

scholar, it seems safe to conclude that the vast majority, if not the whole, of the rolls and 'Pothis' contain texts from the Tibetan Buddhist Canon. The frequent repetition of certain particularly cherished chapters and prayers, a quasi-mechanical process for acquiring spiritual merit which seems at all times to have had a fatal attraction for pious Tibetans, has confirmed the suspicions I entertained from the first. But apart from those endless Prajnaparamitas, etc., there remains abundant material which will repay close study when the time comes for textual criticism of the vast literature of Tibetan Buddhism embodied in the Kanjur and Tanjur. In the meantime these manuscripts, the oldest so far known that can be dated with certainty, are to be carefully catalogued for the India Office Library, their future place of deposit.