80 (772), PLATE XI

ON the same pillar as Nos. B 8 and B 9, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 16). The inscription which is fragmentary is engraved above No B 9. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p. 136, No 61, and Pl XXII and LIV, Hultzs, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 68, No 75, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 233, No. 75, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 12 f, No. 29.

TEXT

1 to⁵ bhikhuniyā thabho
2 dānam

TRANSLATION

The pillar (is) the gift of a nun from

The syllable *to* is probably the ending of the ablative of a place-name Barua-Sinha tried to restore the inscription by connecting it with the fragment No. A 126, but their reading *Āvāsikāya bhikhuniyā* is absolutely imaginary, as the letter preceding *bhikhuniyā* can on no account be read *ya*.

¹ See classification I, 4, b, 1 (names derived from spirits and minor deities).

² 'S. W. Quadrant' in the heading of *Last* Nos. 815-826 on p 139 of Cunningham's work is a mistake. The correct 'S. E. Quadrant' is found on Plate LV

³ From Cunningham's eye-copy which agrees with his transcript

⁴ See classification I, 4, b, 1 (names derived from spirits and minor deities).

⁵ Cunningham read *ratā*, but the last *akshara* is distinctly *to* and the preceding *akshara* cannot have been *ra*.

6. A 81 - 113 DONATIONS BY MEN (WITHOUT REFERENCE TO NATIVE PLACE OR PROFESSION)¹

A 81 (824), PLATE XI

ON a rail-bar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C B 49) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 139, No 10, and Pl LV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol. XL(1886), p 72, No 108, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 236, No. 108, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 19, No 61

TEXT

Atimutasa danam

TRANSLATION :

The gift of Atimuta (*Atimukta*)²

A 82 (864)³; PLATE XI

ON a rail-bar, now Indian Museum, Calcutta. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 142, No 49, and Pl LVI, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 74, No. 141, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 238, No 141, Ramaprasad Chanda, *MA SI*, No. I (1919), p 19, and Pl V, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 28, No 99.

TEXT.

Avisanasa dānam

TRANSLATION ·

The gift of Avisana (*Avishanna*)⁴

The name of the donor reappears in A 83

A 83 (865)³; PLATE XII

ON a rail-bar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p. 142, No. 50, and Pl LVI, Hultzsch, *ZDMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p. 74, No. 142, and Pl., and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 238, No- 142, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 28, No. 99.

TEXT.

(A)v[1]sanasa⁵ dānam

¹For donations of men whose native places have been mentioned see No. A 6, A 7, A 13, A 23, A 25, A 26, A 30, A 31, A 36, A 40, A 47, A 50. A few inscriptions referring to men give the profession as well as the native place, cf No A 17, A 22, in A 21 the donor is characterized as *gahapati*. A 55 mentions the profession of the male donor, but not the native place

²See classification II, 4, a (names derived from plants)

³Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

⁴See classification II, 2, a (names derived from mental disposition and temperament) Instead of *a-vishanna* "not sorrowful" the name could also be interpreted as *a-vishāna* "not having horns".

⁵*avisanasa* has been read by all previous editors, but our estampage does not bring out any trace of *a* in the beginning, whereas Cunningham's eye-copy shows the *a* clearly

TRANSLATION:

The gift of Avisana (*Avishanna*).

The donor is apparently the same as in A 82.

A 84-85 (828-829); PLATE XII

On a rail-bar of the Southern gate, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C B 27). The inscription is engraved twice, above and below the medallion. The upper inscription (a) is carved in extremely cursive characters, while the lower inscription (b) is in ornamental script. The lower inscription was edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 140, No 14, and Pl LV; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 20, No. 64. Both inscriptions were edited by Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 75, No 151, and p 72, No 112, and Pl., and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 238, No 151, and p 236, No. 112. Anderson, *Cat.*, Vol I, p 55, states that there is a third inscription to the same effect on another rail-bar (C.B 50)

TEXT:

- a Isānasa dāna
- b Isānasa dāna

TRANSLATION

The gift of Isāna (*Īsāna*)¹

A 86 (830), PLATE XII

On a rail-bar of the Southern gate, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C B 2) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 140, No 15, and Pl LV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 72, No 113, and Pl., and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p. 236, No 113, Barua-Sinha, *BI*. (1926), p 20, No 65

TEXT

Isidatasa dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of Isidata (*Rushadatta*).²

A 87 (868),³ PLATE XII

On a rail-bar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 142, No 53, and Pl LVI, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 75, No. 145, and Pl., and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p. 238, No 145, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 30, No 102.

TEXT

Isirakhitasa suchi dānam

TRANSLATION

The rail-bar (is) the gift of Israkhita (*Rushrakshita*)²
A donor of the name of *Israkhita* reoccurs No A 88 (cf A 53).

¹ See classification I, 4, a, 5 (Śaivite names)

² See classification I, 4, a, 3 (names referring to Rishi-worship)

³ Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

A 87a, PLATE XXVIII

ON a rail-stone, now in the Allahabad Municipal Museum (Ac/2967) Edited by Sircar, *EI*, Vol XXXIII (1959/60), p 59

TEXT

[sira]kh[i]tasa thabho dānam

TRANSLATION:

The pillar (is) the gift of (I)sirakhita (*Rashrakshita*)

A donor, Isirakhita by name, occurs No A 50, A 87 and A 88. The restoration (I)[si]-remains doubtful¹. The word *-rakhita* as second part of a compound is very common in personal names²

A 88 (848), PLATE XII

ON a rail-bar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (CB 45) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 141, No 33, and Pl LVI, Hultzsch, *ZDMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p 73, No 128, and Pl., and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 237, No. 128; Barua-Sinha, *BI*. (1926), p. 23, No 83.

TEXT

Isirakhitasa dānam

TRANSLATION.

The gift of Isirakhita (*Rashrakshita*)³

A donor of the name of *Isirakhita* also occurs No A 50 and A 87

A 89 (832), PLATE XXV

ON a rail-bar of the Southern gate Original lost Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p. 140, No 17, and Pl LV, and Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 20, No 67

TEXT.

Gāgamitasa suchi dānam⁴

TRANSLATION

The rail-bar (is) the gift of Gāgamitra (*Gangāmitra*)⁵

As stated by Cunningham, the name of the donor may be traced back to *Gariḡāmitra* or *Gargamitra*, but *Gangāmitra* or, with the usual shortening of the final vowel of the first member of the compound, *Gangamitra* would seem to be the more probable form; cf. *Gagamdata* (for *Gangadata*) in the Sāñchi inscription *List* No. 390

¹ Sircar reads [ye Ra]kh[i]tasa.

² See classification I, 1-4.

³ See classification I, 4, a, 3 (names referring to Rishi-worship)

⁴ From Cunningham's eye-copy which agrees with his transcript

⁵ See classification I, 4, a, 4 (names derived from minor deities).

A 90 (853), PLATE XII

ON a rail-bar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 141, No 38, and Pl LVI; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 24, No 88. There are two inscriptions, one (a) in the ordinary script of the time, and another (b) in thin and badly shaped characters.

TEXT

- a Gosālasa dānam
b Tosālasa¹ māta²

TRANSLATION

- a The gift of Gosāla (*Gosāla*)³
b Of the mother of [G]osāla (*Gosāla*)

Probably the first inscription is the original one, and the second was added as an afterthought to record that the mother of Gosāla shared in the expenses of the rail-bar.

A 91 (863)⁴, PLATE XII

ON a rail-bar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 141, No 48, and Pl LVI, Hultzs, *ZDMG*, Vol. XL (1886), p. 74, No. 140, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 238, No 140, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 27, No. 98

TEXT

Chulanasa dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of Chulana⁵

A 92 (855)⁶, PLATE XII

RAIL inscription Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 141, No 40, and Pl. LVI; Hultzs, *ZDMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p 74, No 133, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol. XXI (1892), p. 237, No 133; Ramaprasad Chanda, *MASI*, No I (1919), p 19, and Pl V; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 24, No 90

TEXT

Jēṭhabhadrasa dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of Jethabhadra (*Jyeshthabhadra*).⁶

¹ There can be little doubt that the engraver wanted to write *Gosālasa*, but the first *akshara* is a plain *to* The hook on the left of the *sā* is indistinct

² The second *akshara* seems to be *ta*, not *tu*, cf. § 33 (1).

³ See classification II, 3, a (names derived from birth)

⁴ Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

⁵ See classification II, 1, a (names derived from the appearance of the body). Cf. the remarks on *Chula* in A 17.

⁶ See classification I, 2, A, a (names derived from constellations).

A 93 (834), PLATE XIII

ON a rail-bar of the South-Western quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C B. 46) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 140, No 19, and Pl. LV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p 72, No. 115, and Pl., and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 236, No 115; Barua-Sinha, *BI*. (1926), p 20, No 69

TEXT

Devarakhitasa [dānam]¹

TRANSLATION

The gift of Devarakhuta (*Devarakshuta*)²

A 94 (727), PLATE XIII

ON the opposite side of the same pillar as No B 7, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 10) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 133, No 16, and Pl LIII, Hultzsch, *ZDMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p. 64, No. 35, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 230, No 35, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 8, No 14 This side of the pillar is figured in Barua's *Barh*, Vol III (1937), Pl LXVIII (81)

TEXT

Dhamagutasa dānam thabho

TRANSLATION

The pillar (is) the gift of Dhamaguta (*Dharmagupta*)³

According to Anderson, *Cat*, Vol I, p 32, this side of the pillar bears the statue of an Apsaras playing a seven-stringed harp

A 95 (734), PLATE XIII

TOGETHER with Nos B 4-6 on the middle face of the southern terminus pillar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 1) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 133, No 23, and Pl. XXI and LIII, Hultzsch, *ZDMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p 65, No 41, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 230, No 41, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 8, No 17

TEXT

Dhamarakhitasa dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of Dhamarakhita (*Dharmarakshita*)³

A 96 (845), PLATE XIII

ON a rail-bar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C B 35) Edited by Cunningham,

¹The last word which is a little blurred already in Hultzsch's photograph seems to have disappeared now

²See classification I, 4, a, 1 (names referring to deities in general).

³See classification I, 1, a (Buddhist names)

StBh (1879), p. 140, No 30, and Pl LVI, Hultzsch, *ĀDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 73, No. 125, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 237, No 125, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 22, No. 80.

TEXT

Dhutasa suchi dāno

TRANSLATION

The rail-bar (is) the gift of Dhuta (*Dhūrta*)¹

Barua-Sinha trace *Dhuta* back to Sk *Dhūta* I see no reason why it should not go back to Sk *Dhūrta* as suggested by Hultzsch The masculine form *dāno* is probably a clerical error.

A 97 (898)²: PLATE XXV

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 143, No 15, and Pl LVI; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 37, No 132

TEXT

[Nam]dagirino dā(nam)³

TRANSLATION

The gift of Namdagiri (*Nandagiri*)⁴

A 'reciter' (*bhānaka*) of the name of *Nadagiri* is mentioned as a donor in No A 54.

A 98 (729), PLATES XIII, XLI

ON a pillar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 14), above the inscription B 47 Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 133, No 18, and Pl XXV and LIII, Hultzsch, *ĀDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 64, No 37 (first part), and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 230, No 37 (first part), Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 8, No 16.

TEXT

Pusasa thambho dānam

TRANSLATION

The pillar (is) the gift of Pusa (*Pushya*)⁴

A 99 (883)², PLATE XIII

BUDDHIST Rail inscription, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta Edited by Hultzsch, *ĀDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 75, No 152, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 239, No 152, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 33, No. 116

¹ See classification II, 2, a (names derived from mental disposition and temperament)

² Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

³ From the eye-copy of Cunningham.

⁴ See classification I, 2, A, a (names derived from constellations).

TEXT.

[Bodhigū]tasa d[ā]nam

TRANSLATION

The gift of Bodhigūta (*Bodhigūpta*)¹A 100 (874)²; PLATE XIII

RAIL inscription, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p. 142, No 59, and Pl XXXI and LVI, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p. 75, No. 149, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p. 238, No 149; Cunningham, *Mahābodhi* (1892), Pl. V (Pl. only), Barua-Sinha, *BI.* (1926), p. 32, No 108.

TEXT

Seryā³ putasa Bhārandevasa dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of Bhārandeva (*Bharanīdeva*)⁴, the son of Serī⁵ (*Śrī*).

The earlier editors read Seryāputa as a compound, but as Seryā is clearly a genitive sg of Sirī (*Śrī*) we prefer to separate the two words Barua-Sinha take Seryāputa as a placename and translate 'from Śrīputra'. The words indicating the places of origin of the donors, however, are always put in the ablative, and in the genitive only, when a derivative in *-ka* (*-ikā*) or *-ya* is formed from them

A 101 (847); PLATE XIII

ON a rail-bar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta Edited by Hultzsch, *ZDMG.*, Vol. XL (1886), p. 73, No 127, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 237, No 127, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 23, No 82

TEXT

Mitasa⁶ suchi dānam

TRANSLATION

The rail-bar (is) the gift of Mita (*Mitra*)⁷

The inscription was wrongly identified by Hultzsch with No. A 111.

A 102 (827), PLATE XIV

ON a rail-bar of the Southern gate, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C.B. 10).

¹ See classification I, 1, a (Buddhist names)

² Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

³ The *e*-mark of *se* is quite distinct, but the estampage shows also a trace of an *i*-mark Did the writer add this *i*-mark as a correction? The change of *i* to *e* is observed only in *Kosabeyekā* in No. A 52, where Luders is inclined to correct the reading of Cunningham's eye-copy to *Kosabeyekā*

⁴ See classification I, 2, A, b (names derived from constellations)

⁵ See classification I, 4, b, 3 (names derived from minor deities).

⁶ The reading *Mitasa* seems possible, the right limb of the *ta* being elongated.

⁷ See classification I, 3, a (names referring to vedic deities).

Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 140, No 13, and Pl LV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 72, No 111, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 236, No 111, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 19, No 63

TEXT

Mudasa dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of Muda (*Munda*)¹

A 103 (873)²; PLATE XXV

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 142, No 58, and Pl LVI, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 31, No 107

TEXT

Yamī[ta]sa sã ³

TRANSLATION

(The gift) of Yamita (?)⁴

A 104 (879)²; PLATE XXV

ON a rail-bar, since 1959 in the Bhārat Kalā Bhavan, Banaras The inscription is incised underneath No B 62 EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 142, No 64, and Pl LVI; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 32, No 113

TEXT

Vijitakasa suchi dānam⁵

TRANSLATION

The rail-bar (is) the gift of Vijitaka⁶

A 105 (846); PLATE XIV

ON a rail-bar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879),

¹ See classification II, 1, a (names derived from the appearance of the body)

² Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

³ From the eye-copy of Cunningham Barua-Sinha correct and restore the rest of the inscription as *suchi dānam sã*, however, is quite distinct in Cunningham's copy

⁴ The translations of Barua-Sinha 'The rail-gift of Yamula', 'The rail-gift of Yamendra' need no discussion The name has remained unclassified

⁵ From the eye-copy of Cunningham An inked impression received by Dr D C Sircar, Ootacamund, in September 1959 shows that Cunningham's eye-copy gives the correct reading In an article prepared for *BI*, Vol XXXIII (1959/60) - kindly made available to us - Dr. Sircar says "In the word *suchi*, the letter *v* had been originally written for *ch*, though an attempt was later made by the engraver to rectify the error by adding a vertical stroke to the right lower end of *v*. There is a mark at the upper left corner of the letter which, taken with the sign for medial *z*, looks like the medial sign for *ī* as found in slightly later epigraphs. But the mark appears to be due to a flaw in the stone"

⁶ See classification II, 3, a (names derived from birth)

p 140, No 31, and Pl LVI; Hultzs, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p. 73, No 126, and Pl., and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p. 237, No. 126, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 23, No. 81.

TEXT

Yakhilasa suchi dāna

TRANSLATION

The rail-bar (is) the gift of Yakhila (*Yakshila*)¹

A 106 (866)², PLATE XIV

RAIL inscription, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 142, No 51, and Pl LVI, Hultzs, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 75, No. 143, and Pl., and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p. 238, No 143, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 28, No 100.

TEXT

Sa[m]ghamitasa bodhichakasa dānam

TRANSLATION

(This is) the gift of a wheel of enlightenment (*bodhichakra*)³ by Samghamita (*Samghamitra*).

Saghamita or *Samghamita* occurs as the name of a donor also in No A 40 and probably in No. A 107.

A 107 (895)², PLATE XXV

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 143, No. 12, and Pl LVI; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 37, No 130

TEXT

(Sam)gham(tasa dānam)⁴

TRANSLATION

The gift of Samghamita (*Samghamitra*)⁵

For the donor's name cf No A 106

A 108 (844), PLATE XIV

ON a rail-bar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (CB 30) Edited by Cunningham *StBh* (1879), p 140, No 29, and Pl LVI, Hultzs, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 73,

¹ See classification I, 4, a, 2 (names derived from spirits and animal deities).

² Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

³ In other cases, where the gift is specified as *suchi*, *thabho*, *thabhā*, the object of donation is put in the nominative. The genitive in *bodhichakasa* is an exception and induced Barua-Sinha to take the word as an epithet used in apposition to *Samghamita*, 'characterizing a tendency towards the ideal of Buddhahood'. It is, however, not even evident from the inscription that *Samghamita* belonged to the order of monks

⁴ From the eye-copy of Cunningham. The fragment consists only of the two letters *gha* and *m* and a rest of the *akshara* preceding *gha*, not to be clearly deciphered. The restoration is quite conjectural

⁵ See classification I, 1, a (Buddhist names)

No. 124, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p. 237, No 124, Barua-Sinha, *BI*. (1926), p. 22, No 79.

TEXT

Sagharakhutasa m[ā]tāptuna athāyā dānañ

TRANSLATION

The gift of Sagharakhuta (*Samgharakshita*)¹ for the sake of his parents

A 109 (843), PLATE XIV

ON a rail-bar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C.B. 17) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p. 140, No 28, and Pl LVI, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p. 73, No 123, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p. 236, No 123; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 22, No 78

TEXT

Saghilasa dāna[m] suchi [d]²

TRANSLATION

The rail-bar (is) the gift of Saghila (*Saighila*)³

A 110 (849), PLATE XIV

ON a rail-bar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C.B. 29). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p. 141, No 34, and Pl LVI; Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p. 73, No. 129, and Pl., and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p. 237, No. 129; Barua-Sinha, *BI*. (1926), p. 23, No 84

TEXT

Sirimasa dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of Sirima (*Srīmat*)³

A 111 (846a), PLATE XIV

ON a rail-bar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (No 148) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p. 140, No 32, and Pl LVI

TEXT

Sihasa suchi dānam

TRANSLATION

The rail-bar (is) the gift of Siha (*Sinha*)⁴

¹ See classification I, 1, a (Buddhist names)

² This letter, the upper part of which is quite distinct, has not been noticed by the previous editors, Perhaps the writer wanted to inscribe *dānam* here, as this word is normally put after the object of donation, but having found that it was written already, he stopped inscribing it

³ See classification I, 4, a, 4 (names derived from minor deities).

⁴ See classification I, 2, A, c (names derived from signs of zodiac).

A 112 (880)¹, PLATE XIV

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 142, No 65, and Pl XXXI and LVI, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 33, No. 114, and p 65, No 170, Barua, *Barh*, Vol II (1934), p 48 ff; Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p. 72 f

TEXT:

- 1 [ka]sa dānam [a]tanā
2 cha [ka]ta

TRANSLATION

The gift of . [ka], and made by himself

The relief containing this inscription (carried away to Uchahara) is a replica of the scene described under B 39 It presents the procession of king Prasenajit of Kosala around the Dharmasālā erected as a memorial of Buddha's first preaching in the city of Śrāvastī. The edifice, the wheel and the two figures on both sides of the wheel are nearly the same as those in the relief of the southern gate A stone seat, however, in front of the wheel, on both sides of which a woman is kneeling, is added here The standing figures are bigger than the representations of the kneeling women and this perhaps characterizes them as gods. In both reliefs a procession moves around the edifice. To the right, a chariot on which two men are standing and which is drawn by two horses is seen To the left, a man on horse-back rides through the entrance gate In front of him an elephant goes having a man on its back, shown in side-view in a very clumsy way The elephant with its trunk gets hold of the branch of a tree hanging above

On the roof of the edifice stands our inscription, the beginning of which is destroyed Cunningham read it as . *sa dānam Atenā Charata*, Barua-Sinha divide the inscription into a donative inscription and a 'Jātaka label', and, remembering the words *attanā maraṇīāpi*² in the Vidūdabhavatthu of the *DhA*, change the last words of the inscription to *atanā maraṇīā*. They remark, "The recorded scene is apparently that of Vidūdabha's invasion of Kapilavastu and non-violent attitude of the Śākyaś" For the curious interpretations required to bring this explanation in union with the real depiction in the scene, the reader may look up Barua's work (*Barh*, II, p 48 ff)

The occurrence of the word *dānam* clearly shows that the inscription does not refer to the scene represented in the relief, but that it is only a donative inscription emphasizing that besides paying the cost of the stone the donor himself had carved the relief

A 113 (893)³, PLATE XXV

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh*, (1879) p. 143, No 10, and Pl LVI, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 36, No 128

TEXT

. tarasa ⁴

TRANSLATION

(The gift) of tara (?)

¹Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

²I, 358 *sammāsambuddhassa paṇa nīlakā asattughālakā nāma | attanā maraṇīāpi pare jīvītā na voropenti* "The relations of the completely enlightened one, however, are such who do not kill the enemies. Being put to death themselves, they do not deprive others of their life."

³Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

⁴From the eye-copy of Cunningham, the inscription is quite fragmentary

7. A 114 - 128 DONATIONS BY WOMEN (WITHOUT REFERENCE TO NATIVE PLACE)¹

A 114 (822), PLATE XV

ON a rail-bar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C B. 21). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 139, No. 8, and Pl. LV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 71, No 106, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 235, No 106, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 19, No 59

TEXT

Ujĥkāye dāna

TRANSLATION

The gift of Ujĥikā (*Ujĥukā*)².

A 115 (854), PLATE XXV

FRAGMENTARY inscription on a rail-bar Original lost. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 141, No 39, and Pl LVI, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 24, No 89, and p. 100.

TEXT

Kachula[ya] bhānyāya dānam³

TRANSLATION

The gift of Kachulā (*Kañchulā* ?)⁴, the wife of

The four or five *aksharas* missing before *bhānyāya* must have contained the name of the husband of the donatrix, whose own name seems to have been Kachulā, cf Chāpadevāya Revatmitabhānyāya No A 34 Barua-Sinha's restoration is wrong

A 116 (871)⁵, PLATE XV

RAIL inscription, South-Western quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 142, No 56, and Pl LVI, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol. XL (1886), p 75, No. 147, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p. 238, No 147, Barua-Sinha, *BI.* (1926), p. 31, No. 105.

TEXT

Kodāya⁶ Yakhivā dānam

¹For donations of women whose native places have been mentioned see No A 9 (fragmentary), A 10, A 14, A 15, A 18-20, A 27, A 28, A 32-35, A 45, A 46, A 48, A 49, A 53

²See classification II, 2, b (names derived from mental disposition and temperament).

³From Cunningham's eye-copy. In the transcript the first word is given as *Kachulasa*, but the fourth *akshara* may be a mutilated *ya*

⁴See classification II, 1, b (names derived from dress).

⁵Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

⁶To the right of the lower portion of the letter *dā* the estampage shows a dot which could be read as *m* if it were not so low It is perhaps only accidental *Kodāya* is probably a clerical error for *Kodiyāya*

TRANSLATION

The gift of Yakhi (*Yakshī*)¹, the Kodyā

Luders in his *List* translates this inscription as 'gift of a yakhi (*yakshī*) by Kodā (*Krodā*)', taking *yakhi* as the object of donation² and Kodā as the donor. That a *yakhi* is the object of the gift is not probable as the inscription is not attached to a pillar. On the other hand *Yakhi* occurs as the name³ of a nun not less than three times in the Brāhmī inscriptions, see *List* Nos. 254, 344, and 500. For the interpretation of *Kodā* as a woman belonging to the Kodya or Kolya tribe cf. Luders' explanation of *Kodvyāni* in A 14, A 15 and of *Kodāyo* in No. B 72. A *Koda Kalavāda* also appears in the Vakālā stone inscription, *List* No. 971.

A 117 (872)⁴, PLATE XIV

RAIL inscription, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta. First edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p. 142, No. 57, and Pl. LVI, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol. XL (1886), p. 75, No. 148, and Pl., and *IA*, Vol. XXI (1892), p. 238, No. 148; Barua-Sinha, *BI.* (1926), p. 31, No. 106.

TEXT

Ghosāye dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of Ghosā (*Ghoshā*)⁵

A 118 (823), PLATE XV

On a rail-bar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C B 15). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p. 139, No. 9, and Pl. LV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*, Vol. XI (1886), p. 72, No. 107, and Pl., and *IA*, Vol. XXI (1892), p. 235, No. 107, Barua-Sinha, *BI.* (1926), p. 19, No. 60.

TEXT

(Dha)marakhitaya⁶ dāna suchi

TRANSLATION

The rail-bar (is) the gift of Dhamarakhitā (*Dharmarakshitā*)⁷

A 119 (826), PLATES XV, XL

On a rail-bar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C B 59). The inscription is incised in continuation of No. B 44. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879),

¹ See classification I, 4, b, 1 (names derived from spirits and animal deities)

² The only case where the object of donation is not put in the nominative is *bodhuchakasa* in No. A 106.

³ Barua-Sinha also take *Yakhi* as a personal name although they translate *Kodāyo* as 'from Kunda (?)'.

⁴ Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing.

⁵ See classification II, 1, b (names derived from appearance of the body and from voice)

⁶ The *dha* which Cunningham gives in his transcript and his eye-copy is now broken off.

⁷ See classification I, 1, b (Buddhist names)

p 139, No 12, and Pl XXVI and LV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p 72, No 110, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 236, No. 110, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 19, No 62

TEXT

Nadutaraya dāna suchi

TRANSLATION

The rail-bar (is) the gift of Nadutarā (*Nandottarā*)¹.

A 120 (821), PLATE XV

ON a rail-bar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C B 24). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 139, No 7, and Pl. LV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p 71, No 105, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 235, No 105, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 19, No 55

TEXT

Dhamaguta-matu² Pusadevaya dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of Pusadevā (*Pushyadevā*)³, the mother of Dhamaguta (*Dharmagupta*)⁴

A 121 (875)⁵, PLATE XV

RAIL inscription, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 142, No 60, and Pl LVI, Hultzsch, *ZDMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p 75, No 150, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 238, No 150, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 32, No 109.

TEXT

Mitadevāye dānam

TRANSLATION

The gift of Mitadevā (*Mitradevā*)⁵

A 122 (862)⁶, PLATE XV

RAIL inscription, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 141, No 47, and Pl LVI, Hultzsch, *ZDMG.*, Vol XL (1886), p 74, No 139, and Pl, and *IA*, Vol XXI (1892), p 238, No 139, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 27, No 97

TEXT

Samudatāya dānam

¹See classification II, 2, b (names derived from mental disposition and temperament)

²Hultzsch *Dha[m]ma-*

³See classification I, 2, A, b (names derived from constellations)

⁴See classification I, 1, a (Buddhist names).

⁵See classification I, 3, b (names referring to vedic deities).

⁶Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

TRANSLATION.

The gift of Samidatā (*Svāmidattā*)¹.

A 123 (758); PLATE XV

ON a pillar of the South-Western quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (NS. 6500)² Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 135, No 47, and Pl LIV, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 11, No 20³

TEXT

Sonāya dānam thabhā⁴

TRANSLATION

The pillars (are) the gift of Sonā (*Śravanā*)⁵.

The gift of more than one pillar by the same person is recorded also in the inscription, A 25, A 27, A 29, A 124

A 124 (803), PLATE XXV

FRAGMENTARY inscription on a pillar, now at Batanmāra. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 138, No 90, and Pl , Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 16, No. 43.

TEXT

.. . . sakāya thabhā dānam⁶

TRANSLATION

The pillars (are) the gift of . . . sakā

The inscription appears to be fragmentary, but I see no reason whatever why it should be combined with No A 43, as suggested by Barua-Sinha. *Sakā*, moreover, does not sound like a personal name, and the term *bhuchhuni Sakā*, 'the Buddhist nun', occurs nowhere, neither at Bhārhut nor in any other inscription

A 125 (899)⁷, PLATE XXV

EDITED by Cunningham *StBh* (1879), p. 143, No. 16, and Pl. LVI; Barua-Sinha *BI* (1926), p 37, No 133

TEXT

yaya dānam⁸.

¹ See classification I, 4, b, 4 (Śaivite names). Barua-Sinha think of *Śamīdattā* besides *Svāmidattā*.

² See *ASIAR* 1925-26, p 148, Note 1, and Pl LVIII d (above female figure).

³ Barua-Sinha, *BI* p 100, No. 48 a, give an additional inscription *Soyāya dāna thabho*, which they translate as 'the gift of Sreyā (*Śrīyā*)—a pillar'. This inscription is probably the same as A 123 where they read *thabho* instead of *thabhā*. As no one else has noted this additional inscription it has not been treated by us separately

⁴ The second *akshara* is distinctly *bhā*, not *bho*, as given in Cunningham's eye-copy. The vertical stroke at the bottom of *tha* appears to be accidental

⁵ See classification I, 2, A, b (names derived from constellations).

⁶ From Cunningham's eye-copy which shows *thabhā*, whereas the transcript has *thabho*.

⁷ Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

⁸ From the eye-copy of Cunningham

TRANSLATION

The gift of . yā¹.A 126 (887)²; PLATE XXVI

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 143, No 4, and Pl LVI; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 35, No 122

TEXT

Avāsikā .³

TRANSLATION

(Gift of ?) Avāsikā (?)⁴

A donor of the name *Avāsika* from *Ājanāva* occurs in Luders' *List* No 619⁵

A 127 (903)², PLATE XXVI

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), Pl LVI, No 20 (Pl. only); Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 38, No. 134, and p 62, No 166; Barua, *Barh*, Vol. II (1934), p. 41, Luders, *Bhārh.* (1941), p 40

TEXT

1 Ko dalākiye-
2 y[o] dana tanachakamaparī-
3 [repo]⁶

TRANSLATION

The plastering of the ṭana-walk (is) the gift of Ko dalāki(?).

Barua-Sinha divide this inscription into two parts and explain it as *koladalākiyāya dānam* "The gift of Koladalākhya (?)" and *Vanacamkamo Pārveyo* "The woodland resort Pārīleya" On the latter inscription they add the following remark: "The label seems to have been attached to a scene of the grassy woodland, where the Buddha spent a rainy season, being waited upon and guarded by the elephant Pārīleyyaka or Pārēraka The story of this elephant is given in the Mahāvagga of the Vinaya-Pitaka, the Kosambi-Jātaka of the Jātaka-Comy. (F. No 428), and the Kosambakavatthu of the Dhammapada-Comy"

Luders, whose treatment of the inscription has not come to our hands, remarks, while dealing with the *chankamas* (1 c), that probably a third *chankama* was depicted in Bhārhut

¹Barua-Sinha propose to combine our fragment with the inscription No A 35 where the usual *dānam* is missing This is quite conjectural

²Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

³From the eye-copy of Cunningham The right part of the inscription is broken off

⁴Perhaps the name means 'one who has a residence' Accordingly it has been classified under II, 3, b (names derived from wealth, fame, and birth)

⁵Barua-Sinha suggest to complete the inscription as *Avāsikā(ya bhikkhunyā dānam)* "The gift of a nun of the local monastic abode" Their reference to *avāsika-bhikkhu* 'resident monk' which is opposed to *āgantuka-bhikkhu* 'visiting monk' in this connection does not give sufficient support to the restoration proposed by them.

⁶From Cunningham's eye-copy

He refers to our inscription of which he says that in fact it seems to contain the word *chakama*, but that the rest of it cannot be deciphered at the moment. According to him the explanation of Barua-Sinha, referred to above, is not convincing.

The tentative translation given above takes the latter part of the inscription as specifying the gift of Ko dalāki (?), as is done in other Bhārhut inscriptions where we find the mention of pillars (*thabha*) and bars (*sucha*) as gifts of certain individuals. It presupposes that there was a *chankama*, in the immediate vicinity of the stūpa, on which the inscription was carved, when the plastering (*pariṇepa* = *parilepa*) was done. It is difficult to explain the word *tana* by itself. If we could take the half-circle in Cunningham's eye-copy, read as *t*, as a full circle, and read it as *th*, then it is possible to explain *thana* = *thāna* < Sk *sthāna*. The word *sthānachankrama* would then mean 'the spot to walk up and down (*chankrama*) at the place (*sthāna*) (of the Stūpa)'. Linguistically it is also possible that *tana* stands for *thāna*, as loss of aspiration is found in the case of *dh* > *d* in the following proper names: *Asadā* B 64, *Vvudaka*- B 4, and *Dadanikama*- B 77.

A 128 (889)¹, PLATE XXVI

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p. 143, No. 6, and Pl. LVI, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 36, No. 124.

TEXT

Chamdā . .²

TRANSLATION

(The gift of ?) Chamdā (*Chandrā*)³

Chadā (*Chandrā*) is found in B 2 as the name of a Yakshī and in *List* No. 1276 as the name of an *upāsikā*.

¹ Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing.

² From the eye-copy of Cunningham. The inscription is broken off at the right.

³ See classification I, 4, b, 3 (names derived from minor deities).

8. A 129 - 136 UNCLASSIFIED FRAGMENTARY DONATIVE INSCRIPTIONS

A 129 (689); PLATE XXVI

FRAGMENTARY inscription on a pillar of a gateway, now at Batanmāra. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 128, No 3, and Pl LIII; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 3, No 3

TEXT

- 1 hena
- 2 torana cha
- 3 kata'

The inscription apparently recorded the gift of a gateway, but no connected translation is possible. Cf No A 1 and A 2

A 130 (892)^a, PLATE XXVI

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 143, No 9 and Pl LVI; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 36, No 127

TEXT

- 1 tu rajan[o] adhirajaka³ .
- 2 yata

TRANSLATION

(Gift of the ?) . of the king (*rājan*), the supreme king (*adhirāja* ?) .

A 131 (888)^a, PLATE XXVI

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 143, No 5, and Pl LVI, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 35, No 123

TEXT

Mahā[da] ⁴

TRANSLATION

(Gift of ?) Mahā[da] ⁵

¹From Cunningham's eye-copy The transcript has *toranam* (i.e. *toranam*).

²Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

³From the eye-copy of Cunningham The inscription which runs in two lines is broken off on both sides

⁴From the eye-copy of Cunningham The inscription is broken off to the right

⁵Barua-Sinha's completion of the inscription as *Mahād(ē)vasa dānam* 'The gift of Mahādeva' is no more than a suggestion *Mahādeva* occurs in B 62 and B 81 as a designation of the Buddha

A 132 (890)¹; PLATE XXVI

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 143, No. 7, and Pl. LVI; Barua-Sinha, *BI.* (1926), p 36, No. 125

TEXT

Satika. ²

TRANSLATION:

(The gift of) Satika (*Svātka*)³

Compound names having Sati or Sāti (*Svāt*) as first member are found at different places in the Brāhmī inscriptions, cf. Luders' *List s v*

A 133 (900)¹; PLATE XXVI

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 143, No 17, and Pl. LVI, No 16; Barua-Sinha, *BI.* (1926), p 78, No. 187

TEXT

[pa]chasa na⁴

TRANSLATION

(The gift ?) of . [pa]cha⁵

A 134 (894)¹; PLATE XXVI

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 143, No 11, and Pl LVI, Barua-Sinha, *BI.* (1926), p. 37, No 129.

TEXT

yasinisa yāni ⁶

TRANSLATION

(The gift ?) of yasinī, the Yāni ⁷

A 135 (896)¹, PLATE XXVI

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 143, No 13, and Pl LVI; Barua-Sinha, *BI.* (1926), p 37, No 131

¹Luders' treatment of this inscription is missing

²From the eye-copy of Cunningham The right part of the inscription is broken off.

³See classification I, 2, A, a (names derived from constellations)

⁴From the eye-copy of Cunningham The left part of the inscription is broken off.

⁵This translation is only a tentative one It assumes that the letter *dā* is left out before *na* and that this inscription was to end in (*dā*)*na*(*m*) Barua-Sinha interpret the inscription as *pañchāsanañ* 'the five seats' and see therein a reference to a "scene of the five spots in Uruvilvā, where the Buddha stayed five weeks, one week on each spot, after attainment of Buddhahood" If the inscription would refer to the five seats we should expect *āsanañ* and not *āsanañ*, moreover there is no mentioning of specific seats of the Buddha during his stay in Uruvilvā but of his taking seat under different trees, cf. Waldschmidt, *Vergleichende Analyse des Catusparisatsūtra*, Festschrift Schubring, Hamburg 1951, p 87 f

⁶From the eye-copy of Cunningham The inscription is broken off on both sides.

⁷This translation is a tentative one Luders in his *List* said 'No sense can be made out'. Barua-Sinha have "The gift of Yānika (the inhabitant of a place, the name of which is missing except the last three syllables) *yasinī*".

TEXT.

sā Kusu¹

TRANSLATION

(The gift of ?) Kusu(ma ?) . from (Vedi)sa (?)².A 136 (757), PLATE XV

FRAGMENTARY inscription on a terminus pillar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 135, No 46, and Pl LIV; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 11, No 19, Barua, *Barh*, Vol II (1934), p 63 f., and Pl (?)³.

TEXT

Yasika .

Yasika⁴ may be the name of the Yaksha figured on the pillar. It could also be that of the donor, although the word is not found elsewhere as a personal name and it is not even certain that it was the beginning of the inscription.

¹ From the eye-copy of Cunningham. The inscription is broken off on both sides.

² The translation is no more than a conjecture.

³ I am unable to state where the stone bearing the inscription is figured. In Barua's text it is called Scene 64^a. On his Plate LIX we are informed that No 64^a is No. 65 of the Plate. But the statue does not agree with the description. The Yaksha does not stand with joined hands on a bearded and human-faced quadruped, but with the right hand raised on a sea-monster.

⁴ Under the assumption that the name is to be derived from *yāsas*, 'fame' it has been classified under II, 3, a (names derived from wealth, fame, and birth)

TEXTS AND TRANSLATIONS

PART B

INSCRIPTIONS DESCRIBING THE SCULPTURAL REPRESENTATIONS

(a) THE SCULPTURAL REPRESENTATIONS AND THE TEXTUAL TRADITION.

The question, whether the artists of Bhārhut worked according to the Pāli Jātaka collection or not, has been answered in the affirmative by Buhler¹ and in the negative by Minayeff² and von Oldenburg³. Foucher⁴ is of the opinion that although a literary source akin to the Pāli collection was followed, this could not have been the Pāli collection itself. His argument—which I am going to treat in detail—rests on three grounds: firstly, the Jātakas in the labels and in the Pāli-texts have different titles, secondly, the labels are written in a dialect differing from the Pāli, thirdly, several of the stories represented cannot be found in the Pāli collection.

I cannot give any value to the first of the above-mentioned reasons⁵. The titles in the Jātaka collection are late, which may be concluded from the fact that they sometimes are based on a misunderstanding of the text. E.g. J 341 bears the title *Kandarijātaka*. The name *Kandari*, however, is based, as mentioned in our treatment of No. B 60, on the false separation of the words in *Gāthā* 21 of J 536, and in reality is the same as in the label of the Bhārhut relief viz. *Kandari*. The titles of the Jātakas often differ in the manuscripts of the *Atthavannanā* too. In Burmese, the *Mūgapakkha* (538) is called *Temvay*, and the *Mahāummaggaj* (546) appears as *Mahosadhaj*. For *Gunaj* (157) at least some Burmese manuscripts give *Sihaj*, as well as *Rājovādaj* for *Mahākapi* (407) and *Chandakumāraj* for *Khandahāraj* (542). In some Sinhalese manuscripts *Romakaj* (277) is styled *Pārāpataj*. Also the commentator of the Jātaka himself, when alluding to the Jātakas, often uses titles, different from those standing in the text. Finally the occurrence of smaller differences in the titles may be considered as shortenings or extensions of them. E.g. the commentator mentions the *Sammodamānaj* (33) as *Vattakaj* in Vol V, 414, 27, the *Vānarindaj* (57) as *Kumbhīraj* in Vol II, 206, 14, the *Telapattaj* (96) as *Takkasīraj* in Vol I, 469, 30 f, the *Gunaj* (157) as *Sigāraj* in Vol II, 314, 21, the *Ādittaj* (424) as *Sovīraj*⁶ in Vol IV, 360, 24, 401, 12, the *Kosambīj* (428) as *Samghabhedaj* in Vol III, 211, 10 f, the *Chakkavākaj* (434) as *Kākaj* in Vol I, 241, 28 f, Vol II, 318, 23 f, the *Samuggaj* (436) as *Karandakaj* in Vol V, 455, 2, the *Chatudvārāj* (439) as *Mahāmittavindakaj* in Vol I, 363, 7 f, Vol III, 206, 14 f, the *Mahākapi* (516) as *Vevatyakapi*⁷ in Vol III, 178, 7 f, the *Vidhurapanditaj* (545) as *Punnakaj* in Vol IV, 14, 24 f, 182, 19.

¹ *On the Origin of the Indian Brāhma Alphabet*, p. 16 f.

² *Recherches sur le Bouddhisme*, p. 152.

³ *J.AOS* XVIII, p. 185 f.

⁴ *Mém. conc. l'Asie Orient.*, Vol III, p. 9.

⁵ In the same way already Rhys Davids, *Buddh. Birth Stories*, p. LXI has expressed his opinion.

⁶ *Suchrajātaka* (C^{ks}), *Vidūrajātaka* (B^d) in Vol IV, 360, 24, *Sivirajātaka* (B^d) in Vol IV, 401, 12 are distortions by the writers, cf. Andersen, *J.*, Vol VII, p. XIV.

⁷ In the Sinhalese manuscripts.

Exactly the same is to be observed in the other commentary literature. In *DA*, page 674 Buddhaghosa refers to the Sammodamāṇaj as Vattakaj, on page 178 to the Vidhurapanditaj as Punnakaj, besides on page 674 to the Daddabhaj (322) as Pathaviuddiyanaj, on page 657 to the Dhammaddhājaj (384) as Dhammikavāyasaj. In the *DhA* in Vol I, 55 the Sammodamāṇaj is called Vattakaj, in Vol IV, 83 the Telapattaj bears the name Takkasīlaj, and the Kachchhapaj (215) is cited in Vol IV, 92 as Bahubhāṇaj. Such fluctuations in the titles of the Jātakas, however, must have existed already in the time when the Bhārhut reliefs were carved. Only in this way indeed it is understandable that in the inscription No. B 42 two labels Bidaḷajata[k]a and Kukutajataka are given side by side as it were for choice.

The reason for these fluctuations is also recognizable. At the time of the Bhārhut sculptures these titles were in no way literally fixed, but were used only as convenient short designations. In the beginning the different Jātakas did not have any real titles. The first Pāda of the first Gāthā was taken as the heading. This custom has been retained in the Jātaka-Atthavannanā, even where, on account of regroupings sometimes made by the author of the Atthavannanā, it did not suit any more. In the Vidhurapanditaj (545) the heading is *paṇḍū kosiyaṃ dubbalā*. This is indeed the first Pāda of the first Gāthā in the proper story of Vidhura and Punnaka, but not of the Jātaka as it stands now in the Atthavannanā, because the story of the Chatuposathikaj (441) from the Dasanpāta precedes it.¹ Likewise the Kosiyaj (470) and 9 further Gāthās precede the proper story in the Sudhābhojanaj (535)², the title, however, reads *naguttame* or *naguttame givivare*, which is the beginning of the first Gāthā in the proper story.³ The Mahāummaggaj (546) opens in the Atthavannanā with a whole row of narrations of which were independent Jātakas in the original collection. G 2⁴ belongs to the Sabbasamhārakapaṇha (110), G 3 to the Gadra-bhapaṇha (111), G 4-5 belong to the Kakantakaj (170), G 6-7 to the Sīrīkālakanuj. (192), G 8-19 to the Mendakaj (471), G 20-40 to the Sīrīmandaj (500), G 41 to the Amarādevī-paṇha (112)⁵, G 43-47 to the Khajjopanakaj (364), G 48-57 to the Bhūnpaṇhaj (452), G 58-61 to the Devatāpaṇhaj (350), G 62-83 to the Pañchapanditaj (508).⁶ The proper Mahāummaggaj. begins only with Gāthā 84 and the Prātika of this Gāthā *Pañchālo sabbasenāya* therefore still appears in the Atthavannanā as the title. I regard it as most probable that the combination of several Jātakas had been undertaken by the author of the Atthavannanā himself who in this way wished to avoid repetitions in the prose-narrations. This regrouping will scarcely have been accomplished at the time of the origin of the Bhārhut sculptures. The label *yavamajhakiyam jātakam* (cf B 52) will therefore not refer to the Mahāummaggaj in its present form, but will only be the title of the story of Mahosadha and Amarādevī. This story, on account of its containing only one Gāthā (41), originally stood as 7 112 in the Ekanpāta where it is at present mentioned under the title Amarādevī-paṇha or Chhannapathapaṇha totally unsuitable for the story handed down to us in the Jātaka collection. The title *Yavamajhakiyam jātakam* therefore, according to my opinion,

¹G 11 has probably been taken from the Sīrīmandaj (500).

²The Kosiyaj stands in the Dvādasanpāta, therefore it should contain 12 Gāthās. Indeed there is in the tale of the avaricious Kosiya an evident conclusion after the 12th Gāthā. The nine following Gāthās are an amplification or a second version of the tale.

³In the Burmese manuscript (B^a) the heading has been changed to *neva kināmi*, which is the beginning of the first Gāthā in the text of the Atthavannanā. The Burmese manuscript B^b still bears the old heading.

⁴The stanza marked as G. 1 by Fausboll is no Gāthā but an Uddāna which does not belong to the canonical text.

⁵G 42 is G 58 anticipated in the prose narration.

⁶Another Jātaka, the Dakarakkhasaj (517), has also been incorporated into the proper Mahāummaggaj.

cannot be taken to prove that the artists of Bhārhut were following a text-book different from the Pāli Jātaka as suggested by von Oldenburg. The same holds good for the title Kinnarajātakaṃ (cf B 54) That the Pratika-headings took the place of titles is confirmed by the label *yam bramano avayesi* (B 51) It is identical with the heading in the Atthavannanā (J 62). This way of citation seems to me to be one of the strongest proofs for the still disputed view¹ that originally only the Gāthās of the Jātakas were collected together Indeed I do not understand how it can be doubted that the original collection contained only the Gāthās. For (1) the stories are arranged according to the number of the Gāthās they contained, (2) they are referred to according to the first Pāda of the first Gāthā, (3) the prose-narration does not agree with the Gāthās in innumerable cases, and (4) the prose-narration handed down to us calls itself a commentary to the Jātaka² (*Jātakass' atthavannanā*)³

2 Regarding Foucher's point three it cannot be disputed that there are representations of stories in Bhārhut which are not to be found in the Pāli Jātaka book But I don't know why this fact should speak against the use of the Pāli collection by the artists From amongst the sculptures at Bhārhut that are either not designated as Jātakas in the labels or are totally undesignated, up to now 21 can be identified with certainty and two with probability with the stories occurring in the Pāli Jātaka collection This, however, does not prove that all similar representations must be taken as Jātakas The artists may as well have illustrated legends which were never Jātakas or had not become Jātakas at their time For example this, in my opinion, is the case with the legends, the scene of which was mount Nadoda On the other hand, it is scarcely a chance that the 18 scenes, labelled as Jātakas⁴, are all to be identified with Jātakas in the Pāli collection To me this seems to speak decisively for the fact that the artists of Bhārhut worked according to the Pāli Jātaka collection

This statement could be contradicted, if the sculptures would show differences from the text of the Pāli collection While discussing such possible cases, it has to be taken into consideration that only such matter can be used for comparison which is proved to be old by the Gāthās and not merely mentioned in the prose-narration

Lanman, *JAS*, XVIII, p 185 opines that the representation of the Ārāmadūsakaj (Pl XLV 5) is a good example showing that the sculptural representations agree with the canonical texts in the essentials, but deviate in details in J 46 the gardener gives leather bags (*chammanda*) and wooden tubs (*dānukuṭa*) to the apes, in J 268 leather vessels (*chammaghataka*) for watering of trees, while in the relief the monkeys use earthen pots in nets suspended from sticks carried on their shoulders In the Gāthās, which alone are canonical, nothing however is said about the kind of the vessels used So this can scarcely be called a contradiction

In the Chammasātakaṃ (324), the fool pushed down by the ram is, according to the prose-narration, a religious mendicant carrying a skingarment (*chammasātakaṃ paribbāyako Bārānasyam bhikkhāya charanto*) In the Gāthās, however, he is a Brahmin carrying a burden suspended from a stick (*khārbhāra*), and the relief (Pl XLI 1, 3) exactly corresponds to it

¹ e.g. Weller, *ZII*, IV, p. 47

² Oldenburg, *G. N.*, 1911, p. 447

³ Luders proceeds to say that there are direct proofs showing that in olden times there were manuscripts containing only the Gāthās Short hints at this fact have been made already by Franke (*BB XXII*, p. 296 ff) and Senart (*Jā. Sér.* IX, T. XVII, p. 404) But it seems to Luders that they have not received sufficient attention, and so he collects all the material on pp. 140 ff of his book on Bhārhut which the reader desiring to have more information on the point may look up

⁴ Of the 19th scene only the mutilated inscription *myajātaka* (B 80) has remained, but not the representation

It is also no deviation if the man who warns the Brahmin about the ram is represented in the relief as a well-dressed man standing upright, whereas, according to the prose, he is a merchant sitting in his shop, for in the Gāthās nothing is said regarding this person.

The representation of the Mahābodhi (528) (Pl XXVII 14) exactly tallies with the course of narration to be concluded from the Gāthās 1-3. The dog has heard the conversation of the king with his wife, by which it knows that the affection of the king for the ascetic has disappeared. It therefore barks at him and shows him its teeth, whereas in the prose narration the dog appears as a Warner of the ascetic under total distortion of the original sense.

In the Mahākapi (407) only a slight difference between the relief on Pl XXXIII 4 and the Gāthās is to be observed. According to G 3 the monkey-king fastens the cane to his hind-feet (*aparapādesu dalham baddhalatāgunam*)¹, on which the apes have to cross from one tree to another. In the relief the cane is fastened to its right hind-leg. The deviation is too insignificant to lead to the conclusion that the artist was following a different version. All the other deviations from the Pāli Jātaka only refer to the prose-narration. According to the prose-narration, the king gets the ape-king down from the tree by means of a scaffolding which he got erected on the raft in the Gangā. In the relief, two men are spreading a cloth in order to catch up the monkey, as is likewise narrated in the Jātakamālā (*paṭavūtānam uttaya* 179, 1). The prose narrates that the exhausted ape-king is laid on a bed covered with a skin moistened with oil. In the relief he sits in conversation with the king on a cane-seat (*mōrhā*) as the king himself does. Nothing of this kind is said in the Gāthās. Without hesitation, we may take the version of the story followed by the sculptor as the older one, the more so as the Bhārhut relief is in agreement in these points with² the representation of the Jātaka on the Western gate of stūpa I in Sāñchī³.

Other cases of supposed discrepancies between the Pāli Jātaka story and the sculptural representation likewise turn out to refer to the prose-narration; see the treatment of No. B 45, B 46, B 49, B 57, and B 59.

What applies to the representations of the Jātakas also applies to the scenes from the life of the Buddha. We have to keep in mind that here, also, only deviations from the canonical texts can prove the use of a collection different from the Pāli Tipitaka. What appears in the later commentary literature is the form which the legends took in Ceylon in the 5th cent. A.D., and it is indeed quite possible that they were narrated differently on Indian soil even in the school of the Theras.

Now in Bhārhut only two stories are represented, which are handed down in the Suttas, viz. the visit of Ajātasattu and the visit of Sakka in the *Indasālaguhā*, which are treated below under B 40 and B 35. Both the representations do not contain anything which is

¹ According to the prose, to his hip (*ekam attano katiyam bandhito* III, 372, 5). Āiyaśūia in the Jātakamālā follows in this point more exactly the text of the Gāthā (*vetralatayā gādhām ābadhya charanau* 178, 10). In the rest, however, he deviates from the Pāli prose-narration and from the sculpture. The Bodhisattva stretches not across the river, but across the space between the tree and a mountain in the vicinity, and he does not cut off the cane and fasten it on to another tree, but leaves it rooted in the ground. The text of the Gāthās can be reconciled with both the versions.

² Surely also the account of the burial of the ape-king and of the worship of its skull is an addition in the prose-narration, as well as the identification of one of the bad monkeys, who mortally wounds the Bodhisattva by its jump, with Devadatta. In the Jātakamālā nothing of it is mentioned. The identification was originally missing even in the Samodhāna and has been added later on in the Burmese manuscripts. The Pachchuppannavatthu of the Chuladhammapālaṅk (III, 178, 7 f.), however, refers to it.

³ Marshall, *Guide to Sāñchī*, Pl VI d, *Mém. conc. l'Asie Or.* T III, Pl II, 6. The half-figure, which appears in the Bhārhut relief at the bottom between the ape and the king, is not explained with certainty. I regard it out of question that there is an ape again, as suggested by Barua, *Bārhut* II, p. 130. Probably Foucher is right who sees in the figure one of the inhabitants of the forest, who brought the king to the tree of the Bodhisattva. See *Beginnings of Buddhist Art*, p. 42.

opposed to the canonical texts. On the contrary the visit of Ajātasattu is depicted even in details exactly according to the Sāmaññaphalasutta (*DN* I 47 ff.) In the same way the representation of the visit of Sakka follows the text of the Sakkapañhasutta (*DN* II, 263 ff.) Even the name of the cave in the label (*Idasālaguha*) is the same as in Pāli, while with the Sarvāstivādins it occurs as *Indrasālaguha*.

Moreover, the depictions of the non-canonical legends also show the greatest conformity with the Pāli version. This, for instance, holds good for the Erapatta-legend, treated below under B 36 and B 37.

It is doubtful whether in the relief representing the donation of the Jetavana, a deviation from the later Pāli sources is to be seen. I am showing below¹ that the relief, in so far as it is also a depiction of the miracle of Śrāvastī, represents a version of the legend older than the one in the Pāli commentaries. Nevertheless the close relation with the tradition of the Theras comes to light, when we compare it with the version in the text of the Mūlasarvāstivādins, which differs to a greater extent.

In these circumstances even the occurrence of persons as the devaputra Ariahagutta (B 20), unknown to the Pāli commentary literature, in the Bhārhut reliefs does not prove that the artists followed a tradition different from that of the Theras.

There is, as far as I see, in Bhārhut only one deviation from the Pāli canon, viz the representation of the Bodhi tree of Buddha Vipassin (treated under B 13). I am not able to give a satisfactory explanation. It is quite improbable that the text in the Mahāpādānasutta has been afterwards changed. It seems that here in fact the tradition of a different school comes to light which found its way into the pictorial art, for also in Sāñchī, the Aśoka appears as the Bodhi tree of Vipassin. The Kharosthī letters used as marks of the sculptors on the eastern gate make it probable that also the artists from the North-West of India were at work at Bhārhut. Perhaps the Vipassin-medallion which differs² also stylistically from the type of the representation of Bodhi trees common in Bhārhut is the work of some artist from the North-West. Be it as it may, I do not believe that this quite unique case can weaken the argument that the artists of Bhārhut in general followed in their work the tradition of the Theras as it was laid down in the canonical Pāli texts.

3 I cannot enter here into a full discussion on the second point raised by Foucher against the use of the Pāli Jātaka collection, as the explanation of the linguistic deviations in the labels from the Pāli would require a special treatise. I intend to give it on a different occasion, and hope to be able to show that the text of the Pāli canon is translated from an older canon laid down in the popular language of Eastern India.³ When translating into the Western language, which we are used to call Pāli, not only numerous faults occurred, but at many places the Eastern forms have been retained. So for instance, in the Eastern language the *ksh* of *śaksha* and of *bhukshu*, *bhukshunī* became *kkh*, in the Western language, however, it became *chkh*. But *sekkha*, *bhikkhu*, *bhikkhunī* were taken over without change as technical expressions in the church language.⁴ When the sculptors of Bhārhut or their employers used the forms *sechha* (B 45) and *bhuchhunī*⁵ which are in conformity with the Western colloquial language, so naturally we cannot conclude therefrom that they followed

¹ See the treatment under B 32.

² While in other cases always two standing worshippers only are represented behind the kneeling figures, we have here on the left side five and on the right side four standing worshippers.

³ This treatise mentioned by Luders has been edited by E. Waldschmidt in 1954 from fragmentary papers left by Luders under the title "*Beobachtungen über die Sprache des buddhistischen Urkanons*" (*Abhandlungen der Deutschen Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Berlin, Klasse für Sprache, Literatur und Kunst*, 1952, No. 10).

⁴ In the vocative plural *bhikkhave*, even the ending *-e* < *-as* has been retained in the Eastern form.

⁵ This form occurs ten times in the inscriptions, at the side of *bhikkhunī* appearing only five times.

the text in a dialect different from the Pāli. At the first look the matter seems to be different in the label treated under B 51 viz *yam bramano avāyesi jātakam*,¹ for the first three words came from the Gāthā, that is to say, from the text of the canon. In Pāli we have *yam brāhmano avādesi*. The original text probably read *bāhane* instead of *brāhmano*, and for *avādesi* certainly *avāyesi*. Now today, we know how the Sanskrit translations of the canonical texts were made: countless Prakritisms were at first simply taken over and only gradually later on substituted by correct Sanskrit forms. The Pāli translators have worked apparently in the same way. *Avāyesi* was kept at first and only later on corrected to the right Pāli form *avādesi*, *bāhane* was translated by *bramhano*, and *bramhano* was later on, not only here but in the whole sphere of Pāli literature, substituted by *brāhmano* which is not at all a real dialectal form, but, as the *hm* shows, simply taken over from Sanskrit. From that label we can only draw the conclusion that in the 2nd cent. B C the text of the Pāli canon showed more Eastern forms than today.

The inscription A 56 shows that at the time of the construction of the railing a Buddhist canon was in existence, for the donor of a rail-bar, the venerable Jāta, is designated as *peṭakin* a 'knower of the Pītakas'. This, by itself, would not mean that Jāta studied the Pāli Tīptaka of the Theras, as the canon of other schools also consisted of Pītakas. In Sārnāth, Set Mahet, and Mathurā we have inscriptions of donations from the time of Kaṁshka and Huvishka² in which the monk Bala calls himself *treṭṭaka*, and his pupil, Buddhāmitrā, *treṭṭikā*. As Bala uses Sanskrit full of Prakritism in his inscriptions, his *Treṭṭaka* will also have been composed in this language. But in the inscription No A 57 a certain Budharakhita³ is mentioned, who receives the designation *paṁchanekāyika*⁴ that is 'knowing the five Nikāyas'. The five Nikāyas must be the five divisions of the Suttapītika in the Pāli canon⁵, for only here the division into five Nikāyas occurs. In the canons of the other schools, as is well-known, *āgama* is used instead of *nikāya*. Whether the contents of the five Nikāyas, especially those of the Khuddakanikāya, were at that time exactly the same as in the Pāli canon of today is a question in which we need not enter here⁶. In any case the expression *paṁchanekāyika* confirms that the Pāli canon was in existence in the 2nd cent. B C in Western India. The probability that the artists of Bhārhut followed the texts of this canon is highly strengthened by this fact.

¹The missing of the length of vowels is naturally only graphic, *bramano* seems to be incomplete writing for *bramhano*.

²Last Nos 925-927, 918, 38

³Budharakkhita is naturally a monk even if he is not called a *bhikkhu* in the inscription, he is not a layman as Barua *JPASB*, New Ser XIX, p 358 supposes.

⁴The same title is received by the monk Devagiri in the Sāñchī inscription 299. *Mil* 22 mentions side by side *teṭṭakā bhikkhū paṁchanekāyikā* *pr cha chatunekāyikā cheva*.

⁵According to Buddhaghosa, *DĀ*, p 22 f, *DhsA*, p 26; *Samantap* (*Vin* III, p 291), the whole of the Tīptakā indeed is divided into five Nikāyas. According to him the Vinayapītika and Abhidhammapītika belong to the Khuddakanipāta. This conception occurs also in the Gandhāvamsa (*JPTS* 1886, p 57) which is probably composed not earlier than the 17th cent., but it can impossibly be the original. It is shown clearly by the terminology itself that the Vinayapītika and the Abhidhammapītika were coordinated with the Suttapītika. In the account of the council at Rājagaha found in *Chullav* 11, 1, 7 ff, the *pañcha nikāyā* are obviously confronted as texts of the Dhamma with the *ubhatovvayā* as the texts of the Vinaya. Cf Przyluska, *Le concile de Rājagaha*, Paris 1926, p. 338.

⁶In *Mil*. 341 f the inhabitants of the Dhammanagara are enumerated as *suttantikā, venayikā, ābhī-dhammikā, dhammakathikā, jātakabhānakā, dīghabhānakā, majjhambhānakā, samyuttabhānakā, anguttarabhānakā, khuddakabhānakā*. I do not believe that it can be concluded from the juxtaposition of the *jātakabhānakā* and the *khuddakabhānakā* that the author did not look upon the Jātaka book as a part of the *khuddakanikāya*, or even, as Barua *JPASB*, N S. XIX p 363 thinks, that a special collection of the commentarial Jātakas besides the collection contained in the Khuddakanikāya was in existence. The reciters of the Jātakas are mentioned especially after the preachers of sermons probably because both address themselves chiefly to the laymen whereas the expositions of the Nikāyas may have been meant principally for the monks.

(b) LIST OF THE JATAKAS IDENTIFIED

No	Inscription	Text	First identified by
B 41	Hamsajātaka	Nachchaj 32	Cunningham, <i>StBh</i> , p 69
B 42	Bidalajātara Kukutajātaka	Kukkutaj 383	Subhūti, <i>StBh</i> , p 77 f
B 43	Nāgajātaka	Kakkataj 267	Subhūti, <i>StBh</i> , p 52 f
B 44	Latuvājātaka	Latukikaj 357	Cunningham-Subhūti, <i>StBh</i> , p 58 f
B 45	Sechhajātaka	Dūbhīyamakkataj 174	Rhys Davids, (<i>Buddhist Birth Stories</i>) I, p CII
B 46	Udajātaka	Dabbhapupphaj 400	Hultzsch, <i>ZDMG</i> XL, p 61.
B 47	Migajātakam	Ruruj 482	Hultzsch, <i>IA</i> XXI, p 226
B 48	Ismigo jātaka	Nigrodhamigaj 12	Cunningham, <i>StBh</i> , p 75
B 49	Chhadamtiya jātakam	Chhaddantaj 514	Cunningham, <i>StBh</i> , p 61 ff.
B 50	Sujato gahuto jātaka	Sujātaj 352	Cunningham, <i>StBh</i> , p 76 f.
B 51	Yam bīmano avayesi jātakam	Andabhūtaj 62	Subhūti, <i>StBh</i> , p 65 ff
B 52	Yavamajhakīyam jātakam	Amarādevipaṇha 112 (Mahāummaggaj 546)	Minayeff, <i>Recherches sur le Bouddhisme</i> , p 148 ff.
B 53	Isisimgiya jātakam	Alambusaj 523	Minayeff-Subhūti, <i>StBh</i> , p 64 f.
B 54	Kinarajātakam	Takkāriyaj 481 (Episode)	Hultzsch, <i>IA</i> XXI, p 226
B 55	Vitura-Punakiya jātakam	Vidhurapanditaj 545	Cunningham, <i>StBh</i> , p 79 ff.
B 56	usu(kāro) Janako rāja Sivala devī	Mahājanakaj 539	Cunningham, <i>StBh</i> , p 95
B 57	Maghādeviya jātaka	Makhādevaj 9	Cunningham, <i>StBh</i> , p. 78 f
B 58	Bhisaharaniya jātakam	Bhisaj 488	Hultzsch, <i>IA</i> , XXI, p 226
B 59	Mugaphakiya jātakam	Mūgapakkhaj 538	Cunningham, <i>StBh</i> , p 58 f.; Oldenburg, <i>JAOS</i> XVIII, p 190 f
B 60	Kadariki	Kandarij 341 (in Kunāraj 536)	Barua-Sinha, <i>BI</i> , p 86 f, Luders, <i>ZDMG</i> XCIII, p 100ff.
B 61	Vijapī vijadharo	Samuggaj 436	Barua-Sinha, <i>BI</i> , p 89 f.

**1. B 1-12 INSCRIPTIONS ATTACHED TO THE FIGURES OF
DEMI-GODS AND GODDESSES.**

B 1 (794), PLATES XVI, XXIX

ON the inner face of the same pillar as Nos A 58, B 2 and B 3, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 5) The inscription is engraved on the same side as No A 58 Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 111, *StBh* (1879), p 20, 138, No 82, and Pl XXII and LV, Hultzs, *ζDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 70, No 92, and Pl, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 234, No 92, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 65 ff, No 174; Barua, *Barh*, Vol II (1934), p 58 f, Vol III (1937), Pl LV and LVI (60), Luders, *Bhāh* (1941), p 10

TEXT

Kupiro yakho

TRANSLATION

The Yaksha Kupira (*Kubera*)

The figures on the corner Pillar on the North-Western quadrant of the stone-railing (P 5) are labelled as Kupiro yakho (B 1), Chadā yakhi (B 2), Ajakālako yakho (B 3) and the figures on the corner pillar of the South-Eastern quadrant (P 1) as Viruḍako yakho (B 4), Gamgityakho (B 5), Chakavāko nāgarājā (B 6). As Kupira (*Kubera*) and Virudaka (*Vvūdhaka*) are the guardians of the Northern and Southern region respectively we can assume with certainty that on the lost corner pillars of both the other quadrants Virūpakkha and Dhataratha, the guardians of the West and East, were represented, each one with two companions Vogel, *Indian Serpent-lore*, p 212, is of the opinion that the names of the four world-guardians do not occur in the older Pālī texts, but they are given in the Mahāsamayasutta (*D* II, 258) and in the Ātānātyasutta (*D* III, 197 ff.) in accordance with their fixed distribution in the four directions Of the above named companions of Kuvera and Virūlhaka three viz Chakkavāka, Gamgita and Chamdā are not yet ascertained in literature They seem to have been local deities venerated in the region of Bhārhut The Yaksha labelled Supāvāso yakho (B 7) who is represented on the pillar of the South-Eastern quadrant evidently belongs to the same class too

The corner pillar on which our inscription appears has three figures, one female and two male ones, each on one side of the pillar The figure labelled Kupiro yakho is to the left of the figure of Chandrā (B 2) Kubera is represented standing with folded hands on a dwarf, who supports himself on his feet and hands This is in accordance with his ordinary epithet *naravāhana*¹ As recognised by Cunningham, he owes his position on the northern side of the Stūpa to the guardianship of the North which is attributed to him in Buddhist as well as in

¹Barua, *Barh* II, p 58, points out that Kuvera has been designated as *nārāvāhana* 'one having a woman for his vehicle' in the *SnA* (p 370), where, however, no more is mentioned than that he mounted a *nārāvāhana* for his journey to the upāsikā Nandamātā Naravāhana certainly only means that his vehicle consists of human beings as it is the case in the Ātānātyas (*D* III, 200) where the Uttarakurus, whose sovereign Kuvera is, are referred to as using men and women, young boys and maidens as *vāhana*

Brahmanical literature, cf *D* II, 257 f, III, 202, *Mvu* III, 309 13, *Lalitav* 218, 9, 390, 19, *Mahām* p 230 In all these passages he is called the lord of the Yakshas The spelling of his name in the inscription with *p* instead of *b* (surd instead of sonant) has parallels in such forms as *Eṅāpata-* and *Vitura-*

B 2 (793), PLATES XVI, XXIX, XXX

ON the middle face of the same pillar as A 58, B 1 and B 3, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 5) Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 111, *StBh* (1879), p 20, 138, No 81, and Pl XXII and LV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 70, No 91, and Pl I, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 234, No 91, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 72, No 182, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 70, and Vol III (1937), Pl LVI (73), Luders, *Bhārh* (1941), p. 11

TEXT

Chadā yakhi

TRANSLATION

The Yakshī Chadā (*Chandā*)

This female figure is standing under a Nāga tree (*Mesua ferrea*)¹ on a sheep or ram with the hindpart of a fish This probably characterizes her as a water-goddess With her right hand she grasps a bough of the tree over her head, while her left hand and her left leg are thrown around the trunk of the tree

B 3 (795), PLATES XVI, XXIX

ON the outer face of the same pillar as Nos A 58, B 1 and B 2, now in the Indian museum, Calcutta (P 5) Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 111, *StBh* (1879), p. 20; 138, No 83, and Pl LV, Hultzsch *ZDMG* Vol. XL (1886), p 70, No 93, and Pl.; *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 234, No 93, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 67 f, No 175, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 59 ff, and Vol III (1937), Pl LVII (61), Luders, *Bhārh* (1941), p 13 ff

TEXT

Ajakālako yakho

TRANSLATION

The Yaksha Ajakālaka

The figure to which the label is attached stands opposite to the figure of Kubera (B 1). He has the bud of a lotus in his right hand which rests on his chest, while his left hand hangs by his side holding some undefined object between the thumb and the forefinger The figure stands on a monster with the body of a fish, but with human hands thrust into its mouth; thus according to the description of Anderson *Cat* I, p 24 Barua l c II, p 61, says that the animal has the tail of a Makara and the forefeet of a lion or of a tiger The picture is not clear enough to allow us to decide the question

A Yaksha Ajakālaka is not known from other sources In the *Mahām* p 231, 236 two Yakshas, Kāla and Upakāla, are mentioned, but they certainly have no connection

¹According to King quoted by Anderson, *Cat* p 23

with Ajakālaka Barua-Sinha have identified Ajakālaka with the Yaksha Ajakālāpaka who in *Ud* I, 7 is said to have had his dwelling at the Ajakālāpaka chaitya in Pāvā. In a dark rainy night he tried to frighten the Buddha by uttering horrid cries, but only with the effect that the Buddha pronounced an *udāna*. Although it would be quite appropriate that a Yaksha of the demoniac class should be associated with Kubera, it is difficult to account for the difference of the final member of the names. Hultsch had carried back Ajakālaka to Sk. *Ādyakālaka*, an explanation not very satisfactory in itself, and not made more reliable by the remarks made by Barua and Sinha in its support, for I, at least, take it as most improbable that a local Yaksha should be “a terrible embodiment of the ruthless unborn Time, destroying living beings, whose essence is immortality”. Besides the form Ajakālāpaka which according to Barua and Sinha is just a side form of Ajakālaka cannot be brought into agreement with this explanation. The Commentary to the *Ud* offers two explanations: Ajakālāpaka is either ‘some one making a bundle of goats’ because the Yaksha accepts gifts only together with a tied up group of goats, or Ajakālāpaka ‘some one who makes men bleat like goats’, because people, when offering gifts shout like goats in order to satisfy him (*so kira yakkho aye kalāpetvā bandhanena ayakotthāsena saddhūm balim patucchati no aññathā | tasmā Ajakālāpako ti paññāyitha | keci pana ajake vya sante lāpetūti Ajakālāpako ti | tassa kira sattā balim upanetvā yadā ayasaddam katvā balim upaharanti tadā so tussati | tasmā Ajakālāpako ti vuccatīti*). Although I am of the opinion that the first part of the name is a word for goat, I think the explanations of the commentary are unacceptable. If both names have to be connected, which I think probable, it is nearest to take *kālaka* and *kalāpaka* as noun formations to the causative of a root *kal* that could as well form *kālayati* and *kalāpayati*. Perhaps this *kālayati* or *kalāpayati* had the same meaning as Sk. *kālayati* ‘to make some one run before oneself’, ‘to persecute’, ‘to scare away’, ‘drive off’.

B 4 (736), PLATES XVI, XXX

ON the middle face of the same pillar as Nos A 95, B 5, and B 6, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 1). Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 111, *StBh* (1879), p 20, 134, No 25, and Pl LIII; Hultsch, *ZDMG* Vol. XL (1886), p 65, No 43, and Pl, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 230, No. 43; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 65, No 172, Barua, *Barh*, Vol II (1934), p 57 f and Vol III (1937), Pl LV and LVII (58); Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 10

TEXT

Virūḍaka yakho

TRANSLATION

The Yaksha Virūḍaka (*Virūḍhaka*)

The pillar P 1 shows three male figures, each on one side. Our inscription refers to the middle figure, the right and left arm of which is united with the arm of the adjoining figure

¹The explanation given above is the one offered by Luders, *Bhārḥ*, p 14f.—Earlier in his manuscript he had suggested the following derivation: “May we assume that Ajakālaka is a corruption of Ajagālaka and that Ajakālāpaka is a corruption of Ajagalāpaka or Ajagalāvaka, *gālaka* and *galāpaka* being derived from the causative of *gal* ‘to devour’, which may be *gālen* or *galāpeti*?” That Ajakālāpaka contains *aya*, the word for goat, appears from the commentary. However, it cannot be denied that *ayagara* ‘devourer of goats’, which in Pāli sometimes, e.g. *J.* 427, 2, is corrupted into *ayakara*, would seem to be a more suitable name than ‘causing goats to be devoured’, and so my suggestion must be taken for what it is worth. For an explanation as *ayaka-lāpaka* cf. M. A. Mehendale, S. K. Belvalkar Felicitation Volume, p 13

(B 5, B 6 resp), an armlet in the shape of a *triratna* encircles the common arm. The Yaksha is standing on rocks with caves tenanted by wild beasts and birds of prey. Attitude and dress are represented in the usual type of the Yaksha images.

Virūdhaka, P Virūlha or Virūlhaka, the chief of the Kumbhāndas, is with the Buddhists always the guardian of the Southern quarter; cf e.g. *D.* II, 257 f, III, 198; *Mvu.* III, 307, 13; *Lalitav.* 217, 20, 389, 1; *Mahām* 228 (cf 752). Accordingly, as recognized already by Cunningham, his image is sculptured on the corner pillar of the South gate of the Stūpa. In the inscription he is still called a Yaksha, while in later times he has become a Nāga king. In the *Mahām* p 247 the four Lokapālas are inserted in the list of the Nāgarājas.

B 5 (737), PLATES XVI, XXX

ON the same pillar as Nos A 95, B 4, and B 6, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 1). Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 111, *StBh* (1879), p 20, 134, No 26, and Pl XXI and LIII, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*. Vol XL (1886), p. 65, No 44, and Pl, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 230, No 44, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 68, No. 176, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 61, and Vol III (1937), Pl LVII (62), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 10 f

TEXT

Gamgito yakho

TRANSLATION

The Yaksha Gamgita

The figure, which according to the label represents the Yaksha Gamgita, is on the left side of the figure of Virūdhaka and opposite to the figure of the Nāga Chakravāka. The Yaksha is standing in the typical attitude of the Yaksha images with one foot on an elephant and the other on a tree. This is sufficient to show that he is not a water spirit, and that the attempt of Barua-Sinha¹ to connect his name, which is otherwise unknown, with the river Ganges is futile.

B 6 (735), PLATES XVI, XXX

ON the inner face of the same pillar as Nos A 95, B 4 and B 5, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 1). Edited by Cunningham, *PASB*. 1874, p 111; *StBh* (1879), p 26, 133, No 24, and Pl XXI and LIII, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 65, No 42, and

¹The phonetic identification of Gamgita with Sk Gāngeya proposed by them is obviously impossible, and their other observations on Gāngeya are also incorrect. According to them the *Msp.* mentions a snake-king Gāngeya, 'one belonging to the Ganges or Gangetic region', but in the said text nothing of that kind occurs. In the lists of Nāgarājas therein (167, 77-80) Gangā Nāgar, Sindhur Nāgar, Sitā Nāgar, Pakshur Nāgar, are mentioned where Pakshur obviously is a mistake for Vakshur (Oxus). The same line, only with the reversing of the last two names, is also found in the *Mahām* p 247. The water deities naturally represent the four well-known worldstreams flowing in different directions, and when they are called here Nāgarājas, that corresponds to the later view seeing Nāgas in all water deities and even in Varuna. Barua further deduces from the representation of Gamgita. 'There must have been a distinct Buddhist Discourse, the Gangeya-Sutta, giving an account of the demigod, as well as of the circumstances that led to his conversion to Buddhism. This Sutta must have contained a description of the terrors caused by him before he was tamed by the Buddha'. Such outbursts of imagination, unrestricted by any critical outlook, unfortunately occur frequently in Barua's work.

Pl , *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 230, No 42, Barua-Sinha, *BI*. (1926), p 72, No 181, Barua, *Barh* , Vol II (1934), p 68, and Vol III (1937), Pl LXII (70), Luders, *Bhārḥ*. (1941), p 10 f

TEXT

Chakavāko nāgarājā

TRANSLATION

Chakavāka (*Chakravāka*), the king of the Nāgas

The figure on the right of the middle figure (B 4) is determined by the inscription given above. A nāga of the name of Chakravāka is not known from other sources. In attitude and dress he does not differ from the ordinary type of the Yaksha figures, but he is distinguished from them by a five-headed cobra surmounting his turban. He is standing on rocks with caves from which some wild beasts are looking out, right above a lotus-lake inhabited by water-fowl, a crocodile and a tortoise. This lake is apparently the abode of the Nāga.

B 7 (726), PLATES XVI, XXXI

ON an intermediate pillar, probably of the South-Eastern quadrant,¹ now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 10). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 20, 133, No 15, and Pl LIII, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 64, No 34, and Pl , *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 230, No 34, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 70, No. 178; Barua, *Barh* Vol. II, p 63, and Vol III (1937), Pl. LVIII (64), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 11 f

TEXT

Supāvaso yakho

TRANSLATION

The Yaksha Supāvasa (*Suprāvṛsha*)

The image to which the label refers resembles in attitude and dress the Yaksha figures described under Nos B 1, B 3, B 4, and B 5. The Yaksha is standing on the back of an elephant carrying a garland in his trunk.

The Yaksha is not known from other sources. His name probably goes back to Suprāvṛsha, as suggested by Hultzsch. As the reading of the label is quite distinct, I cannot agree with Barua-Sinha who propose to correct it to *Supavāso*, merely because a lay-sister bearing the name of Suppavāsā is mentioned in *A* I, 26. I refrain from discussing their further fantastic explanation of the name.

B 8 (770), PLATES XVI, XXXI

ON an intermediate pillar of the South-Western quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 16). Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 111, *StBh* (1879), p 20, 22, 136, No 59, and Pl XXIII and LIV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 68, No 73, and Pl , *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 233, No 73, Barua-Sinha, *BI*. (1926), p 73 f,

¹Cunningham's remark on p 20 that the pillar belonged to the West is probably a mistake. On the other face of the pillar a female figure, called a Lotus-nymph by Barua, is to be seen, standing on a lotus-cluster, cf Barua, *Barh* , Vol I, p 19, and Vol. II, 75

No 186, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 73 f and Vol III (1937), Pl LXV (78), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941) p 16 ff

TEXT

Sīrīmā devata

TRANSLATION

The goddess Sīrīmā (*Śrīmatī*)

The goddess is represented standing on a rail like the Yakha Suchiloma (B 9) represented on the opposite side of the pillar. The artist did not, as usual with other deities, characterize both these figures by a *vāhana*. The goddess carries in her right hand, which is damaged, the same object, probably a *chāmari*, as the goddess figured in the centre of Cunningham's Pl XXI.

Amidst the solitary figures at Bhārḥut some smaller deities are found the names of which occur in the canonical literature, and which therefore have their proper home probably in Eastern India. So our goddess as also the Yakha Suchiloma (B 9) are probably figures from the old Buddhist literature. Sīrīmā as a woman's name occurs in the Nīdānakathā (*J* 1, 34, 26, 41, 3), and also in the donor inscription No A 48. It is the feminine form of Sīrīma which appears as the name of a man above in No A 110. It corresponds to P *Sīrīmatī*, Sk *Śrīmatī* as remarked long ago by Hultzsch. In the *Vv* I, 16, we are told that there was a beautiful courtesan at Rājagaha, called Sīrīmā, who on account of her devotion to the Buddha was reborn as a goddess.¹ But the Sīrīmā represented on the Bhārḥut pillar shares probably only the name with this goddess. In the *Mvu.* and in the *Lalitav.* there is a travelling-benediction pronounced by the Buddha for the merchants Trapusha and Bhalika. The text, preserved in two only slightly different versions, contains a list of divine maids (*devakumārīkā*) who, in groups of eight, guard the four quarters. The first two guardians of the Western region are called Lakshmiṃvāṭī and Śrīmatī in the *Mvu.* (III, 307, 8), and Śrīyāmāṭī and Yaśamāṭī in the *Lalitav.* (389, 7), where Śrīyāmāṭī is only an attempt to Sanskritise Sīrīmatī in accordance with the metre. This devakumārīkā Sīrīmatī, having her seat in the West, is undoubtedly identical with our *Sīrīmā devatā* and her statue has probably been, not without reason, assigned to a pillar of the South-West quadrant to protect that side of the Stūpa. Of course she too has nothing to do with the deity Śrī (Sīrī). Sīrī appears in the Jātakas in allegorical poems as personification of good luck, thus in the Sīrkālakannyā (382) by the side of Kālī, the personification of bad luck. Here she is the daughter of Dhatarāṭha, the regent of the East, whereas the father of Kālī, Varūpakkha, is the regent of the West. In the Sudhābhojanaṅ (535) Sīrī, Good Luck, Āsā, Hope, Saddhā, Devotion, and Hīrī, Modesty, are the daughters of Sakka. They show themselves in different directions, and here also (G 44) the East is assigned to Sīrī.

It is completely false when Rhys Davids, *Buddhist India*, p 217, compares the Sīrīmā of Bhārḥut with the Diana of Ephesus for he sees a token of fertility in her developed breasts. If the artist gave well-developed breasts, thin waist, and broad hips to the statue, he did not give them as special tokens of fertility, but he intended only to accomplish the ideal of the female body as it has been described to us again and again in Indian poetry.²

¹ Her story is told at length in *DhA*, Vol III, p 104 ff, 308 ff and *VvA*, p. 74 ff, and alluded to in *Mil.*, p 350.

² In *Mahābh.*, 9, 2621 Śrīmatī appears among the Mothers in the retinue of Skanda.

³ e.g. *Kāvya-darśa* 1, 87, 91, 2, 218.

B 9 (771); PLATES XVI, XXXI

ON the opposite side of the same pillar as B 8, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 16) Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 111 Cunningham's reading was corrected by Childers, *Academy* Vol VI (1874), p 586, edited again by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 20, 136, No 60, and Pl XXII and LIV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol. XL (1886), p 68, No 74, and Pl, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 233, No 74, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 69 f, No. 177, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 61 f, and Vol III (1937), Pl LVIII (63), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941) p 12 f

TEXT

Suchilomo yakho

TRANSLATION

The Yaksha Suchiloma (*Sūchuloman*)

According to a Sutta which is found in the *Sṅ* p 47 ff and again in the *S* I, 207 f, the Yaksha Sūchiloma lived at Gayā in the *Tamkuta-mañcha*¹ in the company of the Yaksha Khara When the Buddha dwelt at that place, Sūchiloma behaved haughtily and rudely towards him, but the Buddha calmly answered his question about the origin of passion and ill-will In both commentaries on the texts the Yaksha is said to owe his name to the quality of the hair of his body which was like needles, thus proving that the original name was Sūchiloma Similarly the Yaksha whose taming by the Bodhisattva is told in *J* 55 is called Silesaloma, because everything stuck fast upon the hair of his body. In the label, *Suchilomo*, of course, may be an inaccurate spelling for *Sūchilomo*, but it is remarkable that there is nothing in the image to indicate that bodily peculiarity, the Yaksha being represented as an ordinary well-dressed man who, with folded hands, stands on a rail Probably this conception of the Yaksha is influenced, as Barua remarks, by the later legend occurring in the *SnA.*, where it is said that Sūchiloma and Khara by the advice of the Buddha became friendly, "gold-coloured and decked with heavenly ornaments" It is perhaps for the same reason that the name Sūchiloma is frequently changed in the manuscripts to *Suchiloma* (Sk *śuchuloman*), 'White-haired'

In later times Sūchiloma was metamorphosed into a serpent In the snake-spell of the *Bower MS* p 224 he is called *Sūchiloma*, in that of the *Mahām* p 221 *Sūchroman*

B 10 (790), PLATES XVI, XXXII

ON the same pillar as No A 39, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 31). The inscription is engraved by another hand than No A 39 Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 111, *StBh* (1879), p 20, 137, No 78 and Pl XXIII and LIV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 70, No 89, and Pl, *IA*. Vol XXI (1892), p 234, No 89, Barua-Sinha, *BI*. (1926), 72, No 183; Barua, *Barh* Vol. II (1934), p 71, and Vol III (1937), Pl LXIV (74), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 12

¹Barua's supposition (*Barh*, III, p 55) that the rail beneath the figure of Sūchiloma is representing the Tamkitamañcha is quite unbelievable According to the commentary the Tamkitamañcha consisted of a stone-plate put on four stones The explanation of the word given in *AO*, XV, p 101, seems to me doubtful.

TEXT

yakhini Sudasana¹

TRANSLATION

The Yakshinī Sudasana (*Sudarśanā*)

The label refers to a female figure raising her right hand and standing on a *makara*. Sudarśana occurs as the name of a Yaksha in the *Mahām* p 231, also of a Nāgarāja, *ibid* 246 (cp B 37), but Sudarśanā does not seem to be known in Buddhist literature. In the *Mbh* 13, 2, 4 ff, Sudarśanā is the daughter of king Duryodhana of Māhishmatī and the river goddess (*devanadī*) Narmadā. She was so beautiful that Agni fell in love with her and married her. I am inclined to identify the Sudarśanā of the Epic with the Yakshinī represented in the sculpture. The daughter of a river goddess and wife of a god may well have been called a Yakshinī in the language of this time, and her *vāhana*, the *makara*, seems to indicate that she was the child of a river and perhaps a river goddess herself, just as her daughter-in-law Oghavatī, of whom it is said in the *Mbh* that half of her became a river (*ibid* V 168). Her descent from the river Narmadā and the king of Māhishmatī shows that she has been a local deity of Central India. She could therefore be very well known and adored in Bhārhut also.

B 11 (717), PLATES XVI, XXXII

ON the same pillar as No A 71, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 17). The inscription is engraved in continuation of No A 71. Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p. 111, *StBh* p 22, 132, No 6, and Pl XXIII and LIII, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 63, No 26 (second part), and Pl, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 229, No 26 (second part); Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 73, No 184, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 71 f, and Vol III (1937), Pl LXIV (75); Luders, *Bhārth* (1941), p 15 f.

TEXT

Chulakokā devatā

TRANSLATION

The goddess Chulakokā (Little *Kokā*)

The goddess is represented standing on an elephant under an Aśoka tree in full flower.² With her right hand she grasps a branch above her head, while her left arm and her left leg embrace the stem of the tree which is entwined also by the elephant's tusk. The goddess has a counterpart in the goddess Mahākokā represented on a pillar at Pataora (No B 12). Barua-Sinha boldly translate Kokā by hunter-goddess, but there is absolutely nothing in the outward appearance of the goddess nor in her name to warrant this meaning. Sk. *koka* denotes the wolf, the *chakraoāka* and a certain insect. Lexicographers give it also the meaning of frog and date-tree and quote it as a surname of Viṣṇu. As a personal name it occurs already in the *Ś Br* and Koka is perhaps the name of a river. But *koka* has nowhere the meaning of dog,³ as supposed by Barua-Sinha, and the fact that in the

¹The first *akshara* has an *i*-sign and an *u*-sign

²I do not understand how Barua-Sinha can declare that it may be a date-palm

³That *kokā* in *J* 547, 302 does not mean dog, but wolf, was shown long ago by Cowell and Rouse, *J*, Vol V, p 273, note 1.

DhA (III, 31-34) a hunter, who has a pack of hounds with him, bears the name of Koka cannot possibly prove that the goddess Kokā had anything to do with hunting. I have no doubt that Kokā is an abbreviated name and that Mahākokā and Chulakokā are identical with the goddesses (*devatā*) Kokanadā and Chulla-Kokanadā, the daughters of the rain-god Pajjunna, who in *S* I, 29 ff are said to have recited some Gāthās before the Buddha, when he was residing in the Kūtāgārasālā at Vesālī.¹ In the labels, the names are used in a shortened form as Bhīma for Bhīmasena. As Kokā is another name of Chakravāka both goddesses owe their names probably to their voice resembling that of a *chakravāka*.²

B 12 (811), PLATES XVI, XXXII

ON a pillar, now at Pataora.³ Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 22, note 4; 139, No 98, and Pl LV; Hultzsch, *ZDMG*. Vol XL (1886), p 60, *IA* Vol. XXI (1892), p 229, note 27, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 73, No. 185, Barua, *Barh* Vol. II (1934), p 72, Lüders, *Bhāh* (1941), p 15 f

TEXT

Mahakoka devata⁴

TRANSLATION

The goddess Mahakoka (Great *Kokā*).

With regard to the goddess see the remarks on No. B 11.

¹This identification is also suggested by S. Paranavithana, *Artibus Asiae*, Vol XVI (1953), p 177, who translates Kokanadā and Chulla-Kokanadā as 'Lily' and 'Little Lily'.

²A female figure very similar to that of Chulakokā is represented on a pillar shown by Barua, *Barh*, III, Pl LXV (76). She stands on a bridled horse winding her left hand and left leg round the stem of a tree while she grasps a branch hanging above her with her right hand. A label is missing. Barua l c II, p 72, is of the opinion that we should be fully justified to take her as Majjhimakokā, the middle hunter-goddess, and to see in her the tutelary deity of the middle class of hunters ranging the forest on horse-back, whereas Chulakokā is the tutelary goddess of the special class of hunters ranging the wood on the back of elephants, and Mahākokā is a goddess of the general class of hunters. I am afraid such a peculiar addition to mythology will not find much approval.

³Perhaps, as Barua (*Barh*, II, p 72) supposes, this is the pillar figured in Cunningham, *StBh*, Pl XX, and Barua, *Barh*, Pl XXIII (19), where a woman is represented grasping with her right hand the twig of an Aśoka tree in full bloom, but there is no inscription visible in the photograph. She resembles the figure designated as Chulakokā but the workmanship is much cruder than that of the latter.

⁴From Cunningham's eye-copy

2. B 13-17 INSCRIPTIONS ATTACHED TO BODHI-TREES OF THE FORMER BUDDHAS.

B 13 (779), PLATES V, XXXIII

ON the same pillar as No A 29, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 8) The inscription is engraved over a medallion, directly below the donative inscription No A 29, but in a different hand Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 115, *StBh* (1879), p 46; 113; 137, No 68, and Pl XXIX and LIV; Hultzschn, *ZDMG* Vol. XL (1886), p 69, No 81 (second part), *IA*. Vol. XXI (1892), p 234, No 81 (second part), Ramaprasad Chanda, *MASt* No I (1919), p 19, and Pl V, No 4, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 39, No 135, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p. 1 f, and Vol III (1937), Pl XXXV (26), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 26 ff

TEXT

bhagavato Vipasino bodhi

TRANSLATION.

The Bodhi tree of the holy Vipasi (*Vipaśyṃ*)

On different pillars of the railing the Bodhi trees of five predecessors of the historical Buddha are depicted (Cunningham, Pl XXIX and XXX) The Bodhi tree of Sikhin who is the second in the well-known row of the seven Buddhas is missing But we may almost certainly assume that the relief which represented the tree of Sikhin has been destroyed or deported All the five available reliefs have labels which do not leave any doubt about their identification The addition of *sālo* after *bodhi* in the inscription B 14 makes it certain that *bodhi* is used in all the reliefs in the sense of Bodhi tree as it is frequently done in Pāli and Sanskrit literature¹

The representation in all the five sculptures is stereotyped On both sides of the stone seat, which rises above the Bodhi tree, a person is shown kneeling These kneeling figures are sometimes two women (B 16, B 17), sometimes two men (B 13), sometimes a man and a woman (B 14, B 15) Some other people stand behind them, normally two as in B 14-17 In all these four reliefs, one person is depicted on both sides of the tree, offering garlands or strewing flowers, and the arrangement is always such that a man stands behind a kneeling woman, and a woman behind a kneeling man In our relief (B 13), however, nine men, five on the left and four on the right side of the tree—the trunk of which is decorated with a broad band—are represented offering garlands or bouquets, or showing their veneration. These persons are meant as human worshippers which suggests that the sculpture illustrates, not the enlightenment of the Buddha, but the worship of the Bodhi tree (see B 14).

The names of the five Buddhas occurring in the different labels are the same as in Pāli. But of the Bodhi trees only the four of the last Buddhas depicted in the reliefs correspond exactly to the statements in the Mahāpadānasutta (*D* II 4), in the *Bv* and in the Nidānakathā (*J* I 41 ff.), according to which the Sāla (*Shorea robusta*) belongs to

¹ Cf B 14, f n. 2, p. 84

Vessabhū, the Śūrīsha (*Acacia sirissa*) to Kakusandha, the Udumbara (*Ficus glomerata*) to Konāgamana, the Nyagrodha (*Ficus indica*) to Kassapa. These texts however mention that the Bodhi tree of Vipassī is the Pātali tree (*Bignonia suaveolens*), and, as pointed out by Anderson,¹ it is a special feature of our medallion that the tree represented is not the Pātali, as assumed by Cunningham, but undoubtedly the Aśoka tree (*Saraca Indica*). A comparison of our tree with the unmistakable representation of the Aśoka tree embraced by a female deity with a leg (as in B 11) does not leave any doubt regarding the identity of the tree.

The divergence is surprising, but it would be wrong to attribute it to a mere mistake of the sculptor. He evidently followed another tradition, for the same tree reappears in Sāñchī. There on six architraves of the four gates of Stūpa I the seven last Buddhas are symbolized by their Bodhi trees or their stūpas. In two cases, on the reverse of the uppermost architrave of the eastern gate (I) and on the obverse of the middle architrave of the northern gate (II), the seven Bodhi trees are represented one beside the other. On the four other architraves, trees and stūpas alternate. In two cases, on the reverse of the uppermost architrave of the southern gate (III) and on the obverse of the uppermost architrave of the western gate (IV) the arrangement is tree, stūpa, tree, stūpa, tree, stūpa, tree. In the remaining two cases, on the obverse of the uppermost architrave of the eastern gate (V) as well as on that of the northern gate (VI), the succession from the left to the right² is stūpa, stūpa, tree, stūpa, tree, stūpa, stūpa. As far as I can judge from the photographs of the architraves the first tree to the left in (I) is an Aśvattha, the last to the right an Aśoka, in (II) the first tree on the left is an Aśoka, the last to the right, which seems to be much weather-beaten, can be an Aśvattha. Now probably as the traditional succession of the Buddhas is followed in the arrangement, running once from the left to the right and at another time from the right to the left, and, as the Aśvattha or the Pippala (*Ficus religiosa*) is assigned in the whole Buddhist literature of all times to Śākyamuni,³ we may assume with certainty that the Aśoka tree is the tree of Buddha Vipassīn as far as these sculptures are concerned. Of the rest of the architraves, I have only photographs of (IV) and (V) at my disposal which are sufficiently clear to confirm the above result. In (IV), the first tree to the left is probably an Aśoka, the last to the right is certainly an Aśvattha. In (V) the tree to the left is an Aśvattha, the tree to the right an Aśoka. In (IV) and (V) therefore apparently the first and the seventh Buddha are represented by their Bodhi trees, the other Buddhas by stūpas. The assignment of the Aśoka tree to Vipassīn can also be confirmed by literary evidence. In the *Mahām* it is said of Vipassīn: *aśokam āsrūtya jino Vipassī* (1 c p 227)

B 14 (714), PLATES XVII, XXXIII

INSCRIPTION on the same pillar as No. A 38, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 12). The inscription is engraved below a medallion. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 132, No 3, and Pl XXIX and LIII, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 63, No. 24, and Pl, *Id* Vol XXI (1892), p 229, No 24, Barua-Sinha, *Bl.* (1926), p 40, No 137,

¹ *Cat*, I, p 30

² Left or right has to be understood from the spectator's point of view

³ Bloch's statement (*ASiAR*, 1908-9, p 139, f n 2) that the Nidānakathā and other Pāli sources call the tree a *nyagrodha* rests on a misunderstanding of the passage in the Nidānakathā *J*, I, 68 f. The Nyagrodha under which the Bodhisattva was sitting, when Sujātā was bringing the milk-rice to him, does not have anything to do with the Bodhi tree. In the Nidānakathā, the Aśvattha is expressly mentioned as the Bodhi tree of Śākyamuni, see *J*, I, 34 ff and *J*, I, 15 *assattharukhamūle abhisambujhassati*

Barua, *Barh*. Vol II (1934), p 2 f, and Vol III (1937), Pl XXXV (28), Lüders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 26 ff

TEXT

bhagavato Vesabhunā' bodhi sālo

TRANSLATION

The Bodhi tree of the holy Vesabhu (*Viśvabhū*), a Sāla tree

The medallion represents a Sāla tree (*Shorea robusta*) hung with garlands, with a seat decorated with flowers in front of it. On the top of the seat, under an umbrella, there is a *chakra* surmounted by a *trīśūla*. Two worshippers are kneeling on each side of the seat, a man to the left and a woman to the right. Behind the man there is a woman holding a garland and behind the woman a man scattering small objects, probably flowers, from a small bowl which he holds in his left hand.

The Sāla tree is mentioned in Pāli (*D* II, 4, *ḥ* I. 42) and in the *Mahām* p 227 as the tree under which Viśvabhū obtained enlightenment. The addition of *sālo* in the inscription makes it certain that *bodhi* is used here in the sense of Bodhi tree as is frequently done in Pāli and Sanskrit literature², and the presence of human worshippers in the relief affords additional proof that the sculpture illustrates, not the enlightenment of the Buddha, as supposed by Bloch³, but the worship of the Bodhi tree as a *pārnbhogika chaitya*. The name of the Buddha is the same as in Pāli (*Vesabhū*). In Sanskrit it appears as *Viśvabhū*, the nominative *Viśvabhuk* (*Mvp.* 2, 8, *Mahām* p 227)⁴ is, of course, due to wrong Sanskritisation.

B 15 (783), PLATES XVII, XXXIII

On a pillar of the North-Western quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (M 7). The inscription is engraved over a medallion. Edited by Cunningham, *PASB*. 1874, p 115, *StBh* (1879), p 46, 114, 137, No 72, and Pl XXIX and LIV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 69, No 84, and Pl I, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 234, No 84, Ramaprasad Chanda, *MASI* No I (1919), p 20, and Pl V, No 17, Barua-Sinha, *BI*. (1926), p 40, No 138, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 3, and Vol III (1937), Pl XXXVI (29); Lüders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 26 ff

TEXT

bhagavato Kakusadhasa bodhi

TRANSLATION:

The Bodhi tree of the holy Kakusadha (*Kakutsandha*)

¹ The last *akshara* is really *nā*, but *nā* is certainly only an error for *no*, the *e*-sign being by mistake elongated to the right.

² Cf *agamā bodhisamīpam* *ḥ*, 479, 1, *bodhi tassa bhagavato assattho ti pavucchati* *ḥ*, Nid G. 79, *ḥ*, I, 34 ff, IV, 228 ff, *bodhimūle Sṇā*, 32, 391, *tesu yassa yassa rukkhassa mūle chatumaggañānasamkhātam bodhinā buddhā pativijhanti so so bodhi ti vucchati* *DA*, 416, *bodhiya mūle Mvu*, 1, 3, *bodhimūle, yāvad rāyāā bodhau satasahasram dattam Dvy* 393, *śrīvrikshah pūppalo 'svattho budhar bodhis cha kathiyate Hal*, 2, 41, *bodhin pūppale Hem An*, 2, 240.

Hemādri I, 136, 22, 137, 2. E Burnouf, *Introduction à l'Histoire du Bouddhisme Indien*, I (Paris, 1844), p 77, Note 2, p 388, Note 1.

³ *ASI Ann Rep*, 1908-9, p 139, Note 1, see the remarks below under No B 23.

⁴ But the instrumental *Viśvabhūvā*, *ibid*, p 249 *Viśvabhrit*, the form of the name adopted by Barua is wholly unfounded.

The lower part of the medallion has been broken off, but enough remains to show that it was of the common type described under Nos B 13, B 14, B 16, and B 17. In the middle is a Śirisha tree (*Acacia sirissa*) in full blossom. In front of it is a seat on each side of which a worshipper is kneeling, a woman on the left and a man on the right. Two persons are standing on each side of the tree, a woman holding a garland on the right and on the left a man throwing flowers from a cup which he carries in his left hand. The literary sources agree with the sculpture in assigning the Śirisha tree to Kakusandha (*D.* II, 4; *J.* I, 42, *Mahām* p 227).

The Pāli form of the Buddha's name is *Kakusandha* (*D.* II, 2 ff, *M.* I, 333 ff, *Th.* 1187 f and *J.* I, 42 ff, 94). As the name seems to be a compound of *kakud* and *sandha*, we should expect rather *Kakussandha*. In Sanskrit the name appears regularly in the strange form *Krakuchchanda* (*Mvu.* I, 294; 318, II, 265; III, 240 f, 243, *Lalitav.* 5, 281, 283, *Dvy.* 333; *Mvp.* 2, 9, *Mahām* p 227, 250, *Hem. Abh.* 236)¹. The form *Krakutsanda* occurs only *Mvu.* I, 2 and as variant reading *Mvp.* 2, 9.

B 16 (722), PLATES XVII, XXXIII

ON a pillar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (M 5). The inscription is engraved over a medallion. Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 115, *StBh.* (1879), p 114, 132, No 11, and Pl XXIX and LIII, Hultsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 64, No 30, and Pl ; *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 229, No 30; Ramaprasad Chanda, *MASI* No I (1919), p 19, and Pl V, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 40 f, No 139, Barua, *Barh.* Vol II (1934), p 4, and Vol III (1937), Pl XXXVI (30), Luders, *Bhār.* (1941), p 26 ff.

TEXT

bhagavato Konāgamenasa² bedhi³

TRANSLATION

The Bodhi tree of the holy Konāgamana

The medallion over which the inscription is engraved is of the same type as the medallion described under Nos B 13, B 14, B 15, and B 17. In the centre there is an Udumbara tree (*Ficus glomerata*) hung with garlands. In front of it is a seat formed of a slab supported by two pillars. On each side of it a woman kneels kissing the seat, while a man stands on either side of the tree, the one on the left offering a garland, the other holding in his left hand a bowl filled with some round objects, probably flowers, which he scatters with his right hand.

In conformity with the representation in the relief Konāgamana's Bodhi tree is everywhere stated to be the Udumbara tree (*D.* II, 4; *J.* I, 43, *Mahām* p 227).

Konāgamenasa in the inscription is apparently a clerical error for *Konāgamana* just as *bedhi* for *bodhi*. In Pāli the form of the name varies between *Konāgamana* and

¹ Cf E Burnouf, *Introduction*, I, p 225, p 414

² Read *Konāgamanasa*.

³ Read *bodhi*. The engraver has forgotten to add the vowel-stroke to the right. (A horizontal stroke to the left of *dhi* could be seen in the rubbing. This may not have anything to do with the missing right-hand vowel stroke of *bo*.)

Konāgamana (*D* I, 2 ff, *Ĵ* I, 42 ff, 94), while in the inscription on the pillar of Nigāli Sāgar it is written Konākamana. In Sanskrit literature it is distorted to Konākamuni (*Mou* II, 265, III, 240 f, 243, *Mahām* p. 227) and, under the influence of popular etymology, to Kanakamuni (*Mou* I, 294, 318, *Lalitav* 5, *Dvy* 333; Dharmasamgraha VI, *Mvp.* 2, 10; *Mahām* p 250) Kanakamuni, 'Gold-Sage', further gave rise to Kanakāhvaya (*Lalitav* 281, 283) and Kāñchana (*Hem Abh* 236)

B 17 (760), PLATES XVII, XXXIII

ON the same pillar as No. A 40, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (M 7) The inscription is engraved over a medallion below No A 40, but by a different hand Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 115, *StBh.* (1879), p 45; 114; 135, No. 49, and Pl XXX and LIV, Hultsch, *ZDMG.* Vol XL (1886), p 67, No 64 (second part), and Pl , *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 232, No 64 (second part), Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 41, No 140; Barua, *Bah* Vol II (1934), p 4, and Vol III (1937), Pl XXXVI (31), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p. 26 ff.

TEXT

bhagavato Kasapasa bodhi

TRANSLATION

The Bodhi tree of the holy Kasapa (*Kāśyapa*)

The medallion to which the label belongs is of the same type as the medallions described under Nos B 13-16 The middle is occupied by a tree which by its leaves and berries is characterized as a Nyagrodha tree (*Ficus indica*), though the pendent roots are omitted, perhaps, as suggested by Cunningham, to make room for the many garlands hung up on the twigs In front of the tree is a seat On each side of it a woman is represented embracing the trunk of the tree, the one on the left kneeling and the other on the right sitting on a *morhā* and turning the back to the spectator. On each side of the tree a man stands carrying a garland

The sculpture agrees with the literary tradition in representing the Baman tree as Kāśyapa's Bodhi tree, see *D* II, 4, *Ĵ* I, 43, *Mahām* p. 227.

3. B 18-40 INSCRIPTIONS ATTACHED TO CERTAIN SCENES FROM THE LIFE OF THE BUDDHA

B 18 (777), PLATES XVII, XXXIV

ON the left outer face of the same pillar as No A 59, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 3) The inscription is engraved on the right hand pilaster of the middle relief Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 113, 137, No 66, and Pl XVI and LIV, Hoernle, *IA* Vol XI (1882), p 27 ff, No 23, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 69, No 80, and Pl ; *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 233, No 80, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 53 f, No. 152, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 14 ff, and Vol III (1937), Pl XLI (37), Luders, *Bhār* (1941), p 170 ff

TEXT

Mahāsāmāyikāya Arahaguto devaputo vokato¹ bhagavato² sāsaṃ³ paṭisaṃdhi

TRANSLATION

Descended from (the hall of) the Great Assembly the angel Arahaguta

(*Arhadgupta*) apprises the Holy One of (his future) reincarnation

The interpretation of the inscription is to be based on the sculpture The centre of the relief is occupied by a seat surmounted by a parasol from which pendants hang down The surface of the seat is decorated with ornamental bands and covered with flowers and *pañchāṅgulikas* On the foot-rest before the seat two foot-prints are seen, placed side by side and each marked with a wheel A large crowd has gathered round the seat With the exception of one person kneeling before the seat and touching the right foot-print, all are standing with their hands joined in devotion Two figures in the left lower corner are represented with wings, thus showing that the assembly consists not of men, but of gods. The kneeling figure undoubtedly is the devaputra Arhadgupta of the label Barua and Sinha give a translation⁴ of the label which disregards the most elementary rules of grammar, and further they give an explanation of the sculpture which is quite opposed to it They interpret the sculpture as the visit of Arhadgupta to the palace of Śuddhodana for paying homage to the newly born Boddhisattva and predicting the inception of the Law of the Divine teacher A glance at the plate is sufficient to show the impossibility of this explanation. The older one of Hoernle is also untenable Hoernle reads *dhokato* instead of *vokato* and takes it as a present participle of a verb ¹*dhokati* 'to greet respectfully' which he infers from Hindi *dhok* or *dhok* 'obedient', 'greeting' The two last words which he reads *sāsaṃ paṭisaṃdhi(m)* may mean, according to him, that Arahaguta praises the re-incarnation of the Buddha and in his opinion the relief refers to the 'great assembly' in the Mahāvāna near Kapila-

¹The *v* of *vokato* differs from the *v* of *devaputo* and *Bhagavato* by showing no vertical But all other readings suggested for the *akshara* are out of question

²As pointed out by Hultzsch, the left half of the *o*-sign of *to* is very short, but the reading *to* is practically certain

³Read *sāsaṃ*.

⁴"In the great assembly (of the gods) the future inauguration of the law of the Divine Master is being announced by the Angel Arhadgupta, the protector of the Arhats"

vatthu which the Mahāsamayāsutta (*D* II, 253 ff) deals with. This text narrates how the gods approach from all the worlds in order to see the Buddha and the monks and how the Buddha takes this as an opportunity to announce the names of all these gods to the monks. In my opinion this explanation of Hoernle is quite impossible on account of the fact that the scene represented in the relief does not take place in the Mahāvāna but in heaven. Nothing hunts at a forest. Even the throne does not stand under a tree. It is only surmounted by an umbrella. If, however, the scene of the event is in heaven then the Tushita heaven only can be meant in which the Bodhisattva dwells before his being born in the world'. Accordingly also the *paṭisamdhi* of the label can only refer to his future incarnation. It is further impossible that the *paṭisamdhi* is being praised, for *sāsati* cannot at all mean 'praise'. *sāsati* is used in the sense of 'to inculcate', 'to inform', 'to instruct something'. *sāsan* is certainly a scribe's mistake for *sāsati*, *Arahaguto devaputo*. *sāsati paṭisamdhi(m)* therefore can only mean, 'the devaputa Araḥaguta proclaims the future incarnation'. The genitive *bhagavato* can be connected with *paṭisamdhi(m)*, but with the verb *sāsati* as well, for verbs in the meaning of 'to say' or 'to inform' are construed in Sanskrit and in Prakrit very commonly with the genitive. Now we read in the Nidānakathā (*J* I 48) that the goddesses of all ten thousand Chakkavālas having heard of the Buddhahālāhala came together according to a fixed rule in some Chakkavāla and that from there they went to the Bodhisattva in the Tushita heaven and announced to him that the time had arrived for him to become a Buddha for the welfare of the world (*tadā pana sabbā ṇi tā ekachakkavāle sannipattivā Tusitabhavane Bodhisattassa santikam gantvā so vo dāno kālo māṇsa Buddhattāya samayo māṇsa Buddhattāya ti yāchimsu*). This narration agrees exactly with the relief and the inscription, if we take Araḥaguta as the speaker of the gods and connect *Bhagavato*—as also the order of the words suggests—with *sāsati*. Then we can translate the whole as above. *Vokato* apparently is to be read *vokantto* and corresponds to Sk *vyavakṛāntah* as Pāli *vokkanti to vyavakṛānti*, cf *gabbhe vokkanti dukkham (divā)*, *Therag* 709. From the term we may gather that Arhadgupta was an inhabitant of one of the celestial abodes above the Tushita heaven. *Mahāsāmāyikā* is a derivative of *mahāsamāya* = Pāli *mahāsamāya*, Sk *mahāsamāya*, which denotes the Great Assembly of the gods in the title of the Sūtra mentioned above. It is probably to be taken as the name of the *sabhā* where the great assembly took place.

It is of importance for judging the connection of the sculptures with the literary tradition that this request of the gods is not mentioned in the *Mvu*, and it is told in the *Lalitav* (p 11 ff) in quite a different form. Here again the narrow relationship between the sculptures and the Pāli tradition is evident. Whether the personality of Araḥaguta, whose name does not occur anywhere in literature, has disappeared in the Ceylonese tradition or whether it has been added in the Indian tradition cannot be decided. In Bhārhut, Araḥaguta appears once again in a similar role in the relief which represents the renunciation of the Bodhisattva (B 20). The Nidānakathā (*J* I 64, 1 ff) only speaks of goddesses accompanying the Bodhisattva, while in the relief one of the figures is marked out by the label as Araḥaguto devaputo.²

B 19 (801), PLATES XVII, XXXV

ON the same pillar as No A 73, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 7) Edited

¹His presence is indicated in the sculpture by the foot-prints on the foot-rest

²About the alleged deviations of the inscriptions and the sculptures from the Pāli canon pointed out by Minayeff in his *Recherches sur le Bouddhisme*, it has already been shown by Oldenberg *ZDMG.*, LII, p 640 ff that they do not prove anything

by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 112; *SiBh* (1879), p 83, 138, No. 89, and Pl XXVIII and LV; Rhys Davids, *Buddhist Birth Stories* (1880), p CIII; Hultzsch, *ZDMG*. Vol XL (1886), p 71, No 98, and Pl, Burgess, *ASSI*, Vol I (1887), p. 65, note 3, Hultzsch, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 235, No 98, Ramaprasad Chanda, *MASI* No I (1919), p 20, and Pl V, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 52 f No 151, Barua, *Bah* Vol II (1934), p 11 ff, and Vol III (1937), Pl XXVI (35), Luders, *Bhāh* (1941), p 45-52

TEXT

bhagavato ūkramu'

TRANSLATION

The conception of the Holy one

In the sculpture Māyā is represented sleeping on her bed. She is lying in full dress on her right side with her right hand under her head. A lamp on an ornamental stand is burning at the foot of the bed, while a water-vessel is placed at the other end. Two women seated on cushions are in attendance, one having a *chāmari*, the other raising her hands as if in astonishment. A third woman is sitting on the opposite side with her hands joined in the attitude of devotion. In the upper part of the medallion a big six-tusked elephant with an ornamental cloth on the top of his head is seen flying down through the air.

The question is whether the descent of the Bodhisattva in the shape of an elephant was meant by the artist only as a dream of the mother or as a reality. The legend has been treated in details by Windisch, *Buddhas Geburt*, p 153 ff. The texts of the Pāli canon do not yet know it, it is mentioned neither in the Achchhariyabbhutadhammas of *M* (123) nor in the Mahāpadānas of *D* (14). In *M* III, 120 it is only said shortly *sato sampajāno Bodhisatto Tusitā kāyā chavitvā mātu kucchhum okkamu*, so also in *D* II, 12 of Vipassin with the addition *ayam etiha dhammā*. In the original text of Aśvaghosha's *Buddhach* I, 3 the Bodhisattva is clearly indicated as a fruit of the conjugal intercourse of Śuddhodana and Māyā. In the following verse the entering of the elephant is mentioned quite shortly as a dream of Māyā. In the Nidānakathā, *Ĵ* I 50, 2 ff as well, it is only said at first that the Bodhisattva took his rebirth in the womb of the queen. Later on in a sort of appendix the entering of the elephant as a dream is narrated in greater extent than anywhere else. It is peculiar that the description ends with the words: "So he took his rebirth under the constellation Uttarāshādhā" (*evam uttarāsāthanakkhattena paṭisandhum ganhi*)

In the story in the *Mvu* II, 8, 16 ff as well as in the identical narration of the conception of the Buddha Dīpamkara in I, 205, 2 ff in general a dream is told, but in the verses I, 207, 8 ff, II, 11, 19, ff it is said that the Buddha having taken the form of an elephant,

¹ Although the meaning of *ūkramu* is undoubtedly 'conception', it is difficult to account for the form of the word. [Cf above p VI, §2 (II)] The term used for conception in *Mvu*, II, 17, 11, *Lalitav* 76, 7, is *garbhāvākraṇṭi*, and *avakram* is generally used for the Buddha's entering into the womb of his mother *Mvu* II, 8, 19 f, 9, 6, 20, 10, 6, 11, 21, 12, 2, 6, 16, 20, *Lalitav*, 55, 5. Hultzsch therefore read *okramu* in the inscription, but the first letter, as he remarks himself, is distinctly *ū*. Unless we will assume a mistake of the engraver, it will be impossible to trace *ūkramu* back to *avakraṇṭi*, there being no evidence that *ava* ever became *ū* in any dialect. The prefix *ū* can go back only to *upa*, as taught by Hemachandra in his grammar I, 173. The examples quoted by him from the Prakrit can be paralleled by forms of *ūhad* and *ūhas* in Pāli (*Beobachtungen über die Sprache des buddhistischen Urkanons*, 1954, §110). I am therefore of opinion that *ūkramu* represents Sk *upakraṇṭi*, and in support of this view I may refer to the ancient verse in *Mvu*, II, 8, 18 and *Lalitav*, 55, 8, where the ordinary *kukshum avakraṇṭah* is replaced by *udaram upagatah*.

like a white cloud, entered the womb of his mother *pāṇḍaravai āhakaṁbho bhavitva gajarūpā, shaddanto mātuh kukshusmm okrānto* In the following verse I, 207, 11 f., II, 12, 1 f. the queen narrates this to her husband as a fact (*rājavarā pāṇḍaro me gajarājā kukshum okrānto*), but immediately afterwards the king speaks to the astrologers of a dream (*supṇasmm aya sarve bhanātha bhūtam phalavṛpākam*) As an actual event, the entering of the elephant in the womb of the mother is furthermore spoken of in the praise song of Nāmatideva in I, 98, 12: *Māyāyā devyāh kukshusmm pravīśīshu sa kumudasadrīśo varo gajarūpavām*, as well as in the Gāthā II, 298, 6

*Tushite bhavane dvyā otarītā hmasamo nāgo bhavitva shadvshāno
vājño agramahūshīm pravīśīto kukshum tato trisāhasa prakampe lokadhātu*

Windisch thought it possible to add to these passages another one In *Mvu* II, 8, 16 f. it is said of the dream of Māyā

*atha supṇam janānī jinasya tasmim kshane paśyati varavṛpākaphalam ॥
hmarajātambho me shadvshāno sucharanachārubbhujō suraktaśīrsho ॥
udaram upagato gajapradhāno lalitagatih anavadyagāthasandhuh ॥*

The stanza occurs again in the *Lalitav* 55, 6 ff

*Māyādevī sukhaśayanaprasuptā imam svapnam apaśyat ॥
hmarajātambhās cha shadvshānah sucharanachārubbhujah suraktaśīrshah ॥
udaram upagato gajapradhāno lalitagatir dridhavayragāthasandhuh' ॥*

The *Lalitav* account is similar in general to that of the *Mvu* The vision of the elephant is taken as a dream But in the introductory sentence (55, 3) the remark is found that the Bodhisattva entered the womb of the mother as a young white elephant (*pāṇḍuro gajapolo bhūtāvā*) As Windisch mentions, this is hinted at already in the Prachalaparivarta 39, 6 ff. There the Bodhisattva in the Tushita heaven asks the assembly of gods in which form he should enter the mother's womb The gods make different propositions, and afterwards Ugratejas, a Brahmakāvika god, decides the question with the statement that according to the texts of the Brahmans a Bodhisattva has to enter the womb of the mother in the form of a great elephant with six tusks That the artist of Bhārhut took the matter as a real occurrence is shown by the inscription according to which, the arriving or, if we take *ūkramit* as a mistake for *okramit*, the descent of the Bodhisattva is represented in the sculpture The reality of the elephant is also hinted at by the gesture of one of the female attendants sitting in front of the couch Her raised hands can scarcely be interpreted otherwise than as an expression of astonishment at the miracle² One could object against this view by saying that in the old

¹This stanza, apparently old as is shown by the tradition in the texts of two different schools, has been used by the poet of another verse in which the queen narrates her dream (*Lalitav* 56, 14 ff., 57, 11 ff.)

*hmarajātānkāśās chandrasūryātrekaha
sucharana sūrbhaktah shadvshāno mahālmā ॥
gajavaru dridhasamāhri vāyakaḥpas surūpah
udari mama pravīśītas tasya hetum śrīnushva (or śrīnotha) ॥*

The stanza in Pushpitāgrā metre together with the introductory remark reappears also in the story of Dipamkara's conception, *Mvu* I, 205, 2 ff., here, however, with the variant *se=asyāh* for *me*, and Windisch wished to conclude therefrom that we have originally in the stanza not the words of Māyā, but a story, that means the historicization of the dream But *se* does not stand in the manuscripts. It has been added to the text by Senart as expressly stated by him on p 537 So it is nothing else than a false conjecture for *me* as we can now state on account of *mama* in the recast stanza of the *Lalitav*

²Barua, *Barh*, II, p 12, assumes that the maid presses with her hand against the leg of the bed in order to prevent the queen rolling down or to prevent the couch being unbalanced under the pressure of the descending elephant This explanation seems to me as improbable as the one suggested by St Kramrisch who takes the maid to be dozing at night

Indian art the person of the Buddha is not represented, not only in his last existence on earth but also in the immediately preceding period of his stay in the Tushita heaven. That is proved by the relief in the middle of the so called Ajātaśatru pillar (Cunningham Pl XVI) But it is doubtful whether this practice has been followed in our particular case, for here the Bodhisattva does not appear in human form but in the disguise of an animal. Another consideration is perhaps still more weighty. The representations in Bhārhut follow the standpoint of the Hīnayāna. The Hīnayāna, however, accepted the dream as a prophecy of the birth of a future Buddha, but not the supernatural immaculate conception. This is still maintained with all emphasis in the Sakish (Khotanese) poem of instruction 14, 54-56, and Āsvaghosha adheres to this standpoint. In the Nidānakathā a hint at the historicisation of the dream is to be found, but only in the appendix mentioned above on p 89. In the popular belief, however, the historicisation was apparently already made a fact in the 3rd cent BC. At the end of the sixth edict of Āśoka in Dhauli we find *seto*, 'the white one', which refers to the figure of an elephant, and on the rock of Kālsī we find *gayatame*, 'the best elephant' under the figure of an elephant. On the rock of Girnār too, an elephant must have been carved out once. For below the thirteenth edict we find *(sa)rasveto hasti sarvalokasukhāharo nāma* "the completely white elephant named 'the bringer of happiness to the whole world'". These inscriptions do not leave any doubt that the carvings of the elephant referred to the Buddha, or to speak more exactly to the Bodhisattva. In this case it seems only possible to relate the representations to the person of the Buddha, and not to a dream prophesying the birth of a Buddha.

Under these circumstances it seems to me more probable that the representation of the conception was intended as a reality. If one likes to consider the gesture of the female attendant as meaningless it would indeed be possible to make the following suggestion: the relief, as the inscription says, depicts the entering of the Bhagavat, but the artist did not know how to express it in some way other than by representing a dream which, at least according to the stories in the *Mvu* and the *Lalitav*, took place at the same time as the conception. That seems to be the view of Foucher, who sees (*L'art Gréco-bouddhique* I, 291 ff) just in such representations the basis of the historicisation of the original dream. An altogether sure decision of the question is scarcely possible.

In some other point, I believe, I am more justified in deviating from Foucher. The queen in the relief lies on her right side², as she does also in the relief of Sāñchi³, in a relief in Amarāvati⁴ and on the frieze of Boro-Budur⁵, whereas in the art of Gandhāra she is depicted always as lying on her left side. Foucher⁶ is of the opinion that this is due to an inadvertency or unskilfulness of the old artists. But this reproach is not justified if it can be proved that at their time the dogma of the entering of the Bodhisattva into the right side of the mother did not exist at all. Indeed in the *Mvu*, as well as in the *Lalitav*, it is stated that the Bodhisattva was conceived in the right side of the mother's womb (*mātur dakshine kukshān upapannāh*, *Lalitav* 60, 16), that after entering he remained in the right side of the mother's womb (*dakshine pārśve paryankam ābhūjyitvā tishhati*, *Mvu* II, 16, 12, also I, 213, 8; *abhyantragataś cha bodhisattvo Māyādevyāh kukshau dakshine pārśve paryankam ābhuyā nshanno*

¹The possibility of this explanation has already been thought of by Oldenberg, *ZDMG*, LII, p 642.

²How Cunningham, p 84, can say "The position leaves her right side exposed" I do not understand.

³Fergusson, *Tree and Serpent Worship*, Pl. XXXIII, Foucher, *Beginnings of Buddhist Art*, Pl IX, 2.

⁴Burgess, *Buddhist Stupas of Amaravati and Jagayyapeta*, Pl XXXVIII, 1, Foucher l c Pl III.

⁵Pleyte, *Buddha-Legende*, fig 13.

⁶See also *Beginnings of Buddhist Art*, explanation of Pl III, A 1.

'*bhūt Lalitav.* 59, 22 f.) Therefore it is said also in the *Lalitav* 55 that he descended into the right *kukshu* *dakshināyām*(sic) *kukshāu avakrāmad avakrāntāś cha sa dakshṇāvacharo* 'bhūn na jātu vāmāvacharah. The entering into the right *kukshu* and the stay of the embryo there is quite in accordance with the Indian belief that a male child develops always in the right *kukshu*! A clear hint at the supernatural entering into the right side of the mother occurs only in the *Nidānakathā* (*J.* I, 50, 22 f), where it is said that Māyā dreamt that the elephant was walking three times from right to left around her bed and went into her womb having hit her right side *māusayanam tikkhaitum padakkhnam katoā dakkhnapassam tāletvā³ kuchchhim pavittasaddiso ahoṣi*. The author of the stanza in the *Mvu* (I, 203, 1 f) certainly did not know of an entering from the right side. He says expressly that the queen lay down on her right side:

sā dām dakshinena pārśvena parnyāse śarīravaram |
kusumalatā va drumavaram śayanam parvelliyāsāntā³ ||

The old artists therefore did not have any reason to represent the queen lying on her left side, the less so as this position would have been totally improper for her. According to the Buddhistic view, as it is handed down in *A.* II, 244 f⁴, the human beings devoted to sensual pleasures sleep lying on their left side. This position called *kāmabhogseyyā* is opposed to the position styled *sīhaseyyā* which owes its name to the belief that the lion takes such position while sleeping. In the *sīhaseyyā* the person lies on the right side, placing one leg upon the other. This is the position taken by the Buddha while lying down; thus *D.* II, 134, 137. *atha kho bhagavā dakkhīnena passena sīhaseyyam kappesi pāde pādān achchhādhāya*, found shortened also in *J.* I, 119, 10 f, 330, 27 f; *DhA* I, 357 etc. The *sīhaseyyā* is also prescribed for the monk (*A.* IV, 87), especially in the middle watch of the night (*A.* I, 114, II, 40). Therefore strictly speaking just the artists of Gandhāra are guilty of a mistake when representing Māyā in *kāmabhogseyyā*.

Cunningham says that the artist tries to depict the tusks of the elephant by some strokes as consisting of three teeth on either side. He may be right in this respect, though I cannot find anything of it in the photograph. The relief here conforms with what is said in the *Mvu* and the *Lalitav.* (*śadvvshāna, Mvu.* I, 205, 3; II, 8, 17, *Lalitav* 55, 7, 56, 14, *śaddanta, Mvu.* I, 207, 8, II, 11, 19, *śaddanta, Lalitav* 39, 17, 55, 3). Neither *Aśvaghosha* nor the *Nidānakathā* mention this attribute. The decoration of the head of the elephant has been added by the sculptor on his own. In the *Mvu* and the *Lalitav* it is only mentioned that he was red-headed (*surakṭaśīrsha, Mvu.* I, 205, 3, II, 8, 17, *Lalitav* 39, 17, 55, 7, *andragopakaśtras, Lalitav.* 55, 3). That the elephant was carrying a white lotus in its trunk is a speciality of the *Nidānakathā*. In the relief the elephant does not carry a lotus

B 20 (814); PLATES XVIII, XXXII

On a gateway pillar, now at Pataora. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 143, No 3, and Pl. XX and LVI, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol. XI (1886), p 60, *IA.* Vol. XXI (1892), p 233, note 52, Barua-Sinha, *BI.* (1926), p. 54, No 153, Barua, *Barh* Vol. II (1934), p

¹ See the literature given by Windsch 1 c, p 19

² The Singhalese manuscript C^s reads, however, *phāletvā* 'having split' which is possibly the right reading

³ Senart reads in the first line *parnyāse*, the manuscripts, however, read *samnyāse*. The original reading of the first half of the verse was probably *sā dānam dakkhīnena passena samnyāsi sālīvalalāh*. In the second half of the stanza stood, as shown by the metre, originally *ḍumavalam*. The meaning is not changed by these readings

⁴ Cf. *DA.*, 574 f

17 ff, and Vol III (1937), Pl XXIII (18), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 172

TEXT

Arahaguto devaputo'

TRANSLATION

The angel Arahaguta (*Arhadgupta*)

The subject of the sculpture of which only the left half is preserved is the *abhmshkramana* of the Bodhisattva. In the upper portion the Bodhisattva, who is indicated by his foot-prints, is stepping out of the palace, watched by two female deities. In the middle portion the horse Kanthaka is seen being led along the city-wall by Chhanna, while two gods are looking on with their hands reverentially joined and a third is waving a chauri. A parasol and two chauris over the horse show that the Bodhisattva is sitting on it. In the lower portion the horse appears again on its way outside the city, accompanied by several gods rendering homage or giving vent to their delight. One of them is bearing a drum, while the one on the left who stands with his hands joined in devotion, seems to be the leader of the host, as he is designated by the label. We have met him already in the relief described under No B 18, where he appears as the speaker of the gods exhorting the Bodhisattva to incarnate himself. Buddhist literature seems to ignore his name.

B 21 (775), PLATES XVIII, XXXVI

ON the left outer face of the same pillar as No A 59, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 3). The inscription is engraved on the uppermost relief on the roof of a building. First published by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 112, with correction by Childers-de Zoysa, *Academy*, Vol VII (1875), p 454. Edited again by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 109, 136 f., No. 64, and Pl XVI and LIV, Hoernle, *IA*, Vol XI (1882), p 29 ff, No. 25 a, Hultsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 68, No 78, and Pl, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 233, No 78, Huber, *BEFEO* Vol XIV, No 1 (1914), p 14 ff, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 54 ff, Nos 155 and 156, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 19 ff, and Vol. III (1937), Pl XLII (39).

TEXT

- 1 Sudhammā devasabhā
- 2 bhagavato chūdāmaho

TRANSLATION

The hall of the gods Sudhammā (*Sudharmā*)
The festival of the hair-lock of the Holy One

[B 21 and B 22 refer to one and the same sculpture.]
See the remarks under No B 22

B 22 (776), PLATES XVIII, XXXVI

ON the left outer face of the same pillar as No A 59, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 3). The inscription is engraved on the same relief as No B 21, on the roof of another building. Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 113, *StBh* (1879), p 109; 137,

'From the photograph of Cunningham's Plate XX

No 65, and Pl XVI and LIV, Hoernle, *IA* Vol XI (1882), p 29 ff, No 25^b, Hultsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 69, No 79, and Pl, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 233, No 79, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 54 ff, No 154, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 19 ff, and Vol III (1937), Pl XLII (39)

TEXT

- 1 Vejayamto pā-
- 2 sāde'

TRANSLATION

The Vejayamta (*Vajayanta*) palace

[B 21 and B 22 refer to one and the same sculpture]

In the Nidānakathā of the *Jātaka* (I, 64 f) it is told that the Bodhisattva, when he had left his native town, cut off with his own sword his hair together with the head-dress and cast it to the sky Sakka received it in a golden casket and deposited it in the Chūlamamchetiya in the Tāvātamsa heaven As pointed out by Huber², the same story, with slight variations, is found in the *Mvu* (II, 165 f), in the *Lalitav* (p 225), and in the Chinese translation of the Abhimshkramanasūtra and the Vinaya of the Mūlasarvāstivādins In these latter texts it is added that on the anniversary of the event the Thirty-three gods celebrate the festival of the hair-lock This festival is represented in the sculpture In the left upper corner there is a building surrounded by a railing It has a pinnacled dome roof and an arched gateway which affords a view of the hair-lock and the head-dress in the interior They are lying in a bowl placed on a throne and surmounted by a parasol decorated with pendants On each side a god stands According to the label the edifice is the hall of the gods Sudharmā, which is frequently mentioned in Buddhist texts³ as the hall of the Thirty-three gods presided over by Indra and is well known also in epic and classical Sanskrit literature A late legend of its origin is told in the Kulāvakajātaka (*J*, Vol I, 204)

The adjoining building in the right upper corner is a three-storied palace, again surrounded by a railing In each of the arched doors opening on the balconies of the second and third storeys the head of some person is seen, while on the lower floor Indra is standing with four female attendants around him He is looking down at the scene below, where four Apsaras are dancing to the music of a band of four male and three female musicians. Among the instruments they are playing on a small drum to be beaten with a stick, a large drum played upon with the hand, and two vinās can be distinguished. One of the females seems to be clapping her hands, while the two others may be singing. Vajayanta, the name of the building, is an epithet applied to all sorts of things belonging to Indra It occurs in the Buddhist texts in Pāli and Sanskrit as the name of his palace, and it is known also in Brahmanical literature⁴ In *M* I, 203 Indra is said to have the Vajayanta palace built after a victory over the Asuras, according to the later legend referred to in the Kulāvakajātaka (*J*, Vol I, 203) it rose spontaneously from the ground

B 23 (739), PLATES XVIII, XXXVII

On the uppermost relief of the outer face of the same pillar as No A 62, now in the

¹ The last *akshara*, which can be read only *de*, is a clerical error for *do*

² See reference B 21

³ *D*, II, 207, *J*, 489, 20, 494, 3, 523, 1, *Mvu*, I, 32, 10, III, 198, 2, *Divy*, p 220, etc

⁴ *M*, I, 253, *J*, 545, 78, *Mvu*, II, 346, 20, *Lalitav*, 58, 20, 212, 1, 213, 18, etc

Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 29) Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p. 115, *StBh* (1879), p 45, 115; 120, 127, 134, and Pl XIII, XXX and LIV; Hoernle, *IA* Vol X (1881), p. 255 f, No 11, and Pl , Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 65, No. 46, and Pl , *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 231, No 46; Cunningham, *Mahābodhi* (1892), Pl III (Plate only), Bloch, *ASIAR.* 1908-9 (1912), p 139, notes 1 and 2, and fig. 2 on p 145, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 41, No 141, and p 56, No 158, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 5 ff, and Vol III (1937), p 1 and Pl. XXXVII (32), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 29 ff

TEXT

- 1 bhagavato Sakamunino
2 bodho

TRANSLATION

The building round the Bodhi tree of the holy Sakamuni (*Śākyamuni*)

The sculpture represents a Pippala or *Aśvattha* tree (*Ficus religiosa*) bearing berries. Two small umbrellas are visible on the top of it and streamers hang down from its branches. In front of the trunk, which is decorated with an ornamental band and some foliage, the seat, or *vajrāsana*, stands, consisting of a slab and four supporting pilasters. It is strewn with flowers and surmounted by two *triratnas*. The tree is surrounded by a pillared hall, the sides of which are represented in the peculiar Indian perspective as slanting upwards. The hall has an upper storey with a balcony fenced in by a railing. Four arched doors, two on the front side and one on each wing, open on the balcony. An umbrella is raised before each door, and the two lateral doors are ornamented with a female statue on either side. The roof is crowned by three pinnacles on the front side. On the right of the building is a detached pillar with a bell-shaped capital bearing the figure of an elephant carrying a garland in its trunk. The shaft of the pillar is prolonged downwards into the middle panel, and at the foot of it there is a stout male figure holding some round object on his head. This person is quite different from the gods represented in the middle relief and certainly has no connection with them, but appears to be a deity of the nether world who acts as the tutelary deity and bearer¹ of the pillar.

On either side of the seat a worshipper is kneeling, a man to the left and a woman to the right. Behind the woman a man stands with folded hands, and to the left of the kneeling man there is a woman holding what seems to be a bunch of flowers in her upraised left hand while with her right she is throwing flowers on the seat. In the upper portion of the relief divine beings are represented worshipping the tree. On either side of it, in the air, is a winged human figure with the hind limbs, the claws and the tail of a bird². One is throwing flowers from a bowl which he carries in his left hand, while the other is offering a garland. Below

¹Luders mentions that the figure is represented with a coiled pad of cloth intended as a support (P *chumbata*) on the head. It seems however more probable that the object which the figure carries on its head is a pot, used for offerings by the visitors to the temple, which is similar to the one borne on the head by some of the Mathurā statues known as 'porteurs de vase', cf J. Ph. Vogel, *La Sculpture de Mathurā*, Paris 1930, *Ars Asiatica*, XV, Pl XLIX and L. In this case the figure does not have anything to do with the pillar in front of which it stands.

²I shall not go into the question whether these beings are to be called Gandharvas or Kinnaras. Barua, *Barh*, III, p 57, calls them Vidyādharas and remarks "They must be Vidyādharas, for we read in the *J Nidānakathā* (Fausboll, *J*, I) *Vijyādharaḥ gandhamāṅādhatthā mahāpūrasassa santukam Bodhrukkhama gamamsu*" Should this be right it would be of importance for the history of the evolution of the conception of the Vidyādhara, which I have treated in *ZDMG*, XCIII, p 89 ff. But the quoted passage seems to be an invention of Barua, at least I am sure that it does not occur in the *Nidānakathā*.

those Kinnaras, on either side of the tree, two men of much larger size than the rest of the figures stand, and therefore are certainly meant to be gods. They are represented in the conventional attitude of delight, waving their garments with their right hands and touching their lips with their left hands either in astonishment or to sound a whistle.

The building round the Bodhi tree is found once more in a relief on a cross-bar (No. 55) reproduced by Cunningham on Pl XXXI, 3. It shows three gates which do not appear in our relief, but in other respects it does not differ very much, if it is borne in mind that the roof here is opened, as it were, in order to reveal the tree. Even the pillar with the elephant¹ appears here again². At Sāñchī there is an image of the building resembling even more closely that of the pillar relief on the southern gateway in the scene of Aśoka's visit to the Bodhi tree. In all these cases the building evidently represents the hypaethral temple erected by Aśoka round the Bodhi tree. This temple, it is true, appears instead of the tree with the plain seat also in a relief on the western gateway at Sāñchī, which clearly illustrates the temptation of the Bodhisattva. Here on one side Māra's hosts are retreating, while on the other side the gods are celebrating the victory of the Bodhisattva. But in the Bhārhut reliefs there is absolutely nothing to indicate that the sculptors wanted to represent anything but the sanctuary of the Bodhi tree and its worship by divine and human beings. The visit of the holy sites is recommended in the Mahāparinibbānasutta (D II, 140) as apt to cause religious emotions and a similar effect was apparently expected from looking at their images. The relief is thus an exact counterpart of the two adjoining upper reliefs (Cunningham Pl. XIII, side and inner face) where the *parinivāna* is alluded to by some Stūpa and the *dharmachakrapravartana* by the Dharmasāla of King Prasenajit at Śrāvastī (see B 38, B 39). This is decisive for the interpretation of the inscription. It is impossible for me to follow Bloch l c note 1 who translates it 'the attainment of supreme wisdom by the holy Śākyamuni'. *Bodha* cannot be used here in the sense of enlightenment, but must denote either the Bodhi tree or the building erected around it. It may be pointed out in favour of the latter alternative that the label is engraved on the roof of the building just as the names of the *Sudhammā sabhā* (B 21) and the *Vejayanta* palace (B 22) are written on the roofs of the buildings to which they refer, and secondly that the term used for the tree in Nos B 14 etc. is *bodhi*, not *bodha*.

Sakyamuni is the designation of the Buddha already in the Pāli Canon³ and in the Aśoka inscription on the Rummundēi pillar. The *āsvattha* tree has been, as far as I know, everywhere and at all times the acknowledged Bodhi tree of the last Buddha. Bloch's statement that the author of the Nidānakathā and other Pāli writers call the tree a *mgrodha* tree is due to a misunderstanding of J I, 68 f. The *mgrodha* tree under which the Bodhisattva was sitting when Sujātā offered him the milk rice has nothing to do with the Bodhi tree. The Nidānakathā shares the common view regarding the nature of the Bodhi tree as appears from such passages as J I, 15. *assattharukkamūle abhisaṃbujhissati*, I, 16. *bodhi tassa bhagavato assattho ti pavuchchati*.

¹Both Cunningham, p 121, and Anderson, *Cat* Vol I, p 57, assert that the figure is an elephant. In the plate it is not quite distinct.

²I agree with Barua, *Barh*, II, p. 32 f, that the Bodhi tree is an *āsvattha*, not a *śrisha*, as Cunningham, *SiBh*, p 115, assumes. I, however, do not see any reason why the tree here depicted should be that *āsvattha* which was planted according to the Pachchupannavattu of the Kāhngabodhi. (479) by Ananda before the gate of the Jetavana. The elephant pillar by the side of the Bodhi temple in both the reliefs speaks decisively in favour of the fact that the same building is meant in both cases. It is in no way astonishing that the artists followed more or less their fancy and that their representations differed from each other in details.

³D II, 274.

B 24 (740), PLATES XVIII, XXXVII

ON the railing above the middle panel of the outer face of the same pillar as No A 62, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 29). The inscription is engraved on the first and second posts from the right Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 134, No 29, and Pl. XIII, XIV and LIV, Hoernle, *IA* Vol. X (1881), p 256 f, No 12a, and Pl , Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 65, No 47, and Pl , *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p. 231, No. 47; Cunningham, *Mahābodhi* (1892), Pl III (Pl only), Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 44 ff., No 142, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 8 f, and Vol III (1937), p 1 ff and Pl. XXXVIII (33): Lüders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 52 ff

TEXT

- 1 purathīma(m d)isa' Sudhā-
- 2 vāsā de[v]ā

TRANSLATION

In the eastern quarter the Sudhāvāsa (*Śuddhāvāsa*) gods

[B 24-26 refer to one and the same sculpture]

In view of the fact that we find in the following two inscriptions *utaram dīsa* (B 25) and *dakḥṇam dīsa* (B 26), the restored reading *purathūmam dīsa* may be called certain The use of the accusative is the same as in Gāthā 9 of the Mahāsamayasutta (*D. II*, 258, 4 f*), where *purmam dīsam*, *uttaram dīsam* are found by the side of *dakḥṇena*, *pachchhūmena*. The *Suddhāvāsa* gods are mentioned already in the *D. II*, 50; 253 f In the later classification of the gods they are the inhabitants of the five highest Rūpadhātu heavens

Further remarks on the sculpture are found under No B 26

B 25 (741), PLATES XVIII, XXXVII

ON the railing above the middle panel of the Northern face of the same pillar as No A 62 now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 29). The inscription is engraved on the second and third posts from left. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 134, No 30, and Pl XIII, XIV and LIV, Hoernle, *IA*. Vol X (1881), p. 256 f, No 12b, and Pl ; Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 65, No 48, and Pl , *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 231, No 48, Cunningham, *Mahābodhi* (1892), Pl III (Pl only), Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 45 ff, No 144, Barua, *Barh*. Vol II (1934), p. 8 f, and Vol. III (1937), p 1 ff. and Pl XXXVIII (33), Lüders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 53 ff

TEXT

- 1 utaram dīsa [t]ini³ sa-
- 2 vāganisīṣā*

¹The *anusvāra* and the *da* have been destroyed by a deep cut

²*purmam dīsam Dhatarattho dakḥṇena Virūḥako |
pachchhūmena Virūḥakko Kuvero uttaram dīsam ||
chattāro te mahārājā samantā chaturō dīṣā |
dadallamānā atthamsu vane kāpilavatthave ||*

³With the exception of Cunningham who read *tuni*, all editors read *tui*, but as the letter is almost completely destroyed, the *ti* can by no means be called certain

⁴All editors agree in reading the second *akshara* of the line *ta*, but if the letter is compared with the *ta* in the first line, there can be little doubt that it is *ga* After *sā* the surface of the stone has been damaged. Hoernle supplied *ni*, which cannot be right as, with the exception of the torana inscription, no *na* occurs in the Bhārḥut inscriptions On the other hand, Hultzsch and Barua-Sinha may be right in supplying *ni*, although in that case we have to assume that the supposed *na* was separated from *sā* by an unusually large gap However, I consider it far more probable that the inscription ended with *sā* and that the apparent traces of letters are mere fissures in the stone. Cunningham also, in his eye-copy as well as in his transcript, gives no letter after *sā*.

TRANSLATION:

In the northern quarter the three (classes of) Savaganisissas (*Sarvagānṛśamsas*²)

[B 24—26 refer to one and the same sculpture.]

I am unable to offer a translation that would satisfy myself. All interpretations of the inscription published hitherto are based on the reading *ia* instead of *ga* in the line 2. Hoernle and Hultzsch transcribe the text *uttaram dīsa tni savatani sīsāni*. Hoernle rendered it 'to the northern (or upper) side (are) three heads turned towards each other', while Hultzsch's tentative translation runs. 'in the northern direction, [three covered] heads'. Hultzsch understood *savatani* as Sk *samvṛtāni*, Hoernle traced it back to an adjective *samvṛtāni*, unknown elsewhere, but both translations are equally unsatisfactory as no three heads are seen in the sculpture, neither 'turned towards each other' nor 'covered'. Hoernle's attempt to refer the inscription to the relief in the lower panel is of course only a makeshift that need not be discussed. Barua and Sinha divide *savatani sīsāni* into *savata-nisāsāni* and boldly equating *savatani sīsā* with Sk *sarvatānāśrīta* or *sarvātmanāśrīta* translate the inscription: 'on the northern side—three classes of all pervading (Rūpabrahmas)', which, apart from other reasons, cannot be accepted as *nisā* cannot possibly represent *nśrīta*. Probably, as remarked already above, the true reading is *uttaram dīsa tni savaganisīsā*, and as *tanni* is used in the Prakrits with nouns of all three genders and Sk *abhiśamsati*, *āśamsati* becomes *abhiśamsati*, *āśamsati* in Pālī, we may perhaps translate the inscription into Sk *uttarasyān dīśi trayah sarvagānṛśamsāh*, 'in the northern quarter the three (classes of) Sarvagānṛśamsas', i.e. of the gods whose kindness extends to all beings. However I am ready to admit that this explanation of the name can by no means be called certain. But although the meaning of the name remains doubtful, we shall see later on that the three Savaganisissas correspond to the gods of the eleven lower Rūpabrahmalokas of the later cosmographical system, see the remarks on No. B 26

B 26 (742), PLATES XVIII, XXXVII

On the railing below the middle panel of the outer face of the same pillar as No. A 62, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 29). The inscription is engraved on the second and third posts from the right. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p. 134, No. 31, and Pl. XIV and LIV; Hoernle, *IA* Vol. X (1881), p. 257, No. 13, and Pl., Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol. XL (1886), p. 65, No. 49, and Pl., *IA* Vol. XXI (1892), p. 231, No. 49, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 45 ff, No. 145, Barua, *Barh* Vol. II (1934), p. 8 f, and Vol. III (1937), p. 1 ff and Pl. XXXVIII (33), Luders, *Bhārh* (1941), 53 ff.

TEXT

- 1 dakhinam dīsa chha Kā-
- 2 māvacharasahasāni

TRANSLATION

In the southern quarter the six thousand Kāmāvacharas.

[B 24—26 refer to one and the same sculpture.]

The inscription, which was strangely misunderstood by Hoernle, was correctly translated by Hultzsch. In the later classification of the gods the Kāmāvacharas are identical with the gods of the six Devalokas as opposed to the twenty Brahmlokas

¹ *Bhārh* p. 53. Luders translates *sarvagānṛśamsyāh*

The twenty gods represented in the sculpture are arranged in two rows, one above the other, each row being again divided into two groups of five figures. To make the division quite clear, trees are placed between and at the end of each group. The figures, which according to the labels are representatives of the Śuddhāvāsa gods (B 24), the three Savaganissas (B 25), and the six thousand Kāmāvacharas (B 26), do not differ from each other in their outward appearance, all standing with their hands reverentially joined and carrying their *dupattas* over their right arms. Greater individuality is exhibited only by the group of the left lower corner, the label of which unfortunately is missing owing to the breaking off of the stone. Here four gods are represented in exactly the same attitude as the gods of the other three groups, but the first figure on the right has wings and the two figures on the left are characterized as Nāgas¹ by their snake-hoods. The winged figure is probably a Suparna². The fifth figure is seated on a rock, supporting his cheek with his left hand and scratching the ground with a stick. This is the typical attitude of the mourning Māra, as is shown below (B 77), and I have no doubt that here also the figure is meant for Māra who is mourning, while all other gods celebrate some happy event in the Buddha's career. We do not know the name of the last group, but we may be sure that it was assigned to the Western quarter.

In my opinion the position of the relief below the panel showing the Bodhi tree as well as the attitude of the figures shows clearly that the gods are represented as paying attention, not to the tree, but to the dance of the Apsaras in the lower relief³. This is of importance for understanding the distribution of the quarters among the different classes of deities.

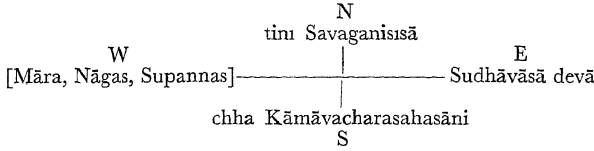
The quarters are evidently allotted to the gods according to their rank. In the Buddhist cosmological system the Śuddhāvāsikas are the inhabitants of the five higher Rūpabrahma worlds. As the inhabitants of the still higher Arūpabrahmalokas do not have any corporality at all, the Śuddhāvāsikas are the highest gods that could be depicted. Among the quarters, the East was at all times looked upon as the most prominent quarter, and it is therefore duly assigned to them. According to the system the Kāmāvacharas, on the other hand, are the gods of the six Devalokas standing at the end of the heavens. Therefore we should expect that the Western region is assigned to them. Instead of that the Southern quarter has been reserved for the Kāmāvachara gods. This, however, becomes understandable at once, when we realize that in the relief Nāgas appear in the western region, probably also Suparnas. These beings can at the best be called demi-gods and stand beneath the real gods; therefore the last region, the *dighaññānāmavahyanā disā* as it is called in J 535, 58, is rightfully attributed to them. Lastly the Savaganissas, even if their name remains unexplained, can only correspond to the gods of the eleven lower Rūpabrahmalokas of the later system. So they stand beneath the Śuddhāvāsikas, but higher than the Kāmāvacharas, and hence it is quite understandable that the Northern region, which generally enjoys precedence over

¹The snake-hoods are indistinct in the Plate, but Anderson, *Cat.* Vol. I, p. 72, expressly states that the two figures are Nāgas.

²The Nidānakathā, J I, 75, 2 ff. narrates how the hosts of Nāgas, of Suparnas, of Devas and of Brahma(gods) (but not Vidyādharas which Barua, *Barh.* III, p. 2 adds out of his own fancy) celebrate the enlightenment of the Bodhisattva at the Bodhi tree. According to the *Mau.* II, 15, 14 ff. the same beings viz. the Nāgas, Suvarnas, Devas and Brahmakāyikas worship the mother of the Bodhisattva after the conception. It is indeed quite probable that in the relief these four classes of deities are represented.

³Coomaraswamy (*JRAS* 1928, p. 392 f.) and Waldschmidt (*Buddhistische Kunst in Indien* I, p. 70) on the contrary assume some connection between our relief showing the twenty gods with a relief above (see B 23) depicting the building around the Bodhi tree of the holy Śākyamuni. They maintain that the gods represented venerate the Buddha after he reached the enlightenment.

the Southern one, is attributed to them. The distribution of the gods to the regions is accordingly as follows



Now the statements regarding the regions given in our inscriptions can hardly refer to the habitations of the gods in the cosmos. According to the Buddhist view the heavens of the gods lie above and not at the side of each other. The arrangement of the gods can only have been made in respect of the places which they occupy as spectators of the dance of the Apsaras. In the theatre of the classical Sanskrit period also the seats of the spectators are divided according to the different castes and marked by pillars in different colours (*Bharata* 2, 48 ff). An amphitheatre, differing from the later theatre, has to be thought of in our case as the spectators stand in all the four different quarters. Already in *ζDMG*. XCV, p 264 ff, I have shown that this was the oldest form of the auditorium for the spectators to assemble and that it, as long as the representations consisted of mimic dances and not of real dramatic performances, served its purpose completely.

B 27 (743), PLATES XVIII, XXXVII

ON the railing of the lowest relief of the outer face of the same pillar as No A 62, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 29). The inscription is engraved on the fourth and fifth pillars of the railing from the left. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 29, 134, No 32, and Pl XV and LIV; Hoernle, *IA* Vol X (1881), p 257 f, No 14, and Pl I, Hultzsch, *ζDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 66, No 50, and Pl I, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 231, No 50, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 47 ff, No 146, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p. 9 ff, and Vol III (1937), p 1 ff and Pl XXXIX (34), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 57 ff. It is referred to by Lévi, *Théâtre indien* (1890), Appendice, p 47.

TEXT

- 1 sādikasammadam
- 2 turam devānam

TRANSLATION

The music of the gods accompanied by (?) a mimic dance

[B 27-31 refer to one and the same sculpture.]

For the interpretation of the label we must turn to the sculpture¹. On the left side of the panel there is a group of eight female musicians seated under a tree. Two are clapping

¹For Barua's explanation of this and the preceding relief one may refer to his book (*Barh.*, Vol II, p 8 ff, Vol III, p. 1 ff). So much only may be mentioned that in the middle relief (B 26) he at first saw the assembly held by the gods in the Tushita heaven in order to exhort the Bodhisattva to take his rebirth on the earth. The lower relief, representing according to him a 'forecast' of the birth of the Bodhisattva, expresses the great rejoicings of the deities. Later on, when T. N. Ramachandran had told him the right explanation of the figure of Māra he declared that the middle relief was showing the gods having come to congratulate the Buddha on his victory over Māra. Then the lower relief is also brought in connection with the same. According to the *Lalitav* 321, 7 f as well as according to the *Nidānakathā* (7 I, 79, 8 ff) the daughters of Māra in the form of women of different ages try to entice the Buddha. Some approach him as maidens, others as women, who have given birth to children once or twice, others as women even more advanced in age. The female dancers in the relief are said to represent these daughters of Māra in their different stages of age and the dancing boy should perhaps hint at the fact that mothers also are amongst them. A refutation of these views is superfluous.

their hands¹, two are playing on the the seven-stringed *vinā* with a plectrum, two are drummers, one beating a small drum with a stick, while another is beating a larger one with her fingers, and only the instruments played by the two females in the middle of the circle cannot be made out with certainty². The right half of the panel is filled by four female dancers, arranged in two pairs, one before the other. They are called *Apsaras* in separate labels and special names are given to them. Between the two, named *Alambusā* and *Misakesī*, a child is dancing too, and it will be noticed that *Alambusā* is distinguished from the rest of the dancers by wearing a turban which ordinarily appears only as the head-dress of men. This shows that the performance of the *Apsaras* is a mimic dance in which *Alambusā*, evidently the chief actress, plays the part of a man.

As recognised by Hoernle, *turam* is an inaccurate spelling for *tūram*, which according to Hemachandra 2, 63 is the regular Prakrit equivalent of Sk. *tūryam*, and refers to the music of the heavenly orchestra. Hoernle was probably right also in connecting *sāḍikā* with Sk. *saṭṭaka*, the name of one of the *Uparūpakas*. Instead of *saṭṭaka* the commentator of the *Karpūramañjarī* constantly writes *sātaka*³, and as we find *nāṭikā* by the side of *nātaka*, it is quite possible that by the side of *sāṭaka* there existed a feminine form *sātikā*, which in Prakrit became *sāḍikā*. *Sāḍikasammadaṃ* may be inaccurate spelling for *sāḍikāsammadaṃ*, or it may be a compound in which the final vowel of the first member has been shortened as frequently in Prakrit. In the *Sāhityadarpaṇa* (542) it is said that the *sattaka* is similar to the *nāṭikā*, but entirely written in Prakrit and without *praveśakas* and *viṣhkambhakas*. The acts are called *javankā* and the *rasa* prevailing is *adbhuta*. According to another classification of dramatic performances⁴ the *saṭṭaka* belongs to the *deśināṭyās*, because the music and the dances employed in it are not of the higher or *Mārga* class, but local varieties used in different parts of the country. According to the *Nāṭakal.* 2156 f. in *saṭṭaka*, because women are predominant, the king himself talks like a woman: *sattake stripradhānātōḍ rūpakasyānurodhatah | nṛpāh strivat pathet*. The only *saṭṭaka* that has been made known to us is Rājasekhara's *Karpūramañjarī*⁵. Of course, the *sāḍikā* of the relief is not identical with the later *sattaka*, but from what we are told about the language, the music and the dances of the *sattaka* or *sātaka* it becomes very probable that it originally was the name of a mimic dance performed by women, which in later times developed into a real drama. *Sammada* is taken by all translators as an adjective meaning 'gay, gladdening, joyous', although the word occurs elsewhere only as a noun. I cannot offer a better explanation. Perhaps, *sammada*, originally, as indicated by the *saṃ-*, 'gladdening together with something else', was used as a technical term of the *Nāṭyāśāstra* in the sense of 'accompanied by'.

¹The clapping of hands is apparently the *pāntīlāsadda* (to be so read with the comm.) which is mentioned in *D.* II, 147, besides *bhērsadda*, *mutṅgas*, *vinās*, *gītas*, *sammas*. A different expression for the clapping of hands seems to be *pāṃsvāra*, P. *pāṃsvara*, which occurs several times as a musical entertainment (*D.* I, 6, III, 183, *ṣ* 535, 15, 537, 111, *Mvu.* II, 52, 15). The man clapping the hands is *pāṃsvārika* (*Mvu.* III, 113, 3), *pāṃsvara* (*ṣ* 545, 60). Later on, it seems, one did not know of the exact meaning of the word. Buddhaghosa explains *DA* 84, *pāṃsaram* by *kamsatālam pāntīlan* *ti pī vadanti*, *DA* 587 *pāntīlāsaddo* by *pāntīlāchaturassaammanatālasaddo | kutabhērsaddo ti pī vadanti*. The *pāṃsvara* in *ṣ*. 545, 60 is explained in the commentary by *pāṃṣṣahārena gāyante*. The clapping of the hands accordingly seems to have accompanied singing.

²With the one, the instrument is invisible as she turns the back to the spectator. The other is perhaps using cymbals (P. *samma*, Sk. *śamyā*).

³Lévi, *Théâtre indien*, Appendix, p. 30. *Śātaka* is quoted in the *Petersburg Dictionary* with the meaning of *nāṭakabheda* from the *Śabdakalpadruma*, but the passage cannot be verified.

⁴Lévi, *ibid.*, p. 5 f.

⁵Three more *sattakas* have been published in recent years by A. N. Upadhye, cf. his edition of *Viśveśvara's Śingāramañjarī*, Journal of the University of Poona, Humanities Section, No. 13, pp. 33-76 (1960).

I am going to show below in the discussion of No B 39, pp. 113-118 that the three upper reliefs of the Pasenaji-pillar refer to the *bodhi* (cf B 23), the *parinirvāna* and the *dharmachakra-pravartana* (cf B 39) by representing their sites and their worship by gods and men. We should expect to find an allusion also to the fourth incident generally associated with them, the *jāti*. As in the upper row there was no room for a fourth panel, any scene referring to the *jāti* had to be placed beneath one of the other three reliefs. Now the dance of the Apsaras represented below the *bodhi* relief is certainly meant to celebrate some happy event in the life of the Buddha, as among all the gods who watch it Māra alone is filled with grief and sorrow. The dance is a mimical performance in which a child takes part and the chief actress appears in the guise of a man. Taking all things together, there can be little doubt, I think, that the play acted by the heavenly ballet is the nativity of the Bodhisattva, in which Śuddhodana and the infant Bodhisattva himself come on the stage¹. Probably miracle-plays of this sort were customary at Buddhist festivals and therefore ascribed also to the inhabitants of the heavenly worlds. By associating the relief with the festival celebrating the birth of the Bodhisattva, the figure of the mourning Māra mentioned in the remarks on B 26 finds its full explanation. Aśvaghosha also does not forget to mention this fact in his narration of the birth of the Bodhisattva. After having spoken of the music of joy of the gods in the sky, he goes on to say Kāmadeva alone did not feel joy when the highest amongst the liberated of the world was born². So the relief, as it seems to me, fits in very well with the row of pictures on the pillar.

B 28 (744); PLATE XVIII

ON the lowest relief of the outer face of the same pillar as No A 62, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 29). The inscription is engraved on the right-hand pillar forming the border of the relief. Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p. 115, *StBh.* (1879), p. 29, 134, No 33, and Pl XV and LIV, Hoernle, *IA* Vol X (1881), p. 258, No. 15a, and Pl, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p. 66, No 51, and Pl, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p. 231, No 51, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 48 ff, No 148, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p. 9 ff, and Vol III (1937), p. 1 ff and Pl XXXIX (34), Luders, *Bhārhi* (1941), p. 57.

TEXT

Misakosi³ achharā

TRANSLATION

The Apsaras Misakosī (*Misakosē*)

[B 27-31 refer to one and the same sculpture.]

See the remarks on No B 31

B 29 (745), PLATE XVIII

ON the lowest relief of the outer face of the same pillar as No A 62, now in the Indian

¹ This explanation of the relief—ingenious as it is—will possibly not convince the general reader. The heavenly ballet may be only celebrating the attainment of the *bodhi* symbolised by the building round the Bodhi tree which is depicted in the upper relief of the pillar (B 23). That the lower reliefs may have some connection with the upper one is indicated by the fact that the shaft of the pillar standing to the right of the building round the Bodhi tree is prolonged downwards into the middle panel, as mentioned on p. 95. Besides, the memorial of the Buddha's preaching in Śrāvastī (B 39), taken by Luders as referring to the *dharmachakra-pravartana* (see p. 117), is not a memorial of the first preaching of the law, representations of which are generally associated with those of the *bodhi* and the *parinirvāna*. Ed.

² *Buddhacharita*, I 27. See Weller's edition of the Tibetan text.

³ Read *Misakesi*.

Museum, Calcutta (P 29) Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 115, *StBh* (1879), p 29; 134, No 34, and Pl XV and LIV, Hoernle, *IA* Vol X (1881), p 258, No 15 d, Hultsch, *ZDMG*. Vol XL (1886), p 66, No 52, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 231, No 52, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 49 f, No 150, Barua, *Barh*, Vol II (1934), p 9 ff, and Vol. III (1937), p. 1 ff and Pl XXXIX (34), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 57

TEXT

Sabhad[ā]' achharā

TRANSLATION.

The Apsaras Sabhadā (*Sambhadrā*)

[B 27-31 refer to one and the same sculpture]

See the remarks on No B 31

B 30 (746), PLATE XVIII

ON the lowest relief of the outer face of the same pillar as No A 62, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 29) Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 115, *StBh* (1879), p 29; 134, No 35, and Pl XV and LIV, Hoernle, *IA*. Vol. X (1881), p 258, No 15 c, and Pl , Hultsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 66, No. 53, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p. 231, No 53, Barua-Sinha, *BI*. (1926), p 49 f, No 149, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p. 9 ff, and Vol III (1937), p 1 ff and Pl. XXXIX (34), Luders, *Bhārḥ*. (1941), p 57

TEXT:

- 1 Padum[ā]vat[ī]
- 2 achharā

TRANSLATION:

The Apsaras Padumāvati (*Padmāvati*)

[B 27-31 refer to one and the same sculpture]

See the remarks on No B 31

B 31 (747), PLATES XVIII, XXXVII

ON the lowest relief of the outer face of the same pillar as No A 62, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 29) Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 115, *StBh* (1879), p 29, 134, No 36, and Pl XV and LIV, Hoernle, *IA* Vol X (1881), p 258, No 15 b, and Pl , Hultsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p. 66, No 54, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 231, No 54, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 48 ff, No 147; Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 9 ff, and Vol III (1937), p 1 ff and Pl XXXIX (34), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p. 57.

TEXT

- 1 Alam-
- 2 busā achharā

TRANSLATION.

The Apsaras Alambusā (*Alambushā*)

¹The first *akshara* is distinctly *sa*, not *su*, as read by Cunningham, Hoernle and Barua-Sinha.

[B 27-31 refer to one and the same sculpture.]

As rightly pointed out by Barua-Sinha, it is not by mere chance that Alambusā and Missakesi B 28 are placed foremost in the sculpture. They seem to have enjoyed greater esteem with the Buddhists than the rest of the heavenly nymphs. Their names are coupled in a list of Apsaras occurring in *Vv* 2, 1, 10 f; 4, 12, 26, and they are heading the list of the eight Apsaras residing in the Western quarter in *Mvu* III, 308, 8, *Lalitav* 390, 5. Alambusā has gained special renown by the seduction of the great ascetic Issinga, for which, according to the Alambusajātaka (523), she was selected by Sakka from amongst her numerous companions. Alambushā and Mīsrakeśī are frequently mentioned also in the Epics and the Purānas.

Padmāvati occurs as the name of one of the eight Apsaras assigned to the Northern quarter in *Mvu* III, 309, 8 and *Lalitav* 391, 3. The name is not found in Pāli texts nor is an Apsaras of that name known in the Brahmanical literature. Barua-Sinha are inclined to identify her with Pundarikā who appears in the Epics and the Purānas and is mentioned also in the list of the *Vv*, but the *Lalitav* clearly differentiates the two, naming Pundarikā among the Apsaras of the Western quarter.

The name of the fourth Apsaras which clearly is *Sabhadā* in the label, has hitherto been read or corrected to *Subhadā*. Barua-Sinha have identified the name with *Subhaddā*, which occurs as the name of an Apsaras in the passage of the *Vv* quoted above. The printed text, it is true, has *Subhaddā*, but all manuscripts, both Sinhalese and Burmese, read *Sambhaddā* or *Sambhaddā* (S^a once *Samsaddā*), which exactly agrees with the form of the name in the label, the *anusvāra* being frequently omitted in the inscriptions of this time. An Apsaras of the name of *Subhadrā* has never existed.

B 31a, PLATE XXXIX

ON a pillar, now in the Allahabad Municipal Museum (Ac/2914), inscribed above the inscription No B 49a. Edited by Kala, *BhV* (1951), pp. 31 f, Pl. 26, Sircar, *EL*, Vol. XXXIII (1959/60), p. 59.

TEXT

Muchilido nāgarāja

TRANSLATION

Muchilida (*Muchulinda*¹), the king of the Nāgas

The wording of the label is similar to the text of the inscriptions No B 6 (*Chakavāko nāgarājā*) and No. B 36 (*Erapato nāgarajā*). It refers to the picture of a five-headed snake surrounding and sheltering a stone-seat standing underneath a tree. The Buddha is symbolized as sitting upon the seat by two footprints cut into the footstool, each of them ornamented by a wheel. The sculpture depicts a well-known event taking place in Urubilvā (Pāli Uruvelā) under the Bodhi-tree, in one of the first weeks after the Enlightenment of the Buddha². When there was a great storm and shower of rain, the king of the Nāgas protected the Buddha by winding his coils seven times round the Buddha's body and spreading his hooded canopy over the Buddha's head. The episode is very often represented in Buddhist sculpture, from Bhārhut, Sāñchī, Amarāvati etc onwards up to modern times.

¹ Pāli *Muchalinda* (Malalasekera, *Dictionary of Pāli-Proper Names*, Vol II, pp. 638 f), *Muchulinda* is common in Buddhist Sanskrit texts, see Edgerton, *Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit Dictionary* s v

² A comparative edition of the Sanskrit text is to be found in E. Waldschmidt, *Das Catusparisat-sūtra*, Teil II, Berlin 1957, pp. 96-101.

B 32 (731), PLATES XIX, XXXVIII

ON a pillar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 14) Edited by Cunningham, *PASB.* 1874, p 115 f, Childers, *Academy* Vol VI (1874), p 586, 612, with a further note by Childers-de Zoysa, *Academy* Vol VII (1875), p 454 f, Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 84; 133, No 20, and Pl XXVIII, LIII and LVII, Hultzsck, *ZDMG*, Vol XL (1886), p 64, No 38, and Pl ; *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 230, No 38 A correction was made by Bloch, *JBAS* Vol LXVII, Part I (1898), p. 285, and the inscription was edited again by Ramaprasad Chanda, *MASI*, No I (1919), p 20, No 16, and Pl. V; and by Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 59 ff, No 161, Barua, *Barh.* Vol. II (1934), p 27 ff, and Vol III (1937), Pl XLV (45), Luders, *Bhārh* (1941), p 168 ff

TEXT

Jetavana Anādhapediko detu kotisamthatena ketā¹

TRANSLATION

Anādhapedika (*Anāthapīṇḍika*) presents the Jetavana, having bought it for a layer of crores

[B 32-34 refer to one and the same sculpture]

The story of Anāthapīṇḍika's presentation of the Jetavana to the Saṃgha occurs in the *Chullav.* 6, 4, 9 ff, 6, 9, 1 f, and in the Nidānakathā of the *J* Vol I, p 92 f.

In the Chullavagga we are told that prince Jeta reluctantly sold his park to Anāthapīṇḍika for a layer of crores Anāthapīṇḍika had the money brought out in carts and ordered the ground to be covered with pieces laid side by side Only a small spot close by the gateway remained uncovered, and here Jeta himself erected a *kotṭhaka*, while Anāthapīṇḍika built *vihāras* and all sorts of buildings required for the residence of the monks Later on, when he had entertained the Buddha and his retinue at his own house, he asked the Buddha what he should do with regard to the Jetavana, and was advised by the Buddha to dedicate it ' to the Saṃgha of the four quarters, whether now present or hereafter to arrive ' Anāthapīṇḍika did so, and the Buddha praised the gift of *vihāras* in some Gāthās

The account in the Nidānakathā is more explicit, although prince Jeta is here ignored altogether Anāthapīṇḍika is simply said to have purchased the Jetavana for a layer of eighteen crores and to have erected a large number of buildings, among which the Gandhakūṭṭi for the Dasabala is expressly mentioned. After the completion of the buildings Anāthapīṇḍika arranges a sumptuous inaugural ceremony Together with 500 *setṭhas* and accompanied by his son, his two daughters and his wife, each followed by a retinue of 500 persons, he receives the Buddha who has come for that purpose from Rājagaha The account of the conversation between Anāthapīṇḍika and the Buddha, the transfer of the *ārāma* to the Saṃgha and the praise of the Buddha is almost literally the same as in the Chullavagga, but it is added that the merchant poured water from a golden *bhūmkāra* on the hand of the Buddha

The representation of the sculpture is more in keeping with the later version In the right half of the medallion Anāthapīṇḍika is standing by the side of a bullock cart with the yoke tilted up in the air and two bullocks unyoked lying beside it A labourer is engaged in unloading coins from the cart, while another is carrying a load of coins on his back to the spot where they are to be spread Two other seated labourers are covering the ground

¹ The reading is distinctly *ketā*, not *keto* as assumed by Barua-Sinha.

with the coins which by their square form and the symbols they bear are shown to be punch-marked *kahāpanas*. In the centre Anāthapīṇḍika is seen again, pouring out the water of donation from a *bhūmkāra* on the hand of the unseen Buddha. On the opposite side six well-dressed male persons stand, the foremost among them with his hands reverentially joined, while another is waving his garment and a third one expresses his approval in the typical fashion by whistling. They are probably the *seṭṭhis* whom Anāthapīṇḍika has invited to take part in the inauguration festival. The most conspicuous person may be prince Jeta, although he is not mentioned in the Nidānakathā, but it is not quite impossible that he is meant again for Anāthapīṇḍika and that the scene represents the reception of the Buddha by the merchant at the head of his followers.

Besides, the medallion shows two buildings on the left side, which according to separate labels (B 33, B 34) are the Kosambakutī and the Gandhakutī. In the left lower part at the side of the Kosambakutī a mango tree loaded with fruit is to be seen. The block at the foot of the tree can scarcely represent anything but a stone seat, and the railing depicted in front of it is certainly meant as a fence for the tree¹. It seems to me scarcely probable that this mango tree which has got such a prominent place in the sculpture is only representing the mango trees which were spared when, according to a modern version of the legend, the trees in the park were cut down². I should rather believe that Cunningham³ was right when he identified it with the Gandamba tree in the legend of the great miracle of Śrāvastī, which the Buddha by his supernatural power made grow up from the kernel of a mango fruit before the eyes of a large crowd at Śrāvastī. This indeed does not exactly agree with the statement of the text according to which the miracle took place in 'front of the gate of Śrāvastī'⁴ or 'between the Jetavana and Śrāvastī'⁵. Now we are told by Huan-tsang that 60 or 70 feet to the east of the Sanghārāma founded at the site of the old Jetavana there was a Vihāra nearly 60 feet high containing a seated Buddha Statue. Here the Tathāgata once had a discussion with the Tīrthikas⁶. This Vihāra, built at the place of the discussion, is already mentioned by Fa-hien. Giving particulars, he says that it lay outside the Eastern gate of the Jetavana, at a distance of 70 feet in the Northern direction and to the Western side of the street⁷. I fully agree with the opinion of Foucher⁸ that the Vihāra marked the place of the victory of the Buddha over the Tīrthikas on the occasion of the great miracle. Accordingly at least in the 4th century the miracle was already localized in the immediate vicinity of the Jetavana. A stotra on the eight great chaityas, translated by Fa-t'ien in about 1000 A. D., expressly called the Jetavana the locality of the Mahāprāthihārya⁹. All this makes it, I think, very probable that the artist added the mango tree when representing the Jetavana. The anachronism of which he made himself guilty while doing so may have scarcely disturbed him. The wish to show the famous tree in his picture must have overcome the possible scruples regarding the historical truth. Below, in the treatment of the inscription B 39, I am going to explain that in the rest the Bhārhut relief, when depicting the miracle of

¹ I cannot understand how Barua, *Barh*, II, p 30, is able to explain it as a basement of a new edifice.

² Spence Hardy, *Manual of Buddhism*, p 218, states that the trees in the park, with the exception of the sandal and the mango trees, were cut down. In the older texts nothing is said of it. In the Jetavana relief on the railing of Buddha-Gayā four different trees are depicted in order to hint at the garden, but in any case no mango tree is to be seen. See Bachhofer, *Fruhundsche Plastik*, Pl 42.

³ *StBh* p 87.

⁴ cf Sarabhamga-jātaka (No 483), J IV, 264

⁵ *Dvy*, p 155.

⁶ Beal, II, p. 10.

⁷ Legge, p 59 f

⁸ *Beginnings of Buddhist Art*, p 183 f

⁹ S Lévi, *Actes du dixième Congrès international des orientalistes*, P II, p 190

Śrāvastī, represents an older version of the legend than the one found in the Pāli commentaries. On the other hand exactly here the close connection with the tradition of the Theras is evident if the version in the text of the Mūlasarvāstivādins is held against it.

The wording of the label closely agrees with the text of the Pāli scriptures *atha kho Anādhapendiko gahapati sakatehi hiraññam rubbāhāpetvā Jetavanam kotisantharam santharāpesi* (Chullav), *Jetavanam kotisanthārena atthārasahiraññakoṭiṇu kumtvā navakammam patthāpesi; imam Jetavanavihāram āgatānāgatassa chātuddisassa Buddhapamukhassa samghassa dammū adāsī* (Nidānak) Anādhapediko, which is defective writing for Anādhapendiko, is the form of the name in the eastern language of the Canon. The form *ketā* was correctly explained by Bloch as gerund going back to **kraytvā*=Sk *krīvā*, P *kumtvā*

B 33 (732), PLATES XIX, XXXVIII

ON the rim of the medallion on the same pillar as No B 32, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 14) Edited by Cunningham, *PASB*. 1874, p 116, *StBh.* (1879), p. 85, 133, No 21, and Pl XXVIII, LIII, and LVII, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p. 65, No 39, and Pl ; *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 230, No 39 Hultzsch's translation was corrected by Bloch, *JBAS* Vol LXVII, Part I (1898), p 286, and the inscription was edited again by Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 59 f., No 163, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 27 ff, and Vol. III (1937), Pl. XLV (45)

TEXT

Kosabak[u]ti¹

TRANSLATION:

The cottage of the Kosabas (*Kausāmbas*)

[B 32-34 refer to one and the same sculpture]

As to the meaning of the term see the remarks on No B 34

B 34 (733); PLATES XIX, XXXVIII

ON the rim of the medallion on the same pillar as No B 32, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 14) Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 116, *StBh.* (1879), p 85, 133, No. 22, and Pl XXVIII, LIII, and LVII; Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 65, No 40, and Pl , *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 230, No 40, Barua-Sinha, *BI.* (1926), p. 59, No 162; Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 27 ff, and Vol III (1937), Pl XLV (45)

TEXT:

gadhakuti²

TRANSLATION:

The perfume cottage

[B 32-34 refer to one and the same sculpture]

¹Hultzsch and Barua-Sinha read *Kosa[m]ba-*, but there is no *anusvāra*. Cunningham's eye-copy also shows no *anusvāra*.

²Hultzsch and Barua-Sinha read *ga[m]dha-*, but there is no *anusvāra*. In Cunningham's eye-copy no *anusvāra* is visible either

The sculpture definitely proves that *gandhakuti* and *Kosambakuti* were not rooms or apartments, but one-storied buildings of moderate size. The *gandhakuti* seems to have been the larger structure. It has an oblong roof with two pinnacles, while the roof of the *Kosambakuti* is round and bears but one pinnacle. In all other respects the two buildings are much alike. The open arched gate affords the view of a seat decorated with floral designs.

Neither of the *kuts* seems to be mentioned in the earlier Buddhist literature. It is only in the later texts that the terms turn up. In the *Nidānakathā* it is said that Anāthapindika had it erected in the midst of the Jetavana. In the commentary on *Sn* 456 *agho* applied to the Buddha is explained as meaning 'without longing' (*ageho*), since 'houseless' would not suit, the Buddha having various dwelling-houses in the Jetavana such as the *Mahā-gandhakuti*, the *Karerimāṇḍalamāla*, the *Kosambakuti*, the *Chandanamāla* etc. The *gandhakuti* at the Jetavana is mentioned also in *J* II, 416 in the story of the wicked *ṭṭhāyikā Sundarī* who tells the people that she goes to the Buddha: *ahaṃ hi tena ekagandhakūṭṭyam vasāmi*, 'for I live with him in the same *gandhakuti*'. In *Dvy* 46, 5 ff it is stated that the earth quaked when the Buddha entered the *gandhakuti* at the Jetavana. *Gandhakuti*, however, is not the special name of the building at the Jetavana, but a generic term for the private residence of a Buddha in a *whāra*. The *gandhakuti* in the *Jivikambavana* at *Rājagaha* is mentioned in *J* I, 117, 14, 119, 8 10 22. The Buddhas of the past ages had their *gandhakūṭṭ* just as Śākyamuni. In the *Dh A* IV, 203 ff there is a story of a householder building a magnificent *gandhakūṭṭ* for the Buddha *Vipassī*. The *gandhakuti* of the Buddha *Kāśyapa* in the *Rishipatana* at *Benares* is mentioned in *Avs* II, 40. In *Dvy* 333, 4 f a *gandhakuti* is assigned to each of the last seven Buddhas. In the *Mop* 279,1 *gandhakūṭṭ* is the first in a list of monastic buildings. From such terms as *surabhogandhavāsītam gandhakūṭṭm* (*J* I, 119, 10), *surabhogandhakūṭṭ* (*J* I, 119, 22, 330, 27) it appears that it owed its name to the scent of perfumes which filled it¹.

Kosambakūṭṭ, on the other hand, seems to be a proper name. Barua-Sinha's derivation of *Kosamba* from *Kausumbha* is linguistically impossible and unsuited as to meaning, *kusumbha*, safflower, as far as I know, having never been used as a perfume. *Kosambakūṭṭ* can represent only *Sk Kausāmbakūṭṭ*, and the cottage probably owed its name to the fact that it was built by some natives from *Kausāmbī*. In two *Mathurā* inscriptions (*Museum* Nos 121 and 2740) it is stated that some persons set up a *Bodhisattva* image in their own *chaityākūṭṭ*. Similarly the *Kosambakūṭṭ* would seem to be the *kūṭṭ* of the *Kosambas*. As pointed out by Barua-Sinha, *Buddhaghosa* says *SA* (Vol I, p 308) that the *Kosambakūṭṭkā* was on the border of the *Jetavana* (*Jetavanassa pachchante*). This statement is in conflict with the passage quoted above from the commentary of the *Sn*, and seems to be contradicted also by epigraphical evidence. The inscription No 918 in my *List*, dated in the reign of *Kanishka*, records that the monk *Bala* set up a *Bodhisattva*, an umbrella and a post at *Śrāvastī* on the walk of the Holy one at the *Kosambakūṭṭ* (*Śrāvastīye bhagavato chamkame Kosambakūṭṭe*). It is true, the *Jetavana* is not mentioned in the inscription, but as the *chamkama* of the Buddha may reasonably be assumed to have been within its confines², the same site may be inferred for

¹ The term seems to have the meaning 'sanctuary' in some inscriptions, e.g. in the *Kanhen* Buddhist cave inscription No 6 (*List* No 989), *Buhler* (*ASWI*, V, p 77) states that by the term *mahāgandhakūṭṭ*, to be found in the text, "as the position of the inscription shows, the great *Chaitya* is meant". Similarly the expression *salagandhakūṭṭ* for a sanctuary is used in the *Sārṇāth* inscription of *Mahipāla*, samvat 1083, *IA* Vol XIV (1885), p 140.

² In the *Chullav* and in the *Nidānakathā* *chamkamas* or *chamkamanas* are mentioned among the structures erected by *Anāthapindika* in the *Jetavana*.

the Kosambakuti Unfortunately the sculpture does not settle the question As shown in the treatment of B 33 the Gandamba tree is also represented, though it was not in the Jetavana but only in its vicinity At any rate the *Kosambakuti* appears to have been in existence from the middle of the first century B C to the middle of the first century A D

B 35 (805), PLATES XIX, XL

ON a pillar, formerly at Batanmāra, 'now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 88, 138, No 92, and Pl XXVIII and LV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 71, No 99, and Pl , *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 235, No 99; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 61, No 164, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 55 f, and Vol III (1937), Pl LIV (56), Luders, *Bhārh* (1941), p 164

TEXT.

Idasālaguha

TRANSLATION.

The Idasāla (*Indrasāla*) cave

The story to which the sculpture refers is the Sakkapañhasuttanta, No 21 of the *D.* (II, 263 ff)¹. When the Buddha has retired for meditation to the Indasāla cave on Mount Vēdiyaka in the vicinity of Rājagaha², Sakka feels a desire to pay him a visit together with the Tāvātumsa gods, but fearing that he might not meet with a good reception, he sends the Gandharva Pañchasikha in advance to put the Buddha in a favourable mood Pañchasikha takes his *vinā* and sings before the Buddha a love-song embellished with complimentary allusions to the Buddha When Sakka sees that the Buddha is pleased with the song, he asks Pañchasikha to announce his arrival to the Buddha With the permission of the Buddha, Sakka and the other gods enter the cave, and in the ensuing conversation between the Buddha and Sakka the Buddha answers several questions addressed to him by the god

The medallion has been injured by cutting away both sides when the pillar was set up as an architrave in one of the cenotaphs at Batanmāra, but the middle portion and the inscription are in a good state of preservation The sculpture represents the cave, in the centre of which a seat decorated with floral designs and surmounted by an umbrella indicates the presence of the Buddha Nine gods are seated cross-legged around it, the one facing the seat being probably meant to be Sakka On the left, outside the cave, Pañchasikha stands playing the *vinā*, unfortunately the right half of the figure has been cut off. Above the cave, rocks on which two monkeys are seated, a tree, and holes from which the heads of some animals are coming out represent the mountain on which the Indasālaguhā was situated

The name of the cave is the same as in the Pāli texts and Indasālaguhā was also the form of the name in the Dīrghāgama of the Dharmaguptas, while in the texts of the other schools Indrasālaguhā is the current form³ As remarked by Barua-Sinha (p 125), Indasālaguhā is an *upamdhāpaññatti*, 'a name derived from an object standing at close proximity', because

¹ Cf E Waldschmidt, *Bruchstücke buddhistischer Sūtras aus dem zentralasiatischen Sanskritkanon*, Leipzig, 1932, S 58-113 (Das Śakrapraśna-sūtra)

² On the localisation of the cave according to Buddhaghosa and in respect to the description of the Chinese pilgrims see Barua-Sinha pp 125-127, Nundo Lal Dey, *The Geographical Dictionary of Ancient and Mediaeval India*, 2nd ed London 1927, p 79, Bimala Churn Law, *Geography of Early Buddhism*, London, 1932, p 42; Malalasekera, *Dictionary of Pāli Proper Names*, Vol I, p 313 (further references).

³ Waldschmidt l c, p 61, note

the Indasāla tree, as mentioned by Buddhaghosa (*DA* Vol III, p 697), marked the entrance of the cave. In the commentary on *J* 455, 1 *sallakī*, the incense-tree (*Boswellia thurifera*), is explained by *indasālarukkha*, and it is not impossible that the tree represented above the cave in the medallion is meant to be an incense-tree

B 36 (752), PLATES XIX, XXXIX

ON the railing below the middle panel of the inner face of the same pillar as No A 62, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 29). The inscription is engraved on the fourth post from the right. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 134, No 41, and Pl. XIV, XV, and LIV, Hoernle, *IA* Vol X (1881), p 258 f, No 16b, and Pl, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 67, No 59, and Pl, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 232, No. 59, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 71 f, No 179, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p. 64 ff, and Vol III (1937), Pl LXI (69), Lüders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 165 ff

TEXT:

Erapato [nā]garajā

TRANSLATION:

The Nāga king Erapata (*Erapattra*)

[B 36 and 37 refer to one and the same sculpture.]

See the remarks on No. B 37

B 37 (753), PLATES XIX, XXXIX

ON the middle relief of the inner face of the same pillar as No A 62, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 29). Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 115, with notes by Childers, *Academy*, Vol VI (1874), p 586, Beal, *ibid* p 612, Fergusson, *ibid* p. 637, Childers-de Zoysa, *ibid*. Vol VII (1875), p 351. Edited again by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 11, 27, 135, No 42, and Pl XIV and LIV, Hoernle, *IA* Vol X (1881), p 258, No 16a, and Pl, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 67, No 60 and Pl; *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 232, No 60, Ramaprasad Chanda, *MASI* No I (1919), p 20, and Pl V, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 71 f, No 180, Barua, *Barh*, Vol II (1934), p 64 ff, and Vol. III (1937), Pl LXI (69), Lüders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 165 ff

TEXT

- 1 Erapato nāgarājā
- 2 bhagavato vadate

TRANSLATION ·

The Nāga king Erapata (*Erapattra*) worships the Holy One

[B 36 and 37 refer to one and the same sculpture.]

After comparing the different versions of the legend of the Nāga king as found in the *DhA* (III, 230 ff), in the *Mvu* (III, 384, 1 ff), in the *Dulva*¹, in the *Fo-pên-hing-tsi-king*² and in other Chinese sources³, one has to concur with Waldschmidt⁴ that the *Bhārḥut* relief

¹ Rockhill, *Life of the Buddha*, p 46 f

² Beal, *Rom. Leg.*, p. 276 ff

³ Watters, *On Yuan Chwang's Travels*, I, p 242 f

⁴ *Buddh Kunst in Indien*, I, p 76

agrees best with the Pāli version. According to it the Nāga has met with his existence by his bad conduct in a previous birth. At the time of the Buddha Kassapa, when he was a young monk, he broke a leaf of an *eraka* tree by inadvertence, and failing to confess his offence, he has been reborn in the Gangā as a huge serpent king called Erakapatta. He is anxiously awaiting the appearance of the next Buddha, and to ascertain when this happy event will take place, he teaches his daughter a Gāthā containing questions which nobody but a Buddha can answer. Every fortnight he makes her dance on his hood and sing that Gāthā, and as he has promised both his daughter and his wealth to the man who will be able to answer the questions, many men try to win the maiden during the long interval between the two Buddhas, but in vain. When the Buddha, sitting under one of seven Śīrisha trees not far from Benares, beholds the young Brahmin Uttara, who has made up his mind to compete for the prize, he teaches him the right answers. The Nāga king realizes that a new Buddha has arisen in the world. Filled with joy, he lashes the waters with his tail so that the banks of the river are washed away. He is then conducted by Uttara to the Buddha who comforts him by a sermon.

The relief shows three different stages of the story. In the upper part Erapatta emerges from the Gangā as a five-headed snake. His daughter stands on his hood, and on her left side the young Brahmin Uttara rises from the water. Her gesture indicates that she is talking to him, and he is offering her a lotus-flower. In the right corner below, separated from the river by a strip of land, there is another sheet of water which is probably meant to represent the inundation caused by the Nāga. Here Erapatta is seen on his way to the Buddha. This time he is in human form, but carrying a five-headed snake over his head-dress. He is followed by two females who are characterized as Nāga girls by a single headed snake on their heads. The left side of the relief is filled by the last scene where Erapatta, again in human form, is kneeling before the invisible Buddha sitting on a stone seat beneath a tree which may be a Śīrisha tree¹. Five more trees are figured on the banks of the Gangā and the water-sheet. They probably represent the rest of the trees mentioned in the text, although their numbers do not exactly agree.

All persons and events mentioned in the Pāli text, which in the other versions partly do not occur at all, are represented in the relief, for instance, the young Brahmin Uttara, the daughter standing on the head of the Nāga, the Śīrisha trees and probably even the inundation caused by the Nāga. The material deviations are very small. Instead of the seven Śīrisha trees only six are depicted and nothing is said in the Pāli texts² of the two Nāga girls accompanying the Nāga king on his way to the Buddha. The only real difference lies in the name of the Nāga, *Erapatta* in the label of the relief, *Erakapatta* in the commentary. But this too is of no importance. I fully agree with Vogel, *Indian Serpent Lore*, p. 207 ff, when he explains the different forms of the name of the Nāga king as resulting from the sense-suggesting distortions of *Airāvata*. *Airāvata* occurs as an epithet of the Sarpa Dhritarāshtra already in the *AV* 8, 10, 29 and in the *Pañchavimsābrāhmaṇa* 25, 15, 3. The Nāga *Airāvata* is also often mentioned in the epic³. An old secondary form of the name is *Airāvāna* which appears in Pāli as *Erāvāna* or *Erāvāṇa*. In the *Mahāsamayāsutta* (*D* II, 258) the *Mahanāga Erāvāna*⁴ is mentioned in the list of Nāgas. In the *Dhammikāsutta* of the *Su* the upāsaka

¹ The characteristic features of the Śīrisha tree are better brought out in the medallion described under No. B 15.

² I cannot understand how Barua, *Bah* II, p. 68, is able to assert that the representation agrees in the latter point with the narration of the *Mvu*. There (384, 1 f.) it is only said, exactly as in the *DhA*, that Elapatra offers his daughter and a rich treasure as reward for the solution of the question.

³ *Mbh* 1, 3, 139 ff., 174, 31, 5, 14, 58, 25, 43. *Harv* 1, 3, 112, 6, 27.

⁴ Text *Erāvāno*, but *DA* 688 *Erāvāno*.

Dhammika praises the Buddha on account of his wisdom which has been acknowledged also by the demi-gods and such divine beings as Erāvana and Kuvera (V. 379).

āgachchhū te santike nāgarājā
*Erāvano nāma jīno ti sutvā*¹
so pi tayā mantayitvājjhagamā
sādhū ti sutvāna paṭitarūpo ||

The author of the *SnA* totally misunderstood the stanza. He takes the *nāgarāja* Erāvana as Indra's elephant of which he gives a fanciful description. The reading of the stanza leaves no doubt that the Nāga king of the legend is meant by Erāvana: "The Nāga king Erāvana came to thee when he heard that a Jīna has come into existence". He also came in order to have consultation² with thee and when he had heard (thee) he was pleased, (saying) 'well'." *Avāvana* occurs somewhat often in Buddhist Sanskrit texts *Mvp* 168, 45, *Mahām* p 247, in the serpent charm (*Bower MS* p 224; *Mahām*. p. 221):

*matrī me Dhṛtarāshtrēshu matrī Arāvānēshu*³ *cha* |
Vrūpākshēshu me matrī Kṛshṇa-Gautamakeshu cha ||

In Pāli the stanza runs (*A* II, 72, *Chullav* 5, 6, *J* 203, 1).

Virūpakkhehu me mettā mettā Erūpathēhu me |
*Chhabyāpūttehu me mettā*⁴ *kanhā-Gotamakehu cha* ||

It is scarcely to be doubted that *Erāpātha* here is only the corresponding form of *Elāvata* or perhaps *Elāvana* of the eastern language.

But the matter does not rest only with this transformation of *Elāvata*. Later, the unintelligible name, was changed into **Elāpatta* 'leaf of cardamom', and **Elapatta* with the shortening of the final syllable of the first member of the compound. Both the forms have then been sanskritized the name reads *Elāpatra* in the Brahmanical⁵, *Elapatra* in the Buddhist Sanskrit texts⁶. To explain the name, a story has then been invented by the Buddhists. The Nāga is said to have been a monk in the former birth who committed the sin of plucking away leaves from cardamom plants (*elā*) standing in his way⁷. **Elapatta* has then been taken over into the western language as *Erāpatta* with change of *l* to *r*. *Erāpatta* has probably to be read in the label of the relief where *Erāpato* is written. If the *DhA* writes *Erakapatta* instead of it, this is simply an attempt to elucidate the name. As the word *erā* does not exist, so *eraka* was substituted in its place, which designates a form of reed, in any case a plant growing near water. (When the *Vrishnyandhakas* in *Prabhāsa* on the seashore get into a quarrel they strike each other with *erakās*, changed into clubs; *Mbh.* 16, 3, 36 ff). Accordingly the name is thus interpreted in a new story. The Nāga in a former birth, as a young monk sailing on a boat on the *Gangā*, grasped a bush of *Erakās* growing on the bank and did not let it loose even when the boat went on, so that a leaf was plucked (*daharabikkhū hūtvā gangāya nāvam abhruyha gachchhanto ekasmiṃ erakagumbe erakapattam*⁸

¹ or '(that thou art) the Jīna'

² The meaning is 'in order to take advice from you'. *Mantayitvājjhagamā* is either text-corruption for *mantayitvājjhagamā* or a mistake of the Pāli-translator who took the *mantayitvā* of the original in the eastern language as a gerund.

³ In the *Bower MS* *navāvanēshu* which is a simple mistake of the writer, cf. Hoernle, *ibid.*, p. 231 f.

⁴ *Chullav* and *J* insert here one more *mettā*.

⁵ *Mbh* 1, 31 6, *Harv* 1, 3, 113, 3, 46, 39. Vogel has shown that in later times one was not conscious of the identity of *Elāpatra* and *Airāvata* and that they were taken as two different Nāgas.

⁶ *Mvp* 167, 44, *Dvvy* 61 4 (so in the manuscripts, in the text we find *Elāpatra*), *Mvu.* III, 383, 19, 384, 1 ff, *Mahām* p 222, 247.

⁷ *Si-yu-ki* (Beal) I, p 137, Watters, *On Yuan Chwang's Travels* I, 242.

⁸ *Erakagumba* and *erakapatta* show the normal shortening of the final syllable of the first member in a compound.

gahetvā nāvāya vegasā gachchhamānāya pi na muñchi erakapattam chhytvā gatam) As he did not confess his crime he is reborn as a Nāga king Erakapatta. It is therefore evident that even in the name of the Nāga there exists no difference between the label and the Pāli text. *Erakapatta* is nothing else but the younger form coming out of *Erapatta*.

B 38 (750), PLATES XIX, XXXIX

ON the uppermost relief of the inner face of the same pillar as No. A 62, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 29). The inscription is engraved on the roof of a building. Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p. 115, *StBh.* (1879), p. 11, 90, 110, 134, No. 39, and Pl. XIII and LIV, Hoernle, *IA* Vol. X (1881), p. 255, No. 10a, and Pl., Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol. XL (1886), p. 66, No. 57, and Pl., *IA* Vol. XXI (1892), p. 232, No. 57; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 57 f, No. 159, p. 64, No. 169.

TEXT

bhagavato dhamachakam

TRANSLATION

The Wheel of the Doctrine of the Holy One

[B 38 and 39 refer to one and the same sculpture.]

See the remarks on No. B 39.

B 39 (751), PLATES XIX, XXXIX

ON the uppermost relief of the inner face of the same pillar as No. A 62, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 29). Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p. 115, *StBh.* (1879), p. 90, 111, 134, No. 40, and Pl. XIII and LIV, Hoernle, *IA* Vol. X (1881), p. 255, No. 10b, and Pl., Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol. XL (1886), p. 66, No. 58, and Pl.; *IA* Vol. XXI (1892), p. 232, No. 58, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 64, No. 168, Barua, *Barh* Vol. II (1934), p. 46 ff, and Vol. III (1937), Pl. L (52), Luders, *Bhārh* (1941), p. 62 ff.

TEXT

1 rājā Pasenajī

2 Kosalo

TRANSLATION

King Pasenajī (*Prasenajit*), the Kosala (*Kauśala*)

[B 38 and 39 refer to one and the same sculpture.]

The relief bearing this and the preceding inscription shows a two-storeyed edifice resembling the building round the Bodhi tree described above No. B 23. In the centre of the lower storey there is a large wheel with a parasol over it and a garland hanging over its nave. It is flanked on each side by a well-dressed man in devotional attitude. Below, at the right-hand corner, there emerges from the gateway of a palace a chariot of which only the heads of the two horses and of the driver are visible. On the left appears a chariot drawn by four richly caparisoned horses. A king has taken his place in it together with his charioteer, who is holding the reins, and two attendants, one carrying a parasol and the other waving a *chauri*. In front of the chariot two men, apparently running, and before them two horsemen

are seen from behind. The sculptor evidently wanted to represent the *pradakṣhṇā* of the edifice, and he has therefore continued the royal procession on the right, where two men mounted on elephants are moving in the opposite direction.

As the royal personage in the procession is called King Prasenajit of Kosala in the label, Foucher¹ was of the opinion that the sculpture refers to the great miracle of Śrāvastī. But his view can hardly be upheld. As shown below in detail, the typical representation of the miracle is quite different in the Buddhist art of Bhārhut and Sāñchī. Moreover, there is nothing in the sculpture to indicate that subject.

The legend of the great miracle of Śrāvastī is narrated in the Pachchuppannavaiṭṭhu of the Sarabhamigajātika (483; IV, 263, 7 ff), in the *DhA* (III, 199 ff), in the Prātihāryasūtra of the *Divy* (p 143 ff), and in Āsvaghosha's *Buddhach* (20, 54 f)². Foucher followed the history of the representation in art in an instructive treatment³ which needs some additions only as far as the sculptures of Bhārhut and Sāñchī are concerned.

In the Pāli literature, the miracle, as Foucher remarks, is often called the double miracle under the Gandamba tree⁴. So the miraculous creation of the mango tree forms here an introduction to the narration of the *yamakapāṭṭhārya*. In the Jātaka the Buddha has the announcement made, that after seven days he would perform a miracle which would destroy the Tīrthikas under the Gandamba tree before the gate of Sāvattī. The Tīrthikas and the vast crowd of men come to Sāvattī to be witnesses of the miracle. King Pasenadi offers to erect a pavilion (*maṇḍapa*) for the great spectacle but the Buddha refuses, adding that god Sakka will construct a pavilion of jewels twelve yojanas long for the purpose. To prove the Buddha a liar, the Tīrthikas cause all the mango trees in the vicinity of Sāvattī to be cut down. In the morning of the great day, Gaṇḍa, the gardener of the king, gives a mango fruit of unusually big size to the Buddha. The master eats it and orders the gardener to plant the kernel into the earth. Instantly a vast mango tree beset with flowers and ripe fruit shoots up. In the evening Sakka makes Vissakamma build a pavilion of jewels. The gods from their ten thousand chakkavālas come together. Then suddenly it is said in a very short manner *sattā itihyamaddanam asādhāraṇaṃ sāvakehi yamakapāṭṭhāryam katvā bahuno janassa pasannabhāvam ṇatvā oruyha Buddhāseṇaṃ nūnno dhammam desesū | vīsatiṭṭhānakotiyo amatapānam pūvmsu*, "When the master had made the *yamakapāṭṭhārya*, which destroys the Tīrthikas and which cannot be carried out by pupils, and when he knew that many people were disposed to believe in him, he descended, sat down on the seat of the Buddha and preached the Dharma. Two hundred millions of beings drank the drink of immortality." At the first sight it might appear that the author could have understood the miraculous creation of the mango tree and the erection of the pavilion out of jewels as the 'double miracle'. The remark, however, that the Buddha "descended" after having performed the miracle shows that the Buddha did the *yamakapāṭṭhārya*, when standing in the air, and the same is clearly seen from the *DhA* where the narration is much more extensive and contains many details which can be omitted here. The basic elements of the story are the same as in the Jātaka. Regarding the locality in Sāvattī, where the miracle takes

¹ *Beginnings of Buddhist Art*, p. 178 ff.

² *AO* XV, p. 98.

³ *J A* S. X, T XIII, p. 43 ff, *Beginnings of Buddhist Art*, p. 147 ff.

⁴ *J I*, 77, 24, 88, 20, *Mhv* 17, 44, 31, 99, 30, 82 (*ambamūle pāṭṭhāram*), *Samantapāsādikā* I, p. 88 f. *Gandamba* has later on been understood as the mango tree of the gardener Gaṇḍa, originally, however, also a *gandatinduka*-tree is mentioned. A similar expression is *gandāsāla* which means, according to Amara and other lexicographers, great blocks of rock fallen down from a mountain (*chyuṭāḥ sthālopatā* greh).

place, nothing more specific is said. The offer of Pasenadi, to erect a pavilion for the Buddha is also found here as well as the refusal of the offer by the Buddha with a reference to the expected help of Sakka, but we do not hear anything further about the building of the pavilion. On the other hand it is narrated that the Tīrthikas build a pavilion for themselves and that Sakka destroys it before the miracle takes place. The miracle¹ consists in the Buddha's creating a *ratanachāṅkama* in the air and while walking up and down on it he sends forth flames of fire and streams of water from the different parts of his body. He also makes his double appear before him with whom he exchanges question and answer. Two hundred million living beings are converted by the instruction which he gives in the meantime.

The Prāthāryasūtra of the *Dvy* is swollen to a great extent by lengthy repetitions and inserted episodes. I here restrict myself to hint at several points which, as it appears to me, are of importance for the evolution of the legend. The offer of Prasenajit to erect a pavilion for the miracle (*prāthāryamandapa*) is here accepted by the Buddha. The pavilion is erected between the town of Śrāvastī and the Jetavana. At the same place the adherents of the six Tīrthikas build a pavilion for every one of them.

The miracle of the mango has here totally disappeared from the narrative, not, however, the person of the gardener Gandaka, whose former history on the contrary is told at great length. His real name is Kāla and he is the brother of Prasenajit. His hands and feet were cut off by the king's command on account of an alleged offence in the harem, but by the order of the Buddha his body was restored by Ānanda with the help of *satyakriyā*, and he had become a follower of the Buddha since that time. Now he has attained the *anāgāṃbhala* and is in possession of supernatural powers. On account of that he is able to fetch a Karmkāra tree from the Uttarakaurava-dvīpa which he plants in front of the pavilion of the Buddha, whereas another gardener (*ārāmika*), named Ratnaka or Rambhaka, who apparently enjoys similar powers, plants an Aśoka tree from the Gandhamādana behind the pavilion.

After a number of smaller miracles the Buddha, asked by Prasenajit, first performs the wonder of fire and water, afterwards, being asked a second time by the king in the presence of all gods, he shows a miracle by multiplying his appearance which extends in a chain up to the highest of the Rūpabrahma worlds. Pañchika, the general of the Yakshas, destroys the pavilion of the Tīrthikas by a storm. At the end, the Buddha creates another representation of a Buddha with whom he holds conversation and preaches the Dharma so that many hundreds of thousands attain the different stages of holiness.

In the *Buddhach* the miracle is treated very shortly in two stanzas. It is only said that the Buddha, when he dwells in Śrāvastī, accepts the demand of the Tīrthikas to show his miraculous strength and defeats them by his manifold magic powers. Probably Aśvaghoṣa restricted himself here, because he had already narrated the performance of the miracles in details before in the story of Buddha's stay in Kapilavastu (19, 12-15). Here the wonder of fire and water, as well as that of multiplication is mentioned but mixed with all sorts of other miracles. The Buddha touches the carriage of the sun with his hand, goes on the path of the wind, dives into the earth as if it were water, walks on the surface of the water as on land and goes through a rock.

The comparison shows that the Pāli-version of the legend, even if it was fixed later, is on the whole undoubtedly the older one regarding the contents. The wonderful creation of the Gandamba tree must have once formed the beginning of the story. The appearance

¹The description has been taken *partly* i.e. from Patisambhidāmagga I, 125 f.

of the gardener Gandaka and the totally unmotivated planting of the Karnikāra and of the Aśoka tree by the two gardeners in the *Dvy* are only understandable as reminiscences of the original miracle of the mango tree. On the contrary the erection of the pavilion for the Buddha by Prasenajit as described in the *Dvy.*, is apparently older than the building of the pavilion of jewels by Viśvakarman, which latter is not even rightly narrated in the *DhA*. In the original version nothing could have been said of a pavilion. The miracle of the mango tree, which has the only purpose to create the tree under which the Buddha intends to perform the *yamakaprātihārya*, becomes indeed quite superfluous by the erection of the pavilion. Consequently the mango tree does not play any role in the Pāli tales of the performance of the miracle.

The original legend therefore runs as follows. The Buddha announces that he would perform a miracle under the Gandamba tree in Śrāvastī in order to triumph over the Tīrthikas. The Tīrthikas therefore cause all the mango trees in the vicinity of Śrāvastī to be cut down. The Buddha, however, orders the kernel of a mango to be planted in the earth, out of which a big mango tree immediately grows up. He takes his seat under this mango tree and from there he raises himself up in the air to perform the *yamakaprātihārya*. It seems, the *yamakaprātihārya*, "the double miracle" was originally understood only as the sending forth of fire and water. This wonder stands at the top of all the wonders in all the sources with the exception of the *Buddhach*. The multiplication of the appearance seems to be a later addition. The collections of Foucher (p. 155 f.) show that the miracle of the fire and water was gradually also added to other legends and even transferred to persons other than the Buddha¹. On account of that it was bound to lose its reputation, and so it is understandable that one felt the need to intensify the wonder of Śrāvastī to make it a really "great" *prātihārya*. Apparently the doubling of the appearance was first added as it is told in the Patisambhidāmagga and in the *DhA*. The designation *yamakaprātihārya* also suited this doubling, even if understood in a somewhat different sense than what the expression originally conveyed. Gradually one went still further out of the doubling of the figure, its multiplication up to a Buddhapindī developed, of which the *Dvy* tells. In this text a trace of the older doubling also has been retained when at the end we suddenly hear of the creation of the double with whom the Buddha converses. Lastly, as Foucher (p. 158) remarks, the wonder of fire and water has been completely displaced by the wonder of duplicating. According to the description in the Aśokāvadāna² the miracle of Śrāvastī consists only of the creation of the row of Buddhas, reaching up to the heaven of the Akanishtha gods.

This reconstruction of the original legend, gained purely from literary sources, is also in conformity with the sculptures in Bhārhut and Sāñchī. On the front side of the left pillar of the northern gate in Sāñchī a relief is found which is described by Sir John Marshall³ as follows: "In centre, a mango tree with the throne of the Buddha in front. Round the Buddha is a circle of his followers bringing garlands to the tree or in attitudes of adoration". Sir John Marshall then hints at the great miracle of Śrāvastī as the probable subject of the relief. He remarks, however, that it contains no definite indication of the miracle. I do not believe that this circumstance goes against the explanation of the relief. As the Buddha is not being represented, the doubling or the multiplication of his person, even though the legend should have contained it, could not have been represented in the picture. But the depicting of the miracle of fire and water was also bound to cause difficulties under the

¹ Cf. E. Waldschmidt, *Wundertage Monche in der ostturkistanischen Hinayāna-Kunst*, *Ostasiatische Zeitschrift*, Neue Folge VI, pp. 3-9.

² *Dvy* 401, Przyłuski, *Légende d' Aśoka*, p. 265.

³ *Guide to Sāñchī*, p. 58.

given circumstances, and its avoidance would be quite understandable

Marshall's identification is justified by a relief in Bhārhut which has already been taken note of by Waldschmidt¹ On the corner pillar of the angular entrance at the Western gate, three reliefs, one below the other, are carved at the right side Due to the conformity in style and equality of execution, they must have been made by the same artist and stand in some internal connection (cf Cunningham's Pl XVII). The middle relief shows the wellknown ladder in Sānkāśya The upper relief depicts the gathering of gods listening to a sermon of Buddha whose presence is hinted at by a tree and a throne The two reliefs therefore refer to Buddha's preaching of law in the Trayastrīmśa heaven and his descent from there The lower relief shows the same subject as the relief in Sāñchī mentioned above a mango tree with a stone seat in front of it It is worshipped by a number of standing persons—altogether twenty—or is being saluted in the wellknown fashion by waving of clothes and touching of mouth Undoubtedly the miracle of Śrāvastī is meant, which immediately preceded the ascent of the Buddha into the heaven of the Trayastrīmśa gods. Thus the miracle of the mango alone is represented here also; nothing is to be seen of the miracle of fire and water²

Thus we observe that the typical representation of the miracle of Śrāvastī in the art of Bhārhut and Sāñchī is quite different from what we see in our relief There is nothing in the sculpture to indicate that subject In my opinion the panel has to be interpreted in connection with the two adjoining panels of the pillar Apparently the sculptor intended to allude to the three great events in the life of the Buddha, the *sambodhi*, the *parinirvāna* and the *dharmachakrapravartana*, by representing the buildings erected on the sites where they had taken place and their worship by divine and human beings Just as the Bodhi temple is meant to remind of the enlightenment of the Buddha and the Stūpa of his death, the Dharmasālā³ is a memorial to his preaching⁴ Like the Bodhi temple and the Stūpa with the hon-pillar

¹ *Buddh Kunst in Indien*, p. 78

² A parallel is given by the story of the visit of the Buddha to Kapilavastu which is connected with the *yamakaprātihārya* In the reliefs in Sāñchī depicting the visit (Northern gate, right pillar, front side, 3rd panel, Eastern gate, right pillar, inner side, 2nd panel) only a *chankama* is represented in the air on which one has to imagine the Buddha walking The *chankama* is made through magic by the Buddha for himself, according to *DhA* (III, 163), in order to break the insolence of his relatives In the *Mvu* (III, 114,7 ff) it is told more precisely that the Buddha creates the place for walking in the air so that he may not be required to stand up before the Śākya coming to visit him In the *Nidānakathā* (J I, 88, 17 ff) the *chankama* is not expressly mentioned Here we are told that the Buddha in order to force his relatives to worship him against their will raised himself into the air and performed a *pātihārya* similar to the *yamakaprātihārya* under the Gandamba tree In the *Mvu* the Buddha standing in the air performs the *yamakaprātihāryam* Two of them are narrated in particular, viz the wonder of the fire and water and, provided the text has been rightly handed down, the creation of the figure of a bull sometimes in this, sometimes in the other region It is remarkable that here also the wonder of fire and water is mentioned in the first place Further on the legend, that blind Mahāprajāpatī regains her eyesight by the water streaming out on the occasion of the miracle, is combined with the foregoing. The different miracles attributed to the Buddha on this occasion in the *Buddhach* are already mentioned above (p. 115) One gains the impression that the legend originally mentioned only a place of walking, created by magic in the air by the Buddha, in order to raise himself above the Śākya. The *yamakaprātihārya* seems to have been added to it from the legend having its origin in Śrāvastī The sculptures at Sāñchī in any case suit with this interpretation, even though they cannot be looked upon as proofs. The *yamakaprātihārya*, even when it may have been a part of the legend at the time of the production of our reliefs, could not be shown on account of the fact that any personal representation of the Buddha was avoided in sculptures

³ Cunningham, *StBh.* p. 90 f., 119, wanted to connect the edifice with the *dharmasālā* or, as he calls it, the *punyasālā* of Prasenajit Barua, *Barh* II, p. 48, takes the relief to be an illustration of the Dhamma-chenya-Sutta (*M.* II, 118 ff) which, according to my opinion, is unfounded In any case, the opinion of Barua that the two figures at the side of the wheel represent the kung twice, once to the left as worshipping, and once to the right as retreating, is erroneous

⁴ Cf. note 1 on p. 102

the Dharmaśālā is to be taken as a historical building, which, as Huan-tsang tells us, was erected by king Prasenajit for the Buddha in the city of Śrāvastī. To leave no doubt about the identity of the building the sculptor added the *pradakṣhā* procession of the king,¹ which at the same time illustrates the worship of the place by men, while the two large figures inside the building are gods revering the wheel like the two gods revering the tree in the corresponding relief of the Bodhi.

B 40 (774), PLATES XIX, XXXIX

ON the left outer face of the same pillar as No A 59, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 3). The inscription is engraved on the lowest relief. Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p. 112, *StBh.* (1879), p. 90, 136, No. 63, and Pl. XVI and LIV, Hoernle, *IA*, Vol. XI (1882), p. 27, No. 22, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol. XL (1886), p. 68, No. 77, and Pl. *IA*, Vol. XXI (1892), p. 233, No. 77, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 63 f, No. 167; Barua, *Barh* Vol. II (1934), p. 42 ff, and Vol. III (1937), Pl. XLIX (51), Luders, *Bhārh* (1941), p. 164.

TEXT.

A[jā]tasat[u]² bhagavato vamdte

TRANSLATION:

Ajātasatu (*Ajātasatru*) worships the Holy One

The story represented in the sculpture is related in the *Sāmaññaphalasutta* (*DI*, 47 ff). In a beautiful moonlit night King Ajātasattu of Magadha, on the advice of the physician Jīvaka, makes up his mind to pay a visit to the Buddha. He orders Jīvaka to get his state-elephant ready, together with five-hundred she-elephants for his women and sets forth in royal pomp from the city of Rājagaha to Jīvaka's Mango Grove, where the Buddha is staying. Arriving at the entrance of the grove, the king dismounts and walks on foot to the door of the hall in which the lamps are burning. Buddha, who is sitting there amidst the monks, is pointed out to the king by Jīvaka. The king bows to the Holy One and, having taken his seat aside, asks him about the advantage to be derived from the life of a recluse. When the Buddha has answered his questions, the king takes the vow of a lay-disciple and confesses the great sin of his life, the murder of his father.

The sculpture conforms to the story in every detail. In the lower part the king is seen sitting on his state-elephant with a female attendant bearing the parasol behind him. To his right there are two more elephants mounted by two women. They have much smaller tusks than the elephant of the king, apparently to show that they are she-elephants.

¹ Beal, Vol. II, p. 2.

² The particulars have been explained by Foucher in the description of his Pl. XXVIII. He mentions that of the carriage coming forth from the gate in the right lower side of the picture, nothing more is to be seen than the heads of both the horses and of the charioteer. This has to be rectified. The feet of the horses are quite clearly to be seen in the photograph of the lower relief. The artist has gone beyond here as well as in the Bodhi-relief (B 23) of the same pillar, the rail forming the frame for his representation. It is impossible that this two-horsed carriage is identical with the four-horsed carriage of the king. The artist apparently added a second carriage to the carriage of the king and introduced two pedestrians, two riders on horse-back, and two elephants in order to indicate the procession. I am not quite sure, whether the door is meant to be the gate of the royal palace or of the town. It could also mean the entrance gate to the district of the sanctuary.

³ The *u*-sign is indicated only by a very slight elongation of the right bar of the *ta*. Hultzsch read *Ajātasata*.

as stated in the text. In the right corner another elephant with large tusks is kneeling, the female-mahout sitting far back near the tail. This is the elephant of Jīvaka, who has dismounted and is talking to the king as indicated by his raised right hand. Two trees laden with mangoes show that the scene is Jīvaka's Mango Grove. The seat of the Buddha is in the upper right corner below a parasol with pendants hanging down from it. The presence of the Buddha is symbolized by his foot-prints on the foot-rest. The king is kneeling before the seat, while Jīvaka and four women are standing behind him with their hands reverentially folded. A burning swing-lamp indicates that the visit takes place at night.

4. B 41 - 62 INSCRIPTIONS ATTACHED TO IDENTIFIED SCENES FROM JĀTAKAS' AND AVADĀNAS

B 41 (700), PLATES XIX, XL

ON a coping-stone, now in the Allahabad Municipal Museum (Ac/2925) Formerly only a drawing and a photograph of a fragment published by Cunningham were available. Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 111, Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 69, 131, No 11, and Pl XXVII and LIII; Hultzschn, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 239, No. 158; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 81, No 192, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p. 90, and Vol III (1937), Pl LXXI (91), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 133, Kala, *BhV* (1951), pp 28 f, Pl 35, Sircar *EI*, Vol XXXIII (1959/60), No 6, pp. 59 f

TEXT

hamsajātakam²

TRANSLATION:

The Jātaka of the mallard

The Jātaka was identified by Cunningham with the Nachchajātaka, No. 32 of the Pāli collection, which contains the well-known story of the Golden Mallard, the king of the birds, who allows his daughter to choose a husband after her own heart from amongst his subjects Her choice falls on the peacock, who overjoyed begins to dance and in doing so exposes himself Shocked at this indelicacy, the king of birds refuses him his daughter The sculpture is fragmentary The lower half and portions of both sides are broken off, but enough remains to show that it represented a mallard and to the right of it a peacock with outspread tail. If the fragment, a photograph of which has been published together with the drawing, formed part of the sculpture, some more mallards are represented in the lower left corner showing their back to the exposed peacock

B 42 (695)³; PLATES XIX, XLI

ON a coping-stone (No. II), now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 115, *StBh* (1879), p 77 f, 130, No 6, and Pl XLVII and LIII, Hultzschn, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 61, No. 7 and Pl, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 227, No 7, Jātaka translated . under Cowell, Vol III (1897), Pl only, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 88, No 207, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 125 f, Luders, *Bhārḥ*. (1941), p 134.

TEXT.

bīdalajātara⁴ kukutajātaka

TRANSLATION.

The Jātaka of the cat (also called) jātaka of the cock

¹ A label containing the word *jātaka* appears also in the fragmentary inscription B 80

² Cunningham's eye-copy has *hamsajātaka* The editors would prefer to translate *hamsa* by 'wild gander'

³ Luders' treatment of this inscription (B 42) has been lost

⁴ *ra* may be a clerical error for *ka*

To the left of the relief there is a tree, on a branch of which a cock is sitting high above the ground. To the right, underneath the tree, a cat of a comparatively big size squats. She looks up to the cock on the tree and is obviously talking to him. The relief has already been identified by Subhūti with the Kukkuṭajātaka (J. 383) of the Pāli collection, giving the fable of the cat which used to catch the cocks by different stratagems in order to devour them. Now the Bodhisattva is born as a cock and the cat realizes that it will be difficult to get hold of that especially intelligent bird. The cat therefore decides to offer herself as his wife. She approaches the cock when he sits on a tree, flatters him, and tries to persuade him to take her as his wife. The cock, however, suspects some treachery, refuses her proposal, and keeps himself away from danger. Just the event of the conversation between the cock and the cat is represented in our relief.

Bidala corresponds to sk *bīdāla* (cf *Pāṇini*, 6.2.72), whereas Pāli texts use *biḷāra* or *biḷāla*¹.

The relief bears two labels according to the main characters in the story, whereas for the Pāli Jātaka, as mentioned above, only the title *kukkuṭajātaka* is used.

B 42a, PLATE XLI

ON a coping stone, now in the Allahabad Municipal Museum (Ac/2910) Edited by Kala, *BhV* (1951) pp 32 f, Pl 7; Sircar, *EI*, Vol XXXIII (1959/60), p 60, No 7; an illustration of the coping stone is also given by Stella Kramrisch, *The Art of India through the Ages*, (1954), Pl. 15.

TEXT:

gajājātaka² saso jātaka³

TRANSLATION

The Jātaka of the elephant The hare in the Jātaka (?)

The wording and distribution of this inscription is very peculiar. The first part is inscribed at the top of a panel showing two people of rank standing in a court-yard formed by three cottages. One of the cottages is placed in the longitudinal direction right in front of the spectator, the two others on either side of the first. Dr Kala gives the following detailed description of the panel: "In the space between these cottages are two richly attired persons engaged in conversation. The figure on the left side holds an animal (hare) in his right hand while the left one is raised above the breast. The right side figure hears the discourse of the other with rapt attention. One more animal is noticeable in the scene.

The front cottage is thatched with grass and reeds and has a gabled roof. The walls of the house appear to have been made of wood. There is a sliding door and a star shaped window on each of its sides. The two side cottages have vaulted roofs supported by wooden beams. The cottage in the right has three finials. A disc ornament is also carved near these."

The second part of the label (viz *jātaka*) is engraved at the top of a different panel,

¹ See Lüders, *Beobachtungen über die Sprache des buddhistischen Urkanons*, Abhandlungen der deutschen Akademie der Wissenschaften, Berlin, 1953, § 35.

² *gajā*² is probably a mistake for *gajā*².

³ The reading of Dr Kala is *jātaka*. The stroke of the -e is, however, quite clearly written. *jātaka* can only be a loc. sg., or has to be regarded as a mistake for *jātakam*.

further to the right, of which the left part only has been preserved. The relievo depicts a domed hut of the type used by hermits. Behind the dome of the hut the tops of two trees are visible. Judged by some remnants to the right of the hut, it looks as if the hermit had been sitting on a mat before the door of the hut.

Dr. Kala informs us that Barua was of the opinion that the label on the left is completed by the word *jātaka* on the right, and that the inscription should be read as *gajajātaka sasajātaka*, to be understood like *bdalajataka kukutajātaka* of B 42, giving two names for the same story. This interpretation raises some difficulties: the Śāsajātaka—the tale of the hare jumping into the burning fire in order to offer his roasted flesh to a hermit—is well known and represented several times in early Indian sculpture.¹ Dr. Kala himself was able to publish the up to now oldest illustration of the Jātaka, found on the fragment of a Bhārhut pillar, recently recovered and at present in the Allahabad Museum.² According to the part of the scenery left in our relievo, it is not impossible, that the panel to the right (labelled *jātaka*) is again illustrating the Śāsajātaka. In this case the word *saso* would belong to the panel to the right, whereas the relief to the left ought to be a picture of the jātaka of the elephant. An elephant, however, is not to be seen in the relievo, and the animal in the hand of one of the two men in conversation with each other looks similar to the hare in the representation of the Śāsajātaka on the fragment of the pillar published by Dr. Kala. This fact is in favour of looking at the word *saso* as part of the label of the left panel. As yet we do not see a possibility to solve the problem. The propositions made by Dr. Barua and Dr. Sircar to connect the illustration with Jātaka 345 (*gajakumbhajātaka*)³ or Jātaka 322 (*daddabhajātaka*) are by no means convincing. There is nothing in the stories which would suit the picture.

B 43 (724); PLATES XIX, XL

On a pillar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (M 2). Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p. 115, *StBh* (1879), p. 52; 133, No. 13, and Pl. XXV and LIII; Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol. XL (1886), p. 64, No. 32, *IA*. Vol. XXI (1892), p. 230, No. 32, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 85, No. 199, Barua, *Barh* Vol. II (1934), p. 112 f, and Vol. III (1937), Pl. LXXIX (107), Lüders, *Bhārh.* (1941) p. 133. The sculpture is reproduced in the English translation of the Jātaka by Cowell and others, Vol. II.

TEXT:

nāgajātaka

TRANSLATION

The Jātaka of the elephant

With the help of Subhūti, the sculpture to which the label belongs was identified by Cunningham with the Kakkatajātaka, No. 267 of the Pāli collection. In that Jātaka the Bodhisattva is a big elephant living with his mate in the Himālaya near a lake infected by

¹ For illustrations of the Jātaka in Central-Asian painting see A. von Le Coq (und E. Waldschmidt): *Die buddhistische Spatanhke*, Vol. VI, pp. 57-58.

² *BhV* pp. 25 f.

³ Referring to Barua's article in *J. U. P. H. S.*, Vol. XIX, p. 48, Dr. Baij Nath Puri of Lucknow University says that the sculpture can only relate to the Gajakumbhajātaka "which describes the previous birth of the Buddha as a minister of the King of Benaras who took a tortoise and a hare giving to the slothful king an object lesson of how the indolent came to misery. The tortoise is symbolised by his laziness and the hare by his activity, though the popular version is just the reverse." [*India in the Time of Patanjali*, Bombay 1957, p. 233]. Unfortunately the hare does not occur in the Pāli text.

a huge crab which used to catch and kill the elephants sporting in the water. When the crab has seized the Bodhisattva's feet with its claws, the Bodhisattva is unable to pull the monster out of the water. He feels that the crab is drawing him down and roars for help. While the other elephants run off, his mate turns towards the crab and coaxes it with flattering words so that it loosens its grasp. Then the elephant tramples it to death.

In the medallion the elephant is represented stepping out of the water, while the crab clings to his right hind-foot. Two elephants, one of whom may be intended as the mate of the Bodhisattva, are visible in the background. In the water some aquatic bird is swallowing a fish, while four more fish are swimming about.

As the elephant is the hero of the story, Nāgajātaka seems to be a more appropriate title of the Jātaka than Kakkatajātaka.

B 44 (825), PLATES XX, XL

ON a rail-bar of the South-Eastern quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (C B 59). Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 112 f, *StBh* (1879), p 58 f, 139, No 11, and Pl XXVI and LV, Hultzschn, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 72, No 109, and Pl ; *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 236, No 109, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 88, No 206, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 123 f, and Vol III (1937), Pl LXXXII (117), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 133.

TEXT.

laṭuvājātaka'

TRANSLATION:

The quail Jātaka

The subject of the medallion was identified by Cunningham with the Latukikajātaka, No 357 of the Pāli collection,² where the Bodhisattva appears as the leader of a large herd of elephants. A quail, that has her nest with her unfledged brood on the feeding-ground of the elephants, implores him not to trample on the young birds. The Bodhisattva and his herd cautiously pass by without injuring the birds, but a solitary rogue elephant who comes after them crushes the nest in spite of the entreaties of the quail. The quail alights on a tree and threatens to take her revenge which she accomplishes with the help of a crow, a blue fly, and a frog. The crow pecks out the eyes of the elephant, the fly drops its eggs into the empty sockets, and when the elephant, blind and maddened by pain, is seeking for water to drink, the frog deludes him by his croaking to a precipice. He tumbles down and is killed. In the medallion the different stages of the story are represented. The elephant trampling down the nest with the young birds; the quail on the tree; the crow pecking out the eyes of the elephant, the fly laying its eggs in the wounds, and, at the top, the frog and the elephant falling headlong down the rocks. The elephant on the right, who is followed by a smaller elephant, seems to be meant for the Bodhisattva and his herd.

B 45 (704); PLATES XX, XL

ON a coping-stone, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (A 108). Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 115, Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 76, 131, No 15, and

¹ The *ka* which is distinct in Cunningham's and Hultzschn's reproductions is nearly effaced in the impression before me.

² A similar story is found in the *Pañchatantra* (ed Kielhorn), I, 15.

PI XLVI and LIII, Hoernle, *JA* Vol X (1881), p 119, No 4, Hultzsch, *ĀDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 62, No. 15, and PI; *JA* Vol XXI (1892), p 228, No 15, Barua-Sinha, *BI*, 1926, p 83 f, No 196, Barua, *Bharh* Vol II (1934), p 100 f, and Vol. III (1937), PI LXXVI (99), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 151 f, 174.

TEXT:

sechhājataka

TRANSLATION:

The Jātaka of the student.

The sculpture to which the label belongs was identified by Rhys Davids with the Dūbhyamakkatajātaka, No 174 of the Pāli Jātaka book, see *Buddhist Birth Stories*, Vol I, p CII. In the Jātaka the Bodhisattva is a brahmin in a village of Kāsī. One day, wandering along a road, he comes to a place where a trough is put up which people use to fill with water from a deep well in the neighbourhood for the use of animals. The brahmin draws water for himself, drinks it and washes his hands and feet, when a monkey approaches him begging for water. The brahmin fills the empty trough and gives the monkey to drink and then lies down under a tree to take rest. When the monkey has quenched his thirst, he pulls a monkey-grimace to frighten his benefactor, and when the Bodhisattva upbraids him, he soils him. The sculpture undoubtedly represents the Jātaka, but it differs from it in details. On the left side stands a young man wearing plain dress and his hair cropped with the exception of a knot over the forehead. He is pouring out water into the hands of a monkey from a vessel, while a similar vessel, apparently wrapped round with cords, stands in front of him. On the right the same man is represented carrying a pole (*vhaṅgukā*) with two water-vessels under a tree on which a monkey is seated, maliciously looking down on the man. In the outermost right corner is another tree.

The sculpture clearly represents two stages of the story, on the left the gift of water to the monkey, on the right the mocking of the monkey. It is of little consequence that in the relief there is no well from which the man has drawn the water and that he is not lying under the tree, when the monkey makes faces at him. The version of the story followed by the sculptor apparently related that the man was fetching water, when he met the thirsty monkey on the road, and that, after having given him something to drink, he was derided by the monkey, when he continued his way. On the other hand, it is of importance for the interpretation of the inscription that, judging from his dress, the man represented in the sculpture cannot be meant to be a *brahmin*. Nor does he look like an ascetic. He has the appearance of a *brahmachārin* who, according to Manu (2, 219, 193, 182) and other law-books, may wear his hair clipped with the exception of a lock, has always to keep his right arm uncovered, and whose duty it is to fetch pots full of water daily for his *guru*. In the label he is called *sechha*.¹ Barua-Sinha's derivation of the word from *siñchat* in the sense of water-drawing is absolutely impossible, and Hoernle was certainly right in taking it as equivalent to Pāli *sekha*, *sechha* being the true western form for the *sekha* of the eastern dialect. In the language of the Buddhist scriptures *sekha* has assumed a special meaning. It denotes a monk as long as he has not acquired arhatship, but it cannot have been used in this sense in the inscription, as the person represented in the sculpture is not a Buddhist monk. In Sanskrit *śaikṣha* occurs only in the Kōśas. It is said there to mean a tyro who has just begun his studies

¹ In the Sāñchi inscription (List No 570) the corresponding word for 'student' occurs in the form *sejha*.

(*prāthamakāṅkika*), which perfectly agrees with the result arrived at from an examination of the sculpture. It should be noted that the difference between the sculpture and the Jātaka extends, not to the Gāthās, but only to the prose narrative which in many cases has been proved to deviate from the original tale.

B 46 (703), PLATES, XX, XLII

ON a coping stone, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (A 102) Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p. 115, Cunningham, *SiBh* (1879) p 75, 131, No 14, and Pl XLVI and LIII, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 61, No 14, and Pl ; Warren, *Two Bas-Reliefs of the Stupa of Bharhut* (1890), p 14 ff, Hultzsch, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 228, No 14, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 89, No 208, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 127 ff, and Vol III (1937), Pl LXXXIII (121), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 153

TEXT:

udajātaka¹

TRANSLATION.

The Jātaka of the otters

The sculpture to which the label belongs was first identified by Hultzsch with the Dabbhapupphajātaka, No 400 of the Pāli Jātaka book. It is the humorous story of two otters who, having caught a large *rohita* fish by united effort, begin to quarrel about the division of their prey. They ask a jackal to make an equal division of the fish. The jackal awards the tail to one of the otters, the head to the other and takes the middle portion for himself as arbiter's fee and brings it to his wife who has manifested a longing for fresh fish. The Bodhisattva is said to have been a tree-spirit at that time who witnessed the event.

The sculpture shows two otters and a jackal between them on the rocky bank of a river in which two fish are visible. The tail and the head of a fish are lying on the ground before the otters. On the right the jackal is seen trotting off with the middle portion of the fish in his mouth. On the left before two trees an ascetic is seated with a water-vessel and a basket filled up to the top before him. It appears that the sculptor did not know the version of the story as it is given in the prose account of the Pāli Jātaka and that in the version known to him the part played by the tree-spirit was assigned to an ascetic living by the river bank. Probably in the mouth of this ascetic the last Gāthā containing the moral was originally put.²

B 47 (730); PLATES XIII, XLI

ON the same pillar as No A 98, and immediately below that inscription, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 14) Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 111, *SiBh* (1879), p 51 f, 133, No 19, and Pl XXV and LIII, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 64, No 37 (second part), and Pl ; *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 226, 230, No 37 (second part), Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 91, No 212; Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 136 ff, and Vol III (1937), Pl LXXXV (126), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 133

¹The ā-sign of *jā* is quite distinct

²The author of the prose apparently forgot the purpose of the presence of the tree-spirit and calls the last stanza an *Abhisambuddhagāthā*. In the Tibetan version of the story (Schiefner, *Tib Tales*, p 332 ff) which is very much deteriorated, the witness of the event has totally disappeared

TEXT.

miḡajātakarū¹

TRANSLATION

The Jātaka of the deer

The sculpture to which the label belongs has been identified by Hultzs² with the Rurujātaka, No 482 of the Pāli collection. The story belongs to the class of tales of the virtuous animals and the ungrateful men. A young spendthrift casts himself into the Ganges to drown himself, but is saved by the Bodhisattva, who at that time was a gold-coloured *ruru* deer. He carries him on his back out of the water and sets him after some days on the road to Benares, asking him at the same time not to disclose his haunt. The queen of Benares has dreamt of a golden deer and longs to see it. After being informed by the brahmins that there are really golden deer, the king offers a large reward to anybody who will bring him news of such a creature. Instigated by his greediness, the wretched young fellow shows the king and his followers the way to the dwelling place of the deer. The king is ready to discharge an arrow, when the deer addresses him and reveals the perfidy of the traitor. At the request of the deer the king pardons the wretch and grants a boon of inviolability to all creatures.

In the medallion three stages of the story are represented. In the lower part the deer is seen swimming in the stream with the man on his back. A doe drinking from the water serves no other purpose but to fill a blank space. In the centre of the upper part, where three trees indicate that the scene is in a forest, the large deer is quietly lying on the ground, while four female deer are running away in fear of the king who has pulled his bow and is on the point of shooting his arrow at the deer which is pointed out to him by the traitor standing by his side. In front of the deer the king appears once more, attended by two men, probably the treacherous young man and a servant. The attitude of the king, who stands with his hands folded in devotion, shows that here he is represented as conversing with the deer and paying his respects to him for his magnanimous behaviour.

In agreement with the Gāthās, where the deer is called a *ruru* deer, the title of the Pāli Jātaka is Rurujātaka, while in the label it is called *miḡajātaka*. I do not know which species of the deer family was denoted by *ruru*³, the animal represented in the sculpture is certainly neither an antelope nor a gazelle, but, as shown by the antlers, a stag, probably a *sāmbar*.

B 48 (698), PLATES XX, XLVII

ON coping-stone No IV, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta. Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 115; Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 75, 131, No 9, and Pl XLIII and LIII, Hoernle, *IA* Vol X (1881), p 118, Note 2, Hultzs, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 61, No 10, and Pl, *IA*. Vol XXI (1892), p 228, No 10; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 80, No 190, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 85 ff, and Vol. III (1937), Pl LXX (88), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 134.

¹ The sign for the *anusvāra* has not come out on the estampage, but it can be clearly seen in the photograph.

² Agam by Huber, *BEFEO* Tome IV (1904), p. 1093.

³ In *Vaj* 66, 27 it is said to be a large black buck (*mahān kṛṣṇasārah*), but no such animal exists in India.

TEXT

ismigo jataka

TRANSLATION

The Jātaka of the *ṛiśya*-antelope.

The sculpture illustrates the Nigrodhamiḡajātaka, No 12 of the Pāli collection, one of the most famous birth stories and frequently told or alluded to¹ in Buddhist literature. In the Pāli commentary it is located near Benares. In the *Mvu*, where the story is related at great length (I, 359 ff) the scene is the well-known Ispatana Miḡadāya or Rīṣipatana Miḡadāva, and Huan-tsang in his description of Benares tells us that there was a stūpa in the park to commemorate the event. The Chinese pilgrim's account enabled Cunningham to identify the Jātaka², but he misunderstood the details of the sculpture and misinterpreted the inscription. The legend as told in Pāli consists of two parts. In the first part we are told that the Bodhisattva was born as the leader of a large herd of antelopes by the name of Nigrodha, while an equally large herd belonged to another antelope king called Sākha. The king of Benares was passionately fond of hunting, and to stop the excessive slaughter of the deer, the two leaders agreed with the king to send one animal every day, alternately from one and the other herd, to the execution block to be killed by the cook. One day, the story goes on, the lot falls on a pregnant doe of Sākha's herd. In vain she implores her leader to pass her over until she has brought forth her child, but when she turns for help to the Bodhisattva, the great Being at once goes himself to the place of execution. The cook is highly astonished to see the king of the deer. He informs the king, who is deeply affected by the magnanimity of the Bodhisattva and at his request grants immunity not only to the deer, but to all living creatures. Cunningham thought that the relief represented the interview between the king and the Bodhisattva, which leads to the agreement about the daily offering of one antelope, but the man standing before the antelope carries an axe on his left shoulder and therefore can be only the cook who has come to kill the antelope. The animal itself is standing with its forefeet placed on what seems to be a log of wood wrapped round with cords, which is perhaps meant for the block of execution, the *ganḍikā* or *dhamma-ganḍikā* spoken of in the Pāli text. As indicated by a tree behind the antelope the scene is not the kitchen of the royal palace, but some place in the deer park. The antelope is called *ismigo* in the inscription. Cunningham took the name as an abbreviation of *Ispatanamiḡo*³ and translated it by Rishu-deer. His explanation, although accepted by Hultsch and Barua-Sinha, appears to me extremely improbable, and I am convinced that *ismiga* goes back to *ṛiśyamīga*. In Pāli, it is true, *ṛiśya* has become *issa* as proved by *issammīga* (*J* V, 416), *issāmīga* (*J* V, 431), *issasīga* (*J* V, 425), and therefore *ismiga* may be considered as belonging to another dialect, but in Pāli we have also *Issīga*, the name of the hero of the Alambusaj (No 523) and the Nalinikāj (No 526), which undoubtedly represents *Riśya-śringa*, and even in *J* V, 431 one of the Burmese manuscripts reads *ismigassa*. From the Gāthā in *J* V, 425, where women are called *issasīgam wāvātā*, it appears that *ṛiśya* designates the black buck (Antelope cervicapra) with screwshaped horns. On the other hand, the antelope of the relief seems to have short straight horns, and it cannot be denied that,

¹ DhA II, 148, *Mil* p 203² Strangely enough, his identification was rejected by Hoernle and Oldenberg, *JAOS* Vol XVIII, p. 191³ Cunningham wrote *ispattanamiḡa*

with its slight hunchback, it has more the appearance of a nilgai (*Boselaphus tragocamelus*) than of a black buck. But even if the animal of the inscription should not be a *ṛiśya*, this could hardly be used as an argument against the proposed translation of *ismigo*, as we may reasonably assume that in such minutiae the sculptor followed his own taste.

The grammatically incorrect use of the nominative *ismigo* in the title of the Jātaka has a parallel in *Sujato gahuto jātaka* in No B 50.

B 49 (785), PLATES VI, XLI

On the same pillar of the North-Western quadrant as No A 32, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (M 9). The inscription is engraved over a medallion, directly below the donative inscription No A 32, but probably in a different hand. Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 115; *StBh* (1879), p 61 ff, 137, No 74 and Pl XXVI and LIV; Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 70, No 85 (second part), and Pl I, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 234, No 85 (second part), Ramaprasad Chanda, *MASI* No I (1919), p 19, No 5, and Pl V, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 93, No 217, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 141 f, and Vol III (1937), Pl LXXXVII (128), Lüders, *Bhārh* (1941), p 155 ff.

TEXT.

chhadamtīya jātakam

TRANSLATION.

The Jātaka relating to the six-tusked elephant

The sculpture to which the label refers was identified by Cunningham with the Chhaddantajātaka, No 514 of the Pāli Jātaka book. The prose tale is a later and much embellished version of the Jātaka, which is sometimes even at variance with the Gāthās. The chief points of the story as warranted by the Gāthās are as follows. The Bodhisattva is born as a white elephant with six tusks, who lives as a leader of a large herd under a banyan tree near Mount Suvannapassa. He has two mates, Sabbabhaddā and another whose name was perhaps Subhaddā¹. The Bodhisattva pays more attention to Sabbabhaddā. In the prose story, for instance, it is told that one day he presents her a large lotus flower which another elephant had offered him. Subhaddā, out of jealousy, starves herself to death and dies with the wish to be reborn as the consort of the king of Benares in order to wreak vengeance on the Bodhisattva. When she has become queen, she pretends to have a craving for the tusks of the white elephant and despatches a hunter to the place where he lives. Attracted in the yellow robe of a monk, the hunter hides in a pit and discharges an arrow at the elephant. Although sorely wounded, the Bodhisattva, out of reverence for the hunter's religious dress, does not harm him, and when he is informed that the hunter has come for his tusks, he summons him to saw them off himself before he dies. The queen on receiving the tusks and hearing of the death of her former mate is filled with remorse and dies of a broken heart.

On the right side of the medallion the six-tusked elephant is seen standing under a banyan tree, accompanied by a female elephant who by a lotus flower on her front is characterized as the beloved Sabbabhaddā, while another female elephant appearing in the background is apparently the jealous Subhaddā. On the left the elephant, with an arrow stuck

¹ In the prose tale they are called Mahāsubhaddā and Chullasubhaddā, but in G 17, 34 the name of the favourite she-elephant is Sabbabhaddā, while the name of the second she-elephant does not occur in the Gāthās. Subhaddā is mentioned in G 29 only as her name in her birth as queen of Benares.

in his navel, is kneeling to let the hunter cut off his tusks with a large saw On the right of the hunter his bow and an arrow are lying on the ground

Foucher wrote a special study¹ on the Chhaddantaj (514) and pointed out the numerous deviations to be found between the Gāthās and the prose account Leaving aside the prose account of the story, the Bhārhut relief seems to deviate only in two points from the tale as it can be deduced from the Gāthās the Gāthās 25 ff. tell how the elephant, struck by the arrow, rushes at the hunter to kill him, but retreats when he sees the reddish garment of the hunter which is otherwise worn by the Rishis, for, someone who bears the characteristic marks of the Arhats, should not be killed by the pious

*vaḍhissam etan ti parāmasanto
kāsāvami addakkhū dhajam isinam |
dukkhena phuttass' udapādi saññā
aṅghaddhajo sabbhū avajjhāruṇo ||²*

In the relief, however, the hunter does not wear the garments of a monk, but the usual lower garment and a turban Now in fact the hunter, according to the Atthavannanā, puts on yellow garments in order to deceive the elephant and the same thing is told in the Jātaka version as it is found in the Kalpanāmanditīkā and in the prose of J 221 Nothing, however, of it is said in G 23, where the preparations made by the hunter in order to kill the elephant are described The disguise in itself is quite superfluous, as the hunter hides himself in a pit covered by planks in order to shoot from there his arrow at the passing elephant³ Obviously the composer of the Gāthās, when he used the word *kāsāva*, thought of the usual dress of the hunter, which is also a red-yellow garment as can be seen from other passages For instance, according to the legend, the Bodhisattva when he thought of leaving the worldly life exchanged his garments first with the *kāshāya* of the hunter In the verse *Mvu* II, 195, 6 f it is said *atirādrāksid aranyasmim luddhakam kāshāyapāvṛntam*, he requested him *imau kāshkau gṛhñtvā dehi kāshāyam tvam mama* According to the *Mvu* prose, however, he is not a usual hunter but one created by the Suddhāvāsa gods In the *Buddhach* 6 60 ff, and in the *Lalitav* 226, 1 ff, 238, 1 ff, where the *kāshāya* has already changed to several *kāshāya*-garments, it is likewise said that the hunter was a god who had taken the form of a hunter⁴ It could therefore appear, that the hunter had equipped himself with the *kāshāya* for this special purpose⁵ *Aśvaghoṣa* describes the *kāshāya* as the dress suited for the

¹ *Mélanges Sylvain Lévy*, p. 231 ff, *Beginnings of Buddhist Art*, p. 185 ff

² The next two Gāthās (26 and 27) with which the elephant is alleged to have addressed the hunter, are certainly later additions From the words *samaḥṣṭito bhūtasullena nāgo adutiachatio luddakam ayyabhās* in G. 28 it can be clearly seen that the elephant has not spoken to the hunter before Both these Gāthās belong to the Buddhist lyric poetry and as such they are found in the *Dh* 9, 10 Later on, probably a story modelled on the Chhaddantaj was invented and in fact there is such a Jātaka, which was taken up as J 221 in the collection, from where it found its way into *DhA* (1, 80 f.) Whether the verses 967 to 970 in the *Th* refer to this Jātaka or to the already interpolated Chhaddantaj, is not easy to decide If one would relate them to the J 221 one must suppose that originally the narrative ran more in conformity with the story of the Chhaddantaj than the one handed down in the Atthavannanā, for the Theragāthās speak of a six-tusked elephant that was wounded, while in the J 221 the elephant is not described as six-tusked and escapes the missile of the hunter Finally, however, it is still more probable that the verses from the *Th* refer to the Chhaddantaj But they themselves are perhaps only a later insertion, for there they completely fall away from the context Besides, I would like to point out that the grammatical commentary on the Gāthās 18-27 has the character of Atthakathā, for the interspersed *bhikkhava* 48 13, 50 8 makes it probable that the grammatical commentary and the prose narration come from the same author

³ In the relief the hunter has struck the elephant from below as the arrow is planted in its belly

⁴ This remark is lacking in the *Dvy* 391, where it is said that the Bodhisattva received *kāshāyānu vastrānu* from the hunter for his *kāśika* garments, however only a short reference is made to the story.

⁵ Subsequently this legend has been further developed in this respect In the *Nidānakathā* G 273 (p. 65) the full equipment of a Buddhist monk which a Mahābrahman, the former Ghatikāra, provides, appears in the place of the *kāshāya* of the hunter

forest (*vanyam vāsah*) although he makes the hunter say that when he goes hunting he is accustomed to put on *kāshāya* in order to produce from a distance trust in the mind of the deer (*ānād anena vīśvāya mṛgān nhanmi*). In the prose of the Chandakinnaraj (IV, 283, 16) it is also mentioned, without giving any special cause, that the king of Benares when he went hunting put on two *kāśāyāni*, and it is not necessary to imagine the *kāshāya* of the hunter as the robe of a Buddhist monk. The *kāshāya* which, according to the prose of the Jātakas, is worn by the executioner¹, and according to the *Āśvalāyana Gṛhyas* 1, 19, 11 by the young brahmin students, will have been scarcely different from the *kāshāya* of the hunter. Therefore in this respect it is not necessary to suppose that the sculptor of Bhārhut has deviated from the story as it is given by the Gāthās.

The matter seems to be different with regard to the second deviation on which Foucher lays much stress. In the relief the hunter cuts the teeth of the elephant with a saw, exactly as on the medallion from Amarāvati, on a fresco at Ajantā, and a freeze from Gandhāra. According to the Gāthās he uses a *khura* for this purpose. In G 31 the elephant says to the hunter *utthehi tvam ludda khuram gahetvā dante ime chhunda purā marāmi*, and accordingly in the narrative Gāthā 32 we read *utthāya so luddo khuram gahetvā chhetvāna dantāni gayutamassa*. In the prose the instrument used is a *kakacha*, a saw (V, 52, 12 f), and accordingly in the grammatical commentary of G 31 *khuram* is also explained by *kakacham*. Foucher is of the opinion that the commentator goes too far when he wants us to believe that knives are saws, 'autrement dit que les vessies sont des lanternes'. Now indeed I am also inclined to see in the commentator a man who generally is not very much worried by scruples, whether in linguistic or in material questions. Nevertheless some doubts may have come to him, as perhaps also to others, whether it is possible to cut elephant-teeth with a razor—this undoubtedly is the meaning of *khura*. In this case, however, I believe that he is not to be blamed for he merely became the victim of a corruption of the text. In other cases in the Gāthās where we hear of the cutting of elephant's tusks the instrument used is called *khara*. In J 545, 10 it is said *achchhechchhu kamkham vchakchchhutām chundo yathā nāgadantam kharena*, 'you have cut off doubts and hesitations like a chunda' an elephant tooth with the *khara*'. In J 231, 1 Asitābhū says to her husband who has faithlessly left her that her love for him has vanished *so'jam appatsandhuko kharachchhunnam³ va rerukam* 'it is not again to be joined together as an elephant-tooth⁴ cut by a *khara*'. The commentator explains *khara* in both places as *kakacha* 'saw' and although the word is missing in Sanskrit we do not have any reason to doubt the correctness of his explanation, particularly because the Abhidhānappadīpikā 967 also gives the meaning 'saw' for *khara*. Therefore the supposition lies at hand that also in the Chhad-dantaj *khuram* has been corrupted from *kharam*, which is more rare, and in fact the Burmese manuscript reads *kharam* at all places. On account of this I am quite sure that even according to the Gāthās the instrument used by the hunter was a saw as well as in the other representations mentioned above, and that the Gāthās therefore do not reflect, as Foucher supposes, a version of the story older than the Bhārhut relief.

¹ J III, 41, 2, 179, 1

² According to the context *chunda* seems to be a worker in ivory. The commentary explains the word by *dantakāra*. There must have been, however, a difference between the *chundas* and the *dantakāras* for in the list of craftsmen in *Mūl* 331 both appear separately the *chundas* are placed between the *kappakas* (barbers), and *nahāpakas* (bath attendants) on one side and the *mālākāras* (garland-makers), *svannakāras* (goldsmiths), *śayhakāras* (silversmiths) etc. on the other, whereas the *dantakāras* appear between the *chamanakāras* (leather-workers), and *rathakāras* (chariot-makers) on the one side and the *rayy-kāras* (rope-makers) and the *kochechhakāras* (comb-makers) on the other. *Chunda* is probably the general expression for 'turner' and is the same as *chundakāra* which in J. VI, 339, 12 certainly designates a turner.

³ Thus we have to read instead of *khara* *chhunnam*.

⁴ This is the meaning of the word *reruka* according to the commentary.

B 50 (694)¹, PLATES XX, XLI

On a coping-stone, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 76 f, 130, No. 5, and Pl XLVII and LIII; Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL(1886), p 61, No 6, and Pl ; *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 227, No 6, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 87, No 203; Barua, *Barh.* Vol II (1934), p 120 f and Vol III (1937), Pl. XIII (114), Lüders, *Bhārh* (1941), p. 134

TEXT.

Sujato gahuto j[ā]taka

TRANSLATION.

The Jātaka (entitled) ‘ the mad Sujata ’ (*Sujāta*)²

On the left side of the relief a humped bull is resting on the ground with the forepart of the body raised. To the right, in front of the bull, a boy with long hair combed back is shown in crouching position. With his right hand he holds a bunch of grass up to the bull and is apparently trying to feed it. A man with a turban stands behind him holding his left arm and hand across his breast while his right hand is just to be seen above the head of the boy.

Cunningham already rightly identified this scene as representing the *Sujātajātaka* (352). According to the story a landlord in Benares became so much afflicted with sorrow at his father's death, that he did not leave the memorial where his father's bodily remains were deposited, neglecting his business, forgetting bathing and eating and always lamenting bitterly. His son *Sujāta*, who according to the *Samodhāna* is Buddha in one of his former births, cures the grief of his father in an ingenious manner. He goes outside the city where a dead ox³ is lying and offers grass and water to the animal asking it repeatedly to eat and drink. People passing by wonder at it and go to tell the father that his son apparently had become mad. Now the father forgets his sorrow, goes to his son and reproaches him for his senseless behaviour. But the son points out that the bull lying before him is still having a head, feet and tail, so that there is much more hope to see it stand alive once again than the dead grand-father, whose body has totally vanished, but for whom the father continues to grieve in total neglect of all his duties. Thus the father realizes the foolishness of his lamentations and is cured of his sorrow.

Cunningham hesitatingly proposed to translate the inscription “ Birth as *Sujāta* the Bull-inviter ”, taking *gahuto* as a compound-word, made out of *go* or *gav* a bull, and *huto* from the root *hve* to call, invite, or summon. Barua-Sinha call this translation ‘ quite reasonable ’, but take *gohuto* as a compound corresponding to Sk *gobhṛit* or Pāli *gobhato*, *gobhatako* which according to them means a cow-server or cow-feeder. Hultzsch on the other hand refuses to see in *gahuto* a compound-word and takes it as Sk *grihītaḥ* ‘ caught, seized, surprised, or understood ’. He is followed by Lüders who in his *List* translates *gahuta* as ‘ mad ’. This explanation would correspond to the word *ummattako* occurring in the Pāli *Jātaka*.

B 51 (810), PLATES XX, XLII

On a pillar, now at Pataora. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 65 ff, 139, No 97, and Pl XXVI and LV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol. XL (1886), p 76, No 155; *IA*

¹ The treatment of this inscription does not occur in the remnants of Lüders' manuscript.

² We give the translation according to the one appearing in Lüders' *List*, which seems to us more probable than the explanation of Barua-Sinha referred to below.

³ In the relief, however, the bull does not lie on the earth like a dead animal, but, as already mentioned, has the forepart of his body raised. Its attitude is like that of a ruminating animal.

Vol XXI (1892), p 239, No 157, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 81 f, No 193, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 94 f, and Vol III (1937), Pl LXXIV (95a), Lüders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 174

TEXT.

yam bramano avayesi jatakam¹

TRANSLATION

The Jātaka 'because the brāhmana played'

The Jātaka, to which the label refers, was identified by Subhūti as the Andabhūta-jātaka, No 62 of the Pāli Jātaka book. It is one of the numerous Jātakas illustrating the cunningness of women. The Bodhisattva is a king of Benares, who, when playing at dice with his purohita, used to sing a ditty which states that all women do something wrong when they get an opportunity. On account of the truth of this saying he always wins the game, and the purohita is threatened by utter ruin. In order to break the spell he buys a girl before she has been born and brings her up in his house without ever allowing her to look at a man except himself. When she has grown up, the purohita begins to play again with the king. Whenever the king sings his ditty, the purohita adds 'excepting my girl', and thereby wins, while the king loses. To seduce the girl, the king then, in a most artful way, has a scamp smuggled into the purohita's house, where they enjoy themselves to their hearts' content. Before the lover takes leave, the couple plays a trick on the brahmin. The girl tells him that she should like to dance and asks him to play the *vinā* for her, but blindfolded, her modesty forbidding her to dance while he is looking on. The purohita consents, and when she has danced awhile, she asks him to allow her to hit him once on the head. When the purohita has granted her request, she makes a sign to her lover who is hidden in the chamber, and he deals his unsuspecting rival a terrible blow. When after that the king and the brahmin continue their game, the usual exception of the girl made by the brahmin has lost its power and he loses again. Being informed by the king of the cause of his bad luck, he charges the girl with her misdeed, but she proves her innocence by a new trick perpetrated with the assistance of her lover.

A portion of each side of the medallion which bears the inscription has been cut away when the pillar was set up as a beam in a cenotaph outside the village of Pataora. Fortunately the inscription and enough of the sculpture has been preserved to render the identification certain. In the lower half of the medallion the brahmin is sitting, blindfolded and playing the *vinā*, while the girl is standing before him stretching out her right hand. An arm with a closed fist appearing between her and the brahmin shows that the lover is concealed behind her. On the right the girl seems to have been represented once more in a dancing attitude. The upper storey of a house with two windows, a balcony and a pinnacled roof, represented in the upper half of the medallion, indicate that the scene is the house of the brahmin. For two reasons the label is of considerable importance for the history of Buddhist literature. The words *yam bramano avayesi*, corresponding to *yam brāhmano avādesi* in the Pāli text, are the first Pāda of the only Gāthā of the Jātaka, and the label proves that the mode of using the first line (*pratīka*) of the first Gāthā as the title of the Jātaka, which has been preserved in the Pāli Jātaka, had not yet gone out of fashion in the second century B C, although the later custom of calling a Jātaka after the hero or some incident of the story was already quite

¹From Cunningham's eye-copy and photograph. Cunningham *bumano*, Hultzsck *bram[h]ano* *bu* is found in B 31, *bra* in B 66, the symbols do not show much difference. I can discover no subscript *ha* in the photograph. Cunningham's eye-copy gives *jātakam*, but the *ja* seems to have no *ā*-sign.

common Secondly the form *avayesi*, which stands for *avāyesi*, confirms the view that the original text of the Gāthās was composed in the dialect of Eastern India, where intervocalic *d* had been replaced by *y*¹ *Bramano*, if this is the right reading, is probably only a faulty spelling for *bramhano*, cf *Bramhadevo* in No B 66, *Kanhalasa* in No A 63.

B 52 (769), PLATES XX, XLIII

On the same pillar as No A 66, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 2) Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 111, *StBh* (1879), p 53, 136, No 58, and Pl XXV and LIV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 68, No 72, and Pl , *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 233, No 72, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 101, No 221a, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 158 ff, and Vol III (1937), Pl XCII (137), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p. 133

TEXT

yavamajhakiyaṃ jātakam

TRANSLATION

The Jātaka relating to the market-towns

Whereas Cunningham imagined to have discovered the scene represented in the sculpture in the famous story of Upakoṣā and her lovers told in the Brihatkathāmañjarī and the Kathāsaritsāgara, Andersen in the Index to the Jātaka, p XV, pointed out that the medallion illustrated an older version of that story which forms an episode of the Mahāum-maggajātaka, No 546 of the Pāli collection² The Jātaka deals with the adventures of the Bodhisattva in his existence as the sage Mahosadha, councillor of king Vedeha The four envious ministers of the king attempt to supplant him They steal some ornaments from the royal treasury and send them secretly to Amarā, the wife of the sage Amarā, who is almost as clever as her husband, keeps an accurate account of these dealings When the ministers accuse Mahosadha of having stolen the ornaments, the sage escapes in disguise. Amarā invites the four ministers to come to her home When they arrive, she has them shaved, thrown into the dung-pit and finally put into rush-baskets Then taking the ornaments with her, she has the baskets carried to the royal palace, and there in the presence of the king she reveals the truth

In the medallion the king is represented sitting on his throne, attended by a female chaurī-bearer and surrounded by six of his courtiers On the right, Amarā stands accompanied by a female servant With her right hand she points at two baskets the lids of which have been taken off, exposing the shaven heads of the ministers, while a third basket is being uncovered by a servant and a fourth still unopened is just arriving, being carried on a pole by two servants

The divergence of the fable from the Jātaka book with regard to the title of the Jātaka can be sufficiently accounted for from the Pāli text itself The Mahāummaggajātaka is clearly composed of two parts, the first treating of Mahosadha's marvellous cleverness by which he solves numerous questions and triumphs over the attempts of the four ministers to destroy him, and the second, of his victory over a hostile king by means of a wonderful tunnel The *pratīka* ' *pañchālo sabbasenāya* ' (*J* VI, p 329) which serves as the title of the Jātaka in its

¹ Cf H Luders, *Beobachtungen über die Sprache des buddhistischen Urkanons*, edited by E Waldschmidt, Berlin 1954, § 115

² Barua's interpretation of the sculpture is so palpably wrong that it is unnecessary to discuss it.

present form consists of the first words of the first Gāthā of the second part of the Jāta- (1 c p 396) It shows that the first part of the story having the words 'mamsam gono' as *praiika* originally formed an independent Jātaka, which in later times, after the redaction of the Jātaka collection, was combined with the Ummaggajātaka having the *praiika* 'pañchē sabbasenāya' It is apparently the story of Mahosadha's cleverness, now forming the first part of the Jātaka, which is called *yavamajhakiyam jātakam* in the inscription, the name referring to the four market-towns at the four gates of Mithilā, the scene of Mahosadha's various adventures, cf Gāthā 41 'esa maggo yavamajhakassa' (1 c p 365, 25)

B 53 (802), PLATES XX, XLII

ON a pillar, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 7) Edited by Cunningham: *StBh* (1879), p 64 f, and Pl XXVI; Hultzsch, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 239, No. 156, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 93 f, No 218, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 145 ff, and Vol III (1937) Pl LXXXVIII (131); Lüders, *Bhārh.* (1941), p 133

TEXT:

Isis[im̐]g[īya] j[ā]ta(ka)[im̐]

TRANSLATION:

The Jātaka relating to Isisim̐ga (*Rśyaśringa*)^a

Cunningham assisted by Minayeff and Subhūti identified the scene to which the label belongs as the introductory story of the Alambusajātaka, No 523 of the Pāli collection which is briefly referred to also in the Naṃnikājātaka, No 526 The Bodhisattva is born as a brahmin, who, when he has reached the proper age, retires to the forest A doe in the brahmin's privy place eats the grass and drinks the water mingled with his semen and becomes pregnant. When she has given birth to a boy, the brahmin brings him up and instructs him in the practice of meditation This boy is Isisim̐ga, whose love-affairs are the subject of the Jātaka.

In the upper part of the medallion the hermit is seen squatting and attending to the sacred fire The scene seems to be intended to represent the life of the brahmin in the hermitage which is further indicated by a hut, a vessel with a lid and two vessels filled with food and suspended in nets from a piece of wood In the lower right corner the conception is represented in a most naturalistic manner In the centre the hermit is taking up the boy who has just been brought forth by the doe The dress of the hermit is quite different from that of the ordinary ascetics appearing in the sculptures He wears his hair coiled up in braids, has a long beard, a girdle and a kind of kilt apparently made of bark or kuśa grass around his loins and the sacred thread over his left shoulder He is thus clearly characterized as a brahmanical *vānaprastha*, which is in keeping with the Jātaka tale

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ON a coping-stone, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (A 112) Edited by Cunningham. *PASB* 1874, p 111; Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 69 f, 131, No 12, and Pl XXVII and LIII, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 61, No 12, and Pl ; Warren, *Two Bas-Relief*.

^aCf Oldenberg, *ZDMG*. Vol LII (1898), p 643.

^bCf Lüders, *Die Sage von Rśyaśringa* (Gott Nachr Phil Hist Kl 1897, pp.87-135, especially p. 133. *ibid.* 1901, pp 28-56), reprinted in *Philologica Indica*, Göttingen 1940, pp. 1-43, pp. 47-73, especially p. 41

of the *Stupa of Bhāhut* (1890), p 8 ff, Hultsch, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 226, 228, No 12, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 91, No 211, Barua, *Bārh* Vol II (1934), p. 135 f, and Vol III (1937), Pl II (3) and LXXXIV (125)¹, Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), pp 91-112

TEXT

kīnarajātakam

TRANSLATION

The Kinnarajātaka

The lower half of the sculpture to which the inscription belongs has been broken off, but enough remains to show that it represented a well-dressed man seated in an arm-chair², together with a man and a woman, who by their kilts made of leaves are characterised as kinnaras, standing on his left. Whether the kinnaras have been represented with bird-legs cannot be said as the lower part of the relief is broken away.

Cunningham, Rhys Davids³, and Grunwedel⁴ identified the sculpture with the Chandakinnarajātaka, No. 485 of the Pāli Collection. It is the story of a king who in the Himālaya meets a kinnara couple, falls in love with the kinnarī and shoots her husband, but leaves her, when she, enraged, rejects his love-suit. Sakka, moved by her lamentations, revives the husband.

Vogel found a representation of the Jātaka in the Gandhāra sculpture⁵ published by Foucher, *Mém conc l'Asie Orientale*, Tome III, p. 23 f, and Pl IV, 4, 5. The sculpture follows closely the text as it appears in the Gāthās of the Jātaka. At first (1)⁶ we see the kinnara-couple diverting itself, the man plays the harp, and the woman dances to its music. In the second scene (2) they continue their play, but now they are watched by the king, who is concealed behind a tree. The king rides the horse with the bow at his back. In the next scene (3) we see the king standing behind a rock having the bow bent and aiming at the man who still plays on his harp, while his wife is dancing. A tree separates this picture from the following scene. (4) Here the man, shot to death, lies on the ground and the harp is seen in front of him. The woman sits lamenting at his side. The king has taken her by her hand to take her away. In the next scene (5) he still holds her by the hand. She, enraged, rejects him. The scenes, which may have followed, are lost. The representations on Burmese tiles are more simple. On a tile from the Mangalachetiya in Pagan⁷, the archer has just charged the arrow which can be seen flying in the air. The kinnara sits before him, with the arrow in his breast, his lamenting wife at his side. On another tile from the Pagoda of Petleik⁸ there is a man who directs his bent bow against the kinnara standing at the side of

¹ Photograph, earlier in Cunningham's work, only a sketch had been given.

² A man sitting in a similar chair is found in the relief from Gayā in Cunningham's *Mahābodhi*, Pl IV, Barua, *Gayā and Buddha-Gayā*, Vol II, fig 63. Barua, p 109, has probably rightly seen in this relief the representation of the Sujātaḥ (306).

³ *Buddhist Birth-Stories*, Vol I, p CII.

⁴ *Buddhist Studien*, p 92.

⁵ It is kept in the Indian Museum, Calcutta, a replica in the British Museum. Jitendra Nath Banerjee, without knowing the article of Foucher, published the relief anew and identified it with the same Jātaka in *IHQ*, X, p 344 ff.

⁶ I do not know why Foucher takes the first two scenes in reversed order. The repetition of the kinnara couple thereby becomes ununderstandable and the succession of the scenes in the whole frieze is disturbed.

⁷ Grunwedel, *Buddh Studien*, fig 69, Foucher, I c p 32, fig 5 a.

⁸ Foucher, I c Pl IV, 6.

his wife From the heaven Sakka descends to make good the calamity brought about by the man

Warren¹ rejected, in my opinion rightly, the identification of the relief from Bhārhut with the Chandakinnaraj mentioned above, as there does not exist the slightest similarity between the two In the Jātaka, the king shoots the kinnara in a mountain range or in a forest, here, however, the kinnara and his wife stand in front of the king who sits comfortably in an arm-chair Warren himself wanted to explain the relief as a representation of the Bhallātiyajātaka (504) The Bhallātiyaj, different from the bulk of the Jātakas, is a complete, small epic poem which in its prose does not offer anything beyond the statements about the persons engaged in dialogue, exactly as it happens in the Mahābhārata The contents are as follows —

Bhallātiya, king of Benares, sees, when hunting on the Gandhamādana mountain, a kinnara couple, which embraces each other weeping and lamenting. On his question the kinnari tells him as the cause of their grief that they had been separated for one night by a swollen river 697 years ago This moving story is inserted into another one, which is narrated by a person called *samana*, as becomes clear from the last three Gāthās This *samana* adds the admonition, apparently addressed to a married couple, to avoid quarrel and fight. He therefore receives the thanks of one of them, whether of the husband or of the wife cannot be decided from the Gāthās According to the prose narration the *samana* is the Buddha himself who, with the help of the story, reconciled king Pasenadi and his wife Mallikā after they have had a matrimonial quarrel Later on the queen expressed her thanks to him

Oldenberg², though hesitatingly, followed the identification of Warren Foucher also first joined him and explained as Bhallātiyajātaka³ two reliefs from the Boro-Budur, where a king is depicted in a scenery of rocks having a conversation with a kinnara couple, whereas Grünwedel, l c, considered the same as representing the Chandakinnarajātaka Since the Gandhāra frieze mentioned above was discovered, Foucher became inclined to the view that in Bhārhut as well as on the Boro-Budur the Chandakinnarajātaka was depicted 'si grande est la routine de l'art bouddhique'⁴ I cannot believe in the correctness of this view The oldest illustration of the Chandakinnarajātaka is given in the Gandhāra frieze If this was the traditional one, then we should expect that the representations in Bhārhut and on the Boro-Budur were similar to it, but this is not the case and it does not convince me that the Javanese artist should have suppressed the essential episode, the murder of the kinnara, as violating the sentiment, and that he should have depicted instead of it the king in conversation with the kinnara couple, although the story does not give any occasion for such a talk The attitude of the figures —the kinnara-couple speaking, the king worshipping the two with hands joined together—seems to me to speak decisively in favour of the interpretation of the Javanese reliefs as Bhallātiyajātaka

On the other hand I agree with Hultzsch who opposed the identification of the Bhārhut relief not only with the Chandakinnarajātaka but also with the Bhallātiyajātaka, for the reason that the king sitting in his arm-chair can impossibly represent the king hunting in the mountains as told in the Bhallātiyajātaka Foucher as well declares, that this reason

¹ Warren, *Two Bas-Reliefs of the Stupa of Bharhut*, p 8 ff

² JAOS XVIII, p 188, 191

³ *Beginnings of Buddhist Art*, p 242, Pl XLI, 1 Ijzerman had already referred to the plates from the Boro-Budur. *Bydragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde van Nederlandsch-Indië* V, 1, p 577 ff.

⁴ *Mém conc l'Asie Orientale*, Tome III, p 7 f

ought to be decisive if one were to trust the sketch of Cunningham. That this sketch does not deserve suspicion is proved by the publication of the photograph. So today possibly Foucher also would consent to the identification of the relief proposed by Hultzsch with the *kinnara-episode*, the last tale in a series of stories narrated to the former Purohita of king Brahmadatta of Benares by his pupil and present Purohita Takkāriya in the Takkāriyajātaka (481)¹

The tale is quite clear in its course, although the text is badly preserved and the Gāthās therefore give great difficulties in details. A hunter catches a kinnara-couple in the Himavat and brings it to the king in Benares to whom such beings are quite unknown. When he hears from the hunter that kinnaras are clever in dancing and singing, he commands them to show their art. In fear of making an error and saying something false the pair remains silent. Enraged the king orders (G 7)

“They are not gods, and also not Gandharvas. They are animals brought² to me for the sake of profit. This one may be roasted for supper, the other one, however, may be roasted for breakfast³”

Now the kinnarī regards it timely to speak. She says (G 8)

“A hundred thousand of bad speeches do not weigh as much as one piece of good speech. Fearing calamity from bad speech, the kinnaras are silent, not out of stupidity⁴”.

The king, pleased with the kinnarī, answers (G 9):

“The one who spoke to me, should be set free and be taken to the Himavat-range. But the other one is to be delivered to the kitchen and roasted in the early morning for breakfast⁵”.

Now the kinnara also feels urged to open his mouth (GG 10-12)

“The cattle depend on the god of ram, these beings on the cattle. On you, oh great king, I depend, on me, my wife depends⁶. One of us when released, could only go into the mountains, after having known that the other one is dead⁶”

“Censure in fact cannot be easily avoided⁷. The men with whom one has to manage, are different, oh king. The thing for what the one receives praise, for that the other meets with a censurer”

¹IA XXI, p 226, JRAS (1912), p 407

²Instead of *miḡā ime aithavasābhāṭā ime*, which is also metrically incorrect, *miḡā ime aithavasābhāṭā* *me* is to be read. In the grammatical commentary later on the two last words have been explained in conformity with the contents of the story, but the *me* is attested by *mama aithavasābhāṭā ime ti aitham paḥchāśmasantena luddenānītaṭṭā aithavasena mama ābhāṭā*

³In the fourth pāda the Sinhalese mss give *ekañ cha puna pātārāse paḥchantu*, the Burmese *ekañ cha nam puna pātārāse paḥchantu*. The original reading was probably *ekam puna pātārāse paḥchantu*.

⁴*Dubbhāsītan samkamāno kilesa tasmā tunhī kimpurīsā na balyā*. The third pāda cannot be right, the explanation of the commentator, who seems to take *kilesa* as *verbum finitum*, is without value. I should suppose—*dubbhāsīṭā samkamānā kilesam*. It is to be noted that *kilesa* apparently has not been used in the Buddhist sense.

⁵The edition reads according to the Burmese mss *nātho 'ham bhāryāya cha*, but C^s *mama nāthā mama bhāryā mama nāthā*, whereas C^k has only *mama bhāryā*. The commentary, according to the Sinhalese mss reads—*mama nāthā ti mama pana bhāryā mama nāthā aham assā patittho*. Here, corresponding to the *wan-nātho* in the third pāda, *mama nāthā* stands clearly instead of *mama nāthā*, and the pāda originally read *mama nāthā bhāryā mama or mama nāthā mama bhāryā*, where *bhāryā* is the representative of the original eastern form *bhāryā*.

⁶The two last pādas read in the text and the commentary without any variant *duvnam aīñātaram nātū mīto gachchheyya pabbatam*, which is not understandable to me. The commentary explains *amhākam duvnam antare eko ekam matam nātū sayam mananto mīto paḥchhāṭā Himavantaṃ gachchheyya | jīvamānā pana mayam aīñamāñam na jahāma | tasmā sa che si imam Himavantaṃ pesetukāmo pathamaṃ mam māretvā paḥchhāṭā pesēhīti aīñātaram* is perhaps an attempt to rectify *aīñātaram* distorted from original *aīñam matam*. I have translated accordingly, but I am by no means sure to have found the right meaning.

⁷*na ve nandā suparvajjeyyā che*, with the reading *suparvajjeytha* in the Burmese manuscripts. The *che* is ununderstandable, and passed over in the commentary.

“ Everyone is without understanding for somebody who understands (the matter) differently than how he does. Everybody has understanding for the man who yields to (one’s own) understanding. All beings understand (things) in their own way, each one for himself. Whose understanding shall I follow under these circumstances? ”

The king thereupon releases the kinnara too and the story ends with a Gāthā, wrongly attributed to the king in the prose account (G 13)

“ The kinnara together with his wife stood silent. Because he spoke, fearing danger for himself, he became free, safe and sound. Speech, indeed, brings profit to men ”

Nobody can deny that the relief is in best conformity with this narration. Only the label seems to go against this identification, as indeed the story of the kinnaras in the form as it is handed down, is in reality no Jātaka but only cited in a Jātaka as an example. Now it is quite possible that the story was originally an independent Jātaka. In any case, however, it must have been taken into the Takkāriyaḥ before the final redaction of the Jātaka-collection was made, for the Takkāriyaḥ with its 13 Gāthās is rightly inserted in the Terasanipāta. I therefore should like to believe that Kinnarajātaka is only another name for the Takkāriyaḥ. The nomenclature appears justified from two points of view. The narration of the kinnaras is not only the most important part of the Jātaka in regard to its size—it comprehends more than half of all the Gāthās—but in respect to its essence as well, the whole little poem teaches nothing but worldly wisdom in an unbuddhist manner, and ends with the climax in the last words *vāchā ku’ ev’ atthavati narānam* ‘ speech, indeed, brings profit to men ’

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE ON THE TAKKĀRIYAĀTAKA

The Takkāriyājātaka, due to various reasons, is one of the most interesting in the Pāli collection. According to the prose narration the contents are as follows. King Brahmadatta of Benares has a Purohita possessing yellow eyes and protruding teeth¹. The wife of the Purohita has illicit relations with another brahmin of the same appearance. The Purohita resolves to get rid of his rival by a stratagem. He goes to the king and tells him that the Southern gate of his town is badly fortified and is inauspicious. One ought to build a new one made out of auspicious timber and fix it after offering a sacrifice to the tutelary deities of the town under an auspicious constellation. The king consents. The Purohita has the new gate made, the old one pulled down, and announces to the king that on the following day there would be a favourable date to offer the sacrifice and to erect the gate. He further adds that one ought to sacrifice and bury underneath the gate a brahmin possessing yellow eyes and protruding teeth. When the Purohita returns to his house, he is not able to keep silent, being full of joy over the success of his stratagem and tells his wife that he would sacrifice her lover the next morning. The wife in a hurry warns her lover, who thereupon runs away from the town together with all the other brahmins having yellow eyes and protruding teeth. When on the morning of the offering-day no other suitable brahmin is to be found the king commands to kill the Purohita and give his office of Purohita to his pupil Takkāriya. The old Purohita is brought to Takkāriya in fetters who explains to him in a series of stories, the bad results of untimely speaking and saves him afterwards from death by pretending that the favourable constellation has not arrived. He lets the day pass. At night he allows his teacher to escape unnoticed and performs the sacrifice with a dead ram

¹ The text and the commentary of the Gāthā are distorted in many ways. In the first pāda certainly *parachutte* has to be read instead of *parachutto* corresponding to *chittavasamhi* in the second pāda. In the last pāda we have to read either *kass’idha chittassa vasena vatte* or *kass’idha chittassa vase nu vatte*

²AO XVI, p. 131 ff

The gentle conclusion of the story has obviously been added only when the small poem containing nothing specific Buddhist was made a Jātaka. In the Jātaka the role of the Bodhisattva could only be attributed to Takkāriya. By this fact, however, the sacrificing of the Purohita by Takkāriya became excluded. The narrator even avoids to speak of the killing of the sacrificial animal used instead of the Purohita. He makes Takkāriya sacrifice a 'dead' ram (*matam elakam*)

The word Takkāriya assigned as a name to the pupil of the Purohita appears in the first two Gāthās. In G 1 the Purohita laments

*aham eva dubbhāsitam bhāsi bālo
bheko v'araññe ahim avhayāno |
Takkāriye sobbham imam patāmi
na ku' eva sādhu atwelabhāni ||*

"I myself as a fool have spoken bad words like the frog in a forest, who calls the serpent to the spot 'Takkāriya', I fall down in this pit. Indeed, it is not good to speak at improper time"²

Takkāriya answers:

*pappoti machcho atwelabhāni
evam vadham sokapariddavañ cha |
attānam yeva garahāsi eitha
āchera yan tam nikkhananti sobbhe ||*

"So the man, who speaks at improper time, experiences death, as well as grief and lamentation. You ought to blame yourself in this case³, oh teacher, if they bury you in the pit"

The form *Takkāriye*, for which the Sinhalese manuscripts read *Takkāriyo* in the text as well as in the commentary, offers difficulties. The commentator had undoubtedly the reading *Takkāriye* before his eyes, as he explains the word as feminine *tassa Takkāriyān utthulīngam nāma*. This explanation is of course impossible. I cannot follow Hertel⁴ either, when he expresses the view that the person addressed was originally a female, perhaps the wife of the Purohita. From the stanza of the response it is apparent that the Purohita is the teacher of Takkāriya. Takkāriya therefore must have been his pupil. The right explanation of the form, as I think, has been given by Geiger (*Pāli Gr*, p 81). He takes it as a 'Magadhism' and quotes as a parallel *Bhesika* which appears in *D I*, 225 f as a vocative of the name *Bhesika*.

The name Takkāriya is somewhat striking. A *gotra* of this name is not known. Inscriptions from the middle ages, however, mention on different occasions a place Tarkāri or Tarkārikā, instead of which sometimes Takkārikā is written. It is a centre of Vedic studies from where many families of brahmins went to the East and South⁵. The place was situated in Madhyadeśa in the vicinity of Śrāvastī. That means a region which fell certainly into the mental horizon of the author of the Gāthā.

We therefore may suppose that Tarkāri was a settlement of brahmins many centuries before it appears in the inscriptions mentioned, the inhabitants of which called themselves with pride Tarkārikas or Takkāriyas.

¹I take this as a vocative, see below.

²This is apparently the sense of the last pāda, although it is expressed in a somewhat round about manner.

³Perhaps we have to read in accordance with the Sinhalese manuscripts *etto* 'therefore', although the commentator explains the word by *etasmim kāraṇe*.

⁴ZDMG LX, p 785

⁵The references are collected and discussed by N. G. Majumdar, *JA* XLVIII, p 208 ff

If the Jātaka were to contain only the first two Gāthās, the prose narration would not offer any difficulty except in the concluding portion. But doubts about its originality are raised when one examines the stories put into the mouth of Takkāriya. They are clearly divided into two groups. At the beginning there are four short stories of men acting as foolishly as the Purohita. Each story contains a Gāthā ending with the words *ayam pi attho bahu tādiso va* 'also this case is highly similar'. Next follows the long and very different story of the king and the kinnara-couple, already known to us, containing not less than seven Gāthās.

The contents of the first four stories are as follows:

1. The courtesan Kālī in Benares has a brother named Tundila who spends the money she gave him on women, drinks, and games. One day after losing everything, he comes, dressed only in loincloth, to his sister and begs money of her. She refuses to aid him. Just when he stands weeping before the door, the son of a rich merchant comes to visit the courtesan. He asks Tundila the cause of his grief and when he does not succeed in making the courtesan have pity on her brother, he gives Tundila his own clothes and himself puts on the garments usually given to the visitors in the house of the courtesan for the night. The next morning, when he wants to leave, these garments are taken away by female servants so that he has to move on the street naked and mocked at by the people. The Gāthā runs as follows.

*kim ev' aham Tuṇḍilam ānupucchhe
kaneyyasam bhātaram Kālikāya' 1
naggo v' aham vatthayugañ cha jīno
ayam pi attho bahu tādiso va 11*

"Why should I have inquired after Tundila, the younger brother of Kālikā? Now I am naked and deprived of both garments. Also this case is highly similar."

2. A Kulnka-bird tries to separate two fighting rams, as it fears that they will kill each other. When they do not listen to its words, it flies between the fighting ones and gets crushed by the heads of the clashing animals. The Gāthā reads:

*yo yujjhamānānam ayujjhamāno
mendantaram achchupatī kulmko 1
so pumsito mendasirehi tattha
ayam pi attho bahu tādiso va 11*

"The Kulnka which, without fighting, flew² between the contending rams was crushed there by the heads of the rams. Also this case is highly similar."

3. Cowherds from Benares wish to get fruits from a palm-tree³. They make one of them climb up the tree and throw the fruits down. At the very moment a black serpent crawls up the trunk of the tree. Four of the men standing below hold a cloth at four corners and ask their companion to spring down on it. He does so, but comes down with such force that the four are not able to stand upright but strike their heads against each other, so that all come to death. The Gāthā reads:

*chaturō janā pōthhakam aggahesmu
ekañ cha posam anurakkhamānā 1
sabbe va te bhinnasvā sayimsu
ayam pi attho bahu tādiso va 11*

¹The edition reads *ānupuccheyyam kareyya sam bhātaram Kālikāyam*, the emendation according to CPD, I, p. 201.

²*achchupatī* is explained in the CPD as metrical haplogy for *achchupapati* from *achch-upa-patati*. Differently, but not convincingly, Kern, *Toev* I, p. 61.

³Read *Bāvanasvāsino va gopālakā phalitam tālarukham diso*

“ Four men took a cloth, and while saving one man, they all lay down with their heads broken Also this case is highly similar ”

4 Thieves have stolen a goat and concealed it in a bamboo thicket When they arrive on the next day in order to slaughter the animal, they find that they have forgotten to bring a knife with them They free the goat It jumps around happily, and when it strikes out with the legs, a knife appears, which a maker of wickerwork has concealed there in the bamboo thicket Immediately the thieves take it and slaughter the goat The Gāthā reads

*ajā yathā ve.ugumbasmm baddhā
avekkhupanī asik' ajhagañchhu 1
ten' eva tassā galak' āvakantam
ayam pi attho bahu tādiso va 11*

“ When¹ the goat, bound in the bamboo thicket, found the knife, while striking out² (with the leg), its throat was cut with it Also this case is highly similar ”

At the first look, perhaps, the similarity of these stories with the narration of the Purohita, stated in the refrain of the Gāthās, seems to consist only in the fact that all cases deal with a calamity brought about by oneself One is instantly reminded of the stanza spoken by Damanaka in the Tantrākhyāyika (I, 54), when he brings Sañjivaka to his master Pingalaka and thereby loses his influence on the lion

*jambuko huduyuddhena vayam chāshādhabhūtā 1
dūtkā tantravāyena trayo 1narthās svayam kritāh 11*

“ The jackal by the fight of rams, and we by Āshādhabhūti, the female-messenger by the weaver, these three are made unhappy by themselves ”

Here also three completely different tales are bound together by the thought that in all cases the calamity is due to one's own actions The first story even has a parallel in the second story of the Jātaka A jackal sees two rams fighting. It throws itself between the two in order to lick the blood which drops from their foreheads and thus meets with death between the heads of the fighting animals. But there is some important difference between these two narrations The jackal is driven by its thirst for blood between the rams, the Kulinka, however, by the wish to save them from calamity The wish to help others is also the motive of action for the son of the merchant and the four men in the third tale Only in the story of the goat and the knife it seems to be missing It also does not appear in the numerous other versions of the tale³ However, I am convinced that in the original prose narration the finding of the knife was not a matter of chance but that the idea of the story was as follows Thieves once had stolen a goat in order to eat it and had hidden it in a bamboo thicket When they intended to slaughter the goat, the knife was lost in the thicket In order to help them the goat took part in the search, found the knife, and so brought death to itself Only in this way the narration fits into the context It is quite possible that the author thereby brought a new characteristic into the old story of the goat and the knife (*ajākṛtapanīyam*⁴), but he changed somewhat also the second story to suit his purpose Certainly the Kulinka here took the place of the jackal secondarily, for whereas the intrefere-

¹ *yathā* is striking Do we have to read *yadā*?

² Andersen, *ZDMG* LXVI, p 145, thinks of deriving *avekkhupanī* from ² *avaskipati* = *avakshapati*, which seems to be too bold

³ The whole literature is mentioned in Edgerton's instructive article “ *The Goat and the Knife - An Automatic Solution of an Old Crux*”, *JAOS*. LIX, p. 366 ff

⁴ For the compound cf *Kāśikā* to *Pāṇini* V, 3, 106

of the jackal is motivated by its natural greed, the Kulinka really has no reason to interfere with the fight of the rams.

To this may be added that the purpose of the story of the kinnara told by the pupil at the end is clearly to show that a word spoken at the right time brings profit. We should therefore expect that the preceding examples show that untimely speech leads to calamity, in the same way as in the second Gāthā Takkāriya expressly refers the Purohita to the fact that a man when he speaks at the improper time experiences death, calamity, and grief. Instead of this, cases are mentioned in which the intention to help others leads to disaster. Now the Purohita brought himself to calamity by untimely speaking, however in no way did he speak with good intention. In the present prose account the examples cited do not fit into the main narration. If it were narrated that he spoke an untimely word to help others and thereby nearly brought himself to death, then it would be understandable that the pupil told him other cases "highly similar" of well-meant but untimely interference in the affairs of others, and gave at the end an example of talking at the right time.

In fact a story, corresponding to these requirements, is widely spread in later literature. We know of it, thanks to Hertel, who in *ZDMG* LX, p 778 ff., *Pañchatantra* p 140, collected the different versions of the tale and compared it with the Jātaka.

In the *Pañchatantra* translation of Dubois' (1) Damanaka narrates the following in order to show that it is dangerous to tell the truth to kings. King Darma-Dahla of Oudjyiny (Ujjavini) gets a big tank dug out, but it is not possible to fill it with water, as all the water flows out into a deep cavity by some unnoticeable gap. A muni instructs him that this is a consequence of some magic which would end only when a Rājaputra or a muni is sacrificed. The king immediately orders to kill the muni, to whom he owes the advice, and to throw his body into the tank. The body by chance fills up the gap, so that the tank gets filled and can be used to fertilize the land all around.

Another version is preserved in the story No 25 of the *Tantrākhyāna* (2)². The opening stanza says

hitam na vākyam ahitam³ na vākyam
hitāhitam yady ubhayam na vākyam |
Kurunthako⁴ nāma Kalngarājā
hitopadeṣi vvaram pravṛtataḥ ||

"One shall not speak something profitable nor something unprofitable, nor shall one speak, when something is both, profitable and unprofitable. A king of Kalnga, Kurunthaka by name, entered the gap in the earth, because he had given good advice."

In the tale belonging thereto it is narrated that the king Kurunthaka of Kalnga once rides out for hunting. His horse runs away with him and carries him to a village, where suddenly a gap in the earth has appeared which the people cannot fill in by any means. The king tells them that it can be filled if a man bearing lucky marks can be offered in sacrifice. As he himself is the only man of this kind he is thrown into the earth gap.

In the fourth tale of the *Pañchākhyānavārtika*(3)⁵, instead of the king, a skull-bearing ascetic named Korantaka appears. The opening stanza reads here.

hitam na vāchyam ahitam na vāchyam
hitāhitam narva cha bhāṣhanīyam |

¹ *Pantcha-Tantra*, p 34.

² Bendall, *JRAS* XX, p 491, Hertel, *Pañchatantra*, p 318.

³ Bendall *to ahitam*.

⁴ In L. *Kārunthako*.

⁵ Hertel, *Pañchatantra*, p 139 f.

*Korañṭako nāma kapālayogī
hitopadeśena bīlam pīvaṣṭitah 11*

The story is according to Hertel In the town Kanyāpura Pātana, king Kanakasēkhara rules He gets a tank dug out near the town in which, however, no water can be retained, although he makes it laid out with stone, with glass and with tin one after the other A visiting ascetic who bears the 32 lucky marks on his body, confirms the view of the minister that a hostile demon (*vyantara*) is responsible for the disaster, and informs the king, when asked, that it is necessary to kill a man, bearing the 32 lucky marks on his body He adds that this man should be buried in a hole underneath the tank, and that a chapel should be erected at the place The king orders his minister to find out such a man As no one besides the ascetic is to be found the minister orders to kill the ascetic himself in consequence of his advice

This version is in conformity with the 114th tale in Hemavijaya's Kathāratnākara (4)¹ Only the names are different The inhabitants of the village Pūrana have constructed a tank in which the water does not remain When all other means do not help, the people turn to a great yogin, named Sūranātha, who advises them to bury in the tank a man possessing the 32 lucky marks on his body As Sūranātha himself bears the marks he becomes the victim of his own advice

The opening stanza of the Pañchākhyānavārtuka with the variants *tu* for *cha* in b, *Herandako nāma kapālabhukshur* in c, and *hitopadeśāch cha* in d, recurs in the recension ξ of the Southern textus simplicior of the Pañchatantra (5)² But the story here deviates The king in order to have a field irrigated gets a dam put across a river The river, however, runs out through a gap in the earth A muni named Herandaka informs the king that the gap can be filled if a king or a muni throws himself into it The king is ready to sacrifice himself but the muni declares that the king should not die, therefore he would throw himself into the gap

In this form the story appears still often in South India Hertel, *Pañchatantra*, p 68, mentions that it forms the first tale in the collection 'Folklore of the Telugus' by G R Subramiah Pantulu (6)³ The monk here bears the name Erunda Benfey, *Pantschatantra* I, p. 108, hinted at the fact that it reappears in the legendary history of the Chola kingdom (7) The river there is the Kāverī The tale is mentioned shortly by Wilson, *Mackenzie Collection* I, p 183⁴ According to it the king was named Kanaka, the muni sacrificing himself Eranda

There still remains a great number of stories showing a relationship more or less apparent with the stories mentioned above Already Benfey, *Pantschatantra* II, p. 529, has utilized a legend told by Huan-tsang in great details (8)⁵ It is connected with a monastery lying on a big river more than a hundred *li* to the south-east of the capital of Khotan. This river, used by the inhabitants to irrigate their fields, suddenly ceases to flow The king on the advice of an ascetic, brings an offering to the Nāga in the river, whereupon a woman emerges from the water and tells the king that the river has dried up because the Nāga, her husband, died. He should give her one of his great ministers as husband A high official, after donating a monastery, declares that he is ready to sacrifice himself for the benefit of all On a white horse he rides into the river and is drowned After a short while the horse emerges with a drum of sandalwood on its back The drum contains a letter

¹ In the translation of Hertel, Vol. II, p 25 f

² Hertel, *ZDMG* LX, p 779, LXI, p 34

³ I do not have access to the book.

⁴ Cf H H Wilson, *Mackenzie Collection*, II, p CCLXVI

⁵ Beal, *Si-yu-ki* II, p 319 ff

reporting to the king the success of the sacrifice. When the drum is suspended in the south-east of the town, the river again begins to flow. Huan-tsang adds that at his time the drum had disappeared since a long time, and of the monastery only ruins were to be seen.

Benfey, *Pantschatantra* I, p. 109, has already referred to the eighth story of the Vikramacharita (9). In the Southern recension, placed at the top by Edgerton in his edition¹, it is narrated that a merchant in Kashmir has a tank dug out to erect therein a temple dedicated to Vishnu lying on the water. But the water let into the tank always flows away. A heavenly voice announces that the water would remain only if the tank is sprinkled with the blood from the throat of a man, carrying the 32 lucky marks on his body. The merchant in vain promises 100 loads of gold as a reward to a man who offers himself for sacrifice. When king Vikrama has heard of the happening, he resolves to give his life for the sake of the people. He goes there and begins to cut his throat. At this moment a deity holds him back and allows him to choose a boon. The king desires that the tank may be filled, which then immediately happens. There are deviations in the other recensions of the work of which I may only mention that in the metrical recension the merchant offers as a reward seven golden statues, whereas in the shorter and in the Jain recensions, only one statue, made out of ten loads of gold, is promised.

The motif of the golden statue recurs in a tale of the Samyaktvakaumudi (10)². The gate of the city Varasakti during its construction by king Sudharma falls down thrice. His minister advises the king to sprinkle it with the blood of a man, killed by the ruler himself, in order to make the gate firm. This plan is not liked by the pious king, on the advice of another high official, however, he has a man made out of gold and jewels and promises that he would give it in reward besides ten million gold pieces, to the man willing to give his son as offering. A brahmin couple offers the youngest of their seven sons, but the king cannot make up his mind to perform the sacrifice, and the deities of the city, satisfied also with the courage shown by the youngster, allow the building of the gate to proceed steadily.

Similarly the sacrifice actually does not take place in the tale of Āmrabhata, narrated in a somewhat unclear manner in Merutuṅga's Prabandhachintāmani, p. 220 f³ (11). Āmrabhata has a temple built in Bhrgupura. When a ditch is being dug the walls collapse, on account of the vicinity of the Narmadā, and begin to bury the workmen. At this moment Āmrabhata, together with his wife and children, jumps into the pit. By this action he removes the obstacle and still comes out alive.

Hertel (*ZDMG* LX, p. 781) has in this connection further referred to the tale of Āruni Pāñchālya in the *Mbh* I, 3, 19 ff (12). Āruni on the advice of his teacher Āyoda Dhaumya fills in a hole in an irrigated field by creeping inside, and receives the blessings of his teacher for his obedience.

Lastly Hertel (*ibid* p. 780) has mentioned as a parallel the well-known Roman tale of the formation of the lacus Curtius found in Livius VII, 6 (13).

Let us now review the first seven tales connected with each other by their contents and partly also by formal characteristics. It is quite understandable that the names Kurunthaka, Korantaka, Herandaka in the opening stanza of Nos. 2, 3, 5, and Erunda in No. 6, Eranda in No. 7, all go back to one and the same form. In all cases it is the name of the man, who meets with death. Except in No. 2 this man is everywhere a religious mendicant, in Nos. 3 and 5 he is called more exactly a skull-carrying ascetic. Only in No. 2, where he bears the

¹*HOS* XXVI, p. 92 ff, XXVII, p. 84 ff, cf. also XXVI, p. LXXX f.

²Weber, *SPAW* 1889, p. 741 f.

³p. 136 in the translation of Tawney.

same name as the ascetic in other cases he is supposed to be the king of Kalinga. I have no doubt that the *Kalūgarājā* in the stanza replaced the original *kapālayogī* (No 3) or *kapālabhukshuh* (No 5). Now, as it is highly improbable that the villagers kill their own king, the popular motif of the horse running away to a distant place has been brought into it. So it can be supposed that the king comes to a place where he is not known.

The narrations Nos 1-4 oppose in one point the Southern ones, Nos 5-7, which are closely related to each other. In Nos 1-4, the ascetic or the king brings himself to calamity against his own will, in Nos 5-7, however, he chooses death willingly. Hertel is of the opinion that the motif of self-sacrifice done willingly is the original, because in the opening stanza of Nos 2, 3, 5, it is mentioned that the ascetic or the king entered the gap (*vvānam* or *bilam pravṣṭāh*) and was not made to enter it (*praveṣṭāh*). To me, however, it seems that *pravṣṭāh*, if required by the context of the story, can be understood also as an enforced entering into the earth-hole. This in fact is the case in Nos 2 and 3. Now the stanza shows as clearly as possible that 'silence is gold' is the moral of the story. The ascetic or the king brings death upon himself because in giving an advice he does not show regard to it. He, who offers himself willingly as sacrifice, does not come to death by good advice (*hitopadeśena*) but due to generosity. Hertel, in his opinion that the tale originally has been an example of generous self-sacrifice, finds the proof in the stories of Livius (No 13), in the *Mbh* (No 12), and in the *Vikramacharita* (No 9). But the Roman story cannot decide anything in this question and the story of Āruni is far different in contents. It indeed does not praise generosity but obedience of the pupil to his Guru. The tale of Vikrama, however, is, as most of the stories in the *Vikramacharita*, an example for the generosity (*audārya*) of the king¹. In the same way Ārabhaṭa in the story of the *Prabandhachintāmani* acts out of generosity and possibly the narration in Nos 5-7 has been changed under the influence of this and the other related stories. The author of the stanza, however, in my opinion, cannot have thought of the self-sacrifice of the ascetic as it is incompatible with the plain wording of the stanza.

The narration of the ascetic who met with death by giving good advice is in conformity in nearly all points with the original version of the prose narration of the *Takkāriyaḥ* to which we arrived by the examination of the *Gāthās*. It was not on account of his talkativeness, but because he spoke to help others, that the teacher of *Takkāriya* found death. The untruthfulness of his wife, the jealousy for the rival, the teacher's intention to get rid of him, all this is apparently later addition of the author of the prose. It is not backed by the *Gāthās*. Whether in the original narration the teacher was the *Purohita* of the king is not to be found out from the *Gāthās*. In any case, however, he was, as is shown by the vocative *āchera* in G 2, a member of the priestly class as well as the hero in the later stories. It is possible that the matter in which he gave his advice was about the building of a city gate. In No 10 also a sacrifice of a human being for securing the construction of a city gate occurs. If one compares the expressions *sobham imam patāmi* in G. 1, *yan tam nikhānanti sobhe*, with the expressions *vvānam pravṣṭāh*, *bilam pravṣṭāh* in the stanzas of Nos 2, 3, 5, it does not seem unreasonable that the poet of the *Gāthās* had in view a person's being pushed down in an earth-hole, may it be a simple gap in the earth as in No 2 or, as in Nos 1, 3-7, an opening in a tank or a river. On the other hand the yellow eyes and the protruding teeth of the *Purohita* in the *Jātaka* story may be old and more original than the lucky bodily marks

¹By the side of it in the different recensions we are also told of his helpfulness, his heroism and his cleverness.

ascribed to the person sacrificed in Nos 2-4 Just the demoniac appearance makes the man suitable to be offered to some deity'

B 55 (786), PLATES XX, XLIII

ON the left outer face of the return corner pillar of the northern gate, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 28) The inscription is engraved on the roof of a building in the lower relief Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 112, *StBh* (1879), p 79 ff, 137, No 75, and Pl XVIII and LIV, Hoernle, *IA* Vol XI (1882), p 31 f, No 26, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 70, No 86, and Pl, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 234, No 86, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 94 ff, No 220, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 155 ff, and Vol III (1937), Pl XCI (136), Luders, *Bārḥ* (1941), p 133, Luders, *Das Vidhura paṇḍitajātaka*, *ZDMG* XCIX (1949), pp 103-130, esp p 115

TEXT

Vitura-Punakiyajatakam

TRANSLATION*

The Jātaka which treats of Vitura (*Vidura*) and Punaka (*Pūrnaka*).

The Jātaka represented on the pillar bears in the Pāli collection the title of Vidhura-panḍitajātaka (No 545) Vidhura is the name of the Bodhisattva, when born as the *kattar*¹ of the Kuru king Dhanañjaya in Indapatta Vimalā the wife of the Nāga king Varuna, having heard of his virtues desires to listen to his discourses on the law In order to induce the king to bring him to the Nāga world, she pretends to have a sick woman's longing for his heart The Nāga king instructs his daughter Irandatī to seek for a husband who will be able to fetch the sage When the Yaksha Punnaka² sees Irandatī dancing on a mountain in the Himālaya, he falls in love with her He rides on his aerial horse to the Kuru king and challenges him to play at dice, risking Vidhura as the king's stake, his own stake being the most precious jewel The Yaksha wins the game and carries off Vidhura, making him hold on to the tail of his horse When they arrive on the summit of Mount Kālāgiri³, Punnaka

¹ Compare the use of such a man in the concluding ceremony of the Aśvamedha, *AO* XVI, p 142f

² The meaning of the word *kattar* is given in the Pāli Dictionary as 'an officer of the king, the king's messenger' Cowell translates 'messenger', Dutot 'helper', Francis (V, 113 f) in addressing a person 'my Ancient' But the *kattar* of the Gāthās has undoubtedly the same meaning as Sk *kshatri*. The old form *khattar* is still retained in *D* I, 112, 128, and probably *khattar* was changed to *kattar* only in Ceylon where the meaning of the expression was no more clear, and where the word was taken as 'maker' from *krī*, or perhaps as 'cutter' from *krī* *Kshatri* derived from *kshad* 'to carve, to slaughter, to prepare dishes', originally meant 'the carver of meat, the sever, the distributor of food in a noble household' (For a detailed discussion on the word *kshatri* as it appears in the Sk literature from the Atharvaveda onwards see Luders, *ZDMG* XCIX, p 115 ff)

³ *Punaka* in the inscription is naturally only written for *Punnaka*, *Punnaka* in the eastern language, which does not know the lingual *n*, corresponds to *Purnaka*

⁴ The mountain Kālāgiri, where Punnaka intends to kill Vidhura (G 196) lies in the vicinity of Rājagaha Kālāgiri is represented in the *SuA* (201) by Kālapabbata, and is certainly identical with Kālasilā, a rock raised, according to *D* II, 116, at Isigili, the Rūshgiri of the Sk texts, near Rājagaha The home of the poet of the Gāthās was the eastern part of India as is to be seen from his familiarity with the localities and local stories of the east The wonderful jewel, which Punnaka intends to use as his stake in the game, lies on the summit of the Vepulla (G 36 ff), one of the five mountains surrounding Rājagaha It is apparently identical with the modern Vipulagiri, see Cunningham, *ASR* Vol 1, p 21 Also the *Vipulah* in *Mbh* 2, 21, 2 f goes probably back to the name of the mountain Thus the jewel on the mountain in our Jātaka owes its origin to the local tradition of Rājagaha (for details see Luders, l c, p 113)

That the fairy-tale of Vidhura and Punnaka has its home in eastern India is also shown by the fact that it was originally composed in the eastern language. In the Gāthās many peculiarities of this language appear In Gāthās 2 and 5 and in the little song of Irandatī (G 7) even the nom. sg ending in *-e* has been retained (see Luders, l c p 112)

tries to kill the sage. He holds the sage with his head downwards over a precipice, when Vidhura succeeds in rousing his curiosity by promising him to inform him about the qualities of a good man. The Yaksha is converted by the discourse of the sage. He declares himself ready to take him back to Indapatta, but Vidhura insists on being led to the Nāga world. When they have arrived there, Vidhura is kindly received by the Nāga king and his wife, who take delight in conversing with him. Punnaka gets Irandatī, presents his jewel to Vidhura and brings him back to Indapatta.

Most of the scenes of the sculpture were already correctly explained by Cunningham. In the upper relief Punnaka and Irandatī are seen talking to each other in a rocky landscape. The rest of the relief is filled by the palace of the Nāga king. In the arched door of the upper storey appears the head of a woman, probably Irandatī. Below, the Nāga king and his wife are seated on a chair. The Nāga king, who is distinguished by a five-headed snake over his head, while his wife has only one snake, is addressing two men who are standing before him, one behind the other, with their hands reverentially joined. The scene undoubtedly represents the return of Punnaka in company with Vidhura to the Nāga's palace. It thus appears that the sculptor has united in the upper relief all scenes connected with the Nāga world without paying attention to the chronological order of the events. Under these circumstances I think it quite probable that the man who is represented entering by a gateway in the left lower corner of the relief is again Punnaka, but this time entering the Nāga palace after his meeting with Irandatī.

The lower relief, which unfortunately is incomplete, is taken up by the gambling scene in the palace of Dhanañjaya in Indapatta. In the courtyard a man is seated on a cushioned chair. By the horse standing on his left and the large square jewel on his chest he is characterized as Punnaka. He was probably represented in the act of gambling with the Kuru king, but the figure of his partner is lost. From the windows and arched recesses in the upper storey of the palace several women are looking out. In the gateway on the left of the relief stands a man who appears to be meant for Vidhura as he wears round his neck the broad collar which is the distinguishing mark of the sage in the middle relief.

In the left lower corner of the middle relief the Yaksha is seen starting on his aerial journey with Vidhura holding on to the tail of the horse. In the upper portion rocks and trees indicate that the scene is the summit of Kālagiri. On the right, Punnaka is suspending Vidhura by the heels with head downwards over a precipice, on the left the two appear once more standing side by side. Punnaka, whose figure is half destroyed, has raised his left hand as if speaking to the sage. There remains the group in the lower right corner. Here Punnaka is seen on horseback with Vidhura apparently sitting behind him and clinging to his chest. According to the text of the Jātaka the two are riding in this way to the palace of the Nāga king after the conversion of Punnaka, whereas on the homeward journey the Yaksha grants Vidhura the more honourable seat in front¹. It seems therefore that the sculptor inserted the group as the connective link between the events on the Kālagiri and the arrival in the Nāga world represented in the upper relief.

The hero of the story is identical with the Vidura of the Mahābhārata². The reason

¹ See Gāthās 238 and 294.

² The identity of the sage Vidhura with the Vidura of the epic is shown by Luders, l. c. p. 115 ff by demonstrating that both held the same office, had the same family-relations (p. 124), and that both were acting in the same way (p. 126).

why the name has been transformed into Vidhura in the Pāli text is not known¹. The spelling Vitura in the label has a parallel in Kupira in No B 1. The name of the Yaksha occurs also in the Buddhistic Sanskrit literature. In the *Mahām.*, pp 235 f, Pūrnaka is mentioned as one of the four *mahāyaksashasenāpatīs* who guard the eastern quarter and as one of the four *dharmabhrātīs* of the mahārāja Vaiśravaṇa²

B 56 (709), PLATES XXI, XLV

ON a coping-stone, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (A 81). Edited by Cunningham, *PASB.* 1874, p 113, Beal, *Academy* Vol VI (1874), p 612, Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 95, 131, No 20, and Pl XLIV and LIII, Hoernle, *IA.* Vol X (1881), p 119, No 2, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 62, No 20, and Pl., *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 228, No 20, *JRAS* 1912, p 404 f; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 94, No 219, Barua, *Barh.* Vol. II (1934), p 153 f, and Vol III (1937), Pl LXXXIX (135), Luders, *Bharh.* (1941), p 134.

TEXT

u[su](kāro) Janak[o] rāj[ā] Sivala devī³

TRANSLATION

The arrow-maker King Janaka Queen Sivala (*Sīvalī*).

The labels enabled Cunningham to connect the relief in a general way with the Mahājanakājātaka (No 539), but it was only when the text of the Jātaka had become available that the scene could be identified with an episode in the second part of the story. King Janaka has turned ascetic and is wandering through the country followed by his queen. In vain he tries to persuade her to leave him. When they have reached the city of Thūnā, Janaka comes on his begging tour to the house of an arrow-maker who is engaged in his work. Closing one eye, he is looking with the other to ascertain if the shaft of the arrow is straight. To the king the use of only one eye by the arrow-maker is a new proof for his conviction that a second person is a hindrance for attaining one's goal and he urges once more upon his wife the necessity of leaving him alone. The sculpture is an exact representation of the story.

The name of the queen in the Gāthās and in the commentary is *Sīvalī*, which occurs as a female name also in *J.* I, 34, 9, 40, 9. It has a parallel in *Sīvalī*, the name of a Therā frequently mentioned in Buddhist literature. *Sivala* in the label is therefore probably a clerical error for *Sivalī*, though it may stand for *Sīvalā* or even *Sivalā* (Sk *Sīvalā*), which is the name of an *upāsikā* in the Amarāvātī inscription *List* No 1268.

¹ Perhaps the name has been equalized with the name of another person called Vidhura who, in association with Sañjīva, forms the pair of main disciples of the arhat Kakusandha (see *D.* 2, 4, *M* 1, 333, the stanza 1, 337 = *Theragāthā* 1187 ff; *S.* XV, 20, 5 (printed Sajiva), *Nidānakathā*, *J.* 1, 42, 26 (read Vidhuro instead of Vidhūro, as in C' C'v). The *Mahāvādānasūtra*, however, the Sk. text corresponding to *D* 2, 4, reads Vidura as the name of one of the main disciples of the Buddha Krakusunda, see Waldschmidt, *Mahāvādānasūtra*, p 76. So Vidura seems to be the original form of the names of both the persons. The Vidhūra in Pāli, as it appears in G. 3, 5, 6 of the Jātaka is apparently a metrical lengthening.

² p 235 *śuroyām* *Ānanda dīśyām* *chatoṛo mahāyaksashasenāpatayah* *pratvasantu ye pūrām dīśam rakshant* *paripālāyant* || *tadyathā* *Dirghah* *Sunetra* *Pūrnakah* *Keplāś* *cha*

p 236 *Vaiśravaṇasya mahārājasya dharmabhrātrīnām nāmāni* *Sātāgūriv* *Hamavatah* *Pūrnakah* *Khadravakoudah*. By this Punnaka is proved to be a figure in the local stories of Eastern India. Also the poet of the Gāthās causes in G. 44 Punnaka to call himself a person from Anga and so connects him with the East.

³ The last *akshara* is distinctly *vī*, not *vi* as read by all previous editors

B 57 (691), PLATES XXI, XLII

ON a coping stone, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 111, *StBh* (1879), p 78 f., 130, No 2, and Pl XLVIII and LIII, Hoernle, *IA*. Vol X (1881), p 119 f, No 5, Hultzsck, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 60, No. 3 and Pl ; *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 227, No 3, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 78 ff, No 189, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 82 ff, and Vol III (1937), Pl LXX (87), Luders, *Barh* (1941), p 153

TEXT

Maghādeviyajataka¹

TRANSLATION

The Jātaka concerning Maghādeva

The story of King Makhādeva of Videha, as he is called in Pāli, who, when his barber showed him the first grey hair from his head², renounced his throne and became a hermit, is told in Sutta 83 of the *M*. The story was converted into a Jātaka, the Makhādevajātaka, No 9 of the Pāli collection, which is briefly repeated in the beginning of the Nīmajātaka (No 541). The sculpture agrees exactly with the Jātaka. In the centre the king is seated in an arm-chair, with his hair hanging loosely on his shoulders. The barber presents him the hair which he has pulled out and the king accepts it with his right hand and turns his head sideways to inspect it. A stand in the foreground carries the utensils of the barber, the shaving-basin and the brush. On the left of the king there is a person with folded hands in respectful attitude. He is apparently Maghādeva's eldest son, to whom the king addresses the Gāthā announcing his retirement from the world³.

The name of the king has elicited much comment. In the Sinhalese manuscripts it is generally *Makhādeva*, whereas the Burmese manuscripts have *Magghādeva* and *Magghadeva*. But, as pointed out by Barua-Sinha, the Suttanta of the Majjhimanikāya is referred to in the Chullamuddesa, p 80, as *Maghādevasuttanta*(sic), and in the Mahāvvyutpatti 180, 31 we find *Mahādeva*. This is apparently meant for the name of the Videha king as it is followed by Nemi, the name of one of his successors. In the Sutanojātaka (No 398) *Makhādeva* is also the name of a Yaksha, or rather of the fig tree in which he dwells. Here the Burmese manuscripts read *Māghadeva*. In the *SnA*, p 352, *Maghādeva* occurs as the name of an ancient king. Hoernle takes *Makhādeva* as the original form, while Barua-Sinha think that it goes without saying that *Makhādeva* and *Maghādeva* are Prakrit forms of *Mahādeva*. I am, on the contrary, convinced that the original form from which all others are distorted is *Maghādeva*⁴. *Maghādeva* belongs to that class of names that are formed by adding *deva* to the name of a constellation, cf from the Brāhmī inscriptions *Pusadevā* (821=A 120), *Pothadevā* (205), *Haggudeva* (29), *Phagudeva* (780=A 30), *Phagudevā* (870=A 75), *Bhāranudeva* (874=A 100), *Soṇadevā* (177; 178)

¹ Barua-Sinha → *jātaka*[m], but the *anusvāra* is very uncertain

² For grey hair as messengers of death cf. R. Morris, *JPTS* 1885, p 62 ff

³ In the prose tale of the Jātaka the king informs first his son of his intention and then, in the Gāthā, his ministers, but in the original tale the Gāthā was probably addressed to his son and the ministers did not appear at all, just as they are not mentioned in the Sutta. The representation of the Jātaka apparently follows the original version, for at the side of the king and the barber, in the medallion, only a man, elegantly clad, appears in respectful attitude.

⁴ The Siamese printed edition reads *Maghadeva* throughout.

B 58 (706), PLATES XXI, XLVII

ON a coping-stone, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (A 52). Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p. 112, *StBh* (1879), p. 79, 131, No 17, and Pl XLVIII and LIII, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p. 62, No 17, and Pl ; *IA*. Vol. XXI (1892), p. 226, 228, No 17, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 92, No 213; Barua, *Barh* Vol. II (1934), p. 139 f, and Vol III (1937), Pl LXXXVI (127); Luders, *Bhārh* (1941), p. 135.

TEXT

bhusaharamya jataka[m]

TRANSLATION

The Jātaka relating to the stealing of the lotus-stalks

The Jātaka to which the label belongs was identified by Hultzsch with the Bhusajātaka No 488 in the Pāli collection. It contains an ancient legend referred to already in the *Autareyabrāhmana*¹ and told twice in the *Mahābhārata*², which by the Buddhists was turned into a Jātaka. In the Pāli story the Bodhisattva is a wealthy brahmin who, together with his six younger brothers, his sister, a male and a female slave and a friend, has renounced the householder's life and dwells as ascetic in the Himavat near a lotus-lake. The six brothers, the slave and the friend take turns to fetch lotus-stalks for food. He, whose turn it is, deposits the stalks he has gathered, divided into eleven portions, on a flat stone. The others then come up and each takes his allotted portion and eats it in his own place. By this mode of life they gain time for practising their austerities. By the power of their virtues Sakka's world trembles, and the god resolves to find out whether they are really free from worldly desires or not. On three successive days he causes the Bodhisattva's share to disappear. When the Bodhisattva accuses his companions of having stolen his lotus-stalks, they, each in his turn, clear themselves of the charge by swearing an oath in which they invoke temporal blessings on the thief. Three other beings who live near the hermitage, a tree-spirit, an elephant, and a monkey join the ascetics in the swearing, but with the difference that they hold out a miserable life for themselves in case they should have been the thieves. Then Sakka who invisibly attended the scene manifests himself, confesses what he has done, and returns the lotus-stalks. The Bodhisattva forgives him.

On the coping-stone an ascetic is seen seated in front of his hut on a stone on which a skin is spread. A well-dressed man carrying a bundle of lotus-stalks approaches him from the right. Around him are a woman wearing an ascetic's dress, an elephant and a monkey squatted on the ground. The sculpture apparently represents the returning of the lotus-stalks by Sakka. Of the witnesses of the scene the sculptor has shown only three—a female who is probably meant for the sister, the elephant and the monkey. He has certainly done so, not because he followed a different version of the story, but because he found it impossible to cram all thirteen into the narrow compass of the relief.

B 59 (807); PLATES XXI, XLII

ON a pillar, formerly at Batanmāra, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (M 11). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p. 58, 138, No 94, and Pl XXV and LV, Hultzsch, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p. 239, No 155, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 97, No 221, Barua,

¹ *At. Br* V, 30, 10 f

² *Mbh* XIII, 93, 1 ff, 94, 1 ff Cf Charpentier, *ZDMG* Vol LXIV, p. 65 ff, LXVI, p. 44 ff.

Barh Vol. II, (1934), p 152 f, and Vol III (1937), Pl XC (134), Ludeis, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 159 ff

TEXT

mugaphak[īya] j[ā]tak[am]¹

TRANSLATION

The Jātaka relating to the dumb and paralysed (cripple)

The Jātaka to which the label refers was identified already by Cunningham² as the Mūgapakkhajātaka, No 538 of the Pāli collection, although he could not avail himself of the text S von Oldenburg³ was the first to be able to compare the sculptural and the literary representations of the story. In the Jātaka it is told that the Bodhisattva is born as the much desired only son of the king of Benares, Temiya by name. One day, when he is one month old, they bring him to the king who is sitting in the court of justice. The king fondly embraces his son, places him on his lap and plays with him, while at the same time he passes a sentence of death on four robbers. The Bodhisattva is terrified, and his fear increases, when, recollecting his former births, he remembers that once he has been a king who had to suffer thousands of years in hell for the deeds he had perpetrated in that position. In order to avoid becoming king again, he follows the advice of a goddess to pretend that he is deaf and dumb and unable to move his limbs, and although various means are tried to find out his true mental condition, he succeeds in living as a seeming idiot for sixteen years. At last the king orders his charioteer to carry him on a chariot to the forest and bury him there. When the charioteer is digging the grave, the prince suddenly opens his mouth, revealing his true condition and declaring his resolution to take the ascetic vow. The king, informed by the charioteer of what has happened in the forest, proceeds with a large retinue to the dwelling-place of his son, but his endeavours to lead him back to a worldly life are in vain. On the contrary, the discourses of the young ascetic make such an impression on the king that he also, followed by his wives and the citizens of the town, embraces the religious life.

The sculpture represents three different stages of the story. In the upper left corner the king appears seated cross-legged on a round chair with the young prince on his lap and two attendants behind him. Above this group there is the upper storey of a house with a balcony and a pinnacled roof, supported by two posts, evidently meant for the *sabhā* in which the king is sitting. In the foreground there is the chariot with four horses, from which the prince, who is represented to the right of it, has descended. On his left side the charioteer is seen digging the grave with a hoe⁴. In the right upper corner the prince in the attire of an ascetic, seated cross-legged between two trees, is conversing with the king who, attended by four of his courtiers, stands with folded hands before him.

S von Oldenburg was of the opinion that the scene could be explained in two ways—the sculpture represents either the king who visits his son, who has become an ascetic, or the prince

¹The third *akshara* is distinctly *pha* as recognized by Cunningham. The horizontal stroke of the *z*-sign of *ki* is preserved. The fifth *akshara* was read *sa* by Cunningham. Although it is much damaged, it is practically certain that it was *ya*. The *ā*-sign of *jā* and the *anusvāra* of *kam*, though not quite distinct, are very probable.

²p 58

³*JAOs* XVIII, p 190 f

⁴Barua, *Barh* II, p 152 has totally misunderstood the representation. According to him the king sits in the chariot with a grown-up boy held up in his hands. In the scene below, Barua explains the prince as the charioteer, and the charioteer, working with a hoe, as a departing ascetic. Anderson, *Cat* I, p 118 f, however, has already described everything correctly.

who sees the ascetic in order to become his pupil, as it is narrated in the Tibetan version of the tale. I think the second explanation is out of question. The story in the Kanjur, translated by Schiefner,¹ is a strongly modified version of the Jātaka. For our purpose it is unnecessary to enter into discussion of all the deviations. In any case the characteristic episode of the king's sitting in the court, which is proved by Gāthās 37 and 38 to be an old component of the story, is missing in the Tibetan version. The place of the charioteer who has to kill the prince has been taken by the executioner. This is apparently a secondary alteration, for in opposition to it here also the prince, in a stanza corresponding to G 3 of the Pāli, puts the question to the charioteer as to why he is digging the grave. In the Tibetan version furthermore the conversation between the king and his son does not take place in the forest to which the prince has retired. The prince, on the contrary, returns from the spot, where he was to be buried, to the king's palace and from there he goes to the forest with the consent of the king, where he leads the life of an ascetic under the guidance of a Rishi. As the relief agrees in the first two points exactly with the older version attested by the Gāthās and has nothing in common with the Tibetan narration it is impossible to presume that the artist followed the Tibetan version in the third scene. Also there is not the slightest ground to show why this scene could not be explained in the sense of the Pāli Gāthās. S von Oldenburg mentions the fact that in the Burmese Temyājātaka the king visits the prince not in the forest but in a monastery as going against such possibility. But I cannot regard this objection as valid. The Burmese Temyājātaka,² which by the way has been composed only in 1787, is an adaptation of the Pāli Jātaka which generally very closely follows the original. When the author speaks of a monastery instead of an *āśrama* he is probably no more aware of his deviating from his text than when he renders *pabbajati* always 'to become Rahan'. I take it as quite possible or even probable that the original narration of the Jātaka followed by the artist was more simple than the one now handed down to us in the prose. Such features as the construction of the *āśrama* by Vissakamma, the conversion of the king with his family, of all his subjects, and of two other kings may have been added later on.³ The Gāthās do not contain anything of it, nor, on the other hand, anything which is opposed to the sculptural representation.

In this case, quite exceptionally, the title borne by the Jātaka in the Sinhalese tradition and by the label is essentially the same. As the reading is distinctly *mūgaphakya*, not *mūgapakya*, it is unnecessary to discuss the absurd explanations given for *mūgapaka*.⁴ The Pāli term *mūgappakha* has a parallel in *mūgappakkhika* in G 254 of the Nidānakathā, where it is said that the Bodhisattvas are never *mūgappakkhika*. In the Jātaka the compound *mūgappakha* occurs only in G 55. In G 4; 5, 33, 38; 54 *pakka* is used by the side of *mūga*, which shows that *pakka* in *mūgappakkhika* cannot represent Sk *paksha* as suggested in the PD, where *mūgappakkhika* is rendered by 'leading to deafness (sic)', while Rhys Davids translated it 'classed among the dumb'. In the commentary of the Jātaka (12, 26) *pakkho* is explained by *pūthasappi* 'one who crawls with the use of some support' (lit. chair), which is used also instead of *pakko* in the prose tale (4, 15). A more accurate explanation of *pakka* is furnished by G 33

nāhaṃ asandhitā pakkho na badhuro asotatā
nāhaṃ ayvhatā mūga mā mam mūgam adhāraya

¹ *Tibetan Tales*, p. 247 ff.

² Translated by R F St Andrew St John, *JRAS* 1893, p. 357 ff.

³ The model for these additions was perhaps found in the story of Vissakamma's constructing the Kavattha-hermitage, told in the Sarabhangajātaka. See Luders, *Bhārh*, pp. 112-119, especially p. 114.

⁴ 'dumb but ripe' or 'where wisdom ripens in silence', Barua-Sinha *BI* p. 97, Barua, *Barh.* II, p. 152.

'I am not *pakkha*, because I have no joints, I am not deaf, because I have no ear, I am not dumb, because I have no tongue. Do not think that I am dumb'. It appears that *pakkha* denotes a person who is unable to move, who is paralysed. The term *phaka* (*phakka*) used in the inscription must be a synonym of *pakkha*, and this is confirmed by the *Mvp* (271, 121), where *phakkah* occurs in a list of bodily defects, preceded by *andhalah*, *jātyandhah*, *kundah*, and followed by *paṅguh* etc. Probably *phakka* is the correct form which was changed into *pakkha* in Pālī under the influence of the common term *pakkhāhata*, 'struck on one side', 'paralysed'.

B 60 (748), PLATES XXI, XLIV

INSCRIPTION of the middle panel of the middle face of the same pillar as No A 62, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 29). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 134, No 37, and Pl XIV and LIV, Hoernle, *IA* Vol X (1881), p 259, No 18, and Pl , Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 66, No 55, and Pl , *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 231, No. 55; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 86 f, No 202, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 117 f, and Vol III (1937), Pl XXII (112), Lüders, *ZDMG* Vol XCIII (1939), p 100 ff, Lüders, *Bhārī* (1941), p 19 f

TEXT

Kadariki

TRANSLATION.

Kadariki (*Kandariki*)

Barua and Sinha have identified *Kadariki* with the hero of the Kandarījātaka (341) which afterwards was embodied in the Kunārajātaka (536; Vol V, p 437 f). He is a king of Benares who is extraordinarily good looking. Nevertheless his wife falls in love with a hideous cripple. In one of her nightly visits to her lover the queen loses one of her ear-ornaments. The king, who has secretly followed her, picks it up and by this article is able to prove her misdemeanour. He gives order to behead her, but Pañchālachanda, his wise *purohita*, detains him from acting rashly. He persuades the king to undertake a journey through the whole of India in his company in order to become acquainted with women's ways, and the experiences they gather during their travels are sufficient to convince the king of the innate immorality of womankind, so that after his return he pardons his wife and has her only turned out of the palace. The king of this Jātaka, which is the prototype of the introductory story of the Arabian Nights, is called *Kandarī* in the Athavannanā, while the queen appears there under the strange name of *Kinnarā*. Barua and Sinha therefore explained the *Kadariki* of the inscription as combined from *Kandarī* and *Ki*, an abbreviation of *Kinnarā*. I have shown¹ that the name *Kandarī* in the prose tale owes its origin to a wrong division of the words *Kandarīkinnarānam* in G 21 into *Kandarī* and *Kinnarānam* instead of *Kandarīkin narānam*. The real name of the king therefore was *Kandariki*, exactly as in the inscription, while the queen was not named at all in the original story. Barua-Sinha's identification is thus established beyond doubt, and it is only surprising that in the relief there is nothing to indicate the somewhat strained relations between the couple. The king and the queen stand side by side to all appearance in perfect harmony, the queen having put her right hand on the shoulder of her husband. The question as to what the two persons hold in their hands has not been solved. Anderson (*Cat* I, p 69) mentions that the woman in her left hand carries a bird that has lost its head, while the man holds in

¹ *ZDMG* XCIII, p. 101 ff.

his left hand a flower-spike and in the right hand, which hangs by his side, a small round object Barua (*Barh* II, p 117) maintains that the bird in the hand of the woman is a pigeon or a dove and that the man does not hold a flower but a hawk on his breast He points out that according to the *Dwy* p 300 the pigeon is the symbol of *rāga* and further asks whether the attributes should not mean that the king like a hawk swooped down upon the turtle-heart of the queen given away to another man The pictures accessible to me do not allow to judge the value of the different interpretations The hawk in Barua's explanation may owe its existence more to the wish for an ingenious comment than to the observation of what is really represented Perhaps the object in the king's hand, interpreted as hawk, is the lost ear-ornament of the queen which as *corpus delicti* plays such an important part in the story If Barua is right that the queen has only one ear-decoration—it is not to be verified from the pictures—it would show that the artist represents the loss of one ear-ring in exact conformity with the Jātaka text

B 61 (749), PLATES XXI, XLIV

INSCRIPTION on the lowest panel of the middle face of the same pillar as No A 62, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 29) Edited by Cunningham *StBh* (1879), p 134, No 38, and Pl XV and LIV, Hoernle, *IA* Vol XI (1882), p 26 f, No 21, with an additional remark by Beal, *ibid* p 146, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 66, No 56, and Pl , *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 231, No 56, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 89 f, No 209, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 132 f, and Vol III (1937), Pl XXII (123); Lüders, *ZDMG* Vol XCIII (1939), p 98 ff, Lüders, *Bhārh* (1941), p 19 f

TEXT

- 1 Vyjapi¹
- 2 vjadharo

TRANSLATION

The Vidyādhara Vyjapi (*Vyjalpn* ²)

The panel shows the figures of a man and a woman, both well-dressed. The man is standing and engaged in winding (or unwinding) his turban. The female figure on his right is seated on a stone and holding some flowers in her raised right hand. The background is filled with rocks, and in the right corner there is a strange object lying before a tree. It is of oblong shape, placed aslant, with a head-piece in the centre flanked on each side by a smaller protuberance. It seems to be wrapped up crosswise with cords, just as another oblong object of smaller size, which is half covered by the larger one. Barua and Sinha have identified the two persons of the relief with the Vidyādhara and the wife of the Dānava who are the chief actors in the Samuggajātaka (436)^a. The Jātaka is the oldest version of a tale that has found its way into the introductory story of the Arabian Nights. A Dānava has captured a beautiful girl and has made her his wife. In order to keep her safe, he puts her in a box which he swallows. One day he wishes to take a bath. He goes to a tank, throws up the box and lets the girl bathe first. He then bids her to enjoy the open air and himself walks off to the tank. At this moment a Vidyādhara comes flying through the air. The woman invites him by signs to descend and places him in the box, into which she slips

¹ This is the reading of Hultzsch. Cunningham read *vajapi*, Hoernle *vyati*. The first *akshara* is clearly *vi*, the second almost certainly *ja*, although the form of the letter differs from the *ja* of the second line. The third *akshara* can be read only *pi*. The word is engraved by another hand than *vjadharo*.

² Beal's identification of the two figures with Sumedha and his wife is out of question.

herself when the Dānava returns. The demon swallows the box again without examining it, and it is only by an ascetic gifted with supernatural sight that he is informed of what has happened. He throws up the box, and as soon as he has opened it, the Vidyādhara muttering a spell flies up into the air. According to the Athhavaṇṇā the faithless wife is turned away by the Dānava.

I think that Barua-Sinha's identification may be accepted. In that case the strange object mentioned above may be suitably explained as being an attempt to represent the box opened with its lid lying in front of it. Barua's suggestion that it represents the armour and dagger of the Vidyādhara is not convincing. The rocky landscape also would be appropriate to the situation. Perhaps the sculptor has represented the Vidyādhara as arranging his dress before entering the box. Barua-Sinha's explanation gains in probability if we remember that the upper panel shows a couple, the female partner of which is regarded as the type of an adulterous wife. It would therefore seem to be quite likely that the sculptor should have chosen a similar couple also for the lower panel.

The meaning of *vyāḥi* remains doubtful. Hoernle's reading *vyati* is impossible, and even if *vyāḥi* were taken as a clerical error for *vyāḥi*, the meaning of the word would not become much clearer, as *vyati* cannot easily be explained as a derivation from *vyatayati* in the sense of 'unravelling' or 'unwinding the head-dress'. Hultzsch took *Vyāḥi* as the name of the Vidyādhara which he traced back to Sk *Vyāḥin*, but there are considerable phonetic difficulties implied in this derivation. In my article in the *ZDMG* I have discussed Sk *Vidyāvān*, *Vidyāvān* or even *Vidyājalḥṇ* as possible Sanskrit equivalents of the name, but the most probable original form would seem to be *Vijalḥṇ*, which would have a parallel in *Vyjalpā*, the name of a malignant spirit mentioned in the Mārkaṇḍeyapurāna 51, 50 ff. However, it cannot be denied that none of these explanations of *vyāḥi* is quite satisfactory and convincing.

B 62 (881)¹, PLATES XXI, XLIII

On a rail-bar, since 1959 in the Bhārat Kalā Bhavan, Banaras. The inscription is incised above No. A 104. First edited by Cunningham *SīBh* (1879), p 142, No 66, and Pl XXXIV and LVI, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 76, No 156, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 239, No 159, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 61, No 165; Luders, *Bhārh* (1941), pp 73-79.

¹Luders' treatment of this inscription (B 62) has been lost. But we find a detailed note by him on the story of Timtūmṅgila in his book *Bhārh* 1 c, of which the text below is an English translation. Luders begins stating that the original of the medallion depicted in Cunningham's book Pl XXXIV, 2 was lying buried under the walls of the palace at Uchahara. Cunningham had excavated it for a short while and took its impression from which was prepared the sketch published by him. Of the inscription, which it bore, only Cunningham's eye-copy was available up to 1959 when the stone was recovered. An inked impression received in September 1959 from Rai Krishnadasji, Curator of the Bhārat Kalā Bhavan, is read by Dr. D. C. Sircar, Government Epigraphist, Ootacamund, in an article prepared for *EL*, Vol XXXIII (1959/60), as follows *timtūm[m]gīlakuchhumbhā [Vas]u[g]jūt[o] m[o]chato Mah[ā]-dev[e]nam*. Regarding the eye-copy Dr. Sircar says, that it "is defective since the mark between the aksharas *ti* and *mi*, represented in it as a clear *ra*, does not appear to be a letter at all on the impression. It is too close to *m* considering the space between any two other letters of the record. We have also to note that the said vertical mark actually continues beyond the proper upper end of the supposed *ra*. The mark is again not as deep as the incision of the letters of the record. The last word was read as *Mahādevānam* on the basis of the same eye-copy and the genitive plural in it was regarded by Cunningham as used in the instrumental sense. Hultzsch regarded *devānam* as a mistake for *devana*. There is, however, no *ā-mātrā* attached to *v* in the word. On the other hand it exhibits a damaged *e-mātrā*." Dr. Sircar is also of the opinion that the anusvāra-like mark with *na* in *Mahādevānam* might be due to a flaw in the stone. The reading of Dr. Sircar is in complete conformity with the reconstruction given by Luders.

TEXT

tiramūtimiglakuchhimha Vasuguto māchito Mahadevānam
(tūmūtimiglakuchchhinhā Vasugutto mochito Mahādevena)

TRANSLATION

Vasuguta (*Vasugupta*) rescued by Mahādeva from the belly of the sea-monster (*tūmūtimigila*).

Chavannes¹ identified the scene represented with a story in the Tsa-p'i-yu-king, Foucher² showed the story also to be in the Divyāvadāna and the Mahāvastu and it appears, as Barua and Sinha³ have noted, as well in Kshemendra's Bodhisattvāvadānakalpalatā

The Chinese version is the shortest and the most simple. Five hundred merchants start on a sea-voyage. The ship comes near a giant fish which swallows the waves together with all living animals contained in them. With an irresistible force the ship also is drawn into the throat of the gigantic fish. In vain the merchants pray to the different gods, whom they worship. Then the captain of the boat (*sa-po* = *sārthavāha*) says to them that he knows of a great god called Buddha. They should pray to him in place of other gods. Thereupon all the merchants together shout ' *namo Buddhāya* '. In this way the fish learns that a Buddha has again appeared in the world. It realizes that it would be improper to do any harm to the living beings. It therefore shuts the mouth so that the water begins to flow back and the ship is saved. The fish really has been a monk in its former birth. The name of the Buddha reminds it of its former existence and this led it to the decision to spare the life of the beings.

In the *Divy* the story forms an introduction to the Dharmaruchyavadāna (228, 21 ff). The monk Dharmaruchi was a giant fish in his former birth. The story points in essence to only one variation. Here the Buddha himself joins in the action to some extent. As the merchants, on the advice of some *upāsaka*, shout ' *namo Buddhāya* ', the Buddha, who stays in the Jetavana, hears the call with his divine ear and arranges that the giant fish, Timingila or Tūmūtingila, also hears it. The reference to Timingila's formerly being a monk is missing in the story itself. But in the second part of the Avadāna, where the different former existences of Dharmaruchi are narrated in details, it is described that he was a monk in the time of the Buddha Dipamkara as well as in the time of the Buddha Krakuchchhanda. And at the end of this story it is mentioned of him that on hearing the word Buddha in later times he would remember his former births.

It is unnecessary to narrate in detail the story in the Bodhisattvāvadānakalpalatā, because the Dharmaruchyavadāna (No 89) is only a metrical version of the Avadāna in the *Divy*, having the same title and keeping close to the original.

In the *Mvu* (I, 244, 19 ff) the story of the giant fish is likewise connected with the Dharmaruchi legend, but it shows a few peculiar features. The head of the five hundred merchants here bears the name Thapakarni or Sthapakarnika⁴. At the moment when the merchants call the different gods, the venerable Pūrnaka observes it. He flies up from the Tūḍaturuka mountain and appears in the air above the ship. The merchants cry ' Bhagavan, Bhagavan, we take refuge with you ' ! But the Sthavira answers them that

¹ *Contes* I, p. XII, II, p. 51 ff.

² *Mémoires concernant l'Asie Orientale*, T III, p. 8.

³ *Bl* p. 61 f.

⁴ Variations *Thapakarnika*, *Sthāpakarnika*, *Sthapakandika*.

he is not the Bhagavat, but only a *śrāvaka*. They all should cry with one voice 'namo *Buddhasya* !' They do it. When Timūtūmīngīla hears the name of the Buddha it remembers that at a time, lying indefinitely back, when it was the brahmin Meghadatta, it had heard of Buddha Dīpamkara from his friend Megha'. The further continuation of the story is the same as in the other versions. When the gigantic fish starves itself to death, it is reborn as Dharmaruchi.

The version of the *Mvu* is influenced, as already observed by Senart, by a similar story known from the Pūrṇāvadāna in the *Divy* (24, 9 ff). The rich merchant Bhava in Śūrṇpāraka has four sons Bhavīla, Bhavatrāta, Bhavanandin and Pūrṇa. The first three, born of a wife of equal rank, are fond of adorning themselves richly. When the father reproaches them for their extravagance, they do away with the jewels they wear as ear-decoration, and put on in succession an ear-decoration made of wood, of *stava*², and tin, with the vow not to wear again the ear-decoration of precious stones as long as they have not earned 100,000 pieces of gold. Since that time they are called Dārukarnin, Stavakarnin and Trapukarnin. Pūrṇa, born of a slave girl married by the merchant, remains a bachelor, enters the Buddhist order, and lives as a monk in the country of the Śronāparāntakas. Later on Dārukarnin goes on an expedition with a party of other merchants in order to bring the Gośirsha-sandalwood. The Yaksha Maheśvara, to whom the forest of sandal trees belongs, raises a storm. The merchants in their distress appeal to all the gods. Dārukarnin alone does not take part in the general excitement. When asked he explains to his companions that he is remembering with repentance his brother Pūrṇa, who had warned him against the sea-voyage. On hearing this, the merchants shout with one voice: 'Adoration to the venerable Pūrṇa'! A goddess informs Pūrṇa that his brother is remembering him in distress. Pūrṇa meditates and appears sitting crosslegged in the air above the ship. The storm ends. Maheśvara asks Pūrṇa about the explanation of the miracle, and when he is informed in the course of the conversation that a Buddha has appeared in the world he keeps quiet. The merchants are able to return home to Śūrṇpāraka with their load of sandal. There Pūrṇa builds the palace of sandalwood, called the Chandanamāla, for the Buddha. Furthermore it is narrated how the Buddha, journeying through the air, visits Śūrṇpāraka and is received solemnly in that palace by the king and his four brothers. Aśvaghosha must have known a version of the Avadāna in which Stavakarnin, and not Dārukarnin, was mentioned as the head of the palace of sandalwood, and also he, and not Pūrṇa, as the one responsible for the building of the palace of sandalwood. In the Buddhacharita 21, 22 f. it is said in the list of the conversions by the Buddha, according to Johnston's translation: "Then He went by His magic powers to the city of Śūrṇpāraka and in due course instructed the merchant Stavakarnin³, who, on being instructed, became so faithful that he started to build for the Best of seers a sandalwood Vihāra, which was ever odorous and touched the sky." From this version of the Pūrṇāvadāna obviously is taken the name Thapakarni or Sthapakarnika, as well as the intervention of Pūrṇaka in the story of Timūtūmīngīla of the *Mvu*.

In the medallion one sees the giant fish into whose throat the ship occupied by three persons is sliding in. Other fish, shown with their heads down, suggest that the whirlpool is attracting the ship. Above, the ship⁴ appears a second time, as it is bound homewards

¹ In the *Divy*, Meghadatta appears with the name Mati, Megha with the name Sumati.

² The meaning of *stava* is not known. Burnouf may be right when he translates it as 'lac'.

³ According to Johnston, *AO XV*, p. 291. Tib. *sna stod*, apparently error for *ma stod*.

⁴ The artist, however, depicted only one boat. What Foucher, p. 43, would like to explain as ropes with rings for keeping the boat in the state of balance are surely, as Cunningham has already remarked, p. 124, rudders. It is doubtful whether the details in the sketch are exactly reproduced.

in safety So far the depiction agrees with the literary tradition But the inscription near it shows that a new version of the legend is intended here. Cunningham (p 142) read it—*Tiranuti Mṛgla Kuchmha Vasu Guto Māchuto Mahādevanam*. According to his eye-copy on Pl LVI, it reads—*tiramī tmṛgḷakuchhmhā Vasuguto māchuto Mahādevānam*. Hultzsch¹ restored it to —*tīramhī tmṛmḡḷakuchhmhā Vasuguto mochito Mahādevana*—“Vasuguta (*Vasugupta*) rescued to the shore by Mahādeva from the belly of the sea-monster” I do not believe that the restoration of *tiramī* to *tīramhī* is correct. As the encounter with the giant fish takes place in the high sea, far from the shore, it cannot properly be spoken of as a rescue ‘to the shore’ Besides it seems doubtful to me whether the locative *tīramhī* could be used in connection with *mochito* in the accepted sense Further on the locative of the *-a* stem in the language of the inscriptions does not elsewhere show the pronominal ending, but always ends in *-e* *raje* A 1, *susāne* B 64, *Abode* B 69, *Nadode* B 70, *Nadode pavate* B 73, B 74, *Nadodapāde* B 76, *Himavate* B 79 I am therefore convinced that Cunningham in his eye-copy has not overlooked the ‘h’, inscribed below in ‘*mhi*’, but that he erroneously took some stroke behind the first *ti* as standing for the akshara *ra* I am also convinced that in the beginning of the inscription we have to read *tmṛtmṛmḡḷakuchhmhā*²

Whatever we may think about it, the hero of the story in this version is in any case called Vasugupta, and the saviour from the calamity is named Mahādeva. In the first instance one may suppose that Mahādeva is the name of some personality corresponding to Pūrṇaka in the version of the *Mvu* But the Mahādeva mentioned here is clearly the same person, who in a different inscription (B 81) to which we have to refer later on, receives the attribute ‘*bhagavat*’ Thus it must be the name of the Buddha³. The designation of Buddha as ‘the great god’ does not occur, as far as I know, elsewhere in the Buddhist literature The *Mvp.* 1, 16, only gives ‘*devānḍeva*’ which appears for instance in the *Dvy.* 391, 4 In our inscription Mahādeva is chosen perhaps under the influence of the text which the sculptor was going to follow In any case, as already mentioned, the expression is used in the Chinese version of the story in order to show the Buddha’s foremost rank at the head of the other gods When the merchants appeal to the other gods in vain, the *sārthavāha* (in Chavannes’ translation) says ‘I know one great god who is called Buddha’.

¹ *ZDMG* XL, p 76

² Probably in the inscription the long vowels and the *anusvāra* have not been written. It might also be possible that the last word was *Mahādevanāmena*.

³ Hultzsch rightly remarks “Mahadeva probably refers to the Mahāsatta or Bodhisatta”.

5. B 63-67 INSCRIPTIONS ATTACHED TO JĀTAKA - OR AVADĀNA-
SCENES NOT YET IDENTIFIED¹

B 63 (692)²; PLATES XXI, XLII

ON a coping-stone, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 97, 130, No 3, and Pl XLVIII and LIII, Hoernle, *IA* Vol X (1881), p 120, No 6, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 60, No 4, and Pl , *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 227, No 4, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 84, No 198, Barua, *Barh.* Vol II (1934), p 108 f and Vol. III (1937), Pl LXXVIII (104), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 3.

TEXT:

Dīghatapaṣi sise anusāsati

TRANSLATION

Dīghatapaṣi (*Dīrghatapaṣvīn*) instructs his pupils³.

The relief is a vivid representation of the contents of the inscription. On a raised platform to the left an ascetic is seen sitting cross-legged. He no doubt is the teacher Dīghatapaṣi of the inscription and his upraised right hand shows that he is just instructing his pupils sitting before him on the ground, four of whom are represented to the right side of the relief. The presence of a tree in the back-ground shows that the preaching is going on in the open air. Underneath the tree a pot and some other utensil, probably belonging to the ascetic, are to be seen. The teacher is characterized as an ascetic by the abundant matted hair fastened in a knot. Similarly the four pupils do not wear a turban as the other worldly men normally do, but have their long hair rolled into a knot. Only one pupil who is to be seen from behind in the middle of the relief lets his hair fall loose on his back⁴. This fact induced Barua to infer that this pupil is a female one, whereas in the opinion of Cunningham all the four pupils are females. Cunningham was led to this opinion by his reading *sise* in the inscription which he interpreted as 'female Rīshis'. We do not see any necessity to believe that any one of the four pupils is a female one, and the form *sise* (acc. pl. masc.) makes it probable that all of them are male ones.

Cunningham already took Dīghatapaṣi as a proper name and identified the ascetic with Dīghatapaṣī, a Niganṭha and follower of Nātaputta, mentioned in the Upālisutta (56) of the *M* (I 371 ff.). The sutta tells that Dīghatapaṣī once visited the Buddha at Nālandā, and had a discussion with him. He gave a report of this to Nātaputta which resulted into a discussion between the Buddha and Upāli and the subsequent conversion of the latter. There is no connection between this story and the representation in the relief. So Barua rejected to see in the ascetic the Jama recluse Dīghatapaṣī and translated the inscription 'The venerable ascetic instructs his pupils' taking *Dīrghatapaṣi* as an epithet instead of a proper

¹The fragmentary inscription No. B 81 probably also belongs to this group.

²Luders' treatment of this inscription (B 63) has not been recovered.

³This is the translation of the inscription by Luders in his *Lst.*

⁴Barua says that the three pupils to the right hold 'two small stick-like things' in their hands. This can only be said of one of them who is depicted the lowest of the three, the two others do not seem to hold sticks. The middle one has his right hand and fore-finger raised, as if he is pointing out something and the third one is talking to the ascetic emphasizing his words with both of his uplifted hands.

name'. It seems, however, unbelievable that *dīgha* can mean 'venerable', and it is more probable that the explanation in *MA* III, 52 is correct where it is said '*Dīghatapassī tī dīghattā evam laddhanāmo*', that Dīghatapassī received his name on account of his long stature. Luders takes the word as a proper name in his *List* and further asserts in *Bhārh.* p 3, n 4, that *Dīghatapasi* cannot mean 'the venerable ascetic' but is apparently a proper name.

B 64 (697), PLATES XXI, XLVI

ON a coping-stone, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (A 23) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 96, 130, No 8, and Pl XLVII and LIII, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 61, No 9, and Pl , *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 228, No 9, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 83, No 195, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p. 97 f and Vol. III (1937), Pl LXXXV (97), Luders, *Bhārh* (1941), p 3

TEXT

Asadā vadhu susāne sigālañāti

TRANSLATION.

The young woman Asadā (*Ashādhā*) The announcement to the jackals on the burial-ground.

The sculpture shows a woman seated on a tree to which she clings with both hands. She is evidently addressing three jackals sitting below under another tree. In the foreground a man is lying either sleeping or dead, but as according to the inscription the scene is a burial-ground, he is probably meant for a corpse.

Cunningham's suggestion that the sculpture refers to the story of the origin of the Kōḷiyas as told in *SnA*, p 354 ff, cannot be accepted. The scene of that story is not a burial-ground, but a forest. The name of the leprous princess is not Asālhā, but Piyā, and she does not live on a tree, but in a pit. The man lying on the ground cannot be king Rāma, who does not appear in that situation in the story, and there are no jackals connected with the legend. Barua-Sinha think that the label may perhaps be taken to refer to a scene of a Jātaka-episode similar to one of the Asilakkhanajātaka (No 126). It is unnecessary to enter into the details of that Jātaka, as the similarity is very small. The scene of the Jātaka story, it is true, is a burial-ground, but neither the sitting of the woman on the tree nor the presence of the jackals agrees with it.

As long as the story represented in the relief has not been identified, the meaning of the last two words of the inscription cannot be established with certainty. As *ñati* can hardly be a verbal expression, the words seem to form a compound. Hultzsch was inclined to take *sigālañati* as a clerical error for *sigāle ñati*=Sk *śṛgālāñ jñātrī*, 'who has observed the jackals'. But this is extremely improbable, since the term *sigāle ñati* could only mean 'the habitual observer of the jackals', which, of course, is out of question. Barua-Sinha translate, 'The woman Ashādhā, the jackals in a funeral ground, (her) kinsmen', taking *ñati* as the equivalent of Sk *jñāti*. I agree with Barua-Sinha in dividing the label into two parts, which is supported by the fact that *Asadā vadhu* is separated by a blank from the rest of the inscription, but I would prefer to derive *ñati* from Sk *jñapti* and to refer *sigālañati* to some announcement made by the woman to the jackals¹.

¹Barua gives the choice to identify the representation either with the Mūlapariyāyajātaka (245) or the Titurajātaka (438) 'both giving an account of a far-famed ascetic teacher instructing his pupils'. These identifications are too vague to be convincing. See above Introduction p. X.

²It seems very probable that the woman sitting on the tree makes an appeal on behalf of the man lying on the ground (sleeping or wounded?) to the jackals looking up at her.

Asadā is Sk *Ashādhā*, with the usual inaccurate spelling of *ḍ* instead of *dh*, and an abbreviation of some name such as *Asāḥamittā*. The name belongs to the large class of personal names the first part of which is formed by the name of an asterism, why it should be taken to mean 'the buxom', as suggested by Barua-Sinha, I am unable to see

B 65 (702); PLATES XXI, XLV

ON a coping-stone, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (A 114) Edited by Cunningham, *PASB* 1874, p 112, Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p. 93 f; 131, No. 13, and Pl LIII, Hultzsch, *ZDMG*. Vol XL (1886), p 61, No 13, and Pl , *IA* Vol. XXI (1892), p. 228, No 13, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 58 f; 101, No 160, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 99 ff, and Vol. III (1937), Pl LXXV (98 and 98 a); Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 6

TEXT

jatīlasabhā

TRANSLATION·

The assembly of the Jatīlas (ascetics wearing matted hair)

The sculpture to which the label belongs is a fragment. It shows on the left a tree among wells, on the right a recess with a short-haired man of whom only half of the head and upper part of the body is preserved. Cunningham's identification of the sculpture with the conversion of Uruvelā Kassapa and his two brothers is very improbable. Barua has tried to complete the fragment by the photograph of a lost fragment which bears the figure of an elephant', and in his search for a suitable subject of the sculpture he has hit on the Indasamānagottajātaka (No 161) or the Mittāmittajātaka (No 197) both of which contain the story of a *tāpasa* who was killed by his pet elephant. But this identification cannot be accepted as a glance at the figure 98a on plate LXXV in Barua's book will be sufficient to show that the two fragments do not go together

B 66 (788), PLATES XXII, XLIV

ON the right outer face of the same pillar as No. B 55, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 28) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 137, No 76, and Pl XIX and LIV; Hultzsch, *ZDMG*. Vol XL (1886), p 70, No 87, and Pl , *IA*. Vol XXI (1892), p 234, No 87, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 56, No 157, Barua, *Barh* Vol. II (1934), p 23 ff, and Vol. III (1937), Pl XXII (17d) and XLIII (41); Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p. 7.

TEXT:

Bramhadevo mānavako

TRANSLATION·

The young Brahmin Bramhadeva (*Brahmadeva*)

The story represented in the sculpture is not known. The preserved portion of the relief is divided into three compartments. In the upper compartment there is a large building surrounded by a railing. In the windows and the arched recesses behind the balcony of the upper storey the faces of a number of women are visible. From the gateway in the left

¹ According to Barua there are visible at the feet of the elephant some burning fire altars. I am not able to recognize anything of it in the photographic reproduction.

corner issues a man mounted on an elephant. On the right four well-dressed men are standing in a line. The foremost figure of the four holds a small object in his left hand, while his right hand is uplifted. As the man on the elephant also has his right hand raised, they are apparently talking together. The three men on the left of the speaker seem to bring presents, each holding a tray, the first filled with small round objects, perhaps pearls, the second with square coins, and the third with necklaces.

In the middle compartment the four men appear again in a line, but this time mounted on elephants decorated with bells hanging down before their foreheads. The first in the row from the right is holding up a tray with coins, while the third, who seems to be the most prominent person, is distinguished by a parasol and a *chaurī* carried by an attendant whose head is visible in the background. Before the line of elephants another elephant is kneeling. He is held down with the *ankuśa* by a man of whom only the head is seen, the body being hidden behind a tree which belongs to the lower scene. This is evidently the same man who in the first scene is riding on the elephant, and from the label it appears that he is the young Brahmin Bramhadeva.

In the lower compartment, of which only the upper portion is preserved, Bramhadeva is seen once more kneeling before a throne placed under a tree and surmounted by a parasol with pendants hanging down on both sides, while behind him the four men are standing again in a line with their hands joined in devotion. Anderson¹ states that the tree is the Bodhi tree of the historical Buddha, but I doubt very much that this is correct, as it does not show distinctly the characteristically pointed leaves of the *Ficus religiosa*.

Of the rest of the sculpture only the head of a person is still visible below the throne. Whether it belongs to the scene above or to another scene in continuation of the story in the lost portion of the sculpture cannot be made out.

Barua and Sinha translated the label 'the young [Rūpa-]Brahma deity Subrahmaṅ', for which later on Barua substituted 'the youthful Rūpa-brahma deity'. Barua is of opinion that the relief illustrates the concluding part of Siddhārtha's battle with Māra, the congratulations of the Brahmakāyika deities, with Subrahmaṅ at the head². This interpretation would hardly convince anybody, even if it were not based on the palpably wrong translation of the inscription.

B 67 (710), PLATES XXII, XLV

On a coping-stone, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (A 98). Edited by Beal, *Academy* Vol VI (1874), p 612 (comp Fergusson, *ibid* p 637, note); Cunningham, *SIBh* (1879), p 94 f, 131, No 21, and Pl XLV and LIII; Hoernle, *IA* Vol X (1881), p. 119, No. 3; Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 63, No. 21, and Pl; *IA*. Vol XXI (1892), p 229, No 21, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 82 f, No 194, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 95 ff, and Vol III (1937), Pl LXXIII (96); Luders, *Bhārh.* (1941), p 88 f.

TEXT.

c̥hitupādasila

¹ *Cat.*, Part I, p 58

² A similar explanation has been given even before Barua by Coomaraswamy. In *JRAS* 1928, p 391 Coomaraswamy reads the inscription *Bra(h)ma deva mānava* and translates it 'the youthful coiled locks and absence of a turban, as described in the *Lahitav*, where he is designated Śikhī Mahādo not see that anything has been said there about his physical appearance, and the attribute *mānava*, which is totally out of place for a Mahābrahman, has not been given to him

TRANSLATION

The rock of miracles and portents (or miraculous portents)

The meaning of the inscription can hardly be definitely established as long as the subject of the relief has not been identified. The sculpture represents a game in which on either side two persons take part. A gaming-board containing 36 squares is drawn on the flat surface of a rock, which splits into two, engulfing the two men on the right and perhaps also the tree under which they are sitting. Of the two men on the left, one is raising his right hand which indicates that he is speaking, while the other is seated crosslegged. Before him lies a small square object which looks like a punch-marked coin, but may be a stone used for the game. Six similar pieces are lying to his left. In the background there is a square block ornamented with three-forked symbols.

Regarding the text of the inscription, Hoernle is in doubt whether *śila* stands for *śilā* (Sk. *śilā*) or for *śīlam* (Sk. *śīlam*). The sculpture leaves little doubt that it is the word for rock (*śilā*), this has been assumed by Hultzsch. Hoernle's suggestion to refer *chitupāda* to the gaming board and to explain it either as *chatushpāda* or *chitrāpāda* certainly misses the mark. The mistakes of the sculptor which Hoernle has to assume are quite improbable and I do not understand how far these two expressions could suitably designate the gaming board. *Chittuppāda* literally 'arising out of a thought', 'wish', 'intention' is a word used often in Pāli; in connection with *śilā*, however, it does not yield any meaning. But *uppāda* is in Pāli also a normal representative of Sk. *utpāta* 'abnormal phenomenon' and thus it is most probable that *chitupādāsila* represents Sk. *chitrotpātaśilā* 'A rock of wonders and of abnormal phenomena' or 'a rock where miracles and portents happen' would seem to be quite an appropriate name for a rock which suddenly splits.¹ The strange block with three-forked symbols has its counterparts in the sculptures described under Nos. B 73 and B 74 which represent scenes on mount Nadoda. It is therefore not unlikely that the gambling scene also has to be localized on that mountain very rich in miracles. This suggestion is however uncertain as long as the story has not been found in literature. Certainly the relief does not illustrate the Littaj (91) as Barua thinks. There is not the slightest similarity between the Jātaka and the sculpture, and that the label cannot be translated as 'the gambler fond of the square-board game' needs scarcely be mentioned.

¹ Usually it appears in connection with *supīna* and *lakkhana*, *D.* I, 9, 4, *Sn* 360, *J* 87, 1, 546, 216; *Mil.* 178

² This explanation is already given by Hultzsch, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p. 229, note 25, where he translates "Chitrā utpātā yatra sā śilā, 'the rock where miraculous portents happen'". He further remarks "The Pāli *uppāda* represents both *utpāda* and *utpāta*."

6. B 68 - 69 INSCRIPTIONS ATTACHED TO THE REPRESENTATIONS OF CHAITYAS

B 68 (699), PLATES XXII, XLVII

ON a coping-stone, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (A 29) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 94; 131, No 10, and Pl XLIII, 4 and LIII; Hoernle *IA* Vol. X, (1881), p 118 f, No 1; Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 61, No 11, and Pl, *IA* Vol. XXI (1892), p 228, No 11; Barua, *PASB* New Ser Vol XIX (1924), pp 350-352, and Pl XV, 2; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 85 f, No. 200; Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p. 113 f, and Vol. III (1937), Pl LXXX (108), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 21 ff

TEXT:

migasamadakaṃ chetaya¹

TRANSLATION·

The Chaitya where the animals of the forest hold their siesta.

The name of the *chaitya* is not known from other sources and as both *miga* and *samadaka* are ambiguous terms, the label has to be interpreted from the sculpture to which it is attached. Unfortunately the scene represented in the panel is not perfectly clear. The centre of the relief is formed by a tree with a stone seat in front of it. Six antelopes, three males and three females, are lying around it. They seem to be black bucks (*Antelope cervicapra*), though the horns are rather short. On the proper right side two wild animals are visible, the one facing the spectator, the other turned to the right and characterized by a mane as a lion. The antelope in the foreground is lying with its head resting on the ground. Hoernle therefore was of the opinion that the sculptor wanted to represent the antelope as having been crushed under the platform of the *chaitya* and, following a suggestion of Tawney, translated the inscription 'the deer-crushing chaitya' (*mṛigasammardakam chaityam*). An antelope in exactly the same attitude as in our relief is found in the relief on Cunningham's Plate XLIII, 8, and there it is undoubtedly a dead animal bewailed by the ascetic as told in the *Migapotakajātaka* (No 372). Nevertheless I think it more probable that in our relief the antelope is simply meant as sleeping, no stones being visible to indicate that it was killed by them, and as the presence of the two lions also is left unaccounted for by Hoernle's interpretation, it does not carry conviction.

Cunningham translated the inscription² 'Deer and Lions eating together Chetiyā', and the derivation of *samadaka* from *sam-ad* is accepted also by Barua-Sinha who offer quite a number of optional renderings such as 'the chaitya on an animal feeding-ground', or 'on a grazing ground of the deer', or 'where the deer are devoured', etc. But the antelopes in the relief neither graze nor are they being devoured, and in my opinion it is extremely unlikely that *samadaka* should have any connection with the root *ad*; nor can I follow Barua, when he asserts that the sculpture refers to the *Vyagghajātaka* (No 272). There it is related how a forest is infested by tigers or, as the commentator erroneously says, by a lion and a tiger. They kill animals of all kinds and for fear of them nobody dares enter the forest.

¹ Read *chetiyam*.

² He read *samadaka* or *samādaka*.

When the stench of the carcasses, left by them on the spot, becomes intolerable, a foolish tree-spirit, without heeding the warnings of another tree-spirit, drives the wild animals away, but only with the result that the villagers, no longer kept back by the fear of the tigers, come and hew down the trees and till the land. In vain the tree-spirit tries to bring back the tigers. I fail to see the slightest resemblance between this story and the scene of our relief where nothing of the tree-deities is to be seen and where certainly the antelopes are not represented as being frightened or even killed by the lions.

Hultzsch took *migasamadaka* as *migasammadaka* and rendered it by 'the chaitya which gladdens the antelopes'. Hultzsch's derivation of *samadaka* is probably correct, but I think that the meaning of the word has to be modified a little. In Pāli *bhāttasammada* is a common term denoting 'after-dinner nap, siesta'. *Migasammada* then would mean either 'the siesta of the antelopes' or 'the siesta of the wild animals' and there would be no difficulty in explaining the name of the *chaitya* as being formed by adding the suffix *-ka* to *sammada*. The siesta of the antelopes would seem to be well illustrated by the sculpture. But peace and quietness apparently prevails also between the antelopes and the lions of the relief, and so we may assume that the term *miga* is used here in the wider sense and that the *chaitya* owed its name to the miraculous event that all animals of the forest held there their siesta without doing harm to one another².

B 69 (693),³ PLATES XXII, XLII

ON a coping-stone, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta. Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p. 94, 130, No. 4, and Pl. XLVIII and LIII, Hoernle, *IA* Vol. X (1881), p. 120, No. 7, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol. XL (1886), p. 61, No. 5, and Pl. *IA* Vol. XXI (1892), p. 227, No. 5, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 90 f., No. 210, Ramaprasad Chanda, *MASI* (1927), No. 30, p. 5, and Pl. I, Barua, *Barh* Vol. II (1934), p. 133 ff. and Vol. III (1937), Pl. LXXXIV (124a), Luders, *Bhārh* (1941), p. 23 ff.

TEXT

Abode chāṭiyam

TRANSLATION:

The Chaitya on the A(m)ḥboda (the mango-mountain)

The relief shows a tree which, judging from the leaves, can be a mango tree. It has a stone seat in front of it. Some rocks in the right corner from which a brook flows down suggest that the place of the scene is on a mountain. Two elephants are approaching the stone seat, the bigger one of the animals bears a bundle of lotus fibres in its trunk, apparently intending to deposit it on or before the stone seat. The smaller animal sprays itself with water from the brook. Because in the relief treated under B 68 the tree with a stone seat is called *chetaya* (for *chetaya*) it can be taken as absolutely certain that *chāṭiyam* here is a scribe's

¹ See *D* II, 195, *S* I, 7, *J* VI, 57 II, 63, 14

² A very similar representation is found in the relief on Cunningham's Pl. XLIV, 8. Here six stags (*Rusa axis*), three of them male and three female, lie or stand round the tree with a stone seat underneath it. But here the lions are missing. The wish to identify the sculptures as Jātakas at all costs led Barua to see in the latter relief a representation of the Tipallatthamigajātaka (16). Apart from the unacceptable interpretation of the particulars, the identification with the Jātaka is quite impossible on account of the fact that the *chaitya* figuring in the centre of the picture remains altogether unexplained.

³ Luders' treatment of this inscription (B 69) is missing in the manuscript. What follows below is based on his remarks l. c., pp. 23-25.

mistake for *chetyam*. The explanation of *chātyam* as loc. sg. of P *chāṭi* 'pot, vessel' given by Barua and Sinha is linguistically impossible, apart from the fact that in the relief no vessel of any kind is represented. Likewise I cannot agree with Barua-Sinha's identification of the relief with the Mātuposakaj (455). In the Jātaka it is narrated that the Bodhisattva was once reborn as an elephant. He was captured to serve the king of Kāsī as state elephant, but was released by the same king when the latter heard that the elephant had to nourish his blind mother left behind in the forest. When the Bodhisattva had returned to his mother he sprinkled her with water from a lotus pond. Now we find in the relief indeed two elephants and also a brook which could perhaps take the place of the lotus pond, but it is not depicted how the one elephant besprinkles the other. This besprinkling is an essential part of the story. It is not only to be seen from the fact that it is expressly mentioned in the Gāthās, it has also led to a further development of the legend. The *Mvu* where the Jātaka occurs (Vol III, p. 130 ff) and the Fo-pên-hung-tsi-king (Beal, *Rom Leg*, p. 366 ff) narrate that the elephant's mother regained her eye-sight by the besprinkling, in the same way as the blind Mahāprajāpati regained the power to see when the water at the *mahāprāthārya* in Kapilavastu streamed down on her. Besides it is expressly stated in G. 4 ff. of the Jātaka that the noble elephant lived with his mother on the mountain Chandorana. In the prose narration is added that, after the death of his mother, he went into the hermitage Karandaka. There the king erected a stone image of the elephant, and men from all India used to assemble at the spot every year to celebrate the festival of the elephant. In the *Mvu*, the mountain on which the elephant and his mother stayed is called Chandagiri, a hill in front of the Himavat. These particulars are not in conformity with the inscription which says that the Chaitya was on the *Aboda*. Hoernle¹ took *Aboda* as equivalent of Sk *Arbuda*, the old name of the famous mountain Ābū, but it is not probable that the *u* in *Arbuda* should have become *o*. On the other hand the landscape represented shows decisively that *Aboda* is the name of a mountain. This is confirmed by the form of the name. No less than six times in the Bhārhut inscriptions the name *Nadoda* is found, twice with the addition *parvata*, and a mountain *Rikshoda* is mentioned as the birth place of brahmins in the Kāsikā on *Pān*, 4, 3, 91. *Rikshodah parvato bhīyana eshām brāhmanānām Ārkshodā brāhmanāh*. Whatever the second part² of the name may be, its composition with *nada* 'reed' and *riksha* 'bear' makes it almost certain that *Aboda* contains the word *āmra* 'mango'. *Abode* accordingly is written in the normal fashion for *ambode*. The Chaitya on the *Amboda*, the mango-mountain, was probably a sanctuary of local importance. In the relief its veneration by elephants carrying offerings is represented, cf. similar reliefs on Cunningham's Pl. XXX 2 (B 70-72) and XLVI 6.

¹JA X, p. 120

²I am of the opinion that these names of mountains, like *Himavat* etc., are formed with the suffix *-vat*. *Rikshavat*, *Nadavat*, *Āmravat* were transferred in Prakrit to the *a*-flexion and with the softening of *t* to *d* and with contraction of *ava* to *o* became *Achchhoda*, *Nadoda* and *Amboda*. *Rikshoda* is a result of incomplete Sanskritisation. The correct Sanskrit form *Rikshavat* is attested in the Epics and in the works of Kālidāsa.

**7. B 70 - 76 INSCRIPTIONS REFERRING TO THE LEGENDS CONNECTED
WITH MOUNT NADODA¹**

B 70 (755), PLATES XXII, XLVI

TOGETHER with Nos B 71 and B 72 on the lowermost relief of the inner face of the same pillar as No A 62, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 29) Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 45, 115, 135, No 44, and Pl XV, XXX and LIV, Hoernle, *IA* Vol XI (1882), p 25 f, No 19 a,² Hultzsck, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 67, No 62, and Pl ; *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 232, No 62, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 92, No 215, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 165 ff, and Vol III (1937), Pl XCIV (142), Lüders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 84

TEXT

- 1 Bahuhathiko ngodho
- 2 Nadode

TRANSLATION

The banyan tree Bahuhathika (*Bahuhastika*, of many elephants)² on (Mount) Nadoda

See the remarks on No B 72

[B 70, B 71 and B 72 refer to one and the same sculpture]

B 71 (754), PLATE XXII

TOGETHER with Nos B 70 and B 72 on the lowermost relief of the inner face of the same pillar as No A 62, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 29) The inscription is engraved on one of the pillars of the railing below the sculpture Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p 115, 135, No 43, and Pl XV, XXX and LIV, Hoernle, *IA*, Vol XI (1882), p. 26, No 20, Hultzsck, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 67, No 61, and Pl., *IA* Vol. XXI (1892), p 232, No 61, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 92, No 214; Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 165 ff, and Vol. III (1937), Pl XCIV (142), Lüders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 84

TEXT

Bahuhathiko

TRANSLATION¹

(The banyan tree) Bahuhathika (*Bahuhastika*, of many elephants)

See the remarks on No. B 72

[B 71, B 70 and B 72 refer to one and the same sculpture]

B 72 (756), PLATES XXII, XLVI

TOGETHER with Nos. B 70 and B 71 on the lowermost relief of the inner face of the same pillar as No A 62, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (P 29) Edited by Cunnin-

¹ There is an inscription classified under Group 9 (Fragmentary Inscriptions) probably referring to some legend connected with the Himavat mountains (see B 79)

² Hultzsck, *IA*, I c, note 42 “*Bahavo hastno yatna sah*, where many elephants (are worshipping)” Cf. also B 81

ham, *StBh* (1879), p 135, No 45, and Pl XV, XXX and LIV, Hoernle, *IA* Vol XI (1882), p 25 f, No 19b, Hultzsich, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 67, No 63, and Pl , *IA* Vol. XXI (1892), p 232, No. 63, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 92 f, No 216, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 165 ff, and Vol. III (1937), Pl. XCIV (142), Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 84 ff.

TEXT.

- 1 Susupālo Kodāyo
- 2 Veduko a-
- 3 rāmako

TRANSLATION:

Susupāla (*Śisupāla*), the Kodāya (*Kodīya*) The park-keeper Veduka

[B 72, B 70 and B 71 refer to one and the same sculpture.]

This relief, which according to the inscription B 70 represents some story connected with a nyagrodha tree on mountain Nadoda, is in its centre filled by a big banyan tree, with a seat in front of it, decorated with an ornamental band and strewn with flowers. On either side three elephants, one of which is a very young animal, are bowing down or offering garlands. On the right are the figures of two men, both badly damaged. One who is standing with his hands joined in devotion has lost his head; of the other almost nothing but the turban is preserved. The background is formed on the right by rocks, on the left by a slab or bench covered with flowers above which there appears a strange conglomeration which Hoernle, misled by his erroneous reading *Veṭko* instead of *Veduko*, took to be an egg-plant. It indeed seems to be a tree or plant, but I do not dare to determine its exact nature.

The relief bears no less than three inscriptions viz B 70, B 71 and B 72. Underneath the stone seat, on the decorative rail forming the basis of the relief, we find B 71 and on the stone-seat itself B 70 which gives a fuller version of B 71. The third inscription (B 72) is in the right upper corner above and at the side of the damaged head of one of the two human worshippers near the tree. According to these inscriptions the nyagrodha tree represented in the sculpture is found on the mountain Nadoda and carries the name Bahuhaththika "by the side of which are many elephants", which corresponds to the scene depicted.

The worship of Chaityas by elephants was apparently a favourite theme associated with different localities. Both Fa-hien¹ and Huan-tsang² tell us that a herd of wild elephants offered worship to the Stūpa of Rāmagrāma³ by presenting flowers and sprinkling water on the ground. This legend is perhaps represented on the lower architrave of the eastern gate of Sāñchī where elephants offer flowers and fruits to a Stūpa. In the treatment of B 69 we have come across the worship of a tree with a stone seat underneath on mountain Arīboda. What kind of tree is meant there cannot be fixed with certainty. In the relief on the coping stone shown on Cunningham's Pl XLVI 6 it is again a nyagrodha tree worshipped by three elephants which lay down branches of trees in a bowl placed on a stone seat.

As regards the two persons who appear as lookers on of the scene, Veduka is certainly the same person who in the relief B 73 is represented as milking a tattered cloth on mountain Naḍoda. In our inscription (B 72) he is called *arāmako*, apparently an imperfect spelling for *ārāmako*, while in Pāli and Buddhist Sanskrit, the usual form is *ārāmaka*. As it appears from

¹Transl by Legge, p 69

²Transl by Beal, Vol II, p 26 ff.

³Cunningham thought that the sculpture represented that legend, but, apart from the fact that the object of the worship is not a Stūpa, but a tree, the label expressly states that the scene is Nadoda which, as proved by the inscriptions Nos B 73 and B 74, was some mountain.

Mahāv. VI, 15, 1; *Chullav.* VI, 21, 3 the *ārāmkas* were park-keepers and sometimes servants of the Samgha, without being monks It is more difficult to account for the epithet of Susu-pāla. Hoernle was of the opinion that *Kodāya* might be connected with Sk *Kaundinya*, P. *Kodañña*, which is phonetically impossible Barua-Sinha's derivation of *Kodaya* from *Kodī-rāja* or *Koṭṭa-rāja*, 'the ruler of a fort' need not be discussed I am sure that Hultzsch was right in taking *Koḍāyo* as a clerical error for *Kodīyo*, 'belonging to the *Kodīya* or *Kolīya* tribe'

The legend represented in the relief remains unknown for the time being¹ But the inscription B 81 allows with high probability to identify the saint to whom the Chaitya belonged

B 73 (707), PLATES XXII, XLVII

ON a coping-stone, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (A 54). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh.* (1879), p. 98, 131, No 18, and Pl. XLVIII and LIII, Hoernle, *IA*. Vol. X (1881), p. 120 f, No 8, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p. 62, No 18, and Pl I; *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p. 228, No 18, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 98 f, No 223; Barua, *Barh.* Vol. II (1934), p. 169, and Vol. III (1937), Pl. XCV (144), Luders, *Bhārḥ.* (1941), p. 80 ff

TEXT:

V[e]duko² katha dohati Nadode pavate

TRANSLATION:

Veḍuka milks the tattered garment on Mount Nadoda³

On the left side of the relief a man is seen squatting on the ground With both hands he holds the two ends of a somewhat peculiar object, which is suspended from a tree. He is evidently 'milking' them into a small basin held between his knees. The sculptor has even represented the stream of liquid gushing out The right half of the relief is occupied by four square blocks of different size Their upper side is slightly concave and covered with symbols which, being three-forked, differ from the ordinary *pañchangulikas*

In Bhārḥut quite a number of representations is found, the scene of which is the mountain Nadoda⁴, which seems to have been in the vicinity of Bhārḥut and connected with several local legends. R P Chanda (*MASI* No. 30, p. 6) identified it with a chain of hills called Naro, six miles to the north of Bhārḥut. The identification is attractive, even if phonetically it is not completely free from doubt, for then we should expect to get at least *Nalo*

Veḍuka is undoubtedly identical with the gardener *Veḍuka* mentioned in No B 72 in

¹ Barua hints at the Mahāvānyaj (493), whereas in his list the relief is directly identified with the said Jātaka How this is possible, I am at a loss to understand The only similarity between the sculpture and the Jātaka is the circumstance that in both of them a nyagrodha appears.

² The first *akshara* was read *va* by Cunningham Hoernle and Buhler adopted this reading, while Hultzsch read *ve*. The *v*-sign, although partially coinciding with the framing line of the label, becomes almost certain by the occurrence of *Veḍuka* in No B 72

³ It is unnecessary to discuss Hoernle's translation of the inscription as it is based on an interpretation which nobody will uphold now Nor can I follow the confused speculations of Barua-Sinha which culminate in the invention of a Jātaka Their identifications of *Veḍuka* with *Vadka*, the hero of Avadāna 6 in the *Avś* (I, p. 28 ff) and at the same time with *Vayka*, a supposed surname of Sakka, and of *Nadoda* with *Nārada*, or *Nadoda pavata* with *Nārada* and *Parvata* are absolutely unfounded.

⁴ The name of the mountain is at times directly mentioned in the labels and at times it is to be inferred. As regards the explanation of the word Nadoda I refer to my remarks on No. B 69.

a relief which illustrates an event on Mount Nadoda. The only word in the inscription which presents any difficulty is *katha*, which may denote either the object which is milked or the substance which is milked from it. Hultsch states that Buhler wanted to explain it as *kvātha* 'decoction'. According to Pāṇini 3, 1, 140, besides *kvātha* there existed in the same meaning also *kvātha*, and we may agree that *katha* may stand for *kvatham* and, if necessary, also for *kvātham*. But the sense so obtained is hardly satisfactory. Hultsch proposed to take *katha* as a graphical or dialectal variant of *kaṭha* (*kāshṭha*) 'wood'. I am ready to admit that owing to the negligence of a mason, who forgot to put the dot in the centre of the letter, a *tha* may occasionally appear as *thā*, but the superfluous addition of a dot in writing *katha* for *katha*, as Hultsch's suggestion implies, is highly improbable, and the derivation of *katha* (with dental *th*=*kattha*) from *kāshṭha* is phonetically impossible. Moreover the milking of a piece of wood would not agree with the sculpture. There can be little doubt that the thing (*katha*) which *Veduka* is milking is an object hanging down from the tree which is certainly neither a piece of wood nor a *bhistī*'s *mashak* as suggested by Hoernle. What it is meant for will be understood at once, if we remember that the *anusvāra* is frequently not written in these inscriptions and that therefore *katha* may be an imperfect spelling for *kamtham* *kanthā* is the garment of a religious mendicant patched together with hundreds of rags; cf. Bhartrihari 3, 19 *vastram cha jīrnāsatakhandamayī cha kanthā*, 3, 74 *jīrnā kanthā tatah km*; 3 86 *rathyākshīnavisīmajīrnavasanaṅh samprāptakanthāsakhaḥ*, 3, 101 *kaupīnam śatakhandaḥjaratarām kanthā pumas tādriśī*, Śāntīś 4, 20 *dhrītajaratkanthālavasya*. In Śāntīś 4, 4 the garment of a forest recluse is said to be pieced up with withered leaves *jīrnāpalāśasamhatīkrītām¹ kanthām vasāno vane*. *Mahāv* 8, 12 we are told that Ānanda made garments from rags (*chinnaka*) having the appearance of fields of rice in Magadha (*Magadhakhetta*) with their manifold boundaries. Exactly in the same way the artist has represented the *kanthā*.

The story of *Veduka*'s milking has not yet been identified. It belongs to the circle of legends gathered round Mount Nadoda which form the subject also of the sculptures referred to under Nos. B 70, B 72, B 74, B 75, B 76, B 81.

B 74 (708), PLATES XXIII, XLVII

ON a coping-stone, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (A 56). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 98, 131, No 19, and Pl XLVIII and LIII, Hoernle, *IA* Vol. X (1881), p 121, No 9, Hultsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p. 62, No 19, and Pl ; *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 228, No 19, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 97, No 222, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 162 ff, and Vol III (1937), Pl XCI (140); Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 82 ff

TEXT

jabū Nadode pavate

TRANSLATION

The rose-apple tree on Mount Nadoda

On the left side of the sculpture there is a tree from which two human hands emerge, one holding a bowl filled with food, while the other is pouring out water from a vessel, resembling a tea-pot, upon the right hand of a man sitting on a *mōṛhā*, or wicker stool. We know from the medallion illustrating the gift of the Jetavana and other sculptures that vessels of that peculiar form (*bhunkāra*) were used in the ceremony of pouring the water of donation on the hand of the donee, the scene therefore evidently represents the gift of food to

¹Variant reading *jīrnāpalāśapattararacitām*

the man by the deity residing in the jambū tree. Another man is walking away carrying a small vessel which he apparently has filled at the tree. According to Anderson, *Cat* Vol I, p. 97, there is on the right a block of stone exactly like those of the relief described under No. B 73

The same scene, with slight modifications, occurs in a relief at Buddha-Gayā reproduced in Cunningham's *Mahābodhi*, Plate VIII, No 4 Here the man who receives the water of donation and the bowl with food from the tree-spirit is standing by the side of a *mōṅhā* and a bench, and the man walking off is missing, but the block of stone appears here also in the background. Bloch¹ referred the scene of the Buddha-Gayā sculpture to the feeding of the Bodhisattva by Sujātā I am unable to discover the slightest resemblance between the relief and that story².

Barua-Sinha translate *jabū* by 'the rose-apple trees', which is not in keeping with the sculpture where only a single tree is represented But I see no reason why *jabū* should be taken as a plural form, *jambū* being the regular nom sing of the feminine base, both in Pāli³ and Prakrit I quite agree with Barua-Sinha in rejecting Hoernle's suggestion that the jambū tree of the relief is the tree on Mount Meru from which *Jambudvīpa* derives its name On the other hand I fail to see how it should possibly be connected with the jambū trees mentioned among other trees in Gāthā 584 of the *Vessantarajātaka* or with the *Sambulajātaka* (519), as suggested by those two scholars R P Chanda⁴ and Coomaraswamy⁵ see in the relief the representation of a legend narrated in the *DhA*. I, 203 ff There we are told that five hundred ascetics on their way from the Himālaya to Kosambī come to a great nyagrodha tree in a forest The goddess of the tree gives them food and water to drink and to bathe At the request of the oldest of the group of ascetics she comes out of the tree and informs the ascetics that she had gained great power for having fasted unto death in a former life as a workmaid of Anāthapindika Now the relief corresponds to the story as far as the miraculous feeding by the tree-goddess is concerned But I am very doubtful whether just this story is illustrated The tree in the relief is a jambū tree, in the story, however, it is a nyagrodha That speaks against the identification, as well as the circumstance that the men being fed and offered a drink in the relief are not ascetics Hoernle's⁶ explanation of the Bhārhut relief is quite mistaken, and Barua himself withdrew the curious explanation he gave (*BI* p 97 f and *Barh* II, p 162 ff) later on in *Barh* III, p. 4⁷ The story of the jambū tree represented in the relief is one of the Nādoda legends which have not yet been discovered in literary sources, cf the remarks on No. B 73

B 75 (711 AND 901); PLATE XXIII

FRAGMENTARY inscription on a coping-stone, now lost Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 131, No 22, and Pl LIII The inscription appears to be identical with the fragment published by Cunningham, *ibid* p 143, No 18, and Pl LVI. It was edited again by Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 86, No 201, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 115, Luders, *Bhārht* (1941), p 89 f

¹ *ASLAR*. 1908-09, p. 143 f

² Bloch's statements are wrong in details Sujātā feeds the Bodhisattva after he gave up the penance and not the Buddha after he gained the Bodhi.

³ *Kachchāyana* 2, 1, 34

⁴ *MASI*. No. 30, p 5 ff

⁵ *JRAS*. 1928, p. 393

⁶ *IA* X, p 121.

⁷ Regarding the label Barua-Sinha say that all former editors read *jabu* The right reading *jabū* however has already been given by Hultzsch, *ZDMG*. XL, p 62 and in my *List* No 708

TEXT

Dusito giri dadati Na

TRANSLATION

Dusita presents the mountain Na(doda?).

Cunningham (*StBh* p 131, No 22) gives an inscription found on a piece of a coping-stone which is now lost. He reads it *Dusito-giri dadati*. According to his eye-copy on Pl LIII, it is to be read as *dustogirīda datī*; after these letters still a vertical stroke is visible which can be a remnant of *na*. Between *da* and *datī* his sketch shows a lacuna which has to be explained. Like all labels of the coping-stone the inscription must have been engraved on the lowest step of the pyramids above the reliefs. If an inscription runs over several steps the result naturally is that gaps sometimes appear in the middle of a word, e.g. in the inscription B 63 *dīghatāpasī seanusāsati* or in the inscription B 73 *veṅkokathado hatīnadodapa vate*. On the step of the pyramids there is room for six letters. Also it is certain that nothing precedes *dusito* which must be the first word of the inscription.

Amongst the fragments of inscriptions now lost Cunningham gives one which he reads on p 143, No. 18 *dusito-giri datīna*. According to his eye-copy on Pl LVI it runs *dustogirīda tīna*. It seems to be clear that Cunningham gives the same inscription erroneously twice and that we have to restore it as *Dusito giri dadati na*. *Dusito* is probably a personal name, and the first three words are defective writing for *Dusita giriṁ dadātī* 'Dusita presents the mountain'. Barua and Sinha take the following *na* as negation and connect the inscription with G 1 of the Suchchajaj. (320) in which we hear of the not-giving of a mountain². This is highly improbable. The negative particle *na* would have to stand before the verb³. It is much more probable that the concluding part of the inscription is lost, and I have already proposed in my *List of Brāhmī inscriptions* No. 711 to restore the *na* to *Nadodam*. As the scene represented has been lost and as particulars of the legends referring to mount Nadoda are not known for the time being, this restoration can only be called a possibility.

B 76 (781 AND 791)⁴; PLATE XXIII

On a pillar of the North-Western quadrant. Original lost. Edited by Cunningham *StBh* (1879), p 137, No 70, and Pl. LIV, Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 59 f, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 232, note 43; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 87, No. 204; Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 121, Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 87 f

TEXT :

[Na]dodapāde dhenachhako⁵

¹ From Cunningham's eye-copies on plates LIII and LVI. In the copy on plate LIII *na* is only partly legible, in the copy on plate LVI the second *da* has been omitted. Restore perhaps Nadoda or Nadodam.

² *Suchchajam vata na chchajī vāchāya adadam girim t
kim hi tass' achayantassa vāchāya adada pabbatam* 11
The second line is obviously spoiled.

³ What Barua and Sinha remark for the explanation of *dusito* can be passed over in silence.

⁴ Cunningham's inscription No 70 (*List* 981) appears to be identical with his inscription No. 79 (*List* 791), mentioned amongst the three inscriptions found on displaced pillars. It is very improbable, that there should have existed two labels with the same text.

⁵ From Cunningham's eye-copies Plate LIV No. 70 and 79. Cunningham read *Dodapāpechena charo* in No 70, and *nadoda pāde chena chhako* in No 79. The first *akshara*, which has been omitted in No. 70, is marked as damaged in No 79. The right half of the cross-bar of *ko* is wanting in No. 70. Hultzsch followed Cunningham in reading *chenachhako*, but the first *akshara* can only be *dhe*.

TRANSLATION

The dhenachhaka (?) at the foot of (Mount) Nadoda

Barua-Sinha boldly identify *dhenachhako* with *dhonasākho* which in *J* 353, 4 seems to be a name of the banyan tree. The meaning of *dhonasākha* is obscure. Instead of *dhona-* the Ceylonese manuscripts read also *yona-* and *dona-*, the Burmese manuscripts constantly *vena-*, and I should consider it not quite improbable that the original reading was *ponasākho* = Sk *pravanasākhah*, 'with sloping branches'. But even granting that *dhena-* of the inscription is a misreading for *dhona-*, or that *dhona-* of the Pāli text is a corruption of *dhena-*, it seems to me impossible that *-chhako* should be the equivalent of P *-sākho*, Sk *-sākhah*. As we know from the inscriptions Nos B 73 and B 74 several things producing miracles such as a jambū tree granting food and a tattered cloth that could be milked, existed on Mount Nadoda, and one might be tempted to take *dhenachhako* as a misreading for *dhenuchhako*, which may represent *dhenūtsakah*, the 'cow-well', i.e. a well which yielded milk like a cow, but in the absence of the sculpture all conjectures are practically futile.

3. B 77 - 78 INSCRIPTIONS ATTACHED TO THE REPRESENTATIONS OF CHAṆKAMAS

B 77 (696), PLATES XXIII, XLVI

ON coping-stone No II, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (A 21) Edited by Cunningham, *SiBh* (1879), p 94; 130, No. 7, and Pl XLVII and LIII, Hultzs, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 61, No 8, and Pl, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 227, No 8, Barua, *PASB* New Ser. Vol XIX (1924), pp 354-356, and Pl XV, fig 4, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 88, No 205; Barua, *Barh*. Vol. II (1934), p 121 ff, and Vol III (1937), Pl LXXXI (116) Barua's explanation of the sculpture was criticized by Vogel, *JRAS* 1927, p 595, Note 2, Luders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 35 ff.

TEXT

Dadanikamo chakama

TRANSLATION

The walk Dadanikama (*Dṛḍhanshkrama* of Strong Exertion)

Cunningham's explanation of *Dadanikama* need not be discussed Hultzs doubtfully rendered it by Sk *Dandanishkrama*, Barua by *Dṛḍhanshkrama*, referring to the term *dadhamkkama*, an epithet of the solitary monk in *Sn* 68, which in the corresponding passage of the *Mvu.* (I, 357) is replaced by *dṛḍhavikrama* As in the Bhārḥut inscriptions the *amsvāra* is generally omitted and *ḍha* is written as *da*, phonetically both explanations would seem to be equally good, but Barua's is certainly the more plausible one But his translation of the inscription 'the walk wherefrom the egress is difficult' is impossible, as *dadha* cannot have the meaning 'difficult' Pālī *dadhamkkama* means 'of strong exertion' and if *dadhanikama* in the label is the same word, it must have the same meaning, although at first sight it is a little difficult to conceive how in that case it could be the designation of a *chankama*, a terraced walk. Perhaps the sculpture will help us to understand the term

The centre of the relief is occupied by the *chaṅkama* decked with *pañcahaṅgulikas* and flowers In front are two colossal heads of demons with a large hand between them Between these heads and the *chaṅkama* lies a bundle of fagots, apparently burning On the left side of the bundle a snake is visible, and a lizard on the right side of it In the background just above the *chaṅkama* four lions appear (of three of these only the heads can be seen) On the right side stands a well-dressed man with folded hands followed by four men dressed in the same fashion In the left corner a man sits on the ground with his head leaning on his left hand. In his right hand he holds a small stick pointed to the ground

Barua has identified the sculpture with the Uragajāta, No 354 of the Pālī collection. The Jātaka belongs to the class of the stories intended to drive away the grief (*śokāpanodana*) The Bodhisattva is born as a brahmin who lives together with his wife, his son, his daughter, his daughter-in-law and a female servant. One day he is working on his field together with his son When the son is burning some rubbish, he is bitten by a poisonous snake and dies The brahmin is unmoved He sends for his family and the servant. When they have arrived, they burn the body, but not a single tear is shed by any one On account of their virtue Sakka's throne manifests signs of heat He resolves to reward their equanimity by

filling their house with the seven treasures, after having uttered the lion's roar. Standing by the side of the funeral pyre he asks by turns the Bodhisattva and the four females why they do not weep and is highly pleased with their answers which all tend to show the futility of grief. According to Barua the burning fagots in the sculpture represent the heap of rubbish burnt by the brahmin's son and at the same time his funeral pyre. The snake is the snake that has caused his death and what I take to be a lizard is declared to be the corpse of the youth. The person sitting in the proper right corner is supposed to be Sakka, while the four lions are said to symbolize his lion's roar. The persons standing on the left side are identified with the brahmin and the four female members of his family, and the *chankama* which Barua, following a remark by Cunningham, takes to be an altar 'is designed as a protection of fire against the wind and signifies symbolically a dividing line between the living and the dead'.

Vogel has already remarked that this interpretation of the sculpture is impossible. Apart from the fact that the heads of the demons are ignored, that the explanation of the *chankama* is certainly wrong and that the symbolization of Sakka's lion's roar is highly improbable, the five standing persons cannot represent the brahmin and the four female members of his household as all of them are clearly characterized by their turbans as male persons¹. Nor can the seated figure be Sakka. A man in the same attitude is found in the relief on Pl XXXVII, (cf B 26), fig on the left, and it cannot be doubted that there Māra is represented as mourning, while all the other gods are rejoicing at the birth of the Bodhisattva. The attitude is quite in keeping with the description of Māra in literary sources after his defeat by the Buddha. 'Then', it is said in the *S. I*, 124, 'Māra, the Evil one, went away from that place and sat down on the earth with crossed legs, not very far from the Holy one, silent, discontented, with his shoulders falling and his face bent down, down-cast, bewildered, scratching the earth with a piece of wood' (*atha kho Māro pāpimā tamhā ṭhānā apakkamma Bhagavato avidūre pathavayam pallankena nisīdi tunhūbhūto mankubhūto pattakkhandho adhomukho pajjhāyanto appatibhāno kaṭṭhena bhūmim vlikkhanto*). The same description is found in the *Lalitav* and the *Mvu* with the only difference that in the *Mvu* an arrow (*kānda*) takes the place of the piece of wood (*kāshtha*). *Mvu* II, 283 *Māro ca pāpimām dukkhī daurmanasyajāto anihāsalyaparidāghajāto ekamante pradhīyāye kāndena bhūmim vlikkhanto*, II, 349: *Māras ca durmano āsi kāndena lkhate mahim | jyo 'smi devadevena Śākyasimhena tāpīnā*, III, 281 *Māro pāpimām Bhagavato avidūre sammushanno abhūshu dukkhī durmano vipratsāsī kāndena bhūmim vlikkhanto Lalitav* 378. *atha khalu Mārah pāpīyān . ekānte prakrāmya sūhito 'bhū | dukkhī durmanā vipratsāsī adhomukhah kāshthena mahim vlikkhan vshayam me 'tikrānta ut*

In the *Nidānakathā* (*J I*, 78) Māra is spoken of as sitting at the corner of a road and meditating on the sixteen points in which he is not equal to the Buddha by drawing lines on the sand until his three daughters arrive and enquire after the cause of his grief. In the *Māra*- and *Bhikkhunī*samyutta of the *S* (IV, V) it is regularly stated that Māra is plunged into grief whenever one of his many attacks on the Buddha or some monk or some men has turned out unsuccessful. The representation of the mourning Māra apparently was conventional, and we may be sure that in our sculpture also the dejected person drawing figures on the ground was at once rightly understood as Māra by every Buddhist. We may further assume that the cause of his depression apparent in the relief is the fact that he has failed to subdue some saint meditating on the *chankama*. The saint, of course, does not appear in the relief, as neither the Buddha nor Buddhist clericals are ever represented in the sculptures

¹ There is not the slightest evidence that the figure wearing a turban in the relief Pl. XLVIII, II is a female as asserted by Barua.

of this time. But the means by which Māra tried to inspire him with fear, stupefaction and horripilation and to disturb him in his concentration¹, as it is often said in the Suttas, appear to be indicated by the lions, the demons and probably also by the burning fagot, the snake and the lizard. Similar phantoms are mentioned in the accounts of Māra's combat against the Buddha in the Nidānakathā, the *Mvu*, the *Lahtav* and Aśvaghosha's *Buddhach*. Here also we read of monsters with tongues drawn out or with spike-like ears, of lions and lion-faced demons, of poisonous snakes and demons spitting out serpents, of showers of live embers and blazing straw. And just as the gods came to praise the Buddha, when Māra was vanquished, so here five gods, probably Sakka and the four Lokapālas, have come to offer their congratulations. We do not know the name of the saint whose victory over Māra is commemorated in the sculpture, but it may be easily imagined that the *chankama* where he had gained the upper hand was called after the strong exertion he had displayed on that occasion. We know from the Chinese pilgrims that many *chankamas* of Buddhas and Arhats of the past were shown in their time in India. Evidently the *Dadhankkama chankama* as well as the *Tikotika chankama* (B 78) belonged to this class of time-honoured monuments.

Chankama probably has been at first the designation of a levelled and cleaned spot on which the monks walked up and down in meditation. The word is taken thus, for instance, by Rhys Davids and Oldenberg in the translation of *Mahāv* 5, 1, 13 ff (*SBE* XVII, p 7). But certainly already in the canonical texts the *chankama* is also a place for walking built with great care. In the *Mvu* 3, 5, 6 f *chankama* is mentioned in the list of constructions which a layman erects on behalf of the order, and from the statements in the *Chullav* 5, 14, 2 it appears that the *chankama* was a raised promenade place, lined with bricks, stones, or wood and furnished with staircases and railings. *Chankamas* of this kind are mentioned apparently also in the Suttas, as here we read often about stepping on the *chankama* and of descending from the *chankama*: *vihārā nikkhamma chankamam abbhutthāsi* D I, 105, *chankamā orohitvā paññatte āsane nisīdi* Sn I, 212. Also the huts of leaves for ascetics were furnished with raised promenade places. In *J* II, 273 we are told that the king allows an ascetic to live in his park: *pannasālam kāretvā chankamam māpetvā*. In *J* V, 132 is described how Jotipāla steps forth from the hut in his hermitage built by Sakka, how he mounts on the place for promenade and enters into meditation while walking up and down. *pannasālato nikkhamitvā chankamam āruyha katipayavāre aparāparam chankamam*. The erection of such *chankamas* for the use of monks is also testified by the inscriptions. The Kanheri inscription No 998 of my *List* mentions the donation of a cave, a water cistern, a number of benches to sit on, a chair (*padha*) and a walk (*chankama*).

Such *chankamas*, however, have also been erected as memorials on such places where the Buddha or his predecessors were supposed to have walked up and down. Huan-tsang (Beal II, p 48; Watters II, p 52) reports that on the site of Rishipatana a *chankama* of four Buddhas of former times was shown. It was about 50 steps long and seven feet high and consisted of dark blue stones. On it a statue of the Tathāgata was standing. In I-tsing's Kiu-fa-kao-sêng-chuan (Chavannes, *Religieux Éminents*, p. 96) it is mentioned that in Nālandā a *chankama* of the Buddha existed. It was about 2 ells broad, 14 or 15 ells long and more than 2 ells high. It was decorated with lotus flowers made out of white lime in order to mark the steps of the Buddha. According to the inscriptions Nos 918, 919 and 925 of my *List* there was in Bārāṇasī and in Śrāvastī as well a *chankama* of the Buddha and when the monk Bala

¹ S I, 129. *bhayaṃ chhambhitattam lomahamsam uppādetukāmo samādhumhā chāvetukāmo*

² As Huan-tsang mentions (Beal I, p 183, Watters I, p. 311), steps of the former four Buddhas were also shown in the neighbourhood of Mathurā. Probably also in this case 'the steps' are to be regarded as *chankamas*.

erected a statue of a Bodhisattva in the first years of Kanishka's reign. According to the legend of the Nidānakathā (J I, 77 f) the Buddha, after his enlightenment, built for himself, between the Bodhi tree and the Anmisachetiya, a *chankama* of jewels running from west to east on which he walked up and down for a period of seven days¹. The place was known as Ratanachankamachetiya. Fa-hien (Legge p 88 f) mentions this Chaitya in his description of Gayā. Huan-tsang (Beal II, p 122, Watters II, p 119 f) says that in later times a wall of bricks, more than three feet high, was erected at the walk. This wall has been preserved till today. Cunningham (*Mahābodhi*, p. 8 ff) has found on the northern side of the Bodhi-temple a plain wall of bricks, 53 feet long, 3 feet six inches broad, and somewhat more than three feet high. On each side were the fragments of 11 bases meant for the fixing of octagonal pillars. So the brick construction once must have been roofed.

Cunningham recognized such a *chankama* with a roof in the relief depicted on Pl. XXXI 4 of *StBh.* and Pl V 1 of his book *Mahābodhi* (cf *ibid* p 9 f). The relief shows an open hall, supported by octagonal pillars. It has an upper storey on the balcony of which three arched doors lead. A roof crowned by pinnacles vaults above the whole construction. Through the entire length of the building a block of stone is extended, decorated on the surface with flowers and in front with *pañchangulikas*. The long block is divided in four parts by the pillars standing in front. Cunningham, *StBh*, p 121, once assumed that here the seats of four Buddhas were represented. But this division of the block is only apparent. St Kramrisch wants to see in the relief, as Barua writes in *Barh* II, p 25, a representation of the *ratanachankama* which the Buddha built for himself. Against this view speaks the fact that the presence of the Buddha is not hinted at by his steps as we should expect. Cunningham indeed was of the opinion that the flowers on the surface of the *chankama* were meant to indicate the places touched by the feet of the Buddha. Therefore, according to him, they are arranged in two rows to mark the steps on the right and the left side. I am not able to discover anything of such a regular arrangement. Besides, the flowers are intermingled with twigs. These flowers and twigs are apparently tokens of worship offered by the devotees here as well as on the stone seats under the Bodhi trees. On the front side of these stone seats, just as on our *chankama*, the *pañchangulikas* sometimes appear. Therefore I am of the opinion that not the *chankama* of the Buddha but a *chankamachetiya*, built as a memorial on the scene of the event, is represented. The building depicted should by the way be more rightly called a *chankamasālā*. This expression, besides *chankama*, is to be found in the list of buildings for the order in the *Mahāv* 3, 5, 6 f. It is used according to the *Chullav* 5, 14, 2 to designate a hall for walking, protected against heat and cold, which apparently means that it is provided with a roof. In any case, however, more simple, raised, but not roofed *chankamas* were built as *chaityas*, and representations of two such *chankamas* are preserved at Bhārhut.

B 78 (765); PLATES XXIII, XLVII

INSCRIPTION on a pillar of the South-Western quadrant, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta (M 10). Edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 25 f, 83, 135 f, No 54 and Pl XXVIII and LIV; Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 68, No. 68, and Pl I; *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 233, No 68, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 99, No 224, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 76 ff, and Vol III (1937), Pl LXIX (83), Lüders, *Bhārḥ* (1941), p 35

TEXT

Tikotiko chakamo

¹ Also when visiting Kapilavastu, the Buddha creates by magic a *chankama* in the air on which he performs the *yamakapāṇihārya*. See the relief on the Northern gate of the Stūpa of Sāñchi

TRANSLATION :

The walk *Tikoṭika* (triangular).

In the left corner of the medallion is a *chankama* of triangular form decorated with floral designs. The recess in the middle is filled by a three-headed serpent. Near the *chankama* are two trees and a water-trough. In the lower left quarter are two lions and the whole of the right half is occupied by a herd of seven elephants in the attitude of feeding, drinking and throwing their trunks backwards. Cunningham took the sculpture as a representation of the *Nāgaloka*. It is unnecessary to discuss this assumption which is based on perfectly impossible explanations of *tikoṭiko*¹ and *chakamo*. Barua-Sinha's attempt to interpret the bas-relief by a *Jātaka* invented for the occasion has been refuted already by Vogel, *JRAS* 1927, p. 594 ff. Barua's later suggestion that the medallion represents the lake near Benares in which the Buddha used to wash his clothes is incompatible with the clear meaning of the label. I quite agree with him that, like the *dadankama* walk, the triangular walk also is some monument associated with some legend which is not known to us.

¹ *Tikoṭiko* naturally cannot have anything to do with *Trikuṭa*. Its meaning can only be 'triangular'. Hultzsch, *IA*, 1 c, note 47. "*Tisrah kotayo yasya sah*, 'triangular'." By chance *koti* just in connection with *chankamana* occurs in *J* III, 85, 8, IV, 329, 5.

9. B 79-82 FRAGMENTARY INSCRIPTIONS REFERRING TO THE JĀTAKAS
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B 79 (884)¹, PLATE XXIII

RAIL inscription, now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta First edited by Hultzsch, *ZDMG* Vol XL (1886), p 75, No 153, and Pl; Hultzsch, *IA* Vol. XXI (1892), p 239, No 153; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 33, No 117

TEXT

[da] Himavate 1

TRANSLATION:

on the Himavata (*Himavat*)

According to Barua-Sinha it is doubtful whether this inscription is 'a votive or a Jātaka label' The only readable word *Himavate* reminds one of the stories connected with mountain Nadoda treated under B 73 ff Some remarkable event which took place on the Himālaya may have been depicted on the lost relief to which this inscription originally belonged

B 80 (897)², PLATE XXIII

FIRST edited by Cunningham, *StBh* (1897), p. 143, No 14, and Pl LVI, Barua-Sinha, *BI*. (1926), p 80 f, No 191, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 89 f; Luders, *Bhārh* (1941), p 5 f.

TEXT

[n]iyajātaka

TRANSLATION:

The Jātaka of niya

The inscription records the name of some Jātaka Barua restores the label to Bhojājānīya-Jātakam, the title of the *Ĵ* 23 in the Pāli collection After having found out that the Bhojājānīyajātaka relates the tale of a thorough-bred Sindh horse, he connects the label with a small fragment of the coping-stone (Cunningham, *StBh* Pl XLV, 1, Barua, *Barh* Vol III (1937), Pl LXXI, 90) where at the left corner the head and the forefoot of a horse are visible, and gives the Bhojājānīyajātaka as identified in his list of identified reliefs But, according to Luders, the restoration of the inscription as proposed by Barua is quite arbitrary The *n* in *niya* is fragmentary and *-ya* at the end of titles of the Jātakas in the Bhārhut labels is common It is found in about one-third of the total number of cases³ So this identification is nothing more than an unfounded supposition

¹ The treatment of Luders of this inscription has not been recovered

² The treatment of Luders of this inscription has been lost The reading is according to the eye-copy of Cunningham

³ E.g. Maghādeviya, Bhisaharāniya, Chhadamtiya, Isisimgiya, Viturapunakiya, Mugaphakiya, Yavamajhakiya

B 81 (902)¹, PLATE XXIII

EDITED by Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), p 143, No 19, and Pl. LVI, Hultzsch, *ZDMG.* Vol XL, p 76, note 2, *IA* Vol XXI (1892), p 239, No. 160; Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p. 78, No 188, Ramaprasad Chanda, *MAJI* (1927), No 30, p. 6; Lüders, *Bhārḥ.* (1941), p 86 f

TEXT:

- 1 (Ba)huhathika āsana
- 2 (bhaga)vato Mahādevasa²

TRANSLATION:

The seat Bahuhathika ('where there are many elephants') of the holy Mahādeva.

This fragmentary inscription, of which only an eye-copy by Cunningham is known, stood on a sculpture the whereabouts of which are not known. The restoration at the beginning of each line can be regarded as certain.

Cunningham remarks that the relief depicted a throne (*āsana*) with a number of human hands (*bahuhathika*) on the front side. *Bahuhathika*, however, certainly does not refer to the hands, which are nothing else than the normal *pañchangulikas*. It must have the same meaning as *bahuhathika* of B 70 and B 71 where we found it as the name of the holy nyagrodha tree on mountain Nadoda, and it is likely that the seat and the tree represent the same locality. Cunningham indeed does not say anything of a tree; but from his silence it cannot be concluded that a tree has not been present on the relief as stone seats usually are not depicted without a tree standing behind. Cunningham really did not intend to give a full description of the sculpture. He was only interested in the explanation of the word *āsana* and *bahuhathika*. Bhagavat Mahādeva to whom the stone seat is here ascribed can scarcely be someone else than the historical Buddha³ who according to B 62 was qualified by this epithet. Therefore, if the identification of *Bahuhathika āsana* with *Bahuhathiko nigodho* is right, the person of the Buddha must have played also a role in the legends located on mountain Naḍoda.

B 82 (903 a)⁴; PLATES XXIII, XLVII

FRAGMENTARY inscription Cunningham, *StBh* (1879), Pl XXXV, 2, Barua-Sinha, *BI* (1926), p 99, No. 225, Barua, *Barh* Vol II (1934), p 171 and Vol. III (1937), Pl. XCVI (147), Lüders, *Bhārḥ.* (1941), p. 40, f n. 1

TEXT

[rā]ma⁵

Barua-Sinha read the inscription as *human(i)* and doubtfully restore it to *himām-chamkamo* "the snowy resort". It is quite unintelligible how this restoration could be made. The

¹Lüders' treatment of this inscription is missing in the manuscript. Our explanation is based on his remarks 1 c

²The readings given by Cunningham on p 143 (*Ba*)*huhathikasa* and *Maha Devasa* are only erroneous.

³Ramaprasad Chanda wants to explain Mahādeva as a tree-deity. Now the attribute *bhagavat* is indeed applied also to lower deities, e.g. to a Nāga in the Mathurā inscription No. 85 of my *List*; by the Buddhists, however, it seems to have been given only to the Buddha.

⁴Lüders' treatment of this inscription has not been recovered. The text given below is based on his remarks 1 c.

⁵From the photograph in *StBh*.

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reading is very uncertain—on the photograph only *ma* can be made out clearly—, and the medallion represents evidently two men engaged in a wrestling match. The explanation as *chañkama* has been given up by Barua later on, and replaced by another one, not less queer. In *Barh* II, p. 171, he explains the medallion as showing two men lying on the ground embracing each other, placing neck upon neck, and intertwining their upper legs. The background is filled with a number of lotus flowers. According to Barua these are snowflakes which signify that the men are sleeping on a snowy ground and embracing each other as a means of putting off the cold. ‘The scene, as it is, betrays only a decorative purpose’. I think it unnecessary to add any comments.

CONCORDANCE OF LÜDERS' LIST NUMBERS AND THE NUMBERS IN THE PRESENT WORK

List		List		List		List		List		List	
687	A 1	724	B 43	761	A 74	798	A 25	834	A 93	870	A 75
688	A 2	725	A 21	762	A 61	799	A 46	835	A 31	871	A 116
689	A 129	726	B 7	763	A 8	800	A 73	836	A 49	872	A 117
690	A 70	727	A 94	764	A 52	801	B 19	837	A 19	873	A 103
691	B 57	728	A 22	765	B 78	802	B 53	838	A 18	874	A 100
692	B 63	729	A 98	766	A 65	803	A 124	839	A 20	875	A 121
693	B 69	730	B 47	767	A 6	804	A 54	840	A 76	876	A 47
694	B 50	731	B 32	768	A 66	805	B 35	841	A 77	877	A 36
695	B 42	732	B 33	769	B 52	806	A 43	842	A 67	878	A 48
696	B 77	733	B 34	770	B 8	806a	A 44	843	A 109	879	A 104
697	B 64	734	A 95	771	B 9	807	B 59	844	A 108	880	A 112
698	B 48	735	B 6	772	A 80	808	A 26	845	A 96	881	B 62
699	B 68	736	B 4	773	A 59	809	A 7	846	A 105	882	A 4
700	B 41	737	B 5	774	B 40	810	B 51	846a	A 111	883	A 99
701	B 54	738	A 62	775	B 21	811	B 12	847	A 101	884	B 79
702	B 65	739	B 23	776	B 22	812	A 17	848	A 88	885	A 35
703	B 46	740	B 24	777	B 18	813	A 33	849	A 110	886	A 69
704	B 45	741	B 25	778	A 29	814	B 20	850	A 64	887	A 126
705	A 5	742	B 26	779	B 13	815	A 78	851	A 79	888	A 131
706	B 58	743	B 27	780	A 30	816	A 15	852	A 45	889	A 128
707	B 73	744	B 28	781	B 76	817	A 37	853	A 90	890	A 132
708	B 74	745	B 29	782	A 16	818	A 13	854	A 115	891	A 9
709	B 56	746	B 30	783	B 15	819	A 11	855	A 92	892	A 130
710	B 67	747	B 31	784	A 32	820	A 10	856	A 56	893	A 113
711	B 75	748	B 60	785	B 49	821	A 120	857	A 55	894	A 134
712	A 34	749	B 61	786	B 55	822	A 114	858	A 41	895	A 107
713	A 38	750	B 38	787	A 60	823	A 118	859	A 53	896	A 135
714	B 14	751	B 39	788	B 66	824	A 81	860	A 28	897	B 80
715	A 68	752	B 36	789	A 39	825	B 44	861	A 23	898	A 97
716	A 71	753	B 37	790	B 10	826	A 119	862	A 122	899	A 125
717	B 11	754	B 71	791	B 76	827	A 102	863	A 91	900	A 133
718	A 42	755	B 70	792	A 58	828	A 84	864	A 82	901	B 75
719	A 14	756	B 72	793	B 2	829	A 85	865	A 83	902	B 81
720	A 12	757	A 136	794	B 1	830	A 86	866	A 106	903	A 127
721	A 50	758	A 123	795	B 3	831	A 72	867	A 57	903a	B 82
722	B 16	759	A 40	796	A 27	832	A 89	868	A 87		
723	A 24	760	B 17	797	A 51	833	A 63	869	A 3		

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

- A* =Anguttaranikāya, ed Morris, Hardy, PTS
Am. =Amarakośa, ed Chintamani Shastri Thatte, Bombay 1882
AO. =Acta Orientalia
ASIAR =Archaeological Survey of India Annual Reports
ASIM =Archaeological Survey of India. Memours
ASR. =Archaeological Survey Reports
ASSI =Archaeological Survey of Southern India
ASWI =Archaeological Survey of Western India
Avś. =Avadānaśataka, ed Speyer
Barh. =Barua, Benimadhab, Barhut. Books I-III
(I—Stone as a Story-Teller,
II—Jātaka-scenes,
III—Aspects of life and Art) Indian Research Institute's Publications Fine
Art Series Nos 1-3 Calcutta 1934-1937
Barua =see *Barh.* and *BI*
BB. =Bezzenbergers Beitrage: Beitrage zur Kunde der indogermanschen Sprachen,
Gottngen 1877-1906
BEFEO =Bulletin de l'École Française d'Extrême-Orient. Hanoi
Bhārḥ =Lüders, Heinrich, Bhārḥut und die buddhistische Literatur Leipzig 1941
(Abhandlungen für die Kunde des Morgenlandes, XXVI, 3)
BhV. =Kala, Satish Chandra, Bharhut Veditā, Municipal Museum, Allahabad 1951
BI =Barua, Benimadhab, and Sinha, Kumar Gangananda, Barhut Inscriptions, edited
and translated with critical notes Calcutta 1926
Buddhach =Buddhacharita, ed Cowell, ed Johnston
Bv. =Buddhavaṃsa, ed Morris, PTS
Cat. =Anderson, J , Catalogue and Handbook of the Archaeological Collections in the
Indian Museum, Pt 1; Calcutta 1883
Chullav. =Chullavagga, ed Oldenberg
CII. =Corpus Inscriptionum Indicarum
CPD =Critical Pāli Dictionary
D. =Dīghanikāya, ed Rhys Davids, Carpenter, PTS
DA. =Sumangalavilāsinī (Commentary to the Dīghanikāya), ed Rhys Davids, Carpenter,
Stede, PTS
DhA. =Dhammapada Atthakathā (Commentary to the Dhammapada), ed Smith,
Norman, PTS
DhsA. =Atthasālinī (Commentary to Dhammasangani), ed. Muller, PTS
Divy. =Divyāvadāna, ed Cowell-Neil
EI =Epigraphia Indica
GN. =Nachrichten der Akademie (Gesellschaft) der Wissenschaften in Göttingen
Hal. =Halāyudha Abhidhānaratnamālā, ed Aufrecht
Harv. =Harivaṃśa
Hem. =Hemachandra
Hem. An =Anekārthasamgraha

- Hem Abh.* = Abhūdhanachintāmaṇi
HOS = Harvard Oriental Series
IA = Indian Antiquary
IHQ = Indian Historical Quarterly
J = Jātaka, ed Fausboll
JA = Journal Asiatique
J.AOS = Journal of the American Oriental Society
JBAS. = Journal of the Bengal Asiatic Society
JPTS = Journal of the Pāli Text Society
J.PASB = Journal and Proceedings of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, Calcutta
JRAS. = Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society
Lalitav = Lalitavistara, ed Lefmann
M = Majjhimanikāya, ed Trenckner, PTS
Mahābodhi = Cunningham, A., Mahābodhi, or the Great Buddhist Temple at Buddhagaya, London, 1892
Mahām. = Mahāmāyūrī, ed. S von Oldenburg
Mahāv. = Mahāvagga, ed Oldenberg
MASI = Memoirs of the Archaeological Survey of India
Mbh. = Mahābhārata
Mil = Milindapañha, ed Trenckner
Mōp. = Mahāvvyutpatti, ed Minayeff
Mou = Mahāvastu, ed Senart
P = Pāli
PASB. = Proceedings of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, Calcutta
PD = Childers, Pāli Dictionary
PTS = Pāli Text Society
PTSD = The Pāli Text Society's Pāli-English Dictionary
S = Samyuttanikāya, ed. Feer, PTS
SA = Sāratthappakāsinī (Comm. to the Saṃyuttanikāya), ed. Woodward, PTS
Śāntś. = Śāntśataka, ed. K. Schonfeld, Leipzig 1910
SBE = Sacred Books of the East, ed M. Müller
Ś Br. = Śatapatha-Brāhmana, ed Weber
Sk = Sanskrit
Sn = Suttanipāta, ed Andersen-Smith, PTS
SnA = Paramatthajotikā (Comm to Suttanipāta), ed. H. Smith, PTS
SPAW. = Sitzungsberichte der Preussischen Akademie der Wissenschaften
StBh. = Cunningham, A., The Stūpa of Bhārhut: A Buddhist Monument Ornamented with Numerous Sculptures Illustrative of Buddhist Legend and History in the Third Century B.C., London 1879
Suttav. = Suttavibhaṅga, ed Oldenberg
Th = Theragāthā, ed. Oldenberg, PTS
Toev = H Kern, Toevogelselen op 't Woordenboek van Childers; 2 pts (Verhandelingen Kon Ak van Wetenschappen te Amsterdam N.R. XVI, 4-5), Amsterdam 1916
Trk = Trūkāndaśeṣa
Ud = Udāna, ed Stenhal, PTS
Vaj = Vajjayantī, ed. Oppert 1898
Vism = Visuddhimagga, ed. Rhys Davids, PTS
Vv = Vimānavatthu, ed E.R. Gooneratne, PTS

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- VvA* =Vimānavatthu-Atthakathā, ed Hardy, PTS
WZKM. =Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde des Morgenlandes
ZDMG. =Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft
ZII. =Zeitschrift für Indologie und Iranistik

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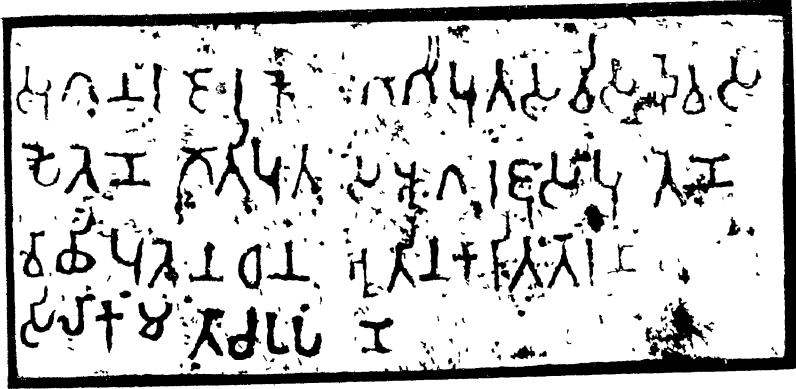
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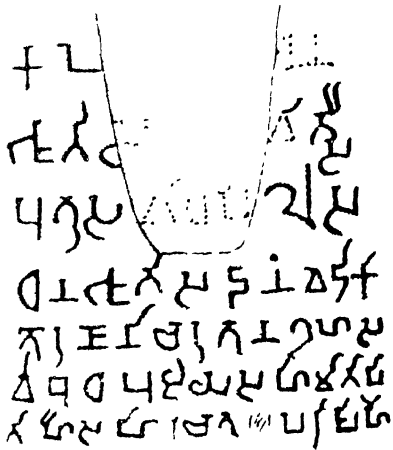
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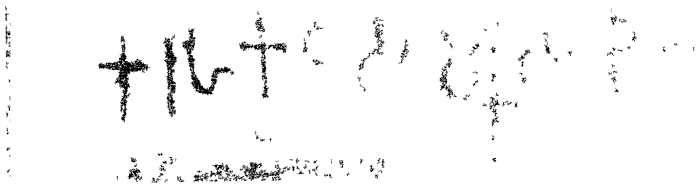
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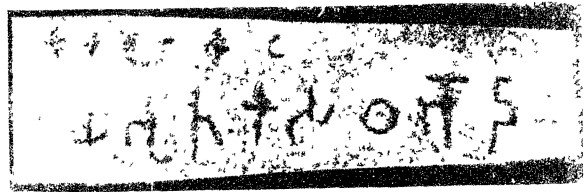
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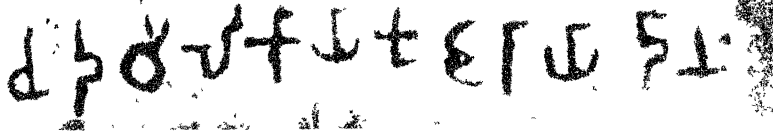
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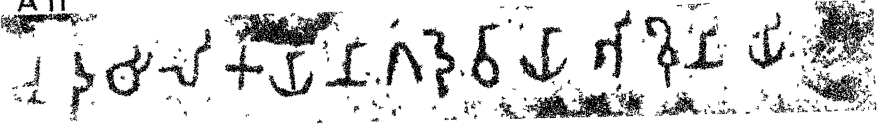
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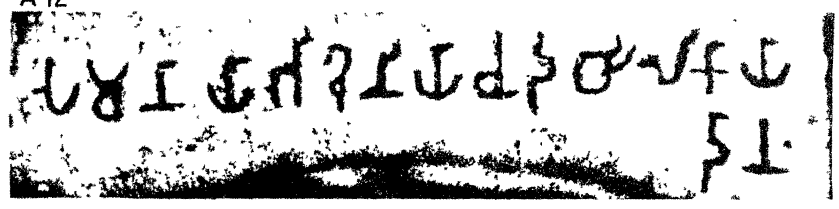
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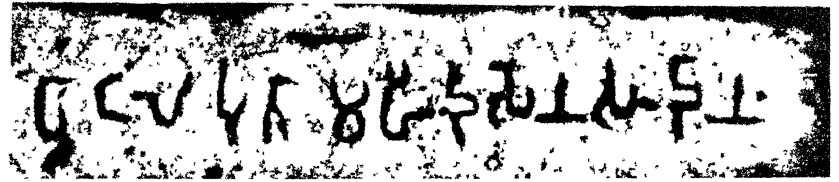
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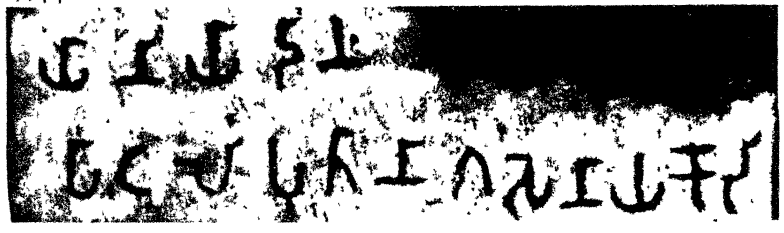
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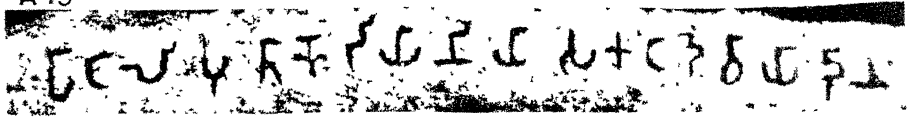
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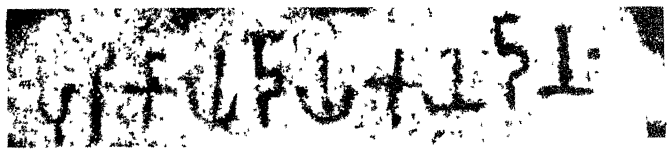
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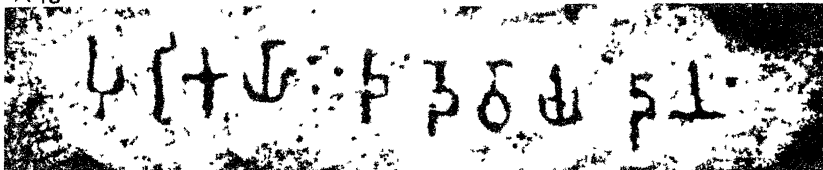
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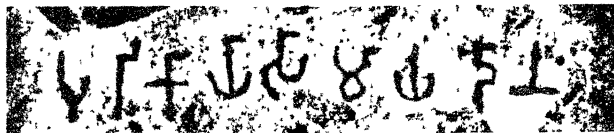
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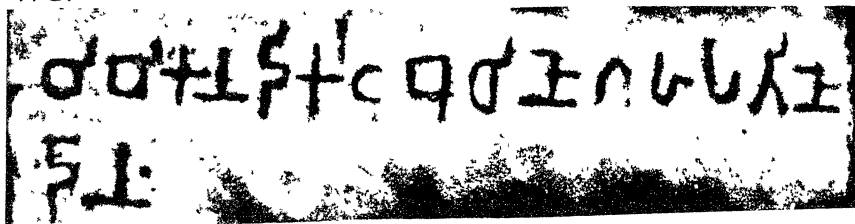
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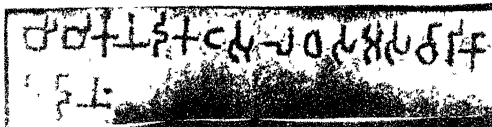
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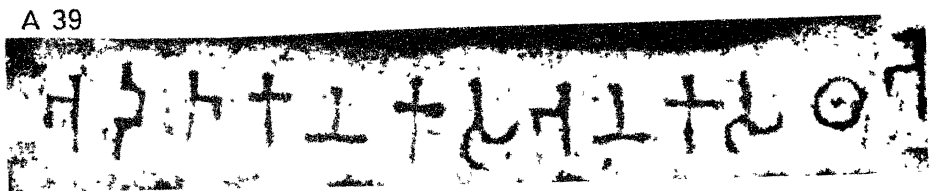
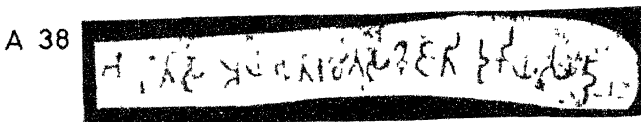
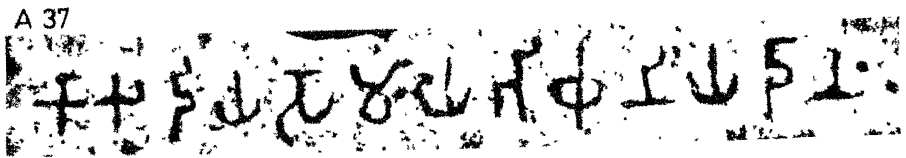
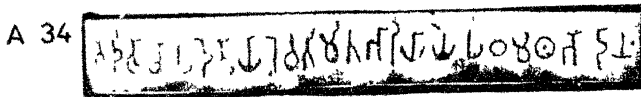
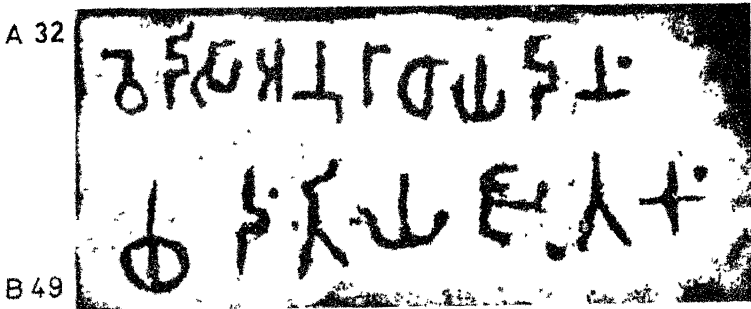
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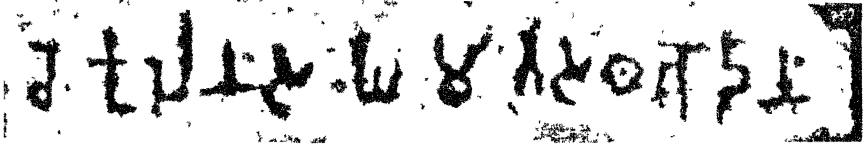


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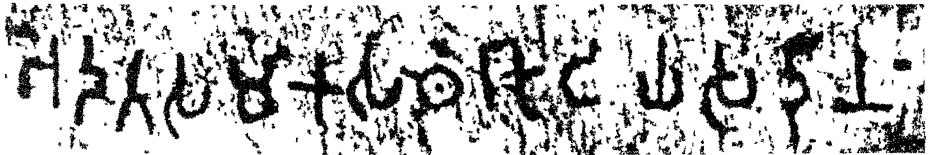




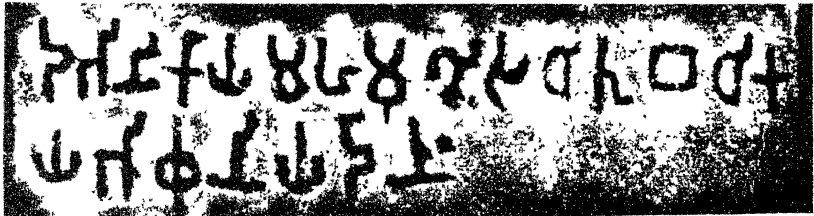
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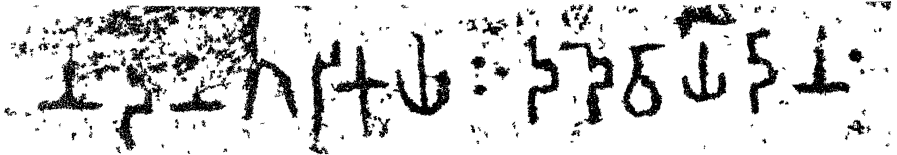
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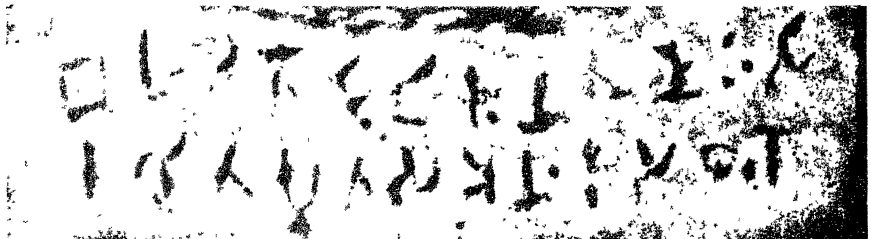
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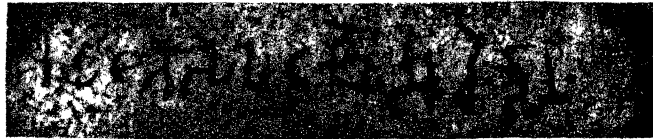
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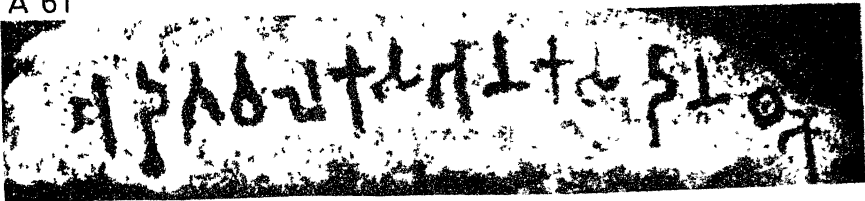
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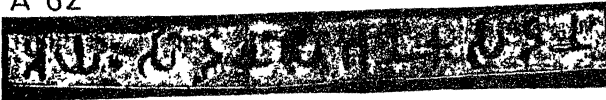
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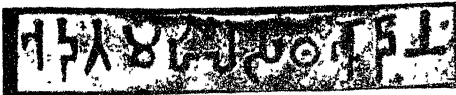


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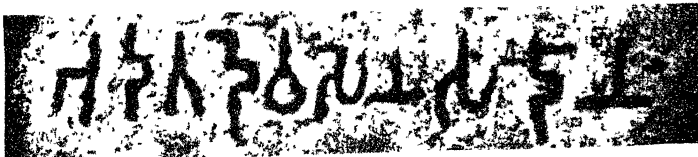
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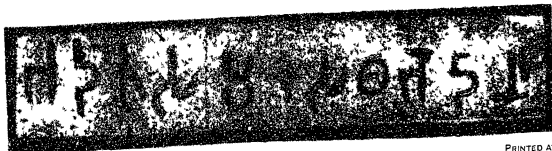
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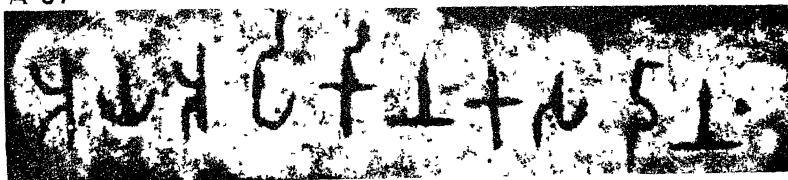
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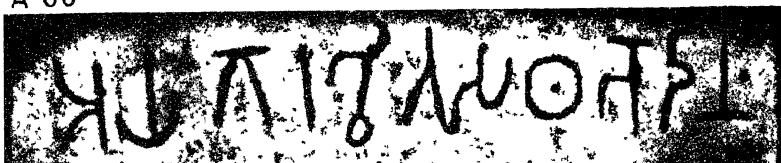
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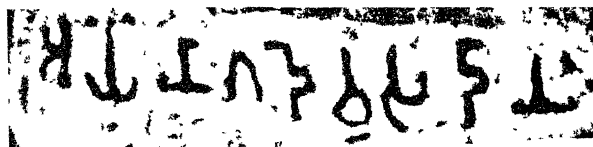
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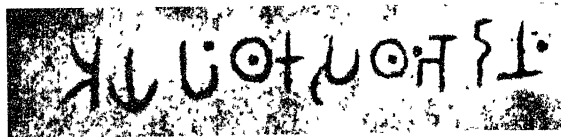
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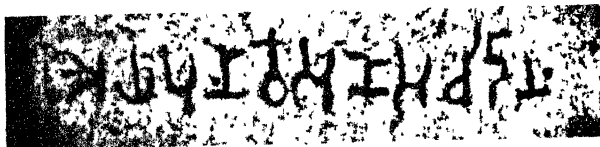
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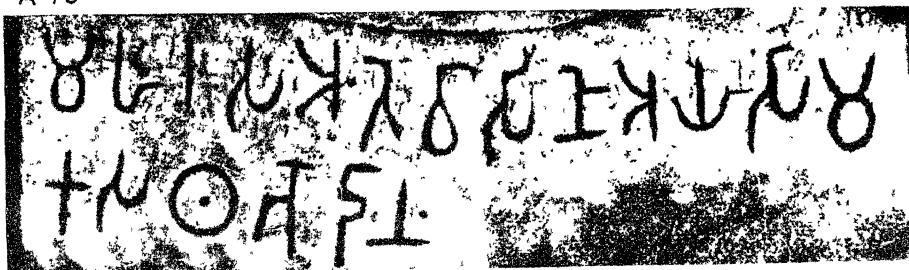
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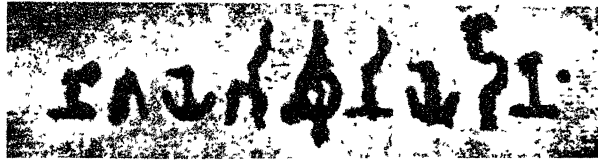
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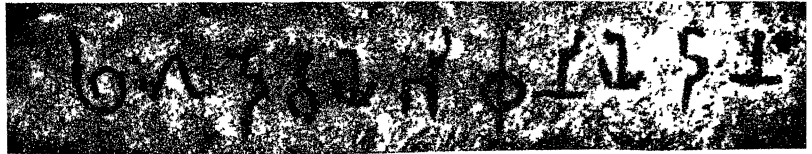
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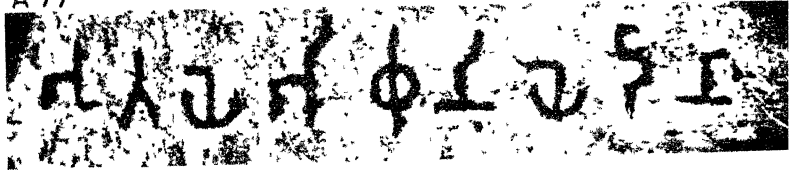
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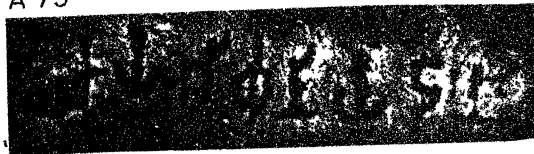
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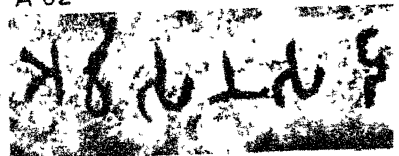
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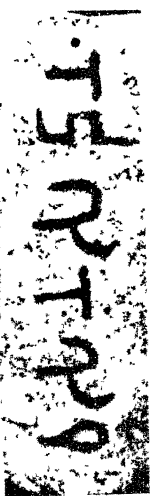
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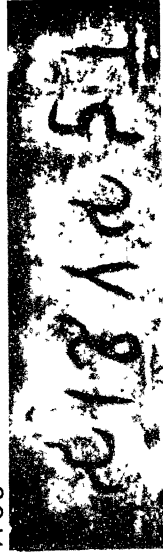
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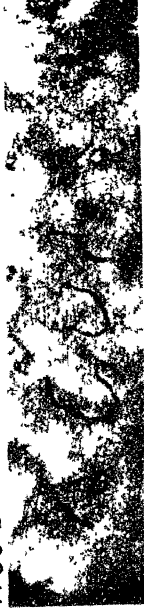
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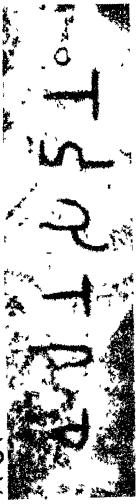
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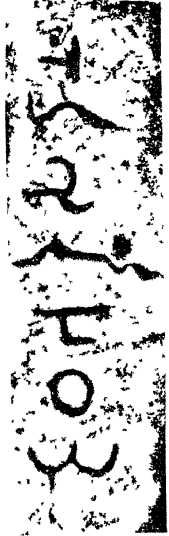
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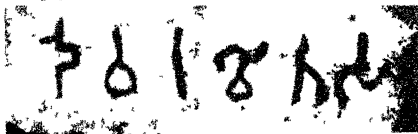
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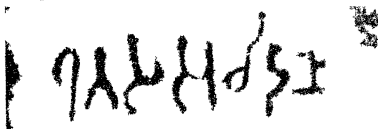
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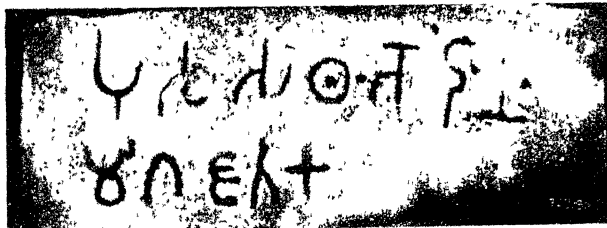
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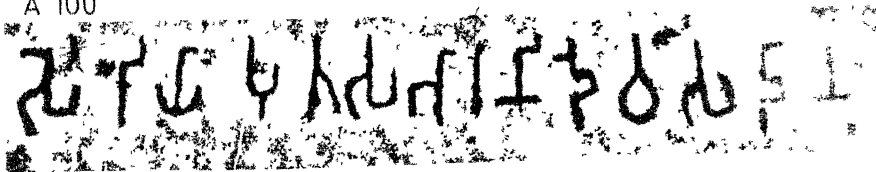


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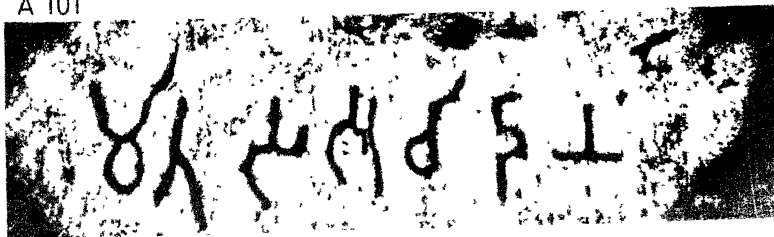
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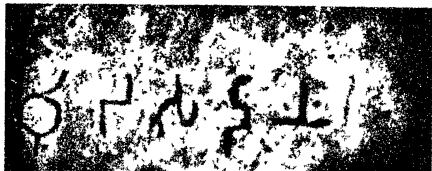
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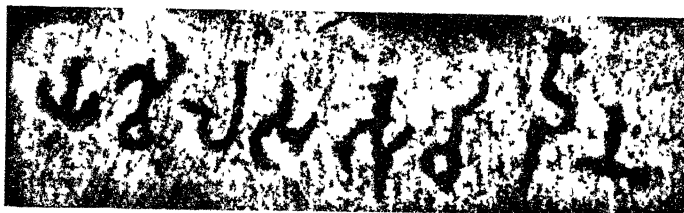
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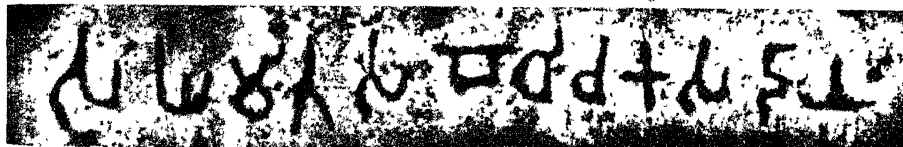
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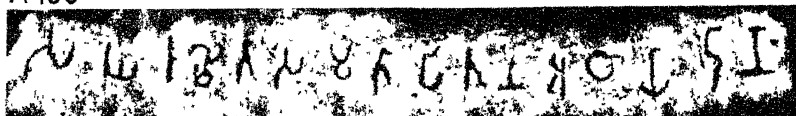
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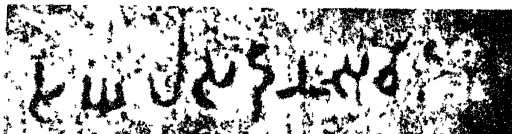
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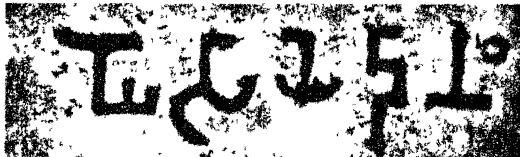
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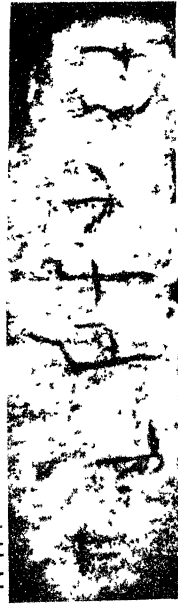
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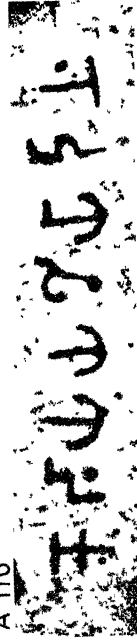
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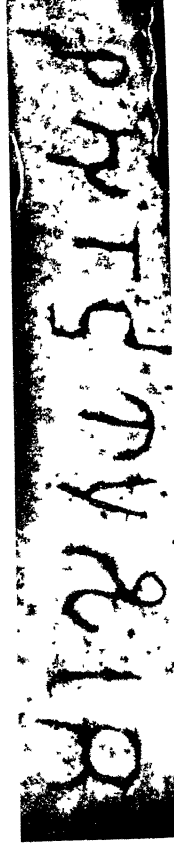
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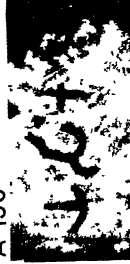
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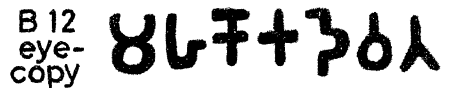
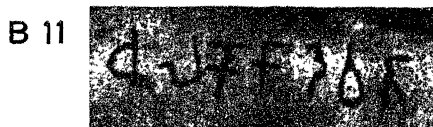
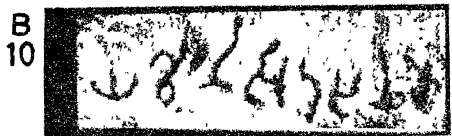
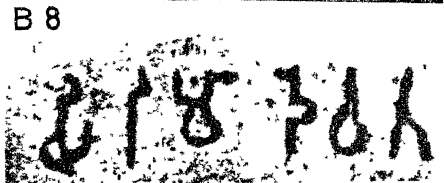
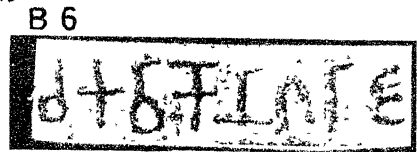
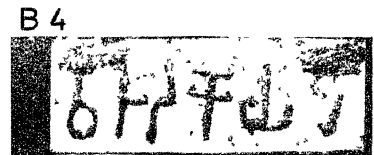
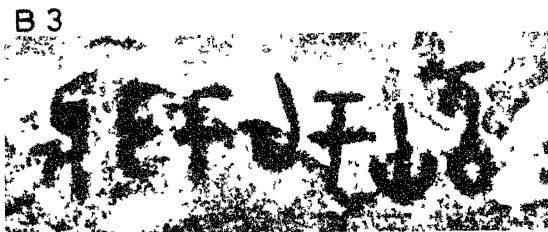
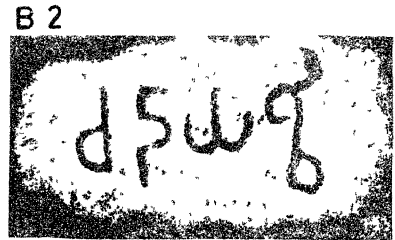
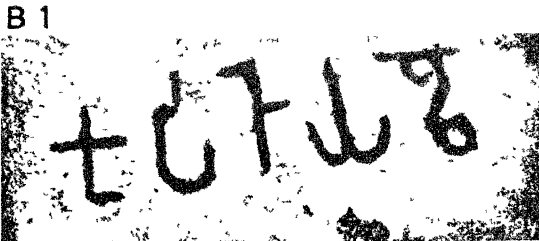


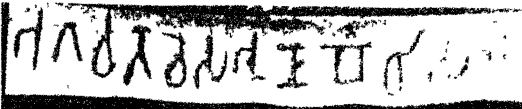
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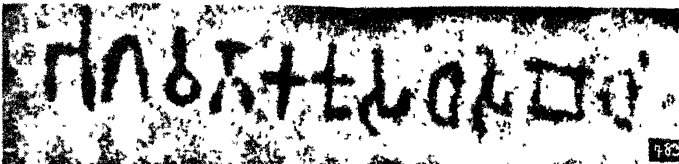


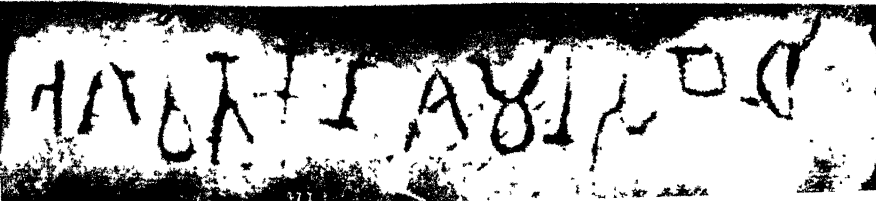
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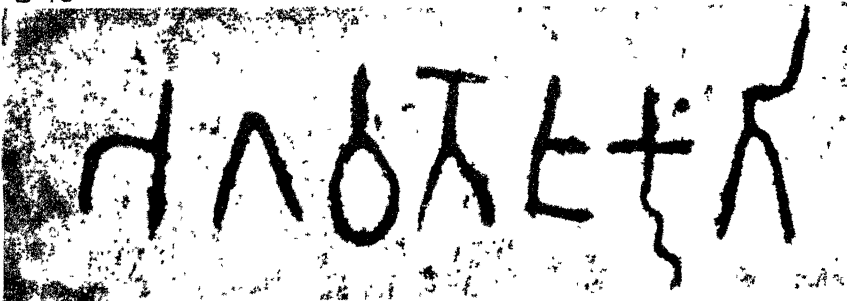
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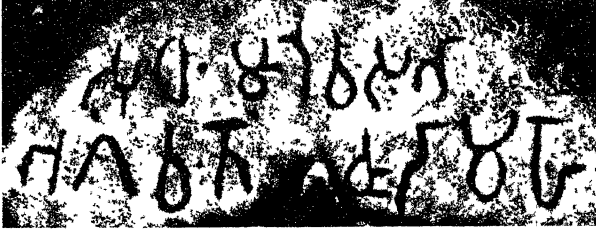
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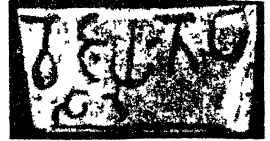
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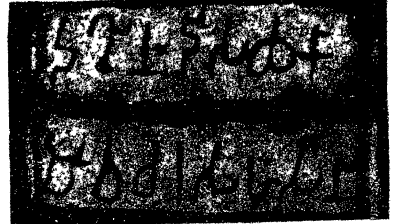


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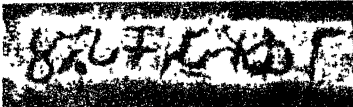
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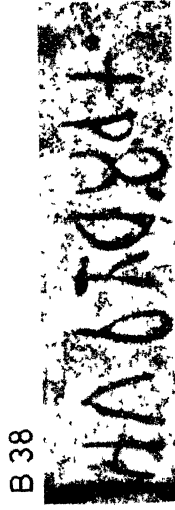
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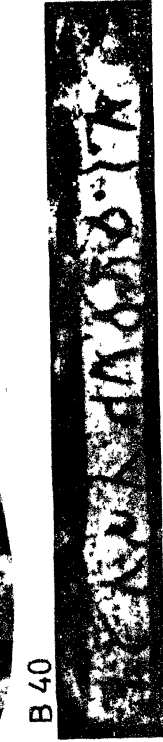
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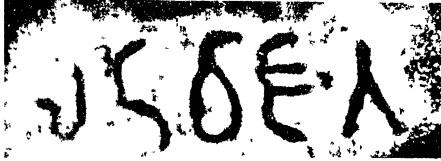
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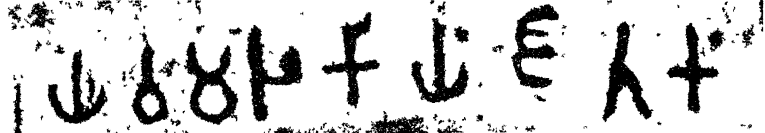
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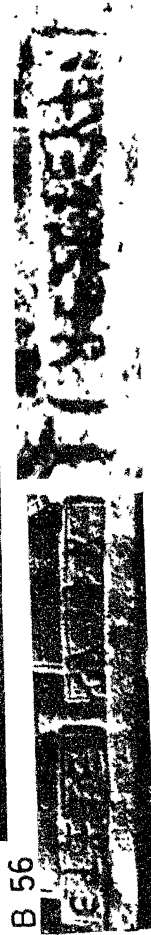
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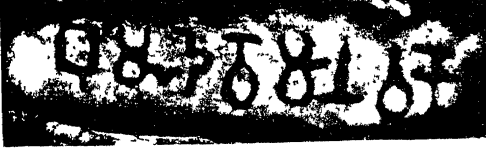
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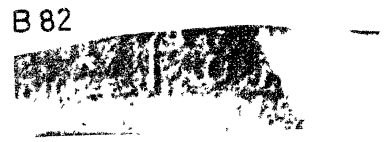
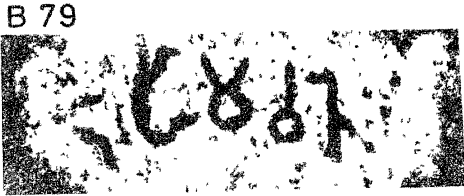
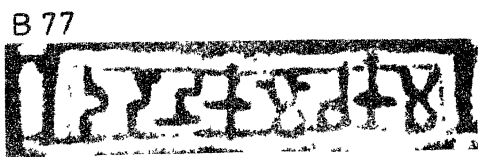
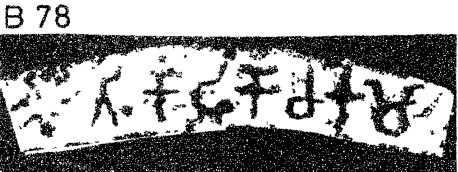


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A 7
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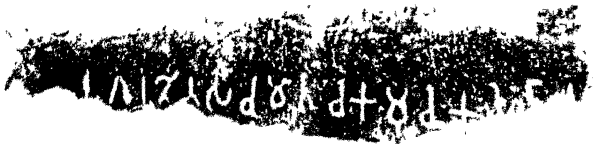
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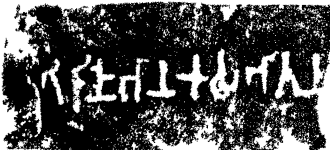
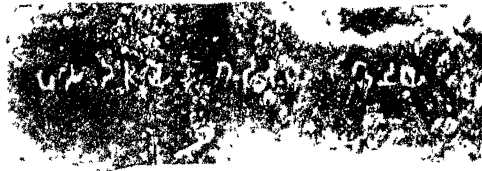


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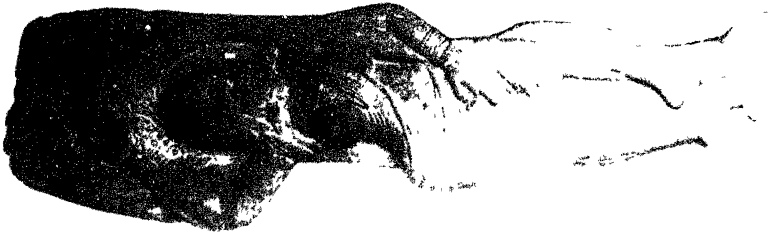
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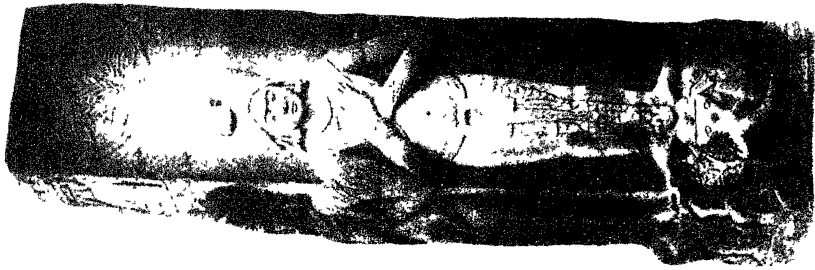
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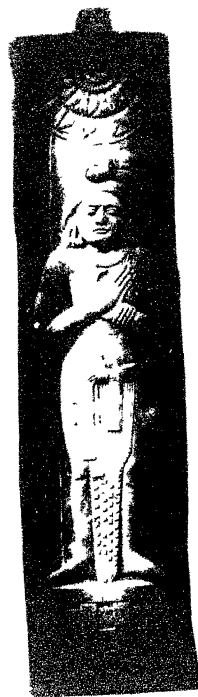
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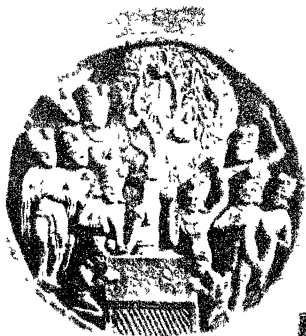
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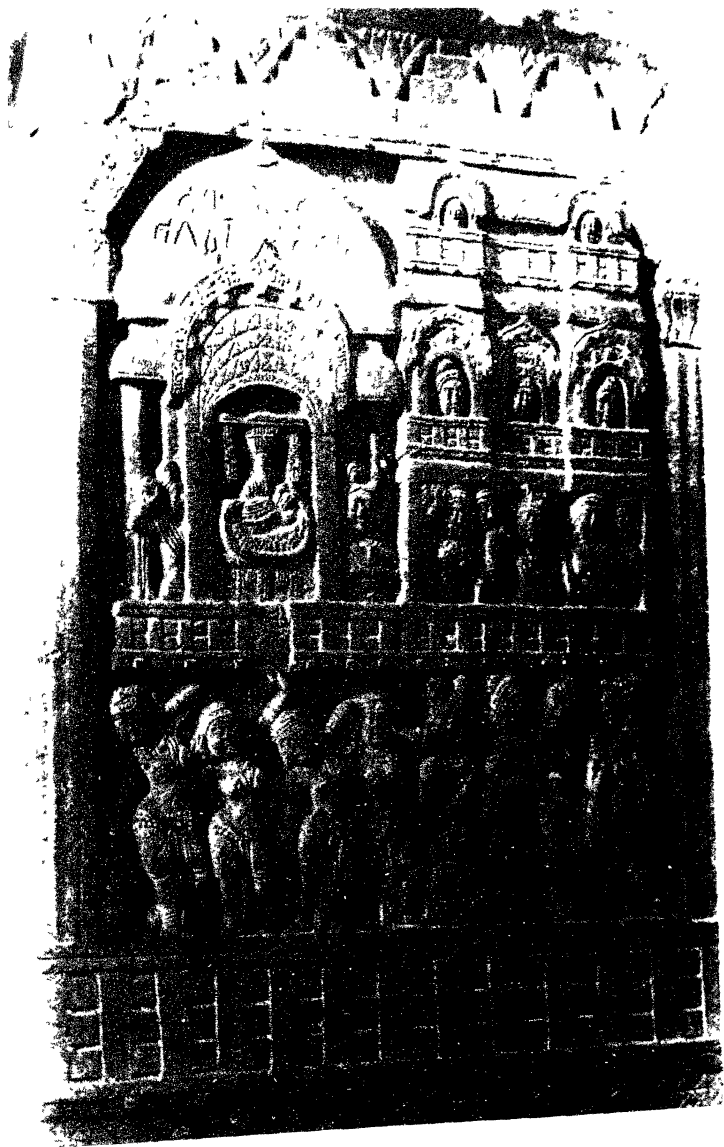


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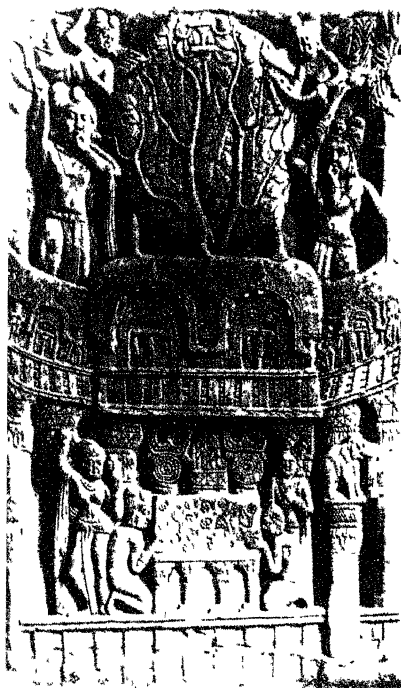


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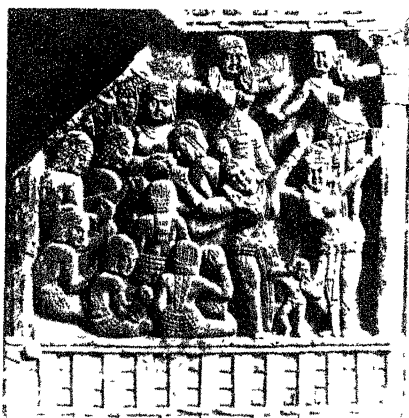


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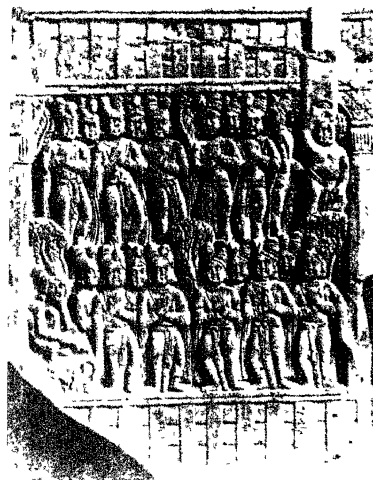
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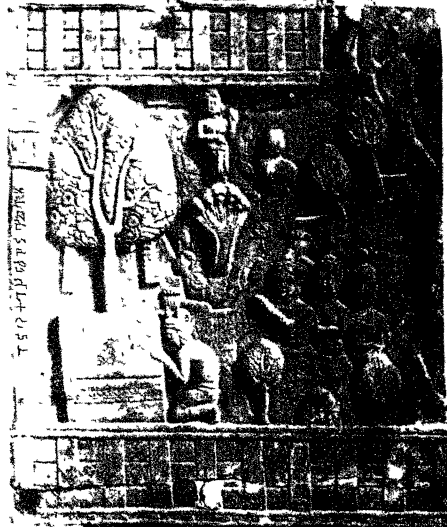
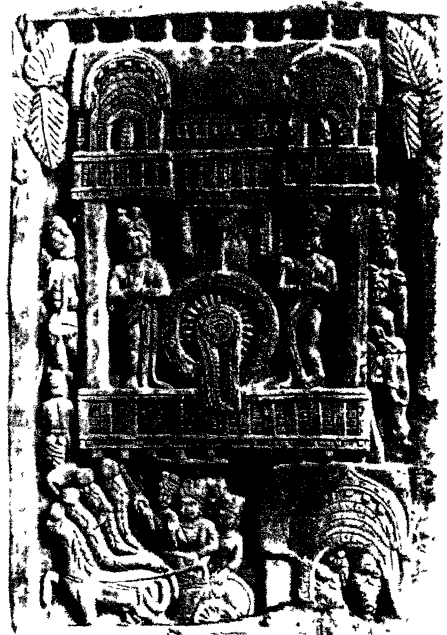
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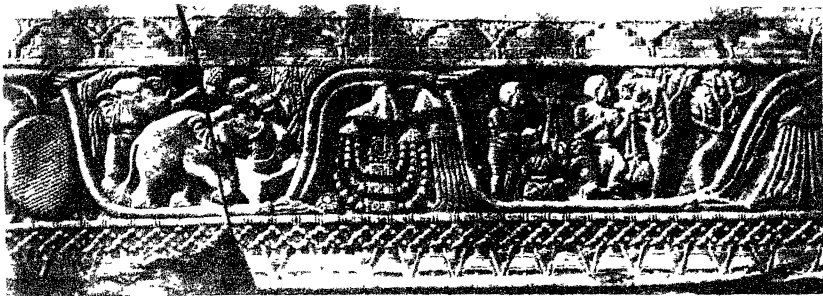


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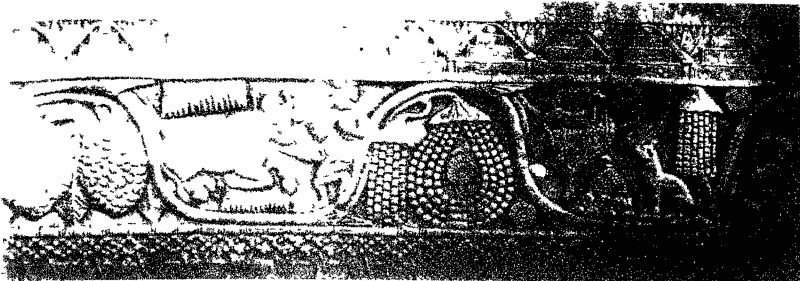
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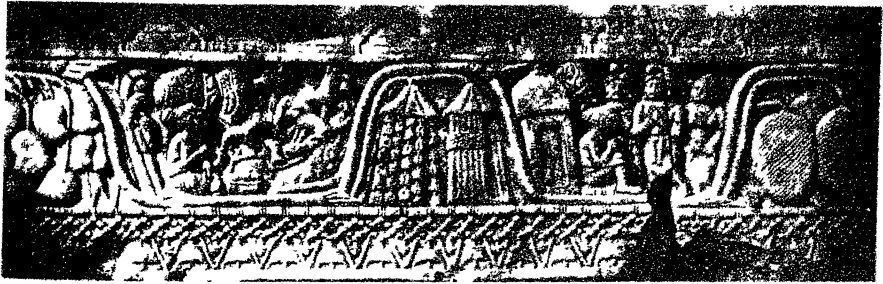
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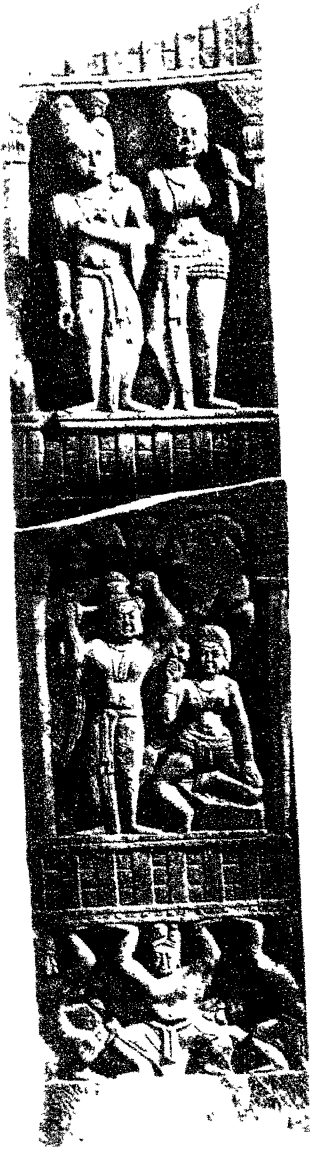


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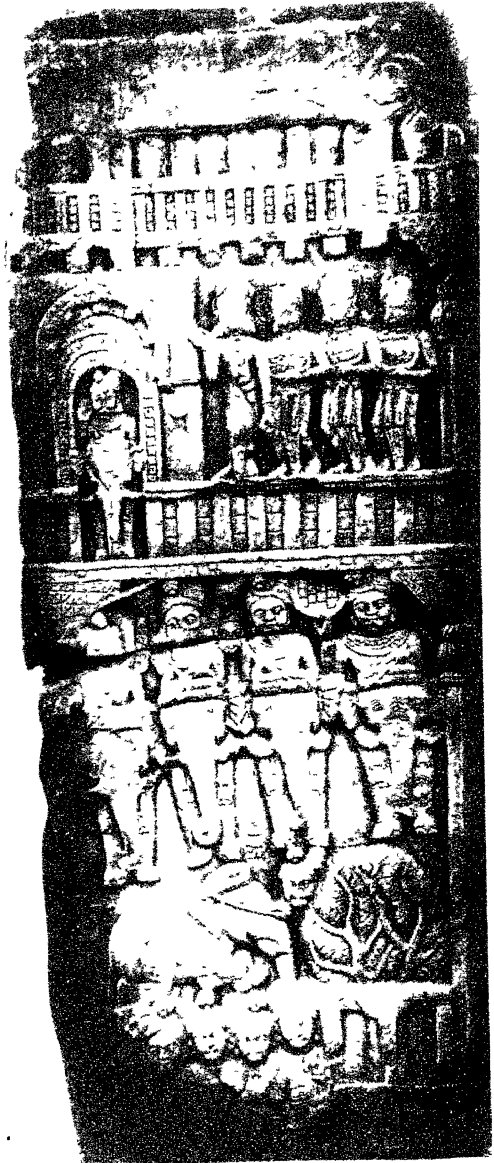
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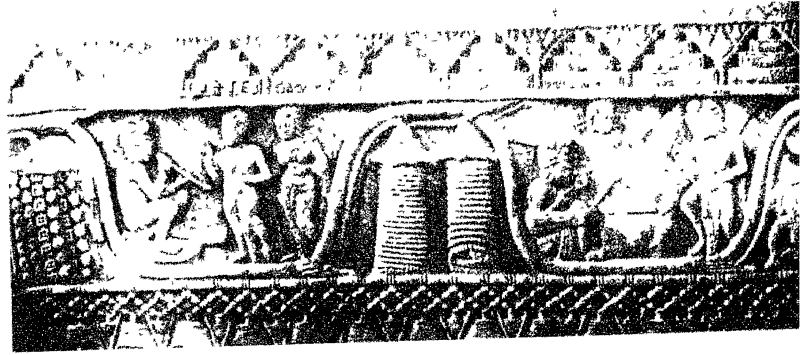
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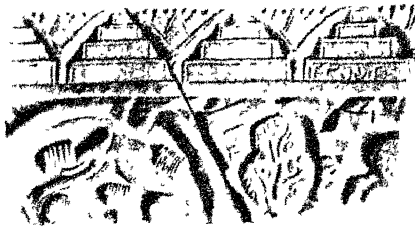
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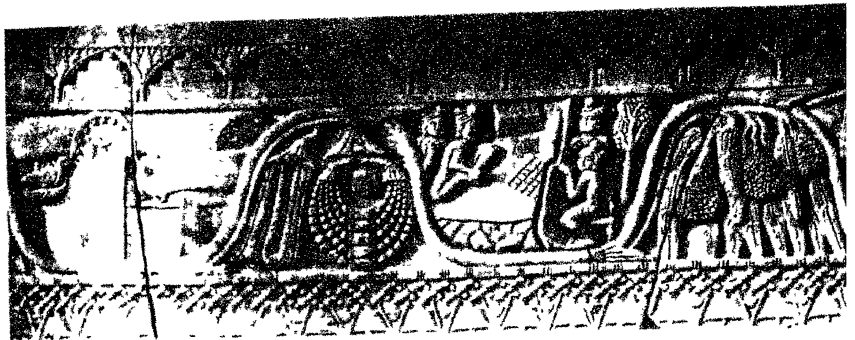
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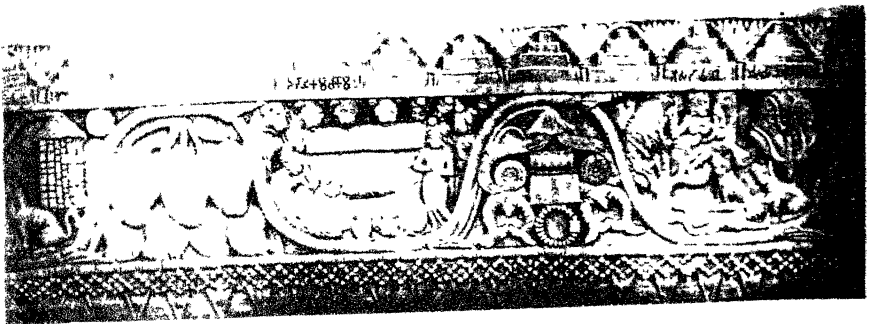




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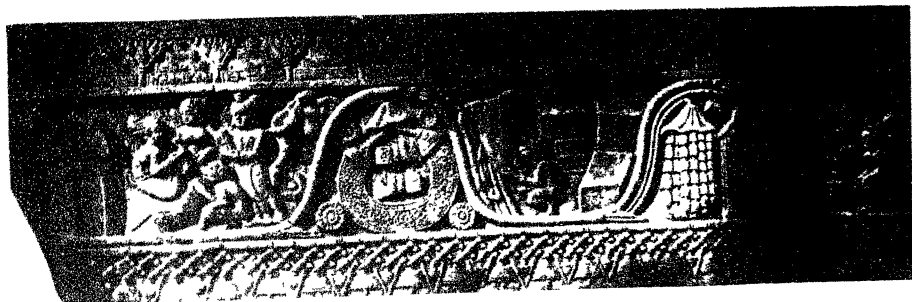
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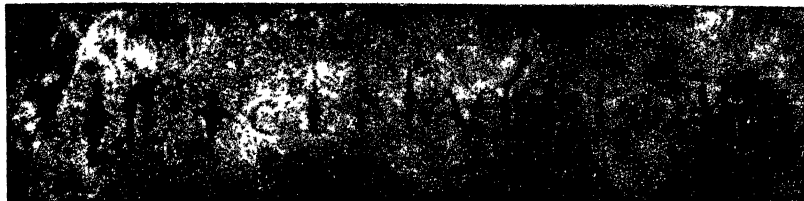


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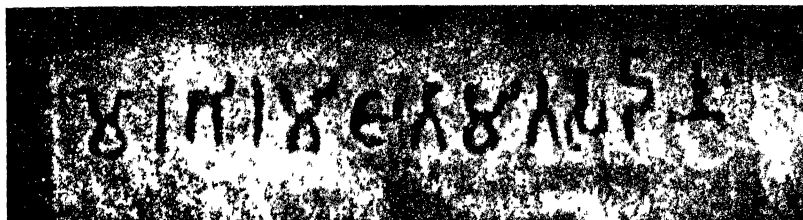


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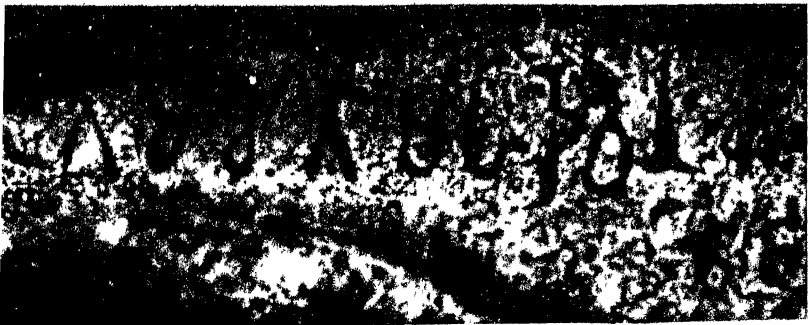
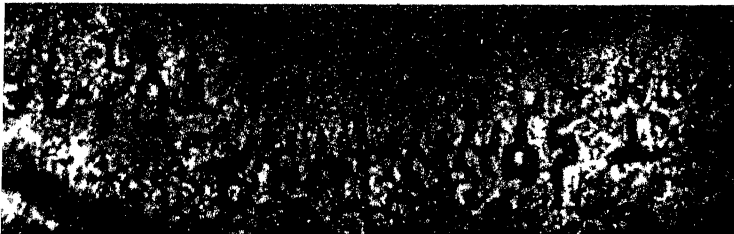
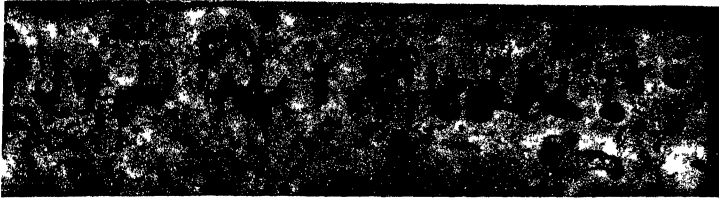


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