

**Ch. i. 0021. c.** Roll, incomplete. Inscr. on obv. with unidentified Buddhist text; on rev. with detached remarks in different handwritings of different sizes; also with large sq. red seal; the whole in Cursive Gupta.

The text in corrupt Skr. and in verses (Indravajra), of which 14 are extant. The first in correct Skr. would be as follows:—

*Devāsura yakṣabhujāṅgasiddhās takṣasuparnakāṭapūtanāś-ca | gandharvayakṣā grahajātayaśca ye keci(d) bhūmiṃ niva-santi daivāḥ ||*. No. 36, Hoernle Reg.  $1' 1\frac{1}{4}'' \times 6\frac{1}{4}''$ .

**Ch. ii. 001.** Roll, incomplete at top and bottom; coarse brittle brownish paper, much damaged in middle and along R. edge. Inscr. on both sides, obv. with 24, rev. with 10 ll. of unidentified Buddhist text, in Khotanese and Cursive Gupta. No. 37, Hoernle Reg.  $1' 6\frac{3}{4}'' \times 12''$ .

**Ch. ii. 002.** Pōthī; incomplete, in 156 fols. on coarse tough paper; with 5 ll. on page, in Khotanese language and Upright Gupta, suspended from inked guiding lines, and marked off from R. and L. margin by inked lines. Fol. Nos. on obv., within inked circle for string-hole. There is no string-hole, but only very minute perforation made by leg of pair of compasses.

Total of surviving fols. 65. Their numbers are 1–20, 100–108, 121–56 (but 154 is missing), amounting to 64. Of these No. 1 is blank on obv., excepting the following short remark <sup>50</sup>*patra sedasāram*, written in Cursive Gupta.

On its rev., the text commences with *Saddham Aurga* (salutation) *tsum ramnām dr̥im nā (triratna) śadi-ja (śrad-dha) bodya*, preceded by double circle, and followed (on l. 2) by name of work, *Siddhasārā śāstrā*. In addition to these 64 fols. there is one marked as fol. No. 1, but containing the end of the work, and followed on rev. ll. 3–5 by the following colophon: *hi(iṭi) dvāṃgye vīje ukrre hāvi Simdhasārā nāṃnan Śāstrā ||* etc. || *kṣaya*.

There occur short remarks in a Semitic script (Uigur?), in black ink along L. margin of rev. of fol. 156, and in red ink along L. margin of obv. of fols. 100 and 101, as well as across the 5th l. of rev. of fol. 135. These throw light on the nationality of the scribe or copyist; so also the circumstance that the colophon (on the extra fol. No. 1) ends with the word *kṣaya*, indicating in Semitic fashion (*faqt*) the end of the work; so further the absence of a string-hole, which shows that the fols. were not meant to be strung upon a string in the ordinary Indian fashion of a Pōthī.

The MS. contains a medical work on Therapeutics, the *Siddhasārāśāstra* by Ravigupta. The chapters (*piṣkala*) 12–26 appear to be the best preserved, treating of *arśas*, *bhagandara*, *pāṇḍu-roga*, *hikkā*, *śvāsa*, *kāsa*, *mūtra-kṣechra*, *udāvarṭa*, *unmāda*, *apasmāra*, *vātavyādhi*, *visarpa*, *krimī*, *netra-roga*.

On blank obv. of 1st fol. is the record *56 patra Sedasāram*, i.e. 56 fols. of *Siddhasārā*; which shows that the Pōthī was already in the present fragmentary condition when the record was inscribed. Possibly it was the original MS., from which the present MS. was transcribed, which was defective. In any case there is a clerical blunder in the record of '56 folios';

in all probability it should be '156 folios', for *that* is the actual number of fols., barring the extra fol. with colophon. No. 38, Hoernle Reg.  $19\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4''$ . Pl. CXLIX.

**Ch. ii. 003.** Pōthī, incomplete, 71 fols., in Khotanese and Cursive Gupta; good tough paper, clean and well preserved. Five ll. on page; also marginal and guiding lines in faint black ink; so also interior small circle, 1" diam., 3" off L. edge. The fols. are numbered by four different systems:—

(1) The ordinary system, by numbers on L. margin of obv.; beginning with 44, and running up to 115. The last fol. has no number; it should be 116, but as it is marked with 3 in the interior circle, while fol. 115 is similarly marked with 1, it would seem that the unnumbered fol. is really 117, and that fol. 116 is missing;

(2) by numbers in the interior circle, beginning with 1 on fol. 44, and running to 54 on fol. 99; whence, on fol. 100, it recommences with 1, followed by 2 on fol. 101; after which this system of numbering ceases;

(3) by a series of dots on edge of L. upper corner of obv. This commences with one dot on fol. 100 and runs as far as the last unnumbered fol.; hence fol. 101 has 2 dots and fol. 109 has 10 dots. Here commences an error: fol. 110 has again 10 dots, and fol. 111 has 11 dots instead of 12; fol. 112 has correctly 13 dots; but fol. 113 is again wrong with 13 dots; so also fols. 114, 115 with 14 and 15 dots instead of 15, 16. The last unnumbered fol. has 17 dots, which suggested the conclusion that there is really one fol. missing, and that the unnumbered fol. is 117;

(4) by strokes in the interior circle. This begins with one stroke on fol. 115, and is continued on the last unnumbered folio, with 3 strokes.

There is an error in the ordinary numbering on L. margin. Fol. 69 has two Nos., 69 and 71; the No. 70 is omitted, but there is no fol. 70 missing, as the other system of numbering shows. There has been simply a blunder on the part of the scribe, which he corrected. In the top of L. rev. margin of fol. 86, there stands the No. 3. Similarly on fols. 87 and 93, there are the Nos. 7 and 17, 8 and 18 respectively.

Contents: medical formulary, similar to the *Nāvanītaka* formulary in the Bower MS.; the surviving fols. contain formulae for *ghṛta* (medicated clarified butter) and for *cūrṇa* (compound powder). So far two or three have been identified in the *Caraka-saṃhitā*, and one in the *Bheda-saṃhitā*. No. 39, Hoernle Reg.  $11\frac{3}{4}'' \times 3\frac{1}{4}''$ . Pl. CL.

**Ch. ii. 004.** Pōthī, small, complete, in Cursive Gupta, well written in the text, but very badly in the interlinear portions, and Khotanese language; good strong paper. 4 ll. in black ink, on page; with marginal and guiding lines in faint red ink; small interior circle, also in red ink, 1" diam.,  $4\frac{1}{4}''$  off L. edge. Much interlinear writing on rev. of 1st fol., obv. of 2nd, and rev. of 3rd fol. Total No. of fols. 4; fol. Nos. being on L. margin of obv.; in the case of 1st fol. it is within the interior circlet. Rev. of fol. 4 is blank of text, but inscr. with 2 ll. very large Tib. seal-writing, in black ink.