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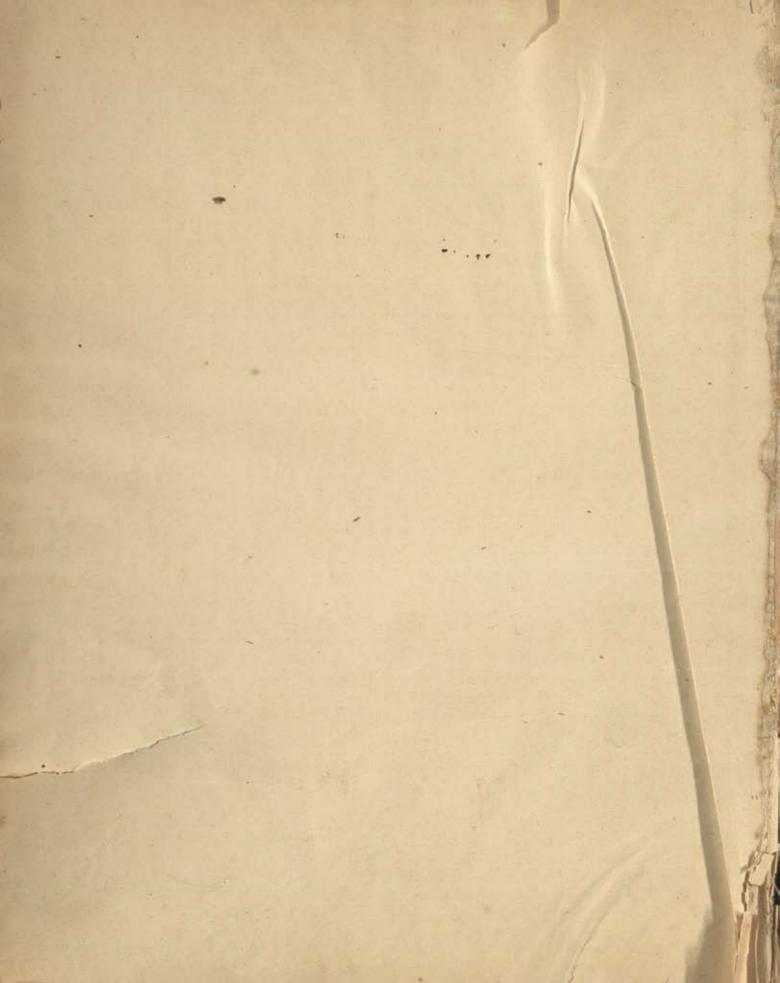
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PREFATORY NOTE.

The descriptive notes in this memorandum were prepared in February 1880, and are necessarily fragmentary, as being supplementary to the information in The Cave Temples of India, and chiefly intended to preserve additional notes which have either come to hand since that work was sent to the press, or which could not conveniently be wrought into it. In several cases their object is chiefly to indicate distinctly the position of each inscription.

The inscriptions from the various caves have been prepared by Pandit Bhagwanlal Indraji and myself, as explained in the text. I am indebted, however, to Dr. G. Bühler, C.I.E., for notes and suggestions; to J. F. Fleet, Esq., C.S., for the preparation of the Marasimha grant and the revisal of the proofs of the three inscriptions that follow it; and to Dr. E. W. West for the translations of the Pahlavi inscriptions at Kanheri which were supplied to the *Indian Antiquary*, while these notes were passing through the press, and incorporated at p. 63; and also for the use of numerous notes and drawings from which part of the materials used have been drawn. The impressions of the Kuda inscriptions taken by the Archæological Survey in 1877-78, being in England, Dr. West's very excellent copies have been employed in their place.

It is the first time that any large collection of the cave-inscriptions has been made in one paper, and it is only to be regretted that want of time has prevented the completion of them here. The Nasik, Kanheri, and Nanaghat inscriptions yet remain to be translated; but fac-similes have been taken of all except of a portion of those at Kanheri, and these, I hope, will be made this season.

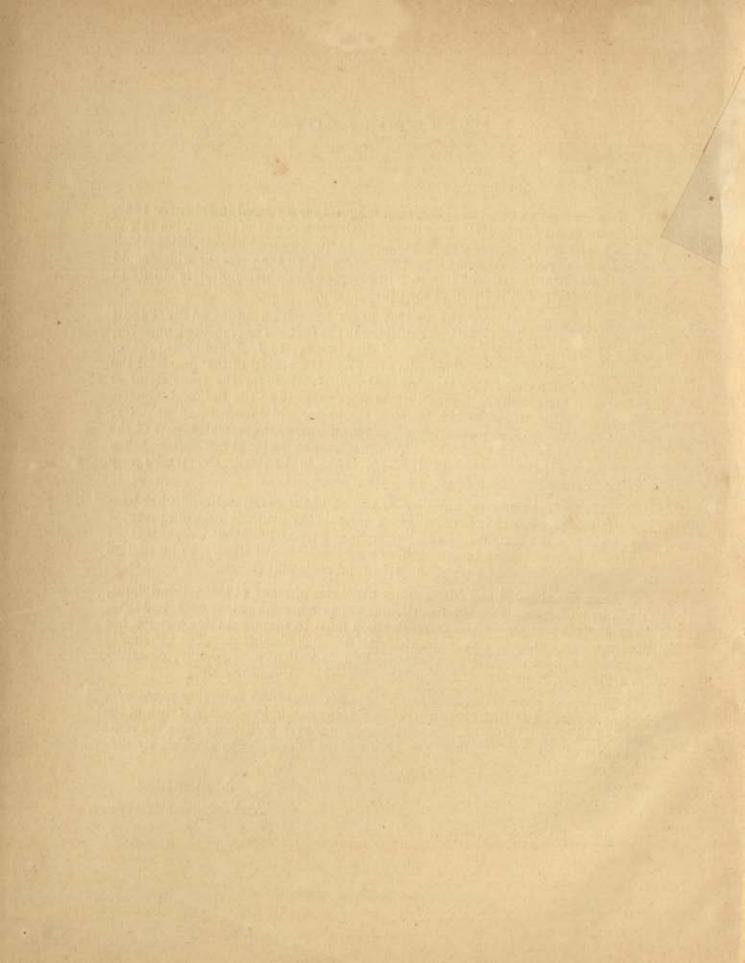
From the abraded and fragmentary character of many of these inscriptions, it will be understood that the translations are to a certain extent only tentative. They suggest many points of interest which must be discussed elsewhere: it has been my main object to supply the materials for such discussion. The fac-similes alone ought to be valuable as a contribution to Indian palæography, especially from the later Maurya period about B.C. 200 to the 7th century A.D.

The plates were printed off and a large portion of the following pages were in type before I left Bombay on 1st May last, but only about a third of the matter had been printed off. Since then, owing to my distance from the press and other causes, the printing has been carried to completion more slowly than I had expected.

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Edinburgh, 20th April 1881.



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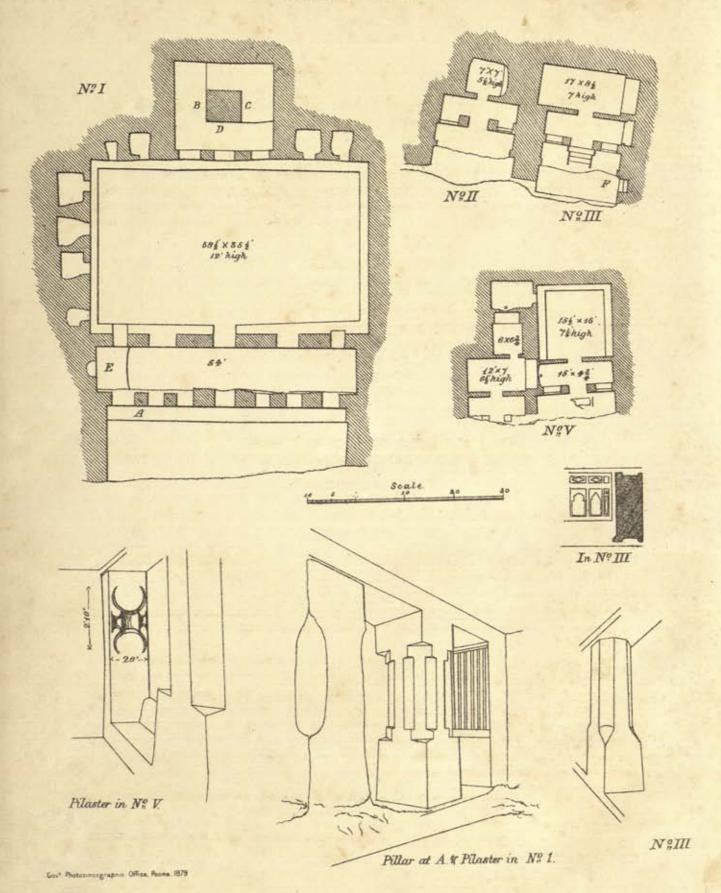
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CAVES AT MAHÂD





1.-NOTES ON THE ROCK-TEMPLES AT MHAR AND KUDA AND THEIR INSCRIPTIONS.

THE small village of Pal is about a mile north-west from Mhar. Near it is a group of caves excavated in the almost perpendicular scarp of a hill, and numbering about twenty-eight in all. As they have never been described in any detail, the following rough notes may be of use. Beginning from the south end of the series :-

Excavation No. I is the largest in the group. It is unfinished and seems to have been suddenly stopped (see plan, Plate I). A seat $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet high runs round three sides of the main chamber. Floor of cells 3 feet above the hall. Right side of the hall was being extended by cutting away a layer of 8 or 9 inches. E is a raised portion of the verandah floor; it seems as if the floor was being lowered a foot, and a part at E left unfinished. The shrine contains a rough square mass, as if for a dagoba. Upon the front of it at D is rudely sculptured a Buddha in basrelief. On the sides at B and C are standing attendants. This is the only sculpture in any of the caves here. There are six rough columns in the verandah : the left one (A) is finished (see sketch). Most of the other five columns have a bracket left at the top.

In front of Cave I, at a lower level, are three tanks 14 or 15 feet square each. Two have small square entrances, the other is perhaps partly broken in.

Cave II. See plan: inner cel! unfinished.

Cave III. The most perfect of the series. At F is the entrance to a well. A stair-case leads not only to No. IV, but still lower to the level of the tanks in front of No. I. Its exit has been ruined, but the steps there are now built up with loose stones. The inner verandah is now chunamed and panelled (see plate). The door into the hall has sockets for posts. An irregular recess at the right end of the verandah contains a seat, beaded, and has pilasters; seats inside the parapet also beaded; column of verandah as in the plate.

No. IV. Verandah has two columns-broken. Sockets for posts in the floor and ceiling, just inside the front door. The partition wall is broken through in

two places.

No. V. Verandah has two octagonal columns with bases 20 inches square. Square pilasters both ornamented in the style so common at Kanheri and Junnar (see plate). Parapet with seat inside, between pillars and pilasters. Front of verandah is smoothly polished and still very perfect. The hall is rough and has been plastered with clay. A seat runs round three sides 18 inches high, with plain beading. Front door has sockets in the floor and in the top of door jamb for posts. The front of this cave has been almost exactly similar to No. III, and to one or two others in the series.

No. VI. A small unfinished cell, about the same level as the tanks in front of No. I.

No. VII. A larger unfinished cell, having a tank at the left side of the front, half filled with mud.

No. VIII. A larger irregular cave with verandah.

No. IX. Two carved pillars in front are broken away. Capitals are of the Nasik and Junnar lota-shape type. Pilasters ornamented as those in No. V, which also occurs in another cave. The hall has a seat round back and two sides: three cells in the left and as many in the right side: large recess from the hall in the back wall for dagoba, which has been removed, but the umbrella remains attached to the roof: on each side of this recess is a cell. There are small holes as if for a screen across the front of the recess. All the cell doors have sockets for frames as in No. III. The following inscription of four lines and two letters is on the back of the hall to the right :-

MHAR INSCRIPTION.1 Trnsliteration.

कुमारस काणभाव्यस सिधं व्हेणपालितस (ए) स लेण चेतिएघर ओवरका च अठ < वि^{*}कमं नियु-तं लें [ण]स च उभता पसेस पोढिया वे २ लेणस अर्लिंगणके पयो च दतो एतस च कुमारस देय

Sanskrit.

कुमारस्य काणभोजस्य विष्णुपालितस्यै-तल्लयनं चैत्यगृहमपवरकाश्वाष्टी ८ इति कर्म नियु-क्तं लयनस्य चोभयतः पार्श्वयोः प्रही ही २ लयनस्य आलमकः(?) पन्याश्र दत्तः एतस्य च कुमारस्य देय-

धर्मः॥

Translation.

"To the Perfect one! Prince Kanabhoa Vhenupalita's Lena, chaityagriha, and eight (8)6 cells; this much work is endowed, and two (2) cisterns on each side of the Lena, also a passage connected with the Lena are presented. It is a charitable gift of that Kumara (or Prince)."8

4 Or ogo.

6 After the figure 8, a letter like vi is visible, but it seems to be a mistake for ti; ti in Prakrit is used for Sanskrit iti, "this much," "so much."

Aliganaka or aluganaka might be a corruption of the Sanskrit alagnaka, "attached," which seems to be a suitable word in the place.

The characters of this record seem to be of about the time of Vasishthiputra the Andhrabhritya.

¹ Transliterated and translated by Bhagwanlal Indraji Pandit.

³ I believe that the writer has by mistake omitted the letter na after le in this word.

⁵ Sans. Kâṇabhoja Vishṇupâlita. The Sanskrit Vishṇu is changed into Vehnu in Prâkṛit, whereas we here find Vhenu in the name Vhenupâlita. This must either be a mistake or a local style of spelling. From the titles Kumāra and Kānabhoa it seems that Vishnupālita must have been of royal family, for it is not customary to affix Kumāra to any but princes. Kânabhoja must be the name of the family similar to Mahâbhoja found in the Kudâ inscriptions, and it is highly probable that this family was ruling in Mhâr (where the inscription is found) and the other surrounding minor districts.

There are ten more caves at this level, -one, a small open cell with a dagoba

5 or 6 feet high.

In the next level, the seventh contains a short inscription at the right end of the verandah, and at the other end of the same verandah is a small dågoba in relief. One of the preceding six is a cell with a dågoba, as above.

The most northerly cave next to this last and containing the inscription, is at

a much lower level-the lowest in the series.

There are 27 or 28 caves in all, exclusive of tanks. Nos. II and III are the highest. They are in a straight portion of the hill, with an easterly aspect, less than a mile from Mhâr. The parapets in front of two of the undescribed caves are carved in the "rail pattern" with thin uprights.

At the foot of the hill, under some trees, are three fallen dagobas, which

must have stood close to where they now lie.

Kôl,—a small village across the Sâvitrî, south-east from Mhâr. In a hill behind it are two small groups of caves—the first to the north-east of the village consists of a few dilapidated cells; the other to the south-east contains one cell larger than any of the others, but all are apparently unfinished. In this second group are three short inscriptions. One of them reads thus:—

Transcript.2

Gahapatiputasa sethisa.

agharakhitasa deyadhamam lena(m).

Translation.

"A cave, the religious gift of Seth Sagharakhita (Samgharakshita), son of Gahapati."

In a hill to the north-east of Mhâr are a few cells and cisterns, and there is a cell in a hill to the south, near the road leading to Nâgotanâ.

Kuḍâ is on the east side of the north-east arm of the Râjapur creek. A small branch creek runs up through mangrove bushes nearly to the village. The caves are about 150 to 200 feet above the sea level in a hill which is about 250 feet high at this point. They face to west-south-west, and the whole 26 caves are within about 200 yards in two lines of elevation,—Nos. I to XV below, and Nos. XVI to XXVI some forty feet higher up the hill. The view from the caves is splendid, the wide expanse of the Râjapur creek, like a mountain lake, some 5 miles wide, is right in front, entirely shut in by hills from 200 to 600 feet in height, which in most places run down nearly to the water, and a rocky islet occupies nearly the centre of the seeming lake. From the top of the hill, the hill fort of Thala is plainly visible, and another to the north. The creek is called Kâlwa khâḍî, and the hill north-east of the caves Mohola.

¹ I have largely availed myself of Mr. A. A. West's very full notes in this account; the plate also is from his drawings. Conf. Dr. Wilson's account, J. B. B. R. A. S., vol. III., pt ii. p. 43.

² Translated by Dr. G. Bühler, C. I. E.

Cave No. I. Debris in front 2 feet higher than the floor of cave; little or no court. Front of the verandah, broken away; has had two plain octagonal columns and square pilasters with ornament-as in Mhar caves-broken. At the left end is a plain cell with recessed bench or bed towards the back of the cave. Inscription (No. 1)1 in two lines2 is over the door of this, and extends along the back as far as the central door (2nd plate). It is deeply cut on a smooth surface and very distinct; the upper line seems complete, but some letters are wanting at the end of the second line, where the wall is broken away.

INSCRIPTION No. 1.

Transcript.

- [१] महाभोजीय सडगेरिय विजयाय पुतस महाभोजस मंदवस खंदपालितस लेखकस
- [२] मुलसदतपुतस उतरदतापुतस च सिवभूतिस सह भयाय णंदाय देयधंमं [लेणं]

Sanskrit.4

महाभीज्या सडगेर्च्या विजयायाः पुत्रस्य महाभीजस्य माण्डपस्य स्कन्दपालितस्य लेखकस्य मुलसदत्तपुत्रस्य उत्तरदत्तापुत्रस्य च शिवभूतेः सह भार्य्यया नन्दया देयधर्मी [लयनम्] ॥

Translation.

"This cave is the meritorious gift of Sivabhûti, the son of Sulasadata and Utaradatâ, and writer to Mahâbhoja Mandava Khandapâlita,5 son of Mahâbhoja Sadagerî Vijayâ-together with his wife Namdâ."

Remarks.

Mahabhoja is a title probably equivalent to raja.6 It occurs also in No. 2 of the Bedså inscriptions, under the form Mahabhoya.

Sadagerî is apparently connected with the epithet Sadakara, given to Mahabhoja Sudamsana in inscription 19: it may be a family name or title.

Mandava may be either the Sanskrit Mandavya or Mandapa. In the first case the epithet would characterise Khandapâlita as a member of a Brahmanical gotra or race; in the second it might indicate that he was lord of a town called Mandapa. This latter seems the preferable explanation as Mandapa is a very common name for towns all over India, and three small villages called Madad or Mandadh, i.e., probably Mandapagadh, lie close to Kuda. Moreover, we have Bhag-Mandala and Kol-Mandala or Mandana near the mouth of the Savitri or Bankot River, which appear to correspond to the 'Mandabad' of Barbosa (1514); and a little to the south of the same river are Madangadh and Mandivali.

² Prof. H. Jacobi of Munster has translated and translated this inscription in India

Antiquary, vol. VII., p. 253. The ka wants the cross stroke in the copy, but the stone is injured here and there can be no doubt that the letter is ka.

The translations and remarks are the work of Pandit Bhagwanlal Indraji: I have rendered them into English.

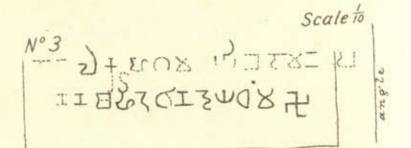
Sans. Skandapâlita. ⁶ See Prof. Jacobi's remarks, Ind. Ant., vol. VII., p. 254.

¹ The accompanying plates of inscriptions are from a series of very excellent copies, made many years ago by the Messrs. West and very kindly handed over to me with all their notes and drawings by Dr. E. West and A. A. West, Esq.

⁷ The Mandagara of Ptolemy is to be sought for in this neighbourhood.

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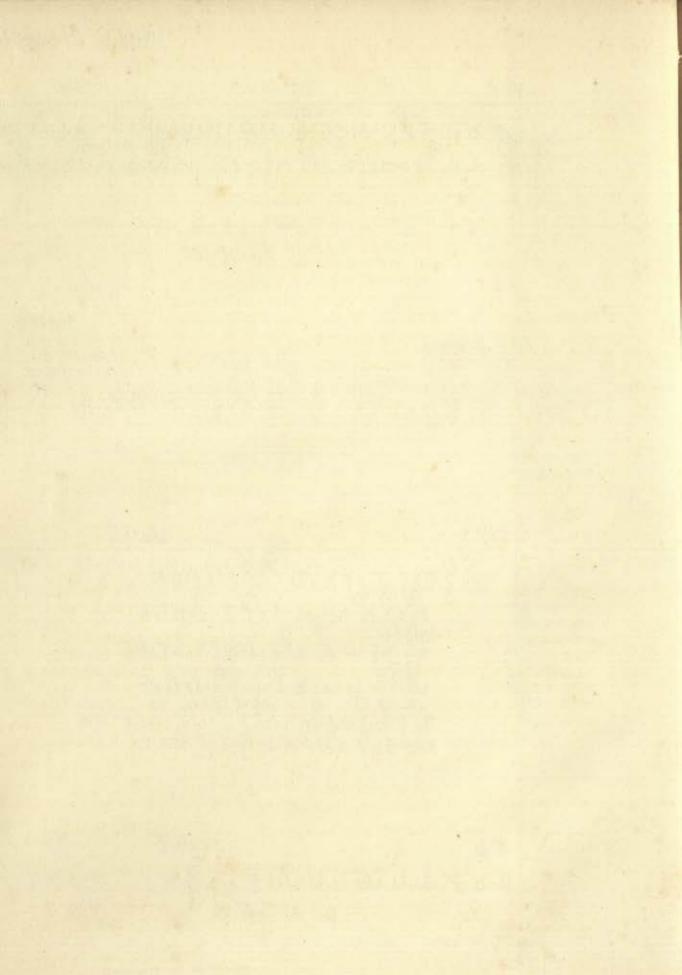
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Lenam at the end is broken away, but part of the letter le is still left.

The doorway in the centre is 7 feet wide, with sockets for door-posts. Plain square hall, leading at the back into an ante-chamber the full width of the hall, with two plain octagonal columns in front on a raised sill, and two square pilasters with the same ornament as the outer ones, but perfect: one of the columns fallen. The antechamber is plain, with remains of plaster on the walls. In the middle of the back is a $9\frac{1}{9}$ -feet doorway, without holes for woodwork: a bench runs round the ends and remainder of the back. The shrine is nearly square, with a middle-sized dâgoba in the centre.

No. II adjoins No. I and is on the same level; court very small. The front room or verandah has a door and a large open window; it has a recessed bench at the left end. Behind, towards the right side, is a cell with stone bed in the left side. Both doors have sockets for wooden frames, and there are traces of plaster on the walls of the outer room.

No. III, close adjoining, 1 foot lower level. Court small. On the left-hand side wall outside, is a fragment of an inscription (No. 2), being the ends of two lines deeply cut on a rough surface,—the rest is peeled off:—

INSCRIPTION No. 2.

 Pâli.
 Sanskrit.

भूते:
भूते:

थनं
स्त्रामा।

The first line ending in *bhûtisa* suggests the name of Sivabhûti, as in the first inscription. In the second *lenam* only is left. The cave was probably the gift of a member of the same family.

No. IV, about 12 feet to the right, and at 10 feet higher level; has a court with a bench on each side; steps up to the verandah, broken. The verandah has two octagonal pillars with square bases, and square pilasters with the same ornament as at Mhâr. A thin parapet joins each column with its corresponding pilaster, with rail pattern outside—the uprights carved with the ornament of the pilaster only doubled in the height. At the back of the verandah is a large central door, with a window on each side of it. Hall 1' 6" higher than the verandah—plain, square, with bench round back and two sides. Three recesses begun in the back wall with square pillars between them. No plaster in this cave, which was evidently never completed.

No. V close adjoining, and at 6 feet lower level; has a court with a tank of good water in a recess in the left. Inscription No. 3 is above the level of, and to the right hand of, this recess; it has been cut moderately deep on a rough surface, and is much weather-worn—many of the letters are very uncertain.

INSCRIPTION No. 3.

This is too much damaged to be decipherable. In the second line we might read:—

podhio be 2 deya dhamam.

"The charitable gift of two (2) cisterns."

The 3rd letter resembles ba, the next is either hi or dhi, the lower stroke of the next letter is rather long for a, and the following two characters may be also misreadings in the copy.

Inscription No. 4 is on the opposite or right-hand wall: it has been deeply cut, but is so weather-worn that only a few letters at the ends of five lines can be made out.

INSCRIPTION No. 4.

सिधं येरा[णं भदंत] सिनद-तण अ[ते नासिना] पन[इ]त-स गोआ......[इ]म लेणंसातिमित य.....सियय

Sanskrit.

सिद्धं स्थिनिरा[णां भदन्त] शिनद-त्तानां अ[न्त नासिना] प्रविज्ञत-स्य गोआ......[इदं] ल्यनंस्नातिमित्रा या....

This inscription is damaged: in the middle of the first line there is space for four letters, and this and the second are completed in the transcripts. The name of one of the donors in the 3rd line is lost. He was "an ascetic and disciple of the Thera (Bhadanta) Sivadata," and the other donor was "Satimita, a female disciple."

Remark.

Thero, i.e. sthavira, is a term frequently applied to aged monks among the Buddhists and Jainas, and their names are always in the plural majestatis. Bhadanta is applied both to Bauddha and Jaina monks, and means "reverend," worthy of worship." A vicarious form is bhayanta, (see below, inscription No. 25,) from which the Jaina Prâkrit form Bhante has been derived.

The verandah has one square pillar to the right of the centre, and a pilaster at the left side. In the left end of the verandah is inscription No. 5. It is in six lines on a decaying surface, but only three letters are much injured.

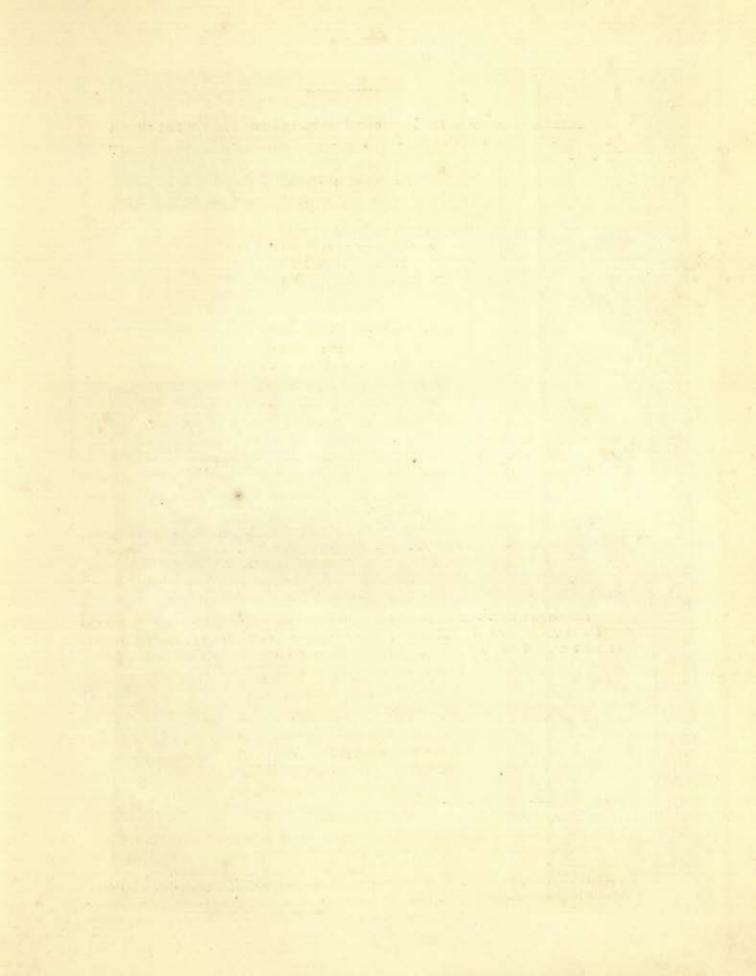
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सिद्धं थेराणं भदतं पातिभितन भदंत आगिमित[न] च भागिणेयिय पाव यितिकाय नागिनकाय दुहुतयं पाव यितिकाय पदुमंनिकाय देय धंमं लेणं पादी च सहा अतेवासिनिय बोधियं सह च अतिवासिनिय असाल्हमिताय

¹ Sans. Svåtimitrå.

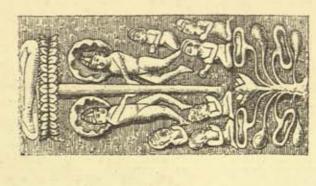
² This is Prof. Jacobi's 2nd inscription (Ind. Ant., vol. VII., p. 254).

[ै] Read भटेत. 'Read ब्लान ; the surface of the rock is injured here. 'Read ब्लान ; the surface of the rock is injured here. 'Read ब्लान दें Two letters ya-ma, added beyond the end of this line, are only lightly cut and look recent; if inserted where the mark indicates they make Mayabodhî: if we read Mâtuya bodhi-ya it might be translated by 'her female disciple's mother Bodhi and of her female disciple Asâlhamitâ.''

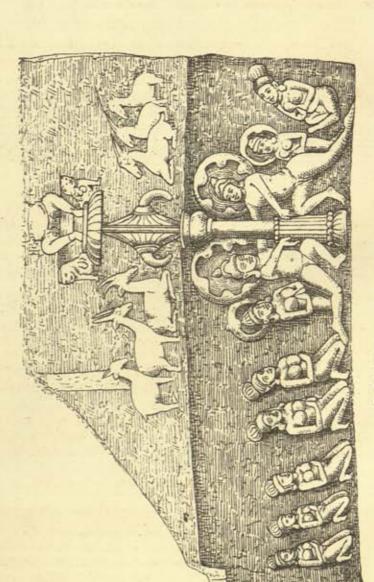




I. RAIL IN CAVE VI. Me.



3. ON RIGHT WALL OF CAVE VI.



2. SCULPTURE IN CAVE VI

Sanskrit.

सिद्धं स्थितराणां भदन्तप्रातिमित्राणां भदन्ता-मिमित्राणां च भागिनेच्याः पत्र-जितिकाया नागिनिकाया दुहितुः प्रत्र-जितिकायाः पिद्मिनिकाया देयधर्मी छयनं प्रहिश्च सह अन्तेवासिन्या बेाध्या सह च अन्तेवासिन्या आषादामित्रया ॥

Translation.

"To the Perfect! A Lena and cistern, the charitable gift of the female ascetic (or nun) Padumanikâ¹, daughter of Nâganikâ² the ascetic, the sister's daughter of the Thera Bhadanta Pâtimita³ and Bhadanta Âgimita,⁴ and, of her female disciples Bodhi and Asâlhamitâ.⁵"

Remarks.

Siddham is here translated as an abridgment of Siddham namah. Buddhists and Jainas distinguish those persons who have arrived at the state of perfection by the name Siddhas. And it is a common practice among them to salute them at the commencement of any writing. This word is also found in the Brahmanical inscriptions of later date, and it is highly probable they derived it from the Buddhists. They apply the name, however, to their great Yogîs or sages. It is true that according to Pâṇini it is not grammatically correct to say siddam namah; still it is in common use. Both Buddhists and Brâhmans teach their pupils to repeat the phrase before commencing their lessons in the alphabet.

At the right end of the verandah is a recessed bench. Behind the verandah at the left end is a small open room, with a bench on the right side; behind this is a cell with a bench or bed at the back; and to the left of this is another inner cell with a bench or bed on the right of it. In the right end of the verandah back wall a door leads into another cell, with a very small one beyond it having a recess in the back wall. There are traces of plaster on the walls and ceiling of

No. VI. Close adjoining the last and at 3 feet lower level, the next has a court in front with the head and forelegs of a standing elephant, 11 feet high, projecting from each side wall—that on the right nearly gone; trunk and tusks of the other broken. On the front of the cave, behind this left elephant, is a sculptured figure of Buddha, 18' high, seated on a throne with his feet on a lotos, over a wheel, with three deer on each side, and upheld by Någa figures with others below (see 3rd plate, fig. 2). At each side of Buddha a chauri-bearer stands on a lotos, the left one being Avalokitêśwara, holds a lotos stem with his left arm. Two Vidyådharas hold a crown over Buddha's head; and above this is a segmental arc

¹ Padminikâ. ² Nâginikâ.

Prâtimitra—Pâtimita is probably a mistake for Sâtimita—G. B.
Ashâdhamitrâ.

⁶ Some scholars will differ from this opinion of the Pandit's, which was also held by Dr. Stevenson.—The proper translation of siddham is 'hail!' In the phrase siddham namah or, as the Lekhâvalis have it, namah siddham, the word siddham refers to the well-known Sûtra siddhovarnasamâmnâyah, 'established (and auspicious) is the record of the letters.'—G. B.

⁷ The illustrations of this cave (3rd and 5th plates) are from drawings made by the Assistants in the Archæological Survey.

supported by makaras on each side, and two flying figures above it. Inscription (No. 6) is beneath to the left. It has been faintly cut and is much decayed.

INSCRIPTION No. 6.

दि। यधमीयं सघोपसायिककार्य हरि

This inscription is in a later alphabet than the preceding ones, and in Sanskrit. It is partly illegible. In the beginning we have [de]ya dharmoyam, 'this meritorious gift,' and then sa[m]ghopaśayikakarya, 'the honourable tranquillizer of the Sangha.' The rest is illegible.

The steps up are broken. The verandah has two octagonal pillars with square bases, and square pilasters. Between the pillars and pilasters is a thin parapet, ornamented outside with rail pattern, and with a bench on the inside as

in Cave III at Nasik-which cave belongs to about the same age as this.

On the left pilaster is a Buddha, seated cross-legged on a cushion, 13 inches high, with a chauri-bearer on each side standing on a lotos-the left one, Avalokitêśwara, holding a lotos stem with his left arm. Above is a segmental arch with Gandharvas on each side. The cushion rests on a high four-footed stool or table, between the legs of which is a lotos with a deer on each side of its stem. The legs of the seat stand on the ornament or semi-circular moulding at the bottom of the pilaster, which contains inscription (No. 7), and outside the lower end of each leg is a small kneeling figure with joined hands. The inscription is in four lines and some odd letters, faintly cut and indistinct.

INSCRIPTION No. 7.

देयधम्भीयं शाक्योपा-सिक व्याघ्रकाया यद त्र पुण्यं तद्भवतु मातापिन्य-व्वेड्समं कृत्वा सव्वेसत्वानां अनुत्तरि जा-नावापय"

Translation.

"This is the meritorious gift of the female Sakya worshipper Vyaghraka": may its benefit be for the attainment of supreme knowledge, first by her father and mother and then by the whole sentient world."

On the inner side of this pilaster, the upper group of sculpture consists of a Buddha seated cross-legged, 8 inches high, with a standing chauriwâlâ on either hand. The lower group has a similar Buddha, 11 inches high, on a lotos, with two standing chauriwâlâs-the left one being Padmapâni. Under each side lotos is a kneeling figure with joined hands.

On the face of the right pilaster near the top are two 8-inch Buddhas seated on cushions, separated by a pillar, and with a kneeling figure in the outer lower corner of each compartment. Below these is a 13-inch Buddha seated on a sinhásana with feet on lotos, and two chauriwalas, one with lotos as before and

¹Read °का. ³Read ट्याग्रिकाया. ³ Read पुण्यं. ⁴ Read °र्. ६ Read ज्ञानानात्राये.

Sakyopäsika is properly a devout Buddhist laic.



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each standing on a lotos. Overhead is a triple tiara carried by two Vidyadharas, with a makara torana above, as before, and four Vidyadharas carrying festoons above the arch. Below the lotoses, on the left side of the stem of the central one, is a deer couched, with a man kneeling behind it and presenting some offering. Behind him is a kneeling female with joined hands. On the right side are corresponding figures; animal defaced. Below these are mouldings and, in a panel, three deer, and on the bottom semi-circle is inscription No. 8 in three lines, faintly cut and imperfect at the ends.

INSCRIPTION No. 8.

देयधम्मीयं शाक्यभिक्षस स्य यदत्र पुण्यं तद्भवतु माता[षितृपूर्व] ङ्गमं कित्वा सर्विसत्वाना[मनुत्तरज्ञान।वाप्तये]

Translation.

"This meritorious gift of the Sakya Bhikshu ... : may its benefit be for the attainment of supreme knowledge, first by his father and mother and then by the whole sentient world."

In the left end of the verandah is inscription No. 9 in seven lines (see 4th plate) beautifully cut on a smooth surface and perfect :-

INSCRIPTION No. 9.

विजयाय पुतस साइगेरिय महाभोजिय' मंदवस खंदपालितस महाभाजस मुलसदतस उतरदताय च पुतानं भातृनं लेख का सिवमृतिम्हा कनेठस सिवमस देपधंम लेन सह भयाय विजयाय पुतानं च स सुलसदतस सिव पालितस सिबदतस सपिलस च सेलहपकमं दुहुतूनं स सपाय सिवपालिताय सिवदताय सुलसदताय च वंभा.

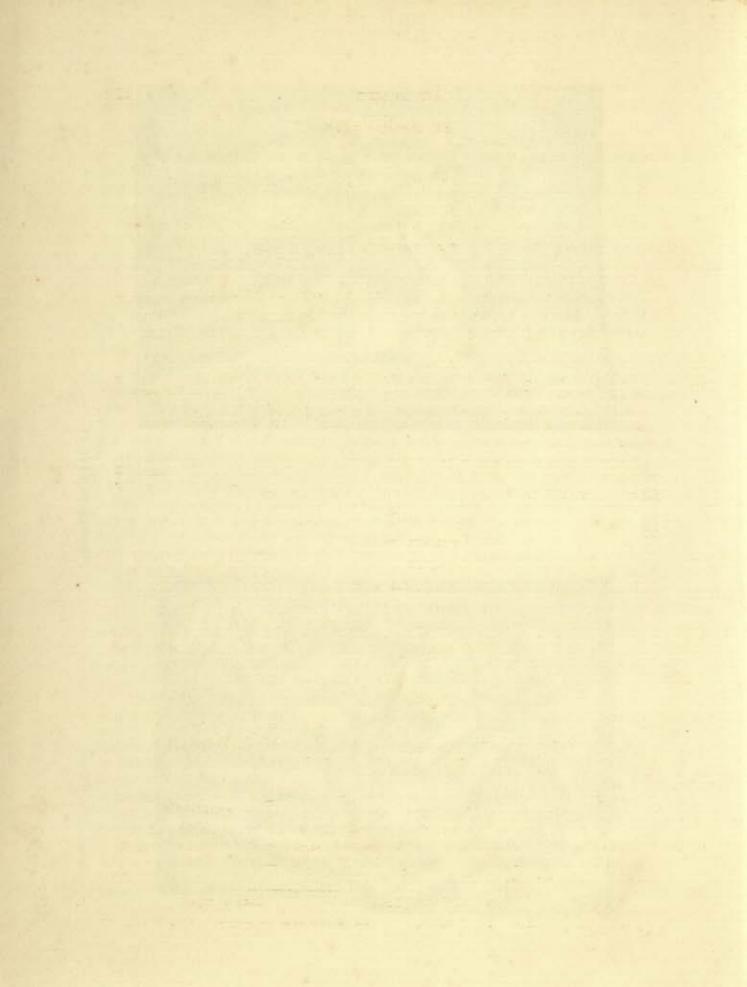
Sanskrit.

महाभोज्याः साडगेर्या विजयायाः पुत्रस्य महाभोजस्य मंद्रपस्य स्कन्दपालितस्य उपजीविनां मुलभदत्तस्य उत्तरदत्तायाश्च पुवाणां भ्रातृणां [मध्ये] लेख-काञ्चित्रभूतेः कनिष्ठस्य शिवमस्य देयधर्भे लयनम् सह भार्यया विजयया पुत्राणां च स सुलसदत्तस्य शिव-पालितस्य शिवदत्तस्य सार्पेलस्य च शैलरूपकर्म दुहितृणां

स सर्पायाः शिक्पालितायाः शिवदत्तायाः सुलसदत्तायाश्च स्तंभाः॥

¹ Read क्रवा.

² This is the 3rd of the inscriptions translated by Prof. Jacobi (Ind. Ant., vol. VII., pp. 254-5). For his remarks on Sulasa, see Ind. Ant., vol. IX., p. 28. ³ Read " भोजीय, see No. 1. ³ Read भाषाय.



INSCRIPTION No. 10.
देवधम्योंयं शाक्यभितुं वृद्धिस्यस्यं मातापितृ
पूर्वेङ्गमं कृत्वा भटाकचं य
दत्र पुण्यं तद्भवतु सर्वेसत्वा
नामनुत्तरज्ञानावासये

Translation.

"This meritorious gift of the Śâkyabhikshu Budhasingha; may the merit of it be for the attainment of supreme knowledge by father, mother, and Bhaṭârka, and then to the whole sentient world."

Remarks.

Bhattaraka is a title applied to a Banddha high priest: it was not so used in very early times, but by the later Digambara and Svetambara Jainas and Buddhists it came to be so employed, as it had been previously to kings, and again in more recent times even to a proud consequential person. Bhatarka seems to be a provincial and corrupt spelling of this word.

After this comes another group of sculpture, the same as the last as far as the Naganas; between the left Nagana and left chauriwala is inscription No. 11, and

between the right hand ones is No. 12. They are but faintly cut.

INSCRIPTIONS Nos. 11 AND 12.

देयधमींयं शाक्यभिक्षः' संघदेवस्य अत्र च चेंडिनक्षेत्रं बध्वा दी पमूल्यं बुद्धस्यं दत्तं यो लोपये[त्] पंचमहापा तकयुक्तीं भेव[त्]॥ Translation.

"This (image) is the meritorious gift of the Sakyabhikshu Sanghadêva, and the Chendina field is given for the expense of lights to Buddha. Who cuts off (this grant) is guilty of the five great sins."

Under the left Någanî is a kneeling figure offering a lotos bud; behind the right one is another kneeling figure, and below it a female. Third: a Buddha, 19 inches high, same as the first down to the lotoses; below, the Någas appear to have torn up the lotos stem and are bearing it aloft; the Någanîs kneeling behind as before (see 3rd plate, fig. 3). Below are two kneeling figures on each side looking upwards.

¹ Read ° सिहस्य. । Read भटाकेस्य च. । Read ° सिहस्य. । Read भटाकेस्य च. । Read ° सिहस्य. । Read को. । Read को. । Read को. । Read को. । Read को.

At the back of the hall is a low screen wall supporting two octagonal pillars and pilasters with the Mhâr pattern on them. An entrance between them leads to the antechamber of the shrine, and a low parapet or rail behind the bench is carved with animals. The left side is shewn in the third plate, fig. 1. The other side has 1st, (from left,) a śârdûla driven by a dwarf holding its tail; 2nd, a maned tiger with a dwarf holding its tail and brandishing a club; 3rd, a bull similarly driven; and 4th, a tiger.

On the return of the back wall on each side, which meets this parapet, are two figures, male and female, similar to what we find on the front screens in the Chaitya Caves at Kanheri and Kârlê. In the left corner is a male 5' 4" high and female 5' 2," allowing for head-dresses, with a child holding the woman's foot at the right lower corner. The attitudes and dress of these and the corresponding pair (male 5' 4," female 5' 0,") in the right corner, are shewn in the fifth plate. Are they dancing? These seem older than any of the other wall sculptures.

The floor of the antechamber is level with the top of the bench in the hall, and had also benches on the inner sides of the thin parapets. At the left end is a cell benched on the right side; and just above this bench is an entrance, 18 inches square, into a smaller cell filled with stones and rubbish. A doorway, about 9 feet wide, leads into the shrine with a plain dâgoba in it, reaching to near the roof, and joined to it by the staff of the umbrella which is carved on the rock above. There are trees of plaster and painting on all the walls, roofs and columns of this cave.

No. VII. Close to the last and at 5 feet higher level is Cave VII, with a water tank to the right of the entrance. The court is plain, with steps up to the entrance at the left end of the verandah, which has two octagonal columns with square bases and square pilasters, with the ornament already shewn on a pilaster at Mhâr (1st plate). Between the pillars is a thin plain parapet with a seat inside. A door in the back of the verandah, to the right, leads into a cell with a stone bench on the left side. Traces of plaster are on the walls; and there are sockets for the door frame. In the right end of the verandah is a recessed bench. On the left end wall is inscription No. 13² (see 6th plate) in four lines, very deeply and clearly cut on a smooth surface, and entire:—

INSCRIPTION No. 13.

मामकंवजीयस वेजस इसिरिखतुपासक स पुतस वेजस सोमदेवस देयधंमं लेणं पुतस च स नागस इसिरिखतस सिवधोसस च दुहुतुय च इसिपालिताय पुसाय धंमाय सपाय च

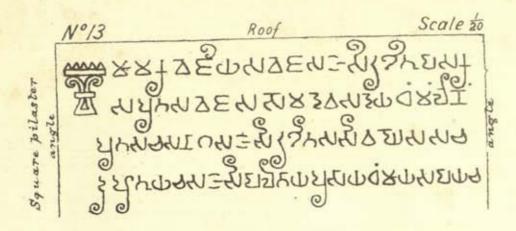
Sanskrit.

मामकवैद्यकस्य वैद्यस्य ऋषिरक्षितोपासक-स्य पुत्रस्य वैद्यस्य सोमदेवस्य देयधमी लयनम् पुत्रस्य च स नागस्य ऋषिरक्षितस्य शिवदोषस्य च दुहितुश्च स ऋषिपालिताया पुष्याया धर्मायाः सर्पायाश्च ॥

¹ Figured in The Cave Temples, Plate III., fig. 1.

This is Prof. Jacobi's No. 4 (Ind. Ant., vol. VII., p. 255).

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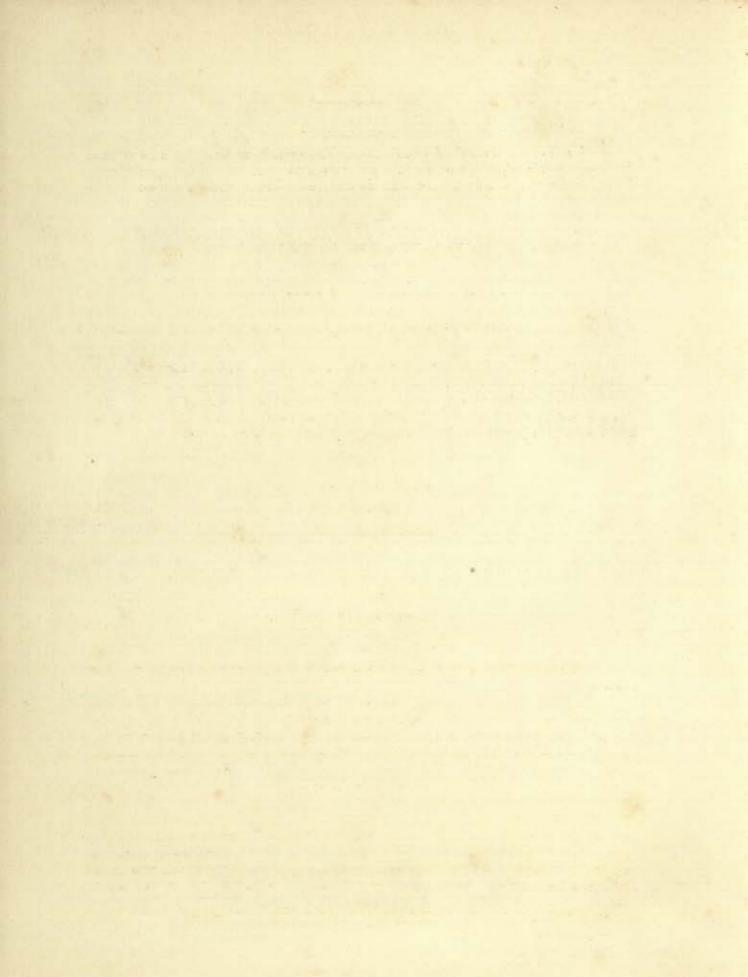
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Translation.

"The meritorious gift of a cave by the physician Somadeva, the son of the Mâmakavejiya physician and worshipper Isirakhita,1 and his (Somadeva's) sons Nâga, Isirakhita, and Sivaghosa, and daughters Isipâlitâ,2 Pusâ,3 Dhammâ,4 and Sapa.5"

Remarks.

Mâmakavejiya, an epithet of Isirakhita, is equivalent to the Sanskrit mâma-Mâmaka may be the name of some once famous vaidya, or physician, who gave the name to his family; or if mamaka be some branch of medicine not now known, the term would mean one of a family skilled in that branch.

Upasaka is a Bauddha and Jaina title for a householder or layman of the In the Chaturvidha Sangha there are four classes of people-Bhikshus,

Bihkshunîs, Upâsikas, and Upâsikâs.

Just beyond the tank outside this is another cistern, dry and broken in, with inscription No. 14 on the back of the recess over it. It is deeply cut but much weatherworn, so that the latter half of the first two lines is indistinct and the copy conjectural; the 3rd letter in the 2nd line was probably pu, and the 5th ku, as read; and in the next line the first syllable must have been main.

INSCRIPTION No. 14.

मंदवानं परस[सि?]वम-स प[प]तस कुमारस मदवस देयधम. Sanskrit. मांडपानां परिशावम-स्य पुत्रस्य कुमारस्य मांडपस्य देयधर्मः

Translation.

"The meritorious gift of Mandava Kumara, son of Sivama, the chief of the

Mandavas (?)"

No. VIII is just beyond the last tank and 3 feet lower than No. VII. It consists of an oblong chamber, with a door near the right end and a window to the left, now broken into one; at the left end is a stone bench. A door in the back, towards the right, leads into a cell having a short recessed bench on the left. Half the length of this bench has been cut to a depth of 19 inches, leaving a 3 inch wall at the front of the bench, and fitted for receiving a trap lid 3" thick, which would complete the bench and form a box 21" square and 16" deep.

No. IX is close to the last and at 6 feet higher level. Entered from the left side of the court is a cell with a stone bench at the back; the front wall is nearly gone, but it had a window to the right of the door. In the right side is a window and a door leading into the verandah which has two octagon columns with cushion bases and capitals and plain octagon pilasters. A large door at the back,

¹ Sans. Rishirakshita.

² Rishipālitā.

with sockets for a frame, leads into a chamber containing a plain dâgoba, the abacus of the capital reaching to the roof. The dâgoba is towards the back of the shrine, but about equidistant from the back and sides. There are traces of plaster on the walls. Inscription No. 15 is at the right end of the verandah of this cave, deeply cut on a smooth panel.

INSCRIPTION No. 15.

अयितिळु उपासकत बंग्हनस भयाय भियलाय बंगानिय चेतियघरो देयधंमं Sanskrit.

आर्यतिल्पासकस्य ब्राह्मणस्य भार्याया श्राजिलाया ब्राह्मण्याश्वेसगृहं देयधर्मः

Translation.

"The meritorious gift of a Chetiyaghara¹ by Bhayilâ,² a Brâhmaṇî, wife of the Brâhmaṇa Upâsaka Ayitilu.³"

No. X is close to the last, but at 5 feet lower level. It has a small court in front, with a door towards the right, now broken into a large window to the left of it. Inside is an oblong chamber opening towards the right into a cell, with a stone bed at the back. Over the window is inscription No. 16, deeply cut on a rough surface. The 13th and 14th letters are probably $m\hat{a}$ - $l\hat{a}$, as in the transcript, and the 20th may perhaps be $p\hat{a}$.

INSCRIPTION No. 16.

माळाकारस बधुकस पुतस म[मा]लाकारस सिवपिरितस देयधंम लेणं Sanskrit.

मालाकारस्य बधुकस्य पुत्रस्य मांकाकारस्य शिवपालितस्य देयधर्मी लयनम्

Translation.

"The meritorious gift of a Lêṇa by Sivapirita, gardener, son of the gardener Vadhuka."

No. XI is close by, and at 2 feet lower level. It consists, first, of an open verandah with inscription No. 17 on the right end wall, which is mostly broken away, as is also the back wall of this verandah, which was pierced by a door and window into an oblong room with a bench along the back, now much destroyed; then, to the right of the verandah is another larger plain open chamber. This might properly be regarded as two caves.

INSCRIPTION No. 17.

This inscription is deeply cut on a smooth panel, but part of it is broken away: the donor was a daughter of a Mahâbhoja⁵ of the family or town of Mandava:—

महाभाजना [लिकाय] मंदनिय इ

No. XII, close adjoining and at the same level, is similar to the first part of No. XI, but the verandah is nearly gone except a stone bench at the right end, over the recess above which, and partly on the back wall is inscription No. 18, cut on a rough surface and distinct, but injured at the ends of the lines.

¹ San. Chaityagriha. ² Sans. Bhrâjilâ. ³ Sans. Âryatila. ⁴ Sans. S'ivapâlita(?) ⁵ Conf. Inscrip. No. 19.

The door into the room behind has sockets, and to the left of it is a large window, partly broken into one. The inner room has a bench at the back.

INSCRIPTION No. 18.

राजमचस हालस दिही ताय गोयंमाया लिणं]

Sanskrit.

राजामात्यस्य हालस्य दृहि-तुर्गीतमाया लयनम् Translation.

"The Lêna of Goyammâ,1 the daughter of Hâla, the royal minister."

Remarks.

This inscription has an odd representation of a lion at the commencement. The 'raja' was perhaps one of the Mahabhojas. Of dutaya (daughter) the du is partially visible and tâya appears in the copy for tuya. After Goyammâyâ, le is also partially legible in the copy.

No. XIII, close to the last and at 2 feet higher level, has an open verandah with a short bench at the right end. Traces of plaster on the walls. Steps lead down in front from the right end of the verandah. Inscription No. 19 is on the back wall over the window, which is to the left of the door leading into a nearly square chamber with bench at the back (see 7th plate). It is rudely cut on a rough surface.

Inscription No. 19.

महाभायस साडकरस" सुदंसणस दुहुतुय विजयानिकाय देयधंमं छेन Sanskrit.

महाभोजस्य साडकरस्य सुदर्शनस्य दुहितुर्विजयिनिकाया देयधर्मे लयनम्

Translation.

"The meritorious gift of a Lena by Vijayanika, daughter of Mahabhoya' Sadakara Sudamsana."

Remarks.

Vijayanika is apparently the same as the Vijaya of Nos. 1 and 9: the epithets Mahâbhoya and Sâdakara, applied to her father here, corresponding with the feminine forms Mahâbhojî and Sâdagerî applied to Vijayâ.

No. XIV is close to and on the same level with Cave XIII, and is exactly similar in plan. Inscription No. 20 is on the left end wall and round the back over the window. It is but lightly cut on a smooth panel, but distinct.

¹ Sans. Gautamâ.

² There is a hole in the stone, as if for an anusvara, over the ra in this word. The u of hu in the fourth word and the tu following, are broken; the mark over the vi in the last word is a hole in the surface. 4 Sans. Sudarsana. Sans. Mahabhoja.

INSCRIPTION No. 20.1

करहाकडकस छोहवाणियियस माहेकस देयधंमं लेणं

Sanskrit.

करहाकटकस्य छोहवणिजो महिकस्य देयधर्मी छयनम्

Translation.

"The meritorious gift of a cave by Mahika of Karahakada, ironmonger."

Remarks.

Karahâkada or Karahâkata is Karad in the Sâtârâ district, near which are many Bauddha caves.

About 5 feet further is a tank containing water, and with inscription No. 21 on the back of its recess, deeply cut on a rough surface, but weather-worn and indistinct.

INSCRIPTION No. 21.

ग[ह]पतिनो वसुलस सेठिनो सना[नपोढी]

Sanskrit.

गृहपतेर्वस्वस्य श्रेष्टिनः स्नानपहिः

Translation.

"Of the merchant (seth) Vasula,...a bathing tank."

Remarks.

The first legible letter is ga, the next hapa wants the first part of the ha; after sethi there is apparently a weather-worn no, followed by sana, and na podhi deya dhammam is peeled off. A snanaprahi, Pali nana podhi, is a tank where the bhikshus could bathe, -open above, with a large aperture and stair

About 20 feet from No. XIV is a small recess (apparently a tank now buried) nearly filled with earth and roots, with inscription No. 22 on the back of it, cut on a very rough weather-worn surface.

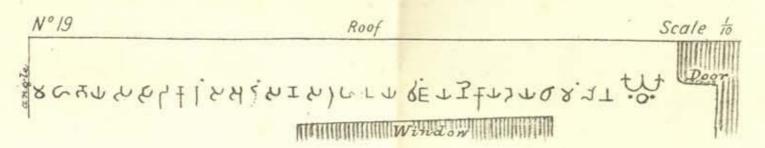
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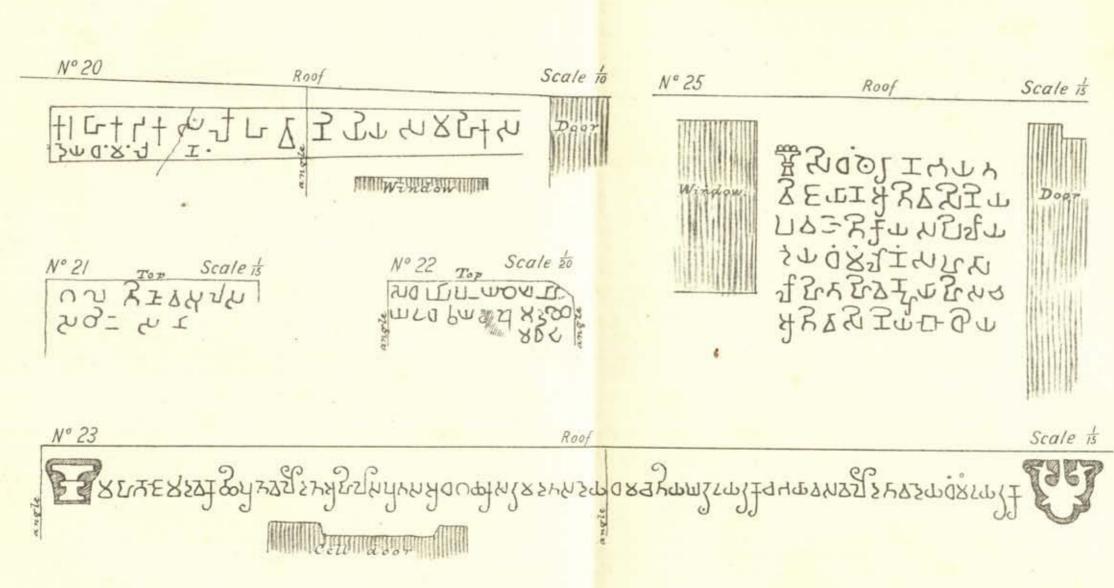
About 45 feet beyond No. XIV is a recess like a cell, nearly filled with earth and boulders.

No. XV. About 55 yards beyond No. XIV and at 20 feet higher level is another dâgoba cave. The verandah has had four plain octagonal pillars, of which one is gone; at the ends are square pilasters with the same ornament as before. At each end of the verandah is a cell with a stone bench at the back.

Prof. Jacobi's No. 7 (ut. sup., p. 256.) Prof. Jacobi has remarked that the first six and ninth letters in this inscription differ considerably from the rest, and resemble those

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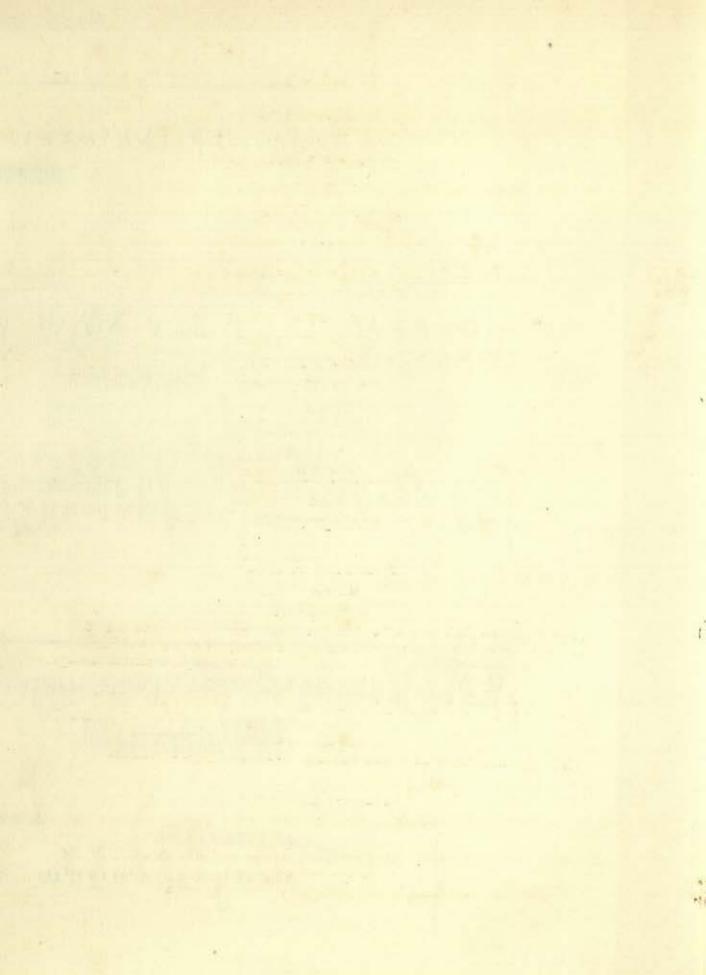




Nº 24

Scale to

N° 26 Scale 20



Inscription No. 231 in one long line on the left end and left of back walls near the roof. It is deeply cut on a smooth surface, and very distinct.

INSCRIPTION No. 23.

महाभोजे मंदवे कोछिपुते वेलीदतेअहिलस पुतस अधगछकस रामदतस देय धम चेतियघरो उपरको च भयाव स वेलीदताव देयधंमं उपरको

Sanskrit.

माहाभोजे मांडपे कौत्तीपुत्रे बेलिदत्तेहिरलस्य पुत्रस्य अर्धगच्छकस्य रामदत्तस्य देय धर्मश्रीयगृहमप्यरकश्च भाषीयाश्च [स?] वेलीदत्तायाश्च देयधर्मीप्यरकः॥

Translation.

"The meritorious gift of a Chêtiyaghara and cell' by Râmadata the Adhagachhaka, the son of Ahila, when Velîdata, son of Kochî, was Mahâbhoja Mandava; and by his wife Velîdatâ the meritorious gift of a cell."

Remarks.

Ahila may be Sanskrit Abhîra, as in early times they were spread over this part of the country, and as testified by an inscription at Nâsik, they were even powerful. Their proper names, like the two mentioned here, often ended in data. But it may, also, be a diminutive ahi, 'snake,' and an equivalent of Sapila (Sarpila) in No. 5.

Adhagachhaka is the name of a religious sect. The Jainas are divided into

gachhas.

A wide doorway in the centre leads into the shrine containing a plain dâgoba of which the abacus is against the roof. There are traces of plaster on the walls and roof, and of painting on the columns.

The next four caves are about 30 feet above the level of No. XV, and in a position between XIV and XV but further back towards the summit of the hill, and are here numbered from left to right as an upper range. No. XVI has a tank with good water to the left of the entrance to the court; and another to the right. Both tanks have inscriptions Nos. 24 and 26 on the backs of their recesses. The court is plain, with a low bench across the front of the cave, which consists of an oblong chamber with door and window, and a bench or bed at the left end. Between the door and window is inscription No. 25, very deeply cut and distinct. A door near the left end of the chamber leads into a cell with a bench in its left side. There are traces of plaster on the walls of the chamber and cell.

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¹ Jacobi's No. 8 (u. s., p. 256).

² The connexion between the anusvara and the ma is a flaw or break on the surface of the stone.

³ Regarding bhayava and Velidatava see Prof. Jacobi's remarks, ut sup.

⁴ Uyaraka, Sans. apavaraka.

⁵ Sans. Ardhagachlaka. ⁶ Sans. Abhîra(?). ⁷ Sans. Vairidattâ(?). ⁸ Sans. Kautsî.

INSCRIPTION No. 24.

सं च आंतिवासिनीय बोधिय

Sanskrit.

सर्वं चान्तेवासिन्या बोध्याः॥

The last line only is deeply cut, the others are peeled off and decayed: a hu below the last line but one suggests the name Venhu (Vishnu). In the last we have "and all, of the female disciple Bodhi."

INSCRIPTION No. 25.1

सिधं घेराण भयत विजयाण आतिवासिणिय पवइतिकाय सिपलाय देयधंमं लेण सह सा लोहिताहि वेण्हुयाहि स[ह] च आतिवासिणिय वोधिय

Sanskrit.

सिद्धम् स्थविराणां भदन्त विजयानामन्तेवासिन्याः भव्रजितिकायाः सर्पिलाया देयधर्मो लयनं सह सा लेहिताभिविष्णुकाभिः सह च अन्तेवासिन्या बोध्या ॥

Translation.

"To the Perfect! The meritorious gift of a Lena by the nun Sapilâ, the female disciple of Thera Bhayanta Vijaya, with Lohitâ and Venhuyâ, and her (Sapila's) female disciple Bodhî."

Remark.

As Lohitâ and Vehņuyâ are in the plural majestatis, they may have been fellow-disciples with Sapilâ, or perhaps relations.

INSCRIPTION No. 26.5

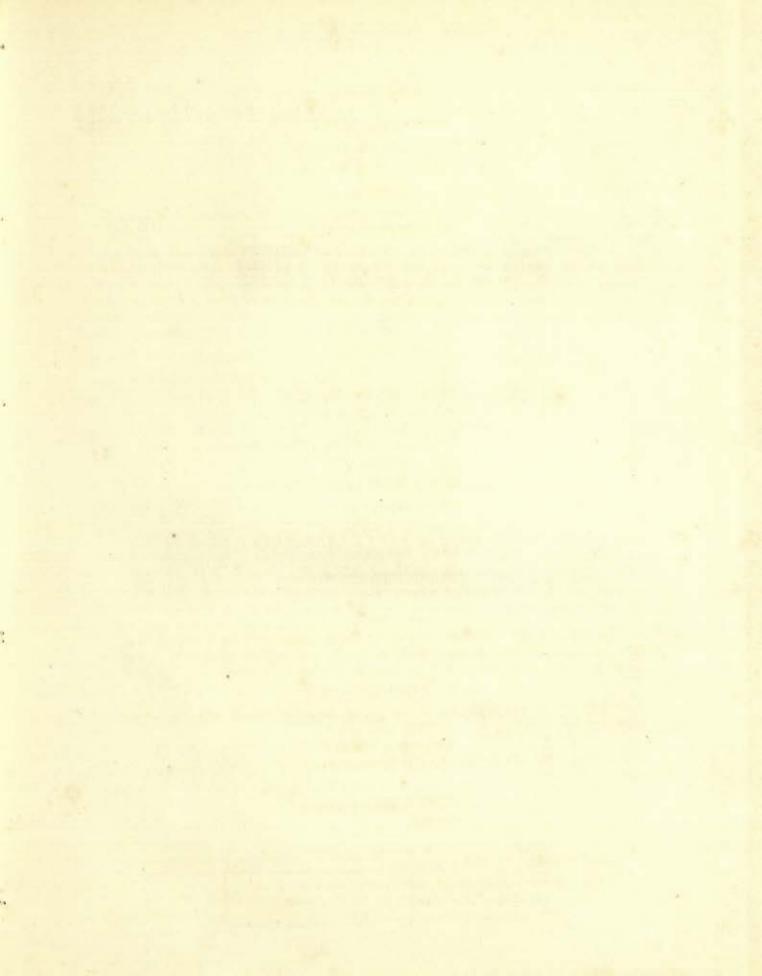
This has been deeply cut, but is weather-worn and broken, though fairly distinct.

मालाकारस मुगुदा.....[दे] यधंम पोदि

Jacobi's No. 9 (u. s., p. 256.) ² Sans. Sarpilâ.

³ Sans. Vishnuka. Dr. Bühler proposes, "with her venerable kinswoman Venhuya."

Prof. Jacobi had already remarked this (Ind. Ant., vol. VII., p. 256).
 This is Prof. Jacobi's No. 10 (u. s., p. 256-7).



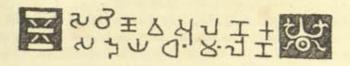
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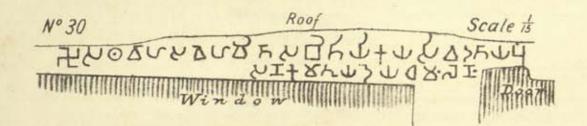
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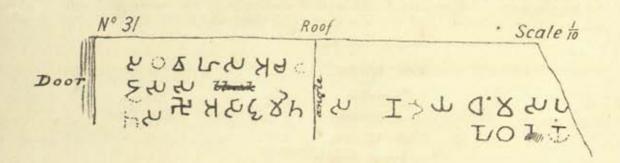
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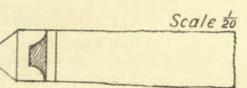


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Stone found lying in verandah of N°24 Cave. Square and all four sides alike.



Sanskrit.

मालाकारस्य मृगदा [सस्य] दे यधर्मः प्राहेः ॥

Translation.

"The meritorious gift of a cistern by the gardener Mugudâ(sa)."

No. XVII. About 7 feet beyond the tank to the right of this last, and on the same level as that cave, is No. XVII, very like the last, only with a very large window to the left of the door. The doors have no sockets. Traces of plaster on the walls. The right end of the verandah is broken into that of the next cave. Inscription No. 27° is on the back wall of the front chamber close to the ceiling and to the left of the cell door (see 8th plate). It has been deeply cut on a smooth surface, but much of it is peeled off.

INSCRIPTION No. 27.

After the first letters we can read-

कोट स्वामिपुतस गृह[प]तिणो सथबाहस नागस लेणं देयधंम

Sanskrit.

......स्वामिपुत्रस्य गृहपतेः सार्थवाहस्य नागस्य छयनम् देवधर्भः॥
Translation.

"The meritorious gift of a lena by Någa, the trader and householder whoson of Svåmi......"

Remark.

Sathavâha, Sans. Sârtha-vâha, is 'a great merchant,' 'leader of a caravan,' and is often applied to a ship-owner or trader.

No. XVIII is close to, and on the same level as, the last, but there is no bench or step up into the verandah, which is therefore 1 foot lower. The door is between two large open windows, and there is a bench at the left end. The cell at the back, towards the right end, has had a large window, now broken into the door, and a bench at the back. Both doors have sockets. There are traces of plaster on the walls. Inscription No. 28 is on the back wall of the verandah to the left, and close under the roof³ it is deeply cut and distinct.

INSCRIPTION No. 28.

सेठिणी वसुल्लाक स देयधंमं लेण

Sanskrit.

श्रेष्ठिना वसुलणक-स्य देयधर्मो लयनम्॥

Translation.

"The meritorious gift of a cave (lena) by Vasulanaka, the merchant (sethi)."

¹ Sans. Mrigadâsa.

Jacobi's No. 11 (ibid, p. 257); his copy, however, was defective.

Jacobi's No. 12 (ibid, p. 257); but his copy was imperfect.

No. XIX is close to XVIII; court 13 feet wide, plain, and at 1 foot 6 inches higher level than the last; verandah 14' 9" by 6' 6" like No. XVII; door to right and large window to left, with rough square pillar between them. At the left end a passage 3' 9" wide leads back with a recessed bed 6' 2" by 2' 3" on the right side. To the right a door in the back leads into a cell 6' 9" square, with a recessed bench at the back, 4' 8" long. Both doors have sockets: traces of plaster on the walls.

No. XX is about 57 yards further and at 10 feet higher level; difficult of access; front of verandah gone, and most of the back wall, which has had a door in the centre and a window to the left of it opening into a small square room.

No. XXI is about 27 yards further and 5 feet higher than No. XIX. The court is plain and the verandah has two roughly hewn square pillars. A doorway in the middle of the back wall leads into an unfinished chamber, with a square mass in the centre of the back wall and, being worked out on both sides, was probably intended for a dâgoba. To the left of the entrance is a tank choked up with inscription No. 29, on the back of the recess; it has been deeply cut, but is weather-worn.

INSCRIPTION No. 29.

सेठिणो वसुलणकस देयधम पे।ढि

Sanskrit.

श्रेष्ठिनो वसुलणकस्य देयधर्मः पहिः॥

Translation.

"The meritorious gift of a cistern by Vasulanaka, the merchant."

No. XXII close to the last and at 3 feet lower level; division of the courts broken; bench at left side of the court. A door to the right and window to the left are now broken into one. Inside is a chamber with a bench at the back. Between this and the next is a tank in a recess with good water.

No. XXIII. Just beyond the tank and at same level as the last is a cave with central door and two large windows. At the back of the outer oblong room is a nearly square one, with door and window and a recessed bench at the back. Over the left-hand window is inscription No. 30, cut on a rough surface,

INSCRIPTION No. 30.

सथवाहस वेहमितस वितियिकम सिवदताय पु-सणकमातुय देयधम लेणं Sanskrit.

सार्थवाहस्य वेशमित्रस्य द्वितीयकायाः शिवदत्तायाः पु-व्यणकमार्तुदेयधर्मो लयनम् ॥

¹ The mi is badly formed and the â after ta is perhaps only a indentation on the rough surface of the rock; in bitikuya read °kâya.

Translation.

"The meritorious gift of a cave by Sivadata, the mother of Pasanaka," and second (daughter or wife) of Vehamita, the trader."

Remark.

Bitiyika, Sans. dvitîyakâ, 'the second,' probably means the wife or second person in the household, or possibly daughter.

No. XXIV is 12 feet further on and at 4 feet higher level. It is similar to the last, only the front room or verandah is broken in, and the recessed bench is on the right of the inner cell. Inscription No. 31 is to the right of the door and partly on the right end: it is much weather-worn and indistinct.

Inscription No. 31.

सठवाह्स अच[ल]

दासस

असाळामितस [ले]णं देयधंम सह तसम्म्यायो देय

Sanskrit.

सार्थबाहस्य अचल-

दासस्य

अघादमित्रस्य लयनं देयधर्मः सह

तस.....पाठ देयो॥

Translation.

"From the trader Achaladâsa's son Asâlamita, the meritorious gift of a cave and a path (?)."

Remark.

After odåsasa a pu seems to be omitted, and in the middle of the 3rd line a le after sa.

No. XXV is close adjoining and at the same level. The front of the verandah is gone; bench at left end; large open window and door in back wall leading into a chamber with recessed bench at the back.

No. XXVI adjoins; verandah broken into from the last; bench at right end of ruined verandah; window and door at the back enter a small plain chamber.

Lêna, Sans. layanam, 'an abode,' among Bauddha caves, a residence for Bhikshus. The other description of cave is the chaityagriha, which contained a dâgoba and was used for worship only. Later in the history of Buddhism when Lênas came to be made very large, a dâgoba, with the dharmachakra and sinha on either side of it (as in Caves III and VIII at Nâsik), were carved on the wall, or were set into a separate cell or shrine as at Bagh. From the fifth or sixth century, the Mahâyâna sect introduced colossal images of Buddha into the shrines of the lênas, or vihâras. The root vihri means to 'walk about,' go apart,' and the term vihâra was applied to large monastic halls, where the monks

could walk about, to which they betook themselves for the rains, or, perhaps, the name arose from the legends invented respecting Buddha's having visited and walked about in the locality of each monastery. These vihâras served the double purpose of being temples for the images of Buddha and places of abode for the Bhikshus. On this plan the Nepâl monasteries are now formed: but the word vihâra does not seem to have been in general use before the sixth century A. D.

Gandakûti is a small apartment for an image of Buddha only, but with no accommodation for a monk.

Sangharama is analogous to the Jaina dharmaśalas at their great tirthas, having a temple and residences for Bhikshus and Śrâvakas when the great sanghas or pilgrimages visited them. Nothing of this sort, however, now remains in connection with any of the caves of Western India.

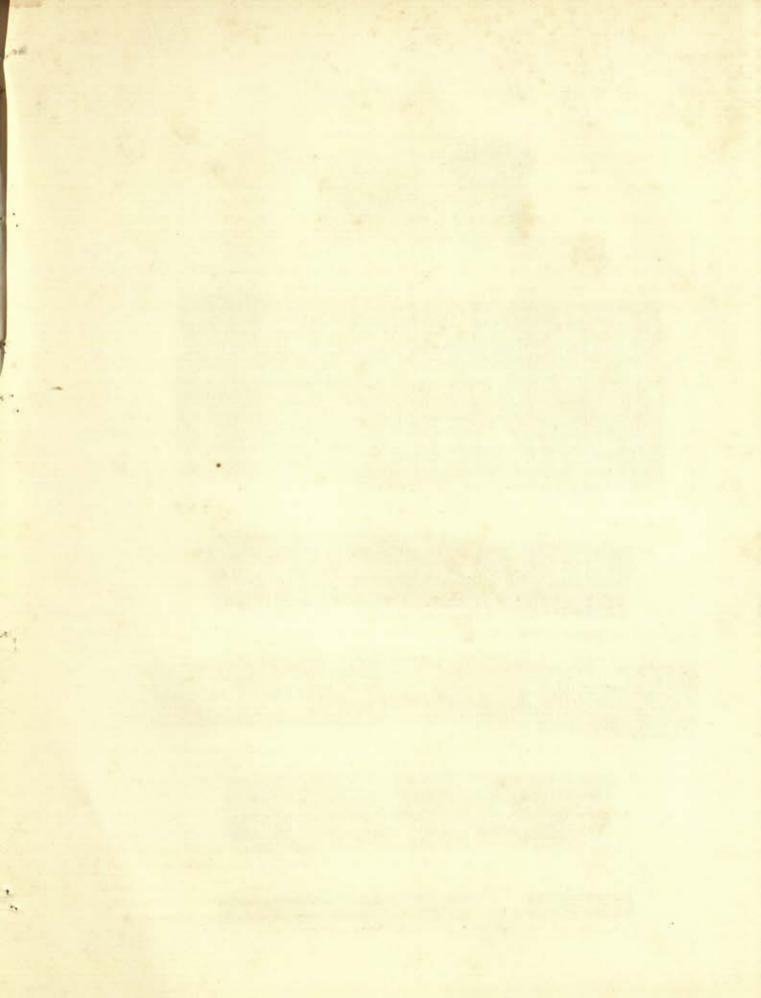
2.—BHAJA CAVES AND THEIR INSCRIPTIONS.

The small group of caves at Bhaja, about a mile south of the railway, or three miles south of the Karlê caves, are cut in a low spur of the hill which is crowned by Isapur fort.

The whole of the caves seem to have been the work of the Hînayâna sect, and do not appear to have been altered by the Mahâyânas of later times. The Chaitya-cave is of a very early type, and has had a wooden front. There are no inscriptions upon it. To the east of it are several ruined vihâras,—none of them large, nor with pillars in their halls,—and the only carving in them are 'Chaitya arches' over the cell doors and string courses of 'rail pattern' connecting them, after the style of Cave XII at Ajanţâ. To the west is a group of fourteen dâgobas cut out of the solid rock; those in front are exposed, but the five behind are under the rock, and in some cases their capitals are joined to it. Several of these have inscriptions, much weather-worn and abraded, which the Pandit has deciphered pretty completely.

Still further west, a small vihâra cave was discovered, and excavated in December 1879. The verandah had a half-arch roof, ribbed, and with dâgobas and Caryatides alternately, arranged along the upper part of the back wall, which is pierced below by two doors and a latticed window. There is also a cell at the right end of the verandah, on each side the door of which and extending along part of the front wall is a large scene carved in low relief, in which are numerous figures; to the right of the cell door elephants and wild beasts, sacred trees, human figures, both male and female, some with short broad swords, one female with a horse or ass's head, &c. On the left side, female demons of hideous proportions seem to be carrying off a chariot and its occupants.

To the left of the window a small square stone seat was carved, but is much broken. On each side the central door, and to the left of the side door is a dwarapala, also in low relief, with very rich turban, necklaces, bracelets, &c. That on the right holds a bow; the one between the doors (much injured) held two spears; the figure was much damaged and the stone cracked before excavation, but shortly afterwards some mischievous person pushed or knocked it out and destroyed it. The third, to the left, holds two spears with barbed heads. In the left end of the verandah is a small recess, with a pillar and two pilasters in



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front. The capitals of the pillar and right side pilaster (the left one is broken) are carved with a sort of centaurs or sphinxes, having the bodies of cows or buffaloes, and human female busts. This recess is raised from the floor, and the plinth below is carved with numerous figures executed with much minuteness, and all in a very early style of sculpture.

Inside is a square room with a bench along the left side, over which are two low recesses, and two loftier panels carved each with an armed man. These recesses and panels are each surmounted by a Chaitya arch, projecting well forward. On the back and right side are two cells, and between their doors are recesses also, either for moveable images, or, possibly, for setting vessels and utensils in. All four walls are carved with 'Chaitya arches' connected by string courses of 'rail pattern.'

Altogether, this cave is one of the most curious, and apparently most ancient vihâra cave in Western India, and thus tends to support the theory I put forth some years ago, that the Bhâjâ caves were not, as had been previously suggested,

an offshoot from those of Kârlê, but quite an earlier foundation.

The inscriptions are only eight in all, short, and of little immediate historical importance, though they may yet turn out to have connections with others. The first is in the more ancient form of characters; the second is of a later date, the alphabet bearing a near resemblance to that used by the Andhrabhrityas.

INSCRIPTION No. 1.

Over a cell door in Cave XVII, west of the Chaitya-cave. It is a good deal mutilated, but pretty legible 2:—

नडसवस नायस भोगवतस गाभी दानं Sanskrit. नटश्वस्य ज्ञातस्य भोगवतस्य गर्भी दानम्॥

Translation.

"The gift of a cell from Nådasava, a Nåya of Bhogavati."

Remarks.

Nāya is the name of a caste, otherwise known as Jñâta. Bhogavaiasa—'a native of Bhogavatî.'

tånamdåtasa dayyådamåpåda, and translates it: "The righteous gift of a symbol and vehicle of the purified Såka Såka Sakra or Indra), the resting place of the giver."—J. B.

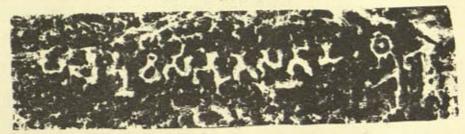
² The photozincograph of these inscriptions (9th plate) is not quite satisfactory. The first letter looks like ना and भोगवतस like भागततस. The actual readings have been ascertained by an inspection of the original.

¹ Two of the Bhâjâ inscriptions (our Nos. 2 and 8) were copied by the late Professor L. W. Westergaard, and Nos. 1 and 2 by M. D'Ochoa, in 1844, and given to Dr. J. Bird, who gave what he believed to be translations of them (J. B. B. R. A. S., vol. I, pp. 439-443). No better specimens of the results of the ignorance and self-assurance of pedantry could well be produced. He seems to have allowed himself, like Dr. Inman, to be entangled by a theory as to what the inscriptions ought to say, and each word had to be taken up in a particular way and manipulated to suit his system. He claims to differ from Westergaard in his readings both of vowels and consonants, and then transliterates inscription No. 2 as—

Mahâratha sâkasâkâ pûtasâ

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Nº 8

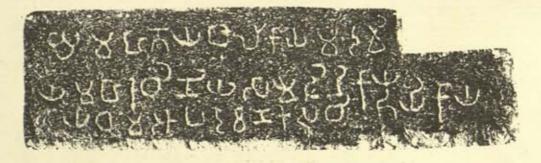


Bedsa Cave Inscriptions.

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Photozincographed, Covt. Office; Paona, 1880

INSCRIPTION No. 5.

On the base of the fourth dagoba, very indistinct :-

थेरानं भयंत संघदिनानं Sanskrit.

. स्थवराणां भदन्तसंघदत्तानां [स्तूपः] ॥

Translation.

"[The Thupo] of the venerable reverend Sanghadina.1"

INSCRIPTION No. 6.

On the capital of one of the dagobas in the second row, under the rock :-

No. 6.

थेरानं भयंत

Sanskrit.

स्थविराणां भदन्त ॥

Translation.

"The venerable reverend.""

INSCRIPTION No. 7.

Over the right-hand cell door in the back of the vihâra Cave No. VI, to the east of the Chaitya:—

बाधया [बोधिया] हालिक जयाया दानं

Sanskrit.

बोध्या हालिक जायाया दानम्॥

Translation.

"The gift of Bâdhâ (Bodhi), the ploughman's wife."

INSCRIPTION No. 8.

On the garbha or dome of the large dâgoba which stands first in the front row, much weather-worn and scarcely legible.

3.—THE INSCRIPTIONS AT BEDSA CAVES.

The Bedså caves are on the south side of the range of hills in which those of Bhåjå and Påtan are, and a few miles south-west from the Khadkålê railway station. Next to Bhåjå and Kondånë in age, the group is but a small one, and its special peculiarity is a vaulted vihåra. This vihåra is very much like a Chaitya cave, having an apsidal back; but it is low and has no pillars. The cells are arranged round the sides and back; have the chaitya-arch ornament over

Sanghadina is the Prâkrit for Sanghadatta.

^{*} This fills the line; the name of the Bhadanta has never been added.

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each; and pilasters of the antique pattern shewn in the accompanying plate, with a portion of the shaft cut away at the corners. Between these pilasters are grated windows of the pattern shewn in the drawing.1

There are only three inscriptions, of which two were copied by the late Professor Westergaard and interpreted by Dr. James Bird in his usual style; for he found no difficulty in getting Pali inscriptions to support an esoteric meaning in accordance with his theory.

INSCRIPTION No. 1.

Consisting of two lines on the rock behind a dagoba; weather-worn and the beginning of each line lost :-

..... य गोभूतिनं आरणकान पैण्डपातिकानं मारकुडवासीनं थुपो वासिना भतासाळाभितेन कारित

Sanskrit.

....गोभ्तीनामारण्यकानां पैण्डपातिकानां मारकृटवासीनां स्तूपःवासिना भट्टाषादमित्रेण कारितः॥

Translation.

"The Thûpo of Gobhûti, native of Mârakuda, an Aranaka (and) Pedapatika. Caused to be made by Asalamita Bhata,2 inhabitant of....."

Pedapâtikânam, Sans. pindapâtikânâm, is one who lives on alms, and is here used in the plural majestatis. Aranaka, Sans. aranyaka, a dweller in forests.3 Mârakuda, Sans. Mârakûta, the hill of Mâra, is perhaps the old name of that in which the Bedså caves are.

Bhata-must be bhatta-a warrior. The name of his birth-place is lost.

INSCRIPTION No. 2.

This consists of three lines, and is cut in the rock over a water cistern near the Chaitya, and tolerably distinct:-

महाभायवालिकाय मिहा दिवि-य महारिजिनय सामिडानिकाय दि यधम आपदेवणकस वितियिकाय-

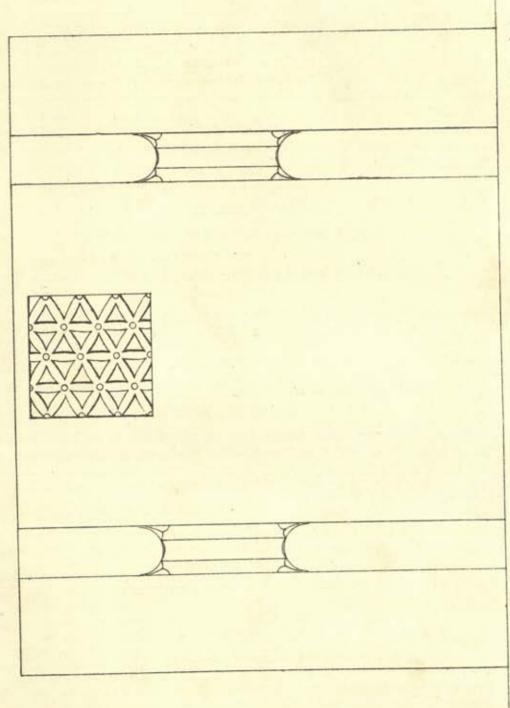
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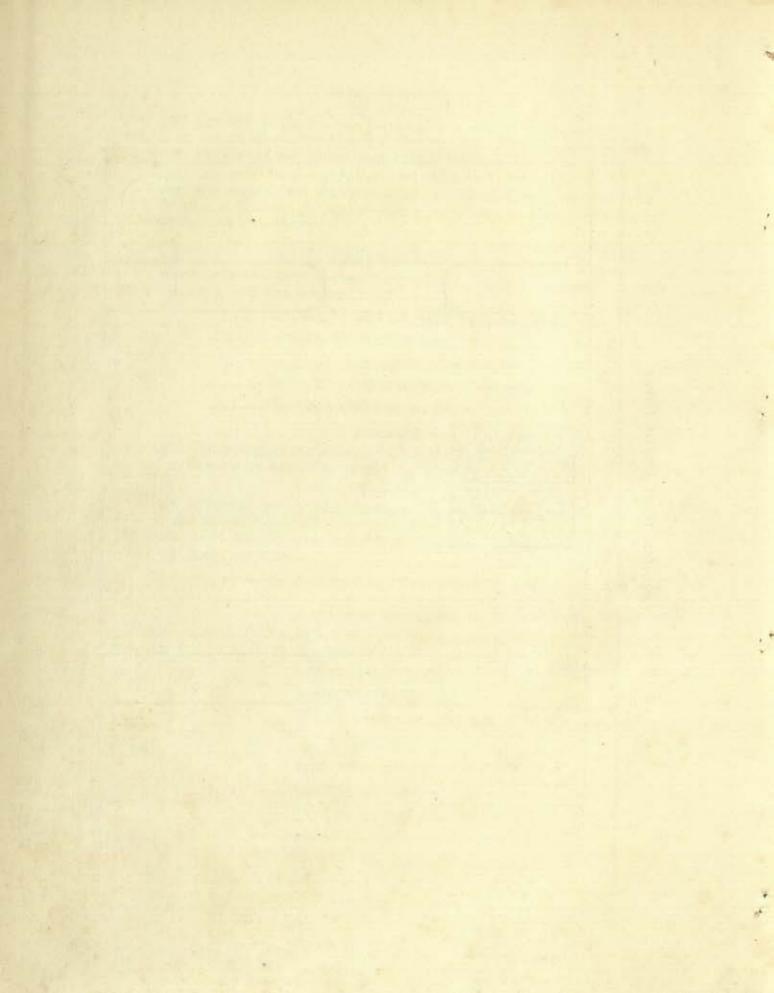
महाभोजवालिकाया महादेव्या महारथिन्याः सामहिनिकाया देयधर्म आपदेवणकस्य दितीयकायाः॥

¹ This plate is from the notes of the Messrs. West.

² Sans. Ashâdhamitra Bhatta;—Bhata is probably Sans. bhakta, 'devoted.'—G. B.

Gobhûti must have been rather a notable ascetic in the eyes of his countrymen, having a double title to sanctity.





Translation.

"The religious gift of Mahâbhoya's daughter (bâlikâ) Sâmaḍinikâ, the Mahâdêvî (or princess) Mahârathini and second wife of Âpadêvaṇaka.""

Remarks.

Madêvî is a mistake of the engraver's for Mahâdêvî. Mahâbhoya must have been a râja in this part of the country, whose daughter's name Sâmadinikâ may also be read Sâmesinikâ, but the third letter is more like di than si, and the second, if intended for me, is not regularly formed.

INSCRIPTION No. 3.

Over the door of a cell in the right end of the verandah of the Chaitya:—
नासिकान अनदस सेटिस पुतस पुसणकस दान-

Sanskrit.

नासिकस्यानन्दस्य श्रेष्ठिनः पुत्रस्य पुष्यणकस्य दानम् ॥

Translation.

"A gift of Pusaṇaka, son of Anada Sethi, inhabitant of Nâsik."

Remark.

The fourth letter looks like ta, but the sense requires us to read na, perhaps indicated by the last stroke being somewhat lengthened.

4.—THE INSCRIPTIONS IN THE BAUDDHA ROCK-TEMPLES AT KARLE.

The Rock-Temples of Kârlê are so well known and have been so often described that nothing need be added here respecting them. The carvings on the front wall of the great cave are manifestly of very various ages: those of Buddha and his attendants being evidently the latest. Whether the pairs of figures on each side the doors, and on the inside of the ends of the outer screen, are of the same age as the rest of the front is doubtful. Similar pairs are carved higher up on each end of the verandah, but they are carved in a much better style; and in the case of at least two of those below, we have

(though one hardly knows whether he meant the Devanagari spelling or the Roman to be followed, or why he makes them different). His translation is:—

"A righteous gift of a small offering to the moving power (body), the intellectual principal, the cherishing material body, the offspring of Manu, the precious jewel, the supreme heavenly one here."

By those who know as little of the language as Dr. Bird, any meaning apparently can be extracted from an inscription; and the publication of such stuff leads to sensible people entertaining doubts of all tanslations from languages like cunciform but little known.—J. B.

¹ This title may mean wife [or daughter] of a great warrior.

² Compare the above transcript and translation with those of Dr. J. Bird (J. B. B. R. A. S., vol. I., p. 441):—

Mahâtya palakaiyya manuva ya mahâratanayya sâmaddhinakaiyya dayâdhama upada manâkâsa vâtya kaiyya

³ Sans. Pushyanaka. ⁴ Sans. Ananda.

⁵ Conf. Dr. Bird's reading, J. B. B. R. A. S., vol. I., p. 440.

inscriptions stating that they were added by a Bhadanta or cleric,—whether whilst the excavation of the cave was going on or long after, we do not know.

The inscriptions, however, on the famous Chaitya-cave and its neighbouring monastic dwellings have never been translated. Dr. Stevenson and Dr. J. Wilson attempted one or two of the most prominent, but not with much success. Whilst camped in the neighbourhood in December 1879, Paṇḍit Bhagvanlâl Indrajî took fresh facsimiles of the whole series of twenty-two inscriptions, and transliterated them into Devanâgarî, then turned them verbatim into Sanskrit, and with his assistance in rendering them literally I have made the following English versions from his vernacular:—

INSCRIPTION No. 1.

On the left end of the verandah of the great Chaitya-cave, on a deep flat moulding over the heads of three large elephants:—

वेजयंतिता सेठिणा भूतपालेना सेलघरं परिनिठापेतं अबुदिपिन्ह्' उत्तम

Sanskrit.

वैजयन्तीतः श्रेष्ठिना भूतपालेन शैलगृहं परिनिष्ठापितं जम्बुद्वीप उत्तमन्॥ Translation.

"Sêth Bhûtapâla, from Vejayanti,2 has established a rock-mansion, the most excellent in Jambudvîpa."2

Remarks.

Vejayantità—vaijayantitaḥ—' from Vaijayanti'; seṭhi—śreshṭhin—is now usually applied only to merchants. But the original meaning of śreshṭhi is 'great, excellent, chief, best,' and so might be applied to any man of high rank.

On the opposite end of the verandah, facing this is the word *sidham*, in large letters, as if an inscription had been just begun, but never carried further than the invocation.

INSCRIPTION No. 2.

On the lion-pillar, or sinhastambha, on the left of the entrance :—
महारित गोतिपुत्रस अगिमित्रणकस सिह्थमी दान

Sanskrit.

महारथिनो गोतिपुत्रस्याग्निमित्रणकस्य सिंहस्तंभी दानम्॥

1 Read sigo.

² Dr. Bühler has suggested this rendering, and that the correct reading is doubtless vejayantito 'from Vejayanti,' as the fac-simile shows: Vaijayanti occurs both in Brahmanical and Jaina books as the name of a town on the coast of the Konkan (see Petersb. Dict. sub voce; and Mr. K. T. Telang's 'Kadamba Inscriptions,' J. B. B. R. A. S. vol. XII., p. 321). It is probably the Greek Byzantion.—G. Bühler.

³ This dedication is strikingly brief: this 'rock-mansion' is undoubtedly (Jambudipamhi uttama) 'the most excellent in Jambudvîpa'; but we wish the princely merchant had told us a little more of himself,—in whose reign he lived, or when.—J. B.

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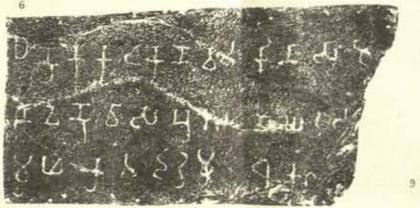
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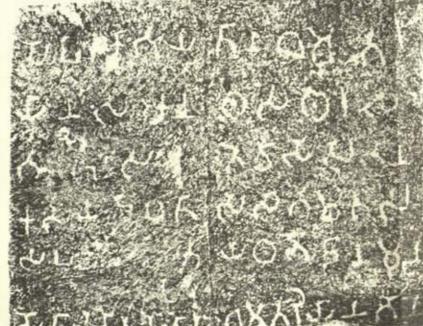
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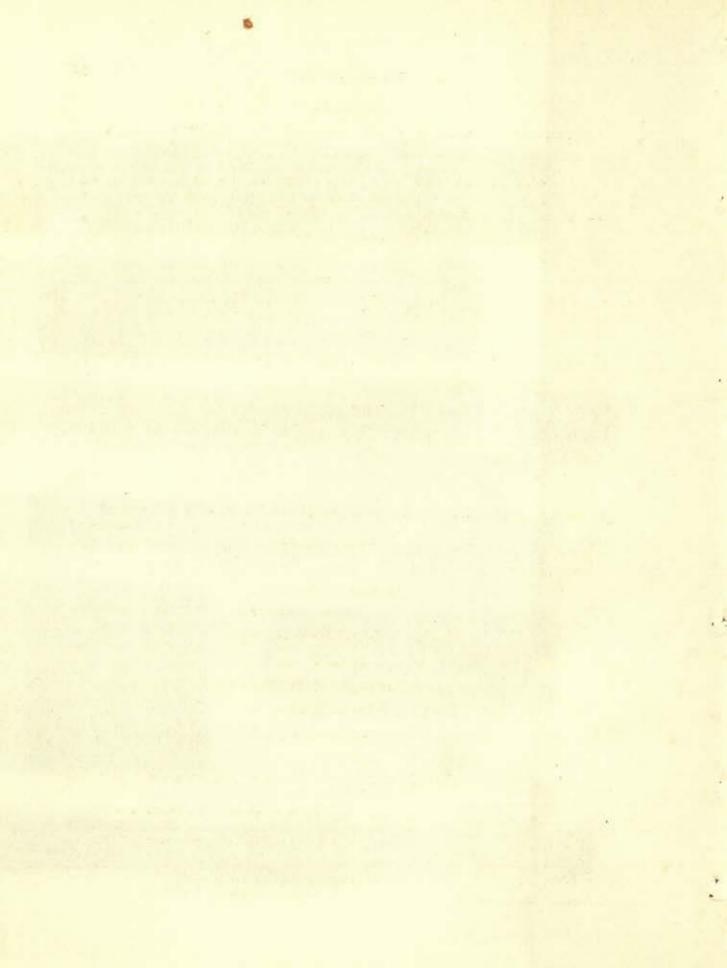












Translation.1

"From Agimitraṇaka, son of Goti, a great warrior, the gift of a lion-pillar."

Remarks.

Agimitranaka, Sans. Agnimitranaka: the syllable -naka, added to the name seems to have been a usual practice in those early times. In No. 5 we have Mahâdêvanaka for Mahâdêva, and in No. 8, Mitadêvanaka.

INSCRIPTION No. 3.

On the right end of the verandah below the feet of the elephants:— धेरानं भयंतइंददेवस हाथे च पुना दो इथिन च उपरिमा हेथिमा च नेथिकादानं

Sanskrit.

स्थिवराणां भदन्तेन्द्रदेवस्य[देवानां] हस्तिनी च पूर्वे ही हस्तिनां च उपरितना अधस्तना च वेदिकादानम् ॥

Translation.

"The gift of, first, two elephants, and above and below the elephants, a (rail-pattern) moulding, by the venerable reverend (bhadanta) Indadêva."

Remarks.

Over the plinth on which this inscription is, are three elephants, of which the first two, with the rail-pattern belt above and below, were the gift of this Bhadanta. The word vedi here used is applied in Sanskrit to an altar, seat, dais, &c., but in this place and elsewhere it evidently applies to bands or string-courses carved with the rail-pattern.

INSCRIPTION No. 4.

Over the right-hand side door into the Chaitya :-

धेनुकाकटा गंधिकस सिहदतस दानं घरमुघ

Sanskrit.

घेनुकाकटात् गन्धिकस्य सिंहदत्तस्य दानं गृहमुखम्॥

Translation.

"The gift of a door by Sihadata, a perfumer, from Dhenukakata."

¹ This inscription was translated by Dr. Stevenson: "The Chief Agimitra, son of the great king Bhoti, erected this lion-crowned pillar." J. B. B. R. A. S., vol. V., pp. 3, and 426, 427.

² Hathi seems to stand for hathi and to be nominative plural. As the plural might be used to denote the number three, the translation might thus be: 'Three elephants, and below and above the first two elephants, a moulding the gift of, &c'.—G. Bühler.

Sans. Indradêva.

^{&#}x27; It is perhaps from the root ve 'to weave, bind together' as a railing.

Sans. Sinhadatta.

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Remarks.

Gandhika is literally a dealer in perfumes, but in early times it was nearly equivalent to our modern druggist, for the perfumer, along with the perfumes he obtained from distant countries, had facilities for obtaining medicinal drugs also, and naturally added them to his stock in trade until he engrossed this part of the business of the vaidya, or physician, who would at first sell also the drugs he prescribed. Gharamugha, Sans. grihamukha, 'a façade,' implies also the architrave and sculpture round the door, with the arch above and its enclosed lattice work.

INSCRIPTION No. 5.

The upper inscription on a pillar of the open screen in front of the verandah:-

गहतस महदिव-णक्स मातु भायिलाया दानं

Sanskrit.

गृहस्थस्य महादेव-णकस्य मातुर्भाजिकाया दानम् ॥

Translation.

"The gift of Bhâyilâ', the mother of Mahâdêvaṇaka, a householder."

Remark.

Gahata may be a corruption of grihastha. The gift must be the pillar bearing this inscription.

INSCRIPTION No. 6.

On the same pillar, but lower down:-

धेणुकाकटकेण वढिकना सामि[के] ण वेणुवासपुतेण घरस मुघं कतं दारमुधुकस...

Sanskrit.

धेनुकाकटकेण वर्द्धकिना स्वामिकेन न विष्णुवासपुत्रेण गृहस्य मुखं कृतं द्वारमूर्द्धक...

Translation.

"Sâmika', son of Venuvâsa, a carpenter, a native of Dhenukâkata, made the doorway and......above the door."

The end of this inscription after the word dâramudhukasa is destroyed. The door referred to is perhaps that entering the Chaitya on the left, on which there is no inscription.

³ Sans. Bhrājilā. ² Sans. Svāmika. ³ Sans. Vishņuvāsa (or Veņuvāsa).—G.B.

INSCRIPTION No. 7.

On the fourth pillar inside the Chaitya on the left hand :-

धनुकाकटा यवनस सिह्धयान थंभी दान

Sanskrit.

धेनुकाकटायवनस्य सिंहधपानां[पस्य] स्तंभो दानम्॥

Translation.

"The gift of a pillar by Sihadhaya, a Yavana, from Dhenukakaṭa."

Remarks.

Sihadhaya's name is in the plural, while Yavana is singular, perhaps by a mistake of the engraver. Yona or Yavana, 'a Greek,'-probably an Indo-Baktrian, many of whom were converts to Buddhism.

INSCRIPTION No. 8.

On the shaft of the fifth pillar on the left or north side of the nave:-

सीपारका भयतान धमुतर-यान संमानयस थेरस [मा]-अंतेवासिस भान-कस नदापुतिस सातिामेतस सह [मातापि]तुय यभी दानमुलं Sanskrit.

शोर्पारकाद्भदन्तानां धर्मोत्तरी-यानां सन्मानार्थाय स्थविरस्य मा-तुलस्यान्तेवासिनो भागिनय-कस्य नन्दापुत्रस्य स्वातिमित्रस्य सह [मातापि]तृभ्यां स्तम्भदानमूल्यम्॥

Translation.

"The gift of the cost of a pillar by Sâtimita, from Sopâraka, out of respect for his maternal uncle the Bhadanta Dhamutaraya, by his (i.e., the Bhadanta's) disciple and sister's son Satimita, the son of Nanda, with his mother and father."

Remarks.

Soparaka, or Sorparaka, is Supara rear Bassein, of which the Bhadanta was

an inhabitant.

Samanathasa is in the genitive case, which is used in Prakrit for the Sanskrit dative sammanarthaya ' for respect to.' In Sanskrit sammanartham or sammanaya is used; but in Aśoka's inscriptions, supathaya (Sans. suparthaya) for soup,' 'for the purpose of soup,' is found; so here, the pillar is for the purpose of respect.

Bhanaka in Prakrit, bhagineyaka in Sanskrit, of which bhanaka is a corrup-

tion; in modern Gujarati, bhano is used.

This inscription is much obliterated, probably intentionally, and beneath it, in clear cut letters, is the following, of the same Satimita:-

¹ Sans. Sinhadhvaja.

² Sans. Svåtimitra.

INSCRIPTION No. 9.

सोपारका भयंतान श्रनुतिरयान भाण-कस सातिमितस

सप्तरीरो थभो दानं

Sanskrit.

शोपिरकाद्भदन्तानां धर्मोत्तरीयानां भागिने यस्य स्वातिभित्रस्य सशरीरः स्तरभो दानम्॥

Translation.

"The gift of a pillar containing relics, by Sâtimita from Sopâraka sister's son of Bhadanta Dhamutaraya."

Remarks.

There is a hole or receptacle cut for the purpose of holding a relic in the centre of a lotos carved on the front of the pillar just where the inscription ends. No other example like this has been noticed elsewhere.

INSCRIPTION No. 10.

On the shaft of the third pillar on the same side :-

धेनुकाकटा

धंमयवनस

Sanskrit.

धनुकाकटात् धर्मयवनस्य ॥

Translation.

" (The gift) of Dhama, a Yavana from Dhenukakata."

Remark.

Here we have a Yavana with the Indian name of Dhama or Dharma.

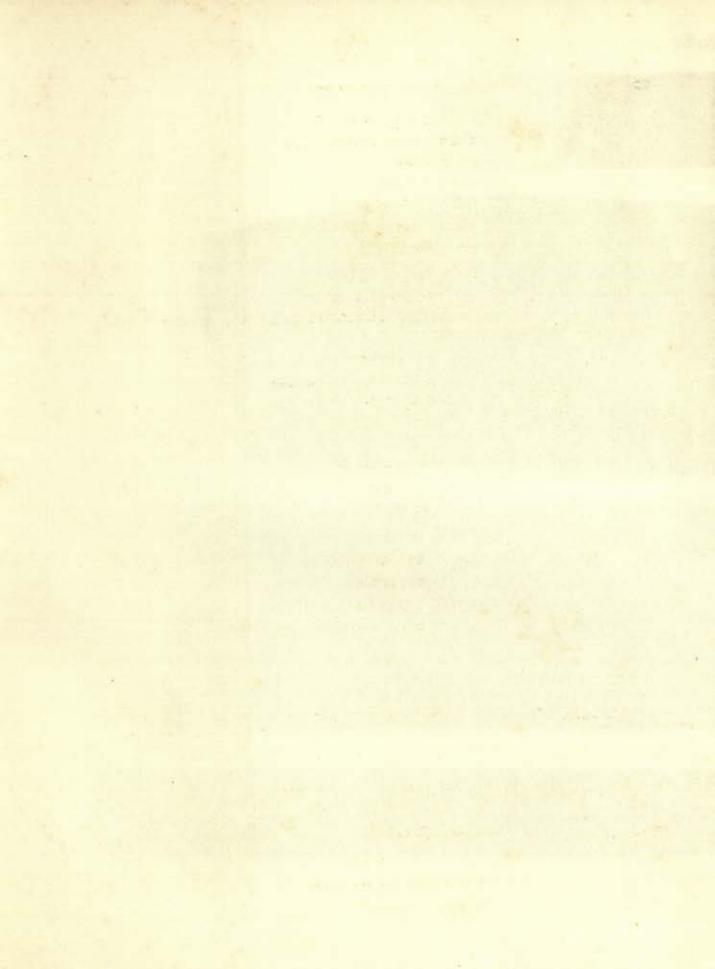
Dhenukâkaṭa—now Dharanikoṭa near Amarâvati on the Kṛishṇâ, the old capital of the Ândhras. It is frequently mentioned in the cave inscriptions.

INSCRIPTION No. 11.

On the shaft of the seventh pillar on the left side :-धेनुकाकटा उसभदतपुतस मितदे-बणकस यभो दानं

Sanskrit.

घेनुकाकठादृषभदत्तपुत्रस्य मित्रदे-वणकस्य स्तम्भो दानम्॥



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Translation.

"The gift of a pillar by Mitadêvanaka1, son of Usabhadata2 from Dhenukâkata." INSCRIPTION No. 12.

On the inner face of the gallery :-

असाढमिताये भिखाणि[ये]....

Sanskrit.

अषाटामित्राया भिक्षण्याः...

Translation.

" (Gift) of Asadhamita3, a nun....."

Remark.

This must refer to the belt of rail pattern just under the inscription. Some letters at the end of the line are destroyed-probably veyi (or vedika) danam, ' gift of the rail.'

INSCRIPTION No. 13.

On the upper frieze to the right of the central door of the Chaitya and outside :-

[1] सिधं रवा खहरातस खतपस नहपानस ज्ञामातरा दिनिकपुतेन उसभदातेनात्र-

- [2] गोसतसहसदेण नदिया बणासयं सुवण[ति]रथकरेण [देवा]ण ब्रह्मणानं च सोळस गा-
- [3] मदे[न] पभासे प्ततिथे ब्रह्मणाणं अठभायाप[देण]गावसापि त्रिसतसहसं
- [4] दापयिता बलूरकेसु छेणवासान पवजितान चातुदिससघस
- [5] यापणय गामो करिनको दतो सवानं[व]सावासितानं.

Sanskrit.

- [1] सिद्धम् । राज्ञः क्षहरातस्य क्षत्रपस्य नहपानस्य जामात्रा दिनीकपुत्रेण ऋषभ दत्तेन त्रि-
- [2] गोश्चतसहस्रदेन नद्मां वार्णशायां सुवर्णतीर्थकरेण देवेभ्यो ब्राह्मणेभ्यश्च घोडशप्रा-
- [3] मदेन प्रभासे पूततीर्थे ब्राह्मणेम्यो ऽष्टी भार्यापदेन गवां चापि त्रिशतसहस्त्रं
- [4] दापायित्रा बलूरकेषु लयनवासीनां प्रवृज्जितानां चातुर्दिशसंघाय
- [5] यापनार्थं ग्रामः करनिको दत्तः सर्वेषां [व]र्षावासिनाम् ॥

Translation.

"To the Perfect. Usabhadata, son of Dinika and son-in-law of the King Khaharâta Khatapa Nahapâna, the giver of 300,000 cows,-having given gold, and being a visitor to the têrtha at the Banasa river"; the giver of sixteen villages to gods and Brâhmans; at the holy place Pabhasa the giver of eight wives to Brahmans; and who caused 300,000 cows to be given; and who at Valuraka

² Sans. Rishabhadatta.

4 Sans. Rishabhadatta.

6 Instead of gâvasâpi I read (a) nuvasam pi and translate, "who caused annually three hundred thousand (pieces of money) to be distributed." Nasik inscription No. 17 reads

anuvarsham brahmanasatasahasribhajapayitra.-G. Bühler.

¹ Sans. Mitradêvanaka.

³ Sans. Ashādhamitrā.

⁵ This conjecture tirathakarena is not a very probable one, as tiratha is a modern form and not used in the old Prakrits. Probably the ra of ratha is a mistake for ti. The explanation of the word suvanatithakarena is furnished by Nasik inscription No. 17, where Usavadáta calls himself nadydm barnásydm suvarnadánatírthakara, which in my opinion means 'the founder of a Tirtha and giver of a gift of gold on the river Banas'; or 'the founder of a Tirtha by means of a gift of gold.'-G. Bühler.

gave the village of Karajaka to the sangha of ascetics from the four quarters residing in the lena, all dwelling there for the support during the rainy season."

Remarks.

Khaharâta Khatapa Nahapâna, Sans. Kshaharâta Kshatrapa Nahapâna— Khaharâta must have been Nahapâna's family name.

A Banasa river is in northern Gujarat, flowing from the base of Abu into the Ran of Kachh, and another in eastern Rajputana, flowing in the Chambal.

Prabhâsa-tîrtha is Somanâtha Paṭṭana, still known as Prabhâsa Pâṭaṇa. The 'giving of wives to eight Brâhmaṇs' means that he gave a money donation sufficient to defray the marriage expenses of so many. It is still a custom for wealthy persons to pay the kanyâdâna of poor Brâhmaṇs, giving a sum of money sufficient to defray the marriage expenses of a daughter, and on the marriage day the donor 'gives away' the girl to her husband.

Whom Usabhadata "caused to give " (dâpayitâ) 300,000 cows is not said: apparently, he did not give them himself.

Valûraka appears to be the ancient name of the monastic establishment at Kârlê. It occurs in the next two inscriptions also, and is in the plural majestatis; so also at Nâsik we have Triraśmishu (No. 17, l. 3, in Tr. Int. Cong. Orien., p. 327).

Karajika, the village given to the monastery has not been indentified: It may be Karanj close to Bedså.

INSCRIPTION No. 14.

To the left of the central door and over the sculptures :-

- [1] रत्नी वासिठियुत्तस सामिसिरि [पुळुमायिस] सवछरे सतमे ७ गिम्हपंखे पचमे ५
- [2] दिवसे पथमे १ एताय पुवाय ओखळिकयान महारिटस कीसिकपुतस मितदेवस पुतेन
- [3] [म]हारथिना वासिठिपुतेन सामदेवेन गामी दती वलुरकासघस बलुरकलेनान सकरा[र]करी[र]सदेय Sanskrit.
- [1] राज्ञो वासिष्ठीपुत्रस्य स्वामिश्रीपुळुमाविनः संवस्सरे सप्तमे ७ ग्रीष्मपक्षे पञ्चमे ५
- [2] दिवसे प्रथमे १ एतस्यां पूर्वस्यां[तियौ] औत्त्वलकीयानां महारायेनः कौ क्रिकी पुत्रस्य मित्रदेवस्य पुत्रण
- [3] महारथिना वासिष्ठीपुत्रेण सोमदेवेन ग्रामो दत्तः वलूरकसङ्घाय वलूरकलयनानां संस्कारकारणाय देय एषः ॥

Translation.

"King (rāno) Vāsiṭhîputa, the illustrious lord (sāmisiri) [Pulumāyi] in the year seventh (7), of summer the fifth (5) fortnight, and first (1) day. On that day Somadêva, a great warrior, the son of Vasiṭhî and of Mitadêva the son of Kosikî, a great warrior of the Okhalakiyas,¹ gave a village to the sangha of Valuraka. This gift is for the repairs of the Valuraka Lenas."

¹ The construction of this sentence will be clearer if we put the mothers' names as epithets of their sons, thus: "On that day, the great warrior, Vasithîputa Somadêva, son of the great warrior of the Okhalakiyas, Kosikîputa Mitadêva, gave a village to the sangha at Valuraka."

Remarks.

This inscription is somewhat broken: the name of Pulumâyi is gone, but the space left and the name of Vâsithîputa before it, renders it almost certain that this is the name wanting.

The mention of the 5th fortnight of Grishma shows that the year was not divided into six seasons (ritu) but into three—Grishma, Varsha, and Hemanta.

Authalakiya or Okhalakiya must be a clan or sept name.

INSCRIPTION No. 15.

Over the male and female figures to the right of the right-hand side door. The characters used seem rather later, if anything, than those in the preceding inscription:—

भदसमस भिखुस देयधम भियून

Sanskrit.

मद्रसमस्य भिक्षोर्देयधर्मे। मिथुनम् ॥

Translation.

"Gift of a pair by the Bhikshu Bhadasama."

INSCRIPTION No. 16.

This faces the last, being over another pair of figures on the inner side of the right end of the outer screen or front of the verandah:—

भदसमस भिखुस देयधम मिथून

Sanskrit.

भद्रसमस्य भिक्षोर्देयधर्मी मिथुनम्॥

Translation.

"Gift of a pair by the Bhikshu Bhadasama."

INSCRIPTION No. 17.

On a piece of rail-pattern carving below the sculptures to the left of the central door:-

...[स]मणाय मातुय दानं वेयिका

Sanskrit.

...श्रमणाया मातुर्दानं वेदिकाः॥

The beginning of this inscription is destroyed; what is left reads,—" the gift of a vêdikâ by the mother of Samaṇā."

INSCRIPTION No. 18.

Low down and to the right of the central door of the Chaitya:-

कोडिय भिखुणिय घुणिकमातु नेयिका दाण नदिकेन क[त]

² Sans. Sramanâ.

Sanskrit.

कोड्या भिक्षुण्या घूणिकमातुर्वेदिका दानम् । नन्दिकेन कृता ॥

Translation.

"The gift of a vêdikâ (rail ornament) by the nun Kodî, mother of Ghuṇika. Made by Nadika."

Inscription No. 20.2

In the most northerly upper Cave, No. XII:-

- [1] सिघं रनो वासिठिपुतस सिरिपुळिमाविस सवछरे चतुविसे २४ हेमतान पंखे तातिये ३ दिवसे वि-
- [2] तिये २ उपासकत हरफरणत सेतफरण पुत्तस्य सोवसकस्य अबुळामाय वयबस्य इम देयधम मटपो-
- [3] नवगभ महासाधियान परिगहे सचे चतुादेसे दिनं मातापितुन पुजासवसतान हितसुघस्ठतय एकविसस
- [4] वछरे निठितो सहत च मे पुन बुधरिवतेन मातर चस्य उपासकय बुधरिवतस मातु देयधम पाथी अनी

Sanskrit.

- [1] सिद्धम् । राजो वासिष्ठीपुत्रस्य श्रीपुळिमावेः संवत्सरे चतुर्विशे २४ हैमन्तानां पक्षे तृतीय ३ दिवसे हि-
- [2] तीये २ उपासकस्य हरकरणस्य सेतकरणपुत्रस्य सोवसकस्य अबुलामायां वास्तव्यस्यायं देयधर्ममण्डपी
- [3] नवगर्भः महासंधिकानां परिग्रहे संघे चातुर्दिशे दत्तः मातापित्रोः प्रजासर्वसःवानां हितसुलस्थितये एकविशे सं-
- [4] वत्सरे निष्ठितः सहितं च मे पुर्नबुद्धरक्षितेन मात्रा चास्य उपासिकया । बुद्धरक्षितस्य मातुँदयधर्मः पायोऽन्यः॥

Translation.

"To the Perfect! The king Vasithaputa, the illustrious (siri) Pulimavi, in the year (of his reign) twenty-four (24), in the third (3) fortnight of the winter (hemanta) months, the second (2) day. This meritorious gift of a nine-celled mandapa by the (Upasaka) layman Harapharana, son of Setapharana, a Sovasaka, native of Abulama, for the possession of the sangha of the Mahasanghas from the four quarters. For the continuance in welfare and happiness of father and mother and all people and living things. Established in the twenty-first year, and with me Budharakhita and his mother an Upasika. And in addition the meritorious gift of another passage by the mother of Budharakhita."

Remarks,

The language of this important inscription differs from that usually employed and the varieties of spelling remind us of what occurs on the Kshatrapa coins;

1 Sans. Nandika.

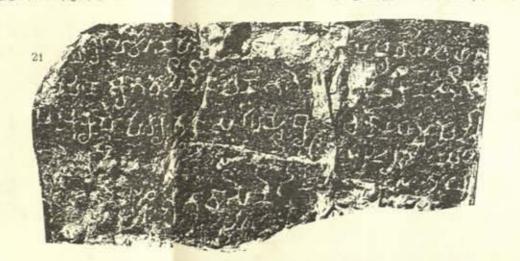
² Inscription No. 19—just over an image of Buddha which has been inserted at a later date between the central and right-hand door of the Chaitya-cave—is not yet ready. It is of the 19th year of Vâsishṭhîputra's time, and records a benefaction to the Bhikshus by the tâlukdâr of Mâmala—the modern Mâwal.

³ Harapharana and Setapharana are clearly two Persian names. The former corresponds with the Greek Horophernes or Holophernes. The latter part of both -pharana is the Persian frana, 'lord.' Seta is perhaps the ancient khshaeta and the modern shid.—G. Bühler.

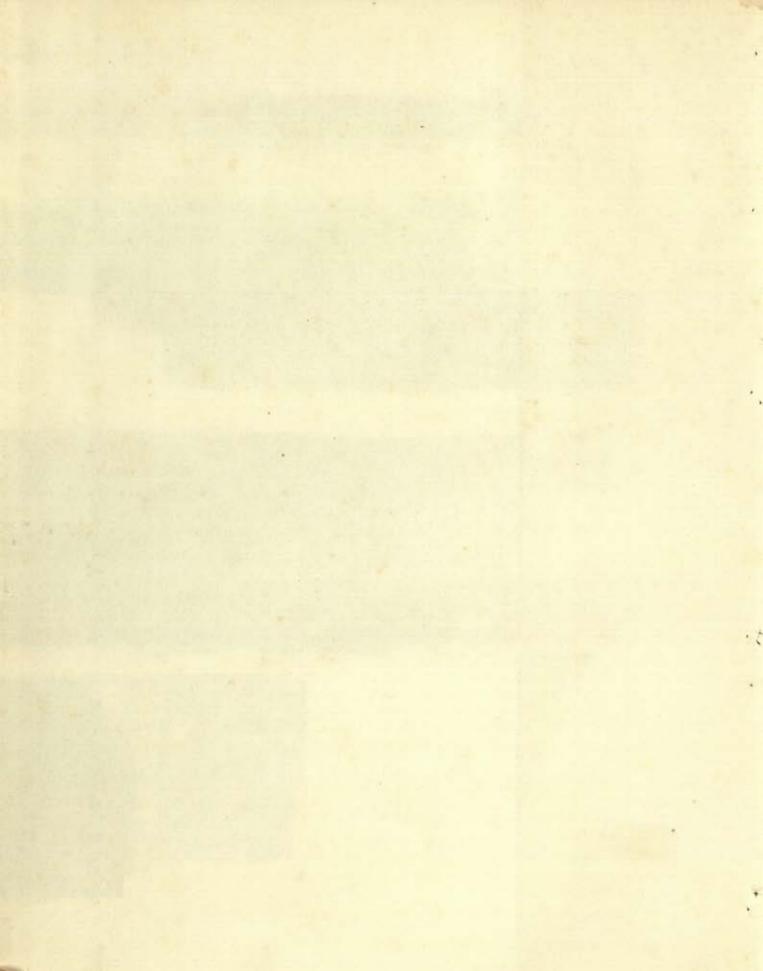


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for in one place the genitive ends in -sa and in another in -sya, and we have puta in

Vasithiputasa and putta in Pharanaputtasya.

The names of the Upåsaka Harapharana and his father Setapharana are unlike any in use in India, and may possibly be of Parthians. The name of their family sovasaka has a resemblance to Śvâvaka, but their native place Abulâmâ has not an Indian name. For hitasughasthataya we must read hitasughasthataye (in Sans. hitasukhasthitaye) ekavisasavachare nithio—established in the 1st year. The vi in ekavisa° is doubtful and might be read ti, making 31st year; but it is uncertain whether he reigned so long as 31 years.

Budharakhita and his mother seem to have been relations who aided

Harapharana in the work.

INSCRIPTION No. 21.

In a recess over a water cistern at the end of Cave XIII:-	
	[सवछरे ?] ५ हेमाताण पखे[एता]य पुवाय ध[म]यत हिणां अतेवासिनिण लेण भगिनेसाविकाण सदिगा घसु काले पवइताण संघाय बुच देयधम पादि
	परिवारेण उपय अतेवासिनिाहे उसमाए.
	Sanskrit.
	[संवत्सरे] ५ हैमन्तानां पत्ते एतस्यां पूर्वस्यांनां अन्तेवासिनीनां छयनं भागिने[या]:शाविकायाः सदि च देयधर्मः प्राहिःच देयधर्मः प्राहिः
	अन्तेवासिनीभिः ऋषभया

This inscription is so defaced that a consecutive translation is impossible.

The sense runs thus:-

In the fifth year and of the Hemanta-paksha (of some raja—possibly Pulumayi), the female disciple of (some) Bhadanta, gave a lena; and a sister's daughter a Sravika (or laic) gave a cistern for the sangha of ascetics. With the donor several other names of relations are associated, (but obliterated,) with Usabha, a female disciple.

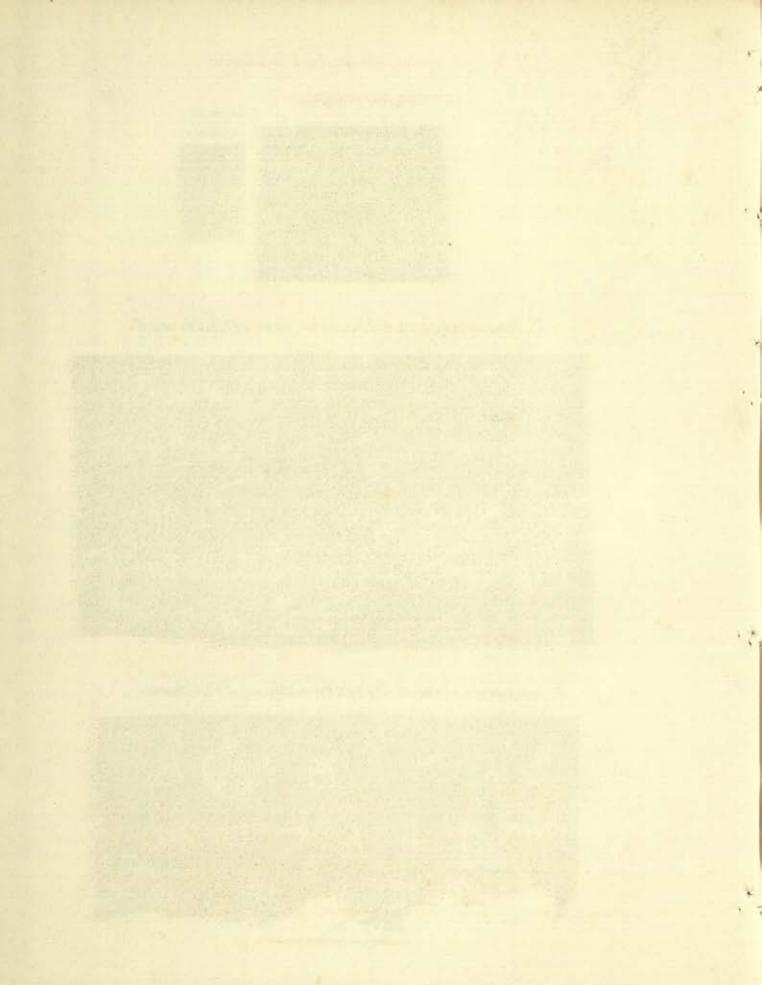
Hematanam-Sans. haimantanam-is in the plural, ' of the months of winter.'

Inscription No. 22.

This is in Excavation No. III. to the south of the Chaitya:— भिध पवइतस बुधरिवतस देयधम

¹ Sans. Rishabha. The frequent occurrence of such names would seem to indicate some connection with Jainism;—the first Jaina being Rishabha.

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Remarks.

Kunbi: this word is derived from the Sanskrit kuṭumbika, meaning a person supporting a family; it is now generally used to indicate a particular caste. From the style of alphabet used in this inscription it appears to belong to somewhere between the times of Vasishṭhiputra and Gautamiputra II. of the Andhra dynasty.

6.—INSCRIPTION FROM KOLHAPUR.

In making some excavations about two years ago at Kolhâpur the foundations of a large Stûpa were turned up, and in the centre of it was found a square stone box containing a rock-crystal box, or relic-casket. On the square lid of the stone box was cut in pure Maurya or Aśôka characters an inscription (No. 1 on the plate), while on the side of the box was the letter A.

Bamhasa danum. Dhamagutena kâritam.

Translation.

"The gift of Bamha," made by Dhamaguta."

7.—PITALKHORA CAVE INSCRIPTIONS.

The Pitalkhora Bauddha Caves are near the deserted village of Pâtna, 12 miles south of Châlisgânw in Khândesh. They are of a very early date, ranking with Bhâjâ and Khondânê.

On two pillars of the Chaitya-cave are short inscriptions⁴:—
INSCRIPTION No. 1 (No. 3 on the plate).

Transcript.
Patițhânâ Mitadêvasa
Gâdhikasa kulasa
[thab]o dâna[m].

Sanskrit.

प्रतिष्ठानात् मित्रदेवस्य गाधिकस्य कुलस्य स्तम्भो दानम् ॥

Translation.

"A pillar, the gift of Mitadêva of the Gâdhi family, from Patithana.5"

Remark.

This inscription shows pure Aśôka or Maurya characters.

¹ There not being room for -ritam in the second line, it has been inserted between the lines.

² Sans. Bramha.

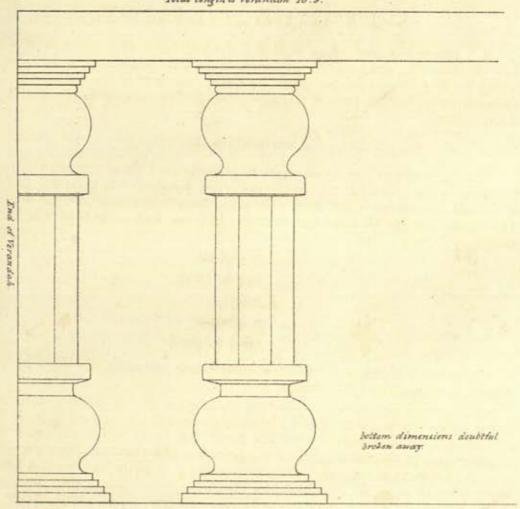
³ Sans. Dharmagupta.

Translated by Dr. G. Bühler, C.I.E.

Sans. Dharmagupta.
Pratishthâna—Paithâna.

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Total length of Verandah 16'9'.



Chartya cave G. No 3. 2 columns and pilasters of Verandah.

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INSCRIPTION No. 7.

राजवेजस वछी[पुतस म]गिलस पुतस दतकस दान

Sanskrit.

राजवैदास्य वात्सीपुत्रस्य मगिलस्य पुत्रस्य दत्तकस्य दानम् ॥

"Gift of Dataka1, son of the royal physician Magila, the son of Vachhî."

Remurk.

The alphabet of these inscriptions in the Vihâra differs very little from those in the Chaitya, and may belong to about 100 s. c., or earlier a little. At this time Paithana was evidently the capital of the district.

8.-JUNNAR CAVES AND INSCRIPTIONS.

A number of inscriptions from the Junnar Caves were given in No. 1 of these *Memoranda*, and some of them were afterwards translated by Dr. Kern of Leiden.² The Pandit having gone to Junnar with a memorandum of all those known to exist, he took fac-simile impressions of all the accessible ones and copies of the others.

INSCRIPTION No. 1.

This is in one of a group of caves near the base of the east scarp of Sivaneri hill towards the southern end, on the back of a recessed bench on the left side of a small cave consisting of three cells each about 7 feet square broken into one. The letters left are all clear and distinct, but the first portion of it is broken away.

.....थ भूतेनकसपो।ढे चा देयधम.

Sanskrit.

......य भूतेनकस्यप्रहिश्च देयधर्मः॥

It records the gift of a podhi or cistern and probably the lena by some

person, perhaps named Bhutenaka.

The above inscription is in the fifth excavation of this group. The third is a chamber $20\frac{1}{2}$ feet by $19\frac{1}{2}$ and 11 feet high with the cylindrical base or drum of a dågoba 5' in diameter near the back. It is $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet high, with a small sunken recess in the flat top, which suggests the idea that the upper portion of it must have been structural. The entrance is 6 feet wide, and the verandah is $16\frac{1}{2}$ feet by $4\frac{1}{2}$ inside the pilasters, and with two columns in front (one destroyed) of the pattern so common here and at Nåsik. A drawing of one of these and the adjoining pilaster is given in the accompanying Plate.

¹ Sans. Dattaka. ² Ind. Ant., vol. VI., p. 39.

³ This plate is a photolithograph from a drawing among the MS. notes of the Messrs-West.

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INSCRIPTION No. 2.1

This is in one of the group in the upper scarp on the east side of the fort. It is in a chamber 21' by 11', exactly over a vihâra below, measuring 24' by 22', with seven cells, with which it communicates by a stair outside at the right end. The inscription is deeply cut along the upper part of the left wall.

[१] मुधिकयस मलस गोलिकियस आनदस बेण जणान देयधम उपठाण.

Sanskrit.

मूर्द्धकीयस्य महस्य गीहिकीयस्यानन्दस्य द्वयोजनयोदेंयधर्म उपस्थानम्।।
"Gift of a reception-hall by Mudhakiya Mala and Golikiya Ânada, two men."

Remarks.

Mudhakiya, probably the Sanskrit Mûrdhakiya, and Golikiya, Sanskrit Gollakiya (the li is injured and might be li or la) are the names of the families to which Mala (Sans. Malla) and Ânada (Sans. Ananda) respectively belonged.

Upathana, Sans. upasthana, 'sitting near,'—a place for receiving visits, a

drawing-room-referring to the room in which the inscription is.

Higher up than the group in which Inscription No. 1 is found are a number of cisterns, recesses and caves, on one of which there is a small fragment of an inscription. In the group known as the Bârâ-koṭri, on the same side of the hill is Inscription No. 3, of which Dr. Stevenson gives the first three lines as his No. 8, and the two last as No. 9.

INSCRIPTION No. 4.

This inscription is in a Chaitya Cave 31' by 20½' with a flat roof described in my Memorandum. The accompanying drawing of one of the pillars in the front part of the cave will illustrate their style. The roof is painted in square panels with a circular ornament in each panel, and the same with the roof of the outer verandah. The inscription is on the back wall of the verandah near the right end.

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"Of Vîrasenaka, a chief householder and upright merchant, the meritorious gifc of a chetiyaghara, presented for the welfare and happiness of all."

¹ No. 11 in No. I., and Ind. Ant., vol. VI, p. 38.

² Ind. Ant., vol. VI., p. 38b.

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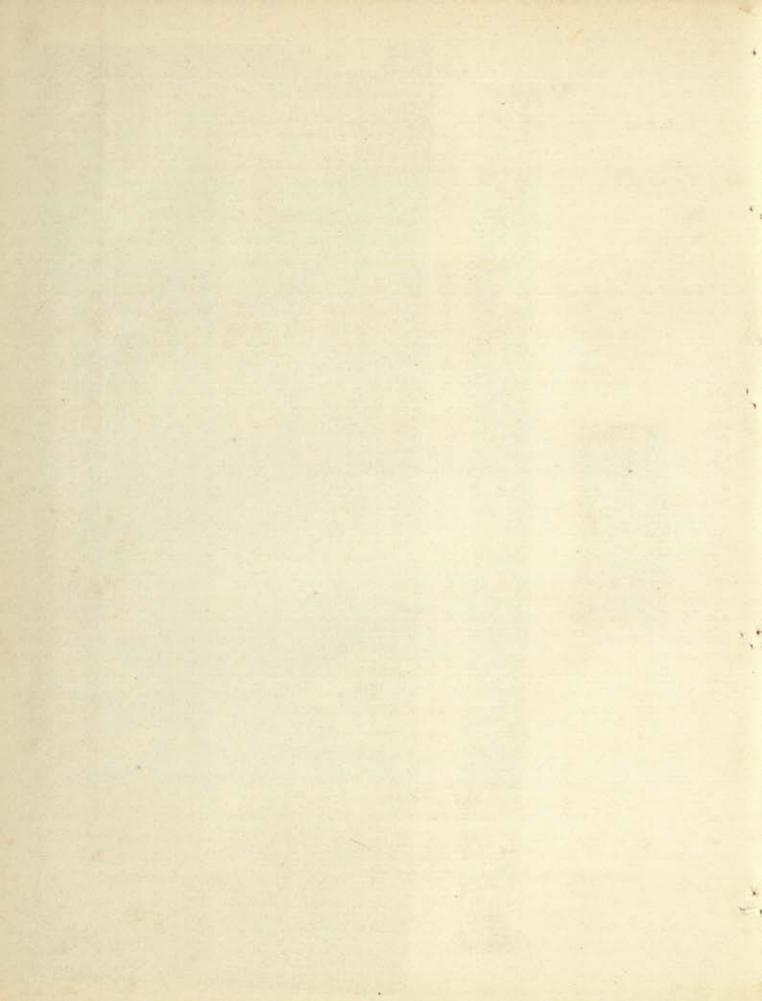
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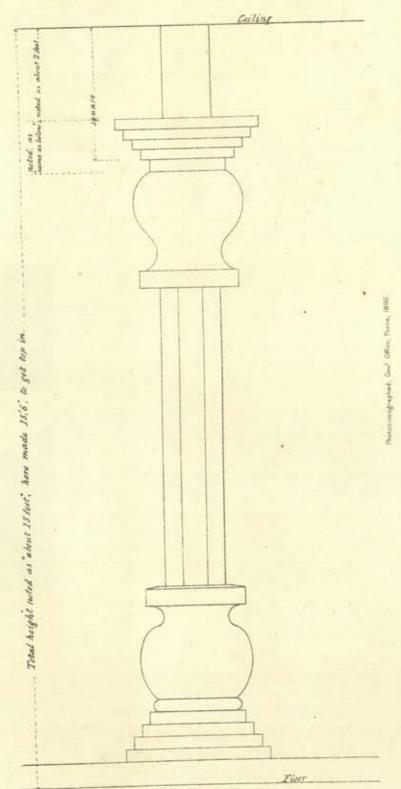
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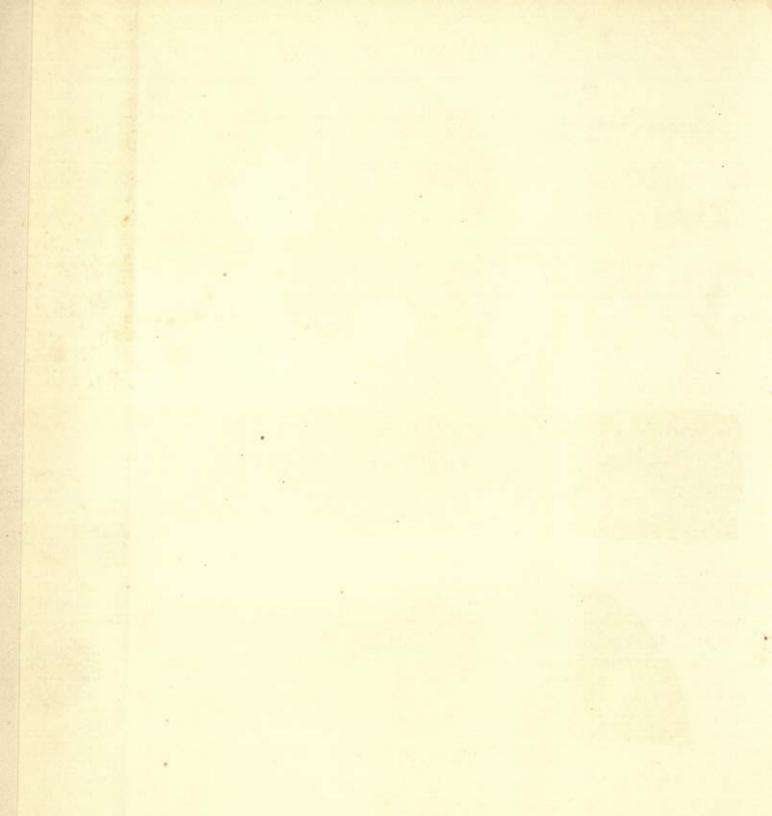
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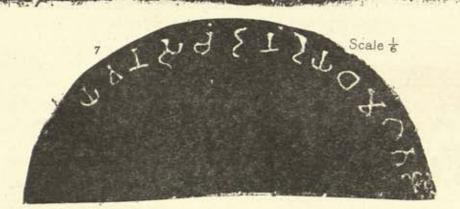


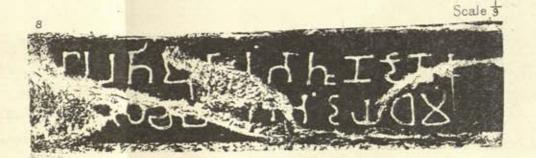


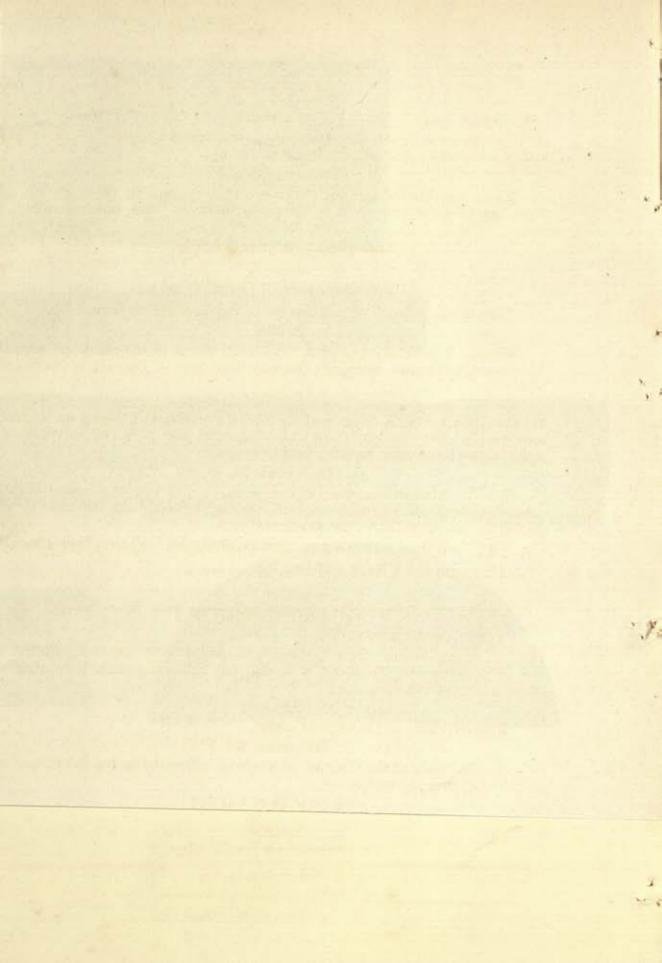
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Remark.

Dhamanigama, Sans. dharmanaigama, 'who trades uprightly'; kûţavânijya and dharmavânijya are 'unjust' and 'just trading.'

INSCRIPTION No. 5.

This is near the extreme end of this row of caves, high up above a cistern. It is inaccessible and an eye copy could only be made. It is, however, clearly cut.

यवनस इरिक्स गतान देयधम ने पोदियो

Sanskrit.

यवनस्यीरलस्य गतान (?) देयधर्मी द्वी पही॥

"The meritorious gift of two cisterns by the Yavana Irila Gatâna (?)."

Remarks.

Yavana is generally applied to foreigners, but it is impossible to say to what country this man belonged; he may have been a Parthian or Baktrian Greek.

Gatâna after the name Irila might be read gabhânam (Sans. garbhebhyaḥ—the 6th case in Prâkṛit being used for the 4th in Sanskrit¹)—and we should then translate 'for the cells'; but this is doubtful, and in No. 33 the word is again used where such a meaning would not apply.

INSCRIPTION No. 6.

This is in the last excavation of the group, on the back of a recess above an open cistern. It is difficult to get at and much effaced. At the end of the second line are some letters like kanavavî.²

- [१] अपगुरियान सवागिरियस पुतस पतिबधकस [गि]रिभूतिस [सह] भयाय सिवपाळनिकाय
- [२] देयधम पोढि छेन च एतस अखयानिवि.....

Sanskrit.

अपगुरियाणां शर्विगिरियस्य पुत्रस्य प्रतिवंधकस्य गिरिभूतेः सह भार्यया शिवपालनिकया देयधर्भः प्रहिल्यनं चैतस्याक्षयनीवि.....

"The meritorious gift of a Lena and cistern by Patibadhaka Giribhûti son of Savagiriya of the Apaguriyas, with his wife Sivapâlanikâ; for this, a permanent capital...."

Remark.

Apaguriya may be the name of a clan.

Inscription No. 7.

On the façade of the Chaitya³ at Manmodi hill, on the central flat surface of a half lotus over the entrance—

यवनस चंदानं देयधम गमदा[र]

Sanskrit.

यवनस चन्द्राणां [न्द्रस्य] देयधर्मा गर्भेद्वारः॥

- ¹ See Prâhrit Prakâśa 64, VI.
- ² This is No. 8 of Col. Sykes's copies.
- 3 See frontispiece to the Cave Temples.

"The meritorious gift of the façade of a (garbha) hall by the Yavana Chanda.1"

Remark.

The name Chanda is in the plural (conf. Karla Inscription No. 7). The ra at the end is broken away.

INSCRIPTION No. 8.

This is found in the series at caves in the southern spur of the Manmodi hill about a mile east from the Chaitya in which is Inscription No. 7. It is on the back wall of an open verandah in a group of chambers now all broken into one. It is much defaced, what is legible reads—

.....[ग]हपतिपु[तानं] भातूणं दाण कसच प[च]गभं देयधंमं

Sanskrit.

.....मृहपतिपुत्राणां भातूणां दानं कस्य च पञ्चगर्भं देयधर्मः॥

"...A five-celled (house).....the meritorious gift of the brothers, sons of Gahapati......"

On a large unfinished Chaitya in this group there are a number of inscriptions, many of them but indistinctly cut on a rough surface.

INSCRIPTION No. 9.

This is on the left end of the back wall of the verandah, just above the level of the door, faintly cut on a rough surface.3

गामे पुतानदेषु निवतनााने पनरस १५ पलपस देयधंमं अप[रा]जितसु ग ने पयोगोकहथे [दान ?]

Sanskrit.

प्रामे पुवानदे निवर्त्तनानि पञ्चदश १५ पछवस्य देयधर्मः अपराजिते गणे पयोगोक [पयोधोष ?] इस्ते दानम् ॥

"A meritorious gift of 15 nivatanas by Palapa in Puvanada village: the gift in the hand of Payogoka of the Aparajita' sect."

Remarks.

The name of Puvanada, like that of all villages, is in the plural.

¹ Sans. Chandra.

² It is given as No. 2 ef the Junnar inscriptions in Bird's Caves of Western India.

³ This is No. 22 of Dr. Stevenson's, and No. 6 of Dr. Bird's copies.

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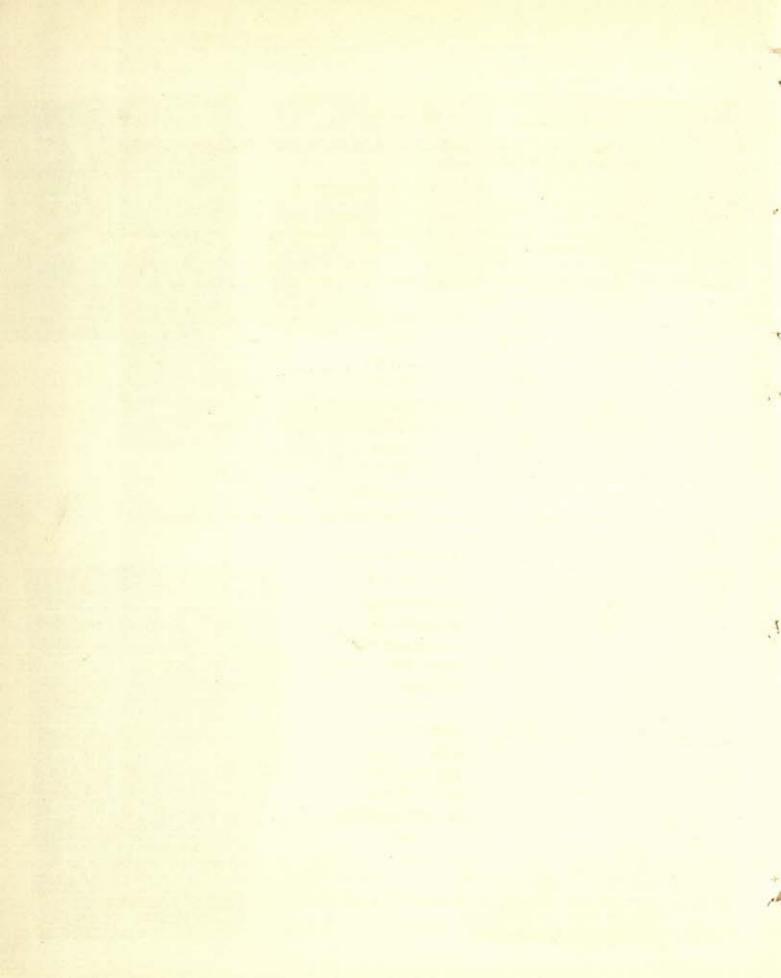
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4 haths make 1 danda, and 30 danda make one nivartana; but sometimes 7 haths are allowed to the danda.

INSCRIPTIONS Nos. 10, 11, 12.

These three inscriptions are on two octagonal pillars in front of the same large unfinished Chaitya Cave at the foot of the hill. They are in well cut letters, but the language is neither Pâli nor Sanskrit. No. 10 is on the left pillar, on the right side of it; No. 11 is on the right pillar corresponding side facing No. 10; and No. 12 is on the adjacent face towards the inner sides, but the lines do not align with those of No. 11.

No. 10.	No. 11.	No. 12.
तावके	अपुराण	आस
केसुस	देसुका	ठाड
ततोभी	हामणा	खुनेस
गांदि	रोअठि	ण
	वाढिमा	
	निकच	
	वीच	11.

Inscription No. 13.

On the left wall of the large recess over the door, and on the same level as the window; the letters are indistinct.2

कोणाचिकसेणिय
उवसको आडुथूम
सको ॥ वडालिकायं
करजमुलिनवतणा
नि विस ॥ कटपुतके
वडमुले निवत
णानि [न]व

Sanskrit.
कोणाचिकश्रेण्या
उपासक आडुयूमशकः ॥ वटालिकायां
करंजमूले निवर्चनानि विश्वादिः ॥ कटपुत्रके
वटमूले निवर्तनानि नव ॥

¹ These are respectively Dr. Stevenson's Nos. 15, 14, and 13; Dr. Bird's No. 5; and Colonel Sykes's Nos. 3, 2, and 1.

² Dr. Stevenson's No. 21.

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"By Aduthûma the Saka, an upâsaka of the guild of the Konâchikas (a gift of) 20 nivotanas in Vadâlikâ¹ near the Karanja tree, and in Kaṭaputaka, 9 nivatanas near the banyan tree."

Remarks.

What trade the Konachikas were of, does not appear. The Sakas were perhaps foreigners but converts (upasakas) to Buddhism: Aduthûma is a foreign name.

There is a Varâda 6 miles N. from Junnar, and a Katur, 5 miles S.S.W., which may be the Vadâli and Kaṭaputa (Sans. Kaṭaputra) of this inscription.

INSCRIPTION No. 14.

On the back of the recess over the door and alongside the window on its left. It is contiguous to No. 13. Many of the letters, especially in the lower lines, are very uncertain, as the rock is rough.²

महाबेजे गामे जाउभति
उदेसेण निवतणानि षणुविस
सिधगणे अपराजिते
[नि]असतानि सेलस
मानमुकडस पुरतो
तलकवाडके निकत
णानि तिनि॥नगरस
.....क...सेलउदे
सेण निवतणानि वे

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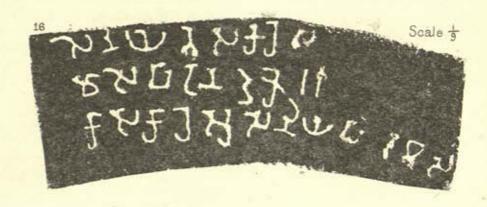
महावैद्यमामे जावभा त्युद्देशेण निवर्तनानि षड्विंशतिः सिद्धगणे अपराजिते न्यस्तानि शैलस्य मानमुकुटस्य पुरत-स्तलकवाटके निवर्त-नानि त्रीणि॥ नगरस्यक. शैलोदे-शेन निवर्तने दे॥

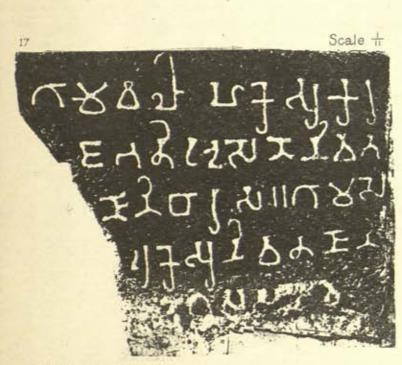
"In the village of Mahâveja, twenty-six nivatanas for Jâbabhati. To the Sidhagana of the Aparâjitas, three nivatanas given at the hill-foot near Mânamukaḍa hill; of the town.....for...hill, two nivatanas..."

¹ Sans. V atâlik.











Remark.

The Sidhaganas evidently belonged to or were a division of the Aparâjita sect of Buddhists; Aparâjita (unconquered) is used as an adjective qualifying sidhagana. Mânamukada (Sans. Mânamukuta, 'crown of pride') appears to be the old name of the Mânmoda hill, where the inscription is. The donor's name is wanting,—possibly it was the same as in the previous inscription.

INSCRIPTION No. 15.

This is on the left side of the front of the arch round the window.1

Pâli.	Sanskrit.	
आबि	आम्रि	
काताति	कातात	
ा नेवत	निवर्त	
गानि दे	ने दे	
वाहत	बाहत	
वचेंदु	वचेडु-	
कस -	कस्यै-	
एस	तन्	

"Two nivatanas of mango trees (?).....this of Vahata Vacheduka."

Remark.

Ambikatati, probably Sans. âmrikatati, but the ta may be bha and âmbikabhati—a mango field.

INSCRIPTION No. 16.

This is on the right side of the arch, opposite No. 15, but instead of being carved across the front, it is cut in three lines parallel to the arc of the arch.2

सेनिये वसकरस मासे पाउनदुके कासकारेसु सेनिय पादए[क]स Sanskrit.

श्रेण्या वंशकारस्य मासे पादोनद्विकम् कांभ्यकारेष (काराणां) श्रेण्या

कांस्यकारेषु [काराणां] श्रेण्याः पादैक.....

"The guild of bambu-workers, monthly, one and three quarters, and the guild of braziers a quarter....."

¹ This is Dr. Stevenson's No. 18, and Dr. Bird's No. 1.

² This is Dr. Stevenson's No. 17.

Remarks.

In vasakarasa, the anusvâra appears to be lost: Sans. vamśakâra, a bambu-worker; kâsakâra, Sans. kâmsyakâra, braziers, hodie—kâsâra.

INSCRIPTION No. 17.

On the back of the recess to the right of the great arch.1

गामे वलाहकेमु कर जभाते उदेसेण निवत णानि बारस॥गामसे उरकेमु निवतणानि

........................

Sanskrit.

प्रामे वलाहको करज भृत्युदेशेन निवर्त-नानि द्वादश ॥ ग्रामसे-उरके निवर्तनानि

"In Valâhaka village, for karajabhati, twelve nivatanas. In Seuraka village ...nivatanas....."

.......

INSCRIPTION No. 18.

On the right wall of the recess, to the right of No. 17. Many of the letters are doubtful.

अवरिलिव सरिख डके निवतलानि च तारि॥ अवरिल.....

अवरिले जिपुत्र-क उदेसेण निवत नानि अठ॥ गामक डकेसु निवतणानि वार देय....

¹ Dr. Stevenson's No. 16.



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Sanskrit.

अपरास्यश्रीखे-टके निवर्तनानि च-खारि॥

अपरास्य......

अपरास्थे जितपुत्र-कोदेशेन निवर्त-नान्यष्टी ॥ ग्राम-कटके निवर्तनानि द्रादश देय.....

"And on the west in Sirikadaka four nivatanas; west......for Jiputraka eight nivatanas; in Kadaka village, twelve nivatanas—a meritorious gift."

INSCRIPTION No. 19.

On a quadrantal moulding over the door-way, on a rough surface. The lower line and half are in larger letters than the lines above.

(Not Translated.)

INSCRIPTION No 20.

To the right of the large unfinished Chaitya in which are the preceding inscriptions, is a verandah $15\frac{1}{2}$ by 5' with two cells at the back. It is half filled with earth, and the front broken away. The inscription is on the back wall between the doors of the two cells.²

भारकछकानं छंकुडियानं भातूणं अससमस पुताणः बुधामितस बुधरावितस च बिगमं देयधंमं Sanskrit, भारकच्छकयार्छंकुटिकयोश्रीत्रोर-श्वश्रमस्य पुत्रयो-बुद्धामित्रस्य बुद्धरक्षितस्य च द्विगमं द्वेयधर्मः॥

"A house of two cells, a meritorious gift by the brothers Budhamita and Budharakhita, Lankudiyas, sons of Asasama, inhabitants of Bharukachha."

¹ This is Nos. 23 and 24 of Dr. Stevenson's, and Dr. Bird gives the 5th line of it as his No. 7.

² This is No. 9 of those in Ind. Ant., vol. VI., p. 36, Dr. Stevenson's No. 12, and Dr. Bird's No. 3.

³ This is inserted in much smaller letters between the lines.

⁴ Probably Sans. Lankutikas—a sect.

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Inscription No. 21.

This is another verandah alongside the last, $15\frac{1}{2}$ by 8' with two cells at the back. It is on the back-wall between the doors of the cells, but has not been finished.¹

सियतिगहपतिपुतस गहपतिस सिवदासस वितियिकाय च सहा परिवा

Sanskrit.

सियतिगृहपतिपुत्रस्य गृहपतेः शिवदासस्य द्वितीयिकायाश्व सह परिवारेण॥

"(Gift) of the householder Sivadasa, son of the householder Sayiti, and his wife with all his relatives..."

INSCRIPTION No. 22.

Next to the last verandah, is another 18' by 6½' with two columns and pilasters, without cells, and nearly full of earth. The inscription is outside close to the pilaster. The lower part of it is peeled off and so injured that a translation can hardly be attempted. It seems to have recorded the construction of a cave for Chetiyasa by a householder.²

गणाचरियानं थेरानं भ-यंतमुळसानं तेविजा नं अंतेवासिनं थेरान भयंत चेतियसानं तेवि जानं नंदनकानवकअ कोथँळकीच गहपतिचतुनो नदणक

देयधम

Sanskrit.

गणाचार्याणां स्थिवराणां भ-दन्तमुलसानां त्रेविद्या-नामन्तेवासिनां स्थिवराणां भदन्तचैत्यसानां त्रैवि-द्यानां नंदनकाणवकअ कीस्थलकीच गृहपतिनप्तुर्नन्दनक

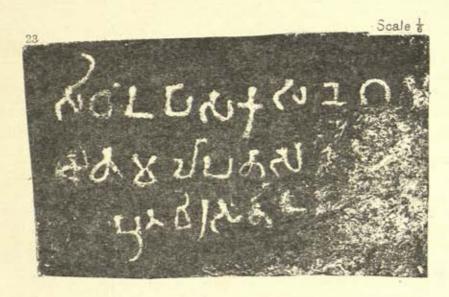
देयधर्म:॥

¹ Stevenson's No. 11, Bird's No. 2, and No. 10, Ind. Ant., vol. VI., p. 36.

² This is Stevenson's No. 10, and Bird's No. 8.

² This letter ² had been at first omitted and then cut above the line.





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"The Âchârya of the Gaṇa, the venerable (*Thêra*) and reverend (*Bhayanta*) Tevidya¹ Sulasa: his disciple Thêra Bhayanta Chetiyasa, a Tevidya....nadana-kâṇavaka ...kothalakt... and householder..... his grandson Nandanaka the meritorious gift."

INSCRIPTION No. 23.

In the eastern slope of the southern spur of the Mânmodi hill is another series of caves. The first excavation is a verandah with two cells, and with two octagonal pillars and pilasters in front. The second is an unfinished Chaitya $33\frac{1}{2}$ by $11\frac{1}{2}$ with flat roof and a large square rough block of stone near the back. On the right hand wall outside the verandah, between the octagonal pilaster and the doorway into the next verandah and rather above the level of the door is an inscription in three long lines but nearly all obliterated. In the second line "son of Satamala" and in the third "son of Virabhuti" can just be made out.

सिधं उपासकस नेगम..... सतमळपुतसपुत विर्भुति..... Sanskrit.

सिद्धम् । उपासकस्य नैग[मस्य]..... शतमलपुत्रस्य (?) ...पुत्रवीरभृति...

INSCRIPTION No. 24.

Passing two chambers we reach a large recess, with a smaller one over it, on the back-wall of which, but inaccessible, is Inscription No. 24,2

सिवसमपुतस सिवभुतिणो देयधम पोढि Sanskrit.

शिवसमपुत्रस्य शिवभूतेर्देयधर्मः प्रहिः॥

"The meritorious gift of a cistern by Sivabhuti, son of Sivasama."

Inscription No. 25.

Passing a cistern and two small recesses, we reach another recess with a bench round three sides, on the left side wall of which is the next inscription. It is one of the most important of the series as the only one containing a royal name—that of Nahapana, which we find also at Nasik and at Karlê.

[रञो] महाखतपस सामिनहपानस [आ]मात्मस वछसगोतस अयमस [दे]यधम च [पो १]ढि मटपो च पुनयय वसे ४६ कतो

^{1 &#}x27;Knowing the Tripiṭaka'— Sans. Traividya.

² No. 7 in Ind. Ant., vol. VI., p. 35, Stevenson's No. 25, and Bird's No. 4.

³ Stevenson's No. 26, and No. 8, Ind. Ant., vol. VI, p. 35.

Sanskrit.

राज्ञो महाक्षत्रपस्य स्वाभिनहपाणस्या-मास्यस्य वत्ससगोत्रस्यायमस्य देयधर्मः प्रहिर्मण्डपश्च पुण्यार्थीय वर्षे ४६ कृतः॥

"The meritorious gift of a mandapa and cistern by Ayama of the Vachhasagotra, prime minister of the king Mahakhatapa (great Satrap), the lord Nahapana; made for merit, in the year 46."

The next series of caves are those in the Lenadri hill about three miles north of the town. Taking the caves from west to east the following inscriptions occur:—

INSCRIPTION No. 26.

In the seventh excavation from the extreme end of the series, which is an open verandah 33½ by about 4′, is Inscription No. 26 over a recessed bench in the back-wall. It is clearly cut.¹

सामरूपासकस पुतस सिवभूतिस देयधम छेणं कापिचिते संघस नियुतं क [?]

Sanskrit.

इंयामोपासकस्य पुत्रस्य शिवभूतेर्देयधर्मी लयनं कपिाचेते संघाय नियुक्तम्॥

"The meritorious gift of a Lena by Sivabhûti, son of Sâmara² the Upâsaka, to the Sangha of Kapichita."

Remark.

Kapichita is probably the old name of the Lenadri hill, or of the monastic establishment there.

Inscription No. 27.

Passing a number of excavations we reach a recess over a dry tank which has been broken open. On the back wall of the recess the next inscription is clearly cut.

इसिमुल्सामिनो भय-नदवाळिकाय नाडकतोरिकस लिखिनिकंय देयधम पोदि

¹ This is Dr. Stevenson's No. 6, and Col. Sykes's No. 13; also No. 6, Ind. Ant., vol. VI., p. 35.

² Sans. Syâmala.

³ Stevenson's No. 5, Sykes's No. 11, and No. 5, Ind. Ant., vol. VI., p. 35.

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"The meritorious gift of a cistern by Lachhinika, wife of Torika the Nadaka,² [and] Nadabâlikâ, wife of Mulasâmi Isi.3"

INSCRIPTION No. 28.

In the next recess also over a cistern, is an inscription, distinctly cut on the back wall and beginning and ending with a svastika.4

कलीअञकस कुडिरपुतस सुवणकारस सघकस पोढि देयधंमं

Sanskrit.

कल्याणकस्य कुटीरपुत्रस्य सुवर्ण-कारस्य सङ्घकस्य पहिदेयधर्मः ॥

"The meritorious gift of a cistern by Saghaka, a goldsmith, son of Kudira" of Kalyana."

Inscription No. 29.

After the last are three chambers opening into one verandah; then a cell with an open verandah, and at a lower level is another cell with a verandah. The next is a flat roofed Chaitya, 22' by 12' with a dagoba. The verandah measures 20' by 3' with two columns and pilasters in front, broken away. The inscription is on the back wall of the verandah, high up, and to the left of the

> कपिलउपासकस नतुनी तापसउपासकस पुत्रस आनदस देयधंमं चेतियधरो नियुतो

> > Sanskrit.

कापिलोपासकस्य नप्तुस्तापसोपासकस्य पुत्रस्यानन्दस्य देयधर्मश्चैत्यगृहं नियुक्तम् ॥

"The meritorious gift of a Chetiyaghara given by Anad, son of Tapasa the Upâsaka, and grandson of Kapila the Upâsaka."

After passing the large vihâra now appropriated as a temple of Ganapati a vaulted Chaitya is reached, near the top of the ascent. It measures 41 by 22'

Sans. Lakshminika. ² Nâdaka must be a caste name. 3 Sans. Rishi.

Stevenson's No. 4, Bird's No. 12, Sykes's No. 12, and No. 4 in Ind. Ant., vol. VI., p. 35.

⁵ Sans. Sanghaka. 6 Sans. Kutîra.

No. 3 in Ind. Ant., vol. VI., p. 35, Stevenson's No. 3, and Bird's No. 11.

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6" with stone ribs both over the nave and aisles. It has five octagonal freestanding and one attached columns on each side, with bases and capitals (see Plate), and six plain octagonal ones round the dâgoba. Above the capitals of the columns are pairs of animals, alternately elephants and tigers to each capital.

INSCRIPTION No. 30.

This is on the back wall of the verandah, over the door, deeply cut, and with a svastika at the beginning and end of the line.

[१] कलीअञ्चस हेरणिकपुत्रस सुलसदत्तस एकपुरिसस चेतियघरो नियुतो देयधम

Sanskrit.

कल्याणस्य हैरण्यकपुत्रस्य सुलसदत्तस्यकपुरुषस्य चैत्यगृहं नियुक्तं देयधर्मः॥

"The meritorious gift of a constructed Chetiyaghara by the distinguished Sulasadata, son of Heranika' of Kalyana."

INSCRIPTION No. 31.

Passing a recess to the right of the Chaitya, the next excavation is a chamber 26' by 29' and 8' high, with a bench along both sides and back. It has two cells on each side and three in the back. There are two open windows in the verandah, over the left of which the inscription is distinctly cut. There is a cistern with water outside the verandah to the right.

धंत्रिकसोणिय सत्तगभं पोढि च देयधमं

Sanskrit.

धान्यकश्रेण्याः सप्तगर्भं प्रहिश्च देयवर्भः ॥

"A meritorious gift of a seven-celled cave and cistern by the guild of corn-dealers."

Remarks.

Dhañika, Sans. dhânyaka,—a corn-dealer. Satagabha, Sans. saptagarbha,—of seven cells.

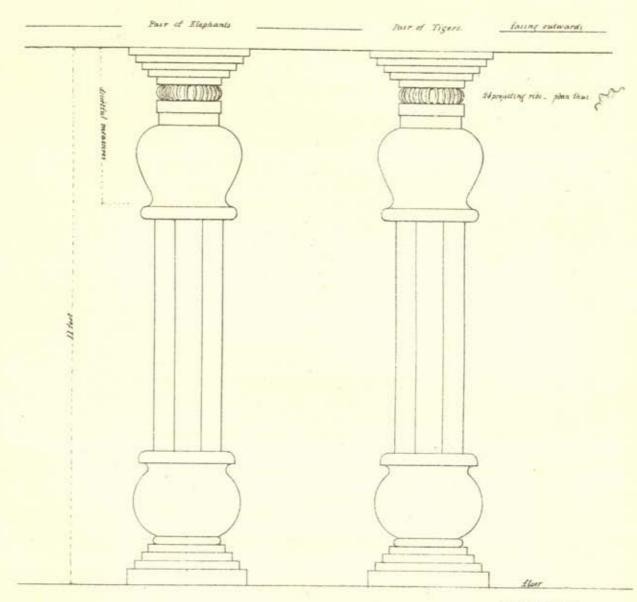
In the south scarp of Sivaneri hill there is another series of about sixteen excavations commencing from the tiled Hindu temple in the second line of fortification, the shrine of which temple is an excavation in the rock. Among these caves are three inscriptions, the first being on the back wall of a verandah $23\frac{1}{2}$ by $3\frac{7}{2}$, with a cell behind. The inscription is to the left of the cell door, on a slightly sunk panel. The fourth letter of the second line only is broken.

¹ Ind. Ant., vol. VI., p. 35, No. 3, Stevenson's No. 2, Bird's No. 9, and Sykes's No. 10.

² Sans. Hairanyaka.

³ Ind. Ant., vol. VI., p. 34, No. 2, Stevenson's No. 1, Bird's No. 10, and Sykes's No. 9.

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Chaitya care Nº A.31... Sicolumns on each side, b plain estagen columns round and alternately a pair of elephante or pair of tigers over each Evolumns and pilasters of Verandoh, similar, with animals.

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INSCRIPTION No. 32.

उगाहउपासकस पुतस इसिपाछितस सपुतकस दानं

Sanskrit.

उद्गहोपासकस्य पुत्रस्य ऋषिपालितस्य सपुत्रकस्य दानम्॥

"The gift of Isipâlita¹ son of Ugâha² an Upâsaka with (his) sons."

INSCRIPTION No. 33.

The next is in an open chamber, 19' by $14\frac{1}{2}$ ' and 8' high, with a seat round the three inner sides. The front has been walled up in recent times, leaving a small doorway. On the left side wall is the inscription very clearly cut. No. 2, given above, is in a similar room but larger.

यवणस चिटस गतानं भोजणमटपो देयधम सधे Sanskrit. यवनस्य चिटस्य गतान [?] भोजनमण्डपो देयधर्मः संघे॥

"The meritorious gift of a refectory by the Yavana Chita Gatanam for the Sangha."

Inscription No. 34.

A little to the right of the cave in which is No. 32 is a Chaitya cave the front of which is built up. Over the door is this inscription³:—

उगाहपुतस इसिपालितस सपरिवारस चेतियधरी दानं

Sanskrit.

उद्भाहपुत्रस्य ऋषिपालितस्य सपरिवारस्य चैत्यगृहं दानम् ॥

"The gift of a Chetiyaghara by Isipâlita, son of Ugâha, with his family."

Remark.

The donor here is evidently the same as in No. 32.

¹ Sans. Rishipâlita.

² Sans. Udgråha.

³ No. 1, in Ind. Ant., vol. VI., p. 33.

9.—KANHERI CAVES.

The Kanheri Caves are too numerous to describe here in detail. Most of them are of a very simple type and were probably nearly all excavated by the early Hînayâna sect, but in after times as the Mahâyâna schools gained in popularity and influence, sculptures were introduced by them on the walls of many of the caves and especially in the verandah of the great Chaitya Cave and in the caves numbered 29, 35, 64, 66, 67, &c., and some of these and of the larger vihâras may have been entirely excavated by them. We do not, however, find here elaborately carved pillars and pilasters, such as are the rule in the later caves at Ajantâ, Aurangâbâd, Elurâ, Ghatotkacha, nor are pillars introduced into the halls except in the Mahârâja's or Darbâr Cave: stone benches too are common in the cells and occur even in No. 35, the walls of which are covered with sculptures of Buddha and attendants. And stone benches in the cells are found elsewhere only in Hînayâna excavations. Such ornament, however, as we do find here is not without interest, and should be compared with what we find at Nâsik, Junnar, and the Konkan groups of caves.

The accompanying plates will afford illustrations of these. On the first plate the first figure shows one of the most common of the pilaster ornaments and which is often found in very old caves both at Kanheri and elsewere. The next figure shows the same ornament in its most developed form from Cave 35.

The third is a sketch of a pillar in the verandah of No. 45, showing one of the most common forms of pillars in the early caves. The next is a slight modification of the same ornament as in the first figure. The fifth sketch is from a fragment of a pilaster in the verandah of Cave 42 and is an exception to the general rule of exceedingly plain shafts in these caves. The pilaster has been carved with much minuteness and care, though all its details show that it is of an earlier type than those of Ajanta, &c. The last figure on this plate is a perspective sketch of the end portion of a stone bench in Cave No. 45.

The second plate gives further illustrations of the pilaster ornaments.² Fig. 1 gives the ornament in its simplest form and is from Cave No. 32. Fig. 2 is very similar and is from Cave No. 56.

No. 3 is from the Mhar Caves and differs only in the wings being more

widened: it is inserted here for comparison.

No. 4 is from Cave 59 at Kanheri, and instead of having a short flute in the centre it is hollowed out into a shallow flat-bottomed depression.

No. 5 is very similar and is from Cave 37.

No. 6 is also like the preceding two but has the wings more widened out: it is from Cave 50.

No. 7, from Cave 64, has two flutes in the centre.

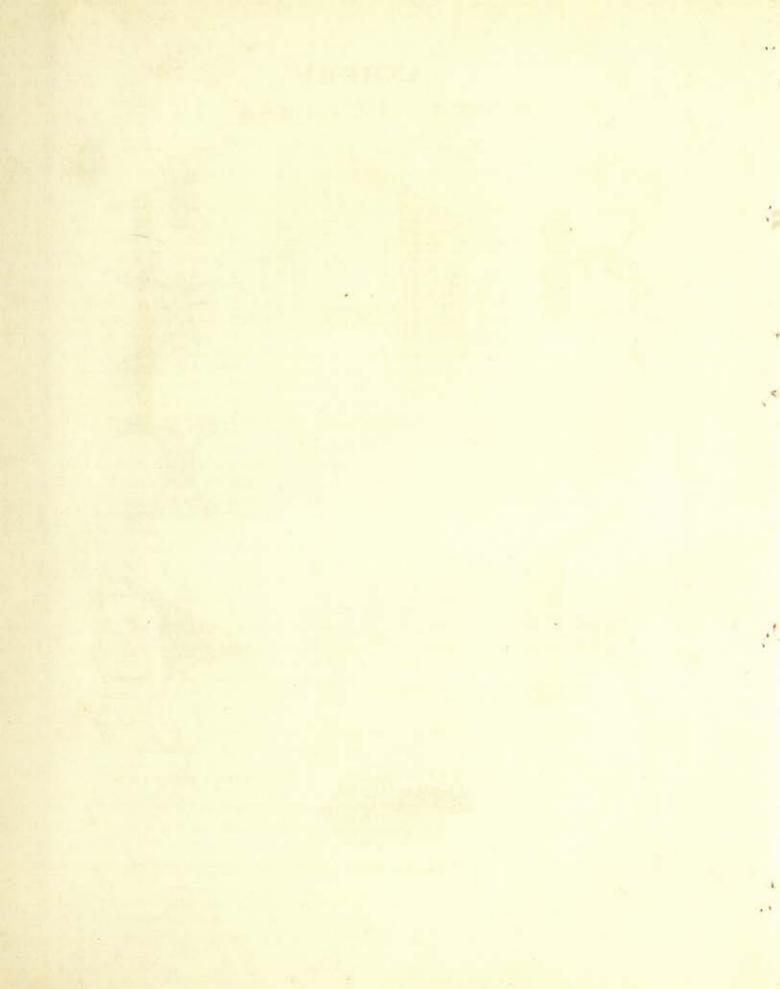
No. 8, from Cave 29, has the bottoms of the flutes more squared out.

No. 9, from Cave 35, introduces additional curves above and below the neck, being a duplication of the original pattern.

¹ From the notes, &c., of the Messrs. West.

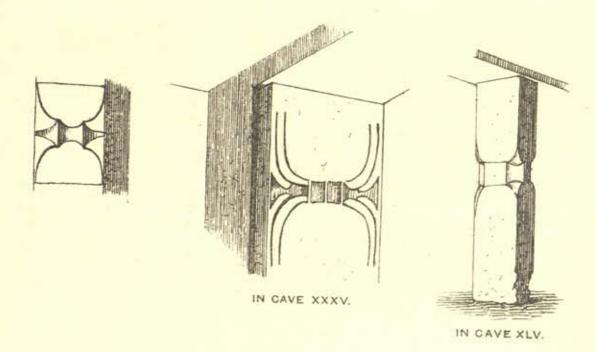
² The second half of this plate has been marked by mistake "Junnar." Though some of the patterns are also found at Junnar all the examples, except No. 3, here given are from the Kanheri caves.

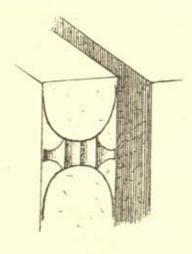
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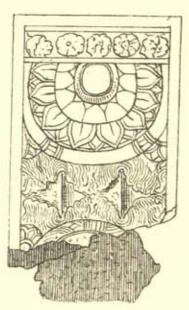


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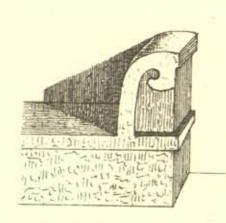
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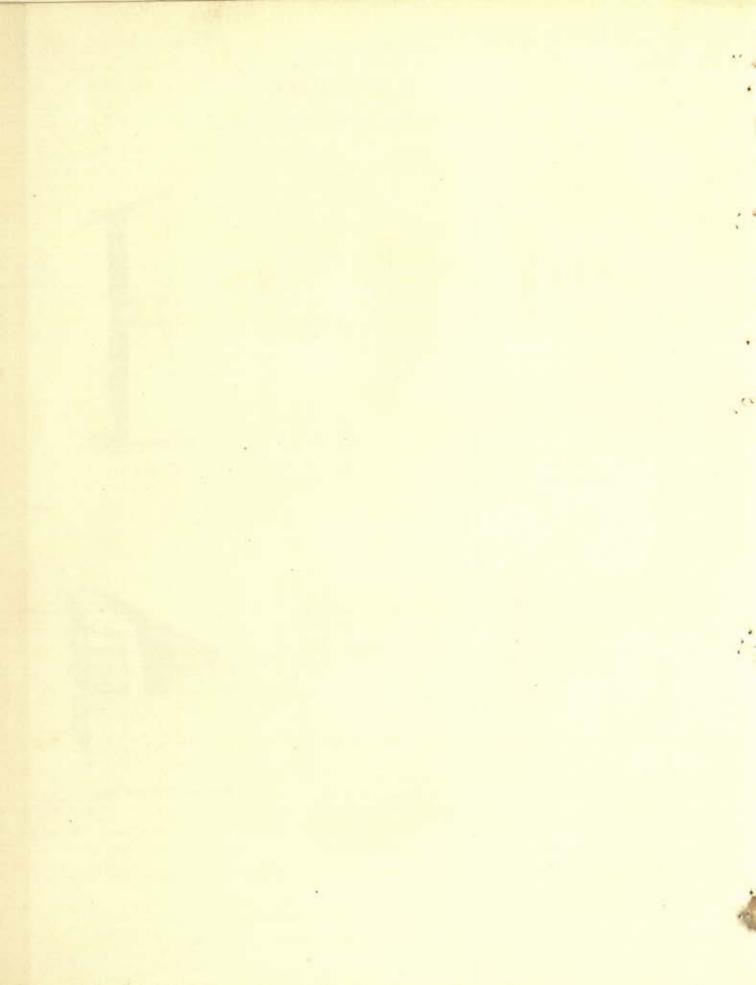


IN CAVE XLII.

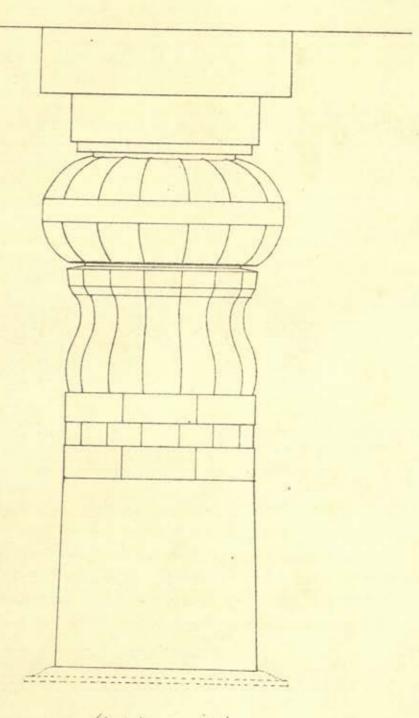


BENCH IN CAVE XLV.

Photosimographed, God Office, Psone, 1879







(Scale & Inch to a foot)

Nos. 10, 11, and 12, from Caves 76, 51, and 69 respectively, are stiffer and ruder forms of the same pattern.

The third of these plates is a careful drawing to a scale of half an inch to the foot of one of the unfinished columns in front of the verandah in Cave No. 1,—the unfinished Chaitya. It is evidently of a much later date than any of the preceding examples. 1

1.—Copper-plate Inscription.

A copper-plate was found at Kanheri by Dr. James Bird in 1839. The following is his own account of the discovery2:—

"Immediately in front of the large arched cave, and on a ledge of the mountain, some thirty or forty feet below, there are several small Thopas, or monumental receptacles for the bones of a Buddha, or Rahat, built of cut stone at the base. These were once of a pyramidal shape, but are now much dilapidated, and appear like a heap of stones. Several years ago I thought of opening some of them, in expectation of obtaining coins or other relics; but found no favourable opportunity until lately, when several lengthened visits in company with Dr. Heddle gave me the desired means of doing so.

"The largest of the topes selected for examination appeared to have been one time between twelve or sixteen feet in height. It was much dilapidated, and was penetrated from above to the base, which was built of cut stone. After digging to the level of the ground and clearing away the materials, the workmen came to a circular stone, hollow in the centre, and covered at the top by a piece of gypsum. This contained two small copper urns, in one of which were some ashes mixed with a ruby, a pearl, small pieces of gold, and a small gold box containing a piece of cloth; in the other, a silver box and some ashes were found. Two copper-plates containing legible inscriptions in the Lath, or cave-character, accompanied the urns, and these, as far as I have yet been able to decipher them, inform us that the persons buried here were of the Buddhist faith. The smaller of the copper-plates bears an inscription in two lines, the last part of which contains the Buddhist creed."

What the first part of this inscription was we shall probably never learn: for Dr. Bird, like too many virtuosi, carefully retained the plates. He died in London about a dozen years ago, and they have not been heard of since.

Of the larger plate, he published a small lithograph in his *Historical Researches*, a copy of which lithograph he seems to have sent to the Asiatic Society of Bengal, where it was reproduced with a number of additional mistakes, and an interlinear transcription in Dêvanâgarî, and accompanied with what was called a "literal translation" by a Calcutta Bâbu: this was so nonsensicul, however, that no one could accept it as a translation.

Failing to get a loan of the plate itself, Dr. Stevenson of Bombay³ attempted to revise Dr. Bird's copy, and to a certain extent succeeded; but he made serious

¹ For further details respecting these caves, see The Cave Temples of India, pp. 348-360.

³ Jour. As. Soc. Beng., vol. X., pt. i., p. 94.

³ Jour. Bom. B. R. A. Soc., vol. V., pt. 16, p. 56.

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errors in the transcription and translation. Using his copy as a basis, Pandit Bhagwanlal Indraji ingeniously suggests the following amendments in the copy, making scarcely any marked changes in the shapes of the letters, and then transliterates it into intelligible Sanskrit.

Line 1. In Trikûţa°, the tri in Bird's copy looks like stra, but the upper part must be for the circle denoting i, badly formed. The whole character is depressed below its proper place in the line, but so also are the ri in chatvâri, and gi, ri in Krishnagiri, in the same line. The anusvâra in Trikûţakânâm is omitted either from the negligence of the copyist or in the original. In the copy we have savvatsare, where evidently has been misread as A. In dvaye, the e is thrown back upon the dva.

Line 2. Sindhuvishayantargatagramikanakavastavya, we should perhaps read °gramika Naka, Bhoka (or Toka), or grame kanaka°—'an inhabitant of the

village of Bhoka or Toka in Sindh,' or of Kanaka.

The bha in suprabhayah is written as bha, the vowel mark being omitted

in the J. B. B. R. A. S. copy; it appears in the J. A. S. B. one.

Line 3. For Sravakaryaganyo, the copy has vravakaryyaganko, \mathcal{J} having taken the place of \mathcal{J} and $\mathcal{J}_{1} = nko$ that of $\mathcal{J}_{2} = nyo$. In charana, ra is written \mathcal{J}_{3} ; and in kuśalo the lo is written as z^{3} .

Line 4. Săradvatîputra looks like śarańśati, Z being written for Z = dva. Line 5. The anusvāra in kalinam is omitted; and in yaksha, for ksha, we

have only sha.

Line 6. In vankanaka the last ka is written as no; the śa in diśantva is written as no; the sa is written as no; the śa is written as no; the sa is written as no; the s

Line 7. In gharnnita the i circle is omitted over ornna. In yavidva, the last syllable is wrongly written dva; and at the end of line 8 the visarga is omitted after the word namnah.

Transcript.

- [१] नमस्सर्वेज्ञाय ॥ त्रिकूटकानां प्रवर्द्धमानराज्यसम्बत्सरशतद्वये पञ्चचत्वारिंशदुत्तरे कृष्णीगरिमहाविहारे
- [२] सिन्धुविषयान्तर्गतग्रामे काणकवास्तव्य[:] सुप्रभायाः बुद्धिया 💢 पुष्यवर्मणश्च पुत्रोदशवलवलि-
- [३] नो भगवतरशाक्यमुनेस्सम्यक्सम्बुद्धस्य तद्धर्मश्रावकार्च्यगण्या चरणपरिचरणकुशलो बुद्धहाचीर-
- [४] दं तस्यैव परममुनेरप्रयश्चावकस्यार्थ्यशारद्वतीपुत्रस्य वैसं घटितपाषाणेष्टकाभिराच-
- [५] न्द्राक्कीण्णेव सितिस्थितिसमकालीनं प्रतिष्ठापितवांस्तदस्य देवयक्षसिद्धविद्याधरगणमाणिभद्रपू-
- [६] जीभद्रपञ्चिकार्यवजपाणिवङ्गणकादयः स्वस्ति दिशन्त्वपि च यावद्वीचीसहस्त्रप्रचित्रमकरा-
- [७] घुण्णितावर्त्ततोय[:] क्षीरोदः क्षीरतोयो वृहदुपलचित 🛪 कर्कशो वापि मेदः यावदा यान्ति नदा-
- [८] स्मुविमलमालेलास्सागरं तोयवत्यः तावत्कीत्तिः स्थिरेयं भजतु शुभकरी सत्मुतं पुष्यनाम्न[ः] दाढा (१)

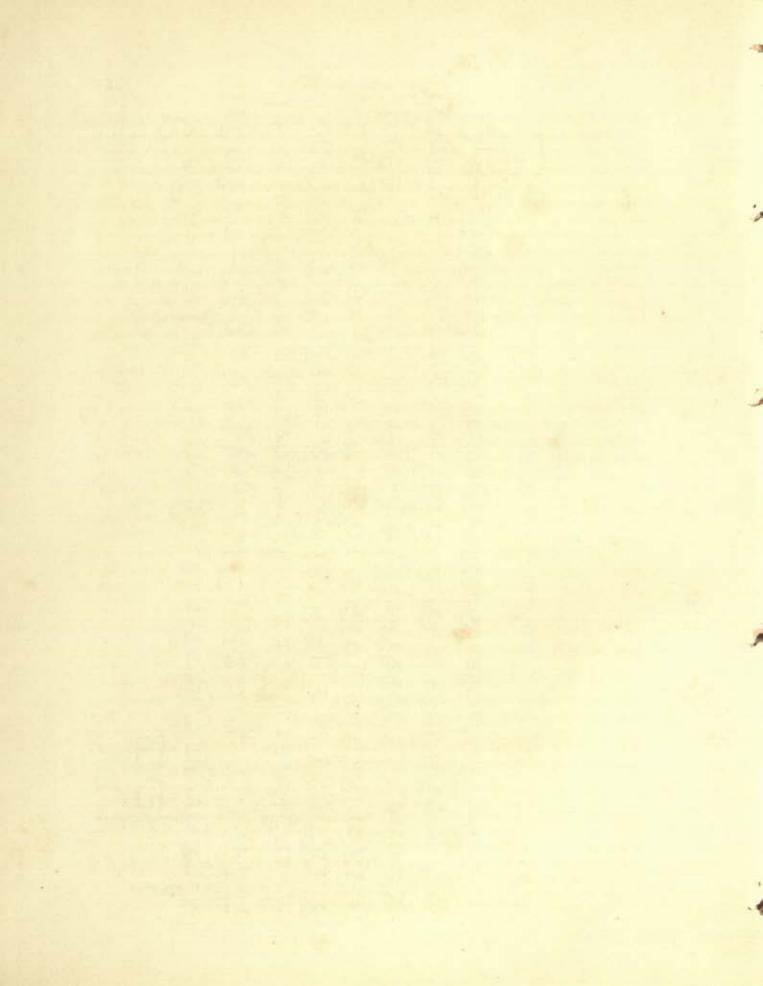
¹ The accompanying plate is an enlarged fac-simile of the one in Bird's book.

² It is inserted but in parentheses in the J. A. S. B. copy.

(Copied from D. J. Bird's "Historical Researches")

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Translation.

"Salutation to the omniscient (Buddha)! In the year two hundred and fortyfive of the increasing rule of the Trikûtakas, in the great vihâra of Krishnagiri, Buddharuchi-an inhabitant of Kanaka (? Kabhoka or Katoka) a village in the Sindhu country, the son of the glorious Buddhaśri and Pushyavarman, intent on religious duties, of the religion of Sakya Muni (who was) strong in the possession of the ten powers, revered, possessed of perfect knowledge-an Aryagana of his (i.e., S. M.'s) Sravaks, -erected this Chaitya of dressed stone and brick, to last while moon, sun and ocean endure, to the great Sravaka of the Paramamuni (Buddha)—the noble Saradvatîputra. Therefore let the Devas, Yakshas, Siddhas, Vidyadharas, Ganas, and Manibhadra, Purnabhadra, Panchika, Arya-Vajrapani, Vankanaka, (?) &c., be propitious. Moreover, as long as the milky ocean, the waters of the whirlpools of which are whirled round by the sea monsters which are driven about by its thousand waves, is an ocean of milk; and as long as the rugged Meru is piled with great rocks; and as long as the rivers of clear water flow with water into the ocean; -so long may this enduring and auspicious fame attach itself to the excellent son of him named Pushya(varman)."

Remarks.

Almost the only word of importance in this inscription is the name of the Trikûtakas, of which the dominion is said to have lasted 245 years. Hitherto no other reference has been made to any such dynasty. Among the great dynasties of which we have inscriptions, the Ândhras employ no date from a fixed epoch, nor do they mention such a title as Trikûtaka. The Kshatrapas employ a fixed epoch, but the characters on their coins bearing dates about 250 of their era are of a much earlier type than those of this plate, which apparently belong to about the sixth century A. D. The Guptas style their era 'Guptakâla,' 'Guptasya-kâla,' 'Guptanriparâjyabhukti,' or 'Sam.,' but such a name as Trikûta does no occur in their inscriptions; nor among the numerous copper-plates of the Valabhi dynasty, whose power, moreover, is not known to have ever extended to the Końkan. The Gurjara and Râshtrakûta kings all dated in the Sakakâla, and the earliest known Râshtrakûta king was Dantivarma early in the 7th century A. D.¹ The Sîlahâras were only petty kings in the Końkan, and Kapardi I., their earliest king, belongs to the ninth century (cir. 820 A. D.).²

Trikûtaka—native of a town or country (Trikûta) 'on three hills'—must refer to some place in Aparânta, or the Northern Konkan, not far from Kanheri

where the plate was deposited.

Now, the Raghuvamśa (IV. śl. 52, 53, 58) says that Raghu, when he conquered the Konkan, built a city called Trikūṭa³ on a lofty site, as a tower of victory. The inference from this is that in Kâlidâsa's time, such a place as Trikūṭa really existed not far from the western coast. Aparânta was this western

¹ Govinda I. of the Råshtrakûtas (Ind. Ant., vol. V., p. 144; vol. VI., p. 72) most probably flourished cir. 660 to 680 a. p., though it is not impossible that he may have been the Appâyika-Gôvinda mentioned in the Aihole inscription (Ind. Ant., vol. VIII., pp. 238, 244), who must have lived about a. p. 625. The Elurâ inscription gives us the name of his father Indrarâja, and of his grandfather Dantivarma.—J. B.

² From the form of the characters, I incline to think that this inscription may be dated in the Gupta era; the Trikûṭakas, like the Valabhi Senâpatis, may have continued to use the Gupta era on assuming independence; or it may have been adopted from Gujarât.—J. B.

³ See also Ind. Ant., vol. III., pp. 6, 7.

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coast, which the Greeks called Ariake or Abarike, and the commentary on the Raghuvańśa mentions on the authority of the Viśvakôsha that the district in which was Sorpâraka (the modern Supârâ), was called Aparânta:—

Aparântâstu pâśchâtyâs te cha Surpârakâdayaḥ.

Ptolemy and the *Periplus* both mention Tagara as a noted city in the west of India. Now, Tagara is a corruption of the Sanskrit *Trigiri*—a synonym of Trikûṭa; and Tagara may be identified with Junnar, which answers to the statement in the *Raghuvamśa*, in being built fully 2,000 feet above the sea, and surrounded by steep hills such as Sivanêri,¹ Mânmodi, &c., and is readily reached from the Konkan by the Nânâghâṭ and Mâlsej Ghâṭ. The kings of this place, then, would be the Trikûṭakas, and their rule may have extended to Salsette; but of their history we know nothing.²

The Junnar cave inscriptions, however, belong to a much earlier date, and

afford us no information about these Trikûtakas.

2.—Inscriptions.

The following inscription was translated by Pandit Bhagwanlal Indraji and published in the J. Bom. B. R. A. S. in 1877 (vol. XII., p. 407). It is numbered 19 in Mr. West's collection and is found in cave No. 36, on the right hand side wall, outside the verandah, where it occupies a space about 3 feet 8 inches wide by 2 feet 6 inches high, but the surface is rough and in some cases, especially in the fourth, sixth and last lines, portions of it are much abraded. The letters are similar to those used in other Andhrabhritya inscriptions.

Transcript.

सिधं रजो माढरिपुतस स्वामि (सिरि) सेनस सवछरे < गिप ५ दिव १० एतायं पुवायं क-लियाणकस नकेमस वेण्डुनांदिस पुतस नेग-मस गहपतिस (सात्तः?) स लेणं पातिठापि-तं सहा आय्यकेन (जसे) न सहा पितुना वेण्डुनं-दिना सहामातुये बोधिसमाये सहा भा-[जुना....] हथिना सहा सबेन (निकायेनेति)

Sanskrit.

सिद्धम् । राज्ञो मादारिपुत्रस्य स्वामिश्रीसेनस्य संवत्सरे ८ ग्री. प. ५।देव. १० एतस्यां पूर्वस्यां क-ल्याणकस्य नैगमस्य विष्णुनन्दिनः पुत्रस्य नैग-मस्य गृहपतेः (सात्तः?)स्य छयनं प्रतिष्ठापि-

¹ Possibly the first town was on one of these hills; if not actually so, Sivanêri must have been the citadel.—J. B.

² The Silâra or Silahâra kings speak of themselves as "born in the family of Jîmûtavâhana, the Sîlahâra prince, (Tagarapuravarâdhîśvara) lord of the excellent city of Tagara" (conf. Ind. Ant., vol. IX., p. 37). So the Kadambas in Canara took the epithet of Banavâsipurâdhîśvara (J. B. B. R. A. S., vol. X., p. 54, and vol. XII., p. 57 and p. 305; Ind. Ant., vol. IX., p. 43; and conf. vol. VI., p. 102; J. R. A. S., vol. IV., p. 35). May they not have been descended at least from a dynasty ruling there? On Tagara see also Arch. Surv. W. India, vol. III., pp. 54, 55; Ind. Ant., vol. VI., p. 75; vol. VII., p. 103; and vol. VIII., p. 144.—J. B.

तं सह आर्घ्यकेण(यशसा) सह पित्रा विष्णुन-न्दिना सह मात्रा बोधिसमया सह भा-[त्रा....] हास्तना सह सर्वेण (निकायेनेति) ॥

Translation.

"Siddham! In the 8th year of king Madhariputta, the lord Sirisena, in the 6th fortnight of Grishma, the 10th day. On the above (day) a merchant householder the son of Venhunandi,1 merchant, a resident of Kalyana, constructed a cave of Satta (?) with the respectable with his father Venhunandi, with his mother Bodhisama, with his brother ...-hathi, with an assembly of all (nikâya) co-religionists."

Portions of other two inscriptions have also been translated by the Pandit (J. B. B. R. A. S., vol. XIII., p. 11). They are among the latest at Kanheri, both belonging to the 9th century, and to the Silahara kings of the Konkan, who were tributaries to the Rashtrakûtas of the Dekhan. They are interesting as giving us the names of two kings in each of these dynasties as well as two dates, twenty-four years apart, in the contemporary rule of one sovereign in each family. Kapardi II., the Silahara king, whose capital was probably Chemula or perhaps "Puri," the son of Pulasakti, was evidently reigning during the whole interval A. D. 853-878; and apparently Amoghavarsha ruled during the same period. He is distinctly the son or successor of Jagattunga: Amoghavarsha I. was son of Govinda III., one of whose birudas was Jagattunga, but he must have ruled cir. 810-830; and Amoghavarsha II. was the son of Indra II. Indra either bore the birudas of Jagadrudra and Jagattunga, or was succeeded by a son of that name; but the dates seem to point to Indra II. himself who may have borne the biruda of Amoghavarsha, and he succeeded Jagattunga about 850 A. D.3

The first is No. 15 of West's collection, and is from the architrave over the verandah of Cave No. X.—the Darbar or Maharaja's cave. It consists of eight lines: three upper ones 11 feet long, then three others 11 feet 7 inches long, and two additional lines 5 feet 6 inches long, to the left of the second three, and on the same level.4

Translation.

"May it be propitious (svasti)! On the 2nd day of the dark half of Margaśirsha in the Prajapati year, after seven hundred and seventy-five years, in figures-Samvat 7755 of the Saka king had passed: during the victorious and happy reign of Amoghavarshadeva, the great sovereign, the great king of kings, the noble lord, meditating on the feet of the great sovereign, the chief of kings, the majestic lord, the illustrious Jagattunga, he presented the whole of the Konkan, during the flourishing and victorious reign in it of Kapardi, who has gained the five great titles, a jewel among the great chiefs of districts, meditating on the feet of Pulasakti, the gem of the great chiefs of districts"

² The name here is obliterated. 1 Sans. Vishnunandi.

⁴ J. B. B. R. A. S., vol. VI., p. 6. 3 See Arch. Reports, vol. III, p. 32. ⁵ Prajūpati, according to Telinga rule, agrees with 773, and Srimukha with 775 Saka;

Angira, by the Jyotishtava rule, agrees with 775, and Prajapati with Saka 774 .- J. B.

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The next is No. 43 in West's enumeration, and is on the architrave over the verandah in Cave 78, just opposite to the last. It is in an inscription of two 7 feet lengths, of five lines each, each length being over an intercolumination, and the short line below being on the capital of a column. It is faint and indistinct in places, and is in the same late alphabet as No. 15. Only the first portion is here translated.

Translation.

"May it be propitious! After seven hundred and ninety-nine, in figures 799 years of the Saka king had elapsed, during the prosperous and victorious reign of the illustrious Amoghavarshadeva, the great lord, the chief of great kings, (by whom) was presented the whole of the Konkan, in the circle of which Kapardî a jewel among the chiefs of districts, during his victorious and prosperous reign......"

The whole of the inscriptions have not all been taken in fac-simile yet, and therefore are not translated here.

The other inscriptions are in preparation and will be published when ready.

3.—PAHLAVI INSCRIPTIONS IN THE KANHERI CAVES.

In Cave 66 there are three Pahlavi inscriptions of which Dr. E. W. West of Munich has supplied the following account with translations.

These three Pahlavi inscriptions are all dated, and consist chiefly of the names of certain Parsis who visited the Kanheri Caves early in the eleventh century. They are all three inscribed in vertical lines, to be read from the top downwards; Pahlavi writing being read from right to left. As they would be more conveniently read if the lines were horizontal, the reason for inscribing them in vertical lines is not obvious; but it may be noted that a few short Pahlavi inscriptions, in the same comparatively modern character, are found in Persia, which are also inscribed in vertical lines.

The earliest date is that in the inscription on the verandah pilaster to the right of a person entering the cave. This inscription is so faintly cut that the greater part of it would be illegible if it were not for the fact that the names it contains are the same as those in the second inscription.

With the assistance of that inscription it may be read, line for line, as

follows3:-

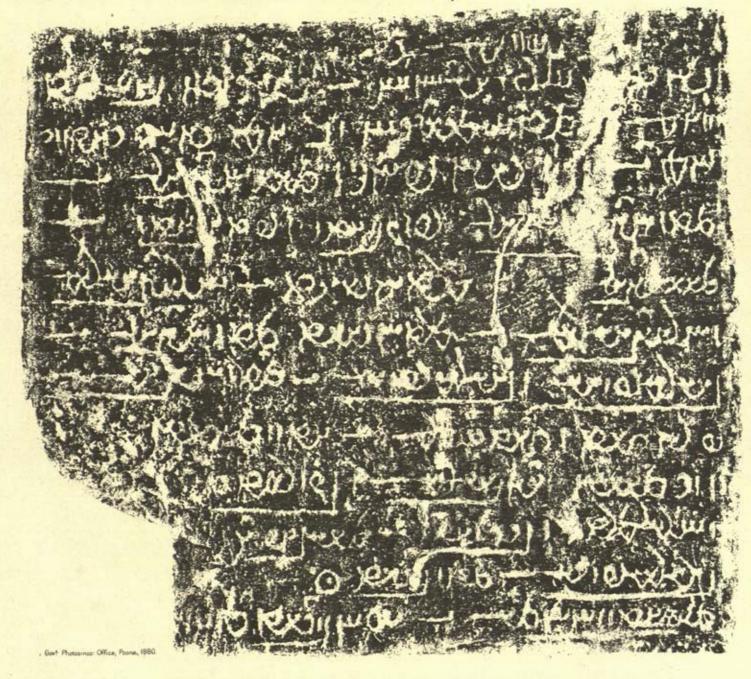
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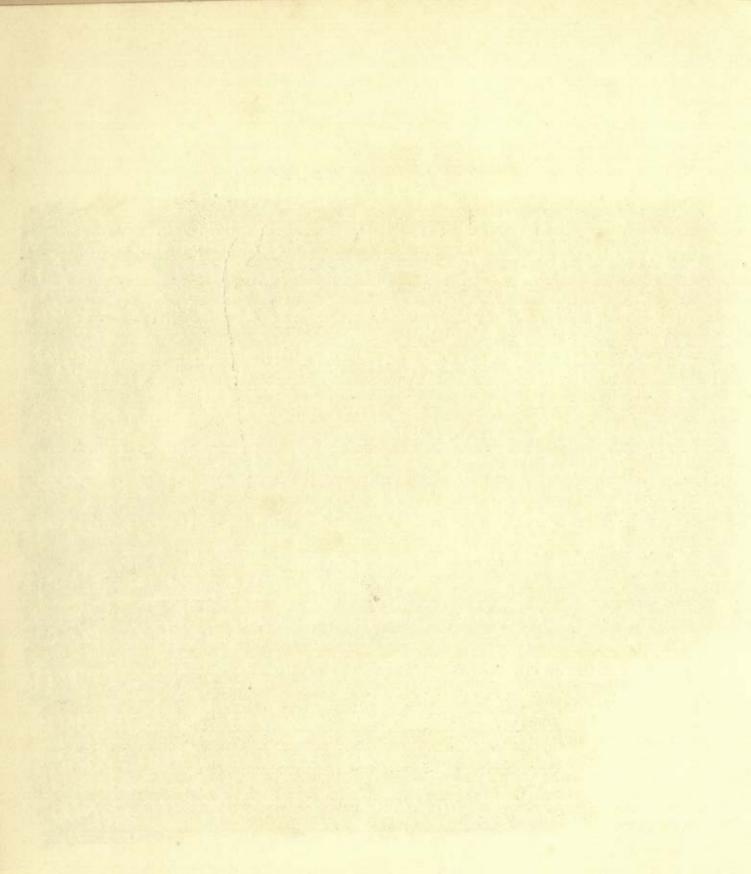
Pavan shem-î yazatê.
Pavan tag mûrvâk va nadûkő dadak denman shnat 300
70 8-î Yazdakardő bidanâ Mitrê yêm
Aûharmazd ham-dînîkân val denman jînâk yâtûnd

¹ These inscription have been translated by Dr. E. W. West, for the *Indian Antiquary*, where they will also appear with his remarks in full. Mr. K. M. Kama also kindly supplied me with versions of the three longer inscriptions prepared by Pârsi scholars.

² Not the Sasanian inscriptions, which are always in horizontal lines.

³ As some sounds are written more ways than one in Pahlavi, italics are used to express such variants; thus, d is used for d written like t, j for j written like y, l and r for l and r written either like n or like an Avesta v, v and v for v and v written like v.





hômand Yazdân-pânak va Mâh-aîyyâr-î Mitra-aîyyâr,¹ Panj-bûkhtŏ va Padar-bûkhtŏ-î Mâh-aîyyâr, Mardân-shâd-î Hîrâd²-Bâhrâm va Hîrâd-Bâhrâm-î Mardân-shâd Mitra-aiyyâr-î Bâhrâm-panâh va Bâhrâm-panâh-i Mitra-aîyyâr, Falân-zâd³ va Zâd-sparham-î Âtûr⁴-mahân, Nûk-mâhân va Dîn-Bâhrâm va Bajûrg-âtûr va Hîrâd-mard va Bêh-zâdŏ-î Mâh.

This inscription is evidently incomplete, as it stops in the middle of a name and also omits the names contained in the last two lines of the next inscription. Nearly the whole of the first two lines have been broken away and removed since 1870, and the copy of them could not, therefore, be corrected in 1875; so that the reading of so much of the second line as does not occur in the next inscription, is doubtful.

In the following translations of these three inscriptions, as transcribed, the words in italics are understood, but not expressed, in the original Pahlavi:—

Translation.

"In the name of God.5

"Through strong omens and the good Judge this year 378 of Yazdakard, on the day Aûharmazd of the month Mitrô (10th October 1009), there have come to this place the co-religionists Yazdân-pânak and Mâh-aîyyâr sons of Mitra-aîyyar, &c. (as in No. 2, as far as) Bêh-zâd son of Mâh. "

The next date, which is only forty-five days later, occurs in the inscription in the recess over the water-tank alongside the cave (No. 1 on the plate). This inscription, though likewise cut faintly, is much more distinct than the last, and is numbered with the Pahlavi cipher for "two" preceding the invocation in its first line. It contains the same names as the last inscription, with a few others added at the end to complete the list, and may be read as follows:—

¹ Alyyâr is merely a provisional reading for the Pahlavi equivalent of Pers. yâr, until its true sound is ascertained. In the second inscription it is always circumflexed, as if to be read aldbâr.

² Or, perhaps, Khirād or Air-ae, as the final d (not being d) is doubtful after a vowel.

² In the second inscription the l is distinctly noted by a discritical mark, otherwise it would be better to read Farukhő-zâd, a common Pahlavi name.

⁴ Hitherto I have generally read this word âtarô direct from the Avesta, but it occurs in Sasanian inscriptions, not only in a form which can be read either âtarô or âtâr, but also in another form which must be read âtâr; it is also transcribed by Syriac writers as âdâr or âdar. The second part of the name is here written mahân, but is mâhân in the next inscription and in the next name here.

⁵ The Pahlavi word is here in the singular number.

⁶ As already stated, the reading of this first phrase is doubtful. Another guess would make it mean "in a good omened and happy state I write."

⁷ This word is doubtful, but hamdinikan seems to be the only intelligible reading for it as it stands in No. 2.

⁸ Breaking off in the middle of a name.

Transliteration.

2. Pavan shem-î yazatê.¹
Shnat 300 va 70 8-î Yazdakardŏ bidanâ Âvânŏ va yôm Mitrô hamdînîkân val denman jînâk yâtûnd hômand Yazdân-pânak va Mâh-aîyyâr-î Mitra-aîyyâr, Panj-bûkhtŏ va Padar-bûkhtŏ-î Mâh-aîyyâr, Mardân-shâd-î Hîrâd-Bâhrâm va Hîrad Bâhram-î Mardân-shâd, Mitra-aîyyâr-î, Bâhram-panâh va Bâhrâm-panâh-î Mitra-aîyyâr, Falân-zâd va Zâd-sparham-î Âtûr-mâhân, Nûk-mâhân va Dîn-Bâhrâm va Bajûrg-âtûr va Hîrâd-mard va Bêh-zâdŏ-î Mâh-bâzâe,² Bâhrâm-panâh-î Mitra-bandâd.

Mâh Âtûr Aûharmazd-î Âvân-bandâd mûrd.³

Translation.

"2. In the name of God.

"In the year 378 of Yazdakard, the month Âvân and day Mitrô (24th November 1009), there have come to this place the co-religionists Yazdân-pânak and Mâh-aîyyâr, sons of Mitra-aîyyâr, Panj-bûkht and Padar-bûkht sons of Mâh-aîyyâr, Mardân-shâd son of Hîrâd-Bâhrâm and Hîrâd-Bâhrâm son of Mardân-shâd, Mitra-aîyyâr son of Bâhrâm-panâh and Bâhrâm-panâh son of Mitra-aîyyâr, Falân-zâd and Zâd-sparham sons of Âtûr-mâhân, Nûk-mâhân, Dîn-Bâhrâm, Bajûrg-âtûr, Hîrâd-mard, and Bêh-zâd sons of Mâh-bâzâe, and Bâhrâm-panâh son of Mitra-bandâd. In the month Âtûr Aûharmazd son of Âvân-bandâd died."

The third inscription in point of time is that on the left-hand pilaster of the verandah, and is numbered with the Pahlavi cipher for "three" preceding the invocation in its first line (No. 2 of the accompanying plates). It is dated twelve years later than the preceding inscriptions, and contains a different list of names, in which only four of the names in the previous inscriptions occur. It is fairly legible, and may be read as follows:—

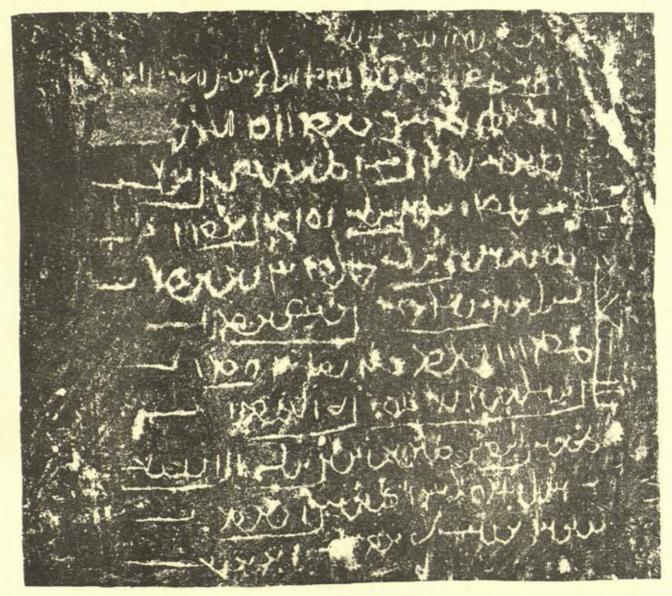
This word is illegible, but is assumed to be the same as in the preceding inscription. The za in yazatô, like the zd in yazdân and Aûharmazd, and the zda in yazdakardô is written like â or ha, as it always is in Pahlavi MSS.; but this is merely a graphical variant, as these words are written with za, zd, and zda in Sasanian Pahlavi.

² The last syllable is circumflexed, but can hardly contain the letter d.

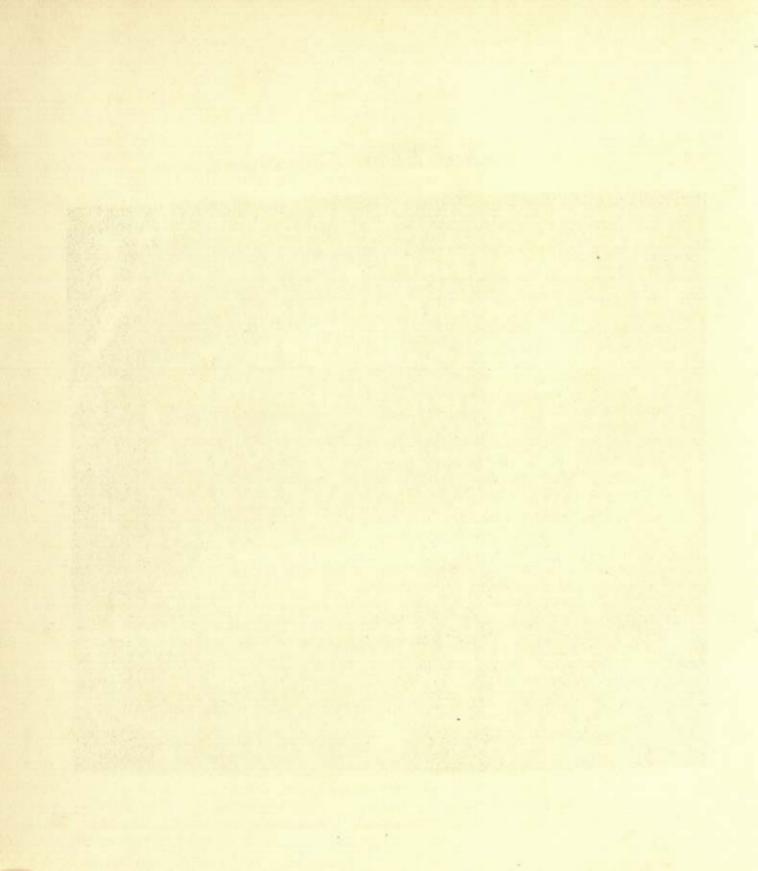
³ The last letter is doubtful, and the word looks more like muri, but this would be unintelligible. This last line is evidently an addition to the inscription after the list of names was finished.

Probably a son of the preceding man, who had been named after his grandfather, a custom still common among the Parsis.

⁵ That is, in the following month (9th Dec. to 8th Jan.). It might possibly be "on the day Mâh of the month Âtûr (20th Dec.)"; or it might be translated "Mâh-Âtûr and Aûharmazd sons of Avân-bandâd died," but the word "died" is doubtful. This last sentence seems to have been a later addition to the inscription.



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Transliteration.

3. Pavan shem-î yazdân.
Bidanâ Mitrô va yôm Dînô shnat 300 90-î Yazdakardŏ min Aîrân¹ val denman jînâk yâtûnd hômand
Mâh-Frôbag va Mâh-aîyyâr
î Mitra-aîyyâr, Panj-bûkhtŏ-î
Mâh-aîyyâr, Mardân-shâd-î
Hîrâd-Bâhrâm, Bêh-zâd-î
Mitra-vindâd,² Jâvîdân-bûdŏ-î
Bâhrâm-Gûshnaspŏ, Bajûrg-âtûr-î
Mâh-bâzâe, Mâh-aîyyâr va Bandêsh³
î Hîrâd-farukhŏ, va Mâh-bandâd-î
Gêhân-khash châsh⁴-nyôkhsh.

Translation.

"3. In the name of God."

"In the month Mitrô and day Dînô of the year 390 of Yazdakard (30th October 1021) there have come from Irân⁶ to this place Mâh-Frôbag and Mâh-aiyyâr⁷ sons of Mitra-aiyyâr, Panj-bûkht⁷ son of Mâh-aiyyâr, Mardân-shâd⁷ son of Hîrâd-Bâhrâm, Bêh-zâd son of Mitra-vindâd, Jâvîdân-bûd son of Bâhrâm-Gûshnasp, Bajûrg-âtûr ⁷ son of Mâh-bâzâe, Mâh-aiyyâr and Bandêsh sons of Hîrâd-farukhŏ, and Mâh-bandâd son of Gêhân-khash, the listener to instruction."

It must have been during the visit mentioned in this third inscription that the few words were inscribed on the dâgoba (discovered by Dr. West), for they mention the same year and one of the same names. This short inscription was correctly deciphered in 1866, as published in the Zartoshti Abhîâs No. 3, p. 164, and is as follows:—

Shnat 300 90-î Yazdaka(rd) Shatra-îyâr Mâh-Frôba(g).

"The year 390 of Yazdakard, Shatra-îyâr. Mâh-Frôbag."

Besides these four Pahlavi inscriptions at Kanheri there has been a fifth, of which only two or three detached letters are legible on another stone of the dâgoba, which is now in the Museum of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society. This inscription appears to have consisted of seven vertical lines on a

Possibly the same name as the Mitra-bandad of the first two inscriptions.

¹ These last two words are doubtful, min being nearly all cut away, and Aîrân hardly legible; they occupy the place of the doubtful word hamdînîkân in the first two inscriptions.

³ Or, perhaps, Bôsîh.

⁴ This word is doubtful, being partly broken away.

⁵ The Pahlavi word is here in the plural number.

⁶ The words "from Irân" are doubtful, being partly cut away to form a mortice in the rock for attaching wood-work.

⁷ These four names also occur in the former lists in Nos. 1 and 2.

⁸ This last phrase is doubtful, and it is possible that the list of names is incomplete in this inscription, as it is in that on the other pilaster.

⁹ See Jour. Bom. B. R. As. Soc., vol. VI., p. 119, and plate iii, fig. 21.

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flat space between two groups of sculpture; but the surface of the stone is so much decayed, that the letters legible are only just sufficient to show that the words have been Pahlavi.

4.-Coins.

During the excavations in making a path round the upper contour of the great reservoir at Vihâr in Salsette, in January 1855, upwards of a thousand copper coins were dug up in an earthenware pot. They were much corroded, but of some of the best of them drawings were made by the Messrs. West. As no notice has been published of these, it may not be uninteresting to have a reproduction of the drawings preserved, which is done in the accompanying plate. Three of them are distinctly Muhammadan, and not of a very early type. Only about half a dozen were of this coinage, and most of the others bear a cross on one side with a point between each of the arms; and on the obverse is a small figure like a Maltese cross with a point on each side of it, over which is a line bent down at each end, and the remainder of the field is occupied by a symbol—the intent of which is very doubtful—between two sets of four points. A sixth has a rude outline of a cross on one side of it, the other being plain. Other pieces of copper of similar sizes were quite smooth.

10.—CAVE AT AMBIVALE.

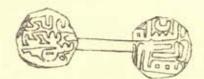
The cave is about half a mile from the village of Ambivale near Jambrug, north from Karjat, under Kotaligadh, and to the east of it. It is cut in a long low hill forming the concave side of a curve in the bank of the river. The cave overlooks the river, being about 20 feet above it, sloping rock leading up to it from the water. It consists of a large square hall, about 42 feet by 39 feet and 10 feet high, having four cells off each of three sides (12 cells in all). Around these same three sides runs a low bench similar to the bench in Cave 35 at Kanheri and in No. III at Nâsik. Two doorways, a central and a side one to the right, lead into a verandah, 31' long by about 5' 10" deep, the eaves of which are supported by 3' 9" of return of wall at either end and by four pillars. Between each pair of pillars (except the central pair—where the entrance is,) and the end pillars and pilasters is a low seat, with a parapet wall running along the outer side and forming a back to the seat. The outside of the parapet wall was ornamented in the same style as Cave III. at Nâsik, with festoons and rosettes, but is so damaged that little now remains.

The pillars are of the same pattern as those of Nasik—pot capitals with flat tiles surmounting them, but roughly finished. The shafts, springing from the seats, have no bases. The central pair of pillars have octagonal shafts, the remaining two are 16-sided.

The doorways have had modern carved doors inserted at a late date, and with some built basements with carved figures on them in six of the cells at the back. The cave has thus been converted into a Brahmanical temple. A Jogi, recently dead, occupied the cave, the consequence being that the surface of the rock in the hall and verandah has been thoroughly coated with soot.

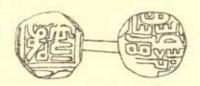
On the second pillar of verandah, on the left of entrance, is a Påli inscription in one vertical line, reading downwards.1

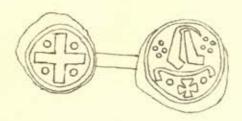
¹ There are some remains of letters on each of the centre pair of pillars, though indistinct.

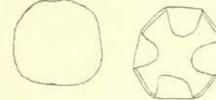


Coins found at Vehar

(Natural Size)







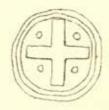








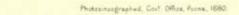


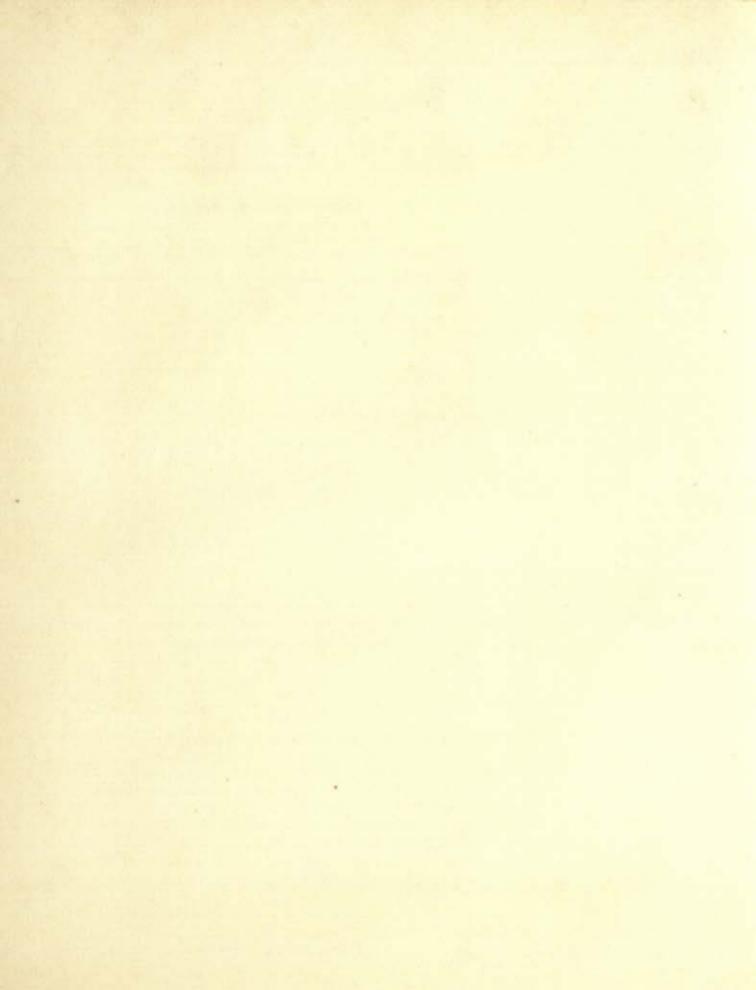




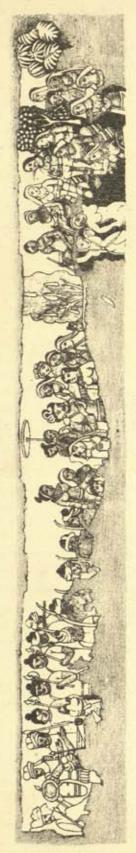




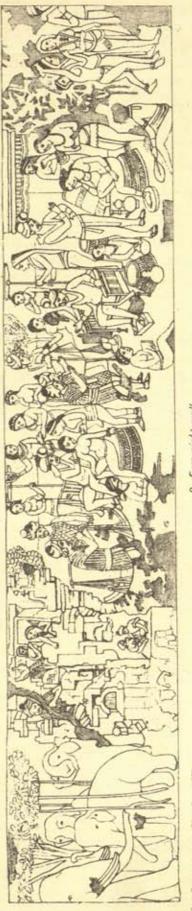








1 From left wall



2. From right wall

* Pathonography Office, Bone, 1879

11.-INSCRIPTIONS IN THE AJANTA CAVES.

The Ajanta Caves and their paintings were treated in considerable detail in No. 9. of these papers, and some specimens were there given of the remaining

fragments of the oldest wall-paintings from Cave X.

Since writing the Notes, however, I have come upon two wood engravings in the Illustrated London News of 8th September 1849, representing, on a very small scale, two of the large copies made by the late Major Gill, and so unfortunately destroyed by fire at the Sydenham Crystal Palace in 1866. They represent portions of these old paintings as they existed more than thirty years ago. These woodcuts are not executed with much minuteness of detail; they represent, however, the grouping of the figures in a portion of the painting on each wall of this cave. The first, from the left wall, is that from which most of the copies given in the Notes were taken, and shows that nearly forty years ago it had become a mere series of fragments.

The second represents part of a scene from the right wall, which has since become almost black, and has been scribbled all over by native visitors. It may perhaps be possible even yet, however, to recover a portion of these interesting paintings; but in the meantime it seems desirable to preserve such records as we possess of them, and with this view the accompanying lithograph from these woodcuts is here given. Almost at the first glance we may recognise this as a representation of the famous Chhadanta Jâtaka. The head of the Chhadanta elephant appears in the extreme left of the drawing, under his favourite Banian tree; the hunter Sonuttara appears among the rocks of the ridge named Suvarna in the kâshâya dress of a mendicant, and further to the right he is seen carrying the tusks to Subhadrâ, the consort of the king of Banâras. To the right of this, he and a companion are again represented supplicating or listening to the king with the queen at his right hand; and lastly, the queen is represented seated, in deep grief for the murder and dying of a broken heart, while the king stands before her addressing her.

The larger inscriptions are unfortunately so damaged as to render satisfactory translations impossible. Transcriptions of all, so far as they are legible, have been made by Paṇḍit Bhagwanlal Indraji, and are here given with tentative translations and remarks on them.

ROCK INSCRIPTION No. 1.

The oldest is that on the left side of the arch on the front of the Chaitya Cave No. X. It is in Prakrit, and the characters are of a very early form of those used throughout the Western India Cave Inscriptions.

बासिठिपुतस कट हादिनो घरमुख दानं

Notes on the Bauddha Rock-Temples of Ajant 1, Plates VIII. to XI., and pp. 50, 51.
 Julien, Mém. sur. les Cout. Occ., tom. I, p. 360; Cunningham's Bharhut, p. 62; M. Coomâra Swamy's Dathâvansa, c. iii, 31, p. 50.

Sanskrit.

बासिष्ठीपुत्रस्य कटा बासिष्ठीपुत्रस्य कट-हो दत्तः गृहमुख- or ह्रादेनो गृहमुख-दानम् दानम्

"A Kaṭahā and the gift of a cave-façade by Vasiṭhiputa."

Kaṭahâ may be the Sanskrit kaṭâha, 'a bambu lattice-work 'or 'partition of bambu work,' in Gujarâti kûda or kaḍo. Hence it may be inferred that the cave had some wooden lattice-work in the great arch over the doorway and lower façade, (which was probably of brick') and both were gifts of Vâsithiputa.

Vâsishthîputra Puḍumâvi of the Nâsik inscriptions, but from the character of the letters, compared with those of the inscriptions of that king, this would seem to be earlier by two centuries. Then we find no title, such as Râño, applied to him, as in other inscriptions. And the usage of naming sons from their mothers is shown from other inscriptions to have been common to other families besides that of the Ândhrabhritya dynasty. Thus at Pitalkhorâ, we have the royal physician Vachhiputa; at Bhâjâ, Kosikiputa; at Kudâ, Kochhiputa, &c. He seems, therefore, to have been a private person, and if so, we may translate thus:—

"The gift of a cave-façade by Våsithiputa Katahadi."

Kaṭahadi might then be regarded as either a family name or one derived from his native place, Katahada, Sans. Katahrada.

Inscription No. 2.

On the back wall of Cave No. XII, on the left side of the door of the right end cell-

ठानको देयधमं धनामददस वणिज[स] सउववरको सउपा[सयो]

Sanskrit.

स्थानकं देयधर्मः घनामदहस्य वणिजः सोपवरकं सउपा[श्रयम्]

"The meritorious gift of a dwelling with cells and hall by the merchant Ghanamadada."

Remarks.

The letters of this inscription are not very clear, the language is Prakrit and at the end of the last line are the syllables saupâ. It may have been intended to engrave saupâsayo, but these syllables as they stand convey no meaning.

Sthânaka is 'a dwelling.' The residence of the priests of the Dhundiyâ sect of Jainas is still called sthânaka. It may have been applied to the layanas of early times. The uvavarakas, Sans. apavarakas, are the cells which surround the hall, and the upâsaya, Sans. upâśraya, is the central hall,—the whole together constituting a sthânaka.

Ghanamadada resembles a local name probably corrupted from Sans. Ganapadra, and if so, the record may mean the gift of a merchant residing at Ghanamadada: it is, however, very seldom to find such a record without the name of the donor.

INSCRIPTION No. 3.

This is on the left end wall outside the verandah in Cave XVI. The language is Sanskrit, and the composition is in verse. It is written in 27 lines. The letters are in the same square style as in the Sivanî Copper-plates, and which was current in the Chhatisgarh district and the country around the Benagangâ about the 5th and 6th century. It is much weatherworn, especially towards the left side where it is most exposed. The following is a transcription of all the letters that are legible, made from a careful examination. Though the translation cannot, from the nature of the case, be very satisfactory, still some information may be gleaned from it.

It records the gift of a dwelling for monks by the son of a minister named Hastibhoja; his name is effaced, but it was perhaps Varâhadeva, which occurs in the 21st line. The donor was minister to king Harishena, and his father Hastibhoja was minister to Devasena, the father of Harishena. The inscription supplies the following list of kings:—

- 1. Vindhyaśakti.
- 2. Pravarasena.
- 3. (Rudra ?)sena.
- 4.
- 5. Devasena.
- 6. Harishena.

From the broken state of the inscription it is not clear whether Pravarasena was a son of Vindhyaśakti, or, as is probable, of a member of the Vindhyaśakti family. Of his son only -sena is legible, preceded by a faintly traceable form like -dra, so that the name may have been Bhadrasena, Chandrasena, Indrasena, Rudrasena, &c. The expression "Kuntalendra"—king of Kuntala—occurring in connection with him shows that he had something to do with the king of that country. Later on Kuntala is included in his dominions. His son's name in lost: he began to reign as a minor. His son was Devasena; and his was Harishena. Besides this inscription we have two copper-plate grants of this Vakataka dynasty which seems to have had a somewhat extensive sway: one of these is the Sivan grant translated (but not very accurately) by Mr. Prinsep, and the other found in a ploughed field at Chamak, 7 or 8 miles south of Ilichpur, some 11 or 12 years ago, and a transcript of which is given in the Notes, No. 9 (p. 54).

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[8]	रणे[षु] ह्र्य्युत्थितरेणु नालसञ्छादितार्कः
	नरातीन्कत्वा[भि]वादप्रवणाञ्चकार [II]
[9]	[विनि]िजतारि[स्सुर]राजकार्य्यकारपुण्येषु परं प्रय[तं] [1]
	नरेंद्रमीलिबिन्यस्तमणिकिरणलीढकमाम्बुजः
[8]	प्रवरसेनस्तस्य पुत्रोभूद्धिकसन्तवेन्दीवरेक्षणराविमयूख
	[इद्र! सेनः] प्रवरसेनस्य जितसर्वितेनस्मुतोभवत्
[6]	पार्तियवेन्द्रस्य [प्रश्रशास]धर्मोण मेदिनीम् कुन्तलेंद्रवि
	पवरसेनस्य पुत्रीभूत्मवरीर्जिनतोदारशासनमवर[:] [1]
[<]	[॥] तस्यात्मन × कामत
	[1]मवाप्य राज्यमष्टाब्दकीय × प्रशशास सम्यक् [॥]
[9]	तस्यात्मजीभूलरदेवमुवि देवसेन[:] यस्योपभोगैर्छिलितै-
	िवपावनैर्नृदेवराजस्यभूः [॥]पुण्यानुभावात्क्षितिपस्य
[10]]यगुणाधिवासो
	कोशो भुवि हस्तिभोजः[॥]हरूय 🗴 प्रथुपीनवक्षास्तरोह्हाक्ष 🔆 क्षपि
[88]][1][1]दिग्गन्धहस्तिप्रतिमे। बभूव[॥]
-	हितो विनातः प्रणयप्रमनोनुकूलानुविधानवर्ती [1] निरत्ययं
[89]] [शा]सनसकथ[॥] तथैव लोकस्य हिताशय-
	त्वात्सुखेन सम्यक्परिपालनाय [1][पितेव] मातेव सखेव नित्यं प्रियोभिगम्यश्च वभूव
[83] [नित्यं] [॥][।]स्वस्थस्समावेदय स तत्र राजा ससर्जन
	भोगेषु यथेष्टवे[ष्टाम्?] [11] अय तस्य सुती वभू-
[83] [व राजा] सजलाम्भोहह[1] हरिरेष हर[:] स्मरेव कान्तिहरिषेणो
	ह्रिविक्रमप्रतापः [॥] सकुन्तलावन्तिकलिङ्गकीसलित्रिकूटलाटान्त्र-
.01	्][1]स्विनिर्देश[1]प्रथितो-
H	भुवि हस्तिभोजस्नुस्साचिवस्तस्य महीपतेर्व्वभूव [1] सकलक्षिति
ro.	
H	[]जिष्टः स्थिरधीरचेतास्यागक्षमीदार्थ्यगुणैरु- पेतः [1] धर्मेण धर्मप्रवणश्शशास देशं यशःपुण्यगुणांशु
To	
11	o] [II]
1	मदस्सहायधम्मी परितो लोकगुरी चकार काराम् [॥] आयुर्वयोविच[सु]खानि
[3	<लानि [1]उद्देश मातापितरावुदारं न्यवी-
	विश्वद्रिश यतीन्द्र [सेव्यं] [॥] [सज]लाम्बुदहिद्धताग्रे भुजगेन्द्राध्युधिते मही-
Total of	धरेन्द्रे [1]
[3	९]शीपतिना शरानिकुञ्जे [॥] गवाक्षनिर्ध्-
	हसुवीथिवेदिकासुरेन्द्रकन्याप्रतिमाद्यलङ्कतम् [॥]मनोहरस्तम्मविभङ्ग

	्र कर्न । । । च चल्या स्वर्ण स्वर्ण विस
[90]	तलसीनाविष्ठं विस
-	नमनोभिरामं ॥ व०चान्तुमहानियानं नागः प्रवस्तायान्
FD 8 7	प्यलंकतं [1]
[41]	व्मार्कस्य च किरणोपतापतप्तं सर्वितुपितगुणोपभोगयोग्यम् [1.]
	व्यक्तिस्य च किरणापतापवत सञ्बतुभावत् उत्तावताः । र र र र
[28]	सुरेन्द्रमन्दिराणां रुचिमन्मन्दरकन्द[रानुरूपं][॥]
Te = 1	शमान्तकः [॥][١][١][١]
[44]	यस्य जनेन नाम प्रीतिप्रसादविकचप्रणयेन चक्रे [॥] चेतः
	वस्य जनन नाम आविभवादाना पर्या । निवेबेदा
[88]	हायं [1] निवेवेदा
	कडायध्य सबन्धुवगास्स वरहिदवः [॥] गृदवतास्य पहरू
[26]	राम्बा सगतप्रशस्तः । । सान्द्रास्मादमुज्ञङ्गार्थाः ग्रान्सारम्
[4.5]	20110 MH4105101004014024147417417417
1-	DENETURA MUZUNGHO (GAMISHMUTI
[२६]	······································
	[॥] विविधस्रयनसानुस्सेव्यमानी महद्भिर्मिगिरिरय-
[90	म्यः [1] जगदिष च समस्तं व्यस्तदोषप्रहाण-
L.V.	म्बिशतु पदमशोकं निर्क्र शान्तमार्थं [॥]
	Translation.
"	extinguisher of the increasing fire of the sins of the three worlds
	extinguisher of the increasing life carry succession of kingshaving bowed (to him) I describe the early succession of kingshaving bowed (to him) I describe the early succession of kingshaving bowed (to him) I describe the early succession of kingshaving bowed (to him) I describe the early succession of kingshaving bowed (to him) I describe the early succession of kingshaving bowed (to him) I describe the early succession of kingshaving bowed (to him) I describe the early succession of kingshaving bowed (to him) I describe the early succession of kings.
"Vi	ndhyasakti, whose valour increased in great butters, who was who

"(He) the son of Pravarasena, exalted by highest excellence, by power, by

generosity in punishing....... "His son......having obtained power when eight years of age, ruled

"His son Devasena became in the world......of men and gods. By his lovely and purifying enjoyments......of king of men and gods. Through the meritorious acts of this king....... Hastibhoja (became his minister) on this earth, who was the dwelling of good qualities and treasury of.......

"Afterwards this (king's) son was king Harishena, whose (eyes) were like the wet lotus..... the destroyer of miseries (Hari), the attractor of (men's) minds (Hara), beautiful like Kâma (Cupid), of glorious deeds and majesty like Indra's, (lord of the countries) including Kuntala, Avanti, Kalinga, Kosala, Trikûṭa, Lâṭa, Andhra

of a sense of justice, ruled the country uprightly

"(The dwelling) ornamented with windows, doors, splendid verandahs, railings, and images of Devakanyas (goddesses) and delightfully arranged pillars.....

with Chaitya-Mandira9

¹ The elephants of smell, so called because it was fabled that ordinary elephants were terrified by the mere smell of these.

² Part of Kannada, somewhere about Anagundi or Hampe,

³ Western Mâlwâ, round Ujjain.

⁴ The country between Odesa and the Krishna.

⁵ Usually Audha, but here perhaps the district about Chhatisgarh in Central India.

⁶ Junnar in the Pùṇâ Zilla and adjacent districts,

⁷ Bharoch district.

The Tailanga country: the name of the chief seat of power is probably lost in the lacuna.

This is no longer found: it may have been structural and outside. - J. B.

Nagendraveśma is the recess for the image of the Naga. This without doubt refers to the figure of Nagendra in the staircase leading down from the front of the cave. (See Notes, p. 57.)—J. B.

"Again, may the whole world attain the state of tranquillity, excellence,

freedom from evil, and sorrow, and various sins."

INSCRIPTION No. 4.

This is on the side wall outside the verandah in Cave No. XVII, and like the last has also suffered much from the weather. This inscription is in 29 lines, and is in Sanskrit verse, each line containing one śloka.

This inscription furnishes the following names of kings:-

- 1. Dhratarâshtra.
- 2. Harisâmba.
- 3. Saurisâmba.
- 4. Upendragupta.
- 5. (Agaja? or) Kâcha.
- 6. Bhikshudasa.
- 7. Nîladâsa,
- 8. Kâcha II.
- 9. Krishnadasa.

There was perhaps one name more, preceding that of Dhratarashtra, who is said to have been the son of some king. Whether Harisamba was the son or brother of the preceding king is not clear. Saurisamba is apparently the son of Harisamba, but we know nothing of the relation of Upendragupta to his predecessor; so also the relation of Bhikshudasa to Upendragupta is lost. Krishnadasa had two sons whose names, where they first occur, are obliterated, as is that of his wife. Later on Ravisamba occurs as the name of one of them, and from the fragmentary phrases it appears that the elder murdered his brother, but afterwards repented. This is followed by the account of the construction of the Vihara by the king or his minister, while Harishena was ruling—almost certainly one of the Vakatakas to whom this Asamaka family may have been subordinate.

The characters in this inscription bear a close resemblance to those of the Valabhî and early Châlukya copperplate grants. From the style of alphabet and the tenor of the inscriptions it would seem then that Caves Nos. XVI, XVII, XVIII and the Chaitya-Cave No. XXVI, belong all to very nearly the same date.

Transcript.

[१]मार्वानं, प्रणम्य विद्यात्रयपारगं मुनीम् [1]
विद्यारदातुर्व्यवदातकर्मणो गुणाभिधानापनय × कारेष्यते [१॥]
[१]नेश्च, लब्धातमभावस्य नराधिपस्य [1]
धृतातपत्रस्य बभूव पुत्रस्मितातपत्रो धृतराष्ट्रसंज्ञः [२॥]
[३]स्यराजो, द्विरसाम्बोम्बुरुद्देन्दुकान्तवकः [1]
नृपतेस्तनयो बभूव तस्याप्यमलश्चीः क्षितिपालशीरिसाम्बः [३॥]

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[8]	नेश एथुकीतिंबुतिमानुपेन्द्रगुप्तः [1]
	समभूद[गज]स्तुताथ तस्य क्षितिप 🗴 काच इति पकाशनामा [शा]
[9]	[ड्रु]वि कीर्तिन्यसनाय भिक्षदासः [१]
	प्रथितो भुनि नीलदासनामा नृपतिस्तस्य सुतो नराधिपस्य [९॥]
[٤]	पथित 🗴 काच इति प्रदीप्तकीर्तिः [1]
L01-	नृपतेरथ तस्य कृष्णदासः कुलवंशवातिवर्द्धना वभुव [६॥]
[9]	
	अभ[ब]त्परिपूर्णचन्द्रवका विनयाचारविभवणा चन्द्रा [७॥]
[4]	वोतकरीमवाप [1]
	तस्याञ्च तस्याम्बु६हायताक्षावुत्तप्तचामीकरकान्तरूपी [८॥]
[8]	[प्रद्यु]म्नसाम्बप्रतिमौ कुमारौ [1]
2/15.1	एकाधिपत्यप्रथमावतारं दघे द्वितीयो रविसाम्बसंज्ञाम् [९॥]
[90]	मञ्मकादि [1]
	नुताभ्यामितभूय भूयसा रराजतुश्चन्द्रदिवाकराविव [१०॥]
[88]	[]
	विवृद्दसीहार्द[यश]प्रतानयोस्सदानुकूल्येन सुखं विजन्हतोः [११॥]
[99]	रप्यनिवार्ष्य शासनः [1]
UE II	पुराक्तोद्धावितभीमविकमः कंनीयास पा [] ताशनिः [१२॥]
[83]	याधिराजः [।]
WW 925	आचित्यसंज्ञः सचिवस्तत 🗴 परं व्यवीवृधत्युण्यमहामही रहम् [१३॥]
[88]	
F. 6.774	भूयश्वतत्वागदयाप्रमोदमैत्रीक्षमावीर्ध्यीघयस्तिषेवे [१४॥]
[89]	
13	प्रशस्तवृत्तान्सुविशुद्धवृत्तो वृत्तेन सम्यक् क्षुभितोनुचके [१५॥]
[88]	चकार [1]
	अ त्यिकस्पार्थिजनस्तवैव कीर्त्तिकृतार्थः प्रययाम्बभूव [१६॥]
[20]	विष्ठुताक्षान् [1]
	अमूमुचद्रित्तविसर्गशक्ता पुत्राभिचेष्टान्करुणाभिमृष्टः [१७॥]
[36]	येन पुत्रवत् [1]
	अनूचिवां सोपि हि यस्य हट्सतां विन्द्रन्तृवध्याशयशुत्विसम्परम् [१८॥]
[88]	करााणे सद्यः [।]
E 1 30	सर्विज्ञभावप्रणिधानिसिद्धिः सत्याभिधानाभिभवादपेयुः [१९॥]
[90]	म्बारचयांधियोगः [।]
F.47	यशोम्बुभिश्चन्द्रमरीचिश्चैर्नगत्समयं समलंचकार [२०॥]
[38]	वदनारविन्दचन्द्रे [1]
F117	चिवालयाते सितीन्दचन्द्रे हरियेणे हितकारिणि प्रजानाम [२१॥]

[99]	
	भुवस्तूपविहारभूषा दानोदयैश्वात्यिजनपमोदम् [२२॥]
[83]	[नानिलनादवाद्वः] [।]
	मिनिसहायादे [२३॥]
[88]	गाम्भीर्यगुणैरूपेतम् [1]
SENE GE	निवेशितान्तर्मुनिराजचैयमेकाश्मकं मण्डपरत्नमेतत् [२ शा]
[99]	
	अचीकरीच्यिमहानकल्पमल्पात्मिः कल्पनयाप्यशक्यम् [२९॥]
[38]	शे नयनाभिरामम् [1]
1000	न्यबीविश्वत्स्वादुलघुप्रसन्त्रशीतं प्रकामाम्बुमहानिधानम् [२६॥]
[99]	नेत्रमनोभिरामम् [1]
	अन्यांगदेशेस्य दिशि प्रतीच्यामचीकरद्गन्धकुटीमुदाराम् [२७॥]
[20]	
	मुनीन्द्रनाथप्राणिधानसिद्धये भवन्त्वभीष्टा भुवि सर्व्वसम्पदः [२८॥]
[२९]	सप्रणयेन मण्डपः [1]
	करीतु तावत्कुशलोदयं सतां निहन्ति यावद्रविरंशुभिस्तमः [२९॥]
	Translation.

" Making obeisance to the Muni who completely attained to the three sciences. I will set forth a description of the qualities of the donor of the vihâra, whose deeds are pure......to the king regarding all as equal to himself and who has the royal umbrella over his head, was a son by name Dhratarashtra of the white umbrella...... This king's (son) was Harisamba, whose face was as the lotus and the moon. Again king Saurisamba, beauty. Then his son was king (Agaja)1 whose well-known name was Kâcha.... (was) Bhikshudasa for spreading renown in the world. The king known in the earth by the name of Nîladâsa (was) the son of this king..... Kacha, renowned and famous. Then Krishnadasa was this king's son who was an increaser of the splendour of his dynasty was (his wife) who was gentle, whose dress was white as the moonbeams, whose face was like the full moon, and who was adorned by modesty and good behaviour...... to this king by her were born two sons equal to Pradyumna and Samba, whose large eyes were lotus-like and whose beauty was as red burning gold. The first born, first to enjoy independent power (Ekâdhipati), and the second assumed the name of Ravisamba² Asmaka and others..... by frequently overcoming, they two were glorious as the sun and the moon of those, the creepers of whose glory in friendship have spread, and who conduct

¹ The word may also be read Avana instead of Agaja, which means 'a protector,' and if this reading be correct it cannot be a proper name; and the whole may mean that his "son was a protector (of the world) whose well-known name was Kâcha"

² It would seem that correctly either Ravisamba should be a title, or Ekadhipatya is a proper name, which however seems unlikely.

themselves always in happiness and mutual agreementbut he whose punishment is unrevokable and whose wicked actions grow from the deeds
of his former life, (was as) a thunderbolt to the younger
patience, &c.,great kingafter this the minister named Achintya (?) throve,
a great tree of merits,and again possessed knowledge of the sacred books,
generosity, mercy, kindliness, friendship, benevolence, valour, and good sense,
and being greatly ashamed conducted himself as men of
renowned behaviour who is successful in glory, became famous
renowned behaviour who is successful in glory, became famous he who is filled with mercy, and by his generous
disposition released those whose eyes are wet, and whose behaviour is filial,
(the minister) who, although he knew that the king has acquired in his heart a
conscience purified from murderous tendencies, did not disclose
who acquired knowledge, by faith in, and meditation on, the omniscient
(Buddha) by the waters of (his) glory, white as the beams of the
moon, he much beautified the whole worldwhen Harishena—who was (as)
a moon to the face of and a moon among kings, and a well-wisher of his
subjects,—was ruling the heap of whose merits
is extraordinary (making) the needy glad by the gift of a stûpa, a vihâra, and
ornaments (?) of winds
this jewel of a monolithic temple, which is majestic, and contains within a
Chaitya of the Munirâja (Buddha)1made here an incomparable Chaitya,
expending profusely upon it, such that the poor cannot even grasp in imagi-
nationmade a large reservoir charming to the eyes, of tasteful, clear, pleasant, and cold waterdelightsome to the
eyes and mind; on the other side of it, towards the west, made a splendid
Gandhakuti (temple)2
whose actions are ready (?) for the benefit of the world, be for the attainment
of the meditation on Munindranatha (Buddha)
with courteousness may this temple increase comforts to the sages until the
sun's rays destroy the darkness."

INSCRIPTION No. 5.

This occurs on the pilaster at the left end of the verandah in Cave XXII. Much of it is broken away, only a few letters in each of the eleven lines are now left. The language is Sanskrit prose, and the letters are similar to those of the inscription in Cave XVI.

[देयधम्मी]यं मण्डपप्रेषात्रस्य कपीत्रस्याचार्येन्द्रस्य धर्माहग......[पु] त्रस्य जयता.....

As there is no dagoba or Chaitya in Cave XVII, it seems that the word Chaitya was used by the Buddhists, as it still is by the Jainas, for an image of Buddha.

² The Gandhakuti was perhaps the small Cave No. XVIII. The name is applied only to a temple containing images, and not to a monastic abode. The image in Cave XVIII must have been moveable.

स्य कुलाग्नै.....[पर]
मोपासकस्य.....
...न्वाभिकस्यै... [यद]
[त्र]पुण्यं तद्भवतु मातापितृ
[पूर्व]गमानां स[कलसत्वाना]
मनुत्तरज्ञानावाप्त[य]

"The meritorious gift of a mandapa by Jayata.....of.....family, a great Upâsaka, great-grandson ofgrandson of of Âchârya Indra... son of Dharmahaga.......may the merit of this be for excellent knowledge to all sentient beings, beginning with father and mother."

INSCRIPTION No. 6.

On the front of the Chaitya-cave No. XXVI, over the right side door (see Notes, p. 83, and Plate XXI). It consists of 27 lines in Sanskrit verse, and with the exception of flaws in the first and in some of the lower lines, it is fairly legible. The alphabet is similar to that used in the early Châlukya and Valabhî copper-plates, and if not of the same date as that on Cave XVII, is but little later.

Transcript.

- [१] जयति लोकहिताबहितोद्यतो...हिसुखान्तकरः परमार्थवि[त्] [1] त्रिविधानिर्मलसर्वगुणोदयो मु[धितभीः!] करुणामलचन्द्रिकः[॥१॥]
- [२] पुनरिपमरणादि येन सम्यक्षित्रमजरामरधर्माता च लब्बा शित्रमथमनालयं गतोपि प्रशमपुरं जगतां करोति चार्त्यं [॥२॥]
- [३] ततो नमस्कारगुणाभिधानं भवस्रवन्ध्यं विपुलं महार्थं प्रदत्तमेकं कुसुमं च यत्र स्वर्गापवर्गाख्य-फलस्य हेतु: [॥ ३॥]
- [४] अत इह विदुषा तथागतेषु प्रथितगुणाधिकलोकवत्सलेषु कृतमनुसरता जनेन कार्य्या द्रवक-रूणाहदयेष्वती-
- [4] वभक्तिः [॥ ४ ॥] देवा निरस्तविजयास्सविपत्तिकत्वाच्छापेन शंभुरपि काचरलोचनोभूत् कृष्णो वशोपि वशमापतितोन्तकस्य तस्माज्जयन्ति
- [६] सुगता भयविष्रमुक्ताः [॥ ५॥] स्थविराचलेन मुनिना शासनमङ्गावयकतज्ञेने क्रितकत्येनापि सता शैलगृहं कारितं शास्तुः [॥ ६॥]
- [७] प्रागेव बोधिसत्वैभवसुखकामश्च मोक्षकामश्च संविद्यमानविभवैः कथन्त कार्य्या भवेत्कीर्तिः [॥७॥] यावत्कीर्तिळेकि तावत्स्वर्गे-
- [८] षु मोदित च देही चन्द्रार्क्ककालकल्पा कार्ष्या कीर्तिर्महीं घ्रेषु [॥ ८॥] अनेकजन्मांतरबद्धसीहर्द स्थिरं कतज्ञं सुधियं विपश्चितम्

¹ Read ° वि. 2 Read मुद्रावयत्कु॰. 5 Read ॰ कृतकरेप॰.

- [९] सुरासुराचार्यमतेषु कोविदं महानुभावाइमकराजमंत्रिणम् [॥९॥] लोकज्ञमेकान्तसमन्तभद्रं सर्व्वार्थिनामर्थकरं सुवाचं गुणोलतं प्रश्रयः
- [१०] नम्रमूर्तिं ख्याति गतं सचारितैः पृथिव्यां [॥१०॥] दण्डसाध्यानि कार्याणि व्यायामैकरसा-न्यापि यस्साधयति साम्नैव नृपतेम्भिन्तृपुङ्कावैः [॥११॥] इत्यं
- [११] भूतोस्य पुत्रोपि देवराजो धुरन्धरः पितर्ध्युपरते येन पदमुन्नामितं गुणैः [॥ १२॥] तं भिक्ष-राजमुद्दिश्य मातापितरमेव च भिक्षणा बुद्धभद्रेण
- [१२] कारितः स्गतालयः [॥ १३॥] आगम्य धर्मदत्तञ्च भिक्षं सन्छिप्यमेव च भद्रबन्धुमिदं वेइम ताम्यां निष्पादितं च मे [॥१४॥] यदत्र पुण्यं तत्तेषां
- [१३] जगतां च भवत्विदं सर्व्वामलगुणध्यातमहाबोधिकलाप्तये [॥ १५॥] यो बुद्धशासनगतिं समबु-ध्यजातो भि क्षर्वियस्यभिनवेभिजनोपपन्तः
- [१४] बहुवतः शीलविशुद्धचेता लोकस्य मोक्षाय कृताधिकारः [॥ १६॥] न संसारापनं शुममपितु किञ्चिच्छभकरं विपाको दिज्यो
- [१५]...त्य......पुण्यमहतां विपाको धीराणां भवति सुखभोगाय
- [१६] जगताम्.....वलभिर्नानाण्डजञ्याहते गालाङ्गुलीननादपूरितदरे प्राग्भावि.....
- [१७] योगीश्वराध्यासिते वेइमेदं ज......जनकम् ये प्रतिष्ठापितं पूर्वापि चेयं तेनैव द्रिब्धा-ध चार्येण सीगतिम् लोकचिन्तामपादाय.....

Translation.

"(4.) Therefore, a learned person, who follows the practice of those before him should here worship the Tathagatas (Buddhas), whose hearts are soft through mercy and who are greatly popular among people by their well-known virtues.

"(5.) Devas from being subject to miseries are devoid of success. Also Sambhu, from the curse, was of trembling eyes. Krishna, though unwilling,

1 Read व्यमिन्तिपृङ्गवः . Read दृष्ट्याः.

³ Literally, "who, though he is gone to the city of quiescence, happy and without danger, and where there is no need for a house."

⁴ The northern or Mahâyâna Buddhists hold that if Buddha had lost all influence, it would be useless worshipping him or remembering his deeds. The Hinayâna sect say that worshipping and meditating on him of itself purifies the heart and leads to the desired end without any influence exerted on Buddha's part. The doctrine in the inscription is that of the Mahâyânas.

became subject to the will of Yama. The Sugatas, therefore, because altogether

free from fears, are victorious.

"(6.) Even Sthavirâchala Muni who was grateful, of accomplished desires, and virtuous, made for Buddha a stone dwelling, glorifying religion. (7.) Why should the Bodhisattvas, who are desirous of worldly happiness as well as of final release and are possessed of prosperity, not previously have acquired fame? (8.) A human being enjoys heaven so long as his fame in the world lasts; (so) fame that may endure as long as the sun and moon, must be acquired in the mountains.

"(9.) [In honour of that Bhavirāja] who has been in friendship with him through several transmigrations, who is steady, grateful, wise, learned, proficient in the Sura and Asura teaching of the Achâryas, minister of the magnanimous king Asmaka, (10.) clever in worldly business, exceedingly fortunate every way, fulfiller of the desires of all the needy, a sweet speaker, exalted by virtues, gentle in modesty, much praised in the world for good behaviour: (11.) and who, as the excellent minister of the king, accomplishes merely by conciliation what is attained (usually) by punishments and by exertions only. (12.) His son Devarāja, a leader, was equal to him, and on the demise of his father exalted his dignity by his high qualities. (13.) In honour of that Bhavirāja, and in honour of his father and mother, Bhikshu Buddhabhadra has caused a temple to be built to Buddha.

"(14.) Having recourse to Bhikshu Dharmadatta and (his) good disciple Bhadrabandhu, I constructed this temple through them.' (15.) May whatever merit is therein be for the attainment by these and by the world of the fruit of

great Bodhi desired by all of pure qualities.

"(16.) He who on attaining the knowledge of the religion of Buddha is surrounded by relatives, and whose heart has been purified by the observance of many religious abstinences and by moral conduct, and has made the final release of people his duty, became a Bhikshu in his youth. (17.) Again the smallest virtue resulting in good cannot be accomplished while engaged in worldly affairs. The result of the actions of sages who are exalted by virtue tends to the enjoyment of happiness by the people.

the Sugata...."

INSCRIPTION No. 7.

On a plinth under the feet of a tall standing figure of Buddha, to the left of the façade of Cave XXVI.

[१] देयधम्मीयं शाक्यभिक्षोर्भदन्तगुणाकरस्य यदत्रपुण्यं तद्भवतु मातापितरं पूर्वेङ्गमं कत्वा

[२] सर्व्वसत्वेभ्य अनुत्तर ज्ञान आप्तये

Translation.

"The Śâkya Bhikshu, the Bhadanta Gunakara's meritorious gift, may whatever merit is in this be for the attainment of supreme knowledge by all sentient beings, mother and father being first."

¹ It would seem from this that the donor Buddhabhadra was not resident near, but entrusted the work to these devotees.

INSCRIPTION No. 8.

On the plinth under a similar figure on the opposite side of the façade. This is injured by the breaking away of the stone, leaving only the beginnings of the three lines.

- [१] ॐ देयधर्मो[य.....]
 [२] यदत्रपुण्यं [तद्भवतु मातापितरं पूर्वकृतं कत्वा?]
- [३] सर्वसत्वानाम[नत्तर ज्ञानावाप्तये ?]

Translation.

"The meritorious gift of

INSCRIPTION No. 9.

On the wall of the rightside aisle under a small figure of Buddha:

- [१] देयधर्मीयं शाक्य-
- [२] भिक्षुसंघिमत्रस्य

Translation.

"The meritorious gift of the Śâkyabhikshu Sanghamitra."

PAINTED INSCRIPTIONS IN THE AJANTA CAVES.

Inscriptions written on the paintings are found in six of the caves,-Nos. II, IX, X, XVI, XVII, and XXII-most of them more or less mutilated.

PAINTED INSCRIPTIONS IN CAVE No. II.

No. 1.

There are no inscriptions in Cave No. I, but in No. II. besides fragments of a pretty long one in small letters on a dark green ground in the left hand cell outside the verandah there are two or three inside. No. 1 is on the lotus throne of a painted figure of a seated Buddha on the back wall of the hall.1 The letters of this inscription are as late as the 6th or 7th century.

- [१] देय[धम्मीयं] शाक्यभिक्षोर्भदन्त ... [बुद्ध]गुप्तस्य यदत्र पु[ण्यं]
- [२][स]र्वसत्व

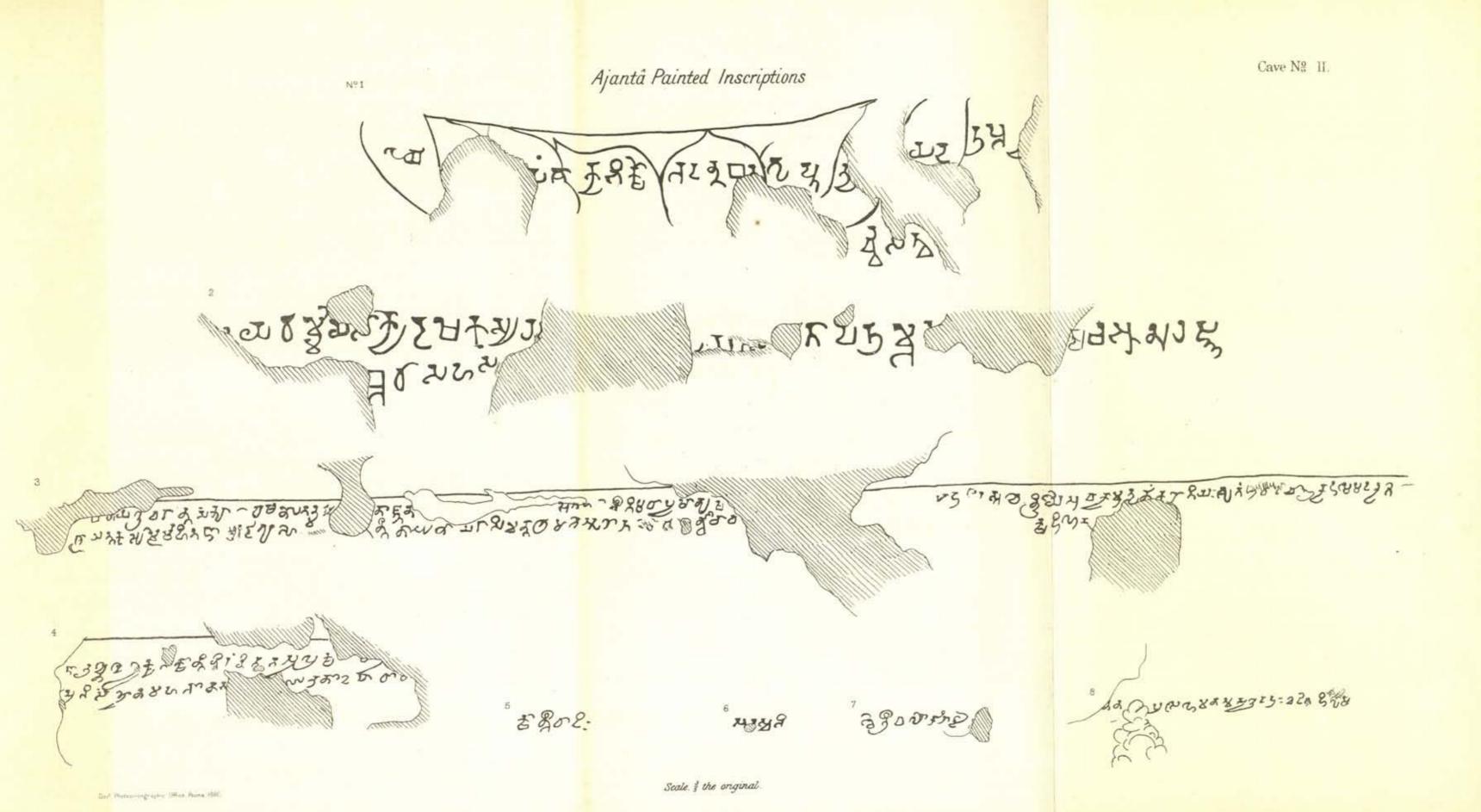
"The meritorious gift of the Sakya Bhikshu the reverend Buddhagupta:

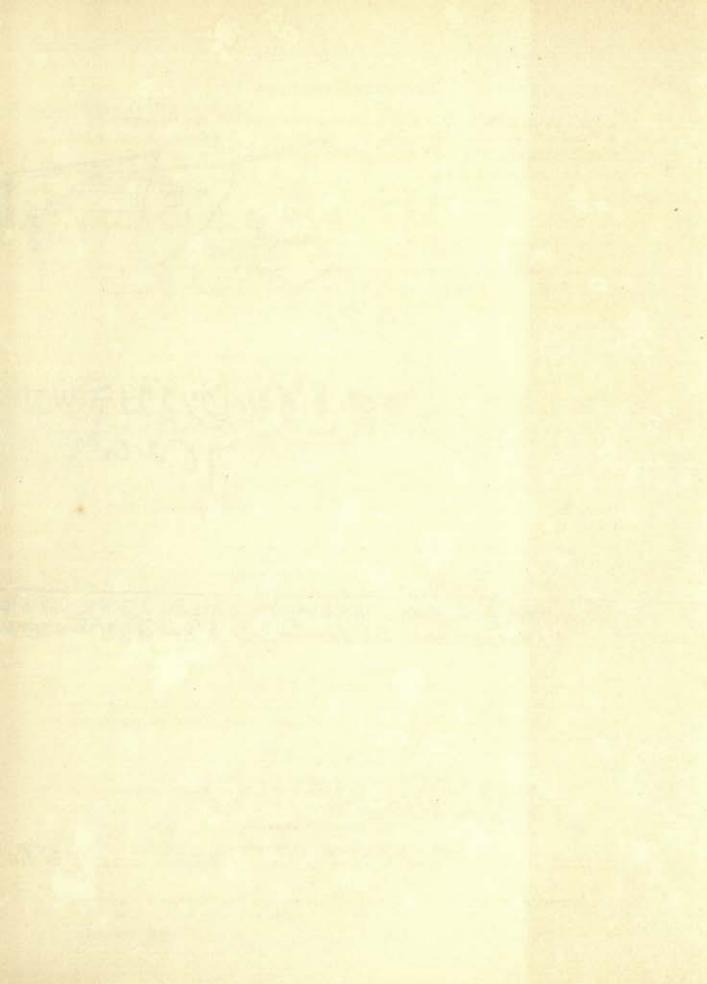
No. 2.

No. 2 is on the right hand of the shrine door among many figures of Buddhas.2 It is much effaced and not very distinctly written, so that a trans-

Notes, p. 35.

¹ See Notes, p. 34. The execution of the painting is somewhat different from that on the right side wall of the cave, but it is hard to say whether this is due to the artist or to its being of somewhat later date.-J. B.





lation is impracticable. It begins with the usual donative phrase deya-dharmoyam, and probably recorded the presentation of the painted figures. It concludes with the common formula, "May whatever merit, &c."

- [१] देयधर्मीयं साक्यो उचकस्य[मा]तापितृम्म-....च अनु[त्त]रज्ञा-
- [२]बुधा सह सं.....

Besides this there is a line written among the Buddhas, but the letters are

so mutilated and indistinct as almost to defy copying.

Nos. 3 to 8 are on the back and right hand wall of a chamber outside Cave II. to the left. They are descriptive of the subjects of the paintings on which they have been written, but unfortunately the paintings are as much destroyed as the inscriptions.

No. 3.

क्षान्तिवादिः1

On the back wall to the right of a door in it, a man is represented seated on a stool (bhadrasana) in a plain dress indicative of a Sâdhu or Brâhman; his head is destroyed; under his seat is No. 3 in letters of about the 6th century, in which we read the word kshantivadih—'a discourse on forbearance.'

No. 4.

Facing him is another seated figure, and below is a belt of green colour on which is No. 4 in two lines, so mutilated as to be untranslateable—possibly it related to the kshānti philosophy.

- [२]शायन्तकुसुमेभेहितहा...दागुसे......न्तताय नापरा सिमन्ताग्रे मतेस्स...त.....न्वाचा व................. क्षाहण.....

Below this is a Brâhmana or Pâsupata, seated on a stool in plain dress and with a Rudrâksha rosary about his neck. Opposite him is another male figure and between them is a woman seated, with her hands joined towards the former, whilst she speaks to the latter of the two.

No. 5.

Below these figures is inscription No. 5, also so destroyed as to be illegible,—but perhaps relating to the same subject.

- [१].....नातच्छेदिसक्षतक्षान्तिचरनिर्वृतस्य क्षेप.....
- [२].... णात्र नादेवाधार.....

1 Read दी

² Kshântivâdin was the name of Gautama Buddha in one of his previous births. The kshântis are the states produced by continued meditation on the four verities: see Vassilief, p. 140.

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Below this again has been a royal figure surrounded by attendants, but the merest fragments are left of the scene.

The painting on the right side of this same room has also been almost

entirely destroyed.

No. 6.

Among the fragments left are parts of a cow, over which is written the inscription No. 6 consisting of the name-Sarasuti, in letters of the same age

सरमात

Sarasuti is a Prakrit form of "Sarasvati," the goddess of learning.

No. 7.

On the same wall near the front corner, has been a figure of a king seated on a throne, which bears the inscription No. 7:-

चैत्रिवलोकीराजा (?)

"King Chaitri of Valorka."

Vallura is met with in the Ghatotkacha inscription, and may be a form of Valorka.

No. 8.

Above this is the broken inscription No. 8 which possibly expressed some religious tenet :-

[१].....नान प्रसेहे मन: स्वस्यात्रेव दुःखादि गाहि.....

PAINTED INSCRIPTIONS IN CAVE No. IX.

Fragments of inscriptions on the paintings of this cave are numerous, but all in a more or less dilapidated condition. As many as sixteen have been noticed, but of some only a letter or two have been left. Five of the most legible have been given on the accompanying plate.

No. 9.

This is on the front wall of the Chaitya Cave No. IX, inside, over the door and close to the head of a Bhikshu:-

[देयधम्मी]यं शा[क्यभिक्षो] स्सङ्घाप्र[यस्य]

.....माता

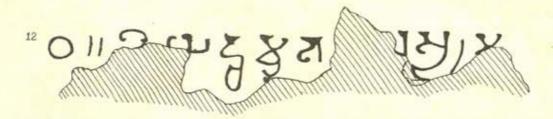
"The meritorious gift of the Śâkya Bhikshu Sanghapriya."

The letter ya has been supplied. The characters are similar to those of the 6th century, and the portion of the painting on which it is, is of a correspondingly modern date, but it overlies part of a picture in a much earlier style of

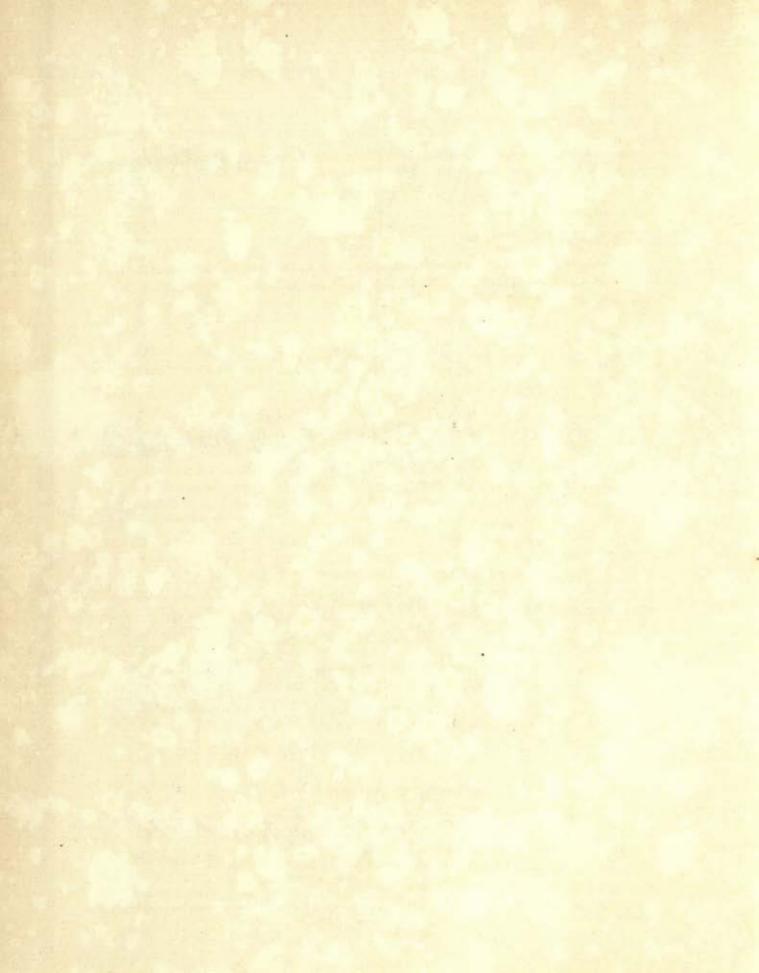


10 मिन हिंदू र एमें हिंगू र

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No. 10.

On the first pillar on the left side of the aisle, under a painted figure of a standing Buddha. The letters are of the 6th century:—

देयधर्मी उपासकजसदे-

वस्य

"The meritorious gift of the Upasaka Jasadeva."

There are three other fragments on different sides of this same pillar; two of them are over umbrellas, and one on the petals of a lotus. All are apparently of the same general character.

No. 11.

On an architrave or jamb attached to the first pillar on the left side of the cave, under the throne of a seated figure of Buddha. It is in somewhat earlier letters than the preceding:—

देयधर्मीयं भदन्त[ध]र्भसेन[स्य]

"The meritorious gift of the reverend Dharmasena."

On a broken pillar, the fourth from the front, on the same side of the cave, is a fragment in one line and a half. On the third standing pillar is another, also mutilated. And on the fifth standing (8th) pillar is another, on an umbrella, a line and half in length.

No. 12.

On the back wall of the cave under a painted dagoba or Chaitya. This inscription is so damaged as to be illegible, but it affords specimens of the letters which apparently belong to about the 5th century, the period to which the painting on which it occurs may belong. The inscription as usual begins with Deya dahama,—the second word misspelt as it sometimes is in these inscriptions. The letter bha, may perhaps indicate that the donor was a "Bhadanta."

देयद्धर्मभ.....स्य म......

There are also two other fragments on this same wall.

No. 13.

On the 9th pillar (6th standing one) on the left side, under a standing figure of Buddha:—

देयधम्मीयं शाक्यभिक्षोर्भदन्तभद्रसे[नस्य?]

"The meritorious gift of the Śâkya Bhikshu, the Bhadanta Bhadra-sena."

On the first standing pillar, on the right side, are about eight letters of another; and at the feet of a standing Buddha are traces of two or three letters. On the next are large fragments of two lines. On the entablature over this pillar, are fragments of an inscription in four lines.

INSCRIPTIONS IN CAVE No. X.

Fragments of about twenty inscriptions have been found in this cave, most of them on the pillars, and having reference to the painted figures of Buddha with which they have been covered. Of several only a few bits of letters remain.

No. 14.

This is on the left wall, opposite the third column, just over a portion of the very early painting in this cave, and evidently belongs to the same age. It is painted in dark brown letters on a light ground. The characters belong to the same age as the carved inscriptions elsewhere of the time of Sâtakarni, as on the Amarâvati tope, &c. Unfortunately only a fragment is left of what it must originally have been.

भगवस यतिपुबदे[व]...तयातिपातिस यस

Sanskrit.

भागवतो यतिपूर्वदेवस्य...यतिपतेः

"Of Bhagava (Buddha) first deva of Yatis...., master of Yatis."

No. 15.

On the same wall, opposite the space between the fifth and sixth pillars, above the old painting and just below a portion of the later painting consisting of figures of Buddha in orange colour. It is in three lines on a thin white ground. The letters are of about the 6th century, but it is much defaced:—

आचार्य.....सिचवस्य देयधम्भी यदत्रपुण्यं तद्भवतु सर्वस-त्वानांदु 🔆 खमोचा

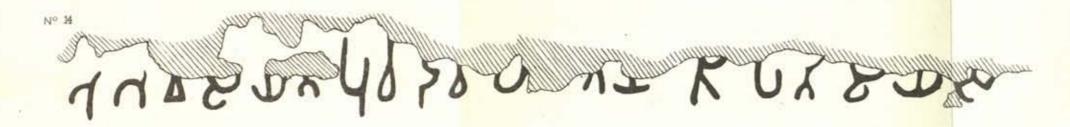
There was another inscription, also on a thin white ground on the same wall, but it has faded entirely.

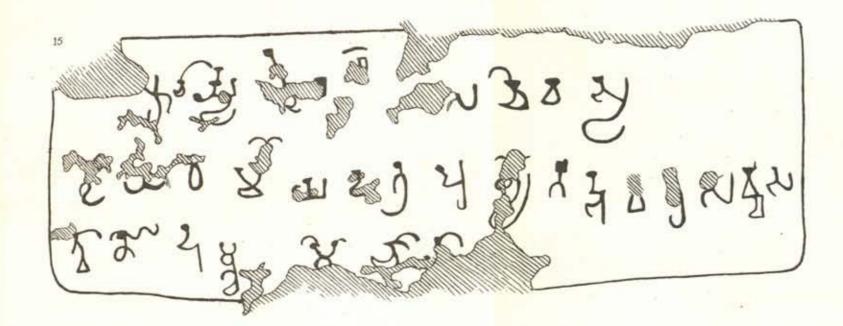
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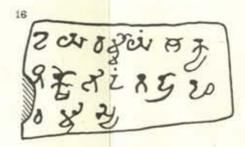
This is on the 6th pillar—4th standing one,—on the right side of the cave, about 5 feet up, at the feet of a standing figure of Buddha, in three short lines in white, on a reddish ground. The letters resemble those of about the 5th century:—

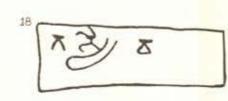
देयधम्मीयं शाक्य-भिलोभेदंत हाढ-धर्मस्य

"This meritorious gift of the Śâkya Bhikshu, the reverend Draḍhadharma." The name is written as Draḍhadharma—apparently by mistake.



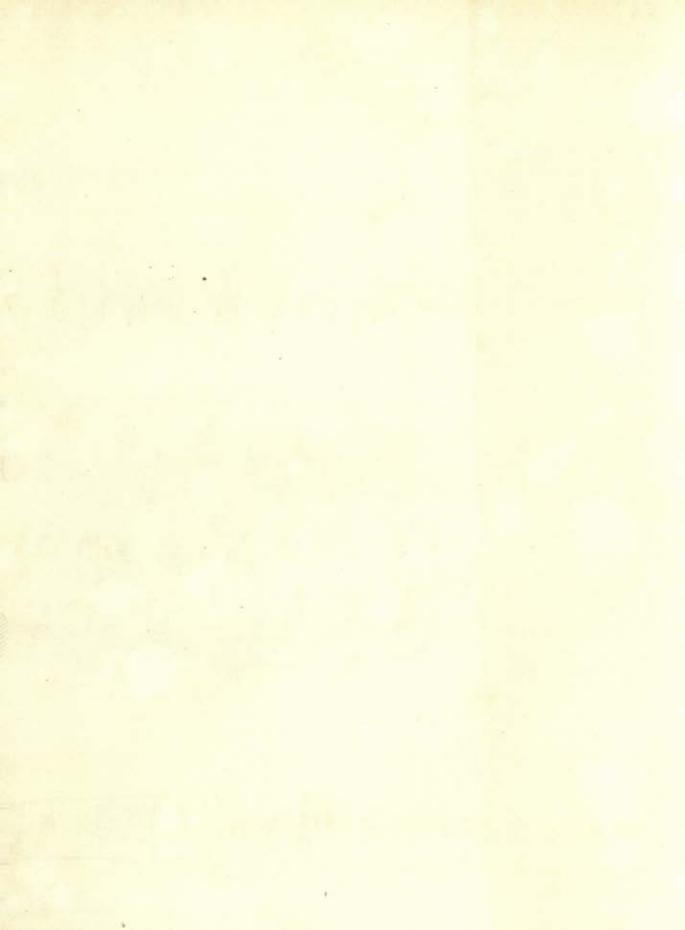






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No. 17.

On the front of the 7th pillar (5th standing one), on the right side of the nave, at about 4½ feet from the earth painted on a green ground below a figure of a standing Buddha.

विपादेश सम्यक्तंबुद्धः चेतिक[य]रिकस्य

"Vipaśśi, the perfectly wise. (Gift) of Chetikayarik."

By Vipassi is probably to be understood the name of the Buddha represented: the name, however, should be written with ssl.

On the 7th standing pillar on the same side over an umbrella is another in two lines and perhaps a letter or two of a third.

On the first standing pillar, on the left of the nave, are parts of an inscription in one line; and on the petals of a lotus is another in two lines, in a later character than the others. On the third is a fragment of a small one in two lines.

No. 18.

On the ninth pillar on the left side of the nave there have been two inscriptions under figures of Buddha on adjoining sides; one of these is destroyed, but it probably contained the name of the donor. Under the other Buddha we read—

तस्यै व

" Of the same."

No. 19.

On the 8th pillar (3rd standing) on the left side of the cave, on the lotus under the feet of a standing Buddha—

भदन्त सुदत्तस्य

"Of the reverend Sudatta."

No. 20.

On another side of the same pillar, also on a lotus, under a seated Buddha, with a kneeling figure on each side the lotus stalk, but the inscription mutilated—

[भद]न्त सुदत्तस्य

" Of the reverend Sudatta."

On the 4th standing pillar, left side, are very faint traces of two,—one surrounded by a black border, over the nimbus of a Buddha; the other on an umbrella over a Buddha, on another side of the pillar.

No. 21.

On the 10th pillar (the 5th standing one) on the same side, on the umbrella, over a standing figure of Buddha—

देयधम्मीयं शाक्यभिक्षीभदतसंघगुप्तस्य

"This meritorious gift of the Sâkya Bhikshu the Bhadanta Sanghagupta."

On the 6th standing pillar, on the left side, are a few letters of another on an umbrella.

No. 22.

On the 5th pillar on the right side, below a standing figure of Buddha :—
देयद्वर्गीय भदन्तशीलभद्रस्य माता

वितरमदि[इय]

"This meritorious gift of the Bhadanta Silabhadra, in honour of father and mother."

No. 23.

On the 10th pillar (6th standing one) on the right side near the feet of a figure of Buddha:—

मातापि तरमुद्धि[स्य]

सर्व.....

देयध[मींय शाक्यभिक्षोर्भ]दन्तकेशवस्य

"This meritorions gift of the Sâkya Bhikshu the Bhadanta Keśava in honour of mother, father, and all....."

No. 24.

On the 17th pillar (10th standing one), on the left side, below a seated figure of Buddha, in three pretty long lines, but much defaced. The alphabet is apparently in characters of about the 5th or 6th century. In the beginning is a verse on the importance of making images of Buddha.

.....कारयंतीह जिनस्य विंवं दियधोम्मोंयं शाक्यभिक्षोराचार्यभदन्तनुद्धसेनस्य.

On the next pillar there is also an inscription of two short lines. On the wall of the right aisle, under the 4th, 5th, and 6th ribs, are a few letters of an inscription in larger characters. Under the 20th rib is a single line. And under the 24th and 25th ribs are some fragments of another in two lines.

PAINTED INSCRIPTIONS IN CAVE No. XVI.

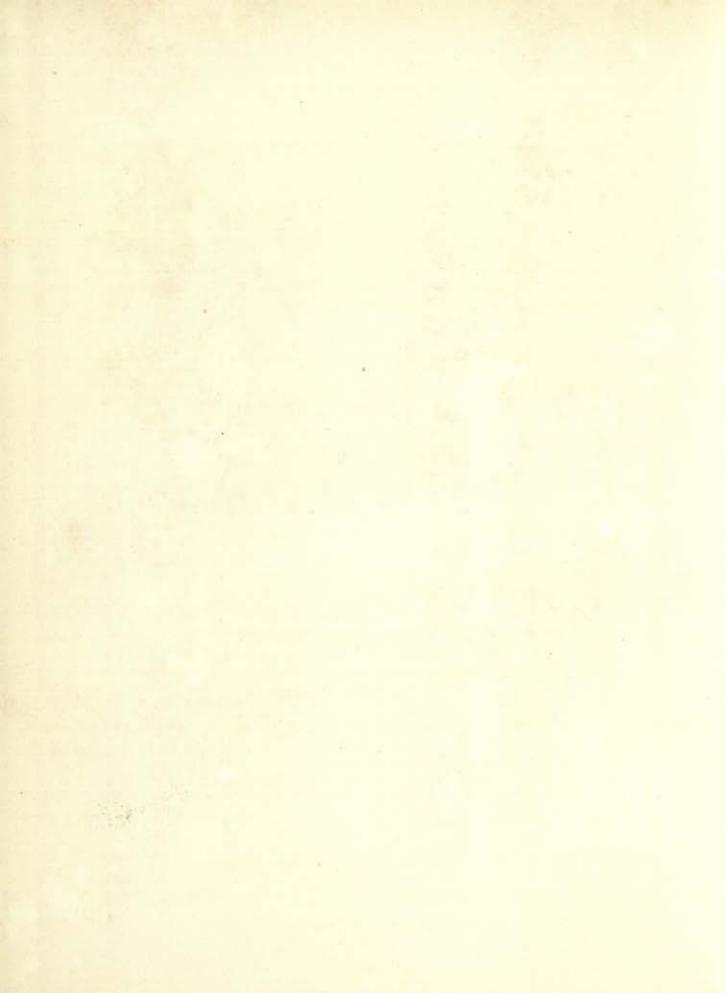
These are below three figures of seated Buddhas on the left wall of the hall. The characters used in these inscriptions belong to about the 6th century.

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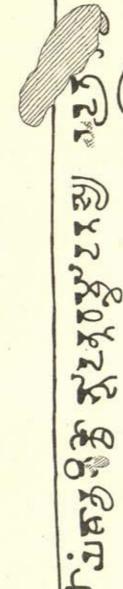
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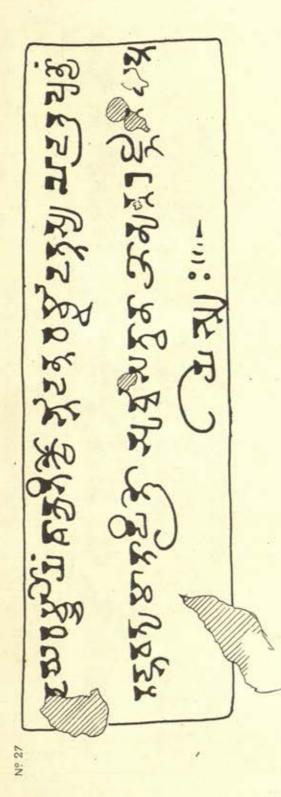
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देयधम्मीयं शाक्यभिक्षोभ्भेदन्त दापुकस्य यदत्रपुण्यं तद्भवतु मातापित्रो[:] सर्वसत्वानाञ्चा-

नृ[त्त]रज्ञानावाप्तये

"The meritorious gift of the Sâkya Bhikshu the Bhadanta Dâpuka. May whatever merit may be in this, be for the attainment of the highest knowledge by mother and father and all sentient beings."

The symbol at the beginning of the 3rd line, which is written from under the 6th syllable of the second line and not from the extreme left side of area must be a mark of continuation like those used in some of the Tadpatra books of the Jainas.

No. 26.

देयधम्मोयं शाक्यभिक्षोर्भदन्त धर्मदत्तस्य यदत्र [पुण्यं] तद्ववतु मातापित्रोस्तर्व्वतःवानाञ्चानुत्तरज्ञानावाप्तये

"The meritorious gift of the Śâkya Bhikshu the Bhadanta Dharmadatta. May whatever merit is in this be for the attainment of supreme knowledge by mother, father and all sentient creatures,"

No. 27.

देयधम्मोयं शाक्यभिक्षोर्भदन्तधम्भदत्तस्य यदत्रपुण्यं तद्भवतु मातापित्रोस्तर्वसत्वानाञ्चानुत्तरज्ञानावाप्त-

येस्तु

"The meritorious gift of the Sâkya Bhikshu the Bhadanta Dharmadatta. May whatever merit is in this be for the attainment of supreme knowledge by mother and father and all sentient beings."

PAINTED INSCRIPTIONS IN CAVE No. XVII.

No. 28.

Below a figure of a Yaksha in the left end of the verandah (*Notes*, p. 62). The letters employed in this are of the style in use in Eastern India about the 6th century.

माणिभद्र :

" Manibhadra."

Mâṇibhadra is the name of a Yaksha well known among the later Buddhists and Jainas.

No. 29.

On some painted figures in the right end of the front aisle of the hall (Notes, pp. 75, 76,) being names on the figures relating to the Sibi Jâtaka. The letters closely resemble those of the rock inscription No. 3, of the Vâkâṭakas:—

शिविराजा शिविराजा इन्द्र शिविराजा इन्द्र: "King Sibi. King Sibi. Indra. King Sibi. Indraḥ."

PAINTED INSCRIPTION IN CAVE NO. XXII.

No. 30.

This is below eight figures of Buddhas painted on the left side of the shrine (see Notes, p. 81).

[१] विपश्ची	[५] कनकमुनि
[२] शिखी	[६ँ] काइयप ः
[३] विश्वभू	[७] शाक्यमुनि
[8]	[८] मैत्रेय

- [१०] सीहप्यसीभाग्यगुणीपपत्रा गुणेन्द्रियभीस्वरदिप्तयष्टे भवन्ति ते नयनाभिरामा ये कारयंतीह जिनस्य विवे

"The meritorious gift of the Sâkya Bhikshu Masharśaila.....mother and father......for the attainment of supreme knowledge by all sentient creatures.

"Whoever makes an image of Jina (Buddha) becomes complete in beatitude, auspiciousness, and good qualities, and his splendour is brilliant through virtues, and physical organs, and is delightsome to the eyes."

12-GHATOTKACHA INSCRIPTION.

This inscription is cut on the left end of the back wall of the verandah of the large Buddhist cave near Gulwâḍâ, a few miles from Ajaṇṭâ. It was originally a very long one but has been much destroyed by the decay of the stone, especially below the tenth line. It is in Sanskṛit ślokas, and the lines are made to follow the verses. The letters agree closely with those of Ajaṇṭâ Rock Inscription No. 3 (p. 69).

- [१] मुनिर्मुनीनाममरोमराणां गुरुर्गगुरूणां प्रवरो वराणां [।] जयसमाभोगविवुद्वबुद्धिर्बुद्धाभिधानो निधिरहुतानां [॥]
- [२] धर्मस्ततो धर्मविदा प्रणीतस्तया गणश्चात्र्यतमो गणानां [1] भवन्ति यस्मिनिहिता सुपात्रे कारापकारास्तनयाप्युदारा [॥]
- [३] अस्ति प्रकाशो दिशि दक्षिणस्यां बळ्रनाम्नां द्विजसत्तमानां [1] आत्रक्षणस्संभृतपुण्यकीर्तिञ्बशो महीयान्महितो महद्भिः [॥]
- [8] तस्मिन्तभूदाहतलक्षणानां द्विजन्मनां प्राथमकल्पकानाम् [1] भृग्वत्रिगगर्गाङ्गिरसां समानां द्विजर्षभा यज्ञ... प्रकाशः [॥]

Ajantà Painted Inscriptions

Cave Nº XXII.

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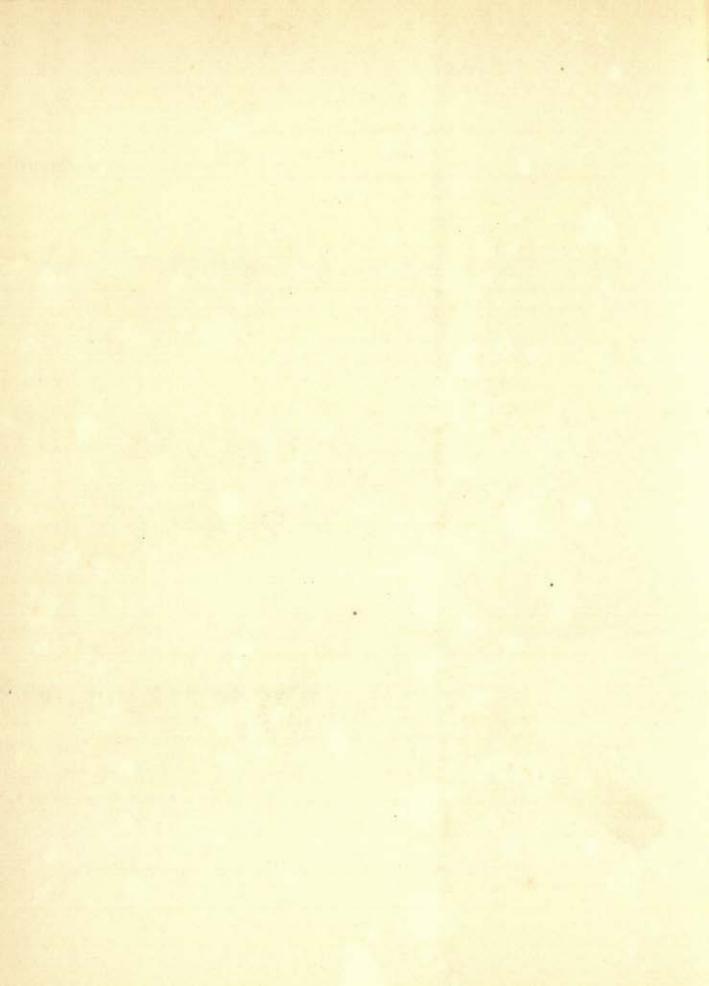
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[9]	तदात्मजो देव इवास देव×ूकती गृहस्थी नयवान्क्रियावान् [1]
	सरा नकं राष्ट्र मुपेख यस्मिन्धर्माः क्रियाः पार्त्य इव पचके [॥]
[\$]	सोमस्ततः सोम इवापरोभूत्सत्राह्मणः क्षत्रियवंशनासु [1]
	[श्रुतिस्मृतिभ्यां] विहितार्थकारी द्वयीसु भार्यासु मनो दघार [॥]
[0]	स क्षत्रियायां कुलशीलवसामुत्पादयामास नरेंद्रचिन्हं [1]
	सूतं सुरूपं रविनामधेयं कृताधिपत्यं मलये समग्रे [॥]
[<]	द्विजासु चान्यासु सुतानुदारान्स [सोम?] वेदेषु समाप्तकामान् [1]
	बलूरनाम्ना दिशि दक्षिणस्यामद्यापि येषाम्बसितिर्द्विजानां [॥]
[8]	रवे: सुत्रोभूत्पवराभिधानः श्री[रा]मनामाथ वभूव तस्मात् [।]
	तदात्मजः किर्त्तिरभूत्सकीर्तिर्वभूव तस्मादय ह[स्तिभोजः] [॥]
100] वाकाटके राजित देवसेने गुणिषिकोशो] भवि हस्तिभोजः [1]
	[अद्यापि] स्याभिम य ना [11]
133] धीरेषु धीमत्सु सहोत्थितेषु गुणान्वितेषु [1]
	स्य [॥]
[? ?	र] यस्यासनार्द्धं पुरुषाक्षमत्संसादे[1]
	विवृ
[33	१] अय देवराज[1]
[88]	?] शशिकरधवलानि
130	९] अथ गुणशतसंभुतो
[86	्र] तस्यात्मनेषु बहुषु
18	9] फलमाविलमिल
[30	्रा सम्यग्विमा
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Translation.

1. "The treasure of marvels called Buddha is victorious, who is the sage of sages, god of gods, teacher of teachers, best of the good, whose genius results

from unproductive actions.

2. "From him virtue declared by the skilled in religion (arises) as also the assembly (gana-sangha), the foremost of assemblies (gana) (originates), and even an ungrateful and unjust prison (?)1 dedicated to his virtuous person, becomes the bestower of good.

3. "In the southern country there was a renowned and great family of the best of Brâhmans named Vallûra which has earned deserved glory since the time

commencing from Brahmâ, and which is adored by the great.

4. "In this (family) was Yajūa......prakâśa the best of Brâhmans equal to the Brahmans of ancient times (as) Bhrigu, Atri, Gargga, Angiras, noted for good qualities.

¹ A similar expression occurs in the Ajanta inscription No. 3. The allusion is obscure, в 761-23

5. "His son was Deva equal to a Deva (god), who was wise, a householder, just, a performer of religious rites. Having obtained possession of the countries of several princes, like Arjuna he performed religious rites therein.

"After him came Soma, equal to Soma (the moon), a Brahman, the performer of acts mentioned in Sruti and Smriti; he set his heart on two wives born

in Kshatriya families.

7. "He had born by his Kshatriya wife, of high family and chastity, a beautiful son named Ravi bearing the mark of a king, and who obtained rule over the whole Malaya country.

8. "He (Soma) had, by other Brahmani (wives), sons who were generous, and had attained their desires in the Vedas, the residence of which Brahmans is

still Vallûra in the southern country.

9. "The son of Ravi was by name Pravara; to him was born the illustrious Râma by name. His son was the famed Kîrtti, and his was Hastibhoja.

10. "When the Vâkâtaka Devasena lived, Hastibhoja, the store (?) of

people of good qualities, in this world, till now

.... Remark.

The Hastibhoja of this inscription is probably the same as is named in the 3rd Ajanta inscription (p. 69). He is here made the contemporary of Devasena. This supplies us with the ancestry of the minister Hastibhoja:—

- Yajña.....prakâśa.
- 2. Deva.
- 3. Soma.
- 4. Ravi, born of a Kshatriya.
- 5. Pravara.
- 6. Râma.
- 7. Kîrtti.
- Hastibhoja, after whose name the inscription is much defaced.

There is, however, a Devarâja mentioned who may be the same as in the 6th Ajantâ inscription (p. 77), and if so we should then add—

- 9. Varahâdeva.
- Bhavirâja.
- Devarâja.

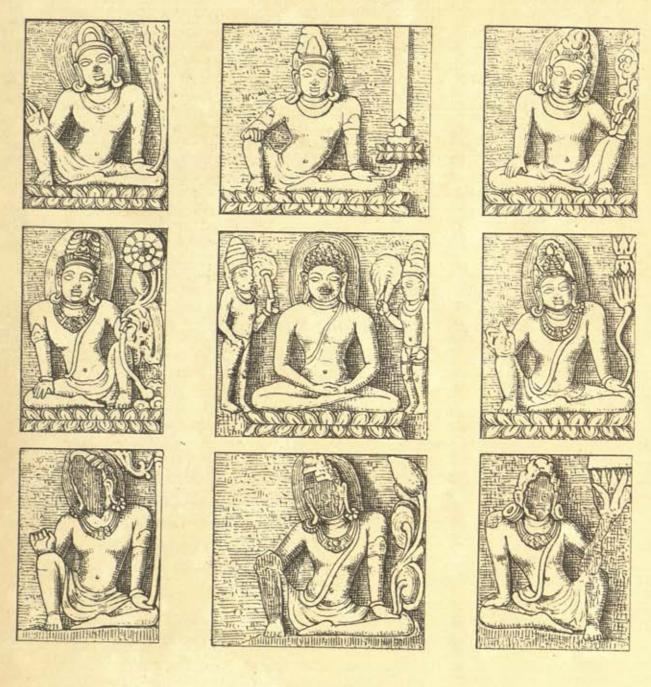
It would follow from this that this cave is of somewhat later date than Ajanta Caves Nos. XVI, XVII, and XXVI.

¹ This is borne out also by its architecture.



ELURÂ.

PANEL IN TÎN ȚHÂL.



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13.-INSCRIPTIONS IN THE ROCK-TEMPLES OF ELURA.

The inscriptions at Elurâ are very few and mostly so dilapidated as to be disappointing. Beginning from the south end of the series, at the Bauddha Caves, we take them in order as they come.

(1).-VISVAKARMA CAVE.

In the Buddhist Chaitya known as the Viśvakarma Cave, on the balcony above the porch, is the Mantra of the Mahayana sect—

Ye dharma hetu prabhava hetun tesham tathagato hyavadattesham cha yo

nirodha evam vádi mahásramana[h].

It is written at the end of every MS. in Nepâl, but does not occur in India perhaps before the 5th century; the earliest yet known being on a dâgoba at Kanheri and one given from a slab Jour. Asiat. Soc. Beng.' of rather later date. This is in characters of perhaps of the 8th or 9th century.

In the Tîn Thâl, the last of the Bauddha Caves at Elurâ, there is a panel, repeated in several places, and in each instance divided into nine compartments each sculptured with a separate figure. In the centre is Buddha, seated in the jñâna mudrâ or attitude of meditation, his hands placed over one another with the palms up, and resting on the upturned soles of his feet. He squats upon a padmāsana or lotus seat. On each side of him is an attendant with a chauri or fly-flap. In the compartments right and left of the central one, and also seated on padmāsanas, are Padmapāņi and Vajrapāņi, recognisable by their positions with respect to Buddha as well as by the frontal emblems of a Buddha and a dâgoba, and the cognizances of a lotus and the vajra. The three figures in the upper line are perhaps Sâmanta Bhadra, Viśvapâṇi, and Ratnapâṇi—though the second bears the sword,2 one of the symbols of Manjusri. Of the three in the lower row, that on the right has the book borne on a flower, the special emblem of Manjuśri, who holds the place of Sarasvatî in the Bauddha mythology. The one on the left, in this row, bears a flag (dhvoja), and he and the next must be also Bodhisattvas,—such as Dharmapani, Manipani, Karmapani, &c. It will be observed that the attitudes of the eight figures surrounding the central one vary: the legs in the 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th and 8th are in the same positions, -the right knee being raised; in the 1st, 6th and 7th, the right hand is open, as if these figures were in the act of speaking; the 2nd and 8th have the fingers of the hand closed upon the knee; again the 3rd, 4th and 9th have the right knee flat on the seat and the hand leaning on it, while the left hand in each of these supports the cognizance. The symmetry of this arrangement is evidently studied. The same figures appear as supporters or attendants on the figures of Buddha in the shrines in the Do Thal and Tin Thal (see plate).

¹ J. A. S. B., vol. IV, pp. 133, 211, 286, 713; vol. V, p. 658; vol. X, p. 95; Asiat. Res., vol. V, p. 131.

² The sword borne on a lotus is also one of the distinguishing marks or cognizances of the Simhanâtha Lôkêśvara Bodhisattva of the modern Nepalese Buddhists. This sword is called Chandrahâsa Khadaga (see Notes, No. 9, p. 101). Both the sword and book, together with the bow and arrow, are borne by the six-armed figure found at the temple of Sambhunâtha and figured as Lokanâtha by Mr. Hodgson in Trans. R. As. Soc., vol. II, p. 255, pl. iv, fig. g.

On some of the pillars of the Tin Thal are rudely cut inscriptions in characters of about the fourteenth century, probably the work of visitors.

(2).—DÂS'A AVATĀRA.

On the west side of a mandapa in front of the Dâśa Avatâra temple is a long Devanâgarî inscription, but faintly cut, and very much chipped. About half of the first two lines is lost, and indeed few letters are not injured. With much care the Paudit painted what was intelligible and then made the following transcript. A photograph was also taken. The language is in Sanskrit verse and the letters of about A.D. 700-750. It is in 14 long lines and contains $29\frac{3}{4}$ ślokas of different metres:—

Transcript.

[1]	उँनम: । शिवाय धार्द्वाक्ष्टे गरिष्टे धनुषि शिशुतया जानुलग्नं कुमारं बामार्द्वेनापनेतुं झटिति विघाटेते गाढवन्धेपि मृष्टी यात: पाया सन्नादापि [दहाति पुरे ?] [सृ]स्त: त्युष्टामराति त्रितयपुरवर[१]
[9]	भसन्तुष्टा वियुक्ता नया सैबेत्युक्तवती हरं रहिंस वः पायालगेन्द्रात्मजा [२] [स्व]छंकृतं यत्न पि निर्मालं परेणजाप्यं निल्मीं करोबलं पक्ष्यमाकृष्ट
[3]	ये कीर्त्तिताः क्षितिमुजः किविभः पुराणाः तानेव संस्मरित वेत्यधुनापि लोक- स्तस्यान्वयस्य किविरेष तनोति कीर्ति [५] समग्रजगतीतला पालनैकोचितं प्र[कामचतु]रार्णवप्रमथनान्जितःश्रीपातिं न वेत्ति खलु कः क्षितौ प्रकटराष्ट्रकूटान्वयं [६] तपथ द्वैर्यवन्तः कर्तारः प्रार्थितार्थः प्रणयिजन
[8]	प्र[थित]प्रथुचमूविक्रमाणामरीणां भंकारः कौञ्जरीणां समदकदतदश्चाधिनीनां घटानां [७]

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	योषिचकस्यरणद्धन्मत्तमातंगगामी
	स्वामी वर्णाश्चवाणां प्रज्ञामितसकलब्यापदानन्ददा[ता]
	भास्वतपसां विद्विषा दान्तवम्मा [८]
	सुदुस्यजा येन सतापि भूभृता स
	विवेकिनाश्चर्य
[9]	मसङ्जनाय यं दयालुना सङ्जनवृत्तशालिना [९]
1,1	आलेख्यापितमूर्त्तयः स्वभवनेष्वद्यापि यस्य द्विषः
	प्रयन्तः किम यद्भद्भत्रषाश्चित्रस्यमानन्तनाः
	जन्माम्यागाम्मात्वन्याप नष्टश्यः
	त्रव्यंते पश्चिक: राचेव विविधास्तेनेव निभूलिताः [(°]
	न्यान्यानदेवराजकमलायताच
	क्षुण्णारिपक्षविनतानयनान्तवान्ततोयान्वितिक्षितिमरक्षयदीन्द्रराजः [११]
	यस्मिन्धोणी
[8]	मखण्डां कृतभयमुनतां रक्षति क्षुण्णदुष्ट
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	मी भक्ताः]विव्धानीजिरं
	कश्चिनाभसभीकं कलिकलुषमतिनेव नाप्यल्पावतः [१९]
	विकासि यस्य भणदास्वविक्षतं शशाङ्घामन्यपदे शका रा
	करोति। संप्रत्यपि निम्मलं जगत्पसन्तिद्यमण्डलमण्डन यशः [१२]
	दुर्व्वारादारचकः पृथुतरकटकः क्ष्माभृदुन्म्लनेन
	ख्यातः शंखाङ्कपाणि
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[0]	क्षोणीभारावतारी विषममहिपतेस्तस्य सूनुर्नृपोभूत
	मान्यो गोविन्दराजी हरिरिव इरिणाक्षीजनप्रार्थनीयः॥ [१४]
	यस्यामलै[:]प्रणतभूपतिबच्छलस्य
	रामाभिरामचरितस्य सहस्रसंख्यैः
	बानन्दभिर्गुणशति[:]प्रमृतैर्दिगान्तं
	ब्यामं जगत्करशतैरिव शीतररमेः [१९]
	वस्मा जगत्करशतास्य शातस्य । ११५
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	(विश्वासिक्षाता, व्यवस्थाता,

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- [९] रानिन्दिभिर्गुणशैतरधरीचकार ॥ [१८]
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 द्वाजिरणार्ज्जितजयः श्रीरीन्द्रराजः सुतः ॥ [१९]
 यो माच्छर्यमनार्यकार्यविमुखः प्राच्छार्यधेयेर्येदिधं
 धृत्वा सज्जनवृत्तमेष सुकृतैः.......प्रहीत्
 यस्याद्यापि गुणैः शशाङ्क्षुशुन्तिभिर्धामापरं तत्समं
 श्राम्यद्भिर्त्तं भवे ८ खिळे
- नुशरदं इंसच्छलेनाप्यते ॥ [२०]
 वर्णाश्रमानशेषं तनयस्तस्य स्ववर्त्मन्यसितुं
 श्रीदिन्तिदुर्गराजस्सकलमहीपालनाथोभूत [२२]
 यस्य हरेरिव चरितं नातिकान्तैर्नभाविभिः कैश्चित्
 शक्यमनुकर्त्तुममलं नरपितिभिर्नापि सांप्रतिकः॥ [२२]
 दण्डेनैव जिगाय वल्लभवलं यः सन्धुभूपाधिपं
 काञ्चीशं सकलिङ्गकोसलपितं श्रीशैलदेशेश्वरं
 शेशान्मालवलाटटंकनृपतीनन्यांश्च नीत्वा वशं
 यः श्रीवल्लभ
- [११] तामवाप चरणं न्यस्य द्विषां मस्तके॥ [२३] शौर्यणाबशियष्ट यः प्रथनकं तेजािना मार्कतं व्यागेनांशुमदात्मजं रणनयैद्रोंणं गुर्कं प्रज्ञया रूपेणाप्रतिमेन मन्भथमथ स्थेम्ना सुवर्णाच्छं लावण्येन शशाङ्कमुज्बलयशः शुभ्राक्तो [यं] यथः [२४] देवं सवरपरिकरं भीमसेनानुयातं प्रव्हर्भूपेन्द्रवृन्दैः पारवृतमभयैद्यसेनो जितारिः व्यापद्युद्धनुमेकं प्रसभपरकारिष्वंससंस्कारदक्षो वीभर्च्छर्दृष्टनागो

¹ Read मात्सर्थ. ² Read प्रोत्सार्थ. ³ Read ब्रोभत्सु.

[१२] ज्ञायनिष्वपरं श्रीमहाराजश्राव्वैः ॥ [२९] दत्तं येनोज्जयिन्यामपि नृपतिमहादानमाश्चर्यभूतं न्याय्यं संचिन्यदीप्तयुतिबहुकनकं रत्नमुक्तावतसं माणिक्याकीण्णमन्यं दिवसमिवरतनृप्तदीनार्थिसार्थं कर्त्तुं किडामयूर्व्वाभपरनृपतिभिः स्वप्नकाल्प्यनाय्यां ॥ [२६] धीरेयं तु प्रकृष्टं सकलवसुमतीभारधारि[त्व]ये। यं दृष्ट्वेवं श्लाधनीयं रघुनघुषनृगेष्वप्यदृष्टं य स्मव्वं द्वीपाधिपत्यं परमिवज[यन]

भादरेश्वार्यसारं
प्रीतः प्रादात्सयस्मै मुषितकाल्मिदे राजसिंघायो वेघा ॥ [२७]
यस्माद्यः द्विद्वातः सुमहदुपचितिं प्रापुरिष्ठा विशिष्ठाश्वित्रं चित्तेन वित्तं चिरमाभिलिषतं यत्तदेवार्थिसार्थाः
मृत्यास्सद्भोगयोगं भयविधुरिधयः प्राणिनस्त्राश्चाशाः
वृद्धिं धर्म्यस्य विद्याः सुखमभिक्वितं वन्धुमित्राप्तवग्गाः ॥ [२८]
यस्याखंदितविक्रमस्य कटकेनाक्रम्य तीरक्षितिं
सीधेस्मिकतगुर्ज्ञरेन्द्रहाचिते रम्ये.....तैस्तस्थुषः
स्नान्तीभि.....ताङुरागसुरिम

भोत्कंपिपद्माकरं
धारितृष्वापे पुष्करेष्वापे.....नाभिश्वरं ॥ [२९]
यस्पास्तोदयशैलसानुवनजेषूत्कंपिकणीत्पला[ः]
सार्द्धं कामिजनैर्ल्वंगसुमनोगन्धान्धमुक्तालिषु
व्याकीर्णेषु लतागृहेष्वविरलः कर्षूररेणूक्करै

A connected translation would be almost impossible, but the contents are as

(Sl. 1, 2). It opens with an address to Siva and Pârvatî; (3) contained probably an address to Sarasvatî; (4, destroyed) but probably in it the poet announced his subject; (5) he says what had been told by poets of former kings was remembered and known, so he is led to celebrate the fame of this dynasty; (6, the 1st charana is wanting—perhaps forgotten;) he writes of the Râshtrakûṭas: Who in 1st charana is wanting—perhaps forgotten;) he writes of the Râshtrakûṭas: Who in the world does not know of them? the only dynasty fit to protect the earth; who conquer Vishnu in the churning of the four oceans; (7, much damaged,) relates to the râjas of the past, who were liberal to those they loved and who asked of them: who were terrible to the crowds of elephants of the armies of their powerful enemies; (8) account of Dantivarman, whose glory like the waves of the milky ocean lightened the whole horizon, &c; (11—13) his son Indrarâja is celebrated; (14) this Viśam Mahipati Indrarâja's son was Govindrâja; (15) Govind's praises; (16) his son was Karkarâja; (17, 18) his praises; (19) his son was Indrarâja; (20) his

praises; (21) Dantidurga was his son; (22) he is praised; (23) placing his feet on the necks of his enemies, and Vallabha having become tributary was overcome, and Sandhubhupa¹, Kanchi, Kalinga, Kośala, Śri Śailadeśa, and besides, the Mâlwâ, Lâṭa, Tauka râjas were subjugated, whence he took the name of Śrivallabha; (24) continues his praises; (25) contains the name of Mahârâja Śarva, who was probably a brother or a friend to the king, for he is described as connected with the king as Arjuna (Bibhatsu) with Yudhishṭhira (Jayin). (26) At Ujjain he gave great presents to râjas and much money to the poor; (27, 28) his praises are continued; (29) the second part of this is obscure,—he approached with his army and staid at this temple; a Gurjara râja is mentioned, apparently in connection with it: his fame is then celebrated. The inscription, however, is unfinished and stops before ending the 30th verse.

This inscription then carries the Rashtrakata dynasty back two generations previous to those mentioned in other inscriptions. The kings here named are—

1. Dantivarma		***	cir. A.D.	600
2. Indrarâja	100	***	"	630
3. Govinda I.	***	***	"	660
4. Karka			72	685
5. Indra		***	2)	710
6. Dantidurga		***	,,	725-755

(3).—KAILĀSA.

On the ceiling and architraves of the front porch of the great monolithic temple of Kailâsa there are some remains of painting of three different ages. The lowest of these is perhaps of about the 8th century or when the temple was finished, and done on a ground similar to that used at Ajantâ. An elephant,

a human figure, &c., can be distinguished, of good execution.

At a later date this has been covered over with a coating of lime and painted upon with figures of the gods, and on the architraves is a battle scene. On the south side are two armies; in the one to the left are a horse and then two elephants; over one are the letters -lurumghu(or thu?), and behind are horsemen, &c. The man on the horse has a spear; in the army to the right is, first an elephant bearing a spearman, who is about to slay the horseman, and a man is represented falling down. Above the elephant, painted in modern Devanâgarî characters, we read—

Svasti Sri Pramarîraû

and over the horseman-

Malagaha.

Behind Pramarira û's elephant are footmen in mail, bearing spears and round shields, their hair tied with a band, and all with large earrings—as the Arab

¹ The letters are much injured, and Sandhubhupa may be read Sandhukûpa, and yaśrîvallabhatâmavâpa, may perhaps be prithvîvallabhatâmavâpa.

See Ind. Ant., vol. V, p. 144; vol. VI, pp. 60-72; or Arch. Reports, vol. III, pp. 31ff.

For the Råshtrakûtas after Govinda, see Arch. Surv. West. Ind., vol. III, p. 32; or Ind. Ant., vol. VI, pp. 59—72.

Krishnadeva Pramâra, the fifth predecessor of Bhôja Râja of Dhâra, reigned about 890-900 A.D., and Krishnarâjadeva Akalavarsha of the Râshtrakûta dynasty ruled about 945 A.D. (Ind. Ant., vol. VI, p. 51; Report Arch. Sur. W. India, vol. III, p. 32); but neither of these could have come into contact with the Muhammadans.

writers remarked of the Râshṭrakûṭas; behind are horsemen with swords and shields.

On the west side, a raja is represented seated with a chhatra held over him; to the left some people are paying respects to him, and to the right are two bearded men seated with chhatras. Over the raja is written—

Svasti Kannuradêvarâya,

and over the men-

-rarana(or? la)

the rest is lost.

This Kannuradêva is probably Krishnadêva or Kannaradêva II of the Nikumbhavamsa who ruled at Pâtna, probably as feudatories of the Devagiri râjas. Kanhar fort, near Pâtna, possibly takes its name from the same prince who flourished about 1150 A. D.

On the north side is a fight; from the left an army advances, in which is, first, an elephant bearing a raja, and behind him come men with drawn bows and arrows and others with sword and shield: the raja's name, however, is lost. On the right, many men with sword and shield advance rapidly all with the sword arm stretched out, and pierced with arrows; all have beards and large eyes and may be intended for Muhammadans; over them is painted the word Mahamaraloku (or Masamaraloku).

On the base of the pilaster on the north or left side of the entrance to the hall is a short inscription in three lines of Canarese, which reads—

Gamgapagala maga Vagayamnana baraha | Saka 1312 Śrî

It is thus translated by Mr. J. F. Fleet:-

"The writing of Vagayanna, the son of Gangapa. Saka 1312. Sri!"

In Kailâsa there is a rock-cut inscription on the pilaster to the right of a figure of Lakshmî facing the visitor in entering the court, and under a figure of a four-armed gana. There was one also on the left, but it is abraded so that only two letters are left; that on the right is also partly destroyed, but seems to read—

rádhé[ku]labhadrankarasya Sri jalaki(nde?) dadhichadda(nda).....

The 3rd letter is injured and the 7th is read doubtfully -*ika*, so also is the last letter in the 2rd line: the last letter legible in the 3rd line seems to be *dda*, but it is very faint and may be *ida* or even *dau*. Any interpretation must be doubtful, but it seems probable the reading is—

Radhekula Bhadrankurasya Sri jalakridau dadhichanda.....

"(The gift) of Lakshmî sporting in water and Udadhichanda (a gana of Siva), by Bhadrankura of the Radhe family."

The value of the inscription however is, that the alphabet belongs to the date of the temple, and corresponds to that in use in Rashtrakûţa inscriptions

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of the time of Dantidurga, early in the 8th century, and thus confirms the date assigned to Kailâsa on architectural grounds.

Beside a *linga* on the right side of the porch are some four letters in the southern form of alphabet and of about the same age. On the other side is a painted inscription of Saka 1384, below a *linga*, worshipped by Mårkandêya, and was probably written when the painting was renewed and the *linga* restored, after the last iconoclastic invasion of the Musalmâns. On the *padmâsana* of Lakshmî at the entrance, is a carved inscription:—

Samvatu 1385 Kârtika vadi 8.....

Probably the date here is also in the Saka era, to which the characters agree, thus bringing it to the same time as the above date of restoration.

The first of the small temples on the platform behind the great shrine and to the right was dedicated to the Mâtris, whose seven seats are arranged along the back, with Kârtikasvâmi's or Śiva's at the left end and one for Gaṇapati and Bhṛingi at the right wall; a small figure was found of Vaishṇavî in excavating the area below. The next temple was for Chanda—whose place it is,—and has a pedestal for one image. Chanda is usually represented nude, in a state of lustful excitement, two or four-handed, with trisula, and jug or damaru, jaṭā head-dress, and Siva's third eye; the refuse of the offerings in a Saiva temple are thrown to him.

The third small temple is for Parvati, whose shrine ought always to be just behind Siva's; the fourth, on the north-east, is for Bhairava or Rudra; and the fifth—on the north, was for Ganesa.

(4).-RÂMESVARA.

In Râmeśvara, on a pillar by the side of the entrance, is carved-

Sri Nagadêvana

the name of some visitor from the south, in characters of the 7th or 8th century.

(5) .- THE JAINA CAVES.

Among the Jaina Caves in the northern spur of the hill, the Chhota Kailâsa,—as it is called, from its being a monolithic temple like the great Brahmanical shrine,—has never been finished. During the excavation of a part of the earth with which the court and hall is filled, some images were discovered, all more or less mutilated. On one of these wanting the head is an inscription dated Saka 1169 (A.D. 1247) recording the dedication of the image by a native of Vardhanâpura.

In the lower hall of the Indra Sabhâ on the front of a square pillar is a colossal figure of a Tîrthamkara with a short inscription in the Kâyastha or old Nâgarî character, and attributed by Mr. J. F. Fleet to the 9th or 10 century. It reads—

Śrî Nagavarmma kri(kṛi)tâ pratimâ.

"The image made by Sri Nagavarma."

At the left or west end of the front aisle is a chapel with colossal Digambara Tirthamkaras on each side the entrance, and under the one on the north or right side is an inscription in three short lines in rather older like characters than the last. It reads—

Śrî Sohila Brahmacharinah Santibhattaraka pratimeyam.

"This is the image of Santibhattaraka (made by) Sohila, a Brahmacharina."

There are also in the hall on the left of the court of the Indra Sabhâ some fragments of inscriptions in old Canarese characters which Mr. Fleet ascribes, from the form of the alphabet, to about 750 to 850 A.D.

(6).—PARS'VANATHA.

On the northern spur of the hill in which the Elura Caves are, is a large image of Pârśvanâtha, the 23rd Jaina Tîrthamkara. It is in the usual squatting position on a sinhasana or throne, and measures 9 feet from knee to knee, and 16 feet from the snake-hoods, which form a canopy over it, to the base of the throne, which has a wheel in front. Right and left are worshippers-among whom are represented Siva and Parvati. Over this figure a structural building was erected early last century.

On the cushion on which the image is represented as sitting, is carved the following inscription dated in 1234-5 A. D. It was copied by me in 1877, and

has been translated by Dr. Bühler.

Inscription.

- [1] स्वस्तिल्पी शाके ११५६ जयसवछरे [फान्गुण सुधत्रीतिआवुवे] श्रीर्द्धनापुर ना जभा न जाने राणुगिः। तत्पुत्री म्हालुगिः स्वर्णा बलुभो जगतोप्यभूत् ॥ १ ॥ ताम्यं वभूव्थत्वरः पुत्राश्चकेश्वरादयः। मुख्यश्चकेश्वरस्तेषु दार्धर्मं गुणोत्तरः ॥ २ ॥
- [2] चैत्यं श्रीपार्श्वनायस्य गिरी बारणसेविते । चकेश्वरोसजदाना दूताहुतीं च कर्मणां ॥ ३ ॥ वहानि विवानि जिने धराणं महाति तेनैव विरच्य सर्वत:। श्रीचारणादिगीमतः सुतीर्थतां कैलासभूभृद्भरतेन यहत् ॥ ४ ॥
- [3] धर्मेकमूर्तिः स्थिरशुद्धदृष्ठिर्ह्यो सती वल्लभकल्पवृतः। उत्पद्मते निर्मलधर्मपालश्चेकश्वरः पञ्चमचक्रपाणिः ॥ ५॥ शुभंभवत् ॥ फाल्गुण त्रितीयां वुधे

Translation.

"Hail! in the year 1156 of the famous Saka era, in the year (of the Brihaspati cycle) called Jaya. In Srî (Va)radhanâpura was born Rânugi.....his son (was) Galugi (whose) wife (was) Svarna (dear) also to the world.

¹ A so-called Pandit of the Digambaras-J. B.

³ These words are added above the line. 2 Read संवत्सरे.

^{&#}x27; श्रीवर्द्धनापुर according to the inscription of 1169 and the metre. ⁵ Read नान्यो. ⁶ Read नत्वार:

⁸ Read चारणसीविते. (See verse 4.) 7 Read दानधर्भ, required by metre and sense.

⁹ Read दाना भृता, doubtful. Bhagwanlal suggests ० दात्रीलता हंत्रीव । ¹⁰ Read जिनेश्राणाम. 19 हैवासती, donbtful. Bhagwânlâl Indraji reads दीना सती. 11 Read महान्ति.

"2. From those two sprang four sons, Chakreśvara and the rest. Chakreśvara was chief among them, excelling through the virtue of liberality.

"3. He gave, on the hill that is frequented by Châranas, a monument of Pârsvanâtha, and by (this act of) liberality (he made) an oblation of his karma !!

"4. Many huge images of the lordly Jinas he made, and converted the Charanadri thereby into a holy tirtha, just as Bharata (made) Mount Kailasa (a tirtha).

"5. The unique image of faith, of firm and pure convictions, kind, constant to his faithful wife, resembling the tree of paradise (in liberality), Chakreśvara becomes a protector of the pure faith, a fifth Vâsudeva. Quod felix faustumque sit! Phâlguṇa 3, Wednesday."

14.—BANAVASI PALI INSCRIPTION.

In the court of the great temple of Banavâsi in Canara, I found the following Pâli inscription on the two edges of a large slate slab on which was carved a five-hooded cobra. The first line is on the left margin of the slab from top to bottom, and the second line and the half are on the right side margin,—a letter being broken away at the beginning of the full line, perhaps two more a little way down ² and some at the end.

The following is Pandit Bhagwanlal Indraji's reading and translation:-

- [१] सिधं रत्रो हारितिपुतस विण्हुकड इटुकुलानंद सातकणिस वससताय सबछरं १२ हेमंतान पत्ने ७ दिवस १ महाभूविय महाराज [बालि]काय जिवपुत
- [२] [भा]जाय सकुमा[राय] सिवखंदनागिसारिय देयधंम नागो तडागं विहारो च एथ [?] कमितको अमचो खदसातिस नयंतकस अचरियस [पुतस]
- [३] दमोरकस सिसेन णटकेन नागो कतो

Sanskrit.

- [१] सिद्धं राजो हारितीपुत्रस्य विष्णुकटडुटुकुलानंदशातकार्णनी वर्षशतेभ्यः संवत्सरः १२ हैमंतानां पक्षः ७ दिवसः १ महाभोज्या महाराजवालिकाया जीवपुत्र
- [२] भार्यायाः सकुमारायाः शिवस्कन्दानगश्चिया देयधर्मी नागी तडाकं विहारश्च। अत्र कर्मत्रयं आमायस्कन्दस्वातिनः । जयंतकस्याचार्यस्य पुत्रस्य
- [३] दमोरकस्य शिष्येण णटकेन नागः कृतः॥

Translation.

"To the Perfect! In the year 12 of the century the king (being) Hâritiputa Sâtakaṇi, the cherisher of the Vehnukaḍaḍuṭu(?) family, the 7th fortnight of the winter months, 1st day, the meritorious gift of the Mahâbhuvî (Mahâbhojî) the king's daughter, Sîvakhandanâgasiri, wife of Jivaputa, with her son—of a Nâga, a tank and a vihâra. These three works by the prime minister Khadasâti. Naṭaka, the disciple of Damoraka and son of the Âchârya Jayantaka, made the Nâga."

¹ That is, destroyed his karma, which bound him to the Samsâra.

 $^{^2}$ The letters in the second line transliterated as $^\circ ya\ saku^\circ$ and $Sivakhadan\hat{a}^\circ$ may be also read somewhat differently.—J. B.

Remark.

The letters of this inscription seem to belong to the second century, and resemble those of the inscriptions of Yajña Śri Śâtakarni; it may be a little later, but not earlier. Who this Hâritîputra was we cannot say; he has the title of Śâtakarni, which, though associated with the Ândhrabhritya dynasty, may have prevailed also in other families. It is a title for a warrior. The "century" of the date, if it means a cycle of a hundred years, has not been previously met with in the Peninsula of India, though used in Kâśmîr. As in Rudrâdaman's inscription we have the 72nd year, not of his reign, but the numeral of the current year; so here the date is in that of the current year of the century. Until we find other inscriptions connected with or throwing light on this we need not say more about it.

Vehnukada, Sans. Vishnukata, probably was the name of a place, to which the Dutu family belonged.²

15.—SILAHARA GRANT OF MARASIMHA.

It is well known that the late Mr. Wathen, Secretary to the Government of Bombay, collected a considerable number of copper-plate grants, which he translated in the early volumes of the Royal Asiatic Society's Journal. Some of the grants are still in possession of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, though even of these some plates seem to have been lost; thus, of Wathen's Grant No. 10 (Journal Royal Asiatic Society, Vol. II, p. 388, and Vol. V, p. 183), only the second plate is now in the Society's Museum; and of his No. 1 (Journal Royal Asiatic Society, Vol. I, p. 379, and Vol. III, p. 94), the third plate has disappeared within the last eight or ten years. How many may have been lost entirely we have no means of knowing.

Mr. Wathen published no fac-similes,—indeed no real fac-similes of Indian inscriptions had been published before his death,—and, though a good scholar, he sometimes fell into mistakes and mislections. It is exceedingly desirable, then, that we should have fac-similes of his inscriptions, and indeed of all old inscriptions translated in the first-half of the century, to submit to the examination of

the greatly advanced scholarship of the present time.

Mr. Wathen seems to have taken ink impressions of many, if not of all, of his plates, and left numerous copies of these with the Society. The paper has now, after a lapse of forty years, become very rotten, and will scarcely bear handling. From among these old impressions, however, I picked out a few, and succeeded in mounting them. They are all "reverses," and can only be read by looking through the paper, or holding them up before a looking-glass; but this can be remedied in photo-lithography, and I have thought it worth while to have the accompanying plates, forming a complete grant, taken from these impressions, in order to preserve it, the original plates being lost.

An article containing my somewhat different reading and translation will be pub-

lished in the Indian Antiquary .- G. Bühler.

¹ Albiruni, in speaking of the Lokakâla, says the natives of India reckon by centuries, and leaving out the number of the century, call the year of it the 'Samvatsara of the century,'—J. B.

They contain a Silâhâra grant of Mârasimha, dated Saka 980. Wathen's account of them was published in the Journal Royal Asiatic Society, Vol. II, p. 384, and Vol. IV, p. 281.

Mr. J. F. Fleet, C.S., has supplied me with the following transliteration and analysis of this grant. He will publish a full translation at some future date.

TRANSCRIPTION.

First Plate.

[1.] Jayatu jagat-[t*]raya-nâthaḥ | sakaļa-kaļâ-jňâna-dhâna-nêtratritayah | phani-pati-

[2.] vibhûshan-ângah | kapila-jaţâ-jûţa-maṇḍanas(ś)=Sam(Sam)bhuh || Svasti Śrî-Śiyalâ-

[3.] ra1-vamsa-tilakô Jîmûtavâh-ânvaya-prastâra-prabhavah | suvarnna-Garuda-vyâlôla-lî-

[4.] lå-dhvajô | vistîrṇṇ-ârṇṇava-mêkhal-âvani-vadhû-kântô

mandala-prastutyô | Ma-

[5.] leyamka2-sarppanripati[h*] śrî-râja-vidyâdharah | Ari-bhûbhrichchakra-vakras=Tagara-nagara-

[6.] bhûpâlakas=ti(tî)vra-têjâh | sthira-vâkyaś=śauryya-śâlî nara-vara-

vara-Pannâl-durgg-âdri-sim-

sphurit-ôdyat-kî|r*]tti-kânta-kshiti-mahita-mahâmândalîk-[7.] hah âdhinâthah dharanî-ra-

[8.] ksha-kshama[h*] Śrî-Jatiga-narapatis=tasya sûnu[h*] prachandah |

Ari-bala-sarppah pa r* tthiva-Pu-

[9.] randarah khachara-vamsa-chûdaratnah | kharakara-sama-prabhah samgara-ranga-pranavi-

[10.] mandalîka-nidhanah || Gamjam=agram=udîryya vairi-nikarasy=

âtmîva-tîvr-âsi-

bhumjam(jams=) ta(=ta)t-Karahâta-Kûndi-vishayam [11.] nâ svåmgîkritam sarvva-| Mairimja-dêsa(śa)m=u-

12.] dagra-Komkana-mahâ-dêsa(śa)m nija-trasanad=bhamjam(jan=)

ni(=ni)tya- | m=udâra-vîra-nripati[ḥ*] Śrî-Gomka-râ-[13.] j-ôttamaḥ || Tasy=anujâtô nripa-nîti-vidyaḥ | hâsyam na kridganda-gunê ranê vâ

[14.] lâsyam vidhânê nripa-Gûhalâmkah | Śasyāśrayasya krama-pûjan-

êpţah(shţah) | Ripu-bala-

[15.] sarppa mandalika-Bhairava | vâraṇa-vâji-sâdhan-âdhipa | nijavasya-tamtra | nava-rajya-

[16.] samuddharan-âri-vargga-nipkri(shkri)pa | nripa-thî(dhî)ra

Kî(ki)ligil-âchala-durgga-samagra | bhûri-bhûmi-

[17.] pa tava sâhas-âmkam=ari-râja-manô-rujam=ugra-paurusham || Půrvvå(rvvô)kta-Gomka-rå-

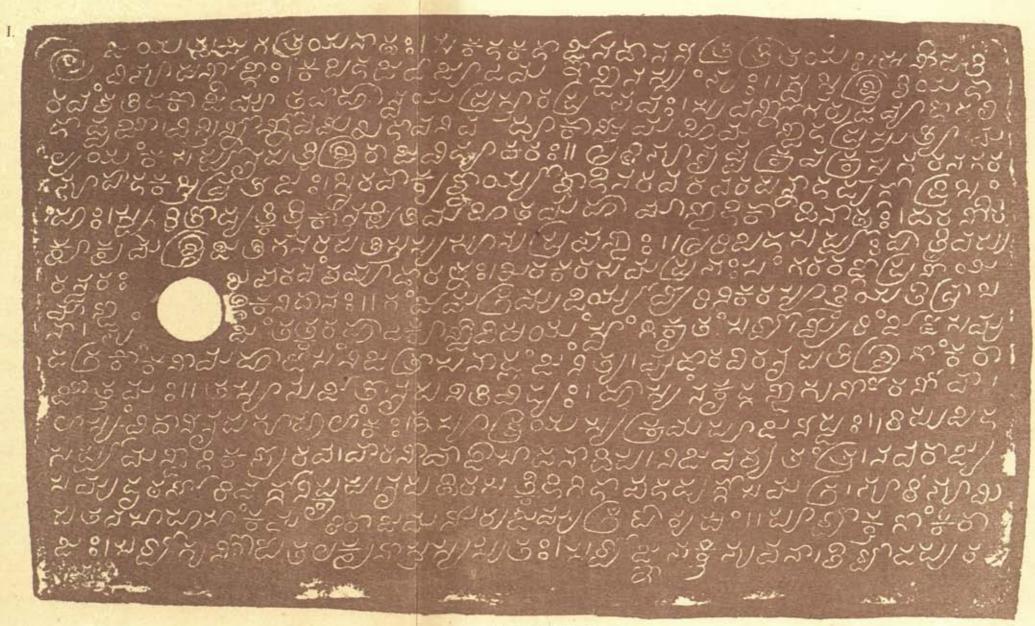
This serpent king, Maleyanka, is not mentioned in any other Silahara inscription known to me.

¹ This form of the name must be an adaptation of S'llara, to suit the metre of this particular verse. The usual form, Silahara, occurs in line 27.

³ The punctuation of this inscription is very indifferent. The marks are frequently put, as here, in the wrong place and in the middle of a word.

SILAHARA GRANT OF MARASIMHA _ ŚAKA 980





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[18.] jaḥ | sarvva-guṇ-ôpêta-lakshaṇas=tasya sutaḥ | Sarvvajñabhakti-bhuvan-â- | -śîrvvâda-pura-

Second Plate (first side).

[19.] ssarô mahâ-mahimaḥ || Balavad-vidvishṭa-sainya-kshaya-karaparipûrnn-åsi-hastam | daridr-å-

[20.] khila-dîn-ânâtha-vandi-prakara-mudakar-ôddâna-hastam | Surêmdr-

âchala-lîl-âkâra-dêvâyata-

[21.] na-kara-lasad-dharmma-hastam | mah-ôrvvîtala-bhâr-ôddhâra-

hastam | tribhuvana-tilakam Mâ-

22. | rasimh-âgrahastam || Mâr-âkâra-śarîrah | vîr-âri-madândhagandhaśi(si)ndhura-simhah | śûra-pra-

[23.] tâpa-nilayah | sâra-guṇ-audâra-Mârasimha-nripah | Rêma(va)ntô

Vatsarājô vara-turaga-cha-

[24.] y-ârûḍa(dha)-rêkhâ-viśuddhau | Bhîmô bhîma-pratâpê | nija-bhujavijayî râja-nîti-pravînah | Kâ-

[25.] mô rûpa-prasannê dhavaļa-vimaļa-digvartti-kîrtti-pratânah | Râ'm-

âdy-âdikshitipa-charitô Mâra-

[26.] simh-âvanîśaḥ || Samadhigatapamehamahâśabda-mahâmaṇḍaļêśvara | Tagara-pura-

[27.] var-âdhîśvara | Śrî-Śiļâhâra-narêmdra | Jîmûtavâhan-ânvaya-

prasûta suva-

[28.] rṇṇa-Garuḍa-dhvaja | maruvamka²-sarppa | Gomkan=amkakâra |

Gûhêyana simham(ha)

[29.] ripu-mandalika-Bhairava | vidvishta-gaja-kanthîrava | iduvar= âditya | rûpa-Nârâyana | Kaliyu-

[30.] ga-Vikramâditya | turaga-Rêvanta | kâminî-Kâmadêva | Śrî-

Mahâlakshmi(kshmî)-labdha-vara-prasâd-âdi-sa-

[31.] masta-rájávalî-samalamkrita-mahâmandalika-Śrî-Mârasimhadêvah | nija-râjadhâni-Srî-Khili-

[32.] gila-durggê | sukha-samkathâ-vinôdêna râjyam kurvvan(rvvams)=

ta(ti)ptha(shtha)3ty=avasarê | Śrî-Simha-sparś-ârjjita-

[33.] pâśupat-âgama-krit-âbhinava-bhuvan-ârgghy- | -âvâsita-Mudunîrô

Lemelîś-ârppita-santati-prakâśa-[34.] munîśaḥ || Dûrô duranta-duritâ- | -d=ârâdhyas=sakaļa-bhuvana-

manujanám | dhîras=tapah-prabhavê |

[35.] mar-astra-jayî vimukta-samsarah || Brahma kalasu | bala-Brahmasucharî Mahêsva-

Second Plate (second side).

[36.] r-âmghri-dhyânaḥ | jihma-rahitas=su-marggî | Brahmêśvarapanditô munir-jjayatu || Tadîy-âmada-krôdha-lôbh-âdi-

[37.] gra-śipya(shya)s=samast-âgama-jñaḥ

dôsha-pradûrah | sudrishtas=suvri-[38.] ttas=sudharmma-pradi(dî)pah | padârttha-pravînô mumukshupradhânah || Srî-Maleyâlô dêvah |

¹ The metre changes here from Sragdharâ to Mandâkrântâ.

² Sc., mare-vokka. The meaning is either "as venomous as a snake in its place of shelter," or "as venomous as a snake to any one who intrudes on its place of shelter." ³ Some letter or other seems to have been engraved and then cancelled here.

[39.] tasya mahâ-śipya(shya)-jana-pati-stutyah | śrîman-Mirimjanagarasy=å- | -sy-ambuja-mandanô mumu-

[40.] kshu-nidhih | Karmm-ârât-îbha-kumbha-prahara-japa-nakh-ânîka-

durvvåra-simhah | dharmm-ambhôja-praka-

[41.] śat-kara-parinata-siddhânta-nity-ôday-ârkkah | kûrmmâdhânapraśast-acharana-karana-pad-ambuj-a-

[42.] sêva-bhrimgah | ni[r*]mmôhô nishkalamkô niratisaya-tapa[h*]-

śrî-yutaś=Chikkadêvah | Dâna-dha-

[43.] rmma-tapaś-śîla- | -brahmacharyya-vrat-âdishu | Chikkadêva-samô n=asti | na bhutô na bha-

[44.] vishyati | Sa(śa)ka-nripa-kâļ-âtîta-samvatsara-śatêshu | asî(śî)tv-

adhika-nava-śatêshy=am-

[45. | kêshu¹ | pravarttatayiti² Vilambi-samvatsarê | Pausha-mâsasya śuddha-pakshê | saptamyâm

[46.] Brihaspati-vârê | udagayana-parvvani | pâdau prakshâlya |

dhara-purvvakam cha | śa(sa)hasra-trita-

[47.] ya-Mirimja-dêś-âbhyantarê | Sirivolala-chaturvvimśati-madhyê | Krishnavêrnna-nadî-dakshina-tatê |

[48.] půrvva-dakshina-paschima-tridisâ-bhâga-samâvâsita- | -Kannavâda- |

-Hâdalivâda-Gâlikutti |

[49.] êtêshâm pârśvava[r*]tti-grâmânâm madhyê | chatur-âghâtasamêta- | -samsthitah Kumtavâda-

[50.] nâma-grâmah | Têna Śrî-râjaputrêna | tasmai divya-tapasvinê |

tam grâmam dattavân

[51.] bhaktyâ | yat-sâmyam tat-samastakam || Mirimjâ-pura-bâhiryyô-

[52.] kam | Marasimha-mahîsêna | kritavat ki[r*]tti-sasanam | Tadâyatana-sambandhah | tad-grâ-

Third Plate.

[53.] mas=tatra tâpasaḥ | pûrvv-âśrayêbhavêd=dhi(vi)praḥ | ity=âśraya- | -sya naishthi-

[54.] kaḥ || Khâramkharyyô(ryyê) su-śauchê japa-niyama-samâdhâna-

sampanna-śîļê | mô(mau)-

[55.] n-ânushthâna-yuktê śama-dama-nilayê brahmacharyyô(ryyê) sudhe(dhai)rvvô(rvvê)

[56.] svådhyåya-dhyåna-dhånê Hara-charaṇa-yajê tatva-vitvê(ttvê) su-

yôgê | ni-

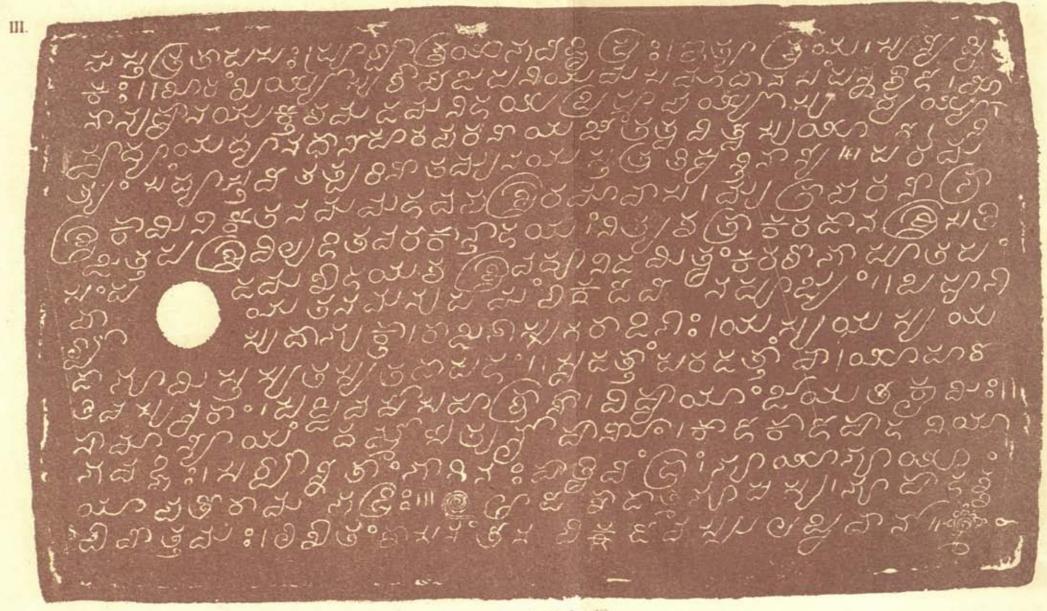
[57.] tyam samdhyas=tav=ê(ai)tat-parinata-munayas=tatra nishthamti n=ânyê || Parama-

[58.] śrî-kâminî-kêtanam=amaļa-vacha[h*]-śrî-ram-âvâsa- -m=ugracharana-bhra-

[59.] jat-tapa[h*]-śrî-viluļita-vara-kânt-âļayam | nitya-śa(sa)tr-âkaradâna-śrî-satî-

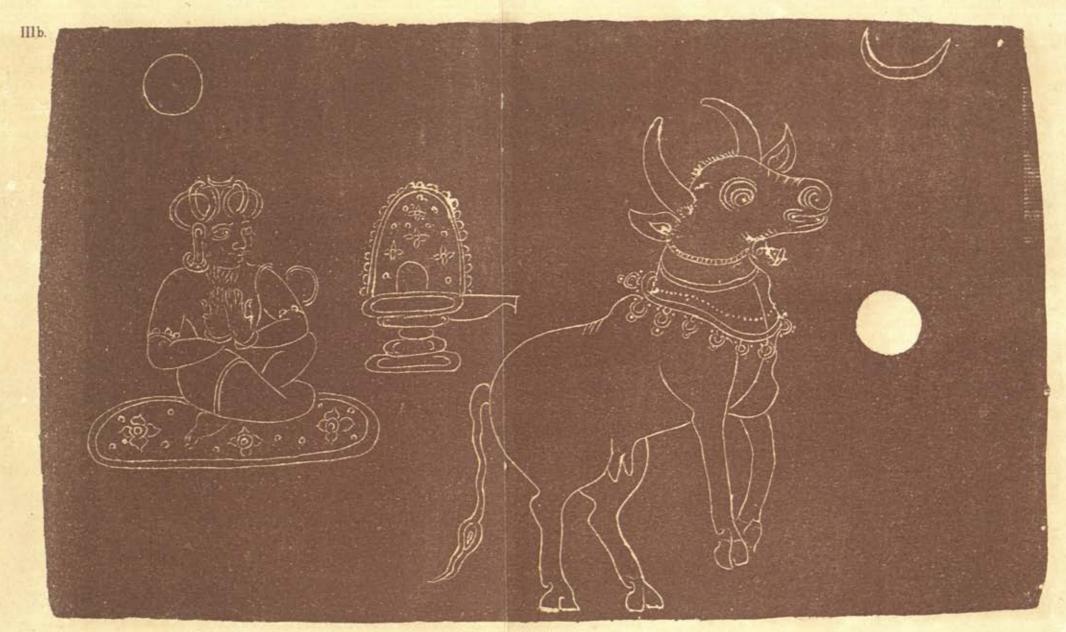
sampadam=akhila-yaśa h*]-śrî-vadhû-nîda(da)m=itthamkara-śôbhâ-[60.] pûta-pam-

¹ The repetition of the date in figures, however, is omitted. ² Sc., pravarttati, for pravarttamané.



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SILAHARA GRANT OF MARASIMHA. SAKA 980



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châyatanam=anupamam Chikkadêvêna pûjyam || Bahubhir=vva(vva)sudha bhukta | rajabhis=Sagar-adibhih | yasya yasya 62. ya-

[63.] dâ bhûmis=tasya tasya tadâ pa(pha)lam || Sva-dattâm para-dattâm

vâ | yô harê-[64.] ti(ta) vasundharâm | shashṭi-varshâ(rsha)-sahaśrâ(srâ)ni vishṭhâyâm jâyatê krimih |

[65.] Sâmânyô=yam dharmma-sêtur=nrishâ(pâ)nâm kâlê

pâlanîyâ(yô)

[66.] bhavadbhih | sarvvânn(n)=êtâm(tân) bhâgi(vi)nah pâ[r*]tthivêmdrâm(drân) | bhûyô bhûyô

[67.] yachatê Ramabhadrih(drah) || Adêśad=atma-bhûpasya | bhûpala-

śśa(sa)-[68.] chiv-ôttamaḥ | likhitam śâsanam têna | Chikkadêvas=su(sa) labdhavân

Analysis.

After giving the Silâhâra genealogy from Jatiga down to the Mahâmandaléśvara Marasimha, this inscription proceeds to record that,-in Saka 930, the Vilambi samvatsara, on Thursday, the seventh day of the bright fortnight of Pausha, at the time of the sun's commencing his progress to the north,-Marasimha, while reigning at his capital of Khiligiladurga or Kiligiladurga,1 bestowed upon a priest named Chikkadêva the village of Kuntavâda,2 situated on the south bank of the river Krishnaverna, in the centre of the villages of Kannavâda³ and Hâdalivâda⁴ and Gâlikuṭṭi,⁵ in the Sirivolal6 Twenty-four, which was in the Mirinja district of the (Kundi) Three-thousand,

16.—THREE INSCRIPTIONS

FROM THE CABINET OF THE AMERICAN ORIENTAL SOCIETY, NEWHAVEN, U.S.

The accompanying plates are photo-lithographed from rubbings kindly sent me by Professor Addison Van Name, the Treasurer and Librarian of the American Oriental Society, Newhaven. The stones on which the inscriptions are engraved were presented to the Society by Dr. Fitz-Edward Hall about 20 years ago.

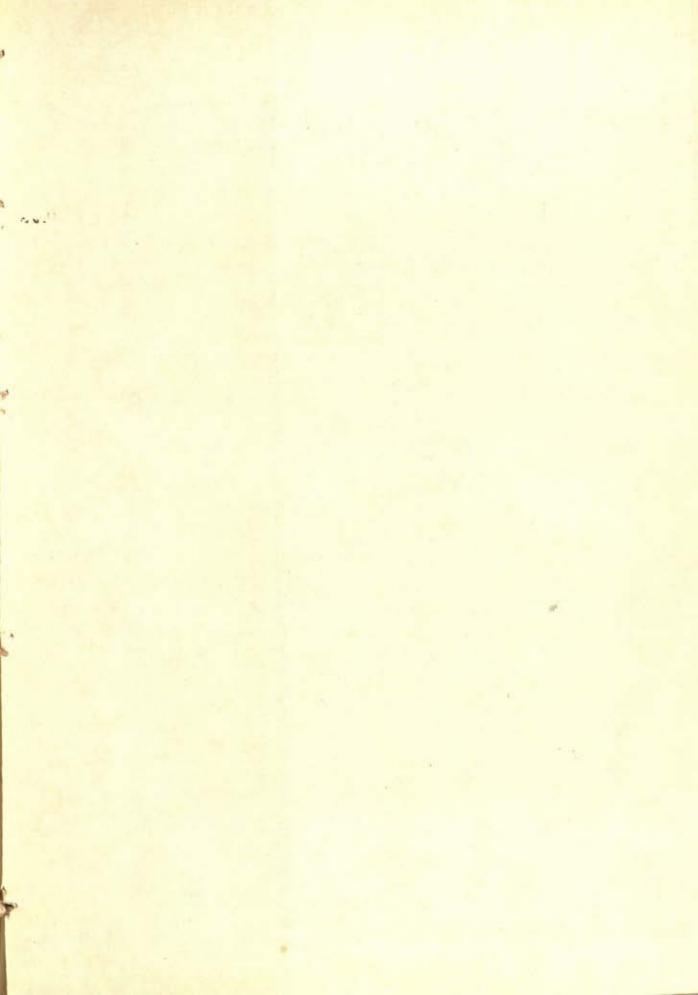
4 Probably the modern 'Ghalwar' of the maps. I cannot identify this place, unless it is represented by the modern 'Dowlee' of the

I It occurs spelt in both ways in this inscription. I cannot identify the place. 3 The 'Kunwar' of the maps. 2 The 'Kootwar' of the maps.

maps.

6 The Sanskrit form of this name would be Srîpura. It is the modern Sirôl,—the 'Sheerool' of the maps,-in lat. 16" 44' N., and long. 74d 40' E. The other places are close [†] The modern Miraj.

The first and largest was procured by him in 1857, at Bhera-Ghât on the Narmada about six miles west of the village of Tewar, where also the second was found, and which is about six miles west from Jabalpur. "The larger stone" he says, "had been brought as serviceable building material to the side of a temple which was in course of erection. When rescued it was on the point of being buried, face downward, in one the walls. Had its threatened fate been realized, quite possibly it would not have been spoken of in print for several centuries." This stone "is 331 inches broad by 221 inches high. It is a plain block of greenstone (aphanite containing a little carbonate of lime) of a soft texture, and easily cut. The inscription upon it is of 29 lines—the last one of them indented about 4 inches-which cover its whole surface excepting a narrow and unornamented margin. It is engraved with great care, and with no little skill and nicety of execution, and is in almost perfect preservation, so that its characters are, for the most part, as regular, elegant, and legible as the best manuscript." Dr. Hall remarks that "it seems to have been aimed, in the manuscription of this memorial, to make it as formidable in aspect as practicable. To this end few occasions are left unimproved of doubling consonants where the grammar permits their duplication, and of yoking the final letters of words to the initials of those that succeed. For example we have अन्त्रन, कीर्यो, and even निधिन and गर्म ; as also किम्बा, which is an error. Equally unauthorized is सिन्ह, which is everywhere put for सिंह. The dental न is, in two instances, combined laterally with t, and likewise in several places, with the dental and palatal sibilants; for the sake of conjunction, the anusvara is changed to 7, before a sibilant in stanzas 6 and 35. In the last verse of the 29th stanza the H of सार्थ is repeated, although the visarga of the preceding word is retained. But on the other hand the sibilants are nowhere confounded: a and a have different symbols; and they are employed, generally, with just discrimination. The deviations, in this article, from accuracy, like several of the peculiarities above noticed, may have been the fault of the engraver. Thus git is once substituted for बुद्धि, बन्धुर for बन्धुर, बहुमाय for बहुमाय, बाल for बाल, and बाल्प for बाल्प. From the 11th stanza we learn that the juvâmûliya and its & were once written and from the 12th stanza that the shape of the upadhmaniya and its q (q) was "." Whether in the middle or end of a word "the anusvara is more often turned into a conjunct nasal; and a consonant or the first consonant of a group is doubled under a -, the only exceptions to this latter rule being र्घ र्थ, र्थ, र्श, स, in all cases of their occurrence; and also, in a single instance #. As regards the diphthongs e, ai, o, au, the inscription follows, with total indifference, the ordinary Devanagari method of writing them, or that which is usual in the Bengali. The sign of omission (5) is not employed on the stone nor are the verses of its text numbered; but the marks of interpunction, (I) after a half-verse, (II) after a verse, are introduced with entire regularity. At the end of a half-verse stands always q and not anusvara: in two cases, however, (10a, 28b) the virâma is omitted. Of other omissions, we have, verse 2a, क्रिश: for क्रिश: —this is at a place where a few syllables (viz. वम्म्यवम्मी) have been erased and re-cut. Another like case of correction occurs just before in the same line (viz. व्यवस्थाकिश), and a third near the end of the 9th line of the inscription, or at the end of 12a, affecting the syllables" which read जगन्त्र: "The correctness of this reading, however, is not entirely certain. The A.



1. INSCRIPTION OF ALHANADÊVÎ THE YEAR 907.

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न्मंगावायानं त्यापि तामित ने नातनंत्रावना नेपाने वृत्यनि विवार नाशिल्या यसाम्य केवशा प्रमावसात्रामा विविधा वृद्धि स्वरी प्रविधा विवार नामित्रा । मिमाला करा वर्योमेश शिक्ता । तुन्य तमा का कमाक अकित्य का मिमवस्त्र होता नामा। 🕻 ब्रुवाकिति किताः रिविशियः मानविन वाकापगारित हित्ति या स्विशियः स्व पाःपात्रवृशात्व्रीमिवद्यादि गतित्वद्युदिन् माद्यक्रगान्यानद्वक्षेव राश्यरस्यागात्रह्युग्यत्।यङ्गिस्यस्यमान्यत्रह्युग्यत्रीत्यदेनात्रत्रहेसस्र्ध्ययस्यमीन्यताद्यस्राप्त्राचे र शिवुशारा निम्दिन रूपी तिन्तु यदक्त वार्षेत् । ताए वार्डवरः कामीबीलकाएः विस्ति विशाविष्यार्थे मनसम्बद्धे पाटाः ब्रामुक्तिकलेका कुलावित् विद्याने विश्वविद्याने । नःश्यः प्रशित्व त्या विद्या पर्णार प्रति के विवाद कातमान त्यात स्वती विश्वास्य नित्य न्या दिया सम्भाव स्वाद स्व उन्हिने सद्भव राम्यति ति इन महाने विनयने प्रति ते जा मृति हो गती चुन मार्च नित्य न्या द्या सम्भाव स्वाद ातः प्रमूचनस्य रापन्तवन् वित्याद्वयत्वयत् । पृष्ठे येवविभयामस्य ने कल्वहानाः हेर्ने स्याद्धं प्रवेशन्त्रा विवसमे**रे** सामाद्वापापामा तवस्य सामायास्य गायक्षिवृत्तिः सर्वेचाप्वस्ति स्मण्डपमातिन्दितिम्होपालक्षर्यस्विनवृत्तिनापृत्तेव्यासेवानविनविनविनविनविनापृत्वसा ्द्रुःसृतीतबाह्नगामवक्षपेवद्रः सःलाद्रीः मुटाको रःकोन् वदासण्य रगूदैद्रूपण्यद्र वैद्रादायां मन्त्रीतिन्त्रमत्रीयन्त्रापूर्वेषुत्रे। युरसद्देश रात्रावन्तर्गेल् विक्रियामातातामतिहम्मानाने वत्राताचानतितिहमः। यत्रचिमहोनुनानयनिद्याष्ट्राः चित्रविद्यायुः स्पर्धान् वस्तानिस् विभावम्याराण्यिताराणे द्रवस्थः छन्। अवातामयम् शाववाभववातावस्य दर्भः स्त्रापालच्डामिणिशतसाङ्गन्मसम् समादविद्युरं चीमाराष्ट्राः वर्धस्यादीस् वक्तार्विष्ठभूचाः एक्त्रसहीति विवासियाणा स्वितिष्ठणा सहत्त्वतः सम्बत्वद्रयक्तिति विधायस्यपूर्वापतप्रविद्यालाकारा । स कृति।इतस्यतालः श्रीलतावाल्यशालः प्रशृत्रगूणमालः श्राउतिगतकालः। विमानतालः तातती ग्रीशयलः शित्तवन्यवालः मानवङ् मिपालः॥ एगा श्रीत प्रसिद्धामसमानिलप्रचाना वत्रवाक्षवृद्धातिः।कुलदेसपालः।(शद्भावताकृतविष्मेलास्यसपविष्कृति।तिल्विसेलादप्रविष्वितिल्धातसम्बद्धाने णमहामन्त्रमान् वर्षः वर्तमाप्रदिश्चोतिरमहत्म् दिए विवेशद्रपादि विवेष्रम् विक्तस्य ने देशासतीरीसञ्जापात्य दिप्णाकुला निग्नीरग्नीस तीणस्य चतेषासिक्य यत् व प्राणिद्र गत्र डातालका ज्ञातमाटनारातसममङ्गातिन द्वारी देशेली येन रनद्व रितीदित श्रीधाति विक्रयसिद्ध श्रीत प्रवहंमानः मुराङ्गात्यसाराः वैवायः भवानवनालवमायनायनायिन।योदसारियसताम् रूपां गृज्ञितामलदियः राप्ति प्र मैत्रांगामित्रवेत्ते । प्राप्तिनीकाणीन्तामीयमारीपिणामितग्नानाजतिनाद**सायर्जा**नीसुन्धातसाद**रा**पिवाजायतकगद्यामस्पतिनतयामिन दीर्चतक्वित्वदाप्रस्य ताकाकृतिभाव गर्हितमावसम्भदास्तावर स्थावक्वीतिमाचामयाँ कृतसामित्वैति वृशाक्ताक्ति विद्यान णवायम् तिश्व प्रमावन्द्रमासम्बद्धान्य सम्बद्धान्य स्थायन्त्र सद्दातन्य तत्त्व स्थानम्बद्धान्य स्थानम्बद्धानम् • वायानम्बद्धात्तृत्वापानुसान्द्रवामनागीवस्याकाणात्तावस्य त्राप्यमानानावराज्ञात्र स्थानम्बद्धारम् स्थानमानाना भागमहातिकारांतिनैपहिषाम्नित्ववन्दे प्रदम्शायकार्यम्। देशभयमिने प्रस्कितानुनम् मिक्तनामदानन् श्रीसद्वेववस् प्रमाववृणदयदागा। याखान् श लामधानमानामात्रेकलास्य मा इत्तर्विद्धस्य वासायानो हर्रा भाषाशास्त्रतिद्यान वातिस्य प्राचित्रनारा विद्यान वास्य ह्वा अवर्षाप्ति हो। जुन्मे द्वादिका विज्ञान विज्ञान विज्ञान स्वादास्त्र स्वान द्वादान स्वादान विम्यातावद्याविम्मानववनाव अध्याप्रमाप्त्रोगावत्यताभेववेतद्रवसात्त्रसीत्य्वर त्याद्यासाहरव रारव्याद्वरणीवरोने नामागरिसायदासाविमान नामित्रमान्याचिशस्त्रानिना निर्दित्तिरीर्वम्बाइर्बेन्दिन्तरीर्वादित्यत्यति। विश्वादेन्त्रमान्यत्यत्यत्यत्यास्त स्त्रापृत्तीक्षयगणविक्रिग्वापतस्यात रक्तिकविद्याताद्वातप्रभप्रभप्रमान्य सम्यासम्बद्धात्यस्त्रम्भवस्य सम्यासम्बद्धाः सम्यासम्यासम्बद्धाः सम्यासम्बद्धाः सम्यासम्बद्धाः सम्यासम्बद्धाः सम्यासम्यासम्बद्धाः सम्यासम्बद्धाः सम्यासम्बद्धाः सम्यासम्यासम्बद्धाः क्रेरःधृष्ट्रीर पुवदाद्याति वता राजा विल्लित व त्वकां स्वत् व विल्लान्या कर्ति वेन्त्रा वित्रवा । सवव ० ० अमारी स

indeed, admits of no question; the η is less clear, but yet is altogether probable; for the next syllable the stone gives only the double vv," not rvv as read by Hall, "omitting the superposed r ($\stackrel{\circ}{-}$) which causes the reduplication; and the following character is entirely illegible, but cannot possibly we think be to: (as read by Hall), its lower part, which alone remains unobliterated, is clearly (r), and not (r); above it might stand almost any single letter, but not a double one; for that there is no room, nor could a # have been cut without leaving distinct traces on the unbroken part of the stone. We know not what to conjecture, if not A:, AE is sometimes found used in the sense of 'possession' by a passion; the clause might then mean 'Murala ceased to be possessed of arrogance.' In the following pada the stone reads distinctly चक्रेप for चक्रेम. This is probably Mahîdhara's error; but, if the metre did not forbid, we might regard it as a misreading for चकंपे, 'trembled'; perhaps the word was in the cutter's mind. Of the first syllable in the same line and pada only the upper part of the right hand lines are left: the consonant must be क; but it might be combined with r and with any vowel excepting i," but we presume the reading $\mathfrak{A}_{\overline{i}}$: proposed by Dr. Hall to be the correct one. At the beginning of verse 6 "the reading is equal to with manifold forms.' In verse 10, the last syllable of the first half-verse, which comes at the end of a line, is much broken: what is left seems to us to point out distinctly, as the original reading, at instead of at (as read by Hall): this would change the meaning of the word from active to passive. In verse 17b finally the stone has जनिए (जनिप्?) for जनिष्ट."

The inscription has been translated and commented on by Dr. Hall.

Transliteration.

(1). Om namah Sivâya | Kalyânitâmavikalâm bhavatâm tanôtu bhâle kalânidhikalâ śaśiśekharasya ekaiva yâ pramathasârthagatâm dvitîyâ buddhim(m) pradoshavirahe'pi karôti nityam | [1]

(2). Kim mâlâh kumudasya kim śaśikalâh kim dharmmyakarmmâ(m)kurâh kim(m) và kanchukikanchukâh kimathavâ bhûtyudramâ bhântyamî ittham nakivitarkkitah Sivasirahsancharinakapagaringadvalgutarangabhan(n)-

(3). pâḥ pântu vaḥ | [2] Bhûtam sad vibhu yad vibhâti bhuvanam yadvigitatayah punyaprabhramád yaj jagannetránandakaram dharáśrayarasádyanyatvahetuścha yat | yad gandhoddhuradhama yach cha yajate śitam yadekantatah sasparśam yadarūpamêbhiravatâd yushmân śarîraih

(4). Sivah | [3] Saktihêtiparaprîtihêtuschandrakacharchchatah | tândavådambarah kuryan Nilakanthah priyani vah | [4] Vighnaughasantamasasamharanâya saktam(m) muktam kalankakalayâ sakalam sudhâmsah kundâvadâtataradantamishâd dadhâ-

(5). nah śrêyah param diśatu vah sadayam dvipâsyah [[5] Rûpairanêkairvvyavahârajâtam âtanvatî pâtu Sarasvatî vah | yallêsal âlityalavâdapi syât samsatsu pumsam garîmâ gariyân | [6] Gôtre râtrikarasya bhûpati-

(6). rabhûd bibhrat sahasram karân pratyêkam trijaganmanôvinayane râtrindivam jâgrivih | têjôbhirjjagatîbhritam paribhavî nâmna'rjjunah samsmriter yasyâ'dyâ'pyadhigamyate vasu gatam nîtam cha chauraiśchiram | [7] Tasyâ(7). 'nvaye samabhavat prathitah prithivyâ nâthah kathâ'dbhutamâ'pi vrithâna yasya | Kokalladeva iti bibhradudârarûpam nâma trilokasukhasañjananaikadhâma | [8] Nirjjityorjjitagarvvaparvvatabhritah pratyarthiprithvî-

(8.) bhujah praptanantayasa babhûva nripatirGgangeyadevastatah | prithva yena vidhaya Merumatulam kalpadrumena'rthinam svarggadurdhvamadhahsthita'pi vibudhadhareyamapadita [9] Punyamritena samsikta suddhasattvapravardhi-

(9). tâ | yatkîrttivratatih sarvvam vyâpa brahmândamandapam(m) || [10] Tenâ'jani mahîpâlah Karnnah svarnnênakurvvatâ | pûrnnatrishnârnnavânarthisârthânarthitakîrttinâ || [11] Pândyaśchandimatâm mumocha Muralastatyâja garvvagraha

(10). Kangah sangatimâjagâma chakape[me] Vangah kalingaih saha | Kîrah kîravadâsa panjaragrihe Hûnah praharsham jahau yasmin râjani śauryavibhramabharam bibhratyapûrvvaprabhe [12] Asmadbharttriparâbhavena sakalâ-

(11). m bhunkte bhuvan, yâmasau tâmetâm tanavâmahai tanutarâkârâmitîva striyah | yatpratyarthimahîbhujâm nayanajairbbâshpaih payôdhîn vyadhuh sphârân ratnamahôrmmibhih punaramî samvarddhakâ(ścha)-

(12). krirê || [13] Champâranyavidâranôdratayaśaḥśubhrâmśunâ bhâsayan âśâchakramavakrabhâvaḥridayaḥ kshmâpâlachudâmanih | tasmâj janma samâ-

sasada viśadam śriman Yaśahkarnna ityaudaryad dha(nikî)2-

(13). chakâra vibudhân yah prêkshya sarvvânapi | [14] Tasmâdaseshagunaratnanidheragâdhâd bhûvallabhah samabhavad Gayakarnnadêvah | yasya pratâpatapano pyarisundarînâm sokârnnavôdayanidânapadam prapede | [15]

(14). Dyutijitaharitâlah śîlatâkalpaśâlah prithutaragunamâlah śatruvarggaikakâlah | vimalitaranabâlah kântakîrttyâśatâlah śitatarakaravâlah so'bhavad

bhûmipâlah | [16] Asti

(15). prasiddhamiha Gôbhilaputragôtram tatrâ'janishţû(ţa) nripatih kila Hamsapâlah | śauryâvasajjitanirarggalasainyasamghanamrîkritâkhilamiladripuchakravâlah || [17] Tasyâ'bhavat tanubhavah pra-

(16). namatsamastasâmantaśêkharaśirômanirañjitâmhrih | śrî Vairisimhavasudhâdhipatirvviśuddhabuddhêrnnidhirnna paramarthijanasya chôchchaih ||[18]

Sa Vairisimho 'pyanayad ripûnâm kulâni gambhîraguhâgri-

(17). hâṇi | svayam cha teshâmadhiśayya chakre purâṇidûrâvajitâlakâni || [19] Tasmâdajâyata samastajanâbhinandyasaundaryaśauryabharabhaṅguritâhitaśrîḥ t prithvîpatirvvijayasin(m)ha iti

(18). pravarddhamânah sadâ jagati yasya yaśaḥsudhâmśuḥ || [20] Tasyâ bhavat Mâlavamaṇḍalâdhinâthôdayâdityasutâ surûpâ | Śṛiṅgâriṇî Śyâmaladêvyu-

dâracharitrachintâmanirarchchitaśrîh | [21]

(19). Mênâyâmiya Sankarapranayinî kshônîbhritâm nâyakâd Vîrinyâmiya Subhrabhânuyanitâ Dakshât prajânâm srijah | tasmâd-Alhanadêvyajâyata jagadrakshâkshamâd bhûpatêr etasyân(m) nija-

(20). dîrghavan(m)śaviśadaprem(n)khatpatâkâkritiḥ Ⅱ [22] Vivâhavidhimâdhâya Gayakarnnanareśvaraḥ [1] chakre prîtim parâmasyâm Śivâyâmiva Śań-

karah | [23] Sringârasâlâ kalasî kalânâm lâvanyamâlâ gu-

(21). napanyabhûmih | asûta putram Gayakarnnabhûpâd asau narêśan(m) Narasinhadêvam || [24] Asya śrî-Narasinhadêvanripateh prodyan yaśaśchandramâ digbhittirvvidadhâtu bandhurasudhâsambhâragarbhâ iva | bhûrbharttama-

¹ Hall reads nature here.

The stone is damaged here : this is Hall's conjectural reading.

(22). vâpya chainamuchitam prîtin(m) tathâ prâpnuyât pûrvvêshân(m) na yatha managapi mahakshonibhritam dhyayati | [25] Asya'nujo vijayatam Jayasin(m)hadêvah Saumitrivat prathamaje dbhutarûpasevah yo meghanâdabahu-

(23). mâyamahâtikâyasainyam dvishâmabhibhavannahaha prahastah [[26] Akarayan mandiramindumauler idam mathena'dbhutabhamikena t saha'muna

śrî-Narasimhadêvaprasûrasâv-Alhanadêvyudârâ | [27] Vyâkhyânaśâ-

(24). làmudyânamâlâmavikalâmamûm | akârayat svayam Sambhuprâsâdâlîdvayan(m) nijaih | [28] Dêvâyâ'smai Vaidyanâthâbhidhâya prâdâd dêvî Jâulî

pattalâyâm | grâman(m) nâmnâ nâma Undîti sarvvâdâyaih ssâ-

(25). rddham chârucharchchâprasiddhyai | [29] Narmmadâdakshinê kûle parvvatopatyakâśraye | tathâ'paramadâd grāman(m) nāmnā Makarapāṭakam | [36] Latanvayah pasupatastapasvî śrî-Rudrarasirvvidhivad vyadhattam | sthanasya rakshâvi-

(26). dhimasya tâvad yâvan mimîte bhuvanâni Sambhuh | [31] Maunyânvaye Bhârgga-Vavaitahavya-Sâvetasetipravaratrayâdye | Mahêśvarâkhyad Dhar-

anîdharo'bhûn nâmnâ garimnâ yasasâ śriyâ cha | [32] Komala-

kânțisațâlenochchaihsnehâtibhârabharitena | dîrghamanojñadaśena tribhuvanadîpâyitam yena | [33] Prithvîdharastasya sutah samastagabhîratâstrarnnavaparadriśva | praśastimetamalikhad yadiyair ddi-

(28). nmandali sishyaganairvvijigye | [34] Etasya'varajastarkkanishnatadbhutanaipuṇah | praśastimakarodetâm sûrih Saśidharâbhidhah | [35] Âsûtraya-

dídam sarvvam Višvakarmmavidhânavit | Pîthêsamabhidhah sûtra-(29). dhârah prithvîm Prithuyarthâ | [36] Sûtradhârâgrani-Bâlasin (m) hasûnurm-Mahidharah silân(m) tathâ'karôd varnnairnnabhastârakitam yathâ | [37] Samvat 907 Mårggasudi 11 ravau |

Another copper-plate grant found many years ago at the village of Kumbhi,1 on the Herun river, 35 miles N. E. from Jabalpur, and dated "Sam. 932," gives the genealogy of the Kalachuri or Kulachuri kings of Chedi or Dahala as in this inscription but with some slight additions. With certain notes gathered from other sources, this genealogy stands thus :-

Yuvarâja Dêva, either the same as Lakshmana Dêva or his son, and contemporary with Vâkpati Râjâ (cir. A. D. 974).2

Kokalla Dêva, his son, (mentioned in \$1. 8 of this inscription) contemporary with Bhoja (cir. 1003-1058 A. D.). 3

Gângeya Dêva, son (śll. 9, 10).

Karna Dêva, son, married Âvalladêvî, a Hûna (6l. 12,13); a great warrior. Bhîma Dêva of Gujarât (1022-1073 A.D.) marched against him,

Yasahkarna Dêva, son (sl. 14).

Gayâkarna Dêva, son (śll. 15-24), married Alhana Dêvî, the daughter of Vijayasimha by Syâmaladêvî, daughter of Udayâditya, son of Bhoja of Mâlava (cir. 1058-1080).

Jour. A. S. Beng. vol. VIII, pp. 481ff., and vol. XXXI., pp. 111ff. ² Asiat. Res. vol. IX, p. 108; J. A. S. B. vol. XXX, p. 318, 321, 331; Bonthådêvî "the glory of the family of the lords of Chêdi, the daughter of king Lakshmana" was married to Vikramâditya, or Vijayâditya II., the Châlukya king (cir. 950-973 a. d.), and was the mother of Tailapa,—Ind. Ant. vol. VIII, p. 15; J. A. S. B. vol. XXXI, p. 114; was the model of the was the w

⁴ Ras Mala, vol. I, pp. 83, 90; Ind. Ant. vol. VI, p. 185; Asiat. Res. vol. IX, p. 103.

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Narasimha Dêva, their son (śl. 25), in whose time this and the following grants were made, dated "Samvat 907 and 928."

Jayasimha Dêva, younger brother (śl. 26). Vijayasimha, son, married Gosalâdêvî.

Ajayasimha Dêva, heir apparent in "Sam. 932."

It is evident that the era used in these and other inscriptions of this dynasty is neither the Saka nor Vikrama Samvat; and Dr. Hall, after noting some of the coincidences, as that Udayaditya, the grandfather of Alhanadêvî, was the son of Bhoja, concludes that the year 850 of this Chêdi era must have fallen about A.D. 1100-making its initial epoch about A.D. 250. He then remarks that "the specifications attached to the dates 907 and 928 are, however, so full, that any one who chooses to undertake a somewhat tedious calculation is provided with data from which the first year of this, or of some other unaccustomed epoch, may be definitely determined." 2 If we take 26 years for a generation, the eight that precede Ajayasimha in "Sam. 932," will cover 208 years or bring us back to 724 for the accession of Yuvaraja, the contemporary of Vakpati and probably of Tailapa (973-997 A.D.). This supports Hall's suggestion that the era began about A.D. 250. Kokalla's and Gangeya's with part of Karna's reign would be covered by the long reign of Bhoja. Alhanadêvî's uncle Naravarma died in 1133 A.D. in her lifetime and most probably while her son Narasimha was a child, and so his accession would naturally fall about 1150-1160 A.D., or "Sain." 900-910, and this, his first inscription, is dated "Sunday, the 11th of Marga Sudi, Sam. 907."

INSCRIPTION No. 2.

The second stone was found at the village of Tewar,—the Tripura of the Purânas. The stone on which it is cut "is of like character with the other, but has a more amygdaloidal structure, being full of little cavities which hold carbonate of lime. It is 12 inches broad and 7¼ inches high, and contains 8 lines. The characters are coarsely, irregularly, and inelegantly cut." It is dated "in the year 928: Sunday, the 6th of Srâvaṇa Sudi, asterism Haste."

Transcription.

(1.) Jūānām(n)dam param brahma brahmādisurasēvitam | vam(n)dema(2.) hi mahādēvam dēvadēvam jagadgurum || SrīmadGayāka(3.) rṇṇanṛipasya sūnurnnarēšvaraḥ Srī-Narasimhadēvaḥ | jigyē dhari(4.) trīm anujo'sya samrāṭ jîyāch chiram Srī-Jayasimhadēvaḥ || 5.) Vipro yo'stakanāmā 'bhūdĀladēvastadātmajaḥ | 5.)
(6.) Kēs(ś)avaḥ kārayāmāsa prāsādamamumais(ś)varam || 5.)
(7.) Samvat 928 Śrāvaṇasudi 6 Ravau Haste || 5.)
(8.) Nāyākakesa(śa)vasya gotram Kātyāyanam sthānam māla \$\frac{\pi}{2}}\$

vol. VI, p. 533; Asiat. Res. vol. IX, p. 108. We should like to know what has become of the Banâras copper-plate grant mentioned by Wilford: a good fac-simile of it would be interesting.

2 Jour. Am. Or. Soc. vol. VI, p. 501; also p. 522.

³ Akâlavarsha, the Râshtrakûta (A.D. 835), married Mahâdêvî, the daughter of Kokalla of Chêdi (Jour. R. A. Soc. vol. III, p. 102; J. B. B. R. A. S. vol. IV, p. 101; J. A. S. B. vol. XXX, p. 319); but this must have been the earlier prince of the same name mentioned in the Jabalpur stone removed from Bilhari (J. A. S. B., vol. XXX, p. 318, &c.). Dr. Hall seems to have regarded them as the same person.

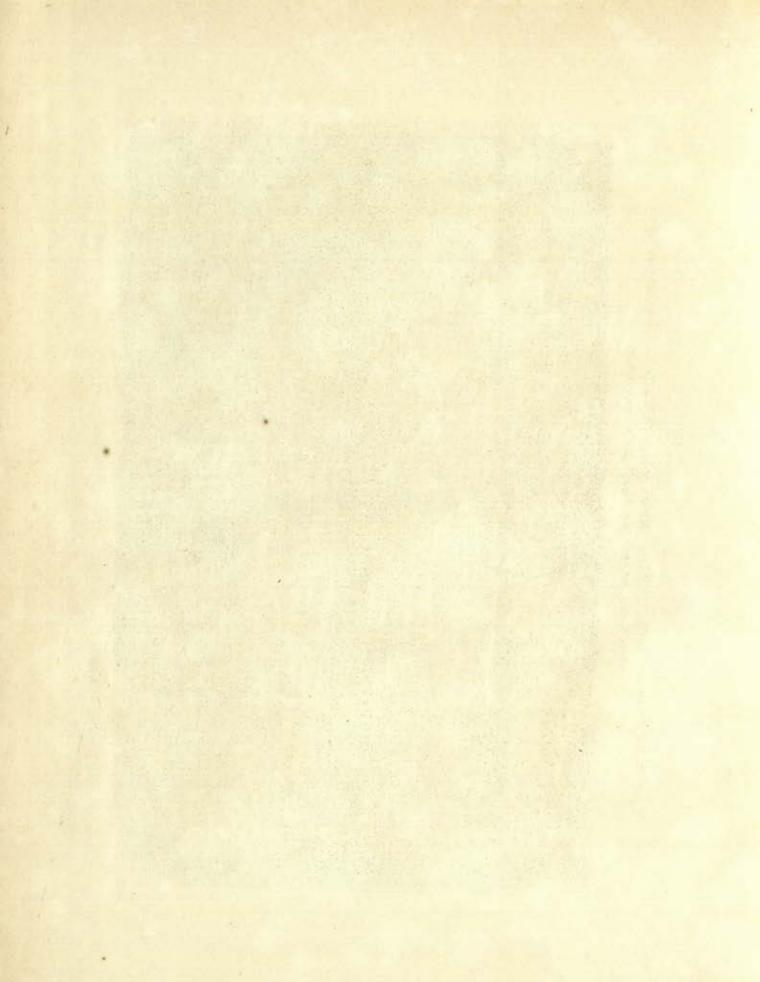
The notes respecting these two grants are given here in considerable detail, because

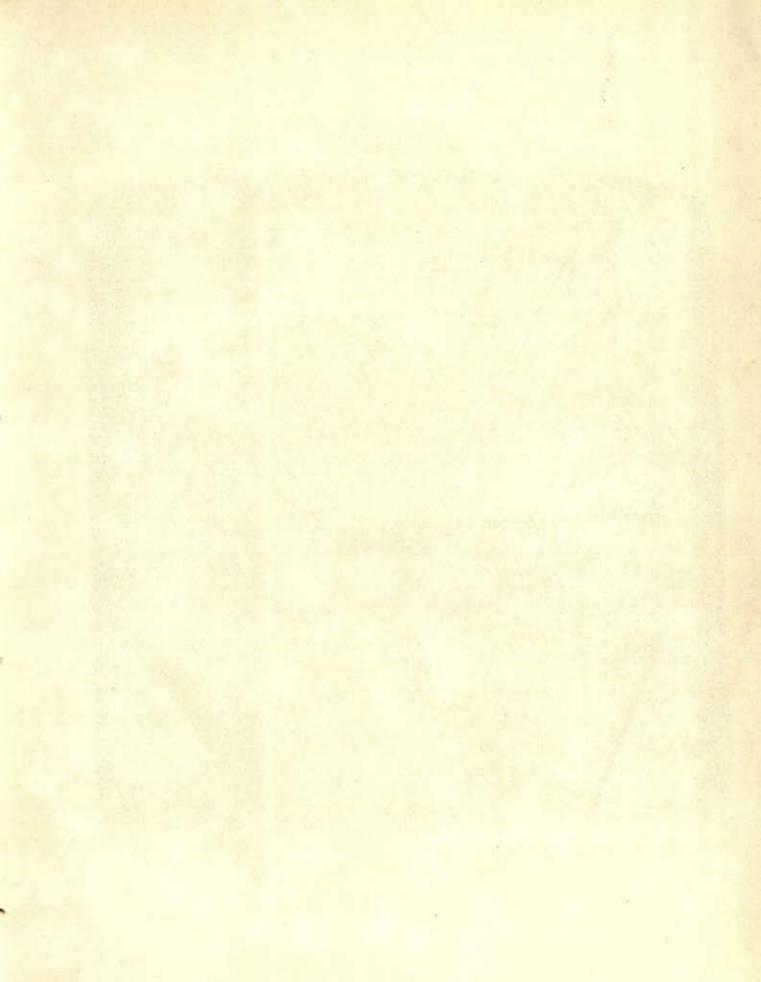
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INSCRIPTION Nº 3 DATED SAMVAT 1275

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Here again we have the names of the kings Gayakarna, Narasimha Dêva, and the prince Jayasimha Dêva.

INSCRIPTION No. 3.

The third inscription was dug from the ruins of a temple in the village of Harsaudâ about 101 miles from Chârwâ, in the district of Hoshangâbâd. The stone measures 131 inches in height by 13 inches in breadth, "besides a raised and rounded margin. It is thick and heavy, and shaped upon the back into some form of which the intent is not now recognizable. Its material is greenstone like that of the others, but much harder and tougher in quality." Dr. Hall published a revised Devanagari transcript and translation of this inscription in the Journal of the Bengal Asiatic Society (vol. XXVIII, pp. 1-8).

It will be remarked that it does not belong to the Chêdi dynasty, but to a Dêvapâla Dêva, of Dhârâ, not otherwise known to us. It is dated in

Samvat 1275 (A.D. 1218-19), Chitrabhânu 1 Samvatsara.

Transcription.

(1). Om namah Śivâya | Sarvvakarmmasamārambhe gîrvvārņairyyo namaskritah | sa mayâ Pârvvatîputro Hêrambhah prârthya-

(2). ti chiram | 1 | Bharatî bhavatâm bhûyad vagullasavikasada | jagajja-

dyam tamo'dhastât kurvvatî bhâ ravêriva | 2 |

(3). Keśâh kañ (iii) jâlikâśâbhâhum (ii) kârâri-Pinâkinah | vivigogatayo dadyuh śam vo(?)jambunagaukasah | 3

(4). Samvat pam(n)chasaptatyadhikadvâdaśaśatân(m)ke 1275 Mârggasudi

5 Sa(śa)nau svasti śrimad-Dhârâyâm samastapraśastôpeta-

(5). samadhigatapam(ű)chamahadásabdálam(n)káravirájamánaparamabhattárakamahârâjâdhirâjaparamêsvaraparamamâhêsvaraśrî-

(6). Litsvåryåpråsådavaradalabdhapratåpaśrima(d) - Dêvapåladevacharanå-

nâm mahîpravarddhamânakalyânavijayarâjye sati

- (7). || Adhike pam(n)chasaptatya dvadaśabdaśate Sake vatsare Chitrabhanau tu Mârggaṇi(śî)rsha śite dale | 4 | Pam(ñ)chamyâm(n)takasain-
- (8). yôge nakshatre Vishņudaivate | yoge Harshanasajjñe tu tithyarddhe Dhathidaivate | 5 | Srîmad-Um(n)dapure sarvvamasid Dôsîti(ni)-

(9). půrushah | khyâtah sarvvagunairllôke vilôke sammatah satâm | 6 |

Tadaurasah suddhamatirbbabhuva srî-Bilha-

(10). no'nam(n)gasamanamurtih | tasya"tmajo'bhud vanijam mahatma śri-Dhalanama mahaniyakirtih | 7 | (11). Tasya'nujah Késavanamadheyo vanikpathe suddhamatirjane ratih

âsît sadâ dharmmaniketanah sadâ

(12). bhûdevabhaktah svajane'tiraktah | 8 | Tenâ'kâri mano dharme Kêśavena sujanmana || nalinidalanirena

According to the usual reckoning in the Dekhan, this would be Bahudhanya, the 13th, but according to the Jyotishtava rule, followed in Northern India, it is Chitrabhanu, the 16th of the cycle. The rules of the astronomical treatises also make it the 16th.-J.B.

(13). paśyatâ sadriśam vapuh | 9 | Harshapurvvât purâ(d)dêśavibhâge lôkanam (n)danam | chakârâ"yatanam Sambhôrambhonidhi-

(14). śa(sa)mam sarah | 10 || Tatsannidhâne Hanumatkshetrapâlaganeśva-

rân | sthâpayâmâsa Krishnâdîn Nakulîśamath'Â

(15). 'mbakâm || 11 || Lôkânurâgatastyâgât viprasam(n)tarpaṇât sadâ | devârchehanâgnihômâbhyâmarjjitam sumahâ(ha)-

(16). d yasah | 12 | Lôke brûte Kesavah satyavâkyan matprâsâdam yo nara(h) pasyatîmam | taddôsham ma bhûtale supra-

(17). siddham janam(n)tvete sajjanah sarvvadaiva | 13 | Mahajananuragena śreyo mama vitam(n)vata | krita sa(śa)-

(18). stå praśastai(stő)yam dhimata Devasarmmanâ | 14 || Subham bhavatu

lêkhakapâtakayoh sarvadaiva | Sivamastu |

Beneath the inscription in a rude figure of Siva or perhaps of some other god and seven worshipping figures, at least three of them being females.

17-MODERN COPPER-PLATE GRANTS FROM KATHIAWAD.

Five copper-plates were sent me by the Darbar of His Highness the Jam of Nawanagar. They were in Gujarati, and of so recent a date as not to require their being lithographed. The following are transcripts of them, prepared by the Pandit. Three of the small ones are marked with the kutar.

FIRST COPPER-PLATE.

લ. જાડેજ વિક્રમસી વ સતાત ત્રાજે કાટકોલા મધે ભ રમભાજ કરીને ભામ પ્રાપ્ય ર ત્રાઢ વિશ્વસ્થા યુંજાને કશનાર પણ બુધે સ્થાપીછે ગામથી દખણા ધી નદીયી સ્થાયમણી છે. તે પુત્ર પુ ત્રાદિક પાલે સહી સવત ૧૬૧૧ વર

भे क्षारतक शुर ११ सर्वत १७११ माहा

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व्यात्र साभश्रीसू

રજની સાપ્ય લણ કાલીદાસ.

नी सप (१)

માતાજી નદીની વાડી

જાડેજા કપ્પર જીતી સાપ્પ.

¹ Dr. Hall says only one female, but see the lithograph.

SECOND COPPER-PLATE.

લ. ા જડેજા સૂરાજી વચનાત મા જે ત્રાત્રરા મધ્યે ભુમીપ્રાજી ઢા ભાઢ વ જીમ્મા પુંજાને શીકશનારપણ (સ્મા) પુછ મ્મા-યોછે. લારચંયી ઉગમણી. વેલેથી મ્માય મણી. ઉગમણા વડ છે. વલતી વગત પુનાગતા કરીને મ્માયી છે. તે પુત્ર પુ ત્રાદિક પાલે. શવ. ૧૬૨૫. શ્રાવણ વદ ૩૦) સોમ મ્માવાપી છે ઇ પત્રા પરજીમાં કરા વી દીધા છે સવંત ૧૭૨૧ માહા વદ ૧

૧ અત્ર સાખ શ્રી સુ. રજની સાખ. ૧ ભાભા આલીની સા. ૧ ભાદિઆ દારાની. ૧ ભાદિઆ રાજદેવ. ૧ લ. ા કંસારા જીવા.

THIRD COPPER-PLATE.

લ. જાડેજા શ્રી પ પાતાજી વચનાત માજે કાટકોલા મધ્યે ભૂમી પ્રાજ્ય ગ્ર ગામથી આયમણી ને લાવડીથી ઉચ્ચમ ણી તથા દખણાધી તે માઢવડિય્મા ગા વંદજી ને શ્રી કૃશનારપણ બુધે ચ્યા પા છ પાડારજ નારાણુખલ કરીને સંવત ૧૬૭૫ ના ભાદરવા શુદ્ધ ર ઇલ. ખુ પરિચ્યાદિક પાલે સહી.

સંવત ૧૭૧૧ માદા વદ ૧ દિને જાડેજા જ પાતા છ એ કરાવી દીધા છ ગ્યાત્ર સાપ્ય મુસ્જ ૧ દેવડા મેઘરાજ જીની સાપ્ય ૧ લં. ા કંસારા

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FOURTH COPPER-PLATE.

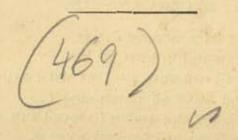
લખતંગ ભાઇ શ્રી હીરજી વકાશી જત જોગ શા ધુ ઇછારામ આતમારામને ધરમે ઠાકર મંદર ધરમ ખાતે તુલસીને પાને જમી પરાજી ૪ ત્ર્યંકે ચાર પાકી તે સરકાર શ્રી જામસાવ્યભની આપેલ હતા તે તમારા નામનું લે ખ કરીઆપું તે જમીની વગત રાવ્યમારા (?) મારગને ઉગમ ણુકાંડે ધારેથી કરીને ગજશુરને ઉતરાદે સેઢે ખરાબર છે. શ્રી કાંકોરમંદરે તુલસીને પાને શ્રી ક્રશનારપન આપી છે. પરાજી ર ભમરપરજ (?) નદીને કાંડે ઢાંડ નાપ્યું છે સામુ ખેતર છે જમલે ર ખેતરમાં કોએ સમસા કરે નહીં હીદ્દને ગા મુસલમાનને મુ અર સવંત ૧૮૫૯ ના વૈસાક મુદ ૪ વારરવી શ્રી મુરજની સાખ પા. ા દેવાની સાખે ઇમડઢડ (૧) ની સાખ પા. ા કાનજી શાખ લખતંગ ઠ.ા વરસદાશ મહ્યુ (૧).

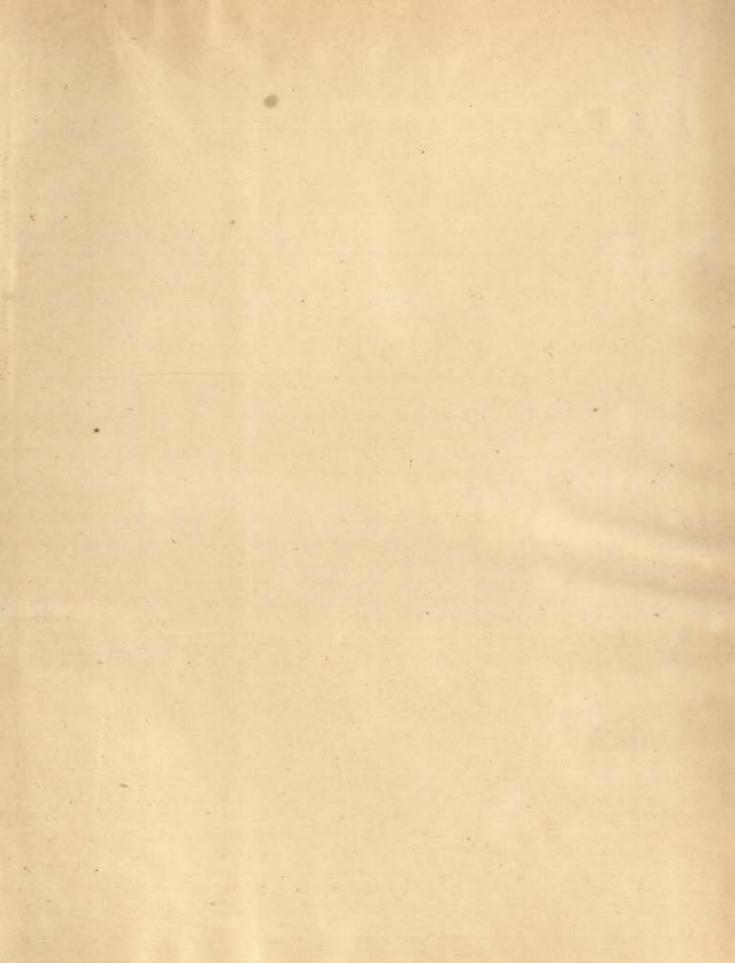
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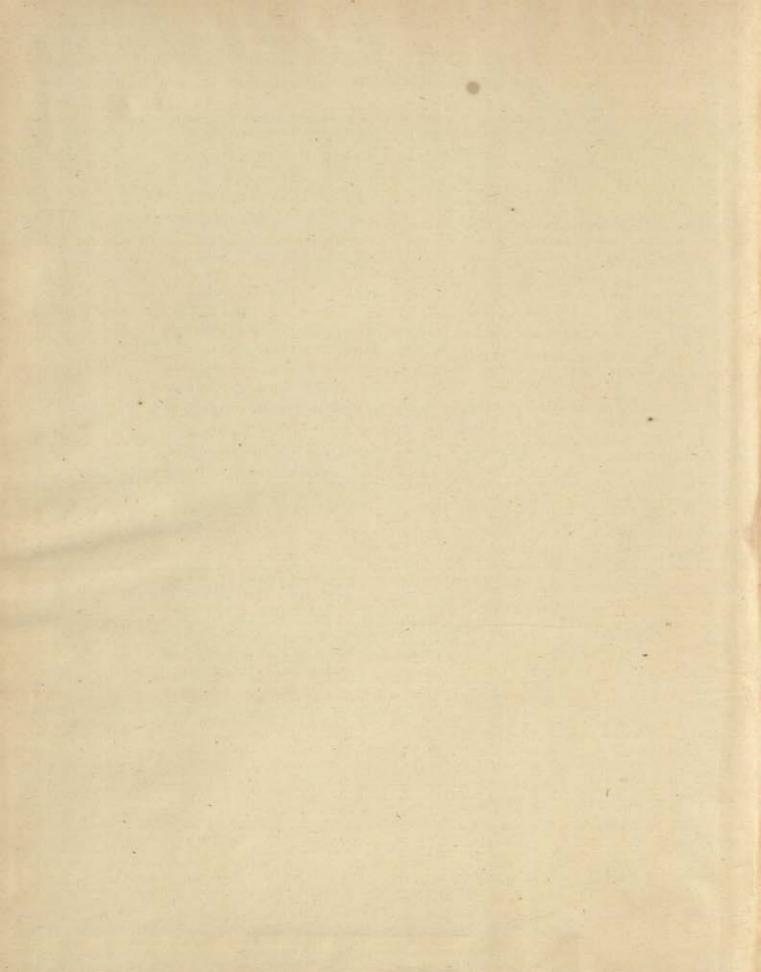
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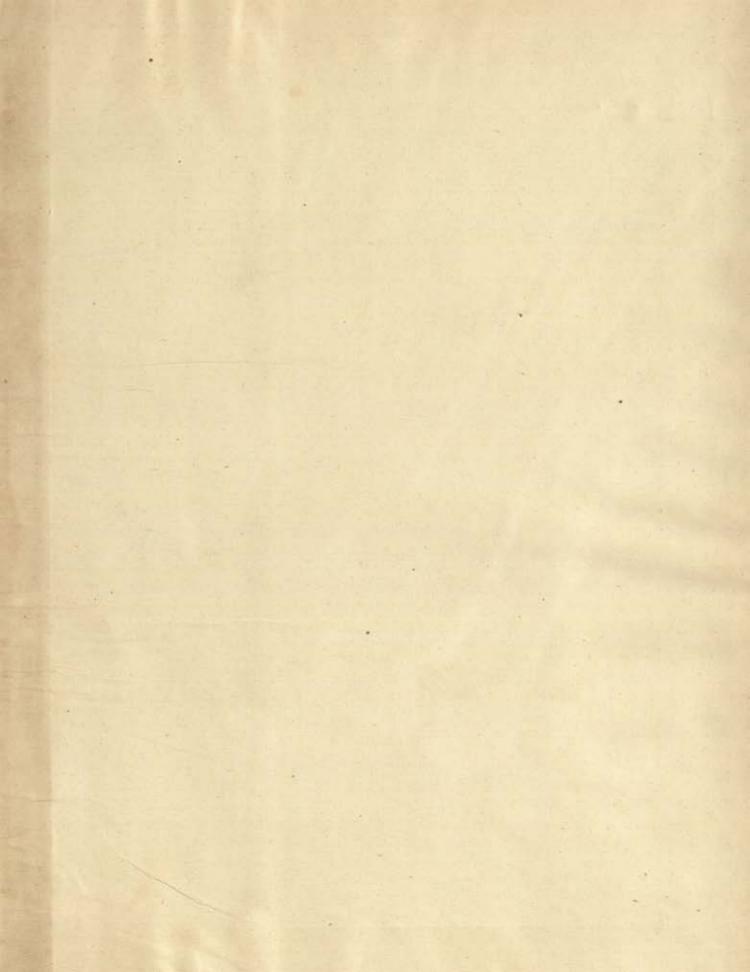
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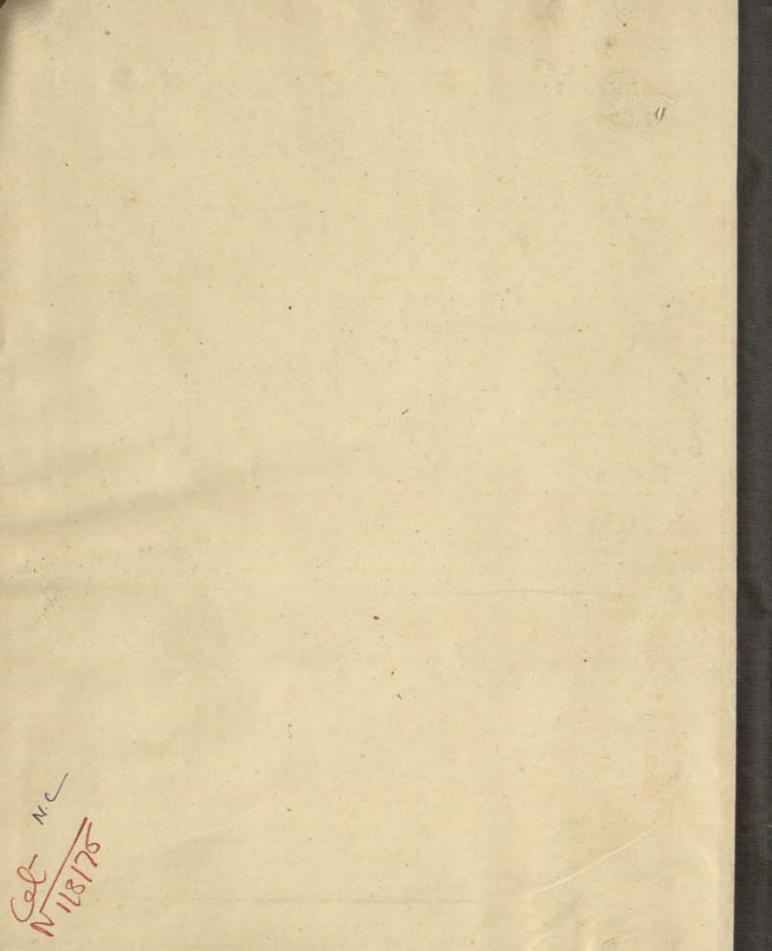
લ • ભાઇ શી પત્રાંણું ભાઈ ભવાનાણી. જત સાધુ ગંગારા-મ ઇછારામને ખેતર ૧ માજે મેઘપરના મારગથી આતરાદી કોરે છે 'તે ખેતરની ધરતી પરાતુ ૧ પાકી શ્રીકાકરમંદરમાં કુસનારપણ આપી છે શા. ભાઇ આણંદભાઇ તથા જીવણ તથા ભાઇ જેસુભાઇ હયુ આપી છે. સે. ૧૯૦૯ ના જેઠ શુ દ ૩ આપી છ અતર સાખ શ્રી સુરજની સાખ ગજીઆ જીવાની સાખ. પટેલ રાઘવ સાખે કશાદરની સાખ લા. મં ભગવાનજી ખીમજી શ્રી ઘરાલ વંદર વાલા લખ્યું છે.











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