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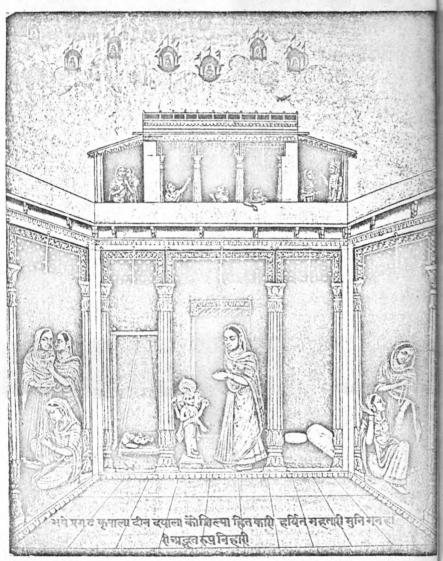
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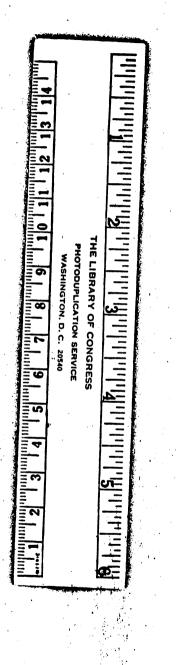
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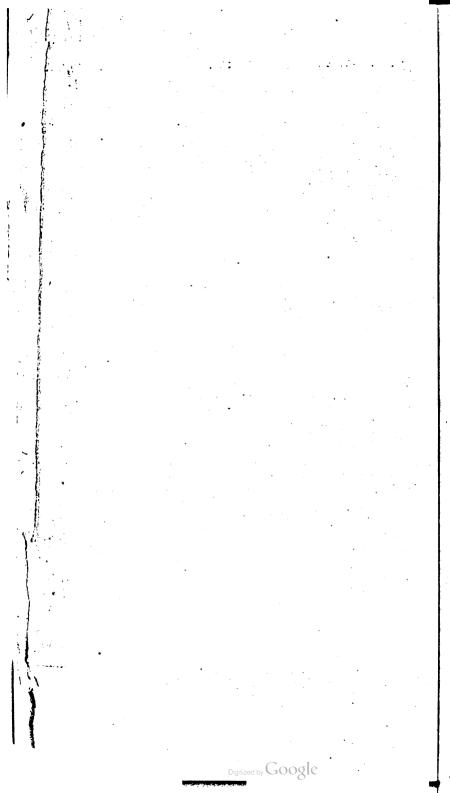
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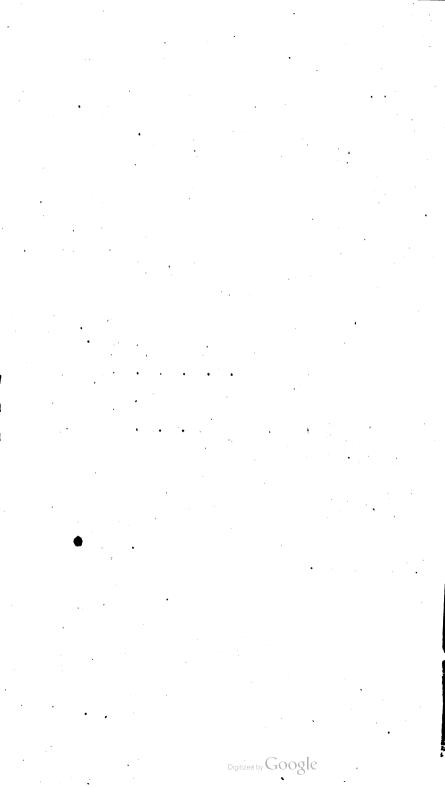
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In the year 1886 it was my privilege to read, at the International Congress of Orientalists at Vienna, a paper on the Mediæval Vernacular Literature of Hindūstān with special reference to Tul'sī Dās. The preparation of this necessitated the arrangement of the notes on the entire vernacular literature of Northern India, which I had collected through a long series of years, although the essay itself dealt with only a portion of the literature which existed before the 17th century.

Encouraged by the attention with which this paper was received, I have endeavoured to give in the present work a more complete view of the vernacular literature of Hindūstān from the earliest times to the present day. It does not pretend to be more than a list of all the vernacular writers whose names I have been able to collect, nine qhundred and fifty-two in number, of whom only some seventy have been previously noticed by Garcin de Tassy in his *Histoire de la litérature hindouie et hindoustanie*.

It will be observed that I deal only with modern vernacular literature. I therefore give no particulars concerning authors of purely Sanskrit works, and exclude from consideration books written in Prākrit, even when it may have been a vernacular, as not connoted by the term modern. Nor do I record the names of Indian writers in Arabic or Persian, or in the exotic literary  $\overline{U}rd\overline{u}$ , and

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I have been the more willing to exclude these last from our present consideration as they have been already exhaustively dealt with by Garcin de Tassy. I may add that by Hindūstān I mean Răj'putānā and the valleys of the Jamunā and of the Ganges as far east as the river Kosi, and that I do not include under that term either the Pañjāb or Lower Bangāl. The vernacular languages dealt with may roughly be considered as three in number, Mār'wārī, Hindī, and Bibārī, each with its various dialects and sub-dialects. One omission must be mentioned with regret. I have refrained from including the large number of anonymous folk-epics and of folk-songs (such as kaj'ris, jat'sars, and the like) current throughout Northern India. These can only be collected on the spot from the mouths of the people, and, so far as I am aware, that has only been systematically done in the province of Bihār. I have therefore, after some hesitation, determined to exclude all mention of them from the work, as any attempt to describe them as a whole could only have been incomplete and misleading.

The introduction will explain the principle of arrangement adopted in this work. Many of the entries are mere names of authors and nothing more, which I have included to make the book as complete as possible. When any information was available, I have entered it against the author's name referred to; and in some cases I have, I believe, been able to present information which has not hitherto been placed at the disposal of European scholars. As examples of this, I would refer the reader to the articles on Sūr Dūs (No. 37) and on Tul'sī Dūs (No. 128). I do not pretend to have read all or even a considerable portion of the large

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body of literature catalogued in these pages, but I have seen and studied specimens of the works of nearly all the nine hundred and fifty-two authors whose names are mentioned. Nor do I pretend to have understood all I have studied; for many of the specimens are so difficult that it is hopeless to attempt their interpretation without the aid of a commentary, either oral or documentary. For this reason I do not venture to call this book a formal History of Literature. The subject is too vast, and the present state of our knowledge is too limited to allow such a task to be attempted. I therefore only offer it as a collection of *materials* which will form a foundation upon which others more fortunate than I am, and with more time at their disposal than a Bengal District Collector, may build.

Regarding the spelling of vernacular words, I have adhered to the system followed by Dr. Hoernle and myself in our Comparative Dictionary of the Bihari Language, to which the reader is referred for particulars. It may be briefly stated as spelling every word rigidly as it is pronounced. I have only deviated from this rule in the case of the names of a few living gentlemen, natives of India. On the principle that every one has a right to spell his own name as he likes, I have spelt their names as they sign themselves when writing in the English character. The chief difficulty experienced has been in the division of groups of words forming proper names. It has been found by no means an easy task to secure uniformity without leading to results which were too strange and too variant from actual use to be adopted. Present custom in this respect, though convenient, has no system, and the adoption of any system

must consequently lead to a certain amount of confusion. I have endeavoured to divide the same name in the same way whenever it occurred in the book, but I regret that amongst the four thousand and odd names which occur there have been some *lapsus calami*.

Apologies for dealing with the Neo-Indian vernaculars are not now so necessary as they would have been twenty years ago. At first, oriental scholars devoted themselves to Sanskrit alone, and then, under the guidance of Burnouf, attacked Pāli. In later years the classical Prākrits have attracted students, and thus the age of the object of our researches has become more and more modern in its character. I now ask my readers to take again one step over the very short gap which separates the latest Prākrit from the earliest Gaudian literature. Hēmachandra flourished about 1150 A.D.,<sup>1</sup> and Chand Bar'dāī, the first of the Gaudian poets of whom we have at present any certain remains, died in 1193.

It is possible, however, that some oriental students may still cling to the old love for Sanskrit, and these I must ask to test the rich ore found in the following pages, which contain the names of several vernacular commentaries on difficult Sanskrit books,<sup>3</sup> and of numerous technical works on such subjects as Grammar, Prosody, Vocabulary,<sup>3</sup> Composition, and the like. The student of inscriptions will also find a productive mine in the literature of Hindūstān, owing to the custom which vernacular poets had of dating their works and of naming their patrons. Besides this the muse

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> He died 1172 A.D.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> For instance, Gumän Jī (No. 349) wrote a commentary of great reputation on the Natsadha. He lived early in the 18th century.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For instance, Daya Ram (No. 387) wrote a useful anekarthakoşa.

of History, so silent in Sanskrit literature, has been assiduously cultivated by these authors, and we have still extant historical works founded on materials which were written so far back as the ninth century. I therefore venture to put forward claims for attention not only from those scholars who have hitherto devoted themselves to Prākrit literature, but also from those who love to wander amid the intricacies of the Nāsadha, or to apply themselves to the copper-plate grants of The Indian Antiquary.

There is another claim which I would mention, and that is the intrinsic merit of the Neo-Gaudian literature. After all that is said, the later Sanskrit and the Präkrit poems are but artificial productions, written in the closet by learned men for learned men; but the Neo-Gaudian poets wrote for unsparing critics,—the people. Many of them studied nature and wrote what they saw. They found 'tongues in trees,' and as they interpreted what they heard successfully or not, so was their popularity great or small, and so their works lived after them or not. Several works exist whose authors' names we do not even know; but they have remained living voices in the people's hearts, because they appealed to the sense of the true and of the beautiful.<sup>1</sup>

It is hoped that the three indexcs will be found useful. Considerable trouble has been expended in order to make them as accurate as possible.

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<sup>1</sup> I refer to the folk epics, bard massas (songs of the seasons), kajuris, and other songs current throughout India which are referred to above.

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## (a.) The sources from which the information contained in this work is derived.

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THE work is founded in great measure on notes collected by myself from innumerable texts bought in the bazars. It is derived almost entirely from native sources. Wilson's *Religious Sects of* the Hindüs and Garcin de Tassy's various works, especially his *History of Hindui and Hindüstäni Literature*, have been frequently consulted as checks; and when the information given by them differed from that which I had collected, I have spared no trouble in order to ascertain the correct facts. The only English work which I have taken as an authority has been Tod's  $R\bar{a}/\bar{a}sth\bar{a}n$ , which contains much information not readily available elsowhere concorning the bards of Răj'putānā. I have endcavoured to check Tod, as far as possible, by reforence to competent native authorities, and in this respect I have specially to thank Pandit Möhan Läl Vișnu Läl Pandiä, of Udālpur, for much assistance most kindly given to me.

A native work on which I have largely depended, and to which I am indebted for the information given regarding nearly all the minor poets, and many of the more important ones, is the very useful Sib Siygh Sarōj, by Sib Singh Sẽgar, published by Munshi Nawal Kishōr, of Lakh'nau (2nd edition, 1883). This is a compilation from former anthologies, including most of those named below. In addition to the Sarōj, I have myself consulted all the available anthologies which I have been able to collect, including many already worked through by Sib Singh. When any poet's works are found in one or more of the principal of these, I have pointed out the fact against his name, by commencing the article with an abbreviation of the name of the anthology. I have not always done this in the case of minor anthologies, and in the case of one or two which came into my hands while the book was passing through the press. A work of this kind crescit eundo.

With regard to the dates given for the various authors, I have taken some trouble to verify them as far as I could. Vernacular poets had a laudable practice of dating their works, which has been useful in many cases. They also frequently mentioned their patrons:

and when these could be identified, they often gave a useful clue. When all other methods failed, I had in many cases the  $Sar\bar{o}j$  as a guide. Sib Singh continually gives dates, and I have generally found them fairly accurate, —with this proviso, that he always gives his date as that of the birth of the poet referred to, when in reality it is not seldom the date of his principal work.<sup>1</sup> The  $Sar\bar{o}j$ 's dates have, at any rate, this value, that, in default of any other authority, we may be pretty certain that the author referred to was alive on the date which Sib Siygh gives as that of his birth. In the present treatise any dates depending only on his authority have been printed in italics. I would draw attention to the addenda, which give some dates which I have been able to fix while the work was passing through the press.

The following is a list of the anthologies and other works which form the basis of this book :---

No.	Name of anthology.	Abbreviation.	Author's name.	Date.
1	Bhakt Mālā	Bhakt	Nabhājī Dās (No. 51)	About 1550 A.D.
2	Gosäl Charitr'	Go	Bēnī Mādhab Dās (No. 130).	About 1600.
3	Kabi Mālā	Māl	Tul'si (No. 153)	1655.
4	Hajārā	Haj	Kālidās Tribēdī (No. 159)	
5	Kābya Nir'nay	Nir	Bhikhārī Dās (No. 344)	About 1725.
6	Sat-kabi-girā Bilās	Sat	Bal Döb (No. 359)	1 7 4 4
7	List of poots praised by Sūdan.	Sūd	Sūdan (No: 367)	About 1750.
8	Bidwan Mod Tarag- ginī.	Bid	Subbā Siŋgh (No. 590)	1817.
9	Rāg-Sāgarōdbhab Rāg-Kalpadrum.	Råg	Krish'nānand Byās Dēb (No. 638).	1843.
10	Sringar Sangrah	Sring	O 11- (37 mmt)	1848.
11.	Ūrdū translation of Bhakt Mālā.	U. Bhakt.	Tul'si Ram (No. 640)	1854.
12	Ras Chandröday	Ras	Thākur Par'sād Tripāthī (No. 570).	1863.
13	Dig-bijat Bhükhan	Dig	Gökul Par'sād (No. 694)	1868.
14	Sundari Tilak	Sun	Harishchandr' (No. 581)	1869.
15	Kābya Sangrah	Kāb	Mahēs Datt' (No. 696)	1875.
16	Kabi Ratnākar	Kab	Mātā Dīn Misar (No. 698).	1876.
17	Sib Singh Saroj	Sib	Sib Siggh Segar (No. 595)	1883.
18	Bichitropados <sup>2</sup>	Bich	Nak'chhēdī Tiwārī	1887.

<sup>1</sup> Sometimes, e.g. in the case of Mān Siygh (No. 599), he gives the date of the poet's death as that of his birth.

<sup>2</sup> This book is not mentioned in the body of the work, which only goes down to 1883. It is published at the Käshikä Press, Banāras. The author's name is Nak'chhēdī Tiwārī *alias* Ajān Kabi, of Dum'rāw. He worked in collaboration with Sudhākar Kabi. It is an anthology of didactic pieces in a comic style. About fifty well-known poets are quoted.

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It will be useful to insert here explanations of the Hindi terms corresponding to a few English technical terms used by me. The nine rasas or styles are as follows :---

1. Sriygår Ras, tran	slated by me	as "the crotic style."
2. Hāsya Ras,	ditto	" the comic style."
3. Karunā Ras,	ditto	" the elegiac style."
4. Bir Ras,	di <b>tto</b>	" the heroic style."
5. Raudr' Ras,	ditto	" the tragic style."
6. Bhayānak Ras,	ditto	" the terrible style."
7. Bibhatsa,	ditto	"the satiric style."
8. Shānti Ras,	ditto	" the quietistic style."
9. Adbhut Ras,	ditto	"the sensational style."

These translations do not pretend to be exact. Each is simply a convenient representation of one Hindi word by one English one.

An explanation of the terms Nakh'sikh, Nayak Bhed, and Nāyikā Bhed will be found in the foot-note to No. 87.

The word  $S\bar{a}mayik$ , when used with reference to a work, I have, not without hesitation, rendered by "occasional." Chetaoni I have translated by "didactio." By "emblematic" verses (in Hindi drisht  $k\bar{u}t$ ) I mean those fanciful enigmatic tours de force which are fumiliar to Sunskrit scholars who have studied the Nalödaya and the Kirātārjuniya.

## (b.) Principles of Arrangement of the Contents.

Endeavour has been made to arrange the contents as much as possible in chronological order. This has not always been easy, and in some cases it has been found to be impossible. Hence those poets whose dates I have been unable to fix, ever so tentatively, I have grouped together in alphabetical order in the last chapter. While the work was passing through the press I found myself unexpectedly in possession of the approximate dates of a few of these when it was too late to introduce them into their proper places. They have therefore remained in the last chapter, but, to prevent mistakes, I have drawn attention to them in the addenda.

The work is divided into chapters, each roughly representing a period. The sixteenth and the seventeenth centuries, the Augustan age of Indian vernacular poetry, occupy six chapters, not strictly divided according to periods of time, but according to groups of poets, commencing with the romantic poetry of Malik Muhammad, and including amongst others the Krisna cult of Braj, the works of Tul'sī Dās (to whom a special chapter has been allotted), and the technical school of poets founded by Kēsab Dās.

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After each chapter are given addenda in small type, showing particulars of the minor poets belonging to the period or to the group dealt with. For most of the information contained in these addenda I am indebted to the Sib Siygh Saroj.

## (c.) A Brief Account of the Vernacular Literature of Hindustan.

As far as my information goes, the carliest vernacular literature of Hindūstān is the bardic chronicles of Răj'putānā. The first bard of whom we have any certain information was the well-known Chand Bar'dāī, who celebrated, towards the end of the twelfth century, the fortunes of Prithwī Rāj, the Chāūhān, of Dillī, in the famous *Prithī Rāj Rāy'sā*. Contemporary with him was the bard Jag'nāyak, who attended the court of Prithwī Rāj's great rival, Paramardī of Mahōbā, and who was probably the author of the  $\bar{A}lh\bar{a}$  Khaṇd, a work equally famous in Hindūstān with the *Prithī Rāj Rāy'sā*, but which has had the misfortune of being preserved by oral tradition instead of in manuscript.

To continue the history of these bardic chronicles, we may mention Çärŋgadhara, or Särayg Dhar, who sung, in the middle of the fourteenth century, the prowess of the heroic Hammir of Ran'thambhör (fl. 1300). Passing over Keh'rī (fl. 1580) of Bur'hān'pur, we come to two brilliant groups of bards who adorned the courts of Mēwār and Mār'wār in the 17th century. To these may be added names like that of Lāl (fl. 1650), who wrote a valuable history of Bundēl'khand, and those of other minor poets. After the 17th century the Rāj'pūt bards lost their distinctive character, and while the greater number became merged in the sea of the other vernacular poets of India, the fow that remained degenerated into mere compilers of facts derived from older records.

It is hardly necessary to do what Tod has already done in such glowing language, and to point out how completely these Răj'pūt bards wash away the reproach so often levelled against Indian literature, that it contains no historical works. The value of these bardie chronicles, some of which are derived from older works dating as far back as the 9th century A.D., can hardly be over-estimated. It is true that they contain many legends which are of doubtful authenticity; but what contemporary European chronicle does not contain the same? They also embody the history of Răj'putānā during the whole of the struggles between India and its Musalmān invaders, written by a series of contemporary authors extending over at least

six centuries. Is it unreasonable to hope that some enlightened prince of Rāj'putānā will rescue these documents from the undeserved obscurity in which they lie, and publish the texts of all of them, with English translations?

Turning aside from these bardic historians we may now revert to the growth of vernacular literature in the Gangetic valley, coincident with the rise of the Vaishnava religion at the commencement of the 15th century. Rāmānand, the popularizer of the worship of Rāma, flourished about the year 1400; and even greater than he was his famous disciple Kabir, who succeeded in founding a still existing sect, which united the salient points of Muhammadanism and Hinduism. Here we first touch upon that marvellous catholicity of sentiment of which the key-note was struck by Rāmānand, which is visible in the doctrines of all his successors, and which reached its truest height in the lofty teaching of Tul'si Dās two centuries later. The worship of the deified prince of Audh, and the loving adoration of Sita, the perfect wife and the perfect mother, have developed naturally into a doctrine of eclecticism in its best form-a doctrine which, while teaching the infinite vileness of mankind before the Infinitely Good, yet sees good in everything that He has created, and condemns no religion and no system of philosophy as utterly bad that inculcates, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

Far different has been the fate of that other great branch of the Vaishnava religion which is founded on mystic interpretations of the love which Krisna bare to Rādhā. Beautiful in itself, paralloled, also, by the teaching of many Christian doctors, and rendered more beautiful by the magic poetry of <u>Mīrā Bā</u>ī (fl. 1420) in the west, and of Bidyāpati Thākur (fl. 1400) in the east, its passionate adoration, whose inner meaning was too esoteric for the spirits of the common herd of disciples, in many cases degenerated into a poetry worthy of only the baser sorts of Tāntrik Qiva worshippers. But at its best the Krisna cult is wanting in the nobler elements of the teaching of Rāmānand. Its essence is almost selfish—a soul-absorbing, nay all-absorbing, individual love cast at the feet of Him who is Love itself.

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Growse (e.g. in the note to Rām. Bā. Dōhā, 24) has pointed out, in his translation of the *Rām-charit-mānas*, several points of resemblance between the doctrines of the Christian Church and those of Tul'sI Dās. There are hymns in our Church hymnals which might be literal translations of passages written by this great poet.

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It teaches the first and great commandment of the Christian law, but the second, which is like unto it—Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself—it omits.

Leaving these two sects aside for a moment, we must pause at one remarkable man, who in some respects was an offshoot from the Raj'put bards, while on the other hand his writings bear strong marks of the influence of Kabir's teaching. [Malik Muhammad (fl. 1540) studied under both Musalman and Hindu doctors, and wrote, in the purest vernacular of his time, the fine philosophic epic entitled the Padmanat. This work, while telling in vivid language the story of Ratan Sen's quest for the fair Padmawat, of Alau'd-din's siege of the virgin city of Chitaur, of Ratan's bravery, and of Padmawat's wifely devotion which culminated in the terrible sacrifice of all in the doomed city that was true and fair, to save it from the lust of the conqueror, is also an allegory describing the search of the soul for true wisdom, and the trials and temptations which assail it in its course. Malik Muhammad's ideal is high, and throughout the work of the Musalman ascetic there run veins of the broadest charity and of sympathy with those higher spirits among his Hindū fellow-countrymen who were groping in the dark for that light of which so many of them obtained glimpses.

To the mere student of language the *Padmdwat* possesses, by a happy accident, inestimable value. Composed in the earlier portion of the 16th century, it gives us a representation of the speech and of the pronunciation of those days. Hindū writers, tied by the fetters of custom, were constrained to spell their words, not as they were pronounced, but as they were written in the old Sanskrit of their forefathers. But Malik Muhammad cared not for Hindū customs, and wrote his work in the <u>Persian character</u>, thus giving necessarily a phonographic representation of every word he wrote. The system was not perfect, for, as was customary, vowels were seldom indicated, but in the *Padmdwat* we have the consonantal framework of each word put down as it was pronounced at the time of writing.

With Malik Muhammad, the period of the apprenticeship of vernacular literature in Hindūstān may be said to have come to a close. The young giant had bestirred himself, and found that he was strong; and, young and lusty as an eagle, he went forth rejoicing to run his course. The earlier Răj'pūt bards wrote in a time of transition, in a language which it would be difficult to define accurately, either as a late Prākrit or as an old form of the modern language of

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Răj'putănă. This was the period of infancy. Then came that of youth, when, with the revival of a popular religion to fill the place once taken by Buddhism, the teachers of the new doctrine had to write in a tongue 'understanded of the people.' Malik Muhammad and the apostles of the two Vaishnava socts had to feel their way, and walked with uncertainty. [When they wrote, the language spoken was practically the same as that spoken now in the rural parts of India,] and they must have felt the same hositation which Spensor and Milton felt in writing in their vernacular. Spenser chose the wrong method and cast his Faërie Queene into an antique mould, but Milton, though he once thought of writing his Paradise Lost in Latin, dared to be right, and thenceforward the English language was made. So was it in India,—the first vernacular authors dared greatly, and succeeded.

The 16th and 17th conturies form the Augustan age of Hindūstanī vornacular literature. Nearly every great writer of the country lived during this period. Its greatest writers were contomporaries with our masters of the reign of Elizabeth, and, to us English, it is interesting to note that when our country first came into contact by its ambassadors with the Mughal court, and when the East India Company was first founded, each of the nations, soparated so widely by sea and land, was at its culminating point of literary glory. We must consider separately the various groups of authors who flourished during this age.

It was in Braj, the country of the cowpens and the scene of the childhood of Krisna and of his early amours with the herdmaidens of Gokula, that the Krispa cult naturally took its strongest root ; and during the 16th century it was the home of a school of poets devoted to the worship of that god, founded by the great apostle Ballabhāchār'j and his son Bitthal Nāth. Of their eight principal disciples. grouped under the name of the Ashta Chhap, Krish'n Das and Sur Das were the ones most celebrated. The latter is considered by his fellow-countrymen to share with Tul'si Das the throne of absolute perfection in the art of poesy; but European critics will be inclined to award the latter poet alone the supreme crown, and to relegate the blind bard of Ag'ra to a lower, though still an honourable, place. One more poet of this group may here be noticed for his fame as a singer. I allude to Tan Scn, who besides being an author was chief court-singer to the Emperor Ak'bar. The principal native authority for the Krisna poets of the 16th century is the enigmatical Bhakt Mala of Nabha Das, with its various commentaries.

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While the successors of Ballabhāchār'j were filling Braj with their music, the not distant Mughal Court at Dilli had collected a group of state poets, some of whom were of no mean reputation. Tödar Mall, who besides being a great finance minister was the immediate cause of the acceptance of the Ūrdū language, Bīr'bal, Ak'bar's friend and author of many witty impromptus, 'Abdu'r Raḥīm Khān'khānā, and Mān Singh of Amēr, were more famous as the patrons of authors than as vernacular writers themselves; but Nar'hari, Hari Nāth, Karan, and Gang, are justly celebrated as poets of a high rank.

Tul'si Das (fl. 1600, d. 1624), the greatest poet of the deeds of Rām, occupics a position amongst these authors peculiar to himself. 1 Far different from the founders of the Braj school, who were surrounded i by numerous imitators and successors, he lived in Banāras, unapproachable and alone in his niche in the Temple of Fame. Disciples he had 1 in plenty,-to-day they are numbered by millions,-but imitators, none. ŕ Looking back along the vista of centuries we see his noble figure ş standing in its own pure light as the guide and saviour of Hindustan. £ His influence has never ceased-nay, it has increased and is still ð increasing ; and when we reflect on the fate of Tantra-ridden Bengal or ċ. on the wanton orgies which are carried out under the name of Krisna F worship, we can justly appreciate the work of the man who first in ø India since Buddha's time taught man's duty to his neighbour and succeeded in getting his teaching accepted. His great work is at the ģ present day the one Bible of a hundred millions of people; and fortunate 1 has it been for them that they had this guide. It has been received as Ľ. the perfect example of the perfect book, and thus its influence has not 1 only been exercised over the unlettered multitude, but over the long l series of authors who followed him, and especially over the crowd who k sprung into existence with the introduction of printing at the ÿ beginning of the present century. As Mr. Growse well says in the 2 introduction to his translation of the Rāmāyan of this author, ٢. "the book is in every one's hands, from the court to the cottage, and ø is read or heard and appreciated alike by every class of the Hindū ġ community, whether high or low, rich or poor, young or old." For \$ further particulars concerning him the reader is referred to the body 1 of this work. Ľ,

This Augustan age was not only a period of the erotic poetry of Sūr Dās and of the nature-poetry of Tul'sī, but was also signalized by the first attempts to systematize the art of poetry itself. The

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young growth had shown a tendency to shoot forth too luxuriantly. and even Malik Muhammad wrote verses which were quaintly unmusical. Sur Das and Tul's Das possessed the strength of giants. and were far beyond their contemporaries in polish and in sense of proportion; but the works of the other early writers of this period jarred upon the senses of scholars brought up in the strictly classical schools of Sanskrit philology. So, after one or two earlier attempts by minor authors, such as the poet Khem (No. 87), Kesab Das (fl. 1580) stepped forward and settled for ever the canons of poetic criticism. A romantic story connects him with the poetess Parbin Raï, and it is said that it was for her sake that he composed his great work the Kabi-priva. Seventy years later, in the middle of the seventeenth century, Chintāmani Tripāthi and his brothers amplified and developed the rules laid down by him. This group of critical poets is fitly closed at the end of the 17th century by Kälidäs Tribedi, the author of the Hajard, the first great anthology of extracts from the works of the Augustan age of Hindustan.

The latter half of this period, that is to say the 17th century, saw the rise of some remarkable religious sects, which gave birth to a considerable body of literature. The principal reformers who may be mentioned were Dādū (fl. 1600), founder of the Dādū Panthī sect; Prān Nāth (fl. 1650), the founder of the Pran'nāthīs; and Gōbind Siŋgh (fl. 1698), the founder of the militant Sīkh religion and compiler of the *Granth*, or holy book of that sect.

The Raj'pūt bards of this Augustan period have been already referred to, and, passing by the lubric but popular Nazīr, the only other great poet of the time who need be mentioned is the graceful Bihārī Lāl Chāubē (fl. 1650), nick-named "the mine of commentators." Never was a description more accurate. He was the author of seven hundred verses, for each of which he received a gold *ashrafi* as a reward from his patron Jāī Singh. Each verse is a porfectly polished jewel, designedly made as artificial as possible and capable of a double meaning. The greatest authors have not disdained to write commentaries elucidating the marvellous difficulties of this *tour de force*.

With this graceful writer our survey of the Augustan age of Hindūstānī vernacular literature is concluded. From the early years of the 18th century commences a comparatively barren period. It was the period of the decline and fall of the Mughal empire and of the supremacy and fall of the Marāthā power. Rāj'putānā itself was torn by intrigues, prince struggling with prince to rob his neighbour

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in the general loss of authority coincident with the cessation of Mughal supremacy. Bards there were few, and, as these could only sing of bloodshed and treachery, they preferred to remain silent. In other branches of literature there was a similar decay. No original authors of the first rank appeared, and the only great names we meet are those of commentators on the works of the preceding two centuries, and of men who further developed the critical laws founded by Kēsab Dās. Of the last, the best known were Uday Nāth Tribēdī and Jas'want Singh, the authors of the Ras-chandröday and of the Bhākhā Bhūkhān respectively. Similarly there appeared a number of anthologies, such as the Sat-kabi girā Bilās of Bal Dēb, the Kābya Nir'nay of Bhikhārī Dās, and others. The end of the century is redeemed from barrenness by the Prēm Ratna, the work of one of the few poetesses of India—Bībī Ratan Küar.

The first half of the 19th century, commencing with the downfall of the Marāthā power and ending with the Mutiny, forms another well-marked epoch. It was the period of renascence after the literary dearth of the previous century. The printing-press now for the first time found its practical introduction into Northern India. and, led by the spirit of Tul'sī Dās, literature of a healthy kind rapidly spread over the land. It was the period of the birth of the Hindi language, invented by the English, and first used as a vehicle of literary prose composition in 1803, under Gilchrist's tuition, by Lallū Ji Lāl, the author of the Prem Sagar. It was also a period of transition from the old to the new. The printing-press had not yet penetrated to Central India, and there the old state of affairs continued. Poets, of whom Padmākar Bhatt was the most famous, not unworthily wore the mantle which had descended from Kcsab Dās and Chintāmani Tripāthī, while Bikram Sāhi wrote an ingenious Sat Sat in imitation of the more famous one of Bihārī Lāl.

In Banāras, on the contrary, the art of printing gave a new audience to the learned; and to supply the demand thus created, several works of the first importance appeared. The chief of these was the translation of the *Mahabharata* into Hindī by Gökul Nāth. Critical writers of a new school also came to the front, of whom the best, *longo intervallo*, was Harishchandr', the author of the *Sundari Tilak* and many other excellent works; while in Rājā Siva Prasād the cause of education received an enlightened friend, and a pioneer in that most difficult work, the writing of good school-books. Lallu Ji Lāl, the author of the *Prēm Sāgar*, has already been mentioned;

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and another product of Calcutta civilisation, of a very different kind, was the huge anthology of Krish'nānand Byās Dēb, called the *Rāg-Sagarādbhab Rāg-Kalpadrum*, written in emulation of the better known Sanskrit lexicon, the *Çabda-Kalpadruma*.

The same period saw the rise of the HindI drama,<sup>1</sup> which is now firmly established, and gives a hope of achieving considerable excellence in the near future.

The post-Mutiny days this sketch will not touch upon. A brief imperfect account will be found in the body of this work. It may further be noted that more extended reviews of the literature of the principal periods will also be found in the introductions to chapters VII to XI. All that has been attempted in the present note has been to show the most salient points of a not inglorious past in the vernacular literary history of Hindūstān.

## (d.) Description of the Plates.

The frontispiece represents Rāma's childhood in Kāusalyā's house. I am indebted for it to the kindness of Rājā Siva Prasād, c.s.I., who procured the original photograph of one of the illustrations in the magnificently-illuminated M.S. belonging to the Mahārāj of Banāras.

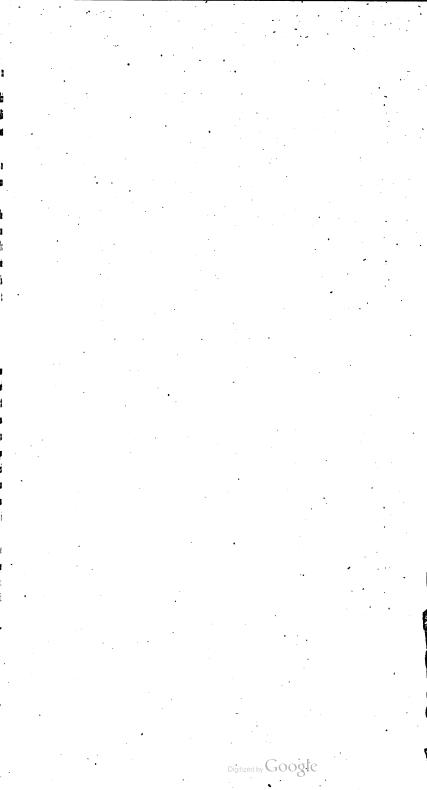
To the kindness of the same gentleman I am indebted for the other plates, which are photographs of ten pages of the  $Raj^{2}pur$  Ramayan, described on page 45, believed to be in the poet's handwriting, of three pages of the old Banāras M.S. referred to on the same page, and of a deed of arbitration said to be in the poet's own handwriting. A transliteration and translation of the first two will be found on page 51 of this work, and of the last in the Addenda.

The frontispicce has already appeared, I believe, in one edition of Mr. Growse's excellent translation of the *Ramayan*; but as this work appeals to quite a different class of readers, and as the picture is itself a worthy specimen of Hindū art, I do not hesitate to give it here again.

<sup>1</sup> See also section 706 in the body of the work.

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**EXIII** 



## ADDENDA ET CORRIGENDA.

Norz.-In pointing out misprints, I have not taken the trouble to correct instances of unsystematic division of compound words. Such mistakes will in no case lead to difficulty, and they will be found corrected in the indices.

4. Kumar Pal rei-und 1088-1172 A.D. The famous Hemachandra flourished at his court.

20. Mira Bai. Note'. Read Tod, ii, 21.

23. Charan Das. Read Gyan Swaroday.

34. Ballabhachar'j. P. 19, l. 6 from bottom, read Harishchandr'; p. 20, l. 9, read Anubhasya. Add ' This work is being published in the Bibliothese Indica.'

37. Sar Das. Read वर दास, not ब्रदास.

51. Nabha Das. P. 28. I. 8, read Hitopadeça.

54. Byas Swami. Read Sukal. So also in 56, Hit Haribans.

70. Keh'rl. Read Tod, ii, 76.

71. As'karan Das. Read Tod, ii, 353.

72. Chetan Chandr'. The Ashwa Binod is dated Sambat 1616 (1559 A.D.), which Sib Siggh gives as the date of the poet's birth.

73. Prithwl Raj. Read Tod's Rajasthan, i, 343.

76. Uday Siggh. Read and ii, 29.

92. Read चन चतान तुक्त Ghan Syam Sukal.

105. Jodar Mall, see addenda to No. 128, below.

106. Birbal. P. 35, l. 11 from bottom, read Bijaur.

108. Khān'khānā. He patronised the poet Gang (No. 119). The latter in one of his works praises him and his son Turāb Khān.

119. Gangā Par'sād, or Gang. A verse of the poet Khāb Chand (No. 809) states that on one occasion Khān'khānā (No. 108) made Gang a present of 36 lākhs. Khān'khānā was certainly praised by Gang in one of his works.

127. Mukund Siggh. Read Tod, ii, 506.

128. Tul'el Dae, p. 43, last line, read Rajapur and Banda; p. 44, l. 7, add a comma after Kuru Chhëttr'; p. 45, l. 15, read Rajapur; so also elsewhere; p. 46, l. 11 from bottom, read Kundaliya.

As promised in the Introduction, I here give a transliteration and translation of the deed of arbitration in the handwriting of Tul'sī Dās, dated Sam. 1669 (A.D. 1612). I take this opportunity of expressing my acknowledgments to my old friend and teacher Mīr Aulād 'Alī, Professor of Arabie, Persian, and Hindūstānī at Trinity College, Dublin, for much assistance rendered in transcribing and translating the Persian and Arabic portions of the deed.



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Chu Anad Ram bin Tödar bin Döö Räy wa Kanhaö bin Räm Bhadar bin Tödar mazkur	
dar huzur ämada qarar dadand ki dar mawazi'i matrüke bi tafaili a	6
dar hindwi mazkur ast	7
bilmunäşafa bataräzi i jänibäin qarar dädöm. Wa yak şad ö	•
pinjāh (?) bīghā zamīn ziyāda (?) qismati munāşafa khūd 1 dar mātīza'i Bhadāīnī Anand Rām mažkūr ba Kanhāš bin Rām	8
Bhadar maşbür tajwiz namüda.	^
bari ma'ani rāzī gashta i'tirāf sahīh shar'i namūdand hanāhari a	8
muhr karda shud.	1

## (Seal) ? Sādullāh bin •

### QISMATI ANAD RIM.

QISMATI	ANAD RIM.	QISMATI KANHIË.		
<i>Qariyā</i> Bhadāīnī, dō h	<i>Qariyā</i> i <b>şşa, La</b> hartārā, darōbast	<i>Qariya</i> Bhadāīnī, sih hi <del>şşa</del> .	Oariu <b>a</b>	
<i>Qariyā</i> Nāīpūra, hissa j Tōdar tamām	<i>Qariyā</i> Chhitūpūra, hişşa i Tōdar tamām.	Qariyā Nadēsar hişşa i Töd (?) Ittala'a'alāth (i	ar tamām 14	

## SEI PARAMÉSWAR.

Sambat 1669 samae, kuār sudi tērasī, bār subh dīnē likhatim (sie)
patra Anand
māgā. Jē āgya bhāi sē pramān mānā. Dunahu janē bīdīt taph'sīlu. Ans
Tödar Malu

<sup>1</sup> Or (?) az hişşa qismati munăşafa.

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Ans Jannd Råm. Mänjö Bhadaini	Ans Kanhaï. M EUjë Bhadëini					
mah an-	mah ans pšoh, tehi 19					
-s päch, tehl mah ans dui Anand	mah tini ans Kanhaï. Tathä					
Rämu.	maujë Sipurä 20					
Tathä Lahar'tärä sagarö u. Tathä	Tathä Nades'ri ans Tödar					
Chhītu-	Malu ka. Hīl(ā) 21					
-purā ans Ţöḍar Malu ka. Tathā	hujatī nāstī					
Napura an	<b></b>					
-s Tödar Malu ka. Hīl(ā) hujatī nāstī	23					
Līkhītam Anand Rām, jē upar	Līkhītam Kanhaï, jē upar					
līkhā, sē sahī.	līkhā sē sahī 24					

### (Here follow the witnesses' signatures, ending-)

Shahada	1	Shahada 25
bimāfīhi Jalāl Maqbūlī.		bimāfīhi Tāhir ibni Khwāja 26
bikhattihi.		Daulatī Qānungoi 27

#### TRANSLATION.

(Sanskrit.) Victory to the lord of Cri Jānaki.

Two arrows cannot be shot at one time. Twice one does not support refugees. Twice over benefits are not given to applicants. Rama does not speak in two ways.

(Old Bais'wārī.) O Tul'sī, Das'rath knew no virtue equal to the truth. He gave up Rām for it, and without Rām he gave up his life.

(Sanskrit.) Virtue conquers and not vice ; truth and not falsehood. Meroy conquers and not anger. Visnu conquers and not the Asuras.

(Persian.) God is great.

Whereas Anand Rām, son of Tödar, son of Döö Rāy, and Kanhāš, son of Rām Bhadar, son of Tödar aforesaid, appeared before me and acknowledged that with their mutual consent the inheritance, vis. the villages as detailed in Hindwī, have been equally divided, and the said Anand Rām has given to the said Kanhāš, son of Rām Bhadar, 150 blyhās of land in village Bhadāīnī more than his own half share; they are satisfied, and have made correct acknowledgment according to law. Their seals have been affixed hereto.

#### Share of Anand Ram.

Village Bhadann, 2 shares. Village Lahar tārā, whole.

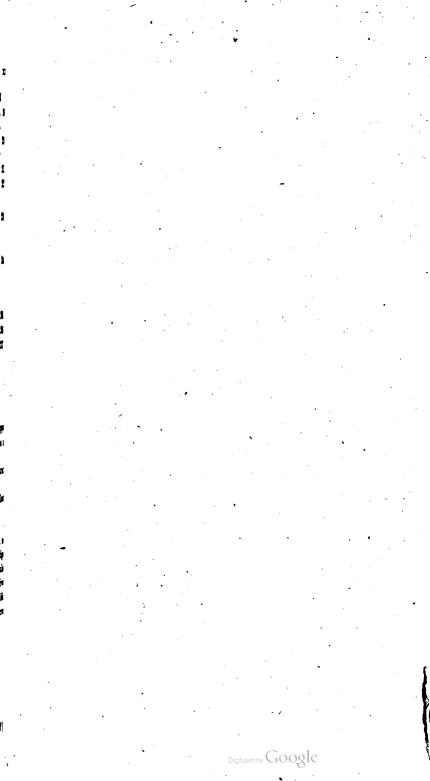
- Village Nälpūra, the whole of Todar's share.
- Village Chhitūpūra, the lesser, the whole of Todar's share.

#### Share of Kanhāe.

Villago Bhadālnī, 3 shares. Villago Shiūpūr, the whole. Villago Nadēsar, the whole of Tödar's share.

(?) I am informed of this (?) (illegible).

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#### (Old Bais'wari.) To The Most High God.

In the Sambat year 1669, on the 15th of the bright half of Kuär, on the auspicious day of the week, was this deed written by Anand Räm and Kanhaïā. By way of partition of shares, we two formerly asked for a decision (*translation doubtful*), and the decision which has been passed, that we recognise as authoritative. Both parties admit the list. The division of the share of Todar Mal, which has been made . . .

The rest is unintelligible, and partly illegible.

Share of Anand Rām.—In village Bhadāinī, out of five shares, two to Anand Rām. Also the whole of Lahar'tārā. Also Tödar Mal's share in Chhitūpūrā and in Nāipūrā. There is no evasion or reservation. Signed Anand Rām. What is written above is correct.

Share of Kanhaï.—In village Bhadāīnī, out of five shares, three to Kanhaï. Also the village of Sīpūrā; also Tödar Mall's share in Nades'ri. There is no evasion or reservation. Signed Kanhaï. What is written above is correct.

Witnesses (to Anand Rām's signature): Rāghab Rām, son of Rām Dat; Rām Sēnī, son of Ūdhab; (U)dāl Karn, son of Jagat Rāy; Jamunī Bhān, son of Paramānand; Jānakī Rām, son of Srī Kānt; Kāwalā Rām, son of Bāsudēb; Chand Bhān, son of Kēsāl Dās; Pāndē Hariballabh, son of Purusötam; Bhāwarī, son of Kēsālu (sio) Dās; Jadu Rām, son of Nar'harī; Ajodhyā, son of Lachhī; Sabal, son of Bhīkham; Rām Chand, son of Bāsudiw (sio); Pitāmbar Das'wadhī, son of Puran; Rām Rāï and Garīb Rāï (P), sons of Makuțirī Karn (P). (Arabic) Witness to whatsoover is in this, Jalāl Magbūlī, by his own hand.

Witnesses (to Kanhaï's signature): Rām Sigh, son of Uddhab; Jādām Rāē, son of Gahar Rāē; Jagadīs Rāē, son of Mahōdadhī; Chakrapānī, son of Sīwā; Mathurā, son of Pīthā; Kāsī Dās, son of Bāsudēwā (by the hand of Mathurā); Kharag Bhān, son of Gosāi Dās; Rām Dēw, son of Bisa(m)bhar; Srī Kānt Pāņdē, son of Rāj'baktra (?); Bīthal Dās, son of Harihar; Hīrā, son of Das'rath; Löhāg, son of Kīshnā; Man(ī) Rām, son of Sītal; Krishn Dat, son of Bhag'wan; Bin'rāban, son of Jāl; Dhanī Rām, son of Madhu Rāē. (*Arabic*) Witness to whatsoever is in this, Ţāhir, son of Khwājah Dāwlatī, the Qānungōī.

In connexion with the above it is interesting to speculate who this Jodar Mall, the father of Anand Rām and grandfather of Kanhaï, was. Can he have been Ak'bar's great Finance Minister (No. 105) ? He died in 1589, and his son might well be alive in 1612. He was born at *Lahar'pur*, in Audh, and one of the villages above mentioned, *Lahar'tārā*, has a somewhat similar name. In India contiguous villages have often very similar names.

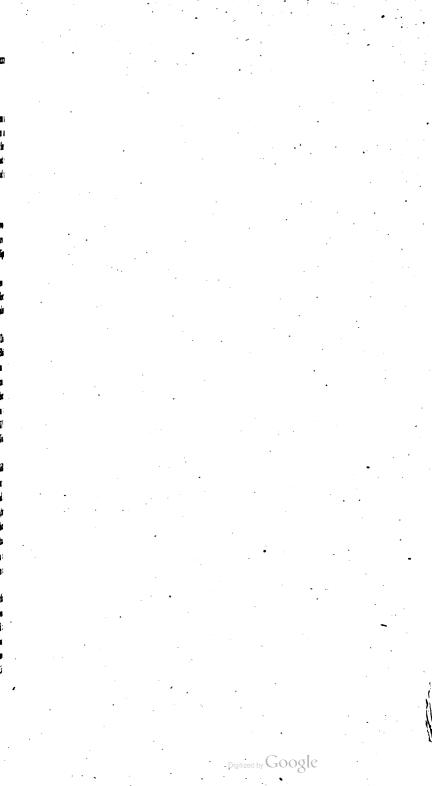
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128-133 Add., p. 57. Other versions of the Rama legend.

(9) Read Iswarl Par'sad Tripathi (712).

- (10) For 686 read 702.
- (11) For 689 read 695.

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(12) For 711 read 725.

(13) For 829a read 858.

134. Kesab Das. The Blgyan Gita was written in Sambat 1600 (1543 A.D.) and was dedicated to Madhukar Shah. The Rasik-priva is dated Sambat 1648 (1591 A.D.).

142. Sundar Das. The Sundar Sriggar is dated Sambas 1688 (1631 A.D.).

145. Bhukhan Tripathi. From a short poem of Mati Ram Tripathi (No. 146), the name of the Raja of Kumað appears to have been Udot Chand.

148. Mati Ram Tripathi. Read Tod, ii, 481 and Fat'h 8ahi.

149. Par'tap Sahi. I know of two rajas called Ratan or Rat'nes in Bundel. khand. One is praised by Bhikharl Das (No. 344) in the preface to the Prem Ratnakar, which was written in 1685 A.D. This may possibly be the father of Par'tap Sahi. The other succeeded Bikram Sahi (No. 514) as Baja of Charkhan in 1829 A.D. He was born 1816 A.D. and died 1860. He is referred to in Nos. 519-523 and 524. Bikram Sahi was born 1785 and died 1828 A.D. ; and if Par'tap Sahi was the son of this Rat'nes, he would probably be Bikram Sahi's grandson, but could not have been his contemporary, for his father was only twelve years old at the latter's death. Yet, again, I hear from Char'khāri (though on what authority I cannot ascertain) that a Par'tap Sahi did live in Char'khārī in Bikram Sāhi's reign. Regarding the Bhākhā Bhūkhan, which is usually considered as written at the end of the eighteenth century, I find a Bombay edition of the work identifying Jaswant Siggh, its author, with Jas'want Singh (1638-1681) of Mar'war. This would tally with the date given in the body of the work ; but on the whole I am inclined to reject Sib Singh's statement that this poet attended Chhattr' Sal's court, and would place him as flourishing about the year 1830 A.D., after No. 518. His relationship to the Rat'nes of No. 519 must remain an open point. There was also a poet called Ratan. See No. 155.

152. Sib Nath. Read Tod's Rajasthan, ii, 481.

159. Kalidās Tribēdī. In his Badhū-binöd, which he dates Samdat 1749 (1692 A.D.), he mentions that Jogājīt Siggh's father was Britti Siggh.

160. Sukh Deb Misar, Read Ar'jun Singh and Britt Bichar.

164. Sundar Das. Read Sundar Saykhya.

171. Najir. Reas Nazir, not Nazir, throughout.

173. Thakur. Read Gosai.

177. Read Iswar.

195. Ajlt Siggh. For 91n read 89n.

196. Bihari Lai Chaube. P. 76, l. 4, for 364 read 355. Also read Za'ifaqar. 199. Rat'nës. See No. 149, Add. Cf. No. 155.

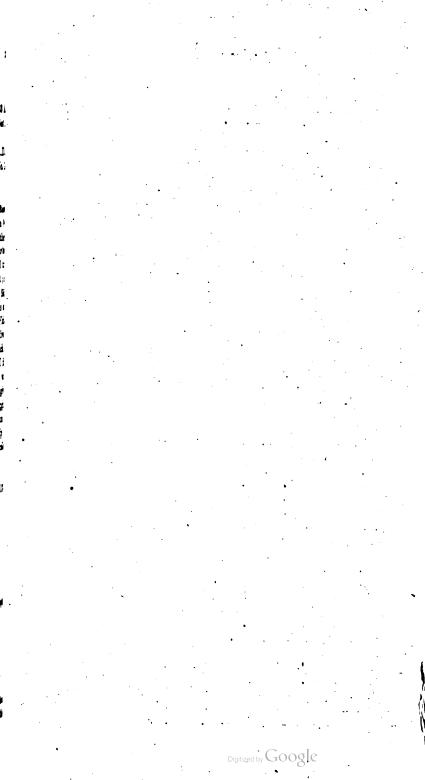
213. Chandr'. Read Sul'gan.

226. Bihari Das. Read aviat.

251. Read Parbin.

326. Surati Misar. The Alaphar Mala is dated Sambat 1768 (1709 A.D.). 331. Bhoj Misar. Read Sringar.

344. Bhikharl Das. Read Chhandarnab. The Prem Ratnakar is dated Sambat 1742 (1685 A.D.) and the Chhandarnab Sambat 1799 (1742 A.D.). In the former work he praises a Baja Rat'nes. Cf. No. 519. See also No. 149. Add.



**346.** Karan. His Schltya Chandrika is dated Sambat 1794 (1737 Å.D.), which the Sib Singh Saröj gives as the date of his birth. With regard to Hir'da Sahi, see also No. 503.

349. Guman JI Misar. Read Nasadha. The Kala Nidhi is dated Sambet 1805 (1848 A.D.). The work is rather a translation than a commentary.

351. Prem Nath. Bead Khirt.

355. Harl Nath. The Alagkar Darpan is dated Samoat 1826 (1796 A.D.), which Sib Siggh gives as the date of the poet's birth.

357. Sambhu Nath. The Ram Bilas is dated Sambat 1798 (1741 A.D.).

361. Kesab. Bead Narayan.

664. Hathl. The date of his birth (1830 A.D.) given by Sib Singh is certainly wrong, for the Radha Satak is dated Sambat 1847 (1790 A.D.).



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## CHAPTER I.

### THE BARDIC PERIOD. [700-1300 A.D.]

## 1. पुष्य काबि, the poet Puşya, of Ujain. Fl. 713 A.D.

This is the earliest vernacular poet of whom I have found any mention in Native authors. The Sib Siygh Sardy states that he flourished in the year 713, and that he is the "root of the vernacular" bhikha ki jar. It is not clear from this account whether his name was Puşya, Puşpa, or Punda. It states categorically that he wrote both in Sanskrit and in the vernacular, and that he is mentioned by Col. Tod in his Rajasthan. If by vernacular we are to understand a stage of language later than that of the Präkrits, this seems a most improbable statement; nor can I find that it is borne out by Tod. The only allusion apparently bearing on this point in the Rajasthan is a reference (i, 229; Calcutta edition, i, 246) to a Puşya, the author of an inscription (translated i, 799). I can find no mention in Tod regarding the language in which he wrote.

2. खुमान सिङ्घ, Khumān Singh alias Khumān Rāut Guh'laut, king of Chitaur, in Mēwār. Fl. 830 A.D.1

In his honour was written the Khumān Rāy'sā. This is the most ancient poetic chronicle of Mēwār, and was written in the ninth

<sup>1</sup> See Tod's Rajasthan, i, 240; Cale. ed., i, 258.

century.<sup>1</sup> It gives a history of Khumān Rāut and of his family. It was recast during the reign of Par'tāp Siggh (fl. 1575), and, as we now have it, carries the narrative down to the wars of that prince with Ak'bar, devoting a great portion to the siege of Chitāur by Alāu'd-dīn Khiljī in the thirteenth century.<sup>3</sup> We may therefore presume that the copies now extant are in a dialect of Mēwār not later than the end of the sixteenth century.

## 3. केट्र काबि, the poet and bard Kedar. Fl. 1150 A.D.

Mentioned in the Sib Siygh Saroj as attending the court of Alāu'd-din Ghori. He therefore flourished about 1150 A.D., and if any of his works can be found, they will probably be the oldest specimens of vernacular literature obtainable. I have never seen any of his writings, and I fear they are lost, unless they have been preserved in the Tod manuscripts. He is possibly mentioned by Tod, but I have not been able to find his name.

4. **GATE UTE**, king Kumār Pāl, of An'hal. Fl. 1150 A.D. Towards the end of the same century an anonymous poet of *Rāj'putānā* wrote a bardic chronicle, entitled the Kumār Pāl Charitra,<sup>3</sup> detailing the line of descent of the Buddhist<sup>4</sup> Rājā Kumār Pāl, of An'hal, from Brahmā downwards. The manuscript exists in the Tod collection, being No. 31 in the Royal Asiatic Society's list.

We now come to the time of *Pithāurā* or *Prithwl Rāj*, the *Chāuhān*, of *Dillī*, who was born 1159 A.D. and died 1193 A.D. He was not only a valiant hero,<sup>5</sup> but was a great patron of literature. If we may believe Sib Singh, the works of two at least of the bards who attended his court have come down to us. These were Nos. 5 and 6.

5. श्रनन्यठ ट्रास, Ananya Dās, of Chaked'wā, district Gödā. B. 1148 A.D.

The only authority for this poet is the Sib Siygh Saroj, which states that he was author of a work called Ananya Jög, from which

- . 3 Tod, i, 214; ii, 757; Calc. ed., i, 231; ii, 814.
  - <sup>a</sup> Tod, i, 81, 80a, 241a, 256; ii, 242a; Calo. ed., i, 86, 87a, 259a, 275; ii, 266.
  - <sup>4</sup> See Tod, i, 98; Calc. ed., i, 106.
  - \* For a history of his life and times, see Tod, i, 95, 256; Calc. ed., 102, 275.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Tod, ii, 757; Calc. ed., ii, 814.

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it gives an extract. I suspect that he was really a contemporary of another *Prithwl Rāj* (of *Blkāner*), who lived in the sixteenth century (Tod, i, 343 and ff.; ii, 186; Calo. ed., i, 363 and ff.; ii, 203). See No. 73.

6. चन्द्र• वाबि, the poet and bard Chandr' or Chand Bar'dai. Fl. 1191 A.D.

Rag., ? Sun. He belonged to the family of an ancient bard named Bisal Deb, the Chauhan (cf. Tod, ii, 447 and ff.; Calo. ed., ii, 492 and ff.), of Ran'thambhor, and, according to the account of his descendant, the poet Sar Das, belonged to the Jagat clan.1 He came to Prithwi Raj's court and was appointed his minister and poet-laureate (kaviçvara). His poetical works were collected by Amar Singh (cf. No. 191), of Mewar,<sup>3</sup> in the early part of the seventcenth century. They were not improbably recast and modernised in parts at the same time, which has given rise to a theory<sup>3</sup> that the whole is a modern forgery. His principal work is the famous Prithl Raj Ray'sa (Rag.), or life of his patron. According to Tod<sup>4</sup> it is a universal history of the period in which he wrote, and is in 69 books, comprising 100,000 stanzas, of which Tod has translated 30,000-certainly more than any other European has succeeded in doing. Chand and Prithwi Raj were both killed in battle fighting against the Muhammadans in the year 1193. As already mentioned, one of his descendants was the poet Sur Das, and another was the poet Sārang Dhar (No. 8), who is said to have written the Hammir Ray'sa and the Hammir Kabya.<sup>5</sup> A portion of the text of the Prithi Rāj Rāy'sā has been edited by Mr. Beames, and another portion edited and translated by Dr. Hoernle. The excessively difficult character of the task has prevented both scholars from making much progress. Pandit Möhan Läl Visnu Läl Pandiä has just commenced editing a critical edition of the whole text, of which the first two fasciculi have been published (Medical Hall Press, Banāras, 1887). The Mahōbā

<sup>1</sup> See the account of Sur Das's genealogy given in No. 37.

<sup>3</sup> Reigned 1597-1621. See Tod, i, xiii (Introd.); 350 and ff.; Cale. ed., i, xii; 371 and ff.

<sup>3</sup> See J. A. S. B., 1886, p. 5, "On the antiquity, authenticity, and genumeness of *Chand Bar'dai's* epic the *Prithiraj Rasaūu*," by Kavirāj Syamal Das, in which our poet is attacked, and "The Defence of *Prithiraj Rasa* of *Chanda Bar'dai*" by Pandit Mohan Lal Vișņu Lal Pandia (Banāras, Medical Hall Press, 1887), which is a reply to the former paper.

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4 Tod, i, 254; Calc. ed., i, 273.

\* Tod, ii, 452n; Calc. ed., ii, 497n.

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Khand of the poem, which, however, is probably spurious, or at least not by Chand, has been more than once translated into Hindi.1 It deals with the famous heroes Alhā and Udan (or Alhā and Rūdal. according to the tradition of Eastern Hindustan), and the translation with which I am best acquainted (without, however, being in a position to vouch for its accuracy) is that by Thākur Dās, of Fatihgarh, under the name of the Alkhand. This is not the same as the Alha Khand which will be found described under the head of the poet Jag'nik (No. 7), though it deals with the same heroes. According to Garcin de Tassy (Histoire, etc., i, 138), a Russian sarant, Robert Lenz by name, translated a portion of Chand's poem, which he intended to have published in 1836 on his return to St. Petersburg. but the premature death of this scholar deprived orientalists of this interesting work. Col. Tod printed a translation of an episode under the title of 'The Vow of Sanjogta's in the 25th volume of the Asiatic Journal, pp. 101-112, 197-211, 273-286.

My own studies of this poot's work have inspired me with a great admiration for its poetic beauty, but I doubt if any one not perfectly master of the various Răj'putānā dialects could ever read it with pleasure. It is, however, of the greatest value to the student of philology, for it is at present the only stepping stone available to European explorers in the chasm between the latest Prākrit and the earliest Gaudian authors. Though we may not possess the actual text of Chand, we have certainly in his writings some of the oldest known specimens of Gaudian literature, abounding in pure Apabhrança Qāurasēni Prākrit forms.

According to Garcin de Tassy (l.c.), we owe to this poet another work, entitled  $J\bar{a}$  Chandra Prakās, or history of  $J\bar{a}$  Chand, which is written in the same dialect as the Rāy'sā, and is quoted by Ward.

7. जग•न्ति, the bard Jag'nik or Jag'näyak, of Mahöbä, in Bundel'khand. Fl. 1191 A.D.

Contemporary with *Chand* was the bard *Jag'nik*. I am not certain that I have ever seen any of this poet's works. He attended the court of *Par'māl* (*Paramardī*), of *Mahōbā*, in Bundēl'khand, and chronicled the wars of that prince with *PrithwI Rāj*. There is a not impossible

<sup>1</sup> For an English translation of an episode in the Mahōbā Khaṇḍ, see Tod, 614 and ff. ; Cale. ed., i, 648 and ff.

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Tod, i, 623 and ff.; Calc. ed., i, 657 and ff.

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tradition that the  $\overline{A}/h\overline{a}$  Khand, of which we possess many versions, and which has sometimes been described as a spurious canto of Chand's epic, was originally written by this poet. The  $\overline{A}/h\overline{a}$  Khand is, so far as I am aware, only ourrent in oral versions sung all over Hindūstān by professional singers. As might be expected, these versions differ considerably in language, and each is modernised to suit the dialect of the reciter. For a full account of the  $\overline{A}/h\overline{a}$  Khand, see Indian Antiquary, vol. xiv, pp. 209, 255. For an account of  $\overline{A}$  ha's share in the war between Prithwī Rāj and Par'māl, see Report of the Arch. Sur. Ind., vii, pp. 13-20.

The Mahobā Khand has already been mentioned under the head of Chand (No. 6). It and other Western recensions of the poem give the names of the herces as Alhā and Odal or Odan, the latter being short for Uday Singh; but the Eastern recensions give the names as A/ha and Radal. Two versions of the Western recension have been printed-one edited by Chaudh'ri Ghāsl Rām, of Bhatipurā, and the other, under the supervision of Sir C. (then Mr.) Elliott, by Thakur Das, of Fatihgarh, already mentioned. The lattor edition was, I believe. taken down<sup>1</sup> by him as recited by three illiterate professional bards of Kanāuj, being respectively by caste a Jūsī, a Tēlī, and a Brāhman. and pieced together with additions of his own and some extracts or adaptations from different manuscripts that he borrowed. It is thus rather a heterogeneous composition. Portions of this recension have been translated into English ballad metre by Mr. Waterfield in vols. lxi, lxii, and lxiii of the Calcutta Review under the title of "The Nine-Lakh Chain, or the Mārō feud." The Eastern recension only exists in the mouths of itinerant singers, and is nearly always couched in the Bhoj'pūrī dialect of Bihārī. According to the tradition of Eastern Hindustan, the poem was originally written by Jag'nik in the Bundel'khandi dialect. Mr. Vincent Smith has presented me with a number of short poems in that dialect, many of which appear to be fragments of a larger work. In them the second hero is called Udal.

8. सारङ घर कावि, the poet and bard Sārang Dhar, of Ran'thambhor. FL 1363 A.D.

We have now a gap of a century and a half, and in the year 1363 find flourishing the Sārang Dhar already mentioned as a descendant of Chand. According to Tod, he attended the court of the heroic Rājā

<sup>1</sup> I am indebted to Mr. Growse for this information.

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Hammir Deb (Fl. 1300 A.D.), the Chauhan, of Ran'thambhor, who belonged to the family of BIsal Deb, the ancestor of Chand. Hammir's dogged valour and heroio death at the hands of Alau'd-din Khilii have given rise to innumerable proverbs, and have been celebrated in poetical works in many languages of India. None, however, is so popular as Sārang Dhar's two works known as the Hammir Rāy'sā and the Hammir Kābya.<sup>1</sup> M. Barth has suggested to me that this poet is the same as the *Çārŋgadhara*, author of the Sanskrit anthology entitled the Carnyadhara Paddhati, described by Mr. FitzEdward Hall in the preface to his edition of the Vāsavadattā, and by Prof. Aufrecht in ZDMG., xxvii, 2. A reference to Pandit Mohan Lal Visnu Lal Pandia has confirmed the accuracy of this suggestion, and I am indebted to this gentleman for quotations showing that it was not Sārang Dhar or Çārngadhara, but his grandfather Raghu Nāth, who was spiritual guide to Hammir. The Çarngadhara Paddhati was written in 1363 A.D.

I have only seen detached extracts from this poet's works, and hence am unable to say whether the other two poems were certainly by him or not. What gives rise to doubt is the existence [in the J. A. S. B., vol. xlviii (1879), p. 186] of a translation of a Hammir Rāsā, or "History of Hammir, Prince of Ran'thambhor," by Babu Brajanātha Bandhöpādhyāya, of Jālpur. According to the Introduction of this work, the original was written by one Jodh<sup>2</sup> Rāj, of Nim'rānā, in He attended the court of a Chauhan prince named Chandr' Al'wār. Bhān, a descendant of Prithwi Rāj, and was by birth a Gaur Brähman, born at Bijāwar. There is a copy of the Çārŋgadhara (or Sārang Dhar) Paddhati in the Tod collection of manuscripts (No. 32) in the Library of the Royal Asiatic Society. I have only had an opportunity of a very cursory examination of the work, which is 299 fol. long. Prof. Peterson has published an edition of it in Bombay. No. 42 in the same collection is entitled the Hammira Charitra. but I am unable to say if it is the same as any of the works above mentioned.

9. जोध राज, the poet Jödh Rāj, of Nim'rānā in Al'wār. Fl. 1363 (?) A.D. See No. 8 above.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Tod, ii, 452n, 472n; Calc. ed., ii, 497n, 517n.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> There was a *Jodh* Kabi (No. 118) who attended the court of the Emperor *Ak'bar*, who may be the same as this author.

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10. रामानन्द खामी, the master Ramanand. Fl. c. 1400 A.D.

Rāg. We now leave the era of the bards, and, emerging from the mists of antiquity, come upon a great revival of literature coincident with the rise of the Vaishnava religion, at the commencement of the fifteenth century. The first name we meet is that of *Rāmānand* (fl. cir. 1400 A.D.). He was much more of a religious reformer (see Wilson, *Religious Sects of the Hindūs*, i, 47) than an author, but I have collected hymns written, or purporting to have been written, by him, which had travelled in the people's mouths as far east as *Mithila*.

## 11. भवानन्द, Bhawanand. Fl. c. 1400 A.D.

One of Rāmānand's immediate disciples (Wilson, Religious Sects of the Hindūs, i, 56). He is the reputed author of an explanation in Hindī of the Vēdānta system of philosophy in fourteen chapters, entitled Amrit Dhār. See Mack. Cat. ii, 108, quoted by Garcin de Tassy, i, 140.

12. **UT क**[**a**], the poet Sen, of Bandhö. Fl. c 1400 A.D. Haj. One of Rāmānand's immediate disciples, a barber by caste. Poems by him are also in the Sīkh Granth. He and his descendants were for some time the family gurus of the Rājās of Bāndhö (Rīwā). See Wilson, Religious Sects of the Hindus, i, 118, for a legend concerning him.

13. वाबीर दास, Kabir Dās, the Jolaha (weaver) of Banāras. Fl. c. 1400 A.D.

Haj., Rāg. He was the most famous of *Rāmānand's* disciples. His principal works are included in the well-known Sabdābali, Ramānnīs, Sākhīs, and the Sukh Nidhān, which are everywhere known and quoted at the present day. According to tradition, he was the son of a virgin Brähman widow. He was exposed by her, and was found on a lotus in Lahar Taläo, a pond near Banäras, by the wife of a Jolähä or Musalmän weaver named Nimä, who with her husband Narl was there in attendance on a wedding procession. He is said to have lived 300 years, or from 1149 to 1449 A.D., and in fact he flourished about the beginning of the fifteenth century.<sup>1</sup>

A complete list of a voluminous mass of writings attributed to Kabir, as preserved in the collection called the *Khās Granth*, will be found in Wilson, *Religious Sects of the Hindus*, i, 76, and is here reproduced for ready reference. Cf. also Garcin de Tassy (Histoire, etc. i, 274).

- (1) Sukh Nidhān.
- (2) Gorakh Nath ki Goshthi.
- (3) Kabîr Pāñji.
- (4) Balakh kī Ramānī.
- (5) Rāmānand kī Göshţhī.
- (6) Anand Rām Sāgar.
- (7) Sabdāball, containing 1,000 sabdas, or short doctrinal expositions.
- (8) Mangal, 100 short poems, amongst which is the account of Kabir's discovery given as above.
- (9) Basant, 100 hymns in that Rag.
- (10) Holl, 200 of the songs called Holi.
- (11) Rēkh'tās, 100 odes.
- (12) Jhul'nās, 500 odes in a different style.
- (13) Khas'rā, 500 odes in a different style.
- (14) Hindöls, 12 ditto. The subject of all these odes or hymns is always moral or religious.
- (15) Bārah Māsā, the 12 months from a religious point of view, agreeably to Kabīr's system.
- (16) Chañchars, 22.
- (17) Chautisās, 2; the 34 letters of the Nagarī alphabet, with their religious signification.
- (18) Alifnāmah, the Persian alphabet in the same manner.
- (19) Ramāinis, short doctrinal or argumentative poems.
- (20)  $S\bar{a}khis$ , 5,000. These may be considered as texts, consisting of one stanza each.
- (21) The Bijak (Rag) (the greater and the lesser), in 654 sections.

There is also a variety of stanzas, called  $\overline{A}gams$ ,  $B\overline{a}n\overline{ls}$ , etc., composing a very formidable course of study to those who wish to go deep into the doctrine of this school.

<sup>1</sup> For further particulars see Wilson, Religious Sects of the Hindus, i, 73.

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## 14. भगो दास, Bhago Das. FL 1420 A.D.

One of Kabir's immediate disciples, and author or compiler of the shorter Bijak. See Wilson, Religious Sects of the Hindus, i, 79; Garcin de Tassy, i, 118.

## 15. स्त गोपाल, Srut Gopal. FL 1420 A.D.

Another of *intoir's* immediate disciples, and author of the Sukh R<sup>o</sup>dian. See Wilson as above, page 90.

16. वामाल कावि, the poet Kamāi, of Banāras. FL 1450 A.D.

Haj., Rāg. He was Kabīr's son. He spent his time making couplets in refutation of his father's sayings. Hence the proverb बुरा बन्च कबोर के कि उपजा पूत बनाड, —An unlucky family was Kabīr's, in which the son Kamāl was born. See Fallon's Hd. Dy. s.v. Upaj'ne, page 13.

17. विद्यापति ठाकुर, Bidyāpati Jhākur, of Bisapi, in Dar'bhaygā district. FL 1400 A.D.

Rag. Retracing our steps, and leaving for a time the Central Hindustan, made famous by Ramanand and Kablr, we find flourishing in the year 1400 one of the most famous of the Vaishnava poets of Eastern India. Bidyāpati Thākur was founder of the school of mastersingers, which in after years spread over the whole of Bangal, and his name is to the present day a household word from the Kar'm'nāsā to Calcutta. He has been translated into and imitated in most of the dialects falling between these limits. Little is known of his life. He was the son of Gan'pati Thakur, who was the son of Jan Datt' The founder of the family was Vișnu Çarman, who lived Thākur. seven generations before Bidyāpati in the village of Bisapi, the modern Bis'phi. This village was given to the poet as a rentfree gift by king Sib Singh (then heir apparent) of Sugāonā in the year 1400 A.D. The deed of endowment is still extant. Bidyāpati was author of many Sanskrit works, the principal of which are the well-known Purușa Parîkșa, the Durgābhakti Taranginî, the Dānavākyāvali, the Vivāda Sāra, and the Gayā Pattana; but his chief glory consists in his matchless sonnets (pada) in the Maithili dialect dealing

allegorically with the relations of the soul to God under the form of the love which Rādhā bore to Krish'n. These were adopted and recited enthusiastically by the celebrated Hindu reformer Chartanya, who fourished at the beginning of the sixteenth century (b. 1484 A.D.), and, through him, became the house-poetry of the Lower Provinces. Numbers of imitators sprung up, many of whom wrote in Bidyāpati's name, so that it is now difficult to separate the genuine from the imitations, especially as the former have been altered in the course of ages to suit the Bangali idiom and metre. Bidyapati was a contemporary of the Bangali poet Chandi Dās, and of Umāpati and Jāi Dēb, and was, we know, on terms of intimate friendship with the first. He was, we have seen, a famous poet in A.D. 1400, and a copy of the Bhāgavata Purāna in his handwriting, dated L.S. 349 (A.D. 1456), still exists, so that he lived to a good old age. These are the only two certain dates we have in his life. The following dates depend upon the dates mentioned in Ajodhyā Par'sād's Gulzār-Bihār as those of the accessions of the various kings. Ajodhyā Par'sād's dates are as follows :---King Deva Simha (Deb Singh) came to the throne A.D. 1385; Civa Simha (Sib Singh) 1446; two queens reigned 1449—1470; Nara Šimha Dēva (Nar Singh Dēb) 1470; Dhīra Simha (Dhir Singh) 1471.

Now the Purusa Pariksa was according to its colophon written during the lifetime of Deb Singh, i.e. before 1446, and the Durgābhakti Tarangiņī was written during the reign of Nar Singh Deb, i.e. in the year 1470. We therefore can arrange the dates which we have of Bidyāpati Thākur's life as follows, giving those which depend upon Ajodhyā Par'sād in italics :--

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Granted the village of Bisap	ol, and the	erefore	
already a learned man	•••		<b>1</b> 400
Wrote Purușa Parikșa before	···	•••	1446
Wrote the numerous songs	dedicated	to Sib	
Singh before	•••	•••	1449
Copied the Bhāgavata Purāņa	•••	•••	1456
Wrote Durgābhakti Taraŋgiņī	•••	••••	1470

Assuming the above dates to be correct, he must have been at least ninety years old when he completed his last work. Rājā Sib Siggh, Bidyāpati's great patron, was also named Rāp Nārāyan, which seems to have been a general title of many members of the family. He had several wives, of whom the poet has immortalised Lakhimā Thakurāin,

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Pran'batl, and Mod'batl. There is a tradition that the emperor Ak'bar' summoned Sib Singh to Dilli for some offence, and that Bidyspati obtained his patron's release by an exhibition of clairvoyance. The emperor locked him up in a wooden box and sent a number of courtezans of the town to bathe in the river. When all was over he released him and asked him to describe what had occurred, when Bidvapati immediately recited impromptu one of the most charming of his sonnets which has come down to us, describing a beautiful girl at her bath. Astonished at his power, the emperor granted his petition to release king Sib Singh. Another legend is that the poot, fcoling his end approaching, determined to die on the banks of the holy Ganges. On the way he remembered that the stream was the child of the faithful, and summoned it to himself. The obcdient flood immediately divided itself into three streams, and spread its waves up to the very spot where Bidyāpati was sitting. Joyfully gazing on its sacred waters, he laid himself down and died. A Qiva linga sprang up where his funeral pyre had been, and it and the marks of the river are shown there to the present day. It is close to the town of Bāzit'pur, in the Darbhangā district. Such is the fitting legend of the passing away of the great old master-singer.

Bidyāpati's influence on the history of the literature of Eastern Hindūstān has been immense. He was a perfect master of the art of writing those religious love-sonnets which have since bocome in a much degraded form the substance of the Vaishnava bibles. Subsequent authors have never done anything but, *longo intervallo*, imitate him. But while the founder of the school never dealt with any subject without adorning it with some truly poetical conceit, his imitators have too often turned his quaintness into obscurity, and his passionate love-songs into the literature of the brothel.

18. **SATURA**, Umāpati. Fl. 1400 A.D. He was one of the great poets of Mithilä, and according to tradition he attended the court of king Sib Siggh and was a contemporary of Bidyāpati. See J. A. S. B., vol. liii, page 77. Cf. ZDMG, vol. xl, page 143, where Professor Aufrecht fixes the date of an Umāpati, whom Maithil tradition claims as being the same as the one mentioned, as in the first half of the eleventh century.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> It is hardly necessary to go int out that the real hero of this story (if it is to be believed) cannot have been *Ak'bar*, who lived in the latter half of the sixteenth century.

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allegorically with the relations of the soul to God under the form of the love which Rādhā bore to Krish'n. These were adopted and recited enthusiastically by the celebrated Hindu reformer Chaltanya, who flourished at the beginning of the sixteenth century (b. 1484 A.D.), and, through him, became the house-poetry of the Lower Provinces. Numbers of imitators sprung up, many of whom wrote in Bidyāpati's name, so that it is now difficult to separate the genuine from the imitations, especially as the former have been altered in the course of ages to suit the Bangālī idiom and metre. Bidyāpati was a contemporary of the Bangali poet Chandi Das, and of Umapati and Jai Deb, and was, we know, on terms of intimate friendship with the first. He was, we have seen, a famous poet in A.D. 1400, and a copy of the Bhāgavata Purāng in his handwriting, dated L.S. 349 (A.D. 1456), These are the only still exists, so that he lived to a good old age. two certain dates we have in his life. The following dates depend upon the dates mentioned in Ajodhyā Par'sād's Gulzār-Bihār as those of the accessions of the various kings. Ajodhyā Par'sād's dates are as follows :- King Deva Simha (Deb Singh) came to the throne A.D. 1385; Giva Simha (Sib Singh) 1446; two queens reigned 1449-1470; Nara Śimha Dēva (Nar Singh Dēb) 1470; Dhīra Simha (Dhir Singh) 1471.

Now the Puruşa Parikşa was according to its colophon written during the lifetime of Döb Singh, i.e. before 1446, and the Durgābhakti Tarangini was written during the reign of Nar Singh Döb, i.e. in the year 1470. We therefore can arrange the dates which we have of Bidyāpati Thākur's life as follows, giving those which depend upon Ajodhyā Par'sād in italics:—

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Granted the village of Bisapi, and theref	ore	
already a learned man		1400
Wrote Purușa Parikșa before	•••	1446
Wrote the numerous songs dedicated to	Sib	· .
Singh before	•••	1449
Copied the Bhāgavata Purāņa	•••	1456
Wrote Durgābhakti Taraŋgiņi	•••	1470

Assuming the above dates to be correct, he must have been at least ninety years old when he completed his last work. Rājā Sib Singh, Bidyāpati's great patron, was also named Rāp Nārāyan, which seems to have been a general title of many members of the family. He had several wives, of whom the poet has immortalised Lakhimā Thakurāin,

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Pran'bati, and Mod'bati. There is a tradition that the emperor Ak'bar summoned Sib Singh to Dilli for some offence, and that Bidyapati obtained his patron's release by an exhibition of clairvovance. The emperor locked him up in a wooden box and sent a number of courtezans of the town to bathe in the river. When all was over he released him and asked him to describe what had occurred, when Bidyapati immediately recited impromptu one of the most charming of his sonnets which has come down to us, describing a beautiful girl at her bath. Astonished at his power, the emperor granted his petition to release king Sib Singh. Another legend is that the poet, feeling his end approaching, determined to die on the banks of the holy Ganges. On the way he remembered that the stream was the child of the faithful, and summoned it to himself. The obedient flood immediately divided itself into three streams, and spread its waves up to the very spot where Bidyāpati was sitting. Joyfully gazing on its sacred waters, he laid himself down and died. A Qiva linga sprang up where his funeral pyre had been, and it and the marks of the river are shown there to the present day. It is close to the town of Bazit'pur, in the Darbhanga district. Such is the fitting legend of the passing away of the great old master-singer.

Bidyāpati's influence on the history of the literature of Eastern Hindūstān has been immense. He was a perfect master of the art of writing those religious love-sonnets which have since become in a much degraded form the substance of the Vaishnava bibles. Subsequent authors have never done anything but, *longo intervallo*, imitate him. But while the founder of the school never dealt with any subject without adorning it with some truly poetical conceit, his imitators have too often turned his quaintness into obscurity, and his passionate love-songs into the literature of the brothel.

18. SHTUM, Umāpati. Fl. 1400 A.D. He was one of the great poets of Mithilä, and according to tradition he attended the court of king Sib Siggh and was a contemporary of Bidyāpati. See J. A. S. B., vol. liii, page 77. Cf. ZDMG, vol. xl, page 143, whore Professor Aufrecht fixes the date of an Umāpati, whom Maithil tradition claims as being the same as the one mentioned, as in the first half of the eleventh century.

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19. जेंदेब, Jadeb. Fl. 1400 A.D.

A Maithil poet, said to be distinct from Jayadeva, author of the Gita Govinda. He attended the court of Sib Singh, of Sugāonā, and was a contemporary of Bidyāpati. See J. A. S. B., vol. liii, page 88.

## 20. मोरा वाई, Mira Bai, the Mar'wari. Fl. 1420 A.D.

Rag. Leaving Bidyāpati and his successors, we may now turn to the extreme west of Hindustan, where, in Mewar, Mira Bai, the one great poetess of Northern India, was pouring forth her passionate hymns to Krish'n Ran'chhor. This remarkable woman, who flourished in the year 1420 A.D., was the daughter of Raja Ratiya Rana,' the Rathaur. of Mer'ta, and was married in Sambat 1470 (A.D. 1413) to Rajā Kumbh'karan (No. 21), son of Mökal Dēb, of Chitaur.<sup>3</sup> Her husband was killed in Sambat 1534 (A.D. 1469) by his son Udā Rānā. Her great work is the Rāg Göbind, and she also wrote a much-admired commentary on the GItā Gövinda of Jayadēva. She was devoted to that form of the god Krish'n known as Ran'chhor, and the tradition is that she worshipped his image with such fervour that it came to life, and the god, descending from his shrine, embraced her, crying "Welcome Mira." On hearing these words, overcome with rapture, she died in his arms. According to Wilson<sup>3</sup> she was much persecuted by her husband's family on account of her religious principles. She became the patroness of vagrant Vashnavas, and visited in pilgrimage Brindābān and Dwārikā. Previous to leaving the latter place she visited the temple of her tutelary deity to take leave of him, when on the completion of her adoration the image opened, and Mīrā leaping into the fissure it closed and she finally disappeared. Some idea of the popularity of her writings may be gained from the fact that I have collected from the mouths of the people of Mithilā songs purporting to be by her.4

21. जुन्मा-वार्च, Kumbh'karan, king of Chitaur (Mewar), husband of Mirā Bāi. Fl. 1419 A.D.

<sup>1</sup> According to Tod, ii, 23 (Calc. ed. ii, 24) her father's name was Dūdoh (?).

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<sup>3</sup> Religious Sects of the Hindus, p. 137.

4 Cf. Tod, i, 289 ; ii, 760 ; Calc. ed. i, 309 ; ii, 818.

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31. मलिक सुइम्सद जायसो, Malik Muhammad, of Jayas, in Audh. Fl. 1540 A.D.

He flourished under Shër Shäh in the year 1540 A.D. He was the author of the Padmāwat (Rāg.), which is, I believe, the first poem and almost the only one written in a Gaudian vernacular on an original subject. I do not know a work more deserving of hard study than the Padmāwat. It certainly requires it, for scarcely a line is intolligible to the ordinary scholar, it being couched in the veriest language of the people. But it is well worth any amount of trouble, both for its originality and for its poetical beauty.

Malik Muhammad was a Musalmān faqir of great sanctity. The rājā of Amēțhi, who believed that he owed a son and his general prosperity to the saint, was one of his principal devotees. When the poet died he was buried at the gate of the rājā's fort at Amēțhi, where his tomb is still worshipped. He tells us himself, in the introduction to his poem, that he was a disciple of Sayyad Ashraf Jahān'gir and of Shekh Bur'hān,<sup>1</sup> and that he subsequently studied under Hindū pandits. He is said not to have been a man of great learning, but was famed for his wisdom, and for the fact that he wrote for the people in the people's tongue. According to the text of the Banāras edition of the Padmāwat, which is very incorrect,<sup>2</sup> the poet commenced to write it in A.H. 927 (A.D. 1520); but this is probably a misrcading, for he says in the preface that Shēr Shāh of the Sūr dynasty, who

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The Raj'pūt, unwilling to be outdone in confidence, accompanied the king to the foot of the fortress. Here Alā had an ambush waiting. Bhīm'sī was made prisoner, and his liberty made to depend on the surrender of Padmini. She being informed of this, agreed to give herself up as a ransom for her husband; and having provided whorewithal to secure her from dishonour, she designed, with two chiefs of her own kin of Ceylon-her uncle Görä and her nephew Bādal-a plan for the liberation of the prince without hazarding her life and fame. She was accompanied into Alā's camp by a procession of litters, borne by, and filled with, armed men disguised as females and handmaids, some of whom returned, taking Padmini and Bhim'si with thom in disguise; the rest remained in the enemy's camp till the ruse was discovered, when they covered the retreat of their master and were cut down to a man in doing so. Bhīm'sī and Padminī escaped into Chitaur, and after an unsuccessful attempt at storming the citadel (in which Görā was killed) Alāu'd-dīn raised the siege. He returned again to the siege in 1290 (Firishta says thirteen years later), and one by one eleven out of twelve sons of Bhim'si were slain. Then, having made arrangements for the escape of Ajāisi, his second son, to continue the family line, the Rānā himself, calling around him his devoted clans, for whom life had no longer any charms, threw open the portals and carried death into, and met it in the crowded ranks of Ala. 'But another awful sacrifice preceded this act of self-devotion, in that horrible rite the Jauhar. where the females are immolated to preserve them from pollution or captivity. The funeral pyre was lighted within the great subterranean retreat, in chambers impervious to the light of day, and the defenders of Chitaur beheld in procession its queens, their own wives and daughters, to the number of several thousands. The fair Padminī closed the throng, which was augmented by whatever of female beauty or youth could be tainted by Tatar lust. They were conveyed to the cavern, and the opening closed upon them, leaving them to find security from dishonour in the devouring element.' The Tatar conqueror took possession of an inanimate capital, strewed with the bodies of its brave defenders, the smoke yet issuing from the recesses where lay consumed the once fair object of his desire.

Malik Muhammad has changed the name of the hero from Bhim'si to Ratan, the name of the king of  $M\bar{e}w\bar{a}r$  who ruled at Chitaur at about the time that the poem was written (Tod, i, 309; Calc. ed. i, 328).<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> It is worthy of note that the second sack of Chitaur, that by Bahadur of Guj'rät, took place in 1533 (Tod, i, 311; Calo. ed. 331).

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He has also borrowed part of his story from that of another Padmāwat, the Padmāvatī of Udayana and the Ratnāvali. He makes his hero turn a mendicant devotee in order to gain his beloved, and the scene of the burning together of the two queens, though suggested by the terrible real tragedy, seems also to bear marks of the somewhat similar situation in the Ratnāvali.

From the date of the Padmawat the literature of Hindustan became, so to speak, crystallised into two grooves. This was due to the Vaishnava reformation of Rāmānand and Ballabhāchār'j. The first of these, who has been already mentioned, founded the modern worship of Vișnu in his incarnation of Rām (Rāma), and the other the worship of the same god in his incarnation of Krish'n (Krisna). From this date all the great poetical works of the country were devoted to either one or other of these two incarnations, and Malik Muhammad's work stands out as a conspicuous, and almost solitary, example of what the Hindu mind can do when freed from the trammels of literary and religious custom. It is true that there are examples of didactic, grammatical, and medical works in the long roll of authors which follows; but the fact remains that from the middle of the sixteenth century to the present day all that was great and good in Hindustani<sup>1</sup> literature was bound by a chain of custom or of impulse, or of both, to the ever-recurring themes of Ram and Krish'n. Rāmānand has already been dealt with, and his only conspicuous follower was Tul'sī Dās, concerning whom I shall hereafter deal at length. Before considering Ballabhāchār'j and the great school of Braj authors founded by him, it will be convenient to clear the way by enumerating two minor writers.

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32. दोच्च कवि, the poet Dilh (?). B. 1548 A.D. No particulars.

33. नरोत्तम दास, Narottam Das,

the Brahman of Barl, district Sltapur. B. 1553 A.D.

Rāg. The author of the Sudāmā Charitr' (Rāg.).

<sup>1</sup> I use this word here, as elsewhere, as the adjective corresponding to the substantive Hindüstän, and not as meaning the so-called Hindüstänï language.

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34. बसमाचार्•ज, Ballabhāchār'j, of Gökul, in Braj. B. 1478 A.D.

Although Ballabhāchār'j was more of a religious reformer Rāg. than a literary character, I shall deal with him at greater length than I have done with Rāmānand, both because of his greater importance. and because I am able to give some particulars concerning him which have not hitherto been made available to European scholars. Ballabhāchār'i (Vallabhāchārya) was the celebrated founder of the Rādhāballabhi sect.<sup>1</sup> According to Harishchandr'.<sup>2</sup> his father's name was Lachhman Bhatt (a Tailinga Brāhman of Madras) and his mother's name was Illamgārū. His father had three sons-Rām Krish'n. Ballabhāchār'j, and Rām Chandr'. Both his brothers were Vaishnava authors of repute. Lachhman Bhatt lived at Ajodhyā, and was paying a visit to Banāras when on the way, near the village of Chāurā, in the vicinity of Betiyā, in the district of Champāran, in Bihār, on Sunday, the 11th of the dark half of Baisakh, Sambat 1535 (A.D. 1478), Ballabhachar'j was born.<sup>3</sup> At Banāras he commenced studying under the celebrated Mādhi'wāchār'j (Rāg.) at the age of five years, and romained there till the death of his father, after which he led a wandering life and visited the court of Krish'n Deb, king of Bijānagar, apparently the same as Krish'n Rāyalū, who reigned about the year 1520 A.D. Here he overcame the Smarta Brahmans in controversy (see Wilson, Religious Sects of the Hindus, p. 120). According to Harischandr', however, this took place before Sambat 1548 (A.D. 1491), when he was only thirteen years of age. In this year he made a tour to Braj, where he studied the Bhagavata Purana, and subsequently returned to Banaras. preaching Vaishnava doctrines as he went along. From Banāras he went to Gayā, Jagannāth, and the Deckan, spreading his doctrines

<sup>2</sup> Prasiddh Māhātmāö kā Jīban Charitr', ii, 28.

<sup>3</sup> See the third khand of the Ballabh Digbijāl, सम्मत १५३५ वासे १८८० बैसाख नाव कृष्य पद्य दविवार सध्यान. See also a hymn by Dwarlkës quoted by Harishohandr', l.c.

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everywhere. He finished his first tour (technically called his Digbijā, or conquest of the world) in Sambat 1554 (A.D. 1497) at the age of ninetcen.<sup>1</sup> He then made Braj his head-quarters and established an image of Shr1 Nāth at Göbardhan. From this as his head-quarters he made his second missionary tour throughout India. He died in Banāras in Sambat 1587 (A.D. 1530) at the age of fifty-two years, leaving two sons—Göpl Nāth and Biţthal Nāth. He was a voluminous author. His most admired works are a commentary on the Bhāgawata Purāņa entitled Subödhan1,<sup>2</sup> the Anubhāşya, and the Jāminīya Sūtra Bhāşya. The two latter are in Sanskrit. Harishchandr' (l.c.) gives a complete list of his works. The authorship of a vornacular work of considerable authority, the Bishnu Pad, or stanzas in honour of Viṣṇu, is also attributed to him. Many verses by him are included in the anthology entitled Rāg-Sāgarōdbhab of Krishnānand Byās Dēb. For further particulars see No. 35.

35. बिहल नाथ गोसाँदें, the holy master Bitthal Nath, of Braj. FL 1550 A.D.

Rāg. Ballabhāchār'j was succeeded as leader of the Rādhāballabhī sect by his son Biţţhal Nāth, of Braj (Fl. 1550). Biţţhal Nāth had seven sons, all of whom became Gosāts, or leaders of the sect. The descendants of two of these  $(Gir'dhar \text{ and } Jadunāth)^3$  still exist in Gökul.<sup>4</sup> Many of his verses are included in the Rāg-Sāgarōdbhab, and he is possibly the same as a Biţţhal Kabi mentioned in the Sib Siygh Sarōj as an erotic poet.

Ballabhāchār'j had four famous pupils, viz. Krish'n Dās Pay Ahārī (No. 36), Sar Dās (No. 37), Par'mānand Dās (No. 38), Kumbhan Dās (No. 39); and Biṭṭhai Nāth had also four pupils, named Chatur'bhuj Dās (No. 40), Chhīt Swāmī (No. 41), Nand Dās (No. 42), Göbind Dās (No. 43). The first four may be considered as flourishing in the year 1550, and the second four as flourishing about 1567 A.D. These eight all lived in Braj and wrote in Braj Bhākhā, and are named the Ashṭa Chhāp, or eight acknowledged masters of the literature of that dialect. Wilson and others speak of a work entitled the Ashṭa Chhāp, giving the lives of these poets; and I once believed in the existence of such

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This is the date quoted by Harishchandr'.

<sup>\*</sup> According to Wilson, Subodhini.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Harishchandr' (l.c.), ii, 36.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> For further information cf. Wilson, Religious Sects of the Hindus, i, 125, where he is wrongly called Vitala Nath.

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a work myself, but I now know that by the term Ashta Chhop is simply meant this list, which, so far as I can make out, was first given and so named in some verses of Sūr Dās (translated in No. 37) and next noted by me in a work entitled the Tul'sI Sabdār'th Prakās, by Gōpal Singh, of Braj, whose date I have been unable to give.

I now proceed to mention these eight authors in detail.

36. जियान दास पय अज्ञारी, Krish'n Das, surnamed Pay Ahārī, or 'he whose food was milk,' of Göhul, in Braj. Fl. 1550 A.D.

Rag. He was a disciple of Ballabhāchār'j and a member of the Ashta Chhāp, -- see No. 35. He was a graceful and sweet poet, many of whose verses will be found in the Rag Sagarodbhab. There is a legend that Sar Dās in his poetry had exhausted all that could possibly be said concerning the god Krish'n, and that hence, when Krish'n Das wrote anything, it was always found to be identical with something that Sur Das had already written. One day the latter challenged him to produce a single stanza which did not comply with this disagreeable necessity, and he failed to do so. He then promised to bring an original verse next day, and going away spent the whole night in vain endeavouring to concoct one. In the morning he found a verse mysteriously written upon his pillow, which he took to Sūr Dās, who at once identified it as one which had been written by their master. Ballabhāchār'j. In spite of this legend, which seems to point to a rivalry between the two poets, Krish'n Dās is always graceful and as original as his subject will admit. His best known work is the His most famous disciples were Agr' Dās (No. 44), Prēm-ras-ras. Kēwal Rām (No. 45), Gadā Dhar (No. 46), Dēbā (No. 47), Kalyān (No. 48), Hati Nārāyan (No. 49), and Padum Nāth (No. 50). Agr Dās had Nābhā Dās (No. 51), the author of the Bhakt Mālā, of whom more anon, for his disciple.

37. **Q**(**QIR**), Sar Dās, the Bhāt, of Braj. Fl. 1550 A.D. Nir., Rāg. Sūr Dās deserves a more extended notice. He was, with his father Bābā Rām Dās (No. 112), a singer at the court of the emperor Ak'bar (see Ain-i-Akbari, Blochmann's translation, p. 612). He and Iul'si Dās are the two great stars in the firmament of Indian vernacular poetry. Tul'sī was devoted to Rām (ēkānt Rām-sēbak), while Sūr Dās was devoted to Krish'n (ēkānt Krish'n-sēbak), and between them they are considered to have exhausted all the possibilities of poetie art.

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According to a tradition preserved in the glosses of the Bhakt  $M\bar{a}/\bar{a}$  and to the Chāurāsi Bārtā, he was a Sāraswat Brāhman, and his father and mother were beggars who lived at Gau Ghāt or at Dillī. The fact that books of the authority of these two works countenance this theory is typical of the tendency of mediæval Indian authors to trust to tradition instead of to independent research. Subsequent writers, English and foreign, have followed the Bhakt Mālā, and have all been led wrong in consequence, for we have the very best authority, that of Sar Dās himself, that he was not a Sāraswat Brāhman, and that his father was not a beggar and did not live at Gau Ghāt.<sup>1</sup>

Sur Dās wrote a collection of emblematic verses (drisht  $k\bar{u}t$ ) with the accompanying necessary commentary,<sup>8</sup> and in the latter the author gives the following account of himself<sup>3</sup>:—

'The founder of my family was Brahm  $R\bar{a}\bar{o}$ ,<sup>4</sup> first of the Jagāt (or of the Prath Jagāt)<sup>5</sup> clan. In his famous family was born the handsome famous Chand.<sup>6</sup> To him PrithwI Rāj (Fl. 1190 A.D.) gave the country of Jwālā. He had four sons, of whom the eldest succeeded him as king (narēs). The second was Gun Chandr', whose son was SII Chandr', whose son was BIr Chandr'. This last used to sport with HammIr,<sup>7</sup> king of Ran'thambhör. In his family was born Hari Chandr', who dwelt at Āg'rā. Hari Chandr's heroic<sup>8</sup> son dwelt in Göp'chal and had seven sons, viz. (1) Krish'n Chand, (2) Udār Chand, (3) Jurup Chand (or possibly Rap Chand), (4) Buddhi Chand, (5) Dēb Chand, (6) (?) Sansrit Chand, and (7) myself Saraj Chand. My six brothers were

<sup>1</sup> It must not be forgotten that *Priya Das*, the author of the gloss to the *Bhakt Maia*, collected the traditions more than a century after *Sur Das's* death.

<sup>2</sup> The work has been printed at the Light Press, Banāras.

<sup>3</sup> The late lamented Harishchandr', of Banāras, the greatest, I had almost said the only, critic of Hindūstān, was the first to draw attention to this in his magazine the Harishchandra Chandrikā, vol. vi, No. 5, pp. 1-6. The article has been subsequently reprinted in the collection known as Prasiddh Mahātmað kā Jiban Charitr'. (Bankipur. Sāhib Prasād Singh. Khadg Bilās Press. 1885.)

<sup>4</sup> Tho title Rūō renders it probable that he was either a rājā (of royal stock) or a Bhāt or pancgyrist.

• This clan is not mentioned in the list of clans of Sāraswat Brāhmans drawn up by Pandit Rādhēs Misar. Jagāt or jagatiyā means a panegyrist.

• Or perhaps Bhao Chand, if we take  $bha\overline{u}$  (=  $hu\overline{a}$ , 'was') as a contraction of  $bh\overline{a}\overline{o}$ .

<sup>7</sup> Tho famous king of *Ran'thambhör*, who was attacked by *Alāu'd-dln Khiljl*, and for whom 1,000 wives became *sati*. The date of his death was about 1300 <u>A.D.</u>

• His son's name was probably Ram Chandr', which he subsequently changed, according to Vaishnava custom, to Ram Das. But a possible translation of the passage gives his name as Bir (Chandr').

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killed in battle with the Musalmans; I alone, Sural Chand, blind' and worthless, remained alive. I was fallen into a well,<sup>3</sup> and though I called for help, no one saved me. On the seventh day Jadupati (Krish'n) came and pulled me out' and, making himself visible to me (or giving me my eyesight), said "Son, ask what thou desirest as a boon." I said, "Lord, I ask for the boon of perfect devotion, for the destruction of the enemy," and that now that I have seen the form of my God, mine eyes may never see aught else." As the Ocean of Compassion heard me, he said. "So let it be. Thine enemy will be destroyed by a mighty Brahman of the Deckan." Then named he me Sūraj Dās, Sūr, and Sūr Syām, and disappeared, and thereafter all was darkness to me." I then went to live in Brai, where the holy master (Bitthal Nath) entered my name in the Ashta Chhāp." We thus get the following genealogy :---

> Brahm Rāo, the Jagāt. Chandr'. (FL 1190 A.D.) Second son, 'Gun Chandr'. Sil Chandr'.

BIr Chandr'. (FL 1300 A.D.)

Harl Chandr' (of Ag'rā).

Descendants unknown.

Ram Chandr' (of Gop-chal).

Saraj Chand (Fl. 1550) and six others.

It is evident that he was not of a Brähman, but of a royal stock. According to tradition he was born about Sambat 1540 (1483 A.D.).

<sup>1</sup> Either literally or figuratively. Owing to the undoubted fact of his blindness, every blind singing mendicant is nowadays called a Sar Das. <sup>2</sup> This may by taken literally, *i.e.* fallen into a dry well (andhā kāā), or

figuratively that he was a sinner.

<sup>3</sup> Or, taken figuratively, after seven days of internal conflict I became converted and obtained salvation.

4 I.e. of his evil passions, or perhaps of the Musalmans.

I.e. Ballabhāchār'j.

I.e. he became literally blind,-the fulfilment of his third request, dueses nd děkhô rūpa, děkhi Radhā-Syāma. The line may also be translated, 'he disappeared in the last watch of the night.'

7 The list of the eight great poets of Braj. See No. 35.

\* He calls Chand'r's eldest son nares.

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and was instructed by his father at Ag'rā in singing, in Persian, and the vernacular. On his father's death he took to writing hymns (bhajans), and gained many disciples. At this time he signed his verses Sar Swāmi, and under that title wrote a poem dealing with the story of Nala and Damayant1.1 He was then in the prime of his youth, and is said to have lived at Gua Ghāt, a village nine kos from Ag'rā on the road to Mathurā. About this time he himself became a disciple of Ballabhāchār'i, and signed his poems with the name of Sur Das, Sur, Suraj Das, or, as before, Sur Syam." At this time he translated the Bhāgavata Purāna into verse in the vernacular. and he also collected his hymns into the compilation entitled the Sur Sagar (Rag.).<sup>s</sup> In his old age his fame reached the cars of the emporor Ak'bar, who summoned him to his court. He died in Gokul about Sambat 1620 (1563 A.D.). The above tradition is certainly wrong so far as regards dates and as regards Sur Dās's father, for the AIn-i-Akbari, which was completed in 1596-97 A.D., mentions both Sur Das and Baba Ram Das as (apparently) then alive. Abu'l Fazl says that Rām Dās came from Gwāliyar, but Badāoni (ii, 42) says he came from Lakh'naQ.

Another legend current throughout India concerning Sūr Dās may be mentioned. Subsequently to his becoming blind, during the absence of his amanuensis, Krish'n came himself and wrote down for him the words which welled forth from the unsuspecting poet's mouth. At length Sūr Dās perceived that the writer was outstripping his tongue, and was writing down his thoughts before he had uttered them. Recognising the *Antarajāmi* God by this, Sūr Dās seized him by the hand, but Krish'n thrust him away and disappeared. Sūr Dās then uttered a poem still extant, and in my opinion by far his highest flight, the leading idea of which is that though a mortal might thrust him away, no one but God could tear himself from the poet's heart.<sup>4</sup>

Regarding Sūr Dās's place in literature, I can only add that he justly holds a high one. He exactled in all styles. He could, if occasion required, be more obscure than the Sphynx and in the next verse be as

<sup>4</sup> Kara chha{akāi jātu kāu, durabala jūni möhi Hiradaya sē jāu jākugē, marada bakhānö töhi. Thou thrustest away my hand and dopartest, knowing that I am weak

(and pretending that thou art but a man), But not till thou depart from my heart will I confess thee to be a mortal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No copies of this are known to exist.

<sup>\*</sup> Also possibly Sant Das. (See No. 235.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Said to contain 60,000 verses.

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clear as a ray of light. Other poets may have equalled him in some particular quality, but he combined the best qualities of all.<sup>1</sup> Natives of India give him the very highest niche of fame, but I believe the European reader will prefer the nobility of character of all that Tul'sI Dās wrote to the often too cloying sweetness of the blind bard of  $\bar{A}g'r\bar{a}$ .

38. परन्मानन्द दास, Par'manand Das, of Braj. FL 1550 A.D.

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## 39. ज़ुम्भन दास, Kumbhan Das, of Braj. Fl. 1550 A.D.

Rāg. These two were pupils of Ballabhāchār'j (No. 34), and are included in the Ashța Chhāp.

## 40. चतुर-सुज दास, Chatur'bhuj Das. Fl. 1567.

Rāg. He is included in the Ashta Chhāp as a pupil of Bitthal Nāth, of Göhul (No. 35). He is probably the same as another Chatur'bhuj mentioned by Sib Singh. Garcin de Tassy (i, 142), quoting the preface to the Prēm Sāgar, mentions a Chatur'bhuj Misar, author of a Braj translation of the 10th book of the Bhāgavata Purāņa in dohās and chāupāis.

# 41. छोत खामो, Chhit Swami. Fl. 1567 A.D.

Rāg. He is included in the Ashța Chhāp as a pupil of Bitthal Nāth (No. 35). He is possibly the same as a Chhit Kabi included in Haj., whom Sib Singh dates as 1648 A.D.

42. नन्द ट्रास, Nand Das the Brahman, of Rām'pur. FL 1567.

Rag. He was a pupil of Bitthal Nāth (No. 35), and his name is included in the Ashta Chhāp. A proverb about him is चौर स्व गडिया, नच दास जड़िया,—All others are simply founders (or melters),

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As an anonymous poet of Ak'bar's court says, "Gapg excels in sonnets and Birbal in the Kabitta metro. Kesab's meaning is ever prefound, but Sar possesses the excellences of all three."

but Nand Dās is the artificer (who joins the pieces of cast metal into a composite whole). His principal works are (1) Nām Mālā, (2) Anēkārth, (3) Pañchādhyāyī (Rāg.) (printed. It is a poem in imitation of the Gita Göuinda, see Garcin de Tassy, i, 387), (4) Rukmīnī Maggal (Rāg), (5) Dasam Skandh, (6) Dān Lilā, (7) Mān Lilā. He is also the author of numerous detached verses.

43. गोविन्द दास, Göbind Dās, of Braj. Fl. 1567 A.D. Rāg. He was a disciple of Bitthal Nāth (No. 35) and a member of the Ashta Chhāp.

44. श्रग्र• दास, Agr' Das, of Gal'tā, in Amër (Jāipur). Fl. 1575 A.D.

Rāg. He was a disciple of Krish'n Dās Pay Ahārī (No. 36), who together with Sūr Dās was a disciple of Ballabhāchār'j. He himself was preceptor of Nābhā Dās (No. 51), the celebrated author of the Bhakt Mālā. Many of his songs are included in Rāg. He is possibly the same as another poet mentioned by Sib Singh as being born in 1569 A.D., and the author of Kundaliya, Chhappān, and Döhā verses on morals.

45. क्वेवल राम कवि, the poet Kewal Rām, of Braj. FL 1575 A.D.

Rāg. Mentioned in the Bhakt Mālā. A disciple of Krish'n Dās Pay Ahārī (No. 36).

# 46. गदा धर दास, Gadā Dhar Dās. FL 1575 A.D.

He was a pupil of Krish'n Dās Pay Ahārī (No. 36). He is probably the same as a Gadādhar mentioned by Sib Singh as a quietistic ( ) poet.

47. देवा कवि, the poet Debā of Udāipur (Mēwār). Fl. 1575 A.D.

48. काल्यान दास, Kalyān Dās, of Braj. Fl. 1575 A.D. Rig.

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49. इटी नारायन, Hatl Nārāyan, of Braj. Fl. 1575 A.D.

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50. पदुम नाम, Padum Nabh, of Braj. Fl. 1575 A.D.

Rag. These four were all disciples of Krish'n Das Pay Ahari (No. 36).

51. नामा ट्रास कावि, the poet Nābhā Dās alias Nārāyan Dās, of the Deccan. Fl. 1600 A.D.

We shall now anticipate the course of time a little in order to complete the history of this famous group of Braj poets. Krish'n Das Pay Ahārī (No. 36) had a pupil, Agr' Dās (No. 44), of Gal'tā, who in turn was preceptor of Nābhā Dās alias Nārāyan Dās, of the Deckan. who flourished about 1600 A.D. and was a Dom by caste. According to tradition he was born blind, and when but five years old was exposed by his parents, during a time of scarcity, to perish in the woods. In this situation he was found by Agr' Dās and another Vaishnava named Kil. They had compassion upon his helplessness, and Kil sprinkled his eves with the water of his kamandal, or water-pot, and the child saw. They carried Nabha to their Math, where he was brought up and received the initiatory mantra from Agr' Das. When arrived at maturity, under the direction of Agr' Dās he wrote the Bhakt Mālā (Rāg.) or "Legends of the Saints," consisting of 108 verses in Chhappan metre." It is one of the most difficult works in the Braj dialect, and, as we have it now. was avowedly edited, and perhaps rewritten, by a disciple (?) of Nābhā Dās entitled Nārāyan Dās who lived in the roign of Shāh Jahān (1628-1658). Mr. Growse, to whom I am indebted for this last piece of information, adds :- 'A single stanza is all that is ordinarily devoted to each personage, who is panegyrised with reference to his most salient characteristics in a style that might be described as of unparalleled obscurity were it not that each separate portion of the text is followed by a gloss written by one Priyā Dās (No. 319) in the Sambat year 1769 (1712 A.D.), in which confusion is still worse confounded by a series of most disjointed and inexplicit allusions to different legendary events in the saint's life.' Priyā Dās's gloss is in the Kabitta metre. He was followed by Lal JI (No. 322), a Kayasth of Kadhala, who in Hij'ri 1158 (A.D. 1751) wrote a further commentary, entitled Bhakt Urbasi. In the year 1854 Tul'si Rām

<sup>3</sup> The above is mainly taken from Wilson, Religious Sects of the Hindus, i, 60. Cf. Garcin de Tassy, i, 378.

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Agar'wālā (No. 640), of Mīrāpur, translated the Bhakt Mālā into Ūrdū, calling his translation the Bhakt Māl Pradīpan.

The name  $N\bar{a}r\bar{a}yan D\bar{a}s$ , which Mr. Growse attributes to a disciple of  $N\bar{a}bh\bar{a} D\bar{a}s$ , was, according to Native writers, really the actual name of N $\bar{a}bh\bar{a} D\bar{a}s$ , the latter being his nom de guerre. N $\bar{a}bh\bar{a} D\bar{a}s$  is possibly the same as a  $N\bar{a}r\bar{a}yan D\bar{a}s$  Kabi mentioned in the Sib Siygh Sarôj as born in 1558 A.D. and author of a translation of the Hitôpādēça and  $R\bar{a}janiti$  into the vernacular, and as another  $N\bar{a}r\bar{a}yan$  $D\bar{a}s$ , a Vaishnava author of an undated prosody describing 52 metres, entitled Chhand Sār.

52. कान्हर दास कवि, the poet Känhär Das, of Braj. FL 1600 A.D.

Rāg. He was son of Biţţhal Dās Chāubē, of Mathurā. At a meeting held at his house Nābhā Dās (No. 51) received the title of Gosāi.

53. सी भट्ट काबि, the poet Sri Bhatt. B. 1544 A.D.

Rag. He is said to have excelled in describing the actions of a lover and his beloved. Possibly the same as Kesab Bhatt (see Wilson, Religious Sects of the Hindus, i, 151), one of the pupils of NIMāditya.

54. व्यास खामी, Byās Swāmī alias Hari Rām Suk'l, of Ur'chhā, in Bundēl'khand. Fl. 1555 A.D.

Rāg. Ho was a Gāur Brāhman of Dēb'band, and joined the Rādhāballabhī sect. In the year 1555 A.D., when he was forty-five years of age, he sottled in Brindāban and founded a new Vaishnava religion, entitled the Haribyāsī sect. According to Wilson (Religious Sects of the Hindûs, p. 151), he and Kēsab Bhatt were pupils of Nimāditya (Rāg.), the founder of the Nimāwat sect.

## 55. परसु राम Parasi Rām, of Braj. B. 1603 A.D.

Rāg., Dig. Ho was a follower of Srl (Kēsab) Bhatt and Haribyās (see Wilson, Religious Sects of the Hindūs, p. 151). It is not certain that the poets quoted in Rāg and Dig. are the same person.

56. चित इरिवन्स खामी गोसईई, the very holy master Hit Haribans. Fl. 1560 A.D.

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Räg. His father was Byās Swāmi alias Harl Rām Suh'l (No. 54). He is a much esteemed author. In Sanskrit he wrote the Rādhā Sudhānldhi, and in the vernacular the Hit Chāurāsi Dhām. Amongst his pupils was the poet Nar Bāhan (No. 57). See Wilson, Religious Sects of the Hindūs, p. 177, and Growse, J. A. S. B., vol. xlvii (1878), p. 97, where specimens of both his works are given and translated.

57. नर बाइन जो काबि, the poet Nar Bāhan J, ef Bhaugāw. Fl. 1560 A.D.

He was a disciple of Hit Haribans (No. 56). He is mentioned in the Bhakt Mālā.

# 58. ध्रुव दास, Dhrub Das. FL 1560 A.D.

Rāg. A pupil of *Hit Haribans* (No. 56), and a voluminous writer. A complete list of his works is given by Mr. Growse in J. A. S. B., vol. xlvii (1878), p. 113.

59. इरिट्रास खामी, the master Hari Das, of Brindaban, in Braj. Fl. 1560 A.D.

Rāg. His Sanskrit works are considered equally good with those of Jayādēva, and his vernacular poems rank next after those of Sar Dās and Tul'sī Dās. His best known works are the Sādhāran Siddhānt and the Ras kē pad. He had many celebrated pupils, amongst whom may be mentioned Tān Sēn (No. 60), Bipul Bitthal (No. 62) (his uncle), and Bhag'wat Ramit (No. 61). He is said by Wilson to have been a pupil of Chātanya, who disappeared about A.D. 1527 (Religious Sects of the Hindūs, p. 159). This, however, is doubtful. See Growse, J. A. S. B., vol. xlv (1876), p. 317, where the matter is discussed at length, and where (p. 318) the text of the Sādhāran Siddhānt is given and translated.

60. तान सेन कवि, the poet Tan Sen, of Gwaliyar. Fl. 1560. Rāg. He was son of Mak'rand Pärë, a Gāur Brahman. He was a disciple of Hari Dās (No. 59), from whom he learned the art of poetry. He then repaired to Shēkh Muhammad Ghāuş, of Gwāliyar, a famous teacher of singing. The legend is that Muhammad Ghāuş

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simply touched Tan Sen's tongue with his own, and thenceforth Tan Sen became the most famous singer of his age.

He became enamoured of  $D\bar{a}ulat \ Kh\bar{a}n$ , son of the famous  $Sh\bar{e}r$   $Kh\bar{a}n$ , and wrote many poems in his honour. When  $D\bar{a}ulat \ Kh\bar{a}n$ died he went to the court of  $R\bar{a}m$  Chand Siggh, the Baghēlā king of  $B\bar{a}ndh\bar{o}$  ( $Riw\bar{a}$ ). From thence he was summoned (A.D. 1563) by the emperor Ak'bar, where he became one of the court singers and a close friend of  $Sar D\bar{a}s$  (see  $A\bar{i}n-i-Akbar\bar{i}$ , Blochmann's translation, pp. 403, 612). The first time that  $T\bar{u}n$  S $\bar{c}n$  performed at court the emperor is said to have made him a present of two *lakhs* of rupees. Most of his compositions are written in Ak'bar's name, and his melodies are even nowadays everywhere repeated by the people of Hind $\bar{u}st\bar{a}n$ . His most famous work on music is the Sangit S $\bar{a}r$  (R $\bar{a}g$ .).

61. भग•वत रमित, Bhag'wat Ramit, of Brindaban, in Braj. Fl 1560 A.D.

He was son of *Mādhab Dās* (No. 26) and pupil of *Hari Dās* (No. 59). He is the author of some admired *Kundaliyās*.

62. बिपुल बिहुल, Bipul Bitthal, of Gökul, in Braj. Fl. 1560 A.D.

Rāg. He was uncle and pupil of *Harl Dās* (No. 59). He attended the court of the rājā of *Madhuban*, and many of his verses are included in Rāg.

63. कोसन ट्रास, Kēsab Dās, of Kāshmīr. Fl. 1541 A.D. Rāg. After acquiring a great reputation he came to Braj, and was conquered in discussion by Krish'n Chātanya.

64. ग्रमय राम कवि, the poet Abhay Rām, of Brindāban, in Braj. B. 1545 A.D. Haj., Rāg.

65. चतुर बिज्ञारी कवि, the poet Chatur Bihāri, of Braj. B. 1548 A.D.

Rāg. He is probably the same as two other poets, Chatur Kabl and Chatur Bihārī, mentioned by Sib Singh without dates.

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66. नारायन भेई, the master Nārāyan Bhatt, of Uch Gāw Bar'sānā, in Braj. B. 1563 A.D.

Rāg. He was a very holy man.

67. **EATELA**, Sayyad Ibrāhīm alias the poet Ras Khān, of Pihānī, district Har'doī. B. 1573 A.D.

Sun. He was originally a Musalmän, but turned a Vaishnava and dwelt in *Braj*. He is mentioned in the *Bhakt Mālā*. His poems are said to be full of sweetness. One of his pupils was *Qādir Bakhsh* (No. 89).

68. नाथ कवि, the poet Nath. B. 1584 A.D.

Rāg., ? Sun. He was son of *Göpāl Bhațţ*, and dwelt in *Braj*. Poems by him on the seasons and other subjects are included in Rāg.

69. विद्या ट्रास, Bidyā Dās, of Braj. B. 1593 A.D. Rag.

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70. केंचररी कवि, the poet Keh'ri. B. 1553 A.D.

He attended the court of king Ratan Sipph, and was a skilled poet. This was probably Raw Ratan, of Burhān'pur, district Nimār, who flourished A.D. 1579. (See Tod, ii, 485; Calc. ed. ii, 522.)

71. चास-करन दास, Ās'karan Das, the Kachh'wāhā Răj'pūt of Narwar Garh, in Gwāliyar. Fl. c. 1550 A.D.

Rāg. He was son of king Bhim Singh. See Tod, ii, 362; Calc. ed. ii, 390.

72. चेतन चन्द्रः कवि, the poet Chêtan Chandr'. B. 1559 A.D.

He wrote a treatise on veterinary surgery (untervia) entitled Ashwa Binod for king Kusal Siggh, of the Sägar family.

73. प्रिष्टी राज सबि, the poet and prince Prithwi Raj. Fl. 1567 A.D.

Haj., Rag. He was prince of Bikanër, and wrote both in Sanskrit and in the vernacular. He was son of Kalyan Siggh and brother of Raja Ray Siggh. See Tod's Rajasthas, i, 337 and fl.; ii, 186; Calc. ed. i, 363 and fl.; ii, 203.

74. परन्यत कवि, the poet Parbat. FL 1567 A.D.

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75. इत्रः कवि, the poet Chhattr. B. 1568 A.D.

The author of a work entitled the Bijan Muktaball, which is an abstract of the Mahabharata in verse. It is

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extremely condensed, being little more than a table of contents. He is possibly the same as a *Chhattr' Patl Kabl* mentioned by Sib Siggh.

76. जदय सिङ्ग, Mahārāj Uday Siggh, of Mār'war. Fl. 1584 A.D.

In his name an unknown bard wrote a work called *Khyat*, in which are detailed the histories of *Uday Singh*, of his grandson *Gaj Singh*, and of his great grandson *Jas'want Singh*. See Tod, ii, 4 (where Gaj is incorrectly called Uday's son), and ii, 30; Cale. ed. ii, 32.

77. जीवन कवि, the post Jiban. B. 1551 A.D.

Haj., Rāg.

78. मानिक घन्द कवि, the poet Manik Chand. B. 1551 A.D.

Rāg.

79. जधी राम कवि, the poet Odho Ram. B. 1553 A.D.

Haj., ? Rāg. Cf. No. 495.

80. नन्द खाख करि, the poet Nand Lal. B. 1554 A.D.

Haj.

81. गनेस जो निसर, Ganes JI Misar. B. 1558 A.D.

82. जखाख उद्दीन कवि, the poet Jalalu'd din. B. 1558 A.D.

Haj.

83. चोखी राम कवि, the poet Öll Ram. B. 1564 A.D. Hai. 84. दामोदर दास, Damodar Das, of Braj. B. 1565.

Rāg. Possibly the same as a Damodar Kabi mentioned by Sib Singh, without date.

85. जमाख उर्रोन, Jamölu'd din, of Pihöni, district Hardoi. B. 1568 A.D.

No particulars. He is possibly the same as a Jamal Kabl, whom Sib Singh gives as born in 1545 A.D., and as being skilled in emblematic verses ( $\pi z$ ).

86. नम्दन कवि, the poet Nandan. B. 1568 A.D.

Haj.

87. खेम कवि the poet Khēm, of Braj. B. 1573 A.D.

Rāg. He wrote on lovers.<sup>1</sup> He is possibly the same as a poet *Chhēm*, of the *Doāb*, mentioned by Sib Singh. Cf. Nos. 103 and 311.

88. सिब कबि, the poet Sib. B. 1574.

Haj., Sun.

89. बादिर बखस, Qadir Bakhsh, the Musalman, of Pihani, district Har'döl. B. 1578 A.D.

A skilled poet. He was a pupil of the elegant author Sayyad *Ibrāhim*, of Pihānī (No. 67).

90. चमन्रेस कबि, the poet Am'res. B. 1578 A.D.

Reputed as a very excellent poet, many of whose poems are in Haj.

<sup>1</sup> Whon it is said that a poet wrote on lovers, it is to be understood as a translation of a statement made by a Native authority that he wrote a Nāyak Bhēd or a Nāyikā [or Nāyakā (sic)] Bhēd. These are technical names for those works in which the various kinds of herces (nāyak) or hercines (nāyikā) are described and classified to an extreme, and often absurd, minuteness. A further development is the Nakh'sikh, which will be frequently met with further on, in which all the portions of the body and features of a possible hero or hercine, from the toe-nails (nākk) to the top-knot (sikk), are similarly classified.

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91. गिहाड, Nihal, the elder. B. 1578 A.D.

92. चन स्थास सुकल्स, Ghan Syam Suk'l, of As'nl, district Fatlh'pur. B. 1578 A.D.

Haj., Sun. He attended the court of the king of Bandhö (Riwä).

93. चन्द सखी, Chand Sakhi, of Braj. B. 1581 A.D.

REg. He is possibly the same as a Chand Kab! mentioned by Sib Singh and included in Haj., and as a Chand Kab! quoted in Sun.

94. सुवारक चाही, Sayyad Mubarak 'All, of Bil'gram, district Har'dol. B. 1583 A.D.

Sun. He is the well-known author of hundreds of short verses current in the mouths of the people.

95. नागर कवि, the poet Nagar. B. 1591 A.D. Haj. Possibly the same as a Nagari Das mentioned in the preface to Rag.

96. दिखन्दार चवि, the poet Dil'dar. B. 1593 A.D.

Haj.

97. दौबत कवि, the post Daulat. B. 1594 A.D.

98. जगन चरि, the poet Jagan. B. 1595 A.D.

An erotic writer.

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99. ताव्य कवि, the post Taj. B. 1895. Haj.

100. चाचन दास, Lalan Das s Brähman of Dal'mat, district Ray Barell. B. 1595.

Haj. A quietistic (মান্দি বেভা poet. 101. ৰাবেক কৰি, the poet Barak. B. 1598 A.D.

102. विसर नाय कवि, the poet Biswa Nath the elder. B. 1598.

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103. Ext an a, the poet and bard Chhem, of Qai'man, district Ray Barell. FL 1530.

He attended the court of the emperor Humāyūn (1530—1540). He is possibly the same as a poet Khēm of Bundēl'khaņd mentioned by Sib Singh. Cf. Nos. 87 and 311.

104. 37 ano at aicouts, the emperor Ak'bar. Reigned 1556 to 1605 A.D.

We may now glance at the brilliant court of the emperor Ak'bar(B. 1542) and the constellation of poets which shone there. Most of the foregoing authors, from *Malik Muhammad* (No. 31) downwards, were contemporaries of this king, who was so celebrated a patron of learning. It may be noted that the reign of the emperor Ak'bar nearly coincided with that of the English queen Elizabeth, and that the reigns of both these monarchs were signalised by an extraordinary outburst of literary vigour; nor, indeed, if *Tul'st Dās* and *Sar Dās* were compared with Shakespeare and Spenser would the Indian poets be found very far behind. In addition to the following poets, *Tān Sēn* (No. 60) and *Sar Dās* (No. 37) also attended his court. Particulars about them have been given in the previous chapter.

Ak'bar's claim as a Hindī author is founded only on a few detached verses, in which he signs himself as Akabbar  $R\bar{a}y$ . Possibly these were really written by Tān Sēn. (See No. 60.)

105. टोडर मल खत्नी, Raja Jodar Mal, the Khattri. B. 1523.

The celebrated minister of the emperor Ak'bar. He is wrongly called a Pañjābi, because the Ma'āsiru'l Umarā says he was born at Lahaūr. He was, however, really born at Lāhar'pur, in Audh. (See *Ain-i-Akbari*, Blochmann's translation, p. 620.)

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He translated the Bhagavata Purana into Persian. His best , known vernacular verses are on morals (नोति). He died in Hij'ri 998 (1589 A.D.). For his life see Ain-i-Akbari, p. 351. His influence in making Hindus learn Persian is especially noteworthy, as it accounts for the formation and acceptance of Urdu.

### वोर•वल, Raja Bir'bal, alias Bir'bar, alias Mahes Das, . 106. alias Brahm Kabi, alias Kabi Rāy. Born cir. 1528 A.D.

Nir., Sun. The celebrated minister and poet-laureate (Kabi Rāy) of Ak'bar's court. He was as much renowned for his liberality as for his musical skill and poetical talent. His short verses, bon-mots, and jokes, are still in the mouths of the people of Hindustan. He was much hated by pious Musalmans, owing to the belief that he had influenced Ak'bar to abjure Islam. According to Sib Singh he was born in Sambat 1585 (A.D. 1528), but Blochmann in the Ain-i-Akbari (p. 404 and ff.) leaves the matter in obscurity. His original name was Mahēs Dās, and he was a Kanāuj Dubē Brāhman of Kāl'pl, in the district of Hamir'pur. He was at first one of the court poets of Bhag'wan Das,1 Raja of Amer, who gave him as a nazar to Ak'bar shortly after the latter's accession. At this time he used to sign himself in his poems as Brahm Kabi. At Ak'bar's court he was at first very poor but quickheaded, and remarkable for his powers of apprchension. His bon-mote in a short time made him a general favourite. His Hindi verses were also much liked, and Ak'bar conferred on him the title of Kabi Ray (above mentioned), and gave him other important state offices near his person. Nagar'köt was given to him as his jagir, but it is doubtful if he ever really got it. In A.H. 990 (A.D. 1583) Bir'bal was sent by Ak'bar to reinforce Zāin Khān Kōkah at Bijaūr against the Yūsufzals. and was there killed in battle. Badāoni (translation of Ain-i-Akbari, l.c., and p. 204) says 'Bir'bal also, who had fled from fcar of his life, was slain, and entered the row of the dogs in hell, and thus got something for the abominable deeds he had done during his Matime. • • • His Majesty (Ak'bar) cared for the death of no grandce more than for that of Bir'bal. He said, "Alas! they could not even get his body out of the pass, that it might have been burned." But at last he consoled himself with the thought that Bir'bal was now free and independent of all earthly fetters, and as the rays of the sun were sufficient for him, there was no necessity that he should be cleansed by

<sup>1</sup> Tod, ii, 362; Calc. ed. ii, 390.

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fire. \* \* \* Among the silly lies-they border on absurdities-which during this year (A.D. 1588) were spread over the country was the rumour that Birbal, the accursed, was still alive, though in reality he had then for some time been burning in the seventh hell. The Hindus, by whom his Majesty is surrounded, saw how sad and sorry he was for Bir'bal's loss, and invented the story that Bir'bal had been seen in the hills of Nagarkot walking about with Jogis and Sannyāsis. His Majesty believed the rumour, thinking that Bir'bal was ashamed to come to court on account of the defeat which he had suffered at the hands of the Yūsufzaīs; and it was, besides, quite probable that he should have been seen with Jogis, inasmuch as he had never cared for the world. An Ahadī was therefore sent to Nagar'kot to inquire into the truth of the rumour. when it was proved that the whole story was an absurdity. Soon after his Majesty received a report that Bir'bal had been seen at Kalinjar (which was the jagir of this dog), and the Collector of the district stated that a barber had recognised him by certain marks on his body, which the man had distinctly seen when one day Bir'bal got him to rub his body with oil. From that time, however. Bir bal had concealed himself. His Majesty then ordered the barber to come to court, and the Hindu Krori (Collector) got hold of some poor innocent traveller, charged him with murder, and kept him in concealment, giving out that he was Bīr'bal. The Krōrī could of course send no barber to court. He therefore killed the poor traveller to avoid detection, and reported that it was Bir'bal in reality, but that he had since died. His Majesty went actually through a second mourning, but he ordered the Kröri and several others to come to court. They were for some time tortured as a punishment for not having informed his Majesty before, and the Kröri had, moreover, to pay a heavy fine.'

Bir'bal founded the town of Ak'bar'pur and dwelt there, and in the När'näul quarter of that town his descendants still exist.

No complete work by Bir'bal has come down to us, but numerous verses and *bon-mots* attributed to him are still in every Hindū's mouth. An anonymous work, entitled the *Bir'bar-nāmā*, can be bought for a fow pice in any Bihār bazār. It is a collection of facetious tales, of which the heroes are Ak'bar and Bir'bal, and in which the latter always gets the better by some witty or indecent retort. It is, in fact, the Indian Joe Miller's Jest Book. Some of the stories are the common property of all nations.

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107. मनोइर दास वाबि, the poet and Raja Manohar Das, the Kachh'waha. Fl 1577 A.D.

He was son of Rājā Lögkaran, the Kachh'wähā, and was one of Ak'bar's commanders of 400. (See *Āin-i-Akbari*, trans., p. 494.) He wrote in Persian, in Sanskrit, and in the vernacular. In the first language he wrote under the name of *Tosani*.

108. अव•द्र रहीम, 'Abdu'r Rahim Khān'khānā Nawāb, commonly called Khān'khānā, the son of Bāiram Khān. B. 1556.<sup>1</sup>

He was not only learned in Arabic, Persian, Tur'ki, etc., but Nir. also in Sanskrit and Braj Bhākhā. He was much loved by Ak'bar. (See Blochmann's translation of Ain-i-Akbari, p. 334 and ff. He wrote under the nom de guerre of Rahlm, ib. p. 338.) His father was the famous Bairam Khan, to whom may justly be ascribed Humāyūn's conquest of India. (See Blochmann, p. 315.) Full particulars of his life will be found in the places above cited. Sib Singh adds that he was not only a great patron of poets himself, but that also he wrote extremely learned (and difficult) clokas in Sanskrit, and that his kabittas and dolids in all styles in the vernacular are admirable. Best of all are his dohas on morals (नीति). Here his Persian works are not dealt with. It will be sufficient to mention his best known Persian work, a translation of Babar's Chaghtai Memoirs (Wāqi'āt-i-Bābarī). Amongst the poets who attended his court may be mentioned Lachh'mi Nārāyan (No. 124), of Mithila.

109. मान सिङ्घ, Mahārāj Mān Singh, the Kachh'wāhā of Amēr. B. 1535.

He was a great patron of learned men, and used to give Harl Näth (No. 114) and other poets a läkh of rupees for a single verse. He was son of *Bhag'wān Dās*. (See *Āin-i-Akbari*, translation, p. 339, where a full account of his life is given.) He was a general of *Ak'bar's*, at first on the Kābul frontier, and subsequently in Bihār. He died in the Deccan in 1618 A.D., when sixty of his fifteen hundred wives burned themselves. The ground on which the Tāj at Āg'rā stands belonged to Mān Singh.

<sup>1</sup> I.e. A.H. 964, which is the date given by Blochmann in passage cited below. Sib Singh gives the date Sambat 1580, i.e. A.D. 1523.

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The poets at his court wrote the Män Charitr<sup>9</sup>, which is a very full account of his life and times. (See also Tod's Rajasthan, i, xv, and ii, 353; Calc. ed. ii, 390.)

# 110. त्रावुल फेंज, Aba'l Faiz alias Faizi. B. 1547 A.D.

This is the famous son of Shekh Mubārak, brother of Aba'l Fazl and friend of Ak'bar. He was born A.H. 954 (A.D. 1547). See Blochmann's translation of the *Āin-i-Akbari*, p. 490.

He was an excellent Sanskrit scholar, and is the author of many detached verses (doh'ra) in the vernacular.

# 111. फहीम, Fahim. B. cir. 1550 A.D.

According to Sib Singh he was a younger brother of Faizi and Abu'l Fazi. I can, however, find no mention of him in the  $\overline{Ain-i-Akbari}$ . He is the author of many detached verses (doh'rd) in the vernacular.

112. **TH ETH**, Baba Ram Dās, of Göp'chal. Fl. 1550 A.D. Rāg. He was father of Sar Dās (No. 37), and was one of the court singers to the emperor Ak'bar. See  $\overline{Ain-i-Akbari}$  (Blochmann's translation), p. 612. According to Badāoni he came from Lakh'nan. He appears to have been with Bāirām Khān during his rebellion, and he received once from him one *lākh* of tānkahs, empty as Bāārām's treasure chest was. He was first at the court of *ls'lēm Shāh*, and he was looked upon as second only to Tān Sēn (No. 60,) the most celebrated singer of Ak'bar's time.

113. नर-इरि सहाद, the bard Nar'hari Sahāy, entitled Mahapātr', of As'ni, district Fatih'pur. FL 1550 A.D.

? Rāg. He attended the court of the emperor Ak'bar, and was endowed by him with the village of As'nl. According to a curious tradition, when Shār Shāh (fl. 1540) defeated Humāyān the latter fied to the west, leaving a Bēgam named Chōli at Dilli, who was captured by the conqueror. Shortly afterwards, Shēr Shāh being pleased with some verses of Nar'hari, told him to ask a boon. The bard accordingly asked that Chōlī Bēgam might be given to him, which the king granted. Nar'hari carried off Chōlī to Bāndhō (Riwã), where, soon

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after, she gave birth to Ak'bar. The details of this tradition are certainly incorrect, as Ak'bar was born at Amar'köt, in Mär'wär. He seems, however, to have been befriended as a boy by the king of Bändhö. Cf. No. 24. See Rep. Arch. Sur. Ind. xvii, 101; xxi, 109. One of Nar'hari's sons was the poet Harl Näth (No. 114). Descendants of Nar'hari's till survive in Banäras and in Bëtt, district Räy Barëli, and are scattered about in other parts of India. The village of As'nI is no longer in possession of his family, and his original house has been washed away by the Ganges. The ruins of the latter are now sold as rubble, and have become the day-haunts of jackals and other impure animals. Although no complete work of this poet has survived, numerous detached verses by him are still quoted.

Ak'bar gave him the title of Mahāpātr', saying that other bards were vessels of virtue (gun kā pātr'), but he was a great vessel (mahāpātr').

He is possibly the same as a Nar'hari Dās mentioned in the preface to Rāg.

114. इरि नाय कवि, the bard Harl Nath, entitled Mahapatr', of As'ni, district Fatih'pur. Fl. 1587 A.D.

A celebrated poet, and son of Nar'hari (No. 113), the court poet of the emperor Ak'bar. He made a tour from court to court, receiving rich presents for his verses; thus king  $N\bar{e}j\bar{a} \cdot R\bar{a}m$ , the Baghēl of Bāndhō (RIWā), gave him a lākh of rupees for a single dòha, and Mān Siggh (No. 109) of Amēr gave him two lākhs for two dòhds. On his way home he met a mendicant of the Nāgā sect, who recited a dòha to him, at which he was so pleased that he gave the beggar all the presents he had collected, and returned home empty handed. Arrived there he passed the remainder of his life squandering his father's savings in a similar manner.

115. करन्नेस कवि बन्दीजन, the poet and bard Kar'nes, or Karan. B. 1554 A.D.

He used to visit the emperor Ak'bar's court in company with the poet Nar'har' (No. 113). He wrote three important works—the Karnābharan, the Sruti-bhūkhan, and the Bhūp-bhūkhan.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This king's name is not mentioned in the list given in vol. xxi of Rep. Arch. Sur. Ind.

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116. सान राय, the bard Män Räy, of As'n1, district Fatih'pur. B. 1523 A.D.

117. जग-दीस कवि, the poet Jag'dis. B. 1531 A.D.

118. जीव काबि, the poet Jodh. B. 1533 A.D. These three all attended the court of the emperor Ak'bar.

119. गङ्गा पर•साद, Gangā Par'sād, the Brāhman. Commonly known as Gang Kabi, or the poet Gang. B. 1538.

Sun. He was a Brāhman of *Ek'nāur*, district *lţāwā*. He was a bard attached to the court of *Ak'bar*. He received many presents from *Bir'bal*, *Khān'khānā*, and others. He is not mentioned in Mr. Blochmann's translation of the *Āin-i-Akbari*. He is mentioned by Captain Price as having written on rhetoric in 1555 (*Hindee and Hindoostanee Selections*, Pref., p. x). Cf. Garcin de Tassy, i, 182.

120. जैत काबि, the poet Jat. B. 1544 A.D.

He attended the court of the emperor Ak'bar. He is possibly the same as a Jant Ram Kabi mentioned by Sib Singh, without date, as a quietistic ( $\pi \pi \pi \pi$ ) poet.

121. श्वमित कवि, the poet Amrit. B. 1545 A.D.

122. जगनज, Jagannaj. FL (?) 1575 A.D.

123. जगामग, Jagāmag. FL (?) 1575 A.D.

These three all attended the court of the emperor Ak'bar.

124. लक्तरुमी नारायन, Lachh'mi Nārāyan, of Mithila. R. 1600 A.D.

125. पर•सिद्ध कावि, the poet Par'siddh, the elder. B. 1535. These two attended the court of 'Abdu'r Rahim Khān'khānā (No. 108).

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126. Field TIZ ane, the poet and bard Hol Ray, of Hol'pur, district Barabanki. Fl. 1583 A.D.

His patron was Rājā Haribans Rāy, Dīwān of the emperor Ak'bar, who gave the poet a tract of land, on which he founded the village of Hōl'pur. Once Tul'sl Dās (No. 128) passed through that village and gave Hōl Rāy his brass vessel or lota, which the latter set up as a god and worshipped. It is there still, and is worshipped to this day. The village is still owned by Hōl Rāy's descendants. Girl Dhar (No. 483), NII Kanth (No. 132), Lachhirām (No. 723), and Sant Bak's (No. 724), were all natives of Hōl'pur.

127. सुकुन्द सिङ्घ हाड़ा, Raja Mukund Singh, the Hara, of Kota. B. 1578.

The ally of Shāh Jahān (1628—1658). He was himself a poet besides being a patron of poets. See Tod ii, 514; Calo. ed. ii, 553.

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# 128. गोसाई तुलन्सी दास, the holy master Tul's Das. Fl. 1600 A.D.; D. 1624 A.D.

Rāg. We now come to the greatest star in the firmament of mediaval Indian poetry,  $Tul'sl D\bar{a}s$ , the author of the well-known vernacular  $R\bar{a}m\bar{a}yan$  (Rāg.), which competes in authority with the Sanskrit work of  $V\bar{a}/m\bar{k}i$ .

I much regret that the materials available are so scanty; and it is the more tantalising to me that I have received information of a very full account of his life, entitled Gosäl Charitr', by Beni Mādhab Dās, of Pas'kā, who lived in the poet's companionship. I have never been able to obtain a copy of this work; though I have long searched for it, and I have been compelled to base my account principally on the enigmatic vorses of the Bhakt Mālā aided by the glosses of Priyā Dās and others. The text and literal translation of these will be found in the introduction to Mr. Growse's translation of the Rāmāyan, from which I have freely drawn.

The importance of Tul'sī Dās in the history of India cannot be overrated. Putting the literary merits of his work out of the question, the fact of its universal acceptance by all classes, from  $Bh\bar{a}gal'pur$  to the  $Pahj\bar{a}b$  and from the  $Him\bar{a}|aya$  to the Nar'madā, is surely worthy of note. "The book is in every one's hands,<sup>1</sup> from the court to the cottage, and is read or heard and appreciated alike by every class of the Hindū community, whether high or low, rich or poor, young or old." It has been interwoven into the life, character, and speech of the Hindū population for more than three hundred years, and is not only loved and admired by them for its poctic beauty, but is reverenced by them as their scriptures. It is

<sup>3</sup> Mr. Growse (from whom this quotation is taken) states that the profesional Sanskrit Pandits profess to despise Tul'sī Dās's work as an unworthy oncession to the illiterate masses, but this has not been my experience.

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the Bible of a hundred millions of people, and is looked upon by them as as much inspired as the Bible is considered inspired by the English elergyman. Pandits may talk of the Vedas and of the Upanisads, and a few may even study them; others may say they pin their faith on the Purānas: but to the vast majority of the people of Hindūstān, learned and unlearned alike, their sole norm of conduct is the so-called Tul's1-krit Rāmāyan. It is indeed fortunate for Hindūstān that this is so, for it has saved the country from the tantric obscenities of Shaivism. Rāmānand was the original saviour of Upper India from the fate which has befallen Bengal, but Tul'sI Dās was the great apostle who carried his doctrine cast and west and made it an abiding faith.

The religion he preached was a simple and sublime one,—a perfect faith in the name of God. But what is most romarkable in it, in an age of immorality, when the bonds of Hindū society were loosened and the Mughal empire being consolidated, was its stern morality in every sense of the word. Tul'sī was the great preacher of one's duty towards one's neighbour.  $V\bar{a}/miki$  praised Bharat's sense of duty, Lachhman's brotherly affection, and SItā's wifely devotion, but Tul'sI taught them as an example.

So, too, in an age of license no book can be purer in tone than his  $R\bar{a}m\bar{a}yan$ . He himself justly exclaims,—"Here are no prurient and soductive stories, like snails, frogs, and soum on the pure water of  $R\bar{a}m's$  legend, and therefore the lustful crow and the greedy crane, if they do come, are disappointed." Other Vaishnava writers, who inculcated the worship of Krish'n, too often debased their muse to harlotry to attract their hearers; but Tul'sl Dās had a nobler trust in his countrymen, and that trust has been amply rewarded.

Tul's Dās was a Sar'bariyā Brāhman. He was born early in the sixteenth century and died at a good old age in 1624 A.D. As the old rhyme says :--

# Sambata sõraha sāi asī, Asī Gayga ke tira, Säwana sukalā sattamī, Tulasī tajeu sarīra :

-on the 7th of the light half of *Çravana*, in Sambat 1680, *Tul'si* left his body at *Asi*, on the bank of the *Ganges*.

According to the Bhakt Sindhu and the Brihad Rāmāyan Māhātmya his father's name was  $\overline{A}tm\bar{a} R\bar{a}m$ , his mother's name was Hu|asi, and he was born at Hastināpur; but according to other authorities he was born at Hājīpur, near Chitrakuţ. The usual tradition is, however, that  $R\bar{a}j'pur$ , in the district of  $B\bar{a}d\bar{a}$ , on the banks of the Jamunā, has

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the honour of being his birthplace. As a child he lived at Sakar'khēt (vulgo Sōrō),<sup>1</sup> where he was first imbued with devotion to Rām. According to Priyā Dās (see Nos. 51 and 319) his wife first persuaded thim to exchange an earthly for a divine love, and, incited by her remonstrances, he left her and went to Banāras, where he spent the greater part of his life, visiting frequently Ajodhyā, Mathurā, Brindāban, Kuruchhēttr' Prayāg (Allāhābād), Purukhōttam'purī, and other holy places. The only other fact in his life about which there is any reasonable certainty (beyond the dates of some of his works) is that he was appointed arbitrator in a land dispute between two men, Anand Rām and Kanhāy. The deed of arbitration in his handwriting is still in existence, and is dated Sambat 1669, or cleven years before his death. A photograph, transliteration, and translation of it, are appended to this work. A few legends mentioned by Priyā Dās, and given in full by Mr. Growse in the introduction to his translation of the Rāmāyan, may be briefly noted hore. A grateful ghost introduced him to Hanuman, through whom he obtained a vision of Rām and Lachhman. He recognised a murderer, who piously uttered the name of Rām, as a saved man, and when challenged to prove his statement he did so by making the guilty man's offering accepted by Qiva. Some thieves came to rob him, but his house was guarded by a mysterious watchman, who was no other than Ram himself, and, instead of stealing, the thieves became converted and pure of heart. He restored a Brahman to life.<sup>3</sup> His lame reached Dill, where Shah Jahan (1628-1658; but the poet lied in 1624) was emperor. The monarch called upon him to perform a miracle and to produce the person of Rām, which Tul'sī Dās refusing to do, the king threw him into confinement. He was, however, speedily compelled to release him, for myriads of monkeys having collected about the prison began to demolish it and the idjacent buildings. Shah Jahan having set the poet at liberty desired him to solicit some favour as a reparation for the indignity he had suffered. Tul'si Das accordingly requested him to quit ancient Dilli, which was the abode of Rām; and in compliance with this request the emperor left it and founded the new city, thence named  $Sh\bar{a}h$ ahān-ābād. After this Tul'sī went to Brindāban, where he had in interview with Nābhā  $D\bar{a}s$  (the author of the Bhakt Mālā). There he strenuously advocated the worship of Rām in preference

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to that of Krish'n, though the latter god appeared in person and assured him that there was no difference between the two. Out of this tissue of childish legends it is perhaps possible to extract a few threads of fact; but till we can find a copy of the Gosāl Charitr' there does not appear to be much hope of our being able to do so.

His most famous work is the Rām-Charit-Mānas, 'the Lake of the Gests of Ram,' which he commenced to write in Ajodhya on Tuesday, the 9th Chatra, Sambat 1631 (A.D. 1574-75).<sup>1</sup> It is often incorrectly called the Rāmāyan, or the Tul'si-krit-Rāmāyan, or (alluding to its metre) the Chaupal Ramayan, but, according to the forty-fourth chaupai of the Bal Kand of the poem, the above is its full and proper name. Two copics of this work are said to have existed in the poet's own handwriting. One of them, which was kept at Rāj'pur, has disappeared, all but the second book. The legend is that the whole copy which existed was stolen, and that the thief being pursued flung the manuscript into the river Jamuna, whence only the second book was rescued. I have photographs of ten pages of this copy, and the marks of water are evident. The other copy exists in Malihābād (so Sib Singh; Growse says in the temple of Sītā Rām at Banāras), of which only one leaf is missing. I am in possession of an accurate literatim copy of so much of the Raj'pur manuscript as exists. I have also a printed copy of the poem carefully compared with, and corrected from, a manuscript in the possession of the Mahārāj of Banāras, which was written in Sambat 1704 (A.D. 1647), or only about twenty-four years after the author's death.

Little as the *Rām-Charit-Mānas* is known to European students, still less is known of the poet's other works. Those which I have seen and read are the following :---

(1) The Gitābalī (Rāg.).—This is the story of Rām told in the form of sonnets adapted for singing. There are several incorrect editions of it in print, some of which have commentaries of varying excellence.

(2) The Kabittāball or Kabitta Rāmāyan (Rāg.).—It deals with the same subject, and is in the Kabitta metre.

(3) The Döhāball or Döhā Rāmāyan (Rāg.).—As its name imports, it is in the döhā metre. It is rather a moral work than an epic poem. I am not sure that it is not a collection of döhās from his other works by a later hand. I have, at any rate, been able to identify many of them.

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(4) The Chhappan Rāmāyan.—In the chhappan metre. I have only we be seen one incorrect and unintelligible manuscript of this work, from to entry which an edition of the same character has been printed.

t the fair (5) Sat Sal (Rāg.).—A collection (Sapta Çatikā) of seven hundred the fair is emblematic dohas.

(6) The Pañch Ratan (Rāg.), or five jewels.—A set of five short the labi poems, usually grouped together. They are (a) the Jānaki Maŋgal, Ajodiyi (b) the Pārbati Maŋgal, (c) the Bānrāgya Sandīpini, (d) Rām Lālā Itisk kar Nah'chhū, (e) the Bar'wē Rāmāyan (Rāg.). The first two of these infigure i are songs celebrating the marriages of Sītā and Gāūrī respectively; ding with the third is a didactic treatise; the fourth is a song in honour of the we is it is Nah'chhū or ceremonial nail-paring of Rām at his wedding; and the mare end fifth, a short history of Rām in the Bar'wā metre.

ras kepi (7) The Srl Rām Agyā, also called the Rām Sagunābalı.—A gendis collection of seven books of seven chapters, each of seven dohas to thid be each chapter. It is a collection of omens connected with the life couly of Rām. I suspect it is spurious, and partly made up of extracts agendis from the poet's other works. I have met with one very inferior we must commentary upon it.

(8) The Sagkat Möchan.—A short didactic work. I have only will seen it in one vilely-printed edition.

(9) The Binay Pattrikā (Rāg.).—A collection of 279 hymns to with Rām: much admired, and deservedly so. It has often been printed, [abbi] and has a very fair commentary by Sib Par'kās (No. 643).

(10) The Hanumān Bāhuk (Rāg.).—A collection of sonnets in honour of Hanumān, who according to tradition gave him a vision of studes Rām and Lachhman.

(12) The Kundaliyā Rāmāyan.

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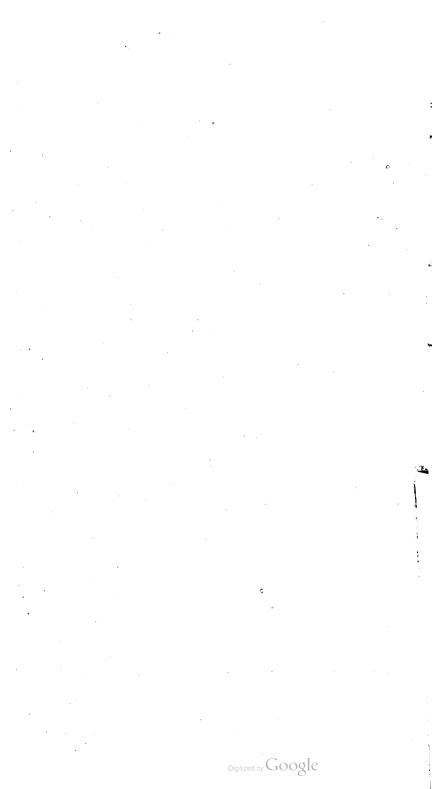
(15) The Jhal'nā Rāmāyan, none of which I have seen. The last four are named after the metres in which they are written.

(16) A Krishnābalī (Rāg.) in the Braj dialect is also printed and pupped sold in the bazārs. It deals with the life of Krish'n, and I do not her we believe that it is by the *Tul'sI Dās* whom we are now considering.

Many of these have been printed, always most incorrectly, and some with commentaries. One of the most highly esteemed commentaries on the Rām-Charit-Mānas is that of Rām Charan Dās. The best on the

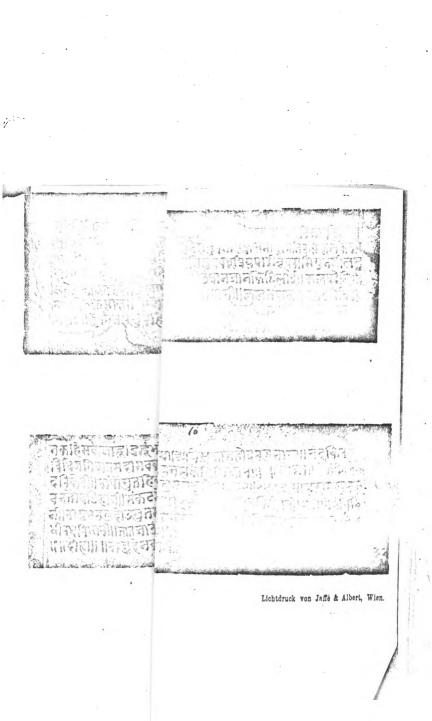
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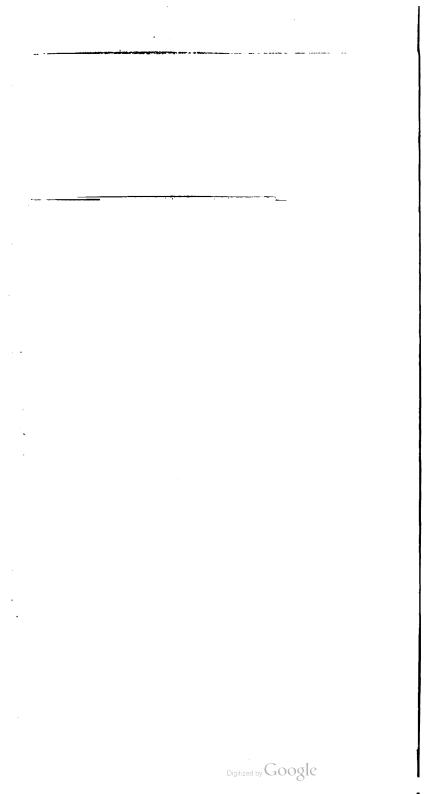


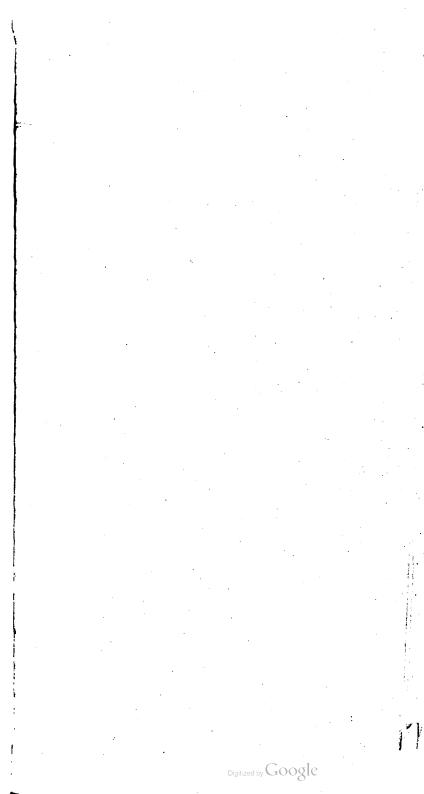


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Gitābali, the Kabittābali, and the Sat Sal are by Bajinath. Ram Charan Dās's commentary has been printed by Nawal Kishör, of Lakh'nau, but is now out of print. The other commentaries can be bought in any Indian bazār. All the commentators have a great tendency to avoid difficulties, and to give to simple passages mystical meanings. which Tul'si Das never intended. They are unfortunately utterly wanting in the critical faculty. Though there are abundant materials for obtaining an absolutely accurate text of at least the Ram-Charit-Mānas, the commentators have never dreamed of referring to them, but have preferred trusting their inner consciousness. As an extreme example. I may mention one who drew up a scheme of the number of verses which each section of each canto ought to have, in a numerically decreasing order, after the pattern of the steps of a bathing ghat, because the poem is called a lake (manas). Nothing could be prettier than this idea; and so he hacked and hewed his unfortunate text to fit this Procrustean bed, and then published it with considerable It never occurred to him or his readers to see if this was success. what Tul'sī Dās had written; and if they had done so, the ludiorous nature of his theory would have been evident at the first glance.

Regarding Tul'sī Dās's style, he was a master of all varietics, from the simplest flowing narration to the most complex emblematic verses. He wrote always in the old Bais'wārī dialect, and, once the peculiarities of this are mastered, his Rām-Charit-Mānas is delightful and easy reading. In his Gitābali and Kabittābali he is more involved, but still readable with pleasure; in his Dohāball he is sententious; and in his Sat Sal as difficult and obscure as any admirer of the Nalodaya could wish. The Sat Sai is a veritable tour de force, and I am glad that this, almost the oldest specimen' of a kind of writing which was brought to perfection fifty years later by Bihārl Lāl (No. 196) (the mine of commentators), is being edited with a commentary by Professor Bihāri Lāl Chāubē in the Bibliotheca Indica.. The Binay Pattrikā is again in another style. It is a book of prayers, often of the most elevated description, but its difficulties are very unsatisfactorily elucidated by either of the two commentaries on it which I have seen.

<sup>1</sup> It was written (Sat. i. 21) in Sambat 1642, i.e. A.D. 1585. Bidyāpati's emblematic verses were written about A.D. 1400.

<sup>2</sup> Since this was written an edition of this work, with a commentary by Baij'nāth, the editor of the Gītābalī and Kabittābalī, has been published in 1886 by Nawal Kishör, of Lakh'nau.

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Regarding his poetic powers I think it is difficult to speak too highlighly. His characters live and move with all the dignity of a heroic age. Das'rath, the man of noble resolves which fate had doomed to be unfruitful; Rām, of lofty and unbending rectitude, well contrasted with his loving but impetuous brother Lachhman; Sītā, the 'perfect woman nobly planned;' and Rāban, like Das'rath, predestined to failure, but fighting with all his demon force against his fate, all these are as vividly before my mind's eye as I write as any character in the whole range of English literature. Then what a tender devotion there is in Bharat's character, which by its sheer truth His villains, too, are not one black picture. Each has his own tharacter, and none is without his redeeming virtue.

For sustained and varied dramatic interest I suppose the  $R\bar{a}m$ - *Charit-Manas* is his best work; but there are fine passages in his pather poems. What can be more charming than the description of Ram's babyhood and boyhood in the commencement of the *Gltābali*, is the dainty touches of colour given to the conversation of the illage women as they watch Rām, Lachhman, and Sītā treading heir dreary way during their exile. Again, what mastery of words is there in the *Sundar Kānd* of the *Kabittābali* throughout the escription of the burning of Laŋkā. We can hear the crackling if the flames and the crash of the falling houses, the turmoil and onfusion amongst the men, and the cries of the helpless women as pay shrick for water.

Still even Tul'sī Dās was not able to rise altogether superior to the snse cloud which fashion had imposed upon Indian poetry. I must infess that his battle descriptions are often luridly repulsive, and metimes overstep the border which separates the tragic from the dicrous. To Native minds these are the finest passages which he has ritten; but I do not think that the cultivated European can ever find cuch pleasure in them. He was hampered, too, by the necessity of presenting Rām as an incarnation of Vishnu, which leads him into int, although only meet adoration to the pious believer, sounds to us *Techchhas* as too gross hyperbole.

The reasons for the excellence of this great poet's work are not  $\cdot$  to seek. The most important of all was the great modesty of the  $\mu$  m. The preface to the *Rām-Charit-Mānas* is one of the most remark- $\mu$  portions of the book. *Kālidāsa* may begin his *Raghuvamça* with

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a comparison of himself to a dwarf, and of his powers over language to a skiff on the boundless ocean; but from under this modest statement there gleams a consciousness of his own superiority. His modesty is evidently a mock one, and the poet is really saying to himself all the time, 'I shall soon show my readers how learned I am, and what a command I have over all the nine rasas.' But (and this is another reason for his superiority) Tul'sī never wrote a line in which he did not himself believe heart and soul. He was full of his theme. the glory and love of his master; and so immeasurably above him did that glory and that love seem, that he was full of humility with regard to himself. As he expresses it :- 'My intellect is beggarly, while my ambition is imperial. May good people all pardon my presumption and listen to my childish babbling, as a father and mother delight to hear the lisping prattle of their little one.' Kālidāsa took Rām as a peg on which to hang his graceful verses; but Tul'sI Dās wove wreaths of imperishable fragrance, and humbly laid them at the feet of the god whom he adored.' One other point I would urge, which has, I believe, escaped the notice of even Native students of our author. He is, perhaps, the only great Indian poet who took his similes direct from the book of Nature and not from his predecessors. He was so close an observer of concrete things, that many of his truest and simplest passages are unintelligible to his commentators, who were nothing but learned men, and who went through the beautiful world around them with eves blinded by their books. Shakespeare, we know, spoke of the white reflection of the willow leaves in the water, and thus puzzled all his editors, who said in their wisdom that willow leaves were green. It was. I think, Charles Lamb who thought of going to the river and seeing if Shakespeare was right, and who thereby swept away a cloud of proposed emendations." So, too, it has been reserved for Mr. Growse to point out that Tul'sI Dās knew far more about Nature than his . commentators do.

It remains now to point out the necessity there is of printing a correct text of this poet's works. At present the printed bazār editions

<sup>1</sup> Bābū Jawāhir Mall, of Dāūd'nagar, in the district of Gayā, informs me that he knew an old man whose ancestor knew the poet, and that Tul'sī Dās told the ancestor that he had never written a line of poetry into which either the letter  $\tau$  r or the letter  $\overline{\tau}$  m (the first and last letters of the word Rām) did not come. This (if found to be true) is a valuable test for deciding whether doubtful passages are genuine or not.

\* The under surface, and therefore the reflection, of the willow-leaf is white.

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svailable are very deficient. The best of them is that by Pandit Ram Jasan; but he, like all the other editors, has printed only a 12,71 modernised copy of the textus receptus. I have carefully compared the st 🖽 latter with the original text, and am in a position to state that moès anything more misleading can hardly be imagined. Tul'sī Dās wrote ić: , phonetically the words as they were pronounced at his time, and in an archaic dialect. In the printed books the dialect is altered to the 873 standard of the modern Hindī, and the spelling improved (?) according to the rules of Pānini. Examples of the modernisation of the dialect ma i are the following :-Tul'sī Dās uses the short u as the termination of the nominative singular, leaving the crude base in a for its legitimate TECS purposes in composition, thus following the rules of the Apabhramica Prākrit. Thus he wrote kapi-kaţaku, an army of monkeys; prabalamoha-dalu, a powerful band of delusions; and so on: but all the modern editions give -kataka and -dala, according to the modern pronunciation. So also modern editors write prasada, 'favour,' for the original pasau; bhujaygini, 'snake,' for original bhuaygini; yajňavalkya for jagabaliku; bandalu, 'I revere,' for bandali; bhakti, 'faith,' for bhagati, and so on. Examples can be gathered in almost every line. Instances of alteration of spelling are equally aumerous. One example must suffice. Tul'si Das evidently pronounced the name of Rām's father as Dasarathu, for that is the ВĽ way he wrote it; but modern editors write the Sanskrit Daçaratha, which is not even the way it is pronounced nowadays. But there he other and greater errors than these in the textus receptus. It abounds in lacunce. Whole pages are sometimes omitted, and minor changes occur in every page. In short, opening the printed edition at random, I count no fewer than thirty-five variations <sup>#</sup> from tne original, some most important ones, in one page of twenty-"three lines. I am glad, therefore, to be able to record that an meterprising publisher of Patna (Bābū Rām Din Siggh, of the Thadg Bilās Press, Bānkīpur) is now engaged in publishing a text of the Rām-Charit-Mānas founded on the old manuscripts I have

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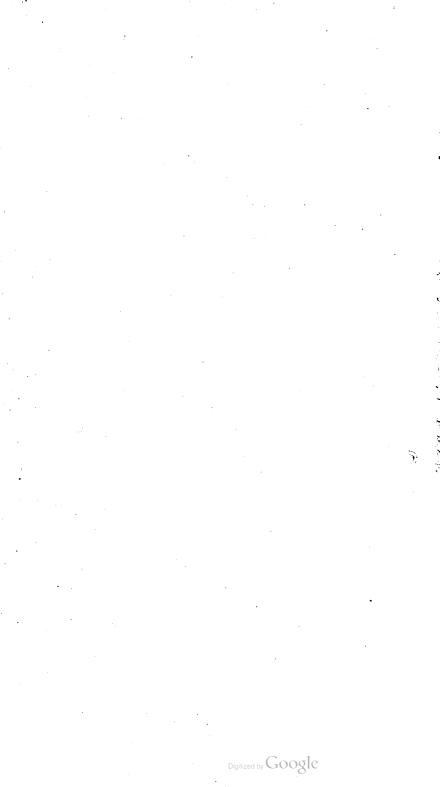
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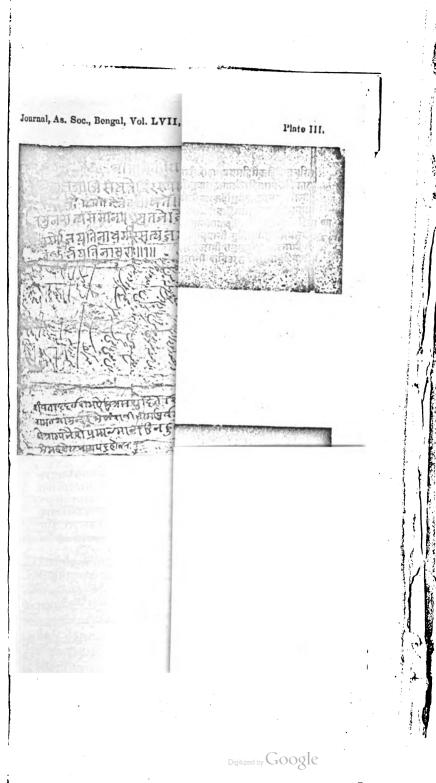
In the Addendum to this chapter I give samples of the true text if the Ram-Charit-Manas, founded on the Banaras and Raj'pur manuscripts, already alluded to, together with photographs of the riginals. The footnotes show the readings of the textus receptus. am indebted to the kindness of Rājā Siva Prasād, C.S.I., for shese photographs.

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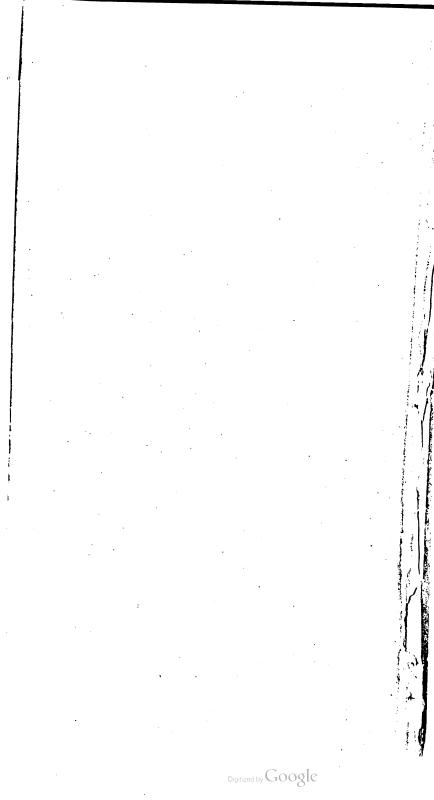
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129. निपट निरुद्धन खामी, the master Nipat Niralijan. B. 1593 A.D.

Nir. According to Sib Singh this master ranks as a holy man with  $Tul'sl \ Das$ . Besides hundreds of short poems which have not been collected, he is the author of the Sant Sar'sl and the Nirahjan Sangrah.

130. बेनी साधव दास, Beni Madhab Das, of Pas'ha, district Goda. Fl. 1600 A.D.

He was a disciple of the holy master Tul's Dās, and was his constant companion. He wrote a biography of him entitled Gosäl Charitr' (quoted in this work as 'Gō.') and died in 1642 A.D.

131. निधि कवि, the poet Nidhi. Fl. 1600.

Go., (?) Rāg.

132. नील काएड मिसर, Nil Kanth Misar, of the Doab. FL 1600 A.D.

Go., Nir.

133. नीला धर काबि, the poet Nila Dhar. FL 1600 A.D. Go., Nir.

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#### I.—THE TEXT OF TUL'SI DIS.

In order to show how the text of Tul'sI Dās's works has been altered in the course of centuries, the following extracts from the Rāmāyan are given, exactly as taken from the oldest manuscripts in existence. In the footnotes are given the variations of the best printed editions. The manuscripts used are those referred to in Chapter VI, namely the Rāj'pur copy of the Ajodhyā Kāņd, said to be in the poet's own handwriting, and the Banāras copy, made only twenty-four years after his death.

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## FROM THE Bal Kand (Banaras MS.).

(The footnotes show the variations of the *textus receptus.*)

Sunu muni šju samāgama törē<sup>s</sup> Kahi na jāi<sup>9</sup> jasa sukhu<sup>19</sup> mana mōrē ||<sup>11</sup>

Rāma-charita ati amita munīsā | Kahi na sakahi<sup>19</sup> sata kōți ahīsā || Tadapi jathā shruta<sup>13</sup> kahāŭ bakhānī | Sumiri Girā-pati Prabhu dhanupānī ||

Sārada dāru-nāri-sama, Swāmī | Rāmu<sup>14</sup> sūtra-dhara antara-jāmī || Jehi para kripā karahi janu<sup>13</sup> jānī | Kabi-ura ajira nachāwahi<sup>16</sup> Bānī ||

r Chāupāš. 1 Kō Shiwa' sama Rāmahi<sup>2</sup> priya bhāi ||. Dōhā.

Prathamahi ma kahi Shiwa-charita Bujhā maramu tumhāra | <sup>3</sup> Suchi sēwaka tumha<sup>4</sup> Rāma kē Rahita samasta bikāra || 104 ||<sup>8</sup> Chāupāi.

FROM THE Ajodhyā Kānd (Rāj'pur MS.).

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(Dēhī ku)chālihi kōṭi ka<sup>17</sup> gārī || Jarahī bikhama jara<sup>18</sup> lēhi usāsā | Kawani<sup>19</sup> Rāma binu jīwana-āsā || Bipula<sup>20</sup> biyōga prajā akulānī | Janu<sup>21</sup> jala-chara-gana sūkhata pānī || Ati bikhāda-basa lōga logāī<sup>22</sup> | Gayē mātu pahī<sup>23</sup> Rāmu<sup>24</sup> gosāī<sup>25</sup> || Mukhu<sup>20</sup> prasanna chita chāu-guna chāu |

Mițā sochu<sup>37</sup> jani rākhaï<sup>28</sup> rāŭ || Dohā.

Nawa gayandu Raghu-bīra-manu<sup>29</sup> Rāju<sup>30</sup> alāna samāna | Chhūta jāni bana-gawanu<sup>31</sup> suni Ura-anandu<sup>32</sup> adhikāna || 51<sup>23</sup> ||

<sup>1</sup> Siwa. <sup>2</sup> Rāmahī. Prathama kahē māl Siwa-charita ūjhā marama tumhāra i tuma. • 112. മേഖ്. 7 sunahū. tore. • jāya. 10 sukha. 11 mörë. 13 sakahī. 38 sruta. 34 Rāma. 🕫 karahi jana. One edition of text. 14 nachāwahī.

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17 hu. 18 jwara. <sup>19</sup> kawana. 20 Bikula. <sup>21</sup> Jimi. \* lugā**i.** 23 pahā. 24 Rāma. 23 gusāl. 36 Mukha. 27 1hai socha. 28 räkhahī. 29 gayanda Raghu bansa-mani. » Rāja. <sup>31</sup> gawana.

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Mātu-bachana suni<sup>19</sup> ati anukūlā | Janu sanöha-sura taru kē phūlā || Sukha-makaranda-bharē Shriya<sup>20</sup>-mūlā | Nirakhi Rāma-manu bhawaru<sup>21</sup> na bhūlā || Dharama<sup>22</sup>-dhurīna dharama<sup>22</sup> gati jāni | Kaheu mātu sana ati mridu bānī || 'Pitā dīnha mohi kānana-rājū |

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Jahā saba bhāti mõra bada<sup>34</sup> kājū [ Ayesu döbi<sup>25</sup> mudita mana mātā ] Jöhi<sup>36</sup> muda maygala kānana jātā [ Jani sanöha-basa darapasi bhör8<sup>37</sup> ]

Ānādu amba<sup>29</sup> anugraha tōrē<sup>29</sup> ||

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Barakha<sup>20</sup> chāri-dasa bipina basi Kari pitu-bachana-pramāna | Ār<sup>31</sup> pāya puni dēkhihātī Manu<sup>22</sup> jani karasi malāna<sup>\*</sup> || **63<sup>20</sup>** ||

#### Chaupai.

Bachana binīta madhura Raghubara kē [ Sara sama lagō mātu-ura kara kē [ Sahami sūkhi suni sītali<sup>44</sup> bānī ] Jimi jawāsa pare<sup>36</sup> pāwasa-pānī [] Kahi na jūï kachhu hridaya-bikhādū ] Manahū mrigī suni<sup>36</sup> kēbari-nādū [] Nayana sajala,<sup>37</sup> tana<sup>30</sup> thara thara kāpī<sup>30</sup> [

Mājahi khāi mīna janu māpī<sup>40</sup> []

<sup>21</sup> Rāma-mana bhāwara, <sup>33</sup> Dharma. 33 dharma. 24 bara. Ayasu déhu. # Johi. 37 bhōrē. 28 Anāda mātu. <sup>19</sup> tōrē. <sup>20</sup> Barkha. а Ауа. 12 Mana. **#** 52, 34 sītala. para. » janu sahame kari. 27 Salila. s tanu. » kāpī. Måjā manahti mina kahi byānī,

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Chāupā i. Raghu-kula-tilaka jöri doü' hāthā |

Mudita mätu-pada näyeu<sup>2</sup> mäthä || Dinhi<sup>3</sup> asīsa lāi ura linhē l Bhūkhana basana nichhāwari kīnhõ || Bāra bāra mukha chumbati<sup>4</sup> mātā l Nayana nēha-jalu<sup>s</sup> pulakita gātā [] Goda rākhi puni hridaya lagāē" | Shrawata<sup>7</sup> prēma-rasa payada suhāē<sup>s</sup> || Prēmu pramōdu<sup>•</sup> na kachhu kahi jāi į Ranka Dhanada-padawi janu pāi || Sādara sundara badanu<sup>10</sup> nihārī | Bōlī madhura bachana mahatārī || 'Kahahu, Tāta, jananī bali-hārī | Kabahi lagana muda-mangala-kāri || Sukrita-sila-sukha-siwa" suhāi Janama-lābha kaï awadhi<sup>12</sup> aghāī || <

#### Dohā.

Jehi chāhata nara-nāri saba Ati ārata ehi<sup>13</sup> bhāti | Jimi chātaka-chātaki trikhita<sup>14</sup> Brisți sarada-ritu<sup>15</sup> swāti || 52<sup>16</sup> ||

#### Chaupal.

Tāta jāŭ bali bēgi nahāhū<sup>17</sup> | Jō mana bhāwa madhura kachhu khāhū || Pitu samīpa taba jāyehu bhālā | Bhaĭ badi<sup>19</sup> bāra jāi bali mālā' ||

1 dwaa. <sup>2</sup> nāyaü. Dinha. chūmati. iala. lagāī. 7 Srawata. suhāi. Prēma-pramoda. 10 badana. 11 siwa. 12 Janma-läbha kahi (or lahi) awadha. 13 ihi. 14 chātaki-chātaka trisita. 14 ritu. ыğ1, 17 anhāhū. 18 bari. <sup>19</sup> Here ends leaf 28 of the MS. » Shrī.

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Dhari dhīraju<sup>1</sup> sutā-badanu<sup>9</sup> nihārī | Gadagada<sup>2</sup>-bachana kubati mehatārī || Tāta pitahi tumha<sup>4</sup> prāna-piārō | Dēkhi mudita nita charita tumhūrō || Rāju<sup>4</sup> döna kahū<sup>6</sup> subha dina sādhā | Kaheu jāna bana kohi aparādhā || Tāta sunāwshu möhi nidānū | Kō dina-kara-kula bhaycu<sup>7</sup> krisānū '||

#### Doha.

"Nirakhi Rāma-rukha sachiwa-suta. «Kāranu<sup>s</sup> kahcu bujhāï | "Suni prasaygu<sup>9</sup> rahi mūka jimi<sup>19</sup> Dasā barani nahi<sup>11</sup> jāï || 54!<sup>2</sup> ||

#### Chanpal.

Rākhi na sakaī<sup>13</sup> na kabi saka jāhū | Duhū bhāti ura dāruna dāhū || ļcikhata sudhā-kara, gā<sup>14</sup> likhi Rāhū | Didhi-gati bāma sadā saba kāhū || Dharama<sup>16</sup> -sanöha ubhaya mati ghērī | Bhaï gati sāpa chhuchhundari körī || Tākhāŭ sutahi karāū<sup>16</sup> anurōdhū | Dharamu<sup>17</sup> jāï aru bandhu-birōdhū || Iahāŭ jāna bana tāu badi<sup>10</sup> hānī | Saykata sōcha bibasa<sup>10</sup> bhāī rānī || Jahuri sumujhi tiya-dharamu<sup>20</sup> sayānī |

Sarala subhäü<sup>22</sup> Rāma-mahatārī | Bölī bachana dhīra dhari bhārī || ' Tāta, jāŭ bali, kīnhohu<sup>22</sup> nīkā | Pitu-āycsu<sup>24</sup> saba dharama ka<sup>26</sup> tīkā||

#### Doha.

Rāju<sup>22</sup> dēna kabi,<sup>27</sup> dīnha banu<sup>28</sup> Mõhi na sõ<sup>39</sup> dukha-lūsa | Tumha<sup>20</sup> binu Bharatahi bhū-patihi Prajahi prachaņda kalēsa || 55<sup>30</sup> ||

#### Chaupal.

Jaus kowala pitu-ayesus tata Tau jani jahu jani badi mata\*\* || Jaus pitu-mātu kaheus bana jānā | Tuu künana sata Awadha samünü || Pitu bana dowa, mātu bana-dowi | Khaga mriga charana-sarõruha-sõwī || Antahu uchita nripahi bana-bāsū | Baya bilöki hiya hör\*7 harūsū || Bada35 bhūgi banu,39 Awadha abhāgi | Jo<sup>40</sup> Raghu-bansa-tilaka tumha<sup>41</sup> tyūgi 🛛 Jaha suta kahan sanga mohi lehu | Tumharö hridaya höï sandöhü || Pūta<sup>43</sup> parama priya tumha<sup>44</sup> saba-hī kē | Prāna prāna kē jīwana jī ke || Tö tumha48 kahahu mätu bana jäu |

Mai" suni bachana baithi pachhitau ||

<sup>1</sup> dhīraja. <sup>2</sup> badana. <sup>a</sup> Gadgada. 4 tuma. • Rāja. kahū. 7 bhayau. kārana. • prasanga. • mūka-gati. " nahī. 12 53. 18 Bakahī. Here ends leaf 29 of MS. <sup>14</sup> likhi gä. " Dharma. 16 hõï. " Dharma, 18 bari. " bikala. <sup>so</sup> dharma 21 Rama Bharsta dwau. n subhāwa \* kinheü

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<sup>24</sup> äyasu. 24 dharma ke. 26 Rūja. 27 kahā. 28 bana. <sup>29</sup> muhi na socha. <sup>30</sup> Tuma. <sup>21</sup> 54. 22 Jau. <sup>33</sup> äyasu. <sup>34</sup> jäï bali mātā <sup>36</sup> Jāū. » kahai. <sup>37</sup> hōta, · Bara. » bana. 40 Jaa. 41 tuma. 42 Jau. 4ª Putra. 44 tuma. " Tuma. " M&

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Daka.

Chaupál.

Rākhahū<sup>7</sup> palaka nayana kī nāi ||

Awadhi ambu, priya parijana mīnā |

Tumha" karunū-"kara dharama"-

Saba-hi jiata jõhi<sup>10</sup> bhftahu äi ||

Kari anātha jana parijana gaŭ ||

Bhayou karālu kālu" biparītā' || Bahu-bidhi bilapi charana lapatani i

Saba kara äju sukrita phala bītā |

Parama abhāgini āpuhi jānī ||

Dāruna dusaha dāhu<sup>13</sup> ura byāpā |

Barani na jähī<sup>13</sup> bilāpa-kalāpā ||

Asa bichāri soï karahu upāi |

Jahu sukhöna banahi bali jää l

Ehi<sup>1</sup> bichāri nahi<sup>2</sup> karati hatha.

Surati bisari jani jaï || 56º ||

Dowa pitara saba tumhahi gosäl\* |

Jhutha sanéhu badhar

Māni mātu kara<sup>4</sup> nūta bali

## Bathi namita mukha sõohati SIta [ Rūpa-rāsi pati-prēma-punītā 🎚 'Chalana chahata bana jiwana-nathu." Kchi sukritī<sup>21</sup> sana hölhi sāthū<sup>22</sup> li Kī tanu-prāna, ki kōwala prānā Bidhi karatabu<sup>23</sup> kachhu jäl<sup>24</sup> na jänä' 🛛

Chāru charana-nakha lökhati dharani | Nüpura mukhara madhura kabi barani ||

Manahū proma-basa binatī karalıl i 'Hamahī Siya-pada jani pariharah1'l

Mañju bilöchana möchati bäri | Bolī dokhi23 Rāma-mahatārī || Täta sunahu Siya ati sukumārī | Sāsu sasura parijanahi piārī<sup>26</sup> ||

#### Dika

Pitā Janaka bhūpāla-mańi Sasura bhānu kula-bhūnu Pati rawi-kula-kairawa-bipina Bidhu guna-rūpa-nidhānu [ 587 ]

#### Chaupai.

ai puni putra-badhû priya pEI | Rūpa-rāsi guna-sīla subāī || ayana-putari kari<sup>30</sup> prīti bad**hāl<sup>30</sup> (** Rūkhoū prāna Jūnakihi lāl || alapa-böli<sup>30</sup> jimi bahu bidh**i läli (** 3 1 Sichi sanöha-salila pratipali || hūlata phalata bhaycu<sup>31</sup> bidhi bāmā [ < Jūni na jūi kūha parināmā || alaga-pitha taji goda hidorā 🛾 Siya na dinha<sup>22</sup> pagu awani kathori (

Rāma uthāï mātu ura lāī <sup>14</sup>	
Kahi mridu bachana bahuri samujhāī <sup>16</sup>	м
Diha.	
Samāchāra tohi samaya sun	N
Sīya uthī akulāï į	ĸ
JEi sāsu-pada-kamala-juga <sup>16</sup>	-
Bandi bathi siru <sup>17</sup> näi    5716	P
Chaupal.	
Dinhill asīsa sāsu mridu bāni	P

Dinhi<sup>19</sup> asis Ati sukumāri dēkhi akulānī ||

<sup>1</sup> Yaha. <sup>2</sup> nahī. Here ends leaf 30 of the MS. sanöha barhaï. 4 kē. 65. <sup>6</sup> tumahi gusāl. 7 Räkhahu. . Tuma. • dharma. <sup>10</sup> jiyata jehi. 11 Bhayo karāla kāla. 12 daha. ıı jāï. 14 Jawa. 15 bahuta samujhāwā.

<sup>16</sup> paga-kamala-yuga.

17 sira. 18 56. <sup>19</sup> Dinha. 20 nāthā. <sup>21</sup> Kawana sukrita. 28 sāthā. 23 karataba.

24 jāta.

25 Hero ends leaf 81 of MS

26 parijanahī pyāri

- 27 67.
- 27 iwa.
- 29 barhāī.
- » Kalpa-böli.
- a bhayo.
- <sup>22</sup> dina.

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Jiana-mūri<sup>1</sup> jimi jogawata<sup>2</sup> rahati<sup>2</sup> | Dīpa-bāti nahi<sup>4</sup> tārana kahaū<sup>6</sup> || Sor Siya chalana chahati bana satha | Avesu<sup>7</sup> kāha<sup>8</sup> hõi Raghu-näthä || Chanda<sup>9</sup>-kirana-rasa-rasika chakõri | Rawi-rukha nayana sakai kimi jõri || Dohā.

Kari kõhari nisi-chara charahī Dușta jantu bana bhūri | Bikha-bāţikā ki söha suta Subhaga säjiwani<sup>10</sup> müri || 59<sup>11</sup> ||

#### Chaupal.

Bana hita kõla kiräta-kisöri | Rachi Birañchi bikhaya-sukha<sup>19</sup>bhōrī ||

Pāhana-krimi jimi kathina subhāu | Tinahi kalēsu<sup>18</sup> na kānana kāū || Kai tāpasa-tiva kānana jōgū<sup>14</sup> | Jinha<sup>15</sup> tapa-hētu tajā saba bhōgū 🛚 Siya bana basihi tāta kehi bhātī<sup>16</sup> ļ Chitra-likhita kapi dēkhi derātī || Sura-sara-subhaga-banaja-bana-chārī | Dabara-jõgu<sup>17</sup> ki hansa-kumārī'

# Conclusion of the Kis'kindhā Kand" (Banāras MS.).

(The two following extracts are given for the sake of the colophons.)

#### Chhand."

(Jõ sunata gäwata kahata sa)mujhata parama pada nara pāwai | Raghu-bīra-pada-pāthōja madhu-kara Dāsa Tulasī gāwai ||

#### Doha.

Bhawa-bhekha-ja-Raghu-natha-jasu\*\* <sup>7</sup> Sunahi jë nara aru nari | Finha kara sakala manoratha Siddha karahî Trisirā-'ri<sup>31</sup> ||

Jīwana.mūri. <sup>2</sup> jugawati. <sup>2</sup> raheū.

4 nahī.

\* kahā.

• Chandra. 10 sajiwana.

18 Tinahī kalēsa.

• <u>S</u>ō. 7 Ayasu.

11 68.

u rasa.

14 yõgü. 16 Jina.

и bhātī.

\* kahe0.

Sörathā.

Nīlotpala tana<sup>22</sup> syāma Kāma kōti sobhā adhika Sunia<sup>23</sup> tāsu guna-grāma

Jāsu nāma agha-khaga-badhika || 30<sup>24</sup>

Iti Crī23-Rāma-charita-mānasē sakala-kali-kaluşa-vidhvamsanē, Visuddha (sic)-santoşa-sampādini26-nāma chaturthas sõpänah samāptah || Cubham astu<sup>27</sup> || Sambat 1704 samaē, Paukhashūdi-dwārasi23 likhitam Raghutīvārī Kāsyām ||

<sup>19</sup> Passages in the Chhand metres are always in highly Sanskritized style, and hence are seldom altered in the printed texts. 20

<sup>20</sup> jasa. <sup>21</sup> Trip**urā-'ri**.

🎫 tanu.

23 Suniya.

<sup>24</sup> System of numbering different from that of the printed text, which here has 2.

<sup>24</sup> In Sanskrit passages, I transliterate  $\pi$  by C; in Gaudian passages, by SA. <sup>26</sup> vimala-veīrāgya-sampādanō. Siddhir astu,

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<sup>27</sup> Cubham astu | Siddhir astu.

<sup>20</sup> A very interesting form. This date is of course omitted in the printed editions.

17 yōga. 19 These are the names of the kands Tulsigiven in the printed edition. is, it will be seen, gave other names.

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## Conclusion of the Layka Kand (Banaras MS.).

#### Chhand.

(Mati-manda Tulasī) Dāsa sō Prabhu mõha-basa bisaräïyö [] Yaha Rāwanā-'ri-charitra pāwana Rāma-pada-rati-prada sadā | Kāmā-"di-hara bigyāna-kara surasiddha-muni gāwahī mudā ||

#### Dohā.

Samara-bijaya Raghu-mani-charita<sup>1</sup> Sunahī je sadā sujāna<sup>2</sup> | Bijaya bibēka bibhūti nita Tinhahī<sup>2</sup> dēhī Bhagawāna ||

# Yaha Kali-kāla malā-"yatana Mana kari dōkhu bichāra | Shrī Raghu-nāyaka-nāmu<sup>4</sup> taji

Nahi kachhu Ina adhāra<sup>5</sup> || 120<sup>6</sup> || Iti Çrī-Rāma-charita-mānasō sakala kali-kaluşa-vidhvamsanö, Vimala-vijñāna-sampādinī<sup>7</sup>-nāma şaşthas söpānab samāptah<sup>6</sup> || Çubham astu || Samba 1704 samaō || Māgha-sūdi pratipad likhītam Raghutīvārī Kāsyām (?) Lölā-(r)ka samipō (sio) || Çrī-Rāmō jayati || Çrī-Viçva-nāthāya namah || Çrī-Vindu-mādhavaō (? sio) namah ||

II.-OTHER VERSIONS OF THE RAMA LEGEND.

In addition to the various poems of Tul'si Däs, a number of works have been written by later authors dealing with the same subject. The following are those with which I am acquainted :-

(1) A Rāmāyan was written by Chintamani Tripāthi (143).

(2) Man Das (172) wrote the Ram Charitr, founded on the Ramayana of Välmiki and on the Hanuman Nätaka.

(3) Bhag'want Ray, the Khichi (333), wrote a Rāmāyan.

(4) Sambhu Nath (357) wrote a Rāmāyan entitled Rām Bilās.

(5) Gulab Singh (486) wrote a Vedantio Rāmāyan (whatever that may mean).

(6) Gaj'rāj Upādhyā (585) wrote a Rāmāyan.

(7) Sahaj Rām (592) wrote a

The above list does not include the many works dealing with one or more detached episodes of the Rāma legend; nor does it include the countless Rāmāyans in prose and verse which have been issued of late years. Of these the best in language and style is the (14) Rām Kathā of the late Paņķit Chhōtā Rām Tiwāri (No. 705).

- <sup>2</sup> Charita je sunahī sujāna.
- Tinshī.
- 4 -nātha-nāma.

Rāmāyan, founded on the Raghuvamça and on the Hanuman Nātaka.

(8) Saykar Tripāțhi (613) wrote a Rāmāyan in Kabitta metres.

(9) Iswari Par'sād Tripāthi (675) wrote a translation of the Rāmāyaņa of Vaimiki.

(10) Chandr' Jhā (686) wrote a a Rāmāyan in the Maithilī dialect.

(11) Jānaki Par'sād (689) wrots a Rām-nibās Rāmāyan.

(12) Samar Siggh (721) wrote s Rāmāyan.

(13) Pūran Chand Jūth (829s) wrote the Rām Rahasya Rāmāyan.

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Printed editions omit all after this.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Samara-bijaya Raghubira kē.

<sup>•</sup> Nāhi na na.

<sup>7</sup> vimala-jñāna-sampādano.

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# CHAPTER VII.

### THE ARS POETICA. [1580-1692 A.D.]

THE end of the sixteenth century and the whole of the seventeenth century, a period corresponding closely with the supremacy of the Mughal empire, presents a remarkable array of poetic talent. Within this period the most prominent figures not already dealt with are *Ktsab Dās, Chintāmani Tripathi*, and *Bihāri Lāi*. Kēsab and Chintāmani are the most salient examples of a school founded by the first of these authors which devoted itself to the technical development of the art of poetry; and this group will alone be considered in the present chapter. The next chapter will deal with the remaining poets of the soventoenth century.

134. वोसब ट्रांस सनाटरंग मिसर, Kesab Dās Sanāḍhya Misar, of Bundel'khaṇḍ. Fl. 1580 A.D.

Nir., Sun., Sat., Rāg. His original home was in *Ţeh'rī*, but he visited king *Madhukar Shāh*, of *Ur'chhā*, and received much honour from him. Subsequently king *Indar'jīt* (No. 136), Madhukar's son, endowed him with twenty-one villages, whereupon he and his family finally settled in Ur'chhā. He was the first poet to describe in the vornacular (in his *Kabi-priyā* (Rāg.), a work which subsequent writers have frequently imitated), the ten constituents ( $\P$ ) of a poem. His first important work was the *Bigyān Gitā*, which he wrote under the name of *Madhukar Shāh*. Then he wrote the *Kabi-priyā* for *Par'bīn Rāi Pāturi* (No. 137). This was followed by the *Rām-chandrikā* (Rāg.) under the name of king *Indar'jīt*. He also wrote the learned *Rasik-priyā* (Rāg.) on composition ( $\P$ ) and the *Rām-alagkrit-mañjarī* on prosody.

Commentaries on the Kabi-pr/yā were written by (1) Sar'dār (571), (2) Nārāyan Rāy (572), (3) Phāf'kā Rāw (678), (4) Hari (761); on the Rām-chandrikā by (1) Jānakī Par'sād (577), (2) Dhanī Rām (578); and on the Rasik-priyā by (1) Sarati Misar (326), (2) Ya'qab Khān (394), (3) Isuf Khān (421), (4) Sar'dār (571), (5) Warl Jan (575).

#### THE ARS PORTION. [1580-1692 A.D.]

When the emperor Ak'bar fined king Indar'jit ten million rupees for disobedience and revolt because Par'bin Rāi Pāturi did not appear in his (Ak'bar's) court, Kēsab Dās had a scoret audience with Rājā Bir'bal (No. 106), the emperor's, minister, and recited the well-known lines ending fedi atarti 3% atarti (given in Sib Siygh Sarbi, pp. 31, 32). Rājā Bir'bal was much pleased with them and got the fine remitted, but Par'bīn Rāï Pāturī had nevertheless to appear in court.

135. बलिभट्रः सनाटतः मिसर, Ballbhadr' Sanādhya Misar, of Ur'chhā, in Bundel'khānd. Fl. 1580 A.D.

He was brother of Kesab Dās. His Nakh'sikh (see note to No. 87) is admitted by all poets to be a standard work. He also wrote a commentary on the Bhāgavata Púrāņa. His Nakh'sikh has a commentary by Par'tāp Sāhi (No. 149), and another by an anonymous poet of Uniyārā (No. 660).

136. इन्ट्रजीत सिङ्ग, Raja Indar'jit Singh, the Bundels of Ur'chha, in Bundel'khand. Fl. 1580 A.D.

Rāg. As a poet he wrote under the name of Dhīraj Narind. Kēsab Dās Sanādhyā Misar (No. 134) the poet, and Par'bin Rāi Pāturi (No. 137) the poetess, attended his court. See these names for the account of an adventure he had with the emperor Ak'bar.

137. परन्वीन राद्र पातुरी, Par'bin Rāi Pāturi, the courteman of Ur'chhā, in Bundēl'khaņd. Fl. 1580 A.D.

Kēsab Dās (No. 134) composed his Kabi-priyā in honour of this courtezan, and in its dedication highly honoured her. She was authoress of numerous short poems which have a great reputation. She attended the court of king *Indar'jit* (No. 136), and the emporor *Ak'bar*, hearing of her fame, summoned her to him. *Indar'jit* refused to allow her to go, and thereupon *Ak'bar* fined him ten million rupces as a robel. Kēsab Dās repaired to Ak'bar's court, and interceding through *Bir'bal* (No. 106) got the fine remitted. Par'bīn had, however, to appear before Ak'bar, and after giving a sample of her learning was allowed to depart. The whole interview is poetically described by Sib Singh, p. 448.

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138. बाल क्रियन्न चिपाठी, Bal Krish'n Tripāthī. FL 1600 A.D.

He was son of Balibhadr', nephew of Kēsab Dās, and brother of Kāsi Nāth. He was the author of a good prosody entitled Raschandrikā.

There is another poet of the name Bāl Krish'n, of whom I know no particulars.

139. कासी नाथ कवि, the poet Kāsi Nāth. FL 1600 A.D. A graceful poet. He was son of Balibhadr', nephew of Kēsab Dās, and brother of Bāl Krish'n Tripāțhi.

140. देव द्ता, Deb Datt' alias Deb Kabl, the Brühman of Samanegaw, district Main'purl. B. 1604 A.D.

According to Native opinion he was the greatest poet of his time, and indeed one of the great poets of India. He is said to have written no less than seventy different works. The following are those which are best known:—(1) Prēm Taragg, (2) Bhāw-bilās, (3) Ras-bilās, (4) Rasānand·laharī, (5) Sujān-binōd, (6) Kābya-rasāyan [a treatise on prosody (piygal) and rhetorie (alaykār)], (7) Ashta-jām (Rāg.) (printed), (8) Dēb-māyā Prapañch (a play), (9) Prēm-dīpikā, (10) Sumil-binōd, (11) Rādhikā-bilās. Garcin de Tassy (i, 157), quoting from Ward, (ii, 480), calls him Dēb Rāj, and says that he is author of a Nakh'sikh (see note to No. 87), which is probably one of the abovementioned works.

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# 141. इरी राम, Harl Rām. B. 1623 A.D.

The author of a Nakh'sikh (see note to No. 87). Possibly the same as a Harl Rām Kabi, the author of a Pingal (Rāg.), or treatise on prosody, mentioned by Sib Singh as B. (? Fl.) 1651 A.D.

142. सुन्दर ट्रास कवि, the poet Sundar Das, a Brahman of Gwaliyar. Fl. 1631 A.D.

Nir., Sun. He attended the court of the emperor Shāh Jahān. He was first given the title of Kabi Rāy, and afterwards of Mahā Kabi Rāy. His principal work is on composition, and is entitled Sundar Sringār, a work on lovers. He was also author of a Braj Bhākhā translation of the Sigghāsan Battisi (Rāg.), the origin of Lalla Ji Lāl's

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Hindustāni version, and of a philosophical work entitled Gyān Samudra. Garcin de Tassy (i, 482) suggests that he may also have been the author of a work entitled Sundar Bidyā.

# 143. चिन्तामनि चिपाठी, Chintamani Tripathi, of Jih'mapur, district Kanh'pur. FL 1650 A.D.

Nir., Sat. He is counted as one of the great masters of vernacular composition (सारित्य). The legend in the Dosb is that his father used continually to visit a shrine of Devi and worship her. The shrine is still shown at a distance of a mile from Tik'māpur. One day the goddess, being pleased at his devotion, appeared to him, and showing him four skulls promised that they should all be born as sons to him. As a matter of fact so it turned out, and he obtained four sons, viz. (1) Chintāmani, (2) Bhūkhan, (3) Mati Rām, and (4) Jatā Saŋkar alias Nil Kanth. Of these, the last obtained the blossing of a saint and became a poet. The other three studied Sanskrit and became so learned that it is said that their fame will remain to the end of the world. From Mati Rām were descended Sital and Bihāri Lāl, who were alive in 1844 A.D., and Rām DIn. Chintāmani attended for a long time the court of Bhomalā Makarand Shāh, of the solar race at Nāg'pur. Under his name he composed an important treatise on prosody entitled Chhand-bichār. He also wrote the (2) Kābya-bibēk, (3) Kabi-kul Kalpa-taru, (4) Kābya-par'kās, and (5) a Rāmāyan. The last is an excellent work in Kabitta and other metres. Amongst % his patrons wore Rudr' Sāhi, the Sulayki, the emporor Shāh Jahān (1628-1658), and Jain Din Ah'mad (No. 144). He often wrote under the nom de guerre of Mani Lal. He is possibly the same as another Chintāmani, also mentioned by Sib Singh.

144. जैन दीन ग्रह•मद, Jain Din Ah'mad. B. 1070 (P) A.D.

He was a poet himself, and also a great patron of poets. Amongst his protegés may be mentioned Chintāmani Tripāțhi (No. 143), of *Tik'māpur*.

145. मूखन जिपाठो, Bhukhan Tripāthi, of Ţik'māpur, district Kānh'pur. Fl. 1660 A.D.

Nir., Haj., Rāg. He was brother of Chintāmani Tripāțhi (No. 143), and excelled in the tragic, heroio, and terrible styles. At first he

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sttended for six months the court of king Chhattr' Sāl (No. 197), of Par'nā (Pannā). Thence he went to Sib Rāj, the Sulanki, of Sitārā, where he was much honoured and received many times enormous presents for his works. On one occasion he got as much as five elephants and twenty-five thousand rupees for a single poem. His poems in honour of Sib Rāj are the most famous of their class. Having exploited this monarch he returned home, and on his way passed through Par'nā. Chhattr' Sāl, feeling himself quite unable to reward the poet as Sib Raj had done, instead of giving him money, helped with his own shoulder to carry him in his palankeen on his way. This occurrence is the origin of some of the poet's most famous verses. After resting at home Bhūkhan set out on a tour through Răj'putānā, proclaiming the glory of Sib Raj. He finally found himself at Kumāo, and recited a verse in honour of the king of the place. The king imagined that Bhūkhan had come to look for a reward, and that all the story of his having been enriched by Sib Rāj was pure invention : so he offered him a handsome present of elephants, horses, and money. To this Bhukhan replied :--- "I hunger 1 not for this. I came only to learn if Sib Rāj's fame had penetrated here or not."

His principal works are (1) Sib Rāj Bhūkhan, (2) Bhūkhan Hajārā, (3) Bhūkhan Ullās, and (4) Dūkhan Ullās. Seventy short pieces by him in all styles are included in the Hajārā of Kālidās Tribēdī.

146. मति राम जिपाठी, Mati Rām Tripāțhī, of Tik'mā. pur, district Kānh'pur. Fl. cir. 1650—1682 A.D.

Nir., Rāg., Sun., Sat. He was brother of *Chintāmani Tripāţhī* (No. 143). He led a wandering life, going from one royal court to another.

His best works are (1) Lalit Lalām, a work on rhetorie, which he wrote in the name of Rāw Bhāw Singh, of Bandī (1658—1682; cf. Tod, ii, 489; Calo. ed ii, 527); (2) Chhand Sār, a treatise on prosody, in the name of Fatih Sāhi, the Bundēlā of Srinagar; and (3) Ras Rāj (Rāg.), a treatise on lovers. See Garcin de Tassy, i, 332.

147. सम्भु नाथ सिङ्घ, Räjā Sambhu Nāth Singh Sulanki alias Sambhu Kabi, alias Nāth Kabi, alias Nrip Sambhu, of Sitārā. FI. cir. 1650.

1 This (पद्य को यब सूख नहीं) is a pun on the poet's name सूखन।

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Sun., Sat. Not only a patron of poets, but author of an admired work. It is in the erotic style, and is called *Kabya Nirāli*. It is considered the best work on lovers extant. He was a great friend of *Mati Rām Tripāthi* (No. 146).

148. नीख काएं चिपाठी, NI Kanth Tripathi, alias Jata Sankar, of Jik'mpaur, district Kanh'pur. Fl. cir. 1650 A.D.

Nir., Sat. A brother of *Chintāmani Tripāţhi* (No. 143). No complete works by him are known to be extant.

149. पर•ताप साहि, the bard Par'tap Sahi,' of Bundel'khand. FL 1633 (?) A.D.

He was son of the poet Ratines (No. 199), and attended the court of king Chhattr' Sāl (No. 197), of Par'nā (Pannā). He wrote a work on vernacular composition (भाखा साहित्य) entitled Kābya Bilās. At the suggestion of Bikram Sāhi he wrote a commentary to the Bhākhā Bhukhan and to the Nakh'sikh (see note to No. 87) of Balibhadr' (No. 135). Another work of his is entitled the Bigyarthakaumudl. I do not know the work here entitled Bhākhā Bhūkhan. The only work of that name with which I am acquainted was written by Jas'want Singh (No. 377) at the end of the eighteenth century, and has been frequently commentated on. Who the Bikram Sahi referred to above is I do not know. He cannot be the well-known Bikram Sāhi of Char'khāri (No. 514) if the account given above, which is that given in the Sib Siygh Sardj, is correct. Bikram of Char'khārī flourished in 1804 A.D. If he is the man reforred to, then the poet cannot have attended the court of Chhattr' Sal (fl. 1650), and the Bhākhā Bhūkhan referred to was probably that by Jas'want Singh. The matter being doubtful, I place Par'tap provisionally here.

# 150. सीपति कवि, the poet Srīpati, of Par'yāg'pur, district Bahirāich. B. 1643 A.D.

<sup>1</sup> This word Sāhi or Shāhi is the same as Shāh, but is an older form, preserving in its final i a trace of the ending ya in the Zend kekdyathiya, which has disappeared in the modern Persian Shāh. See Zoroastrian Deitics on Isdo-Scythic Coins, by A. Stein, reprinted from The Oriental and Babylonian Record, August 1887, p. 9.

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Sūd., Sun. He is counted as one of the masters of vernacular composition. His most famous works are (1) the Kābya Kalpa-drum, (2) Kābya Sarōj, (3) Srīpati Sarōj.

151. सरखती कवीन्द्र, Saraswati, the poet-laureate, a Brahman of Banāras. Fl. 1650 A.D.

He was learned in Sanskrit composition ( $\pi \pi (\bar{\kappa} \pi)$ , and at the instance of the emperor Shāh Jahān (1628—1658) he took to writing poems in the vernacular. His principal work of this nature was the Kabindra-kalpa-latā, in which there are many poems in praise of prince Dārā Shukōh and the Bēgam Sāhib.

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152. सिव नाथ कवि, the poet Sib Nath, of Bundel'khand. FL 1660 A.D.

He attended the court of Raja Jagat Siggh Bundels, the son of ĸ Chhattr' Sāl (No. 197), of Par'nā (Pannā), and was the author of a work Ļ. on poetry entitled Ras Rahjan. The above is Sib Singh's account; Ń but, according to Tod, Chhattr' Sal, the Bundela, had no son named Jagat. See Tod's Rajasthan, ii, 491; Calo. ed. ii, 527. Hunter's ß Gazetteer, s.v. Jaitpur, mentions a Jagatrāj, son of Chhattr' Sāl. The 1 Rep. Arch. Sur. Ind. xvii, 106, gives some verses by a poet named đ Sib (or Shiu) Pati, who lived about the same time. 1

153. तुल-सी कवि, the poet Tul'si, the son of Jadu Ray. F1. 1655.

He was only a mediocre poet himself, but he compiled in 1655 A.D. an excellent anthology, entitled the Kabi-mālā. It includes poems by seventy-five different poets, dating from Sambat 1500 (A.D. 1443) down to Sambat 1700 (A.D. 1643).

154. सराडन कवि, the poet Mandan, of Jait'pur, in Bundel'khand. B. 1659.

Nir., Sun. He attended the court of king Maygad Siygh. He wrote three works on composition (सारित्य), entitled (1) Ras Ratnāball, (2) Ras Bilās, and (3) Nān Pachāsā.

155. रतन काबि, the poet Ratan. B. 1681 A.D.

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He attended the court of Sabhā Sāhi, (cf. No. 346), Rājā cf Par'nā (Pannā), and translated the Rasa Maājari into the vernacular. Probably the same as the poet Ratan, of Srinagar, in Bundēl'khand, who attended the court of Rājā Fat'h Sāhi, the Bundēlā of Srinagar. Under this king's name he composed two works on vernacular composition, entitled Phatēshāh Bhūkhan and Phatē Par'kās respectively. Mr. Whish, Deputy Comissioner of Hamir'pur, informs me that Fat'h Sāhi was a descendant of Chhattr' Sāl (No. 197), but never came to the throne.

156. सुरन्ती धर कवि, the poet Mur'll Dhar. B. (?FL) 1683 A.D.

Haj., Sun. Probably the same as a Mur'll Kabl in Räg., and as a Mur'll Dhar Kabl mentioned by Sib Singh (without date) as joint author with Sri Dhar (No. 157) of a work on prosody entitled Kabl Binod.

157. सी धर कवि, the poet Sri Dhar. Fl. (?) 1688 A.D. Sun. Joint author with Mur'li Dhar (No. 156) of a prosody entitled Kabi Binod.

158. बारन कावि, the poet Bāran, of Bhūpāl. B. 1683 A.D. He attended the court of Shujāu'l Shāh Nawāb, of Rāj'garh. He wrote a highly esteemed work on composition (बाइल्) entitled Rasik Bilās.

159. कालिट्रास चिवेदी, Kalidās Tribēdī, of Ban'para, in the Doāb. Fl. cir. 1700 A.D.

Nir., Sat. He was an excellent and famous poet of the  $D\bar{o}ab$ . At first he remained for many years in attendance on the emperor  $\overline{Aurang'zeb}$  in  $G\bar{o}kul'kund\bar{a}$  and other places in the Deccan. Thereafter he lived with king  $J\bar{o}g\bar{a}jit$  Singh Raghubansi, of Jamba, and under his name composed a fine work entitled the  $Badha-bin\bar{o}d$ . His best known work is an anthology entitled the  $K\bar{a}lid\bar{a}s$  Hajārā (quoted in this work as 'Haj.'), in which he has included a thousand poems by two hundred and twelve poets dating from A.D. 1423

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down to A.D. 1718. Sib Singh states that he has derived great assistance from this work in writing his Saröj (which indeed appears to be the fact). He adds that he has in his library a splendid work by the same author entitled Jañjirāband.

His son was Uday Näth Kabindr' (No. 334), and his grandson the poet Dalah (No. 358), both celebrated authors.

160. सुख देव मिसर, Sukh Deb Misar, the Kabiraj or poet-laureate, of Kampilā. Fl. cir. 1700 A.D.

Nir., Sat., Sun. He is counted as one of the masters of vernacular composition. He attended the court of Rājā *Rāj Singh*, son of Rājā *Arjun Singh*, of *Gāur*, and obtained from him the title of Kabirāj or poet-laureate. There he wrote a treatise on prosody entitled *Brit Bichār*, which is considered to be the best of all works of its kind. *Bichār*, which is considered to be the best of all works of its kind. Thence he went to the court of Rājā *Himmat Singh*, of *Amēthī*, where he wrote another prosody entitled *Chhand Bichār*. Thence he repaired to Nawāb *Fāzil 'Alī Khān*, minister of *Aurang'zēb*, where he wrote a famous work on vernacular composition ( $\pi i \bar{\pi} a$ ) entitled *Phājil All Par'kās* (attributed by Garcin de Tassy, i, 479, but with hesitation, to one *Sukdēb*, quoting from Ward, *A View*, etc., ii, 481). Ho was also author of the *Adhyātma Par'kās* and the *Das'rath Rāy*. His most famous pupil was *Jāl Dēb* (No. 161), of *Kampilā*. Cf. No. 661.

161. जे देव काबि, the poet Jan Deb, of Kampila. Fl. cir. 1700 A.D.

He attended the court of Nawab Fazil 'All Khan, and was a pupil of Sukh Deb Misar (No. 160), of Kampila.

# 162. नाथ, Nath. Fl. cir. 1700 A.D.

? Sun. He attended the court of Fāzil 'Alī Khān. He is possibly the same as a Nāth Kabi who attended the court of Bhag'want Rāy, Khichi (No. 333), who died 1760. (Cf. Nos. 68, 147, 440, 632, and 850.)

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#### Part I.—Religious Poets.

[Arranged as far as possible in order of date.]

163. ETE, Dādā, the cotton-carder, of Narain, in Aj'mer. Fl. 1600 A.D.

The founder of the Dadū Panthi sect. He was born at Ahmagabad. but in his twelfth year removed to Sāmbhar. He finally settled at Narān, a place about four kos from Sāmbhar, where he received his inspiration. His principal works are the Dada HI Bani and the Dadu Panthi Granth. The latter has been translated by Liout. G. R. Siddons in the J. A. S. B., vi, pp. 480 and 750. See Wilson, Religious Sects of the Hindus, i, 103, and Garcin de Tassy. One of his disciples was Sundar, the author of the Sundar Sankhya. The Bani extends to 20,000 lines. Dadu's life by Jan Gopal runs to 3.000 lines. Fifty-two disciples spread his doctrines throughout Răj'putānā and Aj'mēr, each of them leaving a large collection of religious verse. Thus, the poems and hymnology of Garib Das are said to amount to 32,000 lines; Jālsā is stated to have composed 1,24,000 lines; Par'yāg Dās, 48,000 lines; Rajab JI, 72,000; Bakh'nā Jī, 20,000 lines; Sankar Dās, 4,400; Baba Ban'wārī Dās, 12.000 <sup>1</sup> lines ; Sundar Dās, 1,20,000 lines ; and Mādhō Dās, 68,000 lines. See Memorandum on Bhasha Literature by John Traill, of Jaipur: 1884.

164. सन्टर दास कावि, the poet Sundar Das, of Mewar. Fl. cir. 1620 A.D.

He was a disciple of Dādā (No. 163) and wrote a quietistic work entitled Sundar Sāgkhyā.

165. सेनापति कवि, the poet Sënāpati, of Brindāban, in Braj. B. 1623 A.D.

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Haj., Sūd. He was a devotee at Brindāban, and was the author of a standard work entitled Kābya Kalpadrum.

# 166. सी धर कवि, the poet Sri Dhar, of Raj'putana. B. 1023 A.D.

Sūd (?). The author of a work dealing with Durgā, entitled Bhawāni Chhand.

167. प्रान नाय, Pran Nath, the Chhattri of Par'nā (Pannā), in Bundel'khand. Fl. 1650.

The founder of the Prān'nāthi sect, an attempt at uniting the Hindū and Musalmān religions. He attended the court of Chhattr' Sāl (fl. 1650), of Par'nā (Pannā) (No. 197). See Growso, J. A. S. B., xlviii, p. 171, where a specimen of one of his works (the Qiyāmat Nāmā) is given and translated. Mr. Growse is wrong in putting him at the beginning of the eighteenth century, for Chhattr' Sāl died in 1658. Prān Nāth was the author of fourteen works, of which a list is given by Mr. Growse, l.o. The language is peculiar, the grammatical structure being purely Hindi while the vocabulary is mainly supplied from Persian and Arabie.

# 168. बीर भान, Bir Bhān, of Brijhasir. FL 1658 A.D.

The founder of the sect of Sādhs, the doctrines of which he taught in consequence of a miraculous communication received from one *Uday Dās*, According to others he was a disciple of one  $J\bar{o}gl D\bar{a}s$ . The doctrines taught by his superhuman instructor were communicated in the form of Sabds and Sākhis, detached Hindī verses like those of *Kabir*. They are collected into manuals and read at the religious meetings of the Sādhs. See Wilson, *Religious Sects of the Hindūs*, i, 354, and Garcin do Tassy, i, 125.

169. **गोविन्द सिङ्ग**, Srī Guru Göbind Singh. B. 1666 A.D. The celebrated founder of the militant Sikh religion. He was a Panjābī<sup>1</sup> of the Södi Khattrī caste, and was born in Anand'pur, in

<sup>1</sup> I am indebted for most of this information to Ray Jai Krish'n, of Pat'nä, who is a trustco of the Sikh temple there.

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Pat'nā Citu, on the seventh of the light half of Pus. Sambet 1723 (1666 A.D.). His father was Guru Teg Bahadur, who was summoned by Turang'zeb to Delhi and there compelled to embrace Muhammad-Teg Bahadur died in 1675 A.D. (fifth of light half of anism. Aghan, Sam. 1732). Some say that he committed suicide, others that he was murdered by Aurangzeb. When that monarch began to oppress the Hindus, Gobind Singh felt himself to be commissioned by god to appear in this world in human form to destroy tyrants. In the summer of 1697 A.D. (first of light half of Chait, Sam. 1754), he commenced a severe penance, and offered sacrifices to the goddess Käll on the hill of Nana Debl, in the district of Hushiar'pur, in the Panjah. After a year's penance, on the ninth of light half of Chait, Sam. 1755 (A.D. 1698), the goddess appeared to him and commanded him to ask a boon. He excluimed, - "Goddess, grant me the boon that I may always be engaged in good works, and that when I go forth to fight the enemy I may always be victorious and nover terrified." The goddess disappeared, saying "Bo it so."

After he had convinced his disciples of the truth of his mission, he made a collection of works containing not only poems by himself, but also selections from the works and prophecies of other authors. It is called the *Granth Sāhib* (see No. 22), and is in four parts, all in verse:—

- (1) The Suniti Par'kās, a treatise on morals.
- (2) The Sarb Löh Par'kās, a commentary on Nānak's (No. 22) writings.
- (3) The Prēm Sumārg, dealing with the Sikh religion. It contains a section entitled the Bachitra Nāţak, which is a short account of Göbind's life and mission.

(4) The Buddh Sāgar, consisting of hymns and invocations.

Göbind Singh wrote well in Braj Bhākhā, Panjābī, and Persian, and was altogether a famous poet.

Cf. Garcin do Tassy, i, 191. According to Wilson, Religious Sock of the Hindus, i, 274, the chief work of the sect is known as the Das Pādshāh kā granth.

170. **UHT**, the bard Khumān, of Char'khāri, in Bundel'khand. B. 1683 A.D.

He was born blind and was quite uncducated. It happened that s holy man came to his house, and after staying there four months was

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escorted out of Char'khārī by many respectable and learned men of the place. When they had gone a little way the others returned, but Khumān stayed by him, in spite of the saint advising him to go home. Khumān's argument was, "Why should I return to my home? I am blind, ignorant, and of no use in the house. As the proverb says, I am like the washerman's donkey, who belongs neither to the house nor to the washing place."<sup>1</sup> Pleased at this the saint wrote the *mantra* of Saraswatī on his tongue, and told him first to compose a poem in honour of his (the saint's) gourd pot. Khumān immediately composed twenty-five verses in its honour, and after worshipping the saint's fect returned home. There he began to compose epics in Sanskrit and in the vornacular.

Once he was attending the court of Rājā Sendhiā (Scindia), of *Gwāliyar*, who commanded him to spend the whole night in writing a work in Sanskrit. Khumān agreed to do this, and in one night composed seven hundred çlökas.

Ito is considered to have been truly an inspired poet. His best known works are the Lachhman Satak and the Hanuman Nakh'sikh.<sup>•</sup> Ito is possibly the same as a poet named Khumān Kabi (date unknown), who metrically translated a section of the Amara Kōça (Rāg.) into the vernacular.

# Part II.—Other Poets.

[These are grouped as far as possible according to their patrons or the states to which they were attached.]

# 171. नजौर, Najir (Nazir), of Ag'ra. Fl. before 1600 A.D.

Rāg. A poet of considerable fame, first prominently introduced to European readers by Mr. Fallon in the preface to his Hindūstānī Dictionary. Mr. Fallon says that he is the only poet whose verses have made their way to the people, and that there is scarcely an indifferent line in all that he has written. To these very wide statements I am quite unable to subscribe. His writings (quoted as Nazīr kī Shāir in Rāg.) cortainly are popular among certain classes, but they have nothing like the general acceptance of the works of poets like Tul'sī Dās, Sar Dās, Malik Muhammad Jāyasī, and other giants

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> I.e., he is always going backwards and forwards between them.

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of the period. Neither can I agree with Mr. Fallon's estimate of the literary value of his works, which, although couched in popular language, are so filthily indecent as to be unreadable by any person of European training and taste.

# 172. मान दास कवि, the poet Man Das, of Braj. B. 1623 A.D.

Rāg. A favourite poet. His principal work was a vernacular poem entitled Rām Charitr', founded on the Rāmāyaņa of Vālmiki and on the Hanuman Nāțaka.

173. ठाक़र कवि, the poet Thakur the elder. Fl. 1643 A.D. Haj., Sun. According to one account he was a bard of the village As'ni, district Fatih'pur, and lived about the time of Muhammad Shah (1719-1748.). Others say he was a Kayasth of Bundel'khand. There is a legend in Bundel'khand that one time the Bundelas were assembled at Chhattr'pur in order to murder Himmati Bahādur (No. 378), the Gosai, and that Thakur sent them a poom commencing कडिबे दुनिब को कडू न डियाँ, 1 on receipt of which they dispersed. Himmati Bahādur rewarded the poet for this service with a present of money. But Himmati Bahādur flourished in 1800, while this poem is included in the Hajārā of Kālidās Tribēdi, No. (159), which was completed in or about the year 1708. It is probable, therefore, that there were two poets of this name, who have been confounded. Moreover, Sib Singh states that he has in his possession hundreds of excellent short poems by a Thākur Kabl who was alive in Sambat 1700 (A.D. 1643), and hence the present poet's date is fixed as above.

# 174. बेटाङ राय, Bedang Ray. FL cir. 1650.

Author of the Pār'sī Par'kās, a work describing the manner of counting the months, etc., by Hindūs and Musalmāns, which was compiled under orders of Shāh Jahān. See Garcin de Tassy, i, 510.

175. कासी राम कानि, the poet Kass Ram. B. 1858 A.D.

<sup>1</sup> The whole poem in given in the Sib Singh Saroj, p. 124.

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He attended the court of Nizāmat Khān, Subādār of Aurang'zēb (1658—1707). His poems are said to be graceful.

176. इन्टर-जीत विपाठी, Indar'jit Tripathi, of Ban'pura, in the Doab. B. 1682 A.D.

A servant of Aurang'zeb (1658-1707).

177. ई.खर कानि, the poet Iswar. B. 1673 A.D.

He attended the court of Aurang'zeb (1658-1707). His poems are said to be full of taste.

178. सामन्त काबि, the poet Samant. B. 1681.

Haj. He attended the court of Turang'zeb (1658-1707).

179. श्रव•दुल जलील, 'Abdu'l Jalil, of Bil'grām, district Har'dol. B. 1682 A.D.

He originally wrote in Arabic and Persian, and was an attendant at the court of the emperor  $\overline{Auragg'zb}$  (1658—1707). He subsequently studied vernacular poetry under Haribans Misar (No. 209), of Bill'grām, and wrote some good vernacular verses.

180. जियान वावि, the poet Krish'n. B. 1683 A.D.

He attended the court of the emperor Aurang'zeb (1658-1707). Possibly the same as Krish'n Kabi, of Jāpur (No. 327).

181. ग्रालम काबि, the poet 'Alam. B. 1700 A.D.

Nir, Sun. He was originally a Sanādhya Brāhman, but falling in love with a Muhammadan woman, a dyer by trade, he turned Musalmān, and was for a long time in the service of prince Mu'azzamShāh, son of the emperor  $\overline{Auragg'zeb}$  (1658—1707) and afterwards the emperor Bahādar Shāh (1707—1712). His poems are said to be very beautiful.

182. चाव•दुल रहिमान, 'Abdu'r Rahiman, of Dilli. B. 1681 A.D.

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He attended the court of Mu'azzam Shāh, afterwards the emperor Bahādūr Shāh (1707—1712), and wrote an ingenious work entitled Jamak-Satak, or a century of puns.

# 183. परन्साद काबि, the poet Par'sad. B. 1625 A.D.

He attended the court of the king of Udāpur (Mēwār), and is said by Sib Singh to be a well-known poet.

# 184. जगत सिङ्घ, Rans Jagat Singh, of Mewar. Fl. 1628-

One of the most famous of the kings of Möwär, and founder and rebuilder of  $Ud\bar{a}ipur$ . A bard, name unknown, wrote the Jagat Bi/ds, a chronicle of his times (Tod's Rajasthan, i, xiv; Calc. ed. i, xiii). He reigned during the above years (Tod. i, 372; Calc. ed. i, 394).

185. CIS REG. Rana Raj Singh, of Udanpur in Mewar. Reigned 1654-1681 A.D.

The celebrated opponent of Aurang'zeb. (See Tod's Rajasthan, i, 374; Cala ed i, 396.) A poet, name unknown, wrote a chronicle of his name, entitled the Rāj Par'kās (Tod, i, xiv; Cala ed. i, xiii).

186. सान काबोसर, the poet-laureate and bard Mān, of Rāj'putānā. Fl. 1660 A.D.

At the suggestion of Rana Raj Singh, of Mewar (No. 185), he wrote the Raj Deb Bilas, which deals with the fights between . Aurang'zeb and Raj Singh. Cf. Tod, i, 214, 374, and ff., and 391; Calo. ed. i, 231, 396, and ff., and 414.

187. सदासित कवि, the poet and bard Sadāsib. Fl. 1660 A.D. He lived at the court of Rānā Rāj Siggh, of Mewār (No. 185), the enemy of Auragg'zēb, and wrote his patron's life under the title of Rāj Ratnākar. Cf. Tod, i, 214, 374, and ff; Calo. ed. i, 231, 396, and ff.

188. जे सिङ्ख, Rana Jan Siggh, of Udappur in Mewar. Reigned 1681—1700 A.D.

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He was son of Rana Raj Siggh (No. 185), and was a patron of poets. He had written a work, entitled the Ja Deb Bilas, which is a series of lives of the kings whom he had conquered. Cf. Tod, i, xiv, 214, and 391-94; Cale. ed. i, xiii, 231, and 414-418.

189. **CF EDIC कॉर्म**, the poet Ran Chhor. Fl. 1680 A.D. His date is doubtful. He was author of the Raj Pattana, a bardie chronicle of Mewar. Cf. Tod, i, 280'; ii, 69; Cale. ed. i, 305; ii, 65.

190. खोला धर कवि, the post Lilā Dhar. Fl. 1620 A.D. Ilo attended the court of Mahārāj Gaj Singh (1620—1638), of Jodh'pur, in Mar'war. Cf. Tod, ii, 41; Cale. ed ii, 46.

191. श्रमर सिङ्घ, Amar Siggh, of Jodh'pur, in Mār'wār. FL 1634 A.D.

The grandson of Mahārāj Sar Siggh, who in one day distributed 6,00,000 rupces amongst six 'lords of verse' (see Tod, ii, 39; Cale, ed. ii, 43), and son of Gaj Siggh (see No. 190), who was a great patron of poets. Amar Siggh was praised by the poet Ban'wārī Lāl. He was exiled in A.D. 1634 by his father, and repaired to the court of the emperor Shāh Jahān, whom he subsequently attempted to marder in open court in revenge for a slight. He was cut down after killing a number of courtiers. Cf. Tod, ii, 45; Cale, ed. ii, 49. He should be distinguished from Amar Siggh of Mewār (fl. 1600 A.D., ef. Tod, i, 346; Cale, ed. i, 371), who collected the works of the poet Chand (No. 6). Cf. Tod, i, xiii; Cale, ed. i, xii.

192. वन-वारी लाल कवि, the post Ban'warl Lal. Fl. 1634.

Huj. A pancyyrist at the court of Prince Amar Siggh (No. 191), of Jodh'pur.

193. रघुनाय राय कानि, the poet Raghu Nath Ray. 171. 1634.

Sun. He attended the court of Prince Amar Singh (No. 191), of Jödh'pur. Cf. Tod, ii, 44; Cale. ed. ii, 49.

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§ 196.] OTHER SUCCESSORS OF TUL'SI DAS. [1600-1700 A.D.]

# 194. सूजा Sajā (Shujā'). FL 1681.

A bard at the court of Jas'want Siggh (1638-1681), of Mar'war. Cf. Tod, ii, 59; Cale. ed. ii, 62.

195. अजोत सिङ्ग, Muhūrāj Ajit Siggh, the Itațhaur, of Jodh'pur, in Mar'war. Lived 1681-1724 A.D.

This king got written a work entitled the Rāj Rāpakākhyāt. This contains a history of events from A.D. 469, when Nayana Pāla conquered Kanāuj and killed Ajaya Pāla, its king, to the time of king Jāi Chand. In a second part the history is carried on to the death of Mahārāj Jas'want Singh in A.D. 1681; and again, in a third part, is related the history from the commencement of the solar race to the year 1734 A.D. Cf. Tod, ii, 2, 4, 58, and ff., 91n, and 107n; Cale. ed. ii, 2, 4, 64, and ff., 99n, and 117n.

198. विहारी खाल चौबे, Bihari Lai Chaube, of Braj. 11. 1650 A.D.

Sat., Nir., Rag. One of the most celebrated authors of India, his fame resting on his Sat Sal (Rag.), or collection of seven hundred dohas, for each line of which he received a reward of a gold ashraft from king Ja Sigh. The elegance, postic flavour, and ingenuity of expression in this difficult work, are considered to have been unapproached by any other poet. He has been imitated by numerous other poets, but the only one who has achieved any considerable excellence in this peguliar style is Tul'st Das (No. 128), who preseded him by writing a Sat Sai (treating of Rum, as Bihari Lal's treated of Krish'n) in the year 1585 A.D. Other good Sat Sais are those of Bikram and Bihari's poen has been dealt with by innumerable Chandan. commentators. Its difficulty and ingenuity are so great that it is called a veritable akeara-kamadhenu. The best commentary is that by Sarati Misar (No. 326), Agar'wala. The verses were arranged in the order in which they now stand for the use of prinse A'zam Shah, and hence this edition is called the Azim Shahi recension. It has been translated into elegant Sanskrit verse by Pandit Harl Praçada, under the auspices of Chet Singh, Raja of Banaras. Little is known about this great poet's life. His patron was a Raja Ja Singh Kuchh'waha, of Amer. In 1600 A.D. Raja Man Singh reigned at Amer, and between him and the year 1819 there were three Ja Singhs. The

most probable patron of Bihārī Lāl was Jāl Singh Mirzā, the grandson of Jagat Singh, brother of Mān Singh, and this would fix Bihārī Lāl as flourishing in the first half of the seventeenth century, or as a successor of Tul'sī Dās. (See Tod's Rājāsthān ii, 364; Cale ed ii, 392.) Garcin de Tassy (i, 123) makes him contemporary with Kabir (about 1400 A.D.), and states that the English call him the Thompson of India. He also, however, states that he lived in the sixteenth century, which is nearer the truth. Amongst those who have commentated on the Sat Saī may be mentioned Chandr' (No. 213), Gopāl Saran (No. 215), Sūrati Misar (No. 326), Krish'n (No. 327), Karan (No. 346), Anwar Khān (No. 397), Za'lfaqār (No. 409), Yasuf Khān (No. 421), Raghu Nāth (No. 559), Lāl (No. 561), Sar'dār (No. 571), Lalla JI Lā<sub>l</sub> (No. 629), Gangā Dhar (No. 811), Rām Bakhsh (No. 907).

197. कृत्र साल, Chhattr' Sāl, Raja of Par'nā (Pannā), in Bundēl'khaņd. FL 1650 A.D.

He was a great and famous patron of learning. He ordered  $L\bar{a}l$ *Kabi* to write the *Chhattra Par'kās* (Rāg.), in which is contained the whole history of the Bundeläs, from the beginning down to his time. See No. 202. He was killed in 1658 A.D. Cf. Tod, ii, 481; Calc. ed. ii, 526.

198. **ITATS**, Niwāj (Nawāz), the Bränman, of the Doāb. Fl. 1650 A.D.

Sun. He attended the court of Rājā Chhattr' Sāl (No. 197), the Bundēlā of Par'nā. Under orders from A'zam Shāh he translated the Çakuntalā into the vernacular.

The similarity of names has led to his being confounded with Niwāj (No. 448), the Muhammadan weaver, so that there is a general false impression that this poet turned a Musalmān.

199. रतन्तेस कॉनि, the poet Rat'nes. FL ? 1620 A.D. He was father of the bard Par'tap Sāhi (No. 149). He was suther of many admired crotic verses.

200. पुरुखोत्तम काबि, the poet and bard Purukhöttam, of Bundel khand. Fl. 1650 A.D.

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201. बिजयाभिनन्द्न, Bijayābhinandan, of Bundel'khand. Fl. 1650 A.D.

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These two attended the court of Rājā Chhattr' Sāl (No. 197), the Bundēlā of Par'nā (Pannā).

# 202. लाल काबि, the poet Lai. Fl. 1658 A.D.

He attended the court of Raja Chhattr' Sal (No. 197), the Bundela. He was present at the battle of Qhol'pur between Dara Shukoh and Aurang'zeb, in which Chhattr' Sal was killed (1658). He wrote a treatise on lovers (see note to No. 87), entitled Bishnu Bilās; but he is most famous for the Chhattra Par'kās (Rāg.), or History of Chhattr', in Hindi or Braj Bhākhā verse. Garcin de Tassy (i, 304) gives the following account of this work, which I have not myself seen :--- 'It deals with the wars and order of succession of the ancient Rajas of Bundel'khand, and with the valour of the warrior nation of the Bundeläs. It contains minute details of the life of Chhattr' Sal and of his father, Raja Champati Ray." \* \* \* Capt. Pogson has given a translation of Lal's work, under the title of "A History of the Bundelās," and Major Price has given the text of that portion of the work which refers to Chhattr' Sal under the title of the "Chhatra Prokash, or Biographical Account of Chhatra Sal." '

203. इरि केस कार्बि, the poet Hari Kes, of Jahangirabad Senuda, in Bundel'khand. FL 1650 A.D.

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204. इरि चन्द, the bard Hari Chand, of Char'khari, in Bundel'khand. Fl 1650.

205. पञ्चस कावि, the bard Pañcham the elder, of Bundel. khand. Fl. 1650 A.D.

These three attended the court of Raja Chhattr' Sal (No. 197), the Bundela.

<sup>1</sup> According to Tod, Chhattr' Sāl's father's name was Gop! Nath.-G.A.G.

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206. गस्तीर राय, Gambhir Ray, of Narpur. Fl. 1650.

The bard who celebrated the rebellion of Jagat Siggh, of Man, against Shāh Jahān (1628—1658). Text and translation of portion by Mr. Beames in J. A. S. B., vol. xliv (1875), p. 201. Interesting and important.

207. **CIA CAA**, *Rāw Ratan*, the Rathaur. Fl. 1650 A.D. He was great grandson of Rājā Uday Siggh, of Rat'lām. In his honour an anonymous bard wrote a famous history entitled *Rāy'sā Rāw Ratan*. Cf. Tod, ii, 49; Cule. ed. ii. 55.

208. गोपास व बि, the poet Göpäl the older. B. 1658 A.D. Ile attended the court of Mitrajit Siggh.

209. इरिवन्स मिसर, Haribans Misar, of Bil'grām, district Har'doi. FL 1662.

According to a copy of the Pudmāwat in his handwriting, he attended the court of Rājā Hanumant Singh, of Amēthi. He is a well-known poet, and was vernacular teacher of 'Abdu'i Jalii (No. 179), of Bil'grām.

210. सबल सिङ्घ चौहान, Sabal Siggh, the Chauhan. B. 1670 A.D.

The author of a condensed metrical translation of 24,000 verses of the Mahābhārata. There are various traditions as to who he was. Some say he was Rājā of Chand'garh, others that he was Rājā of Sabal'garh. Sib Singh considers that he was a zamindār of some village in district ltāwa. He is possibly the same as another Sabal Singh Kabi mentioned also by Sib Singh as author of two works on composition ( $\pi r(\pi a)$ )--(1) Khat Ritu (Rāg.), (2) Bhākhā Ritūpasanghār.

211. सी गोविन्द कवि, the poct Sri Gobind. 'B. (? Fl. Cf. No. 145) 1673 A.D.

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IIo attended the court of Sib Rāj, the Sulayki, of Sitārā.

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212. देवी दास कावि, the poot Debi Das, of Bundel'khand. Fl. 1685 A.D.

In the above year he was already a prolific author, and wont to the court of king Ratan Pāl Singh, of Karāulī, where he remained till his death. He wrote under that king's name a moral work entitled Prēm Ratnākar, which is said to be of rare excellence.

213. चन्द्र कवि, the poet Chandr' the younger. B. 1692 A.D.

Ho attended the court of Bandan Bābā, of Bhāpāl, brother to Sul'{ān Pathān, Nawāb of Rāj'gath. He wrote a commentary on the Sat Sal of Bihārl (No. 196) in the Kundaliya metre under the name of Sul'{ān Pathān.

There is another mediocro poet of the same name, about whom Sib Singh gives no particulars.

214. सुहस्मद् जान, Sul'tan Nawab Muhammad Khan alias Sul'tan Pathan, of Raj'gath, in Bhapal. B. 1704 A.D.

He was a patron of poets, and the poet Chandr' the younger (No. 213) wrote in his name a commentary to the Sat Sal of Bihāri (No. 196) in the Kunddiya metre.

215. गोपाल सरन, Raja Gopal Saran. B. 1001 A.D.

His principal work is a commentary on the Sat Sai of Bihāri (No. 196), entitled Prabandh Ghat'nā.

216. मोती राम कबि, the poot Moti Ram. B. 1083 A.D.

Haj. Author of the Braj version of the novel Mādhōnal, translated into Hindustānī by Lalla Ji Lāl (No. 629) and Maz'har 'Ali Khān Wilā. See Garcin de Tassy, i, 351, for further particulars.

# 217. चाच, Ghāgh, of Kanawj, in the Doab. B. 1096 A.D.

Ito was an agricultural poet, whose aphorisms have a wide authority all over Northern India. A number of them are inserted in *Dikar Peasant Life*. Poets in the same style, but of a more local (Eastern) reputation, were *Bhaddar* and *Dāk*.

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218. जग जन्द कवि, the poet Jag Nand, of Brindaban. B. 1601 A.D. Hai.

219. जोपची कति, the poet Joyasi. B. 1601 A.D.

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220. चड्म हेन, Kharag Sên, the Kayasth, of Gwaliyar. B. 1603 A.D.

He wrote two estcemed works, entitled Dan-Lila and Dip-Malika Charitr'. 221. নাক্তর বিছারী, Gökul

Biharl. B. 1603 A.D. 222. परन्सेस बचि, the poet

Par'mēs the elder. B. 1611 A.D. Haj., Sun. (? cf. No. 616).

223. गोविन्द घटल कवि, the poet Gobind Atal. B. 1613. Haj.

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224. घरनद कवि, the poet Ah'mad. B. 1613 A.D.

He was a Sufi by religion, and sympathisod with the Vēdānta system of belief (so Sib Singh; but judging from his writings, he appears to have been rather a Vaishnava). His verses in the döhā and sör thā metres are said to be very voluptuous.

225. गोप नाय कवि, the poet Gop Nath. B. 1613 A.D.

226. विशारि दास कवि, the poet Biharl Das, of Braj. B. 1613. Rāg.

227. त्रिष्टावन दास, Brindaban Das, of Braj. B. 1613 A.D. Rāg.

I have collected in Mithilä songs (apparently belonging to the Kabir Panthi soct) by a Brindāban. I do not know if he is the same poet as he who is quoted in Rag.

228. कला निषि कबि, the poet Kala Nidhi the elder. B. 1615 A.D.

229. **च**शिमन्पर कवि, the poet Abhimanya. B. 1623 A.D.

His poems are said to deal expertly with the passion of love.

230. घासी राम करि, the port Ghasi Ram. B. 1623 A.D.

Haj. A poem by him is given in Rep. Arch. Sur. Ind. xvii, 107.

231. तचाउ वेता कवि, the poet Tattwa Böta. B. 1623 A.D.

232. जन पति कवि, the poet Brai Pati. B. 1623 A.D.

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233. राजा राम कवि, the poet Raja Ram. B. 1623 A.D.

Haj. Cf. No. 396.

234. सदानन्द कर्बि, the poet Sadanand. B. 1623 A.D.

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235. सना दास, Sant Das, of Braj. Fl. 1623 A.D.

Rāg. However all the poems given under his name are identical with others by *Sūr Dās* (No. 37).

236. सेख कबि, the poet Sekh. B. 1623. A.D.

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237. हीरा मनि कबि, the poet Hira Mani. B. 1623 A.D.

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238. खदुनाय करि, the poet Jadu Nath. B. 1624 A.D. Mal.

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239. पाम रतिय यपि, the post Ballabh Rasih. B. 1684 A.D.

Haj., Räg. He is possibly the same as a Ballabh Kabl mentioned by Sib Siygh as the author of much admired dökäe.

240. भोषम ववि, the poet Bhikham. B. 1624 A.D.

Haj. He is possibly the same as a poet of the same name also in Haj., whom Sib Siygh dates as B. 1651 A.D. He is also possibly the same as a Bhikham Das in Rāg.

241. मधु खदन कवि, the poet Madhu Südan. B. 1624 A.D.

Haj.

242. यात जो कवि, the poet Byas Ji. B. 1628 A.D.

Rāg. The author of many celebrated *döhās* on morals. Many of them are included in Haj.

243. লঘুৰ হাৰ, Maiah Das, a Brāhman of Kara Mānik'pur. B. 1628 A.D.

Rāg.

244. गीवरम्धन कवि, the poet Gobar'dhan. B. 1631 A.D.

245. भगन्वती दास Bhag'watt Das. B. 1631 A.D.

A Brühman who composed a work entitled Nam'kētopākhyān.

246. . घन राय कवि, the poet Ghan Ray. B. 1633 A.D.

247. बेनो कवि, the poet Beni the elder, of As'ni, district Fatih'pur. B. 1633 A.D.

? Sun. The author of a treatise on lovers. (See note to No. 87.)

248. सत्तल कवि, the poet Sakal. B. 1633 A.D.

Haj.

249. इरि जन कवि, the poet Hari Jan. B. 1633 A.D.

Haj.

250. **पणमा परि, the poet** Anant. B. 1635 A.D.

Sun. A poem by him, entitled the Anantanand, deals with the subject of lovers. (See note to No. 87.)

251. परन्तीन कविराच, Parbin, the poet-laureate. B. 1635 A.D.

Haj. The author of quietistic (यान्ति रष) poems on morals (गोति).

252. राम जो गवि, the post Ram J. B. 1635 A.D.

Haj.

253. नदन मोडन, Madan Mohan. B. 1635 A.D.

Rāg.

254. निधान कवि, the post Nidhan the elder. B. 1641 A.D.

Haj.

255. सति सेवर तवि, the poet Sasi Sökhar. B. 1643 A.D.

Haj.

256. 2 UT UA, the post Bha Dhar, of Banaras. B. 1643 A.D. Hai.

257. चतुर सिङ्घ रामा, king Chatur Siggh. B. 1644 A.D.

He wrote poems in a simple style. 258. पति राम सवि, the poet Pati Ram. B. 1644 A.D.

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259. पड-खाद कवि, the poet Pah'lad. B. 1644 A.D.

Haj.

260. সঙ্গ আৰ কৰি, the post Braj La!. B. 1645 A.D.

Haj.

261. देव दत्तन, Deb Datt', the Brāhman of Kus'marā (?), district Kandūj. B. 1646 A.D.

No particulars. Possibly the same as a Deb Datt' Kabi mentioned by Sib Singh as born 1648 A.D., and as another Deb Datt' mentioned by the same as B. (P fl.) 1695 A.D. and author of a work entitled Jog-Tattwa,

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262. सिरोमनि कवि, the poet 8iromani. B 1646. Haj. Cf. No. 267. 263. and देव कवि, the poet Ô. Bal Deb the elder. B. 1647 A.D. Haj., Sun. 264. mn mlan ala, the poet 1 Jag Jiban, B. 1648 A.D. Haj. ň 265. तोख कवि, the poet Tokh. B. 1648 A.D. Māl., Haj., Sun. 266. सक्रम्द कानि, the poet 1 Muhund the elder. B. 1648. Haj. 267. रहिब सिरोमनि कवि, the poet Rasik Siromani. B. 1648 A.D. Haj. Cf. No. 262. 268. इत्प नारायन कवि, the D. poet Rap Narayan. B. 1648 A.D. Haj. Possibly the same as a Rup Kabl mentioned by Sib Singh without ı) particulars. 269. जान काल कवि, the poet Syam Lal. B. 1648 A.D. Ì. Sūd. (?) Possibly the same as a Syam Kabi in Haj. Cf. No. 341. **पर जू कबि,** the poet 270. ļ Har Ja. B. 1648 A.D. Haj. ۱ 271. तेग पानि कवि, the poet Teg Pani. B. 1651 A.D. Haj. \$ 272. बजीदा कवि, the poet Bajida. Fl. 1651 A.D. Haj. 2 273. भरगे कबि, the poet ø Bhar'ml. B. 1651 A.D. Haj. ø 274. चिङ्ग कवि, the poet Bhring. ŝ B. 1651 A.D. 11 Haj. 7 ø 25

275. सही राम कवि, the poet 8ahl Ram. B. 1651 A.D.

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276. इसेन कवि, the poet Husen. B. 1651 A.D.

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277. पचर चनम्यठ कवि, the poet Achchhar Ananya. B. 1653 A.D.

Has writton quictistic (याणि रस) pooms.

278. वामच कबि, the poet Kamañch, of Raj'putana. Fl. before 1653 A.D.

Sib Singh states that he has met some poems by him in a Mār'wārī anthology dated Sambat 1710 (A.D. 1653).

279. रचुनाय, Raghu Nath the elder. B. 1653 A.D.

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280. जदय नाथ बन्दीजन, Udau Nath, the bard of Banaras. B. 1654 A.D.

281. जनर दास कवि, the poet Amar Das. B. 1655 A.D.

Sib Singh describes him as having written some commonplace verses, and adds that he has neither seen nor heard of any complete work of his.

282. ज़लन्पति निसर, Kul'pati Misar. B. 1657 A.D.

Haj., Rāg.

283. म्बास, Gwal the elder. B. 1658 A.D.

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284. मोइन कवि, the poet Mohan. B. 1658 A.D.

Haj., Rag. Cf. No. 329.

रस राम कबि, the poet 285. Ras Ram. Fl. 1658 A.D.

Haj. An erotic poet.

286. बनन्माखी दास गोसाँ है, the master Ban'mail Das. B. 1659 A.D.

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He was learned in Arabic, Persian, and Sanskrit. His Vedantic döhäs are much admired.

287. चनाय दास खवि, the poet Anath Das. B. 1659 A.D.

The author of poems in the quietistic style (आणि एए), and also of a complete work entitled the Bichar Mala.

288. जनारेन कवि, the poot Janardan. B. 1661 A.D.

An erotic writer.

289. बखि जू कवि, the poet Balija. Fl. 1665 A.D.

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290. हम राम करि, the poet Budh Ram. Fl. 1665 A.D.

Haj.

291. याद्यान वावि, the poet Kaluan. B. 1669 A.D.

Haj., Rag.

292. विद्या नाय कवि, the poet Bidya Nath of the Doab. B. 1673 A.D.

293. जाज विचारी कवि, the poet Lal Bihari. B. 1673 A.D.

294. सीर रखन कवि, the poot Mir Rustam. B. 1678 A.D.

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295. मोरी माधव कवि, the poet Miri Madhab. B. 1678 A.D. Hej.

' 296. सुइम्पद कवि, the poet Muhammad. B. 1678 A.D.

Haj.

297. गोपाख दास, Gopal Das, of Braj. B. 1679 A.D.

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298. विद्वारी कवि, the poet Bihari. B. 1681 A.D.

Haj.

299. भासिफ खॉ कवि, the poet Asiph (Asaf) Khan. B. 1681 A.D. **300.** Any via via, Keens Ray Baba, of Bundel'khand. B. 1683 A.D. Sat. He has written an excellent work on lovers. (See note to No. 87.)

301. कनक करि, the poot Kanak. B. 1683 A.D.

An erotic poet.

**302. सगउदा कवि, the post** . Man'sukh. B. 1683 A.D.

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303. निसर कवि, the poet Misar. B. 1683 A.D.

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304. रवि रगः कवि, the poet Rabi Datt' alias Bābū Sabita Datt'. B. 1685 A.D.

Sat.

305. गोविन्द जो कवि, the poet Gobind Ji. B. 1693 A.D.

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308. देवी वन्दीखन, the bard Debl. B. 1698 A.D.

He wrote a Sar Sagar in the comic style.

307. देवी राम चवि, the poet Debl Ram. B. 1693 A.D.

A commonplace quietistic (মান্দি বন্ধ) poet.

308. कृत्त कवि, the poet Kundan, of Bundel'khand. Fl. 1695 A.D.

Haj. He has writton a good treatise on lovers. (See note to No. 87.)

309. चान सरन कवि, the post Syam Saran. B. 1696 A.D.

The author of a work entitled Swaröday (Rāg.).

310. गोघ कवि, the poet Godk. B. 1698 A.D.

311. ईम कावि, the poet Chham. B. 1698 A.D.

No particulars. He is possibly the same as a Chhām Karan, of the Döäb mentioned by Sib Singh. Cf. Nos. 87 and 103.

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812. इंच कवि, the post Chhal. B. 1698 A.D.

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313. **चयुव क**रि, the poet Jugul. B. 1698 A.D.

Rāg. He is said to have written some very ingenious verses. He is possibly the same as a Jugul Das Kabi mentioned by Sib Singh without date.

314. दिल चन्द्रः कवि, the , poet Dwij Chandr'. B. 1698 A.D. 315. मज दास, Braj Das the elder. B. 1698 A.D.

Haj., ? Rāg.

316. खान दास कवि, the poet 8yam Das. B. 1698 A.D.

Rig. 317. जारे वेग एकोर, Kars Beg, the mendicant. B. 1699 A.D. Haj.

318. समा कवि. the poet Sant. B. 1702 A.D.

An crotic poet.

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#### THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

THE period embraced in the present chapter includes two series Introductory note. of events of capital importance in the history of India,—the declino and fall of the Mughal empire and the supremacy and fall of the Marāthā power. Bahādur Shāh succeeded to the throne of Auragy'zēb in 1707, and Shāh'Ālam was rescued from the hands of the Marāthās by Lord Lake in 1803. He died in 1806, his son Ak'bar II succeeding only to the nominal dignity of emperor. On the other hand Bālājī Vishwanāth, the first pēshwā, rose to power with the accession of Sāhu to the Marāthā throne in 1707, and the last pēshwā was overthrown in the second Marāthā war in 1803-4.

Such times were favourable neither to the founding of now religions nor to the cultivation of the arts. A fow religious reformers, it is true, sprung up, but their efforts, though crowned with a certain temporary success, have had none of the abiding effect on Hindustan which was left by Rāmānand and Ballabhāchār'j. Raj'putānā, the home of the bards, was no longer a nation united against the Mughals, but was torn by intestine strife. As one of these bards himself exclaimed at a feast given by the two princes, 'Jodh'pur and Amber can dethrone the enthroned; but the latter slew his son, and the former murdered his father.' In the scramble for the curée no relationship, no tie of friendship, was allowed to interfere. The same hasto to seize upon the plunder of the decaying empire attacked the greatest and best of the kings of Rājāsthān. Even Jān Singh, of Jappur, the royal historian and astronomer, one of the most learned scientific men that India has ever produced, did not disdain to wrest the sovereignty of Bandi from his own sister's husband. Such actions the bards could not approve, and so they remained silent. Only two bardic chronicles appear to have been written in the eighteenth century, and of these, one, the Bijā Bilās, records the fratricidal warfare between Bija and Ram Singh of Jodh'pur.

In other branches of literature no name of the first class appears. Some of the great writers on the *ars poetics* of the seventeenth century

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left pupils, who carried on their style with some success, but the century now under consideration shone most as an age of commentators. Nearly all the great poets of the preceding period found their best annotators and explainers in the eighteenth century. Perhaps this, too, was a natural sequence. Kēsab Dās and his followers laid down and fixed for ever the canons of Indian poetic criticism, and the next generation adopted these lines and applied them to already existing acknowledged poetic masterpieces.

#### Part I.-Religious Poets.

[Arranged as far as possible in order of date.]

319. प्रिया ट्रास, the master Priyā Dās, of Brindāban, in the Doāb. FL 1712 A.D.

In the above year he wrote his well-known gloss on the Bhakt Mālā of Nābhā Dās (see No. 51). He is possibly the same as the author of a Bhāgavat in the dialect of Bundāi'khaṇḍ mentioned by Ward (View of the History of the Hindūs, vol. ii, p. 481). See Garcin de Tassy, i, 405.

# 320. गङ्गा पति, Ganga Pati. Fl. 1719 A.D.

Author of a work entitled *Bigyān Bilās*, written in Sambat 1775. It is a treatise on the different philosophical doctrines of the Hindūs, and recommends the Vedantic system and a mystic life. It is written in the form of a dialogue between a preceptor and his disciple. There is a copy of the work in the Mack. Coll. See Garcin do Tassy, i, 182.

321. सिन नारायन, Sib Nārāyan, the Răj'pūt of the Nērivāna tribe, of Chandāwan, near Ghāzīpur. Fl. cir. 1735 A.D.

The founder of the sect of Sib Nārānnis. He flourished in the reign of Muhammad Shāh (1719—1748). He was a voluminous writer in the inculcation of his doctrines, and eleven books in Hindī verse are ascribed to him. These are entitled (1) Lao or Law Granth, (2) Sānt Bilās, (3) Bhajan Granth, (4) Sānt Sundar, (5) Guru Nyās, (6) Sāntāchāri, (7) Sāntōpadēs, (8) Sabdābali, (9) Sānt Par'wān, (10) Sānt Mahimā, (11) Sānt Sāgar. There is also a twelfth, the seal of the whole, but it has not yet been divulged, remaining in the

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exclusive possession of the head of the sect. Cf. Wilson, Religious Sects of the Hindus, i, 359, quoted by Garcin de Tassy, i, 475.

322. लाल जो, Lal Ji, the Kayasth of Kadhala, district Muzaffar'nagar. Fl. 1751 A.D.

In the above year he wrote a commentary to the Bhakt Mala (see No. 51) entitled Bhakt Urbasi.

323. जग जीवन दास, Jag Jiban Das, the Chandels of Kot'wā, district Bārābaykī. Fl. 1761 A.D.

He was founder of the Satya Nāmi sect, and also wrote poems in the vernacular. Amongst his successors and disciples may be mentioned  $Ja/\ddot{a}ll D\bar{a}s$ ,  $Da/am D\bar{a}s$ , and  $D\bar{c}bl D\bar{a}s$  (No. 487), all of whom were poets. He and they excelled in the quietistic style. Amongst his works may be mentioned the Gyān Par'kās, the Mahā-par'/āl, and the Pratham Granth. See Wilson, Religious Sects of the Hindus, p. 357; Garcin de Tassy, i, 256.

# 324. दृल्हा राम, Dulha Ram. FL 1776 A.D.

He became a Ram Santhi in 1776, and died in 1824. He was third spiritual teacher of the sect. He left about 10,000 Sabads and 4,000 Sakhis. See Garcin de Tassy, i, 161.

#### Part II.—Other Poets.

[Arranged as far as possible according to their patrons, or the states to which they were attached.]

325. जे सिङ्घ सवाई, Raja Jan Siggh Sawai, the Kachh'waha, of Amer. Reigned 1699-1743 A.D.

He was not only a patron of poets, but wrote his own autobiography, entitled Jān Singh Kalpadrum, which is a valuable historical work. He was one of the most remarkable men of his time. See Tod's Rajāsthān, ii, 356-68 (Calc. ed. 393—407).

े326. सूरति मिसर, Sarati Misar, of Ag'ra. Fl. 1720 A.D. ह 4

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Sūd. The author of an esteemed commentary on the Sat Sal of Bihāri Lai (No. 196), also of a work entitled Saras Ras (Rāg.), a Nakh'sikh (see note to No. 87), a commentary to the Rasik Priyā (see No. 134), and a work on rhetoric entitled Alaykār Mālā. During the reign of Muhammad Shah (1719-1748) he translated the Baital à Pachisi (Räg.) into Braj Bhākhā under orders of Jāl Singh Sawāl (No. 325, 1699-1743) from the Sanskrit Vētāla Palichavimcatikā of Çiva Dāsa. The Braj Bhākhā version is the foundation of the wellknown Hindüstäni version of Lallu Ji Lal (see No. 629). See Garcin de Tassy, i, 306, 484, and also preface to the last-named work.

327. क्रियन्न कबि, the poet Krish'n, of Jappur. Fl. 1720 A.D.

ģ He was a pupil of the poct Bihāri Lāi (No. 196), and entered the 11 service of Raja Ja Singh (No. 325) Sawal. He wrote a poetical ٢. commentary on Bihāri Lāl's Sat Sal together with a supplementary 1 gloss. Cf. No. 180. Ì.

328. जिापा राम काबि, the poct Kripā Rām, of Jaipur. Fl. 1720 A.D.

He was one of the astronomers of Raja Jan Singh Sawai (No. 325). He wrote an astronomical work in the vernacular called Samay-bodh (? Samay-ögh).

329. मोइन कबि, the poet Mohan. Fl. 1720 A.D.

He attended the court of Raja Jan Singh Sawal (No. 325). Cf. No. 284.

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# 330. 99 (19, Buddh Rāw, the Hārā. Fl. 1710-1740 A.D.

He was raja of Bandi, and was married to the sister of Jan Singh Sawāl, of Āmēr (No. 325). Bahādur Shāh (1707-1712), the 3 emperor, owed him in great measure his throne in the contest with his 1 brother 'Alam. Buddh also saved him in the rebellion of Sayyad 9 Bar'hana in 1724 and restored him to power. For his signal services in the contest for the emperor's throne he was granted the title of Raw Raja. He was conquered and deposed about 1740 by his brother-]

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in-law JAI Singh. He was himself a poet and a patron of poets. See Tod, ii, 482 and ff. (Calc. ed. ii, 528 and ff.).

331. भोज मिसर काबि, the poet Bhoj Misar the elder. Fl. 1720 A.D.

He attended the court of Buddh Rāw (No. 330), and was the author of a work entitled Misar Sirggär.

332. गुर दत्ता सिङ्ग, Raja Gur Datt' Singh alias Bhupati Kabi, of Amethi, in Audh. Fl. cir. 1720 A.D.

Sat., Sun. He was not only a poet himself, but was a great patron of poets. In Sun. he is called *Chhitipāi*. Garcin de Tassy, i, 121, mentions a *Bhūpati* or *Bhū Dēo*, but a Kāyasth by caste, the author of a work in Hindī verse entitled *Srī Bhāgawat*. Cf. No. 604.

383. भग-वन्त राय खौँची, Bhag'want Ray the Khichi, of Asothar, district Fatih'pur. Fl. 1750 A.D.

? Sun. He was son of one Arārā, founder of the Asöthar family. He maintained his independence for several years, and successfully opposed the emperor's troops, but finally, in 1760, was killed by treachery, and was succeeded by his son Rap Rāy. See Growse, Supplement to the Fatih'pur Gazetteer, pp. 5, 8, where 1860 is a misprint for 1760. He was author of a Rāmāyan, and ancestor of Kām'tā Par'sād (No. 644). He is possibly the same as Bhag'want Kabi and as a Bhag'wān Kabi, both montioned by Sib Singh; and as a Bhag'want Kabi quoted in Sun.

334. उट्य नाथ निवेदी सवीन्द्र•, Uday Nath Tribedi, the poet-laureate, of Ban'para, in the Doab. Fl. cir. 1720 A.D.

Sat. He was son of Kālidās Tribēdi (No. 159), the author of the Hajārā, and was as famous a poet as his parent. At first he attended the court of king Himmat Siggh, of Amēthi (cf. No. 160), and usually signed his poems as by Uday Nāth. Subsequently the king gave him the title of Kabindr' or poet-laureate, and thereafter he signed himself Kabindr'. He got the title as a reward for writing a work entitled Ras-chandröday, or Rati-binöd or Chandröday, or Ras-chandrikā. It deals with vernacular composition (भाषा साधिय), and was written

Sambat 1804 (A.D. 1747). Subsequently he stayed a short time with king Gur Datt' Singh (No. 332), of Amëthi, with Bhäg'want Räy (No. 333), Khichi, of Asöthar (d. 1760), with Gaj Singh, Rājā of Aj'mēr,<sup>1</sup> and with king Buddh Rāw, Hārā, of Bandi (1710—1740)
 <sup>41</sup> (No. 330). By all these was he highly honoured.

It may be mentioned that there was another Kabindr' Tribëdi, <sup>n</sup> of Bëti, in the district of Räy Barëli, who also was a poet of repute.

# <sup>4</sup> 335. सुख देव कवि, the poet Sukh Deb, of the Doab. Fl. cir. 1750 A.D.

Ho is possibly the same as the Sukh Deb Misar, of Daulat'pur
(No. 356), or as the other poet of the same name of Kampila (No. 160).
He attended the court of Bhag'want Rāy, Khlchi (No. 333) (d. 1760), of Asothar, in Fatih'pur.

336. H at and, the poet Bha Dhar, of Asothar, district Fatih'pur. Fl. cir. 1750 A.D.

He attended the court of Bhag'want Rāy, Khichi (No. 333) (d. 1760), of Asothar, in Fatih'pur.

337. संख कॉन, the poet Mall. Fl. cir. 1750 A.D. He attended the court of Bhag'want Ray, Khichi (No. 333) (d.

He attended the court of Bhag'want Rāy, Khichi (No. 333) (d. 1760), of Asōthar, in Fatih'pur.

338. सम्भु नाथ मिसर कवि, the poet Sambhu Nath Misar, of Asothar, district Fatih'pur. Fl. cir. 1750 A.D.

Sat. He attended the court of Bhag'want Rāy, Khỉchi (No. 333) (d. 1760), of Asothar, in Fatih'pur. He was author of (1) Ras Kallol, (2) Ras Tarangini, (3) Alankār Dipak. He was preceptor of the poet Sib Ar'sēlā (No. 339), and of many other poets.

339. सिंब अरब्से ला काबि, the poet and bard Sib Ar'sēlā, of Deutahā, district Göda. Fl. cir. 1770 A.D.

<sup>1</sup> I can find no mention of this Rājā in Tod.

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He was a pupil of Sambhu Nāth Misar (No. 338), of Asothar, in Fatih'pur, and became teacher of Jagat Singh Bisen (No. 340). He wrote a work on vernacular composition (ETTRA) entitled Rasik Bilds. He also wrote (2) Alagkār Bhūkhan; (3) a prosody.

# 340. जगत सिङ्घ Jagat Siggh, the Bisen. FL cir. 1770 A.D.

He belonged to the family of the Rājā of Gödā and Bhin'gā. He was ta'alluq'dār of *Deutahā*, in which village resided the bard *Sib* Arsēlā (No. 339). He became a pupil of his in the art of poetry, and wrote a treatise on prosody named *Chhand Sringār*. He also wrote a treatise on rhetoric (**WART**) entitled Sāhitya Sudhā-nidhi. Cf. No. 605.

341. स्याम लाल कावि, the poet Syām Lal, of Jahanabad. Fl. cir. 1750 A.D.

Sūd. (?) He attended the court of Bhag'want Ray, Khichi (No. 333) (d. 1760), of Asothar, in Fatih'pur. Cf. No. 269.

342. निवाज, Niwāj (Nawāz), the Brāhman of Bundēl'khand. FL cir. 1750.

He attended the court of Bhag'want Ray Khichi (d. 1760), of Asothar, in Fatih'pur. Possibly the same as No. 448.

343. सारज कावि, the poet Sārang, of Asothar, district Fatih'pur. Fl. cir. 1750 A.D.

He attended the court of Bhawānī Singh, Khichī, nephew of Bhag'want Rāy, Khichī (No. 333) (d. 1760), of Asöthar, in Fatih'pur.

344. सिखारी दास, Bhikhāri Dās, the Kayasth, of Ar'wal, in Bundel'khand. B. 1723.

He is counted as one of the masters of vernacular composition. Amongst his works may be mentioned (1) a treatise on prosody entitled Chhandornab, (2) Ras-sārāns, (3) Kābya-nir'nay, (4) Sringārnir'nay, (5) Bāg Bahār, (6) Prēm-ratnākar. In No. 3 a number of poets are mentioned. It is quoted in this work as 'Nir.'

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गिरि घर कविराय, the poet-laureate Giri Dhar, of 845. the Doāb. B. 1713. 1

Rāg. He was the famous author of verses on morals and occasional pieces in the Kundaliya metre. He is considered the greatest master of this metre. See Kellogg's Hindi Grammar, Prosody, p. 25. Possibly the same as No. 483.

#### वारन भट्ट, the bard Karan, of Par'nā (Pannā), in Bundēl'-346. ć B. 1737. khaṇḍ. 1

He composed under the patronage of Rājās Sabhā Singh (cf. No. 11

- 155) and Hir'dai Sahi, the Bundelas of Par'na (Panna), a commentary on the Sat Sal of Biharl (No. 196) entitled the Sahitya Chandrika. He was skilled at impromptu versification, and at completing unfinished verses given to him suddenly as a test of skill, and this gained him , many gifts and honours. The date given is taken from Sib Singh, but I can find no trace of any king of Par'nā called Sabhā Singh. The
- Report of the Arch. Sur. Ind. xxi, 112, mentions a Hir'dai Sahi of d. Pannā who succeeded his father Chattr' Sāl in A.D. (? Sambat) 1718. Cf. No. 504.

# 347. चानन्द घन काबि, the poet Anand Ghan, of Dilli. Fl. 1720 ; D. 1739 A.D. 504.

Rāg., Sun. Sib Singh states that his poems are as brilliant as the sun. He has never seen any complete work of his, but has as many as five hundred short pieces by him. According to the Sahitya Bhukhan of Mahādēo Par'sād he was a Kāyasth by caste, and was

Muhammad Shāh's (1719-1748) Munshi. Before his death he retired to Brindāban, and was killed in the capture of Mathurā by Nādir

Shāh. His best known work is the Sujan Sagar. He is possibly the same as another Anand Kabi mentioned by Sib Singh as born in 1654 A.D., and the author of a work on sexual intercourse entitled Kok Sar (Rag.). He sometimes signed himself Ghan Anand.

#### ø 348. ज्रुल किशोर भट्ट, Jugul Kishor Bhatt, of Kathal, district Kar'nāl, in the Pañjāb. Fl. 1740 A.D. i,

He was a prominent figure among the attendants at the court of the emperor Muhammad Shāh (1719-1748). In Sambat 1803 (A.D.

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1746) he wrote a first-rate work on rhetoric (**NUNT**) entitled the Alaykār-nidhi, in which he has described ninety-six alaykāras with examples. He states in this work that there were four principal poets attending his own court, named, respectively, Ruar' Mani Misar (No. 352), Sukh Lāl (No. 354), Sant Jib (No. 353), and Gumān Ji Misar (No. 349). A number of detached poems by him are included in a compilation entitled the Kishör Sangrah. He is possibly the same as a Jugul Kishör Kabi mentioned by Sib Singh (without date) as an erotic writer.

349. रामार्न जो मिसर, Guman JI Misar, of Sari, district Har'doi. Fl. 1740 A.D.

He was skilled in composition and in Sanskrit. He attended the court of the emperor Muhammad Shāh (1719—1748) of Dillî, under the protection of Jugul Kishör Bhatt (No. 349). Subsequently he attended the court of 'Alī Ak'bar Khān Muhammadī, who was himself an excellent poet, and who had in his service Nidhān (No. 350), Prēm Nāth (No. 351), and other great poets. Gumān Jī wrote the Kalā Nidhi, which is an excellent line-for-line commentary in various metres on the Hāişadha of Çrī Harşa. He also wrote a special commentary named Salil<sup>1</sup> on the Pañchanaliya, which is the name of a difficult portion of the Nāişadha. He is possibly the same as another Gumān Kabi mentioned by Sib Siggh as born in 1731, and author of a work entitled Krish'n Chandrikā.

# 350. निधान, Nidhān, the Brāhman. Fl. 1751 A.D.

He attended the court of 'Ali Ak'bar Khān Muhammadi, where he had great repute. He wrote a highly poetical  $S\bar{a}lih\bar{o}tr'$  or treatise on veterinary surgery in the vernacular. He was a fellow courtier of *Gumān Jī Misar* (No. 349) and *Prām Nāth* (No. 351).

351. प्रम नाथ, Prem Nath the Brahman of Kalua, district Kherl, in Audh. Fl. 1770 A.D.

Sun. He attended the court of 'All Ak'bar Khān Muhammadī, and translated the Brahmöttarakhanda into the vernacular. He was a

<sup>1</sup> Or Sib Singh, from whom this is taken, may mean that he made the Paüchanaliya as clear as water.

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fellow courtier with Gumān Ji Misar (No. 349) and Nidhān (No. 350). He is possibly the same as a Prēm Kabi quoted by Sib Singh.

352. रहर मनि सिसर, Rudr' Mani Misar, the Brähman. Fl. 1740 A.D.

He attended the court of Jugul Kishor Bhatt (No. 348) at Dilli.

353. सन्त जोब काबि, the poet Sant Jib. Fl. 1740 A.D. He attended the court of Jugul Kishör Bhatt (No. 348).

354. सुख लाख कावि, the poet Sukh Lal. Fl. 1740 A.D. Sud. He attended the court of Jugul Kishör Bhatt (No. 348).

355. इरि नाय, Hari Nāth, of Guj'rāt, afterwards of Banāras. B. 1769 A.D.

The author of a treatise on rhetoric entitled Alaghār Dar'pan. He is possibly the same as a Hari Nāth mentioned by Garcin de Tassy (i, 218) as author of the Pöthi Shāh Muhammad Shāhi or History of Muhammad Shāh (1719—1748), of which a manuscript is preserved in the British Museum, No. 6651E, Additional Manuscripts.

358. चुख देव मिसर कवि, the poot Sukh Deb Misar, of Daulat'pur, district Ray Barell. Fl. 1740 A.D.

He attended the court of Rāw Mar'dan Singh Bāis, of Dâŭriyā Mhērā, in  $\overline{Audh}$ , and wrote in his namo a treatise on lovers (see note to No. 87) entitled Rasār'nab (Rāg.). The bard Sambhu Vāth (No. 357) was his pupil. See Garcin de Tassy, i, 479. Cf. No. 335.

, 357. सम्मु नाथ वाबि, the poet and bard Sambhu Nath. FL 1750 A.D.

He was pupil of Sukh Deb Misar (No. 356), of Daulat'pur, and was puthor of a Ramayan entitled Ram Bilas. Cf. No. 366.

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358. टूलइ चिवेदी, Dalah Tribedi, of Ban'para, in the Doab. Fl. 1746 A.D.

Sat. He was son of Uday Nāth Tribēdī (No. 334), and grandson of Kālidās Tribēdī (No. 159), the celebrated compiler of the Hajārā. He wrote a work of great authority on vernacular composition (भाषा साहिन्द) entitled Kabi-kul Kaņthābharan.

359. बल देव कावि, the poet Bal Deb, of Baghel'khand. Fl. 1746 A.D.

He attended the court of king Bikram Shāh, the Baghēl of Dewarānagar.<sup>1</sup> In the above year, at the suggestion of this prince, he compiled an anthology entitled Sat-kabi-girā Bilās (quoted in this work as 'Sat.') which contains peems by seventcen different authors, viz.—

- (1) Kēsab Dās (No. 134).
- (2) Chintāmani (No. 143).
- (3) Mati Ram (No. 146).
- (4) Sambhu Nāth, Sulaŋki (No. 147).
- (5) Nil Kanth (No. 148).
- (6) Kalidas Tribedi (No. 159).
- (7) Sukh Deb Misar, of Kampilā (No. 160).
- (8) Bihārī Lāl (No. 196).
- (9) Kēsab Rāy (No. 300).
- (10) Rabi Datt' (No. 304).
- (11) Gur Datt' Singh, of Amethl (No. 332).
- (12) Uday Nāth Tribēdī (No. 334).
- (13) Sambhu Nāth Misar (No. 338).
- (14) Dalah (No. 358).
- (15) Himmati Bahādur (No. 377).\*
- (16) Biswa Nāth Atāj (No. 410).
- (17) Mukund Lāl (No. 560).

He also wrote poetry himself.

<sup>1</sup> This must be a different person from the well-known Bikram Sahi (No. 514), of Char'kharl, who was born 1785 A.D. Curiously enough a Sal Deb also attended his court.

<sup>2</sup> Himmati Bahadur flourished in 1800 A.D., but he must have been an old man then.

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360. सनग्वांध स्ता, Man'bodh Jhā alias Bholan Jhā, of Jam'sam, district Dar'bhangā. Fl. 1750 A.D.

One of the most celebrated poets of Mithilä. Little is known about him beyond the facts that he married the daughter of one *Bhikhārī Jhā*, and that his only child, a daughter, was ancestress of the present Mahārāj of Darbhangā. He composed a version of the *Harivamça* in the Maithilī dialect, entitled *Haribans*. Only ten *adhyāyas* have come down to us, but these enjoy great popularity. See J. A. S. B., 1882, p 129, and 1884, Sp. No.

361. को सब, Kesab. Fl. 1775 A.D.

A Maithil poet, who attended the court of Rājā Par'tāp Siggh, who was himself a poet, under the alias of Möd Nārāyan (No. 362). See J. A. S. B., vol. liii, p. 89.

362. मोट् नारायन, Mod Nārāyan alias Rājā Par'tāp Siggh. Fl. c. 1775 A.D.

A king of Mithilā, who was a poet. He was son of Narēndra Singh, of Dar'bhangā the victor of Kanar'pi Ghāt (see Lāl Jhā, No. 363), and was the fifth in ascent before the present Mahārāj. Soc J. A. S. B., vol. liii, p. 82. The poet Kēsab attended his court (No. 361).

363. लाल भा, Lāl Jhā or Kabi Lāl, of Māg'rāuni, district Dar'bhangā. Fl. 1780 A.D.

One of the most famous poets of Mithilā. The author of the poem entitled Kanar'pi Ghāț Lārāi. See J. A. S. B., vol. liv, p. 16.

His patron was Narendra Singh, who gave him the village of Kanāl as a reward for the poem. This village is now owned by his descendants.

364. तोर्य राज, Tirath Rāj, the Brāhman, of Bais'wārā. B. 1743 A.D.

He attended the court of Rājā Achai Singh Bāis, of Dâŭriyā Khērā, <sup>s'</sup> in Audh, and at his command he translated in the year 1750 A.D. the Samara Sāra into the vernacular.

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385. ट्या निधि कार्बि, the poet Daya Nidhi, of Bais'wara. B. 1754.

He wrote a treatise entitled Sallhötr', dealing with veterinary surgery, at the instance of Raja Achal Slygh Bans, of Dauriya Khera, in Audh. Cf. No. 787.

# 366. सन्धु नाथ कवि चिपाठी, the poet Sambhu Nat Tripathi. Fl. 1762 A.D.

Rāg. He is possibly the same as Sambhu Näth (No. 357), author of the Rām Bilās. He attended the court of Rājā Achai Siggh Bāns, of Daŭrļyā Khērā, in Audh. Under the name of Rāw Raghu Nāth Siggh he wrote in the above year a vernacular translation of the Sanskrit Vētāla Paňchaulmçatikā of Ģiva Dāsa under the title of Bāntāl Pachīsī (Rāg.). He also translated the astrological Muhūrta Chintāmaņi into the vernacular in various metres.

367. सूदन काबि, the poet Sudan. B. 1753 A.D.

He attended the court of Sujān Singh, son of Badan Singh. In one poem ten verses mentioned by Sib Singh containing the names of several poets are praised by him. Nine of these verses have been lost, and Sib Singh is only able to give the last, which (quoted in this work as 'Sūd') contains the following names :---Sanēhī, Sabai Singh, Sar'b Sukh, Sib Dās, Sib Rām, Sukh Lal, Sunām (?), Sumērů, Sūraj, Surati, Sēnāpati, Sākh, Som Nāth, Syām Lāl, Srī Dhar, Srī Pati, Hari, Hari Dās, Hari Bans, Harī Har, Hīras (?), Hit Rām, Husēn.

368. रङ्ग जाल कवि, the poet Rang Lāl. B. cir. 1750. He attended the court of Sujān Singh, the son of Badan Singh.

369. वज बासी ट्रास, Braj Basi Das, of Brindaban, the Doab. Fl. 1770 A.D.

Rāg., Sun., ? Sring. Sib Singh says he was born 1755 A.D. He wrote in the year 1770 A.D. a work entitled Braj Bilās (Rāg.), descriptive of Krish'n's life during his residence at Brindāban. (See Wilson, Religious Sects of the Hindūs, p 132, and Garcin de Tassy.

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i, 131.) He is possibly the same as another Braj Bāsī Dās alias Dās Braj Bāsī mentioned (without date) by Sib Singh as having translated the play Prabodha Chandrodaya into the vernacular (Rīsg.).

370. करन कवि बन्दीजन, the poet and bard Karan, of Jodh'pur in Mār'wār. Fl. cir. 1730 A.D.

A poet of the Rathaur Maharajs. He wrote a work entitled the Sarya Par'kās under the patronage of Maharaj Abhay Singh (1724-1750), the Rathaur, son of Ajlt Singh (No. 195). It is 7,500 çlökas in length, and gives a history of the time from Maharaj Jas'want Singh (1638-1681) down to Abhay Singh (1731 A.D.). Cf. Tod, i, xiv; ii, 4, 91, 107; Culc. ed. i, xiii; ii, 4, 99, 117. Tod gives an anecdote and quotation from this poet in ii, 120; Calc. ed. ii, 131.

371. बिजे सिङ्ग, Bljan Singh, Mahārāj of Jödh'pur, in Mār'wār. Reigned 1753—1784 A.D.

He was an author himself, and got written the  $Bij\underline{a}$   $Bi|\overline{a}s$ , a historical work of 1,00,000 couplets, narrating the war between Bij $\underline{a}\overline{a}$ Singh and his cousin '*Rām Singh*, the son of *Abhay Singh*. It was in consequence of this war that the Mar $\overline{a}$ th $\overline{a}s$  entered the state of M $\overline{a}r'w\overline{a}r$ . Sib Singh wrongly states he was king of *Udapur*, in M $\overline{e}w\overline{a}r$ . See Tod's *Rajasthan*, i, xiv; ii, 4, 121 (Calo. ed. i, xiii; ii, 4; 134 and ff.).

372. मान याबि, the poet Man, Brahman, of Bais'wara. Fl. 1761 A.D.

He wrote in the above year a vernacular translation of the  $K_{lisla}$ Khanda entitled Krish'n Kallöl. The commencement of this work contains an important genealogy from Galiuahana to Champati Ray (? the father of Chhattr' Sal, No. 197).

• 373. इट्रेम कारन काबि, the poet Chhēm Karan, the Brähman • of Dhanauli, district Bārābayhi. B. 1771 A.D.

He was author of (1) Rām Ratnākar, (2) Rāmāspad (?), (3) Gura Kathā, (4) Āhnik, (5) Rām-Git Mālā, (6) Krish'n-Charitāmrit, (7) Pad Bilās, (8) Raghu-rāj Ghanāchharī, (9) Britt-Bhāskar, and other excellent works. He died in 1861, at the age of ninety.

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874. चन्दन राय काँचि, the poet and bard Chandan Ray, of Nahil (? Mahil) Puwawa, district Shah-Jahan-pur. Fl. 1773 A.D.

He attended the court of Rājā Kēsarī Singh, of Gaur. Under his name he wrote the Kēsarī Par'kās. Amongst his other works may be mentioned an important poem entitled the Sringār-sār, the Kalloi Taranginī (dated 1789 A.D.), the Kābyābharan, the Chandan Sat Saī, and the Pathikbödh. All these are highly esteemed. He had twelve pupils, all of whom became successful poets. The most celebrated was the poet Man Bhāwan (No. 375). A descendant of his was Mak'rand Rāy (No. 610).

375. सन भावन, Man Bhāwan, a Brahman, of Mür/yā, district Shāh-Jahān-pur. Fl. 1780.

Räg. He was the most successful of the twelve pupils of Chandan Räy (No. 374). His best work is the Sringär Ratnäbali.

376. रतन कुँग्रर, Bibi Ratan Kuar, of Banaras. B. cir. 1777 A.D.

Authoress of an account of devotees of Krish'n, entitled Prem Ratna. She was grandmother of Rājā Shiva Prasād, C.S.I. (No. 699). This gentleman writes to me as follows concerning her :-- 'My grandmother, Bibi Ratan Küar, died some 45 years ago' (written in 1887), 'when I was only 19 years old, attending the court of Colonel Sutherland, the Governor-General's Agent at Āj'mēr, as Wakil of the late Mahārāj of Bharat'pur. Her age was between 60 and 70 when she left this world, but I regret I cannot give you exact dates. Besides the Prem Ratna, she composed many padas. I have a manuscript book, called Pad ki Pothi, in which she has written here and there with her own hands her padas. She was a good musician, and wrote a beautiful hand. She was well versed in Sanskrit, and knew a little Persian too. She knew medicines, and the best part of the little knowledge I may be credited with, I acquired from her.'

377. जसन्वन्त सिङ्घ, Jas'want Singh, the Bhagela, of Rājātir'wā, in Kanaūj. Fl. 1797 A.D.

He was learned in Sanskrit and Persian. He compiled from other works on composition ( सारित्य ) a work on lovers (see note to No. 87) entitled Sriggär Sirömani. He also wrote a famous treatise on

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rhetorio (**WENT**), founded on the Sanskrit Chandralöka, entitled Bhähhä Bhūhhan (Rāg.), and a treatise on veterinary surgery entitled Sālihötr' (Rāg.). All these are excellent works. He died in 1814 A.D. The Bhākhā Bhūkhan has had numerous commentators, amongst whom the following may be mentioned :—Par'tāp Sāhi (?) (No. 149), Nārāyan Rāy (No. 572), Giri Dhar Banār'sī (No. 580), Dal'pati Rāy (No. 635), Bansī Dhar (No. 636), an anonymous poet of Uniyārā (No. 660), Hari (No. 761). It has been printed at Banāras in Sambat 1943 (1886) by Ambikā Charan Chattöpadhyāya. A Bombay edition identifies the author with Jas'want Siggh (1638—1681) of Mār'wār, but this is very doubtful. See No. 149 and No. 149 Add.

378. इन्मति बहादुर, Gosai Nawab Himmati Bahadur. Fl. 1800 A.D.

<sup>24</sup> Sat. His court was attended by many poets, including *Thākur* (who saved his life; see No. 173) and *Rām Saran. Askand Girl* (No. 527) was descended from him.

He was a military guru or soldier-saint, who commanded a large force of  $gos \tilde{a} \tilde{i} s$  or religious devotees in the army of Sendhiyā. He instigated 'Alī Bahādur to attempt the conquest of Bundēl'khand, but ultimately went over to the English during the second Marāthā war (1803—1806). He must have been an old man then, as poems by himare quoted in Sat., which was written in 1746.

379. राम सरन कवि, the poet Rām Saran, of Hamīr'pur, district Itāwā. Fl. 1800 A.D.

380. राम सिङ्घ कानि, the poet Rām Singh, of Bundel'khand. Fl. 1800 A.D.

These two attended the court of Himmati Bahādur.

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381. चादिस कवि, the poet 'Adii. B. 1703 A.D.

Sib Singh has seen detached pieces by him, but no complete work.

882. प्रवा पन्द कवि, the poet Braj Chand, B. 1703 A.D. 383. सौन कवि, the poet Bhaun the elder, of Bundel'khand B. 1703 A.D.

An crotic poet.

384. महन्दून कवि, the poet Mah'bab (Mahbab). B. 1705 A.D.

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385. विमोर खर ववि, the poet Kishor Sar. B. 1704 A.D.

Sripg., Sun. He has written many poems in the *chkappda* metre.

386. . सरम किमोर कवि, the poet Madan Kishör. Fl. 1710 A.D.

He attended the court of Bahadur Shah (1707-1712). Cf. No. 50.

387. दया राम कवि विपाठो, the poet Daya Ram Tripathi. B 1712.

A quietistic (মান্দি २३) poet. Possibly the same as a Daya Ram mentioned by Sib Singh (without date) as author of a lexicographical work entitled Anëkarth.

388. पखरीब कवि, the poet Pandurik. B. 1712.

389. गडु इवि, the poet Gadu, of Raj'putana. B. 1713.

The emblematic (az) and occasional verses by him in the ckhappan metre are famous.

390. नन्द खाख, Nand Lal. B. 1717 A.D.

391. जात मुकुष्द वर्षि, the poet Lal Mukund. B. 1717.

An erotic poet. Possibly the same as Mukund Lal (No. 560).

392. रन्द्र बनि, the poet Indú. B. 1719 A.D.

A commonplace poet.

' 393. जवा राजा करि, the poet Braj Raj, of Bundël'khand. B. 1718 A.D.

394. याज्रूब खॉं कवि, the poet Yakab Khan (Ya'qab). B. 1718 A.D.

He wrote a commentary to the Rasik-priyā (see No. 134).

395. बोरन्वज, Birbal alias Birbar, a Käyasth of Dilli. Fl. 1723 A.D.

The author of a work on composition (यादिय) entitled Krish'n Chandrikā, written in the above year.

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396. राजा राज पवि, the poet Raja Ram, B. 1721 A.D.

An erotic poet. Cf. No. 233.

397. भनन्तर थाँ कवि, the poet An'war Khan. B. 1723 A.D.

He wrote a commentary on the Sat Sal of Sihari (No. 196), and a work called the An'war Chandrika, or possibly this last is the title of the commentary.

398. गुवाच विद्द, Gulai Siggh. B. 1723.

399. वेषु कवि, the poet Becha. B. 1723.

400. त्रव नाव कवि, the post Braj Nath. B. 1723 A.D.

The anthor of an admired work entitled Rag Mala (Rāg.). Cf. No. 904.

401.' मधु गाय कवि, the poet Braj Nath. B. 1723 A.D.

402. मनो घर कवि, the poet Manohar. B. 1723.

403. महा करि, the poet Maha (? the great poet). Fl. 1723 A.D.

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404. रस राज कवि, the poet Ras Raj. B. 1723 A.D.

The author of a good Nakh'sikk (see note to No. 87).

405. रसिक विषारी, Rasik Bihari: B. 1723 A.D.

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406. पहर मगि, Rudr' Mani, the Chauhan. B. 1723.

407. दण सिङ, Riji Dal Siggh, of Bundel'khand. B. 1724 A.D.

The author of a work entitled **Prem** Payonldhi, dealing with the loves and sports of Rādhā and Krish'n.

408. जान नाय, Pran Nath. of Kota. B. 1724.

He attended the court of the Raja of Kofa.

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409. **US** all the poet Jul'phekar (Za'lfaqar). B. 1725 A.D. He wrote a good commentary on the Sat Sal of Bihari (No. 196).

3 410. खसख नयन कवि, the poet Kamal Nayan, of Bundël'khand. B.

He was a prolific erotic writer, but no complete work of his is known. His poems are said to possess merit.

411. विकार नाथ पतारे, Biewa <sup>11</sup> Nath Atal, of Bundel'khand. B. 1727. Sat.

412. मचित कवि, the poet Mañchit. B. 1728.

413. विषारों कवि, the poet Bihari, of Bundël'khand. B. 1729 A.D.

<u>414.</u> সংবেদ ভবি, the poet Narind. B. 1731 A.D.

415. रस इट्य कवि, the poet Ras Rap. B. 1781 A.D.

416. सिन राम कवि, the poet 816 Ram. B. 1731 A.D.

Sūd. An erotic writer.

417. सिंब सिङ्क, Sib Siggh. B. 1731 A.D.

418. चनन्यठ कवि, the poet Ananya. B. 1733 A.D.

Many poems of his, dealing with the Vödänta religion and morals, are extant. He also wrote didactic (चेंदाचन) poems and vers d'occasion. He is possibly the same as another Ananya Kabi mentioned by Sib Singh as of date unknown, and the author of poems in honour of Durgã.

419. तारा पति कवि, the poet Tara Pati. B. 1733 A.D.

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Sring. A writer of a Nakh'sikh (see note to No. 87). He is possibly the same as a 7ara Kabl mentioned by Sib Singh as B. (P Fl.) 1779 A.D.

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420. **TH** THE and, the poet and bard Raghu Ray, of Bundel'khand. B. 1733.

His best known work is the Jamuna Satak. He is possibly the same as a Raghu Ray Kabl mentioned by Sib Singh as B. (P Fl.) 1773 A.D.

421. रेड्रज चौं कवि, the poet Tsuph (Yasuf) Khan. B. 1734 A.D.

He wrote commentaries to the Sat Sal of Bihari (No. 196) and to the Rasik-priya, of Kesab Das (No. 134).

422. धन सिङ्घ कवि, the poet and bard Dhan Siggh, of Maurawa, district Unao. B. 1734 A.D.

423. त्रेम सखी, Prem Sakhi. B. 1734 A.D.

424. सरन्त दुख खाख, Sar'b Sukh Lal. B. 1734.

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425. रवि नाच कवि, the poet Rabi Nath, of Bundel'khand. B. 1734 A.D.

An erotic poet.

426. जब खान कवि, the poet Nab Khan, of Bundël'khand. B. 1735.

427. जग देव कवि, the poet Jag Deb. B. 1735 A.D.

428. रस खाख कबि, the poet Ras Lai, of Bundel'khand. B. 1736 A.D.

An erotic poet.

429. इरी इर कवि, the poet Harl Har, B. 1737 A.D. Süd.

430. देस कवि, the poet is. B. 1739 A.D.

His crotic and his quictistic poems are said to be very charming.

431. सिंब कवि, the poet and bard Sib, of Bil'gram, district Har'dol... B. 1739.

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Sun. The author of a work in the erotic style entitled Ras Nidhi.

432. दोच निचि, Tokh Nidhi, a Brähman, of Kampila Nagar. B. 1741 A.D.

The author of three works-(1) Sudha Nidhi, (2) Syangya Satak, (3) a Nakh'eikh (see note to No. 87).

433. जेमोयमन, Premlyaman, the Musalman of Dilli. B. 1741 A.D.

Rāg. He wrote an excellent lexicographical work in two parts entitled Anëkarth (Rāg.) and Nam Mala (Rāg.) respectively.

434. डाक्कर कवि, the poet Thahur. Fl. 1743 A.D.

See the poet Thakur, who fl. 1643 A.D. (No. 173).

435. सोर घडन्मद, Mir Ahimad, of Bil'gram, district Har'dol. B. 1743 A.D.

436. चनूप दास करि, the poet Anap Das. B. 1744 A.D.

Several poems in the kabitts and doka metres, and songs in the quietistic style (মান্দি (ব), are extant.

437. कुमार मनि मई, the bard Kumar Mani, of Gokul, in Braj. B. 1746 A.D.

A skilled poet, who wrote an esteemed work on composition (चाहिव्य) entitled Rasik-rasā!.

438. जीवन कवि, the poet Jiban. B. 1746 A.D.

He attended the court of Muhammad 'All.

439. ताचिष पत्नी, Tallb 'All alias Ras Nayak, of Bil'gram, district Har'dol. B. (? Fl.) 1746 A.D.

An erotic poet. Possibly the same as a Itilio 'All mentioned by Sib Singh as B. 1711 A.D.

#### 440. MTW, Nath: B. 1748 A.D.

P Sun. He attended the court of one Manik Chand, whose son appears to have been named Johhan. Cf. No. 162.

441. पद्मेस कवि, the post Padmes. B. 1746 A.D.

442. पूची कवि, the poet Pakin, e Brähman of Man'puri, in the Ocab. B. 1746 A.D.

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443. मॉफाम माम, Brahman Nath, of Bhog Sån, district Har'dol. B. (P Fl.) 1746 A.D.

Mentioned by Sib Singh in connection with Som Nath (No. 447).

444. राम परम्सार, the bard Ram Par'sad, of Bill'gram, district Har'dol. B. (? Fl.) 1746 A.D.

Rag. Cf. No. 639.

445. TH HE, Ram Bhatt, of Purukhabad. B. 1746 L.D.

He attended the court of NawEb Qiyam Khān, and was the author of (1) Sringār Saurabh, (2) Bar'uvan Nayika Bhād. (See note to No. 87.)

446. उपानम चींन, the post and bard Sukhānand, of Chacherl. B. 1746 A.D.

447. सीम नाथ, 80m Nath, of Bhog 881, district Har'dol. B. (P F1. 1746 A.D.

Sūd. Mentioned by Sib Singh in connection with Brahman, Nath (No. 443).

448. (गनाज करि, the poet Niwaj (Nawaz), a Muhammadan weaver of Bil'gram, district Hardon. B. 1747.

An erotic poet. Possibly the same as No. 842. To be distinguished from No. 198,

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449. बोधा बाँब, the poet Bodha. B. 1747 A.D.

Sring., Sun. Cf. No. 500.

450. सदन किमोर कवि, the poet Madan Kishör. Fl. 1750 A.D. Cf. No. 386.

451. जाज गिरि घर, Lai Giri Dhar, of Bals'wara. B. 1750 A.D.

The author of s learned treatise on lovers (see note to No. 87). Perhaps the same as Giri Dhar (No. 345).

452. कखा निधि कवि, the poet Kala Nidhi the youngor. B. 1750 A.D.

His Nakh'sikh (see note to No. 87) is said to be good.

453. सखो खन, Sakhi Sukh, & Brähman of Nar'war, in Bundei'khand. B. 1750 A.D.

He was father of Kabindr' (No. 496), and wrote himself.

454. नारायन, the bard Narayan, of Kakapur, district Kanh'pur. B. 1753 A.D.

The author of a metrical history. of the Chandëlā kings of Sib'rāj'pur.

455. विक्रर गोविन्द, Kigkar Gobind, of Bundel'khand. B. 1753 A.D.

His poems in the quietistic style . (NITE CE) are said to be excellent.

Sring. He has written some admired love songs.

457. मकन्रन्द कवि, the poet Mak'rand. B. 1757.

Sring., Sun. An erotic poet.

458. जदेस भाड, Udes, the bard, of Bundel'khand. B. 1758 A.D.

A writer of occasional verses.

459. जे देव कॉव, the poet Ja Deb. B. 1758 A.D.

460. निषाख, Nihāl, a Brāhman of Nigöhā, district Lakh'naā. B. 1763 A.D.

461. धौर कवि, the poet Ohir. Fl. 1765 A.D.

Sring. He attended the court of the emperor Shah 'Alam (1761-1806).

462. रस धाम कवि, the poet Ras Dham. B. 1768 A.D.

The author of a work entitled Alaykar Chandrika.

463. सिरन्ताज कवि, the poet Sir'taj, of Bar'dhana. B. 1768.

464. काली राम कवि, the poet Kall Ram, of Bundel'khand. B. 1769.

His poems are said to be good.

465. जसीदानन्द कवि, the poet Jasödanand. B. 1771 A.D.

He wrote a treatise on lovers (see note to No. 87) entitled the Bar'wan Nayika Bhēd. It is in the Bar'wan metre. It is dated Sambat 1822 (1765 A.D.), if I read the passage (बिकिटिकड्र) correctly. In this case Sambat 1828 (1771 A.D.), which Sib Singh gives as the date of the poet's birth, is wrong.

466. खण्डू कवि, the poet Lachchha. B. 1771 A.D.

467. बाजेस कवि, the poet Bajës, of Bundël'khand. B. 1774.

A poet who wrote in praise of Anup Girl.

468. सञ्चन कवि, the poet Bhañjan. B. 1774 A.D.

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469. खाखा पाउस कवि, the poet Laia Pathak, of Rukum'nagar. B. 1774 A.D.

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The author of a Sallhotr' (RIg.) or treatise on veterinary surgery.

470. चतीच कवि, the poet. Latiph (Latif). B. 1777.

An erotic poet.

• 471. समान कवि, the poet Samman, a Brähman of Maläwa, district Har'dol. B. 1777.

The author of admired dokas on morals.

472. सनान कवि, the poet Santan, the Brähman of Binduki, district Fatih'pur. B. 1777 A.D.

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473. समान कवि, the poet Santan, a Brähman of Jäj'maü, district Unao. B. 1777.

474. सिङ्घ कवि, the poet Singh. B. 1778.

Sring. He is probably identical with some other poet whose name ends in Singh.

475. कवि इत्तर, Kabi Datt'. B. 1779 A.D.

Sring., Dig. He is probably the same as Deb Datt' (No. 508).

476. मधु खदन दास, Madhu Sadan Das, the Mäthur Brähman of Ishtakapuri. B. 1782 A.D.

He translated the Rāmāçvamēdha into the vernacular.

477. मनि राम कवि मिसर, the poot Mani Ram Misar, of Kanduj. B. 1782.

Sring. He has written one of the best works on prosody, the Chhand Chhappani.

478. राम दास कवि, the poet Ram Das. B. 1782 A.D.

479. सिंब खाख दूबे, 8ib Lal Dabe, of Däuriya Khera, district Unaa. B. 1782 A.D. The author of several works, amongst them may be mentioned a Nakh'slkh (see note to No. 87), Khat Ritu (Rāg.) (a treatise on the six seasons), verses on morals, and comic verses.

480. सङ्गम वर्ति, the post 8aygam. B. 1783 A.D.

Sring. He attended the court of one Siggh Raj.

481. गङ्गा पति चवि, the poet Gayga Pati. B. 1787 A.D.

Said to he a tasteful poet.

482. सागर कवि, the poet Sagar, a Brahman. B. 1786.

The author of an erotic work entitled Bama Man Rafijan. He attended the court of Tikant Ray. See No. 484.

483. गिरिधर बनि, the poet and bard Girl Dhar, of Hal'pur, district Barabayki, B. (? Fl.) 1787 A.D.

Possibly the same as No. 345. See No. 484.

484. बेनो कवि, the poet and bard Bëni the younger, of Böti, district Ray Barëli. B. (PFL.) 1877 A.D.

These three attended the court of *Jikalt Ray*, Diwan of Nawāb Aşafu'ddaula (Fl. 1775—1797), of Lakhnaa. Beni (P Sun.) died at an old age in or about 1835 A.D.

485. जनाचिर कवि, the poet and bard Jawahir, of Bil'gram, district Har'dol. B. 1788 A.D.

He wrote a book entitled the Jawahir Ratnakar.

486. युखाब सिङ्ग, Gulab Siogh, the Pañjābi. B. 1789. A.D.

He wrote several Vēdānta works, such as a Ramayan, the play Chandra Prabodh, Mochh Panth, Bhāwar Sāwar, etc.

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ý L 487. देवी दास, Debi Das. Fl. cir. 1790 A.D.

A quietistic poet, a pupil of Jag Jiban Das (No. 823).

488. बाखन दास कवि, the poet Balam Das. Fl. 1793.

He wrote in the above year a treatise on geomancy (रम्स) entitled Ramal Bhakha. It is an authority on the subject.

489. चो चाच, Sri Lai, the Guj'rātī, of Båder, in Raj'putana. B. 1793 A.D.

The author of a Bhākhā Chandröday and other works.

490. प्रान नाव कवि, the poet Pran Nath, a Brähman of Bais'wara. Fl. 1793 A.D.

He wrote in the above year an *itikā sa* entitled Chakābyāh.

491, काच कवि, the poet Kanh the eldor. B. 1795. A.D.

The author of a work on lovers. (See note to No. 87.)

, 492. ग्रन देव, Gun Deb, of Bundel'khand. B. 1795 A.D.

Said to have written some good poetry.

493. गोपाच खाच कवि, the poet Gopal Lal. B. 1795 A.D.

Said to have written some good quictistic (यान्ति रस) poems.

494. जनेद कवि, the poet Umëd. B. 1796 A.D.

His Nakh'slikh (see note to No. 87) is much admired. He appears to have lived in some village in the Doab or near Shah-Jahan-pur.

495. जभो कवि, the poet Odho. B. 1796 A.D.

Sring., ? Rag. Cf. No. 79.

496. कबीन्द्र, Kabindr', a Brähman of Nar'war, in Bundel'khand B. 1797 A.D.

He was son of Sakhi Sukh (No. 453), and was author of a work entitled the Ras-dip.

497. TT TH TREI, Ichehha Ram Abasthi, of Pacharud, district Barabaphi. Fl. 1798 A.D.

A very pious poet, who wrote in the above year a treatise on the Védānta philosophy named the Brahm Bilas.

498. साधर कवि, the poet 8adhar. B. 1798 A.D.

499. তকৰি কৰি, the poet Sukabi. B. 1798.

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500. ৰাখ কৰি, the poet Bodh. B. 1798 A.D. Cf. No. 449.

501. गरोत्तम, Naröttam, of Bundel'khang. B. 1799 A.D. EINDUSTAN UNDER THE COMPANY. [1800-1867.]

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THE years commencing with the downfall of the Marsths power and ending with the Mutiny form another convenient period in dealing with the literary history of Hindustan. It was the period of renascence, of the practical introduction of the printing-press into Northern India, and of the foundation of the modern school which now shows such commendable activity. It was, moreover, the period of the birth of that wonderful hybrid language known to Europeans as HindI, and invented by them. In 1803, under Gilchrist's tuition. Lalla JI Lai wrote the Prem Sagar in the mixed Urdu language of Akbar's camp-followers and of the market where men of all nations congregated, with this peculiarity, that he used only nouns and particles of Indian, instead of those of Arabic or Persian, origin. The result was practically a newly-invented speech; for though the grammar was the same as that of the prototype, the vocabulary was almost entirely changed. This new language, called by Europeans Hindi, has been adopted all over Hindustan as the lingua franca of Hindus, for a want existed which it fulfilled. It has become the recognised medium of literary prose throughout Northern India, but as it was nowhere a vernacular it has never been successfully used for poetry. The greatest geniuses have tried, and it has been found wanting at their hands. Northern India therefore at the present day presents the following unique state of literature,---its poetry everywhere written in local vernacular dialects, especially in Braj, in Bais'wari, and in Bihari, and its prose in one uniform artificial dialect, the mother tongue of no native-born Indian, forced into acceptance by the prestige of its inventors, by the fact that the first books written in it were of a highly popular character, and because it found a sphere in which it was eminently useful.

The star of literature during the half-century under notice shone brightest in Bundël'khand and Baghël'khand, at Banāras, and in Audh, but it shone with marked differences in the quality of its light. In Bundël'khand and Baghël'khand the poets were the legitimate continuators of the traditions of the eighteenth century. Panna, the capital

of the heroic Chhattr' Sal, Char'khārī made famous under milder auspices by Bikram Sāhi, and Rīwā, illustricus for its art-patrons from the days of Nējā Rām to those of Biswanāth Siggh, each formed a centre from which issued well-known standard works on the art of poetry. The writers, of whom perhaps Padmākar was the most famous, were those on whom the mantles of Kēsab Dās and Chintāmani Tripāthī fell. They were the last survivors of the learned writing for the learned. Bundāl'khand remained during the whole half-century a country of semi-independent chiefs warring amongst themselves, with whom the printing-press found little favour.

Far different was the case of Banāras. The end of the eighteenth contury saw that city a British possession; and with the pax Britannica came the introduction of printed books. This had its natural effect. The limitless multiplication of copies by the art of printing gave a new audience to the learned, -an audience that had hitherto been satisfied with the rough Dorie of the folk-epic, and which in the . earlier days of India's chivalry had been successfully addressed by Raj'put bards. What an opportunity for making or marring a nation's character! And here again the pure and noble figure of Tul'sI Dās stands forward as the saviour of his fellow-countrymen. Hindustan, happily in this differing from Bangal,<sup>1</sup> had that figure to go back to as an example. His popularity gave its tone to the demand, and with characteristic acuteness the Banāras Pandits fostered the supply. In 1829 was completed and printed for the Mahārāj of Banāras Gokul Nath's great translation of the companion epic to the Ramayana, the Mahābhārata. This alone was sufficient to make our present period noteworthy, but it is only one early instance of the many valuable works issuing from the Holy City. Other authors, of a younger generation, of whom one of the greatest is happily still alive, endowed with a wider and more catholic mental vision, no longer bounded by the horizon of Pauranik cosmology, came to the front, and the benefit done to the intellect of Hindustan by such men as Raja Siva Prasād and Harishchandr' cannot easily be calculated.

The Ta'alūqdārs of  $\overline{Audh}$  also worthily upheld their reputations as encouragers of poetry. Although eclipsed by Banāras in this respect (for is not the Sundarī Tilak deservedly the most popular work of its

<sup>1</sup> It is needless to say that I am not reforring to the great revival of Baygālī literature inaugurated by *īshwar Chandra* (*Bidyāsāgar*) in later years, but to the insipid indecencies of *Bharat Chandra* and his imitators, which up to then were so popular.

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kind in existence?), Audh may boast of having produced an excellent anthology in the Bidwan-Möd-Taraŋginī. These anthologies, of which Kālidās'ĝHajārā, written at the end of the seventeenth century, is the earliest important example, appeared in considerable numbers during the first half of the nineteenth century, and did much to extend the knowledge of sound vernacular literature of the precoding generations. As already said, one of the most popular, as it was one of the best, was the Sundarī Tilak ; but the most important of all, both in bulk and in contents, was the Rāg-Sagarōdbhab Rāg-Kalpadrum, published in 1843.

For convenience of classification I divide this chapter into four parts, referring to Bundël'khand and Baghel'khand, to Banāras, to Andh, and to other places respectively. As a rule, only those poets who were born or who flourished between 1800 and 1857 are given, but in a few instances, in order to complete groups, poets who belonged to an earlier period have been kept back for inclusion in this period, or history has been anticipated by including a few of a later date.

#### Part I.-Bundel'khand and Baghel'khand.

502. **ATER HE**, Möhan Bhatt, of Bändä. Fl. cir. 1800 A.D. He is a well-known poet. He attended first the court of the Bundëlä Mahārāj Hindūpati, of Par'nā (Pannā), and subsequently those of Par'tāp Singh Sawāi (1778—1803) and Jagat Singh Sawāi of Jānpur (1803—1818) (Tod's Rojāsthān, ii, 375; Cale. ed., ii, 414). His son was the celebrated Padmākar (No. 506), whose grandson was Gadā Dhar (No. 512). He also praises one Sujān Singh; cf. Nos. 367, 368. Regarding Hindūpati, see No. 503.

503. रूप साहि, Rap Sāhi, a Kāyasth of Bāg'mahal, near Par'nā (Pannā), in Bundēl'khand. Fl. cir. 1800 A.D.

He attended the court of the Bundēlā Mahārāj Hindūpati (cf. No. 502) of  $Par'n\bar{a}$  ( $Pann\bar{a}$ ). He was author of a work entitled Rūp Bilās (written, 1756 A.D.), in which he states that Chhattr' Sāl's (No. 197) son was Hir'dān Singh or Hir'dēs (cf. No. 346), whose son was Sabhā Singh (cf. Nos. 155 and 346), whose son was Hindūpati (cf. No. 502).

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504. **ante Aller,** Karan, the Brahman of Bundel'khand. Fl. cir. 1800 A.D.

He attended the court of the Bundelā Māhārāj Hindūpati (cf. No. 502) of Par'nā (Pannā), and composed two important works the Ras Kallol and the Sāhitya Ras.

505. इर देव कवि, the poet Har Deb. Fl. 1800 A.D.

He attended the court of Raghu Nāth Rāw, of Nāg'pur (1816-1818).

506. **UGIAL WE**, Padmāhar Bhaţţ, of Bāndā. Fl. 1815 A.D. Rāg., Sun., Sring. He was son of Möhan Bhaţţ, of Bāndā (No. 502). Padmākar at first attended the court of Raghu Nāth Rāw, of Nāg'pur, commonly known as the Appā Sāhib (reigned 1816— 1818), where he received great rewards for his poetry. Subsequently he went to Jānpur, where he compiled, in the name of Jagat Siggh Sawāl (1803—1818), a work entitled Jagad Binōd (Rāg.). Being richly rewarded for this, he devoted the rest of his life to the worship of the Ganges, and wrote a work entitled Gangā Laharl. Amongst his grandsons may be mentioned Gadā Dhar Bhaţţ (No. 512).

507. ब्वाल कवि, the poet and bard Gwal, of Mathura. Fl. 1815 A.D.

Sun. He was skilled in composition (aira). His principal works were (1) Sāhitya Dakhan, (2) Sāhitya Dar'pan, (3) Bhakti Bhāw, (4) Sriŋgār Döhā, (5) Sriŋgār Kābitta. He also wrote minor works, such as a Nakh'sikh (see note to No. 87), Göpi Pachisi, Jamunā Lahari (written 1822 A.D.), etc. He was a rival of Dēb Datt' (No. 508) and of Padmākar (No. 506).

508. देव द्ता, Deb Datt' the Brahman, of Sarhi, district Kanh'pur. Fl. 1815 A.D.

He attended the court of Rājā Khumān Singh, the Bundēlā of Char'khārī. He was a contemporary and rival of Padmākar (No. 506)

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and of Gwal (No. 507). He is probably the same as the Kabl Datt' mentioned in Dig.

509. आन दास कार्न, the poet and bard Bhan Das, of Charkhārī, in Bundēl'khaņd. Fl. 1815 A.D.

He attended the court of Raja Khumān Siggh, of Char'khāri, and wrote a prosody entitled Rap Bilās.

510. पजन्नेस कावि, the poet Paj'nes, of Bundel'khand. B. 1816 A.D.

Sring. He resided in *Par'nā* (*Pannā*), and wrote a good work on vernacular composition (भाषा धारित्य), entitled *Madhu Priyā*. His poems are famous for their conceits and difficulties. The best specimen of his work is his *Nakh'sikh* (see note to No. 87). He was also a good Persian scholar.

511. **AND** Bal'bhadr' the Kayasth, of Par'nā (Pannā), in Bundēl'khand. B. 1844.

He attended the court of Rājā Nar'pati Singh, the Bundēlā of Par'nā (Pannā).

Possibly the author of the Bal'bhadra Charltra, quoted by Garcin de Tassy, i, 104, from Ward, ii, 480.

· 512. गदा घर मह, Gadā Dhar Bhatt, of Bandā. B. 1855.

Rāg. His paternal great-grandfather was the well-known Möhan Bhatt (No. 502), whose son was Padmākar (No. 506), who had two sons, named Mihī Lāi (? No. 623) and Ambā Par'sād. The former's sons were Bansī Dhar, Gadā Dhar, Chandr' Dhar, and Lachhmī Dhar. The last had a son named Bidyā Dhar. These were all poets, but Gadā Dhar was the best and attended the court of Rājā Bhawānī Singh Datiyā, son of Bijān Singh Datiyā. His best known work is the Alagkār Chandröday.

513. **UF**• CITC, the bard Pah'lad, of Char'khari, in Bundel'khand. Fl. 1810.

He attended the court of Raja Jagat Siggh, of Char'khari.

514. विज्ञम साहि, Raja Bikram Sāhi alias Bijān Bahādur, the Bundēlā, of Char'khārī, in Bundēl'khand. Born 1785; D. 1828 A.D.

Rāg. The author of two much-admired works—(1) Bikram Biradāball, (2) Bikram Sat Sal. Sib Singh gives another Rājā Bijān Bahādur, a Bundēlā of Jeh'rī, about whom he mentions no particulars, giving the date as B. 1823, which is the same as that which he wrongly gives for Bijān of Char'khārī. Țeh'rī and Char'khārī are both in Bundēl'khand.

515. बेताच काबि, the poet and bard Baltal. Fl. 1820 A.D.

He attended the court of Bikrām Sāhi (No. 514), and wrote moral and occasional pieces. A selection from his poems will be found in the Bhkāhā Sār of Sāhib Prasād Siŋgh. According to Garcin de Tassy, i, 118, his full name was Santökh Rāy Bētal, and he wrote in Ūrdū. He appears to have been a contemporary and disciple of Muhammad Qiyām.

516. बोर कांबि the poet Bir Bāj'pēyī alias Dāu Dādā, of Maņdilā. Fl. 1820.

The author of a work entitled *Prêm DIpikā*, written in answer to a challenge given by his brother *Bikram Sāhi* (No. 514).

517. सान कांचि, the poet and bard Mān, of Char'khārī, in Bundēl'khaņd. Fl. 1820 A.D.

He attended the court of *Bikram Sāhi* (No. 514). He is possibly the same as a *Mān Kabi* mentioned by Sib Singh as a quictistic poet.

518. बल देव कवि, the poet Bal Deb, of Char'khārī, in Bundel'khand. Fl. 1820.

He attended the court of Bikram Sāhi (No. 514). Cf. No. 543.

519. बिहारी लाल, the bard Bihāri Lāl alias Bhōj Kabi, of Char'khārī, in Bundēl'khaņd. Fl. 1840 A.D.

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He attended the court of Raja Ratan Singh alias Ratines (cf. No. 149 Add. and No. 344 Add.), the Bundels of Charikhari. His two principal works, the Bhöj Bhūkhan and the Ras Bilas, are much admired. His love for a courtezan named Sharifo led him to compose a number of very popular verses in her honour.

520. खवर्षेस, Awadhës, the Brähman of Char'khāri, in Bundël'khand. Fl. 1840 A.D.

He was an old poet at the court of Ratan Siggh, of Char'khāri, the Bundēlā. His poems are said to possess taste, but Sib Siggh states that he has never been able to obtain copies of any complete work of his. Cf. No. 542.

521. **Cla Clair and**, the poet and bard Rāw Rānā, of Char'khārī, in Bundel'khand. Fl. 1840 A.D.

He was descended from ancient Bundēlā poets, and attended the court of Rājā *Ratan Singh*, where he was shown great honour.

522. गोपाल बन्दीजन, the bard Göpäl, of Char'khari, in Bundel'khand. Fl. 1840 A.D.

He attended the court of Raja Ratan Singh, of Charkhart.

523. बिहारी लाल चिपाठी, Bihari Lai Tripathi, of Tik'mapur, district Kanh'pur. Fl. 1840 A.D.

He is the most famous of the descendants of Mati Rām Tripāthī (No. 146). He was a greater poet than Rām Dīn (No. 524) or Sītal (No. 525).

524. राम दीन चिपाठी, Ram Din Tripathi, of Jih'mapur, district Kanh'pur. Fl. 1840 A.D.

He was a descendant of Mati Rām (No. 146), and attended the court of Mahārāj Ratan Siggh, of Char'khārī.

525. सीतल चिपाठी, Sital Tripāthi, of Jik'mapur, district Kanh'pur. Fl. 1840 A.D.

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He was a descendant of *Matl Rām* (see No. 146) and father of the poet Lā! (No. ? 561, 919). He attended the courts at *Char'khārī* and other places in *Bundēl'khang*.

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526. नवल सिङ्घ, Nawal Singh the Kuyasth, of Jhansi. B. 1841.

Sring. He was a servant of the Rājā of Santhar. He had a great reputation, and was the author of (1) Nām Rāmāyan and (2) Hari Nāmābalī.

527. चास्तन्द गिरि, Askand Giri, of Banda. B. (? Fl.) 1859 A.D.

This poet belonged to the family of *Himmati Bahādur* (No. 378), and was an excellent love-poet. His best work is the *Askand-Binōd*, dealing with that subject.

528. समन्नेस कवि, the poet Sam'nës, a Kayasth of Banho (Riwa), in Baghel'khand. Fl. 1810.

He attended the court of Mähäräj Jä Singh (succeeded 1809, abdicated 1813), father of Mahäräj Biswanäth Singh, of Bändhö. He was author of a work entitled Käbya Bhükhan.

529. बिखनाय सिङ्घ, Maharaj Biswanath Singh, of Bandho (Riwa), in Baghel'khand. Reigned 1813-1834 A.D.

Rāg. The descendant of a line of kings famous for its patronage of poets. His ancestor Nējā Rām Siggh, who was a contemporary of Ak'bar, gave the poet Hari Nāth (No. 114) a hundred thousand rupces for a single dôhā. This king not only sustained the traditional liberality of his family, but was also the author of a Sanskrit work entitled Sarvasaggraha. He also wrote vernacular commentaries on the Bijak of Kabīr (see Nos. 13, 14), and on the Binay Pattrikā of Tui'si Dās (No. 128). Another good vernacular work of his is entitled Rām Chandr' ki Sawārī.

530. घजवेस नवीन भाट, Ajabes, the modern bard of that name. Fl. cir. 1830 A.D.

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Sun. He attended the court of Mahārāj Biswanāth Siggh (No. 529), of Bāndhō (Riwā) (1813—1834)—see Ajabēs (No. 24). I question the existence of this earlier poet. Not impossibly, the poem referred to him in No. 24 is by the poet now under consideration.

531. गोपाल कवि, the poet Gopal, a Käyasth of Bandhö (Riwå), in Baghel'khang. Fl. cir. 1830 A.D.

He was minister of Muhārāj Biswanāth Singh (No. 529) of Bāndhö (Rīwā) (1813—1834). His principal work is the Göpāl Pachīsī.

532. **T**ATT **H**F, Muhārāj Raghu Rāj Singh, the Baghēl of Bāndhö (Rīwā), in Baghēl'khand. B. 1824, succeeded 1834, alive in 1883.

Sun. The author of a much-admired translation of the Bhāgavata Purāņa, entitled Ānandāmbudhi; also of a history of Ilanumān entitled Sundar Satah (written 1847 A.D.), and other works.

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533. प्रज करि, the poet Param, of Mahobā, in Bundēl'khaŋd. B. 1814 A.D.

The author of a Nakh'sikh (see note to No. 87).

534. रतिव चाच वरि, the poet Rasik Lai, of Banda. B. 1823.

An erotic poet.

535. एन खिन्दु कवि, the post Gun Bindhů, of Bundel'khand. B. 1825 A.D.

A clever crotic poet.

536. खखन वर्षि, the poet Khangan, of Bundel'khang. B. 1827 A.D.

He has written an excellent treatise on lovers. Sib Singh states that copies of the work exist in *Jhansi*, and gives the names of the possessors. 537. सरम मोरम परि, the post Madan Möhan, of Charkharl, in Bunder. khand. B. 1823 A.D.

Rag. A minister of the Raja of Charkharl. He was an erotic poet.

538. राम कियान चौरे, Ram Klehun Chaube, ol Kalifijar, district Banda. B. 1820.

The author of a quietistic work entitled Binay Pachlel. He is probably the same as a Ram Kiehun Kabi montioned by Sib Siggh without particulars.

539. VI VI VI VI AV, the post and bard Harl Das, of Banda. B. 1884 A.D.

He was father of the poet None (No. 545). He wrote an erotic poem entitled Radha Bhahhan.

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540. गङ्ग राम करि, the poet Bapg Ram, of Bundel'khand. B. 1837. A commonplace poet.

541. परन्मानन्द खडा पुरानोब, Par'manand Lalla Puranik, of Ajagarh, in Bundel'khang. B. 1837 A.D.

The author of a Nakh'sikh (see note to No. 87).

542. चर्वारा, Awadhes, the Brähman, of Bhūpā, in Bundël'khand. B. 1838 A.D.

This poet is said to have been skilled in composing many beautiful poems, but Sib Singh states that he has never been able to obtain copies of any complete work of his. Cf. No. 520.

543. वज देव कवि, the poet Bal Deb, of Char'khāri, in Bundel'khand. B. 1839 A.D.

Probably the same as No. 518.

544. भोचा सिंह कवि, the poet Bhola Singh, of Parina (Panna), in Sundsl'khand. B. 1839.

545. नोने कवि, the poet and bard None of Banda, in Bundel'khand. B. 1844 A.D.

He was son of the poet Harl Das (No. 539). He was learned in vernacular composition (आखा चाहिन्द).

548. इरि दास कवि, the poet Harl Das, a Käyasth of Par'na (Panna), in Bundel'khand. B. 1844 A.D.

The author of a work on vernacular composition (भाखा चारिय) entitled Ras Kaumudi. He also wrote twelve other similar works.

547. चिरन्देस कांच, the poet and bard Hir'des, of Jhanel, in Bundel'khangd. B. 1844 A.D.

Sring. The author of a work entitled Sripgar Nab Ras.

548. नीच सखी, Nil Sakhi, of Jat'pur in Bundel'khand. B. 1845. 549. बच गोपाल, the bard Bane Goral, of Jalann, in Bundel'khand. B. 1845 A.D.

No particulars. He is possibly the same as a *Bans Gopat* mentioned by Sib Singh without date as a bard.

550. ने ग्रंब कवि, the poet Naleuk, of Bundël'khand. B. 1847 A.D. An erotic poet.

551. चम्पर भाड, the bard Ambar of Chaujit'pur, in Bundel'khand. B. 1853 A.D.

552. दौन नाथ, the poet Din Nath, of Bundel'khand. B. 1854 A.D.

553. पचन कवि, the poet and bard Paficham, the younger, of Bundel'khand. B. 1854 A.D.

He attended the court of Rājā Gumān Singh, of Ajāigarh.

554. राधे खाख, Radhe Lal, a Ksyasth of Raj'gayh, in Bundel'khand. B. 1854 A.D.

555. **33 and and any**, the poet and bard Kuhj Lal, of Mag Rantpura, district Jhanst, in Bundel'khand. B. 1855 A.D.

Some detached verses by him are known.

556. जन-केस, the bard Jan'kës, of Maa Ranipura, district Jhanel, in Bundël'khand. B. 1855 A.D.

He was a member of the suite of the Rājā of Chhattr'pur. His poems are said to be sweet.

557. जाद कवि, the younger poet Kanh alias Kanhal Lal, Kāyasth of Raj'nagar, in Bundël'khand. B. 1857 A.D.

He has written some admired poems. His Nakh'sikh (see note, No. 87) is said to be worth looking at.

558. जवाडिर कवि, the poet and bard Jawahir, of Srinagar, in Bundel'khang. B. 1857 A.D.

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559. रघु नाय लाति, the poet and bard Raghu Nath, of Banaras. Fl. 1745 A.D.

Sring. He was a fellow pupil of Mukund Lā! (No. 560), and father of Gökul Nāth (No. 564), the translator of the Mahābhārata. He was court poet to Mahārāj Bariband Singh,<sup>1</sup> of Banāras, and lived at Chāūrāgāw, which is within the Pañchakrösh or five-kos circle round Banāras. He is counted as one of the masters of vernacular composition. He wrote (1) the Rasik Möhan, (2) Jag Möhan, (3) Kābya Kalādhar (written 1745 A.D.), (4) Ishk Mahōtsab, and a commentary on the Sat Sal of Bihāri Lāi (No. 196). These are all especially admired.

560. सुक्तुन्द खाख कवि, the poet Muhund Lai, of Banaras. B. (P Fl.) 1746 A.D.

Sat. He was a fellow pupil of the poet Raghu Nāth (No. 559). Possibly the same as Lāl Mukund (No. 391).

561. जाल कांग, the poet and bard Lal, of Bandras. Fl. cir. 1775 A.D.

Sun. He attended the court of Rājā *Chēt Siggh* (1770—1781), of Banāras. He wrote a treatise on lovers (see note to No. 87) entitled *Anand Ras*, and a commentary on the *Sat Sai* of *Bihāri Lāi* (No. 196) entitled *Lāi Chandrikā*. Of., however, No. 629.

562. इरि परन्साद, Harl Par'sad, of Banaras. Fl. ar. 1775 A.D.

He translated the Sat Sal of Bihāri (No. 196) into elegant Sanskrit verse at the instance of Rājā Chēt Siggh (1770—1781), of Banāras.

563. बलन्वान सिङ्ग, Prince Bal'ban 8/ggh, of Banarae. Fl. cir. 1800 A.D.

He was son of Rājā Chēt Siggh (D. 1810). The Sib Suggh Sarōj names him as an author, but does not mention what he wrote.

<sup>1</sup> So Sib Siggh, but I can find no trace of any Rājā of Banāras of this name. Possibly *Bal'want Siggh* (reigned 1740—1770) is meant.

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564. गोकुल नाथ बन्दीजन, the bard Gokul Nath, of Banarsa, Fl. cir. 1820.

Rag., Sun. He was son of the poet Raghu Nath (No. 559), of Banāras. His home was in the village of Chauragaw, which is in the Pañchakrosh or five-kos circle round Banaras. His Chet-Chandrika is a work of great authority amongst poets. He has described in it the family history of Raja Chet Singh (Fl. 1776, D. 1810) of Banaras, who was his patron. Another excellent work of his is the Gobind Sukhad The Mahābhārata (Rāg.) was translated into the vernacular Bihār. at the instance of Raja Udit Nārāyan (1795-1835), of Banāras, and in this work Gokul Nath, together with his son GopI Nath (No. 565), and the latter's pupil, Mani Deb (No. 566), had a principal share. The full name of the translation is the Mahābhārat Dar'pan, and of its supplement the Haribans Dar'pan, published in Calcutta in 1829 A.D. Garcin de Tassy (i, 158) says :-- "There are other Hindustanī translations of the Mahabharata; those with which I am acquainted are---

(1) Kitāb-i-Mahābhārata, or book of the Mahābhārata, of which a portion is contained in the Farzada Cieli collection.

(2) The copy of which Sir E. Ouseley has also only a portion.

(3) There is also among the manuscripts of Sir W. Ouseley a volume which contains a portion of the Mahābhārata in Sanskrit and Hindustānī.

(4) Among the numbers of the Hindustānī manuscripts of the Prince of Borgia described by Paulin de Saint Barthélemy there is a portion of the Mahābhārata entitled *Bālak Purān*, or the Legend of the Child (Krishna). The original manuscript is accompanied by an Italian translation by P. Marcus a Tomba.

Besides the Persian translation of the Mahābhārata attributed to Abā'l Fazl, minister of Ak'bar, there is another more recent one by Najīb Khān ban 'Abdā'l Latīf, made at the command of, and in the palace of, Nawāb Mahāldār Khān Nazā in the year 1782-83 A.D. The translator says that it was made according to the verbal interpretation of the Sanskrit text given to him in Hindūstānī by many Brāhmans.

Among the Persian manuscripts of the Asiatic Society of Bengal is found a third Persian translation by the Hindū Bapās."

To these may be added (1) the Bijāl Muktābali of the poet Chhattr' (No. 75), which is a condensed abstract of the Mahābhārata;

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(2) Sabal Siggh, the Chanhan (No. 210), who translated 24,000 verses of the same work; and (3) Chiralijib (No. 607), who is said to have done the same to the whole.

565. गोपी नाथ बन्दीजन, the bard Gopi Nath, of Banāras, FL oir. 1820 A.D.

At the instance of Rājā Udit Nārāyan, of Banāras, the whole Mahābhārata was translated into the vernacular. Göpī Nāth (who was son of Gökul Nāth) (No. 564), and his pupil Mani Dēb (No. 566), took an important part in this work. The greater part of Göpī Nāth's life was spent in this work. The rest of his time was spent in composing short pieces of various kinds. He is, however, most famous for the translation.

566. सनि देव, the bard Mani Deb, of Banāras. Fl. cir. 1820 A.D.

Sun. He was a pupil of *Göpl Nāth* (No. 565), and with him and *Gökul Nāth* (No. 564) took a prominent part in the famous translation of the *Mahābhārata*.

567. पराग कवि, the poet Parag, of Banaras. Fl. cir. 1820 A.D.

He attended the court of Rājā Udit Nārāyan Singh (1795—1835), of Banāras. He translated the Amara Köça (? Rāg. Cf. Nos. 170, 589, 761) into the vernacular.

568. राम सङाय, Ram Sahay, & Kayasth of Banaras. Fl. cir. 1820.

Rāg. He attended the court of Rājā Udit Nārāyan Singh (1795-1835), of Banāras. He wrote a treatise on proceedy entitled Brittataranginī Sat Saī.

569. देव कॉबि, the poet Deb, of Banaras, alias Kashth Jihwa Swami. Fl. cir. 1850 A.D.

Sun., Sring. He studied Sanskrit in Banāras. On one coccasion he quarrelled with his preceptor, and afterwards, to show his penitence,

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cut out his tongue, inserted a false wooden one instead, and carried on communications with others by means of a board, on which he wrote. He was an instructor of Mahārāj *īswarī Nārāyan Singh* (succeeded 1835, alive in 1883), of Banāras, who settled him in *Rām'nagar*, where he composed the *Binayāmrit* (a collection of hymns), the *Rāmāyan Parichāryā* (see Harishchandr', Prasiddh Mahātmāö kā Jīban Charitr', ii, 30), and other works. His hymns are still sung at the Banāras court.

570. ठाकुर परन्साद निपाठी, Thakur Par'sad Tripathi, of Kishun'das'pur, district Ray Barell. B. 1825; Fl. 1863 A.D.

He was learned in Sanskrit composition, and in 1863 A.D. completed a work of great labour, entitled the *Ras Chandröday*, a collection of poems by 242 poets, which he had collected mainly by house-tohouse visitation in *Bundël'khand*. He afterwards went to *Banāras*, where he became a friend of the poets *Ganës* (No. 573) and *Sar'dār* (No. 571), and received much honour from the nobles of  $\overline{Audh}$ . He died in 1867, leaving a large and valuable library, which was sold by his sons.

571. सरन्दार वाबि, the poet and bard Sar'dar, of Banaras. Alive in 1883.

Sun., Sring. He attended the court of Mahārāj *Īswarī Nārāyan* Singh, of Banāras, and was son of the poet Hari Jan (No. 575). He has a great name. He was a friend of *Thākur Par'sād Tripāthī* (No. 570), and a teacher of Nārāyan Rāy (No. 572). He is author of (1) Sāhitya Sarasī, (2) Hanumat Bhūkhan, (3) Tul'sī Bhūkhan, (4) Mānas Bhūkhan, (5) a commentary to the Kabi-priyā (No. 134), (6) a commentary to the Rasik-priyā (No. 134), (7) a commentary to the Sat Saī of Bihārī (No. 196), (8) Sringār Sangrah, and (9) a commentary on 380 emblematic couplets by Sar Dās (No. 37). No. 8 (printed by Nawal Kishōr, at Lakh'naū), is a deservedly popular work on rhetoric, and deals with all the branches of the art of poetical composition. It was written in 1848 A.D., and is quoted in this work as 'Sring.' It contains quotations from the following poets:--

Chatur, bhuj (No. 40).	Ras Khān (No. 67).
Nārāyan Dās (No. 51).	Keh'ri (No. 70).
Parasú Rām (No. 55).	Par'bat (No. 74).

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Krish'n Jiban (? Nos. 77, 438). Sib (? No. 88). Am'rēs (No. 90). Ak'bar (No. 104). Brahm (No. 106). . Rahim (No. 108). Khān'khānā (No. 108). Gang (No. 119). Nidhi (No. 131). Kēsab Dās (No. 134). Baiibhadr' (No. 135). Par'bin Rai (No. 137). Sundar (No. 142). Chintāmani (No. 143). Bhūkhan (No. 145). Mati Ram (No. 146). Nrip Sambhu (No. 147). Nii Kaņțh (No. 148). Par'tāp (No. 149). SrIpati (No. 150). Sib Nāth (No. 152). Mandan (No. 154). Ratan (No. 155). Mur'li (No. 156). Srt Dhar (No. 157). Kālidās (No. 159). Kabirāj (No. 160). Senapati (No. 165). Thākur (No. 173). Kāsī Rām (No. 175). Iswar (No. 177). 'Alam (No. 181). Par'sād (No. 183). Niwāj (? Nos. 198, 448). Hari Kēs (No. 203). Srt Gobind (No. 211). Möti Rām (No. 216). Par'mēs (? Nos. 222, 616). Abhimanya (No. 229). Ghāsi Rām (No. 230).

Sekh (No. 236). Ballabh (No. 239). Beni (? Nos. 247, 484). Harl Jan (No. 249). Rām Jū (? No. 252). Bhu Dhar (? Nos. 256, 836). 8iromani (No. 262). Bal Deb (? Nos. 263, 859). Tokh (No. 265). Mukund (No. 266). Rup Nārāyan (No. 268). Bhar'mi (No. 273). Kul'pati (No. 282). 80rati (No. 326). Kripā Rām (? Nos. 828, 797). Bhag'want (No. 333). Uday Nāth (No. 334). Kabindr' (No. 334). Giri Dhar Dās (No. 345). Ghan Anand (No. 347). Dūlah (No. 358). Dās (? No. 369). Kishör (No. 385). Tārā (No. 419). Pakhi (No. 442). Bödhā (No. 449). Krish'n Lal (No. 456). Mak'rand (No. 457). Dhir (No. 461). Bhahjan (No. 468). Santan (No. 472). Singh (? No. 474). Datt' (No. 475). Mani Rām (No. 477). Sangam (No. 480). Ūdhō (No. 495). Padmākar (No. 506). Paj'nēs (No. 510). Nawal (No. 526). Hir'des (No. 547).

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Raghu Nāth (No. 559). Deb (No. 569). Sar'dār (No. 571). Sib Datt' (No. 588). Giri Dhārī (No. 625). Chāin Ray (No. 627). Deoki Nandan (No. 630). Gur Datt' (No. 631). Dinēs (No. 633). Gulāl (No. 657). Bali Rām (No. 768). Dhurandhar (No. 782). Nāyak (No. 783). Mahārāi (No. 793). Rikhi Nāth (No. 794). Dayā Dēb (No. 836). Debi Singh (No. 843). Nabt (No. 848). Nath (cf. No. 850). Man'sā Rām (No. 885).

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Miran (No. 892). Rajjab (No. 898). Ramāpati (No. 900). Sasi Nāth (No. 931). Sib Rāj (No. 932). Hari Lāl (No. 946). Hēm (No. 950). Bhīm (?). Chhatt' (?). Dēban (?). Dhanēs (?). Dhar'm (?). Mak'sūdan (?). Man Rāj (?). Mithilēs (?). Rati Nāth (?). Sāhab Rām (?). Samādhān (?). Tulā Rām (?).

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572. नारायन राय, the bard Nārāyan Rāy, of Banāras. Alive in 1883.

He was a pupil of the poet ar' dar (No. 571). He wrote a metrical commentary on the *Bhākhā Bhūkhan* (No. 377) and a gloss on the *Kabi-priyā* (No. 134). He is also author of a number of erotic verses.

573. गनेस काबि, the poet and bard Ganës, of Banāras. Alive in 1883.

He attended the court of Mahārāj *Īswarī Nārāyan Singh*. He was a friend of *Ţhākur Pār'sad* (No. 570), the author of the *Ras* Chandröday.

574. बन्सी धर काबि, the poet Bansi Dhar, of Banaras. B. 1844 A.D.

He was son of the bard *Ganës* (No. 573), who was alive in 1883. He is author of a work on composition entitled Sāhitya Bansīdhar, and of a translation of the Rājanīti of Chānakya

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entitled Bhākhā Rāj'nīti (? Rāg. Cf. Nos. 840 and 919). He is also the author of two works on morals, entitled Bidur Prajāgar and Mitra Manöhar. He is possibly the same as a Bansī Dhar and as a Bansī Dhar Kabi mentioned by Sib Singh, both without date.

575. इरिजन कावि, the poet Harl Jan, of Lalit pur. B. (? FL) 1851.

He wrote a commentary to the Rasik-priyā (No. 134) under the name of Mahārāj *īswarī Nārāyan Singh*, of *Banāras*. He was father of the poet Sar'dār (No. 571).

576. बन्ट्न पाठवा, Bandan Pāthak, of Banāras. Alive in 1883.

He wrote one of the best existing commentaries on the Rāmāyan of Tul'sī Dās (No. 128), at the suggestion of Mahāraj *Īswarī Nārāyan* Siggh, of Banāras. It is entitled Mānas Sagkābalī.

577. जानको परन्साद कवि, the poet Janaki Par'sad, d Banaras, Fl. 1814 A.D.

In 1814 A.D. he wrote a commentary on the Rām-chandrikā of Kēsab Dās (No. 134). He also wrote a work entitled the Jukt Rāmāyan, on which the poet Dhani Rām (No. 578) wrote a commentary. Either he or the other Jānaki Par'sād (No. 695) may possibly be the same as a third poet of the same name mentioned by Sib Singh without date.

578. धनी राम कवि, the post Dhani Rām, of Banāras. B. 1831 A.D.

At the request of Bābū Deokī Nandan, brother of the Mahārij of Banāras, he translated the Bhāṣā Prakāça from Sanskrit into the vernacular, and wrote a commentary to the Rām-chandrikā of Kesab Dās (No. 134). He also wrote a commentary to the Jukti Rāmāyas of the poet Jānakī Par'sād (No. 577).

579. सेवल कोबि, the poet and bard Sebak, of Banāras. Alive in 1883 A.D.

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Sun. An erotic poet, who attended the court of Bābū Deokī Nandan, brother of the Mahārāj of Banāras. Possibly the same as No. 677.

580. गोपाल चन्द्र साइ, Gopal Chandr' Saha, alias Giri Dhar Banār'sī, alias Giri Dhar Dās. B. 1832 A.D.

Sun. He was son of Kālī Harakh Chandr' and father of the <sup>2</sup> famous poet Harishohandr' (No. 581), of Banāras. His principal works are the Dasābatār and the Bhāratī Bhūkhan. The last is a commentary on the Bhākhā Bhūkhan (No. 377). Harishchandr' only died in the year 1885. Cf. Garcin de Tassy, i, 191.

581. इरियन्द्र, Babu Harishchandr', of Banaras. Born 9th September 1850.

Sun. The most celebrated of the native poets of the present day. He has done more for the popularisation of vernacular literature than almost any living Indian. He himself was a prolific author in many styles, and he excelled in all. He conducted for many years an excellent vernacular magazine entitled the Harishchandrikā. He was son of Göpäl Chandr' Sāhū alias Giri Dhar Banār'sī (No. 580). who was a prolific author, but who died at the early age of 27, in the year 1859, leaving Harishchandra an orphan only 9 years old. The boy was educated at Queen's College, Banāras, and commenced to write # an early age. In the year 1880, so greatly had his fame extended that he was given the title of Bhāratēndu, or Moon of India, by the manimous consent of all the editors of the vernacular papers of India. He died in the year 1885, universally regretted, being by general conent one who was 'ajāta-çatru.' He is best known (see also No. 706) or the Sundari Tilak (quoted in this work as 'Sun.'), published in 869 (Sam. 1926), which is an anthology of poems in the Sawaiva netre from the works of 69 poets. This work is by some said to ave been compiled under his instructions by Purukhottam Sukal. nd has been frequently printed. One of his latest works was a eries of excellent lives of great men, European and Indian, entitled rasiddh Mahātmāč kā Jīban Charitr'. He was certainly the best ritic which Northern India has as yet produced. A short account f his life is given in the Chandrast of Byas Ram Shankar harmā, printed at the Hari Parkās Press in Banāras in 1885.

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after the poet's death. Also at the end of Harishehandr's Käshmir Kusum (or history of Käshmir)<sup>1</sup> there is a short account of the author, and a list of about a hundred works by him. One work, not mentioned in this list, is a play entitled Käshi kä Chhayā-ch/ttra, in which there are several examples of the peculiar slang of Banāras. Another very popular work of his is the Kabi Bachan Sudhā, which is a collection of poems dealing with the rainy season. A complete collection of this author's works is now in course of publication by Bābū Rām Din Singh, of the Khadga Bilās Press, Bagkīpur, under the title of the Harishchandra Kalā.

The following is a list of the poets quoted in the Sundarl Tilak :----

Ajabēs (Nos. 24, 530). Kālikā (No. 780). Kishör (No. 385). 'Alam (No. 181). Lāl (No. 561). Aliman (No. 784). Anant (No. 250). Mahā (No. 403). Bal Deb (No. 263). Mah'rāj (No. 793). Beni (Nos. 247, 484, 671). Mak'rand (No. 457). Bent Parbin (No. 608). Mandan (No. 154). Bhag'want (No. 333). Mani Deb (No. 566). Bödhā (No. 449). Mannā Lāl alias Dwlj (the Brahm (No. 106). Sundari Tilak Namabali Chand (No. 6 or ? No. 93). gives Munna Lal) (No. 583). Chhitipāi (No. 332). Mān Siggh alias Dwlj Deb Dās (No. 369). (No. 599). Dayā Nidhi (? Nos. 365, 787). Mati Rām (No. 146). Deb (No. 569). Mubārak (No. 94). Deoki Nandan (No. 630). Mur'll Dhar (No. 156). Gang (No. 119). Nabin (No. 790). Ghan Anand (No. 347). Nab Nidhi (No. 789). Ghan Syām (No. 92). Najīb Khān alias Rasiyā (No. Gokul Nath (No. 564). 788). Gopāl Chandr' alias Giri Dhar Narendra Siggh (No. 690). Banār'sī (No. 580). Nares (No. 791). Gwāl (No. 507). Nath (? Nos. 68, 147, 162, 440. Hanumān (No. 796). 632, 850). Hari Kēs (No. 203). Nawāz (No. 198). Harishchandra (No. 581). Nrip Sambhu (No. 147). Kabirāj (No. 661). Padmākar (No. 506).

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Pāras (1	No. 792	).	
Par'mēs	(? Nos.	. 222,	616).
Prēm (1	To. 351	).	
Raghu	Näth	of	Jōdh'pur
(No. )	193).		
Raghu l	<i>āj</i> (No	. 532)	).
Rām Ņā	th (No.	785)	•
Ras Khā	in (No.	67).	
Rikhi N	āth (No	. 794	).
Sambhu	(? No.	147).	
Sar'dār			

Sebak (Nos. 579, 677). Sekhar (No. 795). Sib (No. 88). Srī Dhar (No. 157). Srī Pati (No. 150). Sukh Dēb Misar (No. 160). Sumerů Singh (No. 759). Sundar Dās (No. 142). Thākur (No. 173). Tokh (No. 265). Tul'sī Srī Ōjhā (No. 786).

582. दीन दयांच गिरि, Din Dayal Giri, of Banaras. Fl. 1855.

Besides being learned in Sanskrit, he wrote a treatise on composition (चाहित्य) in the above year, entitled Anyökti-Kalpadrum. He is also the author of two works, entitled Anurāg Bāg and Bāg Bahār respectively.

583. सन्ता लाल, Pandit Manna Lal, of Banaras, alias Dwij Kabi. Alive in 1883.

Sun. He is possibly the same as Mān Singh Shāk'dwipi (No. 599). At least both take the nom de guerre of Dwij. On the other hand, however, he is called Munnā Lāi in the Sundari Tilak Nāmābali of Gobardhan Nāth.

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584. मनियार सिङ्ग, Maniyar ingh, the Chhattri, of Banaras, B. 304-

His best works are the Hanumat hhabisi and the Bhakha Saundar'j ah'ri.

585. गजन्दाच जपाधा, Gaj'raj adhya, of Banaras. B. 1817.

He has written a prosody entitled ittahar, and a Ramayan.

586. बन्द रूप कवि, the poet ns Rup, of Banaras. B. 1844. A panegyrist of the Mahārāj of Banāras.

587. माघवानन्द भारती, Madhabanand Bharati, of Banaras. B. 1845 A.D.

The author of a translation of the *Çapkara Diguijaya* into the vernacular.

588. सिन दत्तन, Sib Datt', a Brähman, of Banaras. B. 1854 A.D.

Sring. Possibly the same as another *Sib Datt' Kabl* mentioned by Sib Singh without particulars.

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589. सुबन्स सुकल, Subans Sukal, of Bigah'pur, district Unão. B. 1777 A.D.

Rāg., Bid. He at first attended the court of Rājā Um'rāw Siggh Bandhal'göti, of Amēthi, district Farukhābād, and there translated from the Sanskrit the Amara Koça (? Rāg. Cf. Nos. 170, 567, 761), Rasatarangiņi, and Rasamañjari into the vernacular. He then went to Rājā Subbā Siggh (No. 590) of *Öel*, and assisted him in the compilation of the Bidwan Möd Tarangini.

590. चुब्ला सिङ्घ, Raja Subba Singh, the Chauhan, alias the poet Sri Dhar, of Oel, district Khiri. FL 1817 A.D.

He was author of an important work on vernacular composition entitled *Bidwan Möd Tarangini* (written 1817 A.D., and quoted in this work as 'Bid.'), which deals with the whole subject-matter of lovers, confidants, messengers, the seasons, the various styles, etc. But the most important aspect of the work is that it forms an anthology of extracts from works by the author's preceptor, *Subans Sukal* (No. 589), and forty-four other poets.

591. धोंकल सिङ्ग, Dhaukal Siggh, the Bas, of Nyawa, district Ray Barell. B. 1803.

He wrote a number of short works, of which the best known is the *Ramal Prashna*, a report of conversations on geomancy between Umā and Çambhu.

592. सहज राम, Sahaj Rām, a Baniyā of Paitepur, district Sītāpur. B. 1804 A.D.

He wrote a Rāmāyan, which is a translation of the Raghuvamça and of the Hanuman Nāțaka (? Rāg.).

593. रिखि राम मिसर, Rikhi Rām Misar, of Pațți. B. (PFL) 1844 A.D.

He attended the court of Bāl Krish'n, Diwan of Audh, and was author of a work entitled Bansi Kalpalatā.

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594. जोव नाथ, the bard Jib Nath, of Nawal'gahj, district Unao. B. 1815 A.D.

He belonged to the family of Bā! Krish'n, Diwān of Audh. He wrote a work of merit entitled the Basant Pachisi.

595. सिंब सिङ्घ, Sib Singh, Segar, of Kantha, district Unao. B. 1821 A.D.

He is the author of the Sib Singh Saröj, on which this work is principally founded. He also translated the Brihachchhivapurāņa both into the vernacular and into Ūrdū, and the Brahmöttarakhanda into the vernacular. He has a great collection of Arabic, Persian, Sanskrit, and vernacular manuscripts, which he delights in cataloguing. He was son of Mahārāj-kumār Țhākur Ran'jīt Singh, Sāgar, Ta'alūq'dār of Kānthā, and is himself an Inspector of Police.

596. सट्न गोपाल सुकल, Madan Göpäl Sukal, of Phatahābād (Fatuhābād). B. 1819 A.D.

He attended the court of Rājā Ar'jun Singh, of Balirām'pur (district Gödā), for many years. At his suggestion he wrote two works—the Arjun Bilās and a simple treatise on medicine entitled Bāndya Ratan. Sib Singh mentions two other poets—(1) Madan Gopāl of Char'khārī, in Bundēl'khand, and (2) Madan Gopāl, without any particulars. Neither of these are dated by him.

597. **NHT UCORIC**, Gangā Par'sād, commonly known as Gang Kabi, or the poet Gang, the Brähman of Supāuli, district Sitāpur. B. 1833 A.D.

He was given the village Supāuli rent-free on account of his poems. His son is also a poet, and is now alive in Thar'nā. Gangā
 Par'sād wrote a work entitled Dati Bilās, in which the various kinds of lovers' go-betweens (dati) are described in a series of punning verses.

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598. जे काबि, the poet and bard Jan, of Lakh'naa. Fl. , 1845 A.D.

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He was a pensioner of Nawāb Wājid 'Ālī (1847—1856), of Lakh'naū. He wrote many poems in Orda and in the vernacular. He is esteemed by all for his poems on morals (নীনি), his occasional (যান্যিক) pieces, his didactic poems (चेताचोने), etc. He had many religious controversies with the Musal'mans.

599. मान सिङ्घ, Maharaj Man Siggh, the Shak'dwipi, alias Dwij Deb, of Audh. Fl. 1850.

Sun. He was skilled in Sanskrit, in the vernacular, in Persian, and in English. About the year 1850 A.D. he composed a work entitled Srlngār Latikā, together with a commentary to it. In his latter years he gave up poetry and studied English law. He died in 1873. Amongst others, Thākur Par'sād (No. 600), Jagannāth (No. 601), and Bal Dēb Singh (No. 602) attended his court. His poetical nom de guerre was Dwij Dēb, and he is possibly the same as Mannā Lāl (No. 583), who also wrote under the title Dwij. According to Thākur Par'sād, he had a son named Dar'san Singh.

600. ठाकुर पर•साद पयासी निसर, Thakur Par'sad Payāsi Misar alias Paņģit Par'bin, of Audh. FL 1850 A.D.

He wrote under the name of *Paņdit Par'bin*. He attended the court of Mahārāj *Mān Siŋgh* (No. 599), and lived near *Paliyā* Shāh'gañj.

601. जगन्ताथ कवि ग्रबस्थी, the poet Jagannath Abasthi, of Sumerupur, district Unao. Alive in 1883.

He formerly attended the court of Mahārāj Mān Siggh (No. 599), of Audh. He subsequently obtained the patronage of Mahārāj Sib Dīn Siggh, of Al'war. He has a great name for his knowledge of Sanskrit composition (साइस्त). He has written detached verses in the vernacular.

602. बल देव सिङ्घ, Bal Deb Singh, the Chhattri, of Audh. Fl. 850 A.D.

He attended the court of Mahārāj Mān Singh (No. 599), and was the teacher of Rājā Mādhab Singh (? No. 604) in composition (बाहिन्य).

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603. चाडी दत्ता कवि, the poet Chandi Datt. B. 1841 A.D. He attended the court of Mahārāj Mān Siggh (No. 599), of Audh.

604. साधन सिङ्घ, Rājā Mādhab Singh, of Gochi Amethi, district Sul'tan'pur. Alive in 1883.

He belongs to a family whose members have always been great patrons of learning. He is so himself. Among his ancestors may be named Himmat Singh (cf. Nos. 160 and 334), Gur Dutt' Singh (No. 332), Um'rāw Singh (cf. No. 589). He is author of the Manöj Latikā, the Débl-charitr' Saröj, and the Tridīp (a vernacular translation of the Bhar'thari (Bhartrihari) Shatak). He appears to be the son of Mān Singh (No. 599). (See No. 602.)

605. क्रिय॰न दत्तः सिङ्ख, Krish'n Datt' Singh, the Bisen Raj'put, Raja of Bhin'ga, district Bahiraich. B. 1852 A.D.

This Rājā was not only a skilled poet himself, but also encouraged the patronage of poets in his dominions. A member of his family was the famous *Jagat Singh* (No. 340), and the poet *Sib Din* (No. 606) and others less known attended his court. At the present day members of his family are great patrons of poets.

606. सिव दीन काबि, the poet Sib Din, of Bhin'gā, district Bahirāich. B. 1858 A.D.

He attended the court of Rājā Krish'n Datt' Singh, of Bhin'gā, and in his name wrote a work on poetry entitled Krish'n Datt' Bhakhan.

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607. (परघोप, Chiraf/1b, the Brähman, of Bals'wara. B. 1818 A.D. P Räg. He is said to have translatod the Mahābhārata into the vernacular 608. वेनो परावीन, Beni Par'bin, Baj'peyl of Lakh'nan. B. 1819. A.D. Sun. The author of several works. His best, a treatise on lovers. (See note to No. 87.)

809. **THE STE**, the bard Aggan Lai clias the poet Rasal, of Bil'gram, district Har'dol. B. 1823 A.D.

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The author of a treatise on rhetoric entitled Bar'wa Alaphar.

610. नवरप्य राय, the bard Mak'rand Ray, of Puwawa, district 8hah-Jahan-pur. B. 1823 A.D.

A descendant of Chandan Ray (No. 874), and was the author of an admired work entitled Hasya Ras.

611. भौन कवि, the poet and bard Bhaun of Bötl, district Ray Barell. B. 1824 A.D.

An admired erotic poet, who was the author of a treatise on rhetoric entitled Sriggar Ratnakar. His son, the poet Daya! (No. 720), was alive in 1883.

612. चारे राय कवि, the poet and bard Bads Ray, of Pal'man, district Ray Barsin. B. 1825.

He attended the court of Daya Kishun, Diwan of Lakh'nag.

613. सङ्घर कवि चिपाठी, the poet Saghar Tripathi, of Bis'wa, district Sitapur. B. 1834 A.D.

In conjunction with his son, the poet Salik, he wrote a Ramayan in Kabitta metres. He is possibly the same as another Saykar mentioned by Sib Siggh, without date, as an erotic writer.

614. चोने सिङ्ग, Lons Singh, of Bachhil Titauli, district Khiri. B. 1835 A.D.

He translated the tenth book of the Bhagavata Puraņa (Rāg.) into the vernacular.

815. सीतच राय, the bard Sital Ray of Baturi, district Bahiraloh. B. 1837. He attended the court of Raja Guman Siggh, Jan'war, of Ekduna, district Bahiralch.

616. परनेस, the bard Parmes, of Satawa, district Ray Barell. B. 1839 A.D.

Sun. (? Cf. No. 222.)

617. बच्ची घर बाजापेयी, Banes Dhar Baj'peys, of Chinta Khera, district Ray Bareli. B. 1844 A.D.

A prolific author of many works. His vedantic dohās are much admired.

618. भवानी परम्साद पाठक, Bhawani Par'sad Pathak alias Bhawan Kabi, of Maurawa, district Unao. B. 1844 A.D.

He is the author of an admired treatise on poetry called Kabya Sirömani, or Kabya Kalpadrum. It treats of poetry, rhetoric, lovers, gobetweens, the passions, seasons, etc.

619. सहानम्द वाजन्पेयो, Mahanand Baj'psyl, of Bals'wara. B. 1844 A.D.

Rig. He was a votary of Çiva worship, and translated the *Brihachchhiva Purāņa* into the vernacular.

620. रच रक्त कवि, the poet Ras Rayg, of Lakh'nag. B. 1844 A.D. An erotic poet.

621. सम्सु नाथ निसर कवि, the poet Sambhu Nath Misar, of Bais'wara. B. 1844 A.D.

He attended the court of Rānā Jadu Nath Siggh, Bāns, of Khajārgāw. While still young he wrote a history entitled Bāns Bansāball, and translation of the fourth chapter of the Giva Purāņa.

622. प्रकोधा परम्साद उवड, Ajodhya Par'sad Sukal, of Gola Gokarannath, district Khiri. B. 1845 A.D.

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Not a poet of high rank, but a voluminous writer. He wrote under the name of *Jodhi*. He was much esteemed in the court of a Rājā *Bar*.

623. सिडी खाख, the bard Mihl Lal alias Malind, of Qal'maa, district Ray Barëll. B. 1845 A.D.

Cf. No. 512. He praised one Bhapal Siggh.

824. राम नाथ परन्धान, Ram Nath Par'dhan, of Audh. B. 1845 A.D.

The author of the Ram Kaiëwa and other books.

625. गिरि धारी, Girl Dharl the Brāhman, a Bais'wārā of Satanpur. B. 1847 A.D. Sring. His poems either deal with Krisna's sports or are in the quietistic style. He was not a learned poet, but wrote elegantly.

626. रिमाचल राम करि, the poet Himāchai Rām, a Brāhman of Bhațāuli, district Fānzabād. B. 1847 A.D.

A simple writer.

627. चैन सिङ्ग, Chain Siggh alias Har Charan, the Khattri, of Lakh'nau. B. 1853 A.D.

Sring. He has written the Bhārat Dipikā and the Sringār Sarābali. He is possibly the same as another Chān Kabi mentioned by Sib Singh.

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628. जे चन्द, Jai Chand, of Jappur. Fl. 1806.

Author of a Sanskrit and vernacular work dealing with the doctrines of the Jain community, written in Sambat 1863 (1806 A.D.), and entitled Swāmi Kārttikēyānuprēksa.

# 629. खन्न जी लाल, Lalla JI 'Lal of Guj'rat, Ag'rāwalā. F1. 1803 A.D.

The well-known author of-

(1) The Pröm Sāgār (Rāg.), which was written in the above year under the Marquis of Wellesley's Government, and under Dr. John Gilchrist's direction. In the preface he says it is a translation into Hindī from the Braj Bhākhā version of the 10th book of the Bhāgauata Purāņa. The Braj version was by Chatur'bhuj Misar (? No. 40). The Prēm Sāgar was not printed till 1809, in Lord Minto's Government, under the direction of Mr. Abraham Lockitt. It has frequently been printed since, the best edition being Eastwick's (Hertford, 1851), which has an excellent vocabulary.

(2) The Latālf-i-Hindī, a collection of 100 stories in Ūrdū, Hindī, and Braj Bhākhā. According to Garcin de Tassy (i, 306) it was printed in Calcutta under the title of "The new Cyclopædia Hindustanica, etc.," and Carmichael Smith reprinted a large portion of it in London under its true name.

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(3) The Raj'niti, or Barttik Raj'niti, a Braj Bhakha translation of the Hitopadeça. It was written in Sambat 1869 (A.D. 1812), and should be distinguished from translations of Chanakya's Rajaniti. (Cf. Nos. 574, 840, 919.)

(4) The Sabhā Bilās (Rāg.), a collection of poetical extracts from famous writers in the Braj Bhākhā dialect.

(5) The Mādhab Bilās (? Rāg.). Cf. No. 896.

The Lal Chandrika, an excellent commentary on the Sat Sal (6) of Biharl Lal, frequently printed. Cf., however, No. 561.

(7) The Macardir-i-Bhākhā, a grammatical work on the Hindi language, in prose and in the Nagari character. Garcin de Tassy says that a copy exists in the Library of the Asiatic Society of Bengal.

(8) The Singhāsan Battīsī (Rāg.), which was translated in 1804 by him and Mirzā Kāzim 'All from an older Braj Bhākhā translation by Sundar Dās (No. 142).

(9) The Baital Pachisi (Rag.). Garoin de Tassy gives the following particulars concerning this work, which I have not been able to check, • as in the copies now available in the bazar the preface is not printed. This work has also been translated from Sanskrit into Braj Bhākhā by Surati Misar (No. 326). Lallū translated this version into Hindūstānī. assisted by Maz'har 'Ali Khān Wilā; or rather, it was Wilā who was assisted by the former. Mr. James Mouat, then Professor of Hindustani in the College of Fort William, charged Tarini Charana Mittra with the task of looking over the work and expunging the Braj Bhākhā words not current in ordinary Hindūstānī.

I may mention, in addition to the above, that other translations of the same work, and bearing the same name, were made by Sambhu Nāth (No. 366) and by Bholā Nāth (No. 883).

(10) The novel of Mādhōnal or Mādhabānal (cf. No. 872), in the editing of which he was again assisted by Maz'har 'Ali Khān Wils (see Garcin de Tassy, l.o.). This was translated from the work by Möti Rām (No. 216), bearing the same name. The legend of Mādhavānala and Kāma Kandalā is a very old one. There is a copy of the Sanskrit version in the Library of the Bengal Asiatic Society, which was written as far back as Sambat 1587, or 1530 A.D. (Rājēndra Lāl Mittra, Notices of Sanskrit Manuscripts, ii, 137.) The story is as follows. In Puphāvatīnagarī (the old name of Bilharī, in the Central Provinces) reigned Rājā Gobind Rāo in the Sambat year 919, or A.D. 862. He had a very handsome Brähman attendant named Mādhavānai, who was specially skilful in singing and dancing, as well as an adept in

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all arts and sciences, so that all the women fell in love with him. The husbands complained to the Rājā, and Mādhavānal was banished from Puphāvatī. He retired to Kam'vati, the capital of Rājā Kām Sēn, who was fond of music and singing, and gave the Brāhman a place in his court. This Rūjā had a most beautiful woman (a  $vē_{\zeta ya}$ ) named Kām Kandalā, with whom Mādhavānal fell in love, for which he was expelled from Kām'vatī. He then went to Ujānn, and asked a boon from Rājā Vikramāditya, who was famed for granting every request that was made to him. The promise was duly made, and the Brāhman claimed to have Kām Kandalā given up to him. Vikramāditya accordingly besieged Kām'vatī and captured Kām Kandalā, who was at once made over to Mādhavānal. After some time, with Vikrama's permission, the happy pair retired to Puphāvatī, where Mādhavānal built a palace for Kām Kandalā, the ruins of which are still shown. (See Rep. Arch. Surv. Ind. ix, 37.)

(11) The novel of Sakuntalā, in the editing of which he was associated with Kāzim 'All Jawan (see Garcin de Tassy, l.c.).

In connexion with the Prēm Sāgar, the following note on Hindi . translations of the Bhāgavata Purāna may be of use. Sur Dās (No. 37) is said to have translated the whole, but his translation has not come down to us. According to Ward, View, etc., ii, 481, Priyā Dās (cf. No. 319) was the author of a Bhagavad in the dialect of Bundel'khand (see Garcin de Tassy, i, 405). The last-named author (i, 121) also mentions a Bhapati (cf. No. 332), a Kayasth, who 'was author of a Bhāgavat in Hindī verse entitled Srī Bhāgavat. There is a copy of it in the Library of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, and Ward quotes from it. I do not know if this copy is the same as one which exists in the British Museum, in Halhed's collection, No. 5620. The last is composed of verses of nine lines each, and is written in the Persian character. The dialect is unintelligible. There is also a Bhāgavat in Hindi verse in the India Office Library, entitled Pothi Bhagavat, but according to the catalogue it is only a portion of the Bhagavata Purana translated from the Sanskrit.' Mahārāj Raghu Rāj Singh (No. 532) of Bandho (RIwa) was author of a much-admired translation of the Bhāgavata Purāņa, entitled Anandāmbudhi. Kripā Rām (No. 797) may also be mentioned as having translated the whole Purana into dohas and chaupais in simple language.

The tenth book of the Purāna, dealing with Krisna's life, is the most popular, and has been frequently translated. The *Prēm Sāgar* is the best known version, and those of *Chatur'bhuj Misar* (? No. 40) and

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Nand Dās (No. 42) may also be mentioned. The latter is known as the Dasam Skandh. The Krish'n Kallol of the poet Mān (No. 372) also appears to belong to this group. Another translation is by Lönä Siggh (No. 614). Garoin de Tassy (i, 121) says a work entitled Pothi Dasam Iskandh is mentioned in the catalogue of the Library belonging to a person named Farzāda Quli, a copy of which is in the Fort William College Library. 'In the same Library there is a third copy, entitled Sri Bhāgawat Dasam Iskandh; and a fourth, in Bhākhā, exists in the India Office Library under the same title' According to the same author (i, 404), Prēm Kēswar Dās (No. 859) translated the twelfth book of the Purāņa, a copy of the work being in the India Office Library. A commentary on this Purāņa was written by Balibhadr' (No. 135).

630. देचोनो नन्दन सुकल, Deoki Nandan Sukal, of Mak'rand'pur, district Kanh'pur. B. 1813 A.D.

Sun., Sring. He was brother of *Gur Datt' Sukal* (No. 631) and of Sib Nāth (No. 632). The first is author of the Pachohhi Bilās, and Deokl of a Nakh'sikh (see note to No. 87) and of a number of short poems, of which two or three hundred are extant. None of Sib Nāth's poems have as yet been identified.

631. गुर ट्ता सुकल, Gur Datt' Sukal, of Mak'rand'pur, district Känh'pur. B. 1807.

Sring. He was brother of *Deoki Nandan* (No. 630) and *Sib Nath* (No. 632). All three were good poets. His principal work was the *Pachohhi Bilās*.

632. सिंब नाथ सुत्रल, Sib Nath Sukal alias Sambhog Nath, of Makirand'pur, district Känh'pur. B. 1813 A.D.

? Sun. He was brother of Gur Datt' (No. 631) and Deckl Nandan (No. 630), and was an admired poet. It is difficult to identify his poems owing to his habit of signing himself simply Näth.

633. दिनेस कवि, the poet Dines, of Tikari, in district Gaya. Fl. 1807.

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Sring. In the above year he wrote a well-known and much-admired Nakh'sikh (see note to No. 87), entitled Ras Rahasya. (Printed by Rām Din Singh, Khadga Bilās Press, Bāŋkipur.)

634. बज•तावर, Bakh'tāwar, of Häth'ras, district Alīgarh. FL 1817 A.D.

A religious mendicant, author of an atheistical work in Hindī verse, entitled Sanīsār, the essence of emptiness, the purport of which is to show that all notions of man and God are fallacies, and that nothing is. His patron was Dayā Rām, Rājā of Hāth'ras, when that fortress was destroyed by the Marquis of Hastings. See Wilson, *Religious Sects of the Hindus*, i, 360, and Garcin de Tassy, i, 102.

635. ट्लन्पति राय, Dal'pati Rāy, of Am'dābād. B. (? FL) 1828 A.D.

In conjunction with another Brāhman named Bansi Dhar Sri Māli (No. 636) he wrote an excellent commentary on the Bhākhā Bhūkhan (No. 377).

636. बन्सी धर सी माली, Bansi Dhar Sri Mali, of Am'dabad. B. (P Fl.) 1828 A.D.

In conjunction with another Brähman named Dal'pati Rāy (No. 635) he wrote an excellent commentary on the Bhākhā Bhūkhan (No. 376).

637. रार दौन पाँड़े कावि, the poet Gur Din Pare. B. (? Fl.) 1884 A.D.

He wrote an important work, entitled the Bāk Manōhar Piŋgal (written 1803 A.D.), which treats not only of prosody, but of rhetoric, the six seasons, Nakh'slkh (see note to No. 87), and composition.

# 638. क्रिश-नानन्द व्यास देव, Krish'nanand Byas Deb. Fl. 1842 A.D.

He is best known for his *Rāg-Sāgarödbhab Rāg-Kalpadrum* (quoted in this work as 'Rāg.'), which is an anthology of selections from the works of more than two hundred poets who were followers of Krisna.

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It was finished in Sambat 1900 (A.D. 1843),<sup>1</sup> and was written in emulation of Rājā Sir *Rādhākānta Dēb's* well-known Sanskrit Encyclopædia entitled the *Çabda-Kalpadruma*. Some years ago this work, which was printed in Calcutta, sold for a hundred rupees a copy, but it is now out of print.

Dr. Rajendra Lal Mittra, who as a boy was personally acquainted with him, gives me the following information regarding this author:-'The book was in three volumes. The author, I remember, told me that he would make his work extend to seven volumes, the same as Rājā Rādhākānta Dēb's Çabda-Kalpadruma, but I do not think he had materials ready at hand for the purpose. He carried about with him a huge bundle of MS. notes, but I never had an opportunity to examine them, and I was too young then to care for them. The author was a Brahman, and his great pretension was that he could sing in three octaves, the ordinary compass of the human voice being two and a He pretended also that he could sing in all the Ragas half octaves. and Raginis with absolute accuracy, and without ever mixing up the latter ; but I never studied music myself, and in my youth cared nothing about it, so I never could get any proof of the man's pretensions. He was always singing, but was not a professional musician, that is, he never let himself out on hire. He received presents from the rich people of the town frequently, but never accepted anything as wages or remuneration for singing.'

It would be a work of too great labour to collect the names of all the poets whose works are quoted in this great work. The author, however, in his preface gives a list of all the poets with whom, and all the works (Hindī, Kar'nāţī, Marāthī, Telugu, Gujrātī, Baŋgālī, Uriyā, English, Arabic, Peguan (sic), Persian, and Sanskrit) with which he is acquainted. From this preface the names of the following Hindī authors and works are abstracted. Several I have been unable to identify, and especially several works mentioned herein are not referred to elsewhere in this book :---

#### A.-HINDŪSTĀNĪ AUTHORS.

Chand (No. 6). Pirthwi Rāj (cf. Nos. 6, 73). Rāmānand (No. 10). Kabīr (No. 13). Kamāl (No. 16). Bidyāpati (No. 17). Mīrā Bāī (No. 20). Rājā Karan (? No. 21). Nānah (No. 22). Nām Dēb (cf. No. 22).

<sup>1</sup> The first chapter is dated 19th March 1842; the second chapter, 1843.

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Charan Dās (No. 23). Gadādhar Misar (No. 25). Mādhab Dās (No. 26). Bhag'wān Dās (No. 29). Ballabhāchār'j (No. 34). Madh'wāchār'j (cf. No. 34). Krish'n Dās (No. 36). Sar Dās (No. 37). Par'mānand Dās (No. 38). Kumbhan Dās (No. 39). Chatur'bhuj Dās (No. 40). Chhit Swāmi (No. 41). Nand Dās (No. 42). Gobind Das (No. 43). Agr' Dās (No. 44). Kēwal Rām (No. 45). Kalyān Dās (No. 48). Kānhar Dās (No. 52). Srī Bhaţţ (No. 53). Byās Swāmi (No. 54). Nīmāditya (cf. No. 54). Hit Haribans (No. 56). Dhrub Dās (No. 58). Hari Dās (No. 59). Tān Sēn (No. 60). Abhay Rām (No. 64). Chatur Bihārī (No. 65). Manik Chand (No. 78). Ūdhō Dās (Nos. 79, 495). Dāmodar Dās (No. 84). Chand Sakhī (No. 93). Nāgarī Dās (? No. 95). Rām Dās (No. 112). Nar'hari Dās (? No. 113). The Holy Master (Tul'si Das) (No. 128). Braj Nidhi (? No. 131). Dhiraj (? No. 136). Bhūkhan (No. 145). Mati Rām (No. 146.)

The Holy Master Purukhottam (No. 200). Bihārī (No. 226). Ballabh Dās (? No. 239). Malak Dās (No. 243). Madan Möhan (No. 253). Kul'pati Misar (No. 282): Gopāl Dās (No. 297). Jugul Dās (No. 313). Braj Jiban Dās (? No. 315). Syām Dās (No. 316). Giri Dhar (No. 345). Anand Ghān (No. 347). Man Bhāwan (No. 375). Rasik Bihārl (No. 405). Rām Par'sād (No. 444). Padmākar (No. 506). Gadā Dhar Bhatt (No. 512). Bikram (No. 514). Raja Biswanath Singh (No. 529). Gökul Nāth (No. 564). Rām Sahāy (No. 568). Jānakī Dās (No. 577). Manna Lāl (Nos. 583, 599). Subans (No. 589). Jagannāth (? No. 601, 764). Chir Ja (? No. 607). Mahānand (No. 619). Gyān Dās (? No. 651). Brindāban Jīban (? No. 722). Lachhirām (? No. 723). Lok Nath (No. 753). Jug Rāj Dās (? No. 765). Dhodhe (No. 766). Bali Rām Dās (? No. 768). Bish'n Dās (No. 769). Lachchhan Dās (? No. 775). Baksa (? No. 861). The Holy Master Brajādhīs (? No. 878).

HIt Anand (? No. 947). Asu Tōkh. Baija Bāwarē. Bhar'thar1. Dayā Sakhī. Deb 'Alam. The Holy Master Girl Dhar. Gopāl Nāyak. Jitaû. Kālī Mir'jā. Kam'lākar (? Padmākar, No. 506). Kar'tāliyā. Karunā Nidhān. Krish'n Jīban. Mōhan Dās. Nar'sī Mah'tā. Nar'siggh Dayal. Nasī Rām.

NII Mani. NII Ratan. Raghu Mahāsay. Rām Gulām. Rām Jas. Raggila Pritam. Rangili Sakhi. Rasik Gōbind. Rasik Rāy. Rāy Mohan. Rūp Sanāt**an.** Sah'jō Bāī. Sāmā Sakhī. Sauda. Sāwarī Sakhī. Sib Chandr. Sonā Dāsī. Syām Sundar. Thaṇḍĩ Dās**.** 

B.-HINDŪSTĀNĪ WORKS.'

Kabitta Rāmāyan (No. 128). Prithi Rāj Rāy'sā (No. 6). The Bijak of Kabir (No. 13). Dohābalī (No. 128). Rām Sat Sal (No. 128). The Granth of the Sikhs Pañch Ratan (No. 128). (No. 22). Bar'we Ramayan (No. 128). Padmini Kathā (? No. 31). Binay Pattrikā (No. 128). Padmāwat (No. 31). Sudāmā Charitr' (No. 33). Hanumān Bāhuk (No. 128). The twelve books of the Bhāga-Rām Salākā (No. 128). vata Purāņa (Nos. 37, 40, Srī Krish'nābalī (No. 128). 532, 614, 629, 797, 859). Kabi-priyā (No. 134). Sur Sāgar (No. 37). Rasih-priyā (No. 134). Rukmini Maggal (No. 42). Rām-chandrikā (No. 134). Rās Pañohādhyāyī (? No. 42). Ashta-jām (No. 140 : cf. Bhaht Mālā (No. 51). No. 694). Sangit Sār of Tān Sen (No. 60). Bhākhā Piŋgal (No. 141). Rāmāyan of Tul'sī Dās (No. 128). Singhāsan Battīsī (Nos. 142, Gītābalī (No. 128). 629).

'I would draw the attention of scholars to the huge list of Sanskrit works mentioned in the preface of this valuable work.

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Bhākhā Amar Kös (Nos. 170, 567, 589, 761). The Shairs of Nazir (No. 171). Bihārī Sat Sai (No. 196). Chhattra Par'kās (No. 202). Khat Ritu (by many poets) (Nos. 210, 479, 648). Sib Swarōday (? No. 309). Saras Ras (No. 326). Bantal Pachisi (Nos. 326, 366, 629, 883). Kök Sār (No. 347). Rasārnab (No. 356). Prabodh Chandroday (the play) (No. 369). Braj Bilas (No. 369). Bhākhā Bhūkhan (No. 877). Sālihotr' (Nos. 365, 376, 469, 657, 854, 949). Rāg Mālā (Nos. 400, 904). Anēkārth and Nām Mālā (No. 433). Jagat Binod (No. 506). Anand Ras (Nos. 561, 668). The Mahābhārata in Braj Bhākhā (No. 564, etc.). Rāj Nīti (Nos. 574, 629, 840, 919). The Shars of Mannu Lai (Nos. 583, 599). Hanumān Nātak (No. ? 592). Prēm Sāgar (No. 629). Sabhā Bilās (No. 629). Hitopadēs (No. 629). Mādhō Bilās (Nos. 629, 896). Rāg-Sāgarōdbhab Rāg-Kalpadrum (No. 638). Lilavati (translation) (No. 912) ʿĀbhās Rāmāyan ( P ). Ab'tār Charitr'.

Awadh Bilās. Bāīdya Manōtsab. The Bhagavad Gita (translation). Bēdararī Kathā. Bhākhā Bāldak. Bhākhā Chhand. Bhākhā Indrajāl. Bhākhā Kāyadā. Bhākhā Kokh. Bhākhā Sābar. Bhūgōl Brittānt. Bidyābhyās ka phal. Bikh Partchha. Braj Jātrā. Brindāban Sat. Chār Dar'wēsh. Daktari (doctery, i.e. the art of medicine !!). Dayā Bilās. Dhyān Mañjart. Ganitāŋk. Gar'bhābalī Rāmāyan. The Ghazals of Sauda. Gopi Chand Gan. Gorakh Machhendr' Samāi. Gyān Upadēs. The Har Mala of Nar'si. Hātam Tāī. · Hīrā Rāñjhā, Kāsī Khand. Kautuk Ratnābalī. Krish'n Gitābalī. Lunā Chamārī kā Mantr. Mān Mañjarī. Manorañjan Itihās. Nain Sukh. Nīti Kathā. Phar'mākopīyā (!!). Rajā Bhar'thari Gān.

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Rām Binod. Rām Charan Chinh. Ras Rāj. Rogāntak Sār. Sāmudrikā (translation). Sangīta Darpaņa (translation). Sangīta Ratnākara (translation). Sangīt Pachīsī. Sarpādi Jantun kī Pothī. Sisu Bodh. Slokābalī Rāmāyan (? by Tul'sī Dās). Snāh Sāgar. Strī Sichchhā Bidhāyak. Sugā Bahattarī. Up'dēs Kathā.

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639. THE UTOETC, Ram Par'sad, the Agar'wala, of Mirāpur. B. (? Fl.) 1844 A.D.

Rāg. Father of *Tul'sī Rām* (No. 640) and author of some quietistic poems (cf. No. 444). Garcin de Tassy (i, 420) mentions an author of this name who wrote a Vaishnava work entitled *Dharmatattwasār*. It was written at *Ahmadābād*.

640. तुलग्सी राम, Tul'si Rām, the Agar'wala, of Mirapur. Fl. 1854.

In the above year he translated the Bhakt Mālā of Nābhā Dās (No. 51) into Ūrdū. He was son of No. 639.

# 641. भाउ नाथ भा, Bhanu Nath Jha. Fl. 1850 A.D.

He attended the court of Mahārāj Mahēswar' Siŋgh, of Dar'bhaŋgā. He wrote in Maithili. See J. A. S. B., vol. liii, p. 86. His best known work is a play in Sanskrit, Prākrit, and Maithili, entitled Prabhāvatī Haraņa.

642. TOG नाय का, Harkh Nath Jhā, the Soti Brahman, of Darbhangā. B. 1847 A.D.

A Maithil poet of the first rank, who is chief Pandit at the court of the Mahārāj of Darbhangā. He is the author of numerous Maithill songs and of more than one play (*Prabandha*) in mixed Sanskrit, Prākrit, and Maithilī. The best known of the last is the Uşā Haraņa. See J. A. S. B., vol. liii, p. 92.

He is also author of several Sanskrit works. He was a pupil of  $M\bar{o}d N\bar{a}th Jh\bar{a}$  and  $G\bar{o}p\bar{a}l$   $Th\bar{a}kur$ , and afterward studied at Banāras College. He was born at  $Uj\bar{a}n$ , in the Darbhangā district.

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643. सिन पर•कास सिङ्घ, Babū Sib Par'kās Siggh, of Qum'rāw, district Shāhābād. B. 1844 A.D.

The author of a commentary on the Binay Pattrikā of Tul'sī Dās (No. 128), entitled Rām Tattwa Bödhanī.

644. ante-on UI. Kām'tā Par'sād, the Asothar, of Lakh'purā, district Fatih'pur. B. 1854 A.D.

Ras. He belonged to the family of *Bhag'want Ray*, the *Khichi*, of *Asothar* (No. 333), and is said to have been learned in the study of composition ( $\pi(\tau + \pi)$ ). He wrote in Sanskrit, in Präkrit, in the vernacular, and in Persian. Sib Singh in his *Sardj* (p. 57) gives a specimen of his powers, which consists of a verse of four lines—the first in Sanskrit, the second in Präkrit, the third in vernacular, and the fourth in Persian. Sib Singh mentions a good *Nakh's/kh* (see note to No. 87) by a poet of this name, who is probably the same person.

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645. भूप नारायन, the bard Bhop Narayan, of Kakapur, district Kanh'pur. B. 1801 A.D.

He wrote a metrical genealogy of the Chandelā Chhattrī kings of S/b'rāj'pur.

646. इरन्गा कवि, the poet Dur'ga. B. 1803 A.D.

647. पूड़ामनि कवि, the poet Charamani. B. 1804 A.D.

A poet who praised in his works two patrons, named Guman Siggh and Ajit Siggh.

648. चाणम कवि, the poet Ajam (A'zam). B. 1809 A.D.

This Musalmān was a friend of othor good poets, and himself composed poems. His best works are a Nakh'sikh (see note to No. 87) and the Khat Ritu (Rāg.) (or description of the six seasons). 649. मेघा कबि, the poet Medha. Fl. 1810 A.D.

The author of a work entitled Chittrabhūkhan, written in the above year.

650. कमन्त्रेस कवि, the poet Kam'les. B. 1813 A.D.

Has written an excellent work on lovers. (See note to No. 87.)

651. ग्यान चन्द्रः चती, Qyan Chandr' Jati, of Räj'putana. B. 1813 A.D.

? Rāg. He was Colonel Tod's preceptor.

652. सम्पति कवि, the poet Sampati. B. 1813 A.D.

653. मोज कवि, the poet Bhoj the elder. B. 1815 A.D.

654. रिखि जू कवि, the poet Rikhi Ja. B. 1815 A.D.

An erotic poet.

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655. पतुम कवि, the poet Ambul. B. 1818 A.D.

His poems on morals and his Nakh'sikh (see note to No. 87) are said to possess taste.

656. जविराय जवि, the poet Kabiray. B. 1818 A.D.

He has written some ingenious verses on morals (শীনি) \

657. ग्रहाच कवि, the poet Gulal B. 1818 A.D.

Sring. His principal work is a *Salihotr'* (Rag.), a treatise on veterinary surgery.

658. दोना नाव चायरेंड, Dina Nath Adhwarya, of Möhar, district Fatih'pur. B. 1819 A.D.

He wrote a vernacular commentary to the Brahmöttara Khanda.

659. बेनो परन्गड, Beni Par'gat, a Brähman, of Nar'wal. B. 1823 A.D.

660. Anonymous.

A rājā of Unlyārā. Fl. 1823 A.D. Sib Singh states that he is the author of very excellent commentaries to the Bhākhā Bhākhān (No. 376) and the Nakh'sikh of Balibhadr' (No. 135), and that the name of the author is missing in his copies. Unlyārā is a division of Jāpār.

661. कविराज कवि, the poet and bard Kabiraj. B. 1824 A.D.

Sun. A mediocre poet. Not to be confounded with Sukh Deb Misar of Kampila (No. 160), who sometimes describes himself as a kabiraj or poetlaureate.

662. सोग जो करि, the poet and bard Mög JI, of Raj'putana. Fl. 1829 A.D.

The author of a genealogy and history of the kings of the Khichi

branch of the Chauhans.-See Tod's Rajasthan, i, 81, and ii, 454; Calc. ed. i, 87, and ii, 499.

Sib Singh calls him Mak J.

663. घर दगः कवि, the post Gur Datt' the elder. B. 1830 A.D.

He attended the court of Sib Siggh Sawal, son of Ja Siggh. I do not know who these princes were.

664. इटो कवि, the poet Hathi, of Braj. B. 1830 A.D.

The author of a work entitled Radha Satak.

665. देर चॉर, the poet fir, of district Main'purl. B. 1831 A.D.

666. जिशान कवि, the poet Krish'n. B. 1831 A.D.

He has written some detached verses on morals (শানি).

667. TH WITH HIS, the bard Johns Lal, of Kanduj. B. 1839 A.D.

668. दया नाच कूरे, Daya Nath Dabs. Fl. 1832 A.D.

In the above year he commenced a work entitled *Anand Ras* (R4g.), dealing with the subject of lovers.

669. राम दोन, the bard Ram Din, of Aligafi, district Ita. B. 1833 A.D.

670. मायन चयेरा, Makhan Lakhera. B. 1834 A.D.

No particulars. Probably the same as a Makhan Kabl mentioned by Sib Singh as born in 1813 A.D.

671. बेनी दास कवि, the poet and bard Beni Das, of Mewar, E. 1835 A.D.

? Sun. He was one of the publis historians of Mëwar.

672. केरो राम कवि, the port Chhedi Ram. Fl. 1837 A.D.

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The author of a treatise on prosody, entitled Kabl-nsh, written in the above year.

673. चतुनैन कवि, the poet Anunām. B. 1839 A.D.

The Nakh'sikh (see note to No. 87) by him is said to be a good poem.

674. चौध कपि, the poet Audh. B. 1839 A.D.

Sib Singh knows nothing about this poet, a specimen of whose poetry he gives. He suspects that he may be the same as Ajodhyā Par'sād Baj'pēyl (No. 693).

675. गरोत्तम, Narottam, of the Doab. B. 1839 A.D.

676. मनो राम मिसर, Mani Ram Misar, of Sathi, district Kanh'pur. B. 1839 A.D.

No particulars. He is possibly the same as a Mani Ram Kabi mentioned by Sib Singh, without date, as an erotic poet.

677. तेवंक कवि, the poet 88bak. Fl. 1840 A.D.

? Sun. He attended the court of Raja Ratan Siggh, of Chakr'pur. Possibly the same as No. 579.

678. फाखन्का राव, Phai'ka Raw, of Gwaliyar. B. 1844 A.D.

He was minister of Lachhiman Raw, and wrote a good commentary to the Kabi-priya (No. 134).

679. मीयू दास गौतम, Mita Das Gautam, of Har'dhaur'pur, district Fatih'pur. B. 1844 A.D.

The author of numerous Vedantie works.

680. रद्द नाय उपाधा, Raghu Nath Upadhya, of Jaun'pur. B. 1844 A.D. The author of a work entitled Nir'nay Mañjari.

681. उख दौन कवि, the poot Such Din. B. 1844 A.D. An erotic poet.

682. च्रखन कवि, the poet Sakhan. B. 1844 A.D.

An erotic poet.

683. मवामी दास कवि, the poet Bhawani Das. B. 1845 A.D.

No particulars. Jan Krish'n (No. 830) was the son of a Bhawani Das, but it is doubtful if it is this poet or not.

684. बज देव दास कवि, the poet Bal Deb Das, of Jakharl Häth'ras. B. 1846 A.D.

He translated the Krispa Khanda, line for line, into the vernacular.

685. **घर्य बक्स,** Awadh Bakas (Bakhsh). B. 1847 A.D.

His poems possess taste. Sib Siggh does not know the name of his country or village.

686. सङ्ख्य राम सनाचार, Bahaj Ram Sanadhya, of Bandhua. B. 1848 A.D.

The author of a history of Prahlada entitled Prahlad Charitr'.

687. चनीस कवि, the poet Anis. B. 1854 A.D.

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688. भूमी देव कवि, the poet Bhami Deb. B. 1854 A.D.

689. भू खर कबि, the poet Bhasur. B. 1854 A.D.

690. जे नरिष् सिङ्ग, Mahārāj Jā Narind Singh alias Narēndra Singh of Pațiyala. Fl. 1867, D. 1862 A.D. Sun.

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# CHAPTER XI.

## HINDUSTAN UNDER THE QUEEN. [1857-1887.] -

THE present chapter concludes the proper historical portion of this work. It deals entirely with the "India of the Quoen,"-with a period free from internal commotion, and in which every inducement and encouragement has been offered for the spread and for the acquisition of knowledge. One consequence of this has been the wide extension of the art of printing. Large Nativo publishing-houses have risen in Lakh'naū, Banāras, and Pat'ns, from which have issued floods of printed works, old and new, good, bad, and indifferent. At the same time a mushroom growth of smaller establishments has sprung up all over Hindūstan, and there is now scarcely a town of importance which does not possess its printing-press or two. Every scribbler can now see his writings in type or lithographed for a few rupees, and too often he avails himself of the power and the opportunity.

The rise of the Vernacular Press has been a prominent feature of the period under review. Hundreds of sheets have sprung into an ephemeral existence and have died in turn, while a few have lived through their childhood and deservedly survive as exceptions to the general fate. This is not the place to allude to the tone of the Indian Vernacular Press, and I purposely avoid doing so, beyond calling attention to the fact that as a rule the Hindī newspapers offer a favourable comparison with the more disloyal and scurrilous contemporaries which disgrace Baygalī journalism.

It has been impossible for me, face to face with such a mass of literature, to attempt to describe it with anything like completeness. I have only selected a few names which appeared to me worthy of notice, and even this selection I cannot pretend to be satisfactory. Hindūstān at present is practically without any independent review which I could take as a guide, and I have been compelled to trust to my own, necessarily limited, reading, aided by the lists of names given in the Sib Singh Sarōj. For earlier periods I have had the winnowing basket of time, which has dissipated the chaff and collected the grains ready for examination; but for the present not only is the proportion of chaff to grain infinitely greater, but the two are as yet unseparated.

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Such as it is I give the following list, which contains all the mames mentioned in the Sib Singh Sarōj, together with those of other writers whom I have met in the course of my reading, and which I think worthy of preservation. I must add that many writers belonging to this period as well as to the preceding one (some of whom are happily still alive) will be found entered in the last chapter. Some of these, *e.g.* Harishchandr', really belong to the post-Mutiny days, but have been deliberately included in the earlier period in order to complete the convenient consideration of groups or families of authors.

691. उमापति त्रिपाठी, Pandit Umapati Tripathi, of Ajodhya, district Faizabad. D. 1874.

He was a deeply-read pandit in all branches of Sanskrit learning. He at first lived in *Banāras*, but afterwards settled in *Ajodhyā* ( $\overline{Audh}$ ), where he occupied himself with compositions and teaching. He died A.D. 1874. His most celebrated works are in Sanskrit, but he wrote a few short books in the vernacular, such as the *Dohābalī*, *Ratnābalī*, etc. He wrote under the nom de guerre of Kobld.

692. रघु नाय दास, Mahant Raghu Nāth Dās, of Ajodhyā, district Falzābād. Alive in 1883 A.D.

He was originally a Brahman of *Påitepur*, district *Fatih'pur*, but, abandoning all worldly possessions, he became a devotee of Ram, and wrote hundreds of admired hymns in that deity's honour. See No. 693.

693. श्रजोध्या परन्साद वाजन्पेयी, Ajodhya Par'sad Baj'payı, of Satan'pur'wa, district Ray Bareli. Alive in 1883.

This poet is well known as being extremely learned both in Sanskrit and the vernacular. His poems are said to be full of taste, and of uncommon excellence. Amongst his works may be montioned—

- (1) Chhandānand.
- (2) Sāhitya Sudhāsāgar.

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(3) Rām Kabittābalī.

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Sib Singh says he generally resides with Raghu Nath Das, the Mahant (No. 692), or with Rājā Jag'möhan Siggh in Chandāpur. (Cf. No. 709.) He wrote under the name of *Audh* (cf. No. 674).

694. TIGTA UCOATE, Lala Gokul Par'sad, a Kayasth, of Balirām'pur, district Gödā. Alive in 1883.

He wrote in the year 1868 A.D., in honour of the late Raja Dig-bijan Singh (succeeded 1836), an anthology entitled Dig-bijan Bhakhan (quoted in this work as 'Dig.'), containing selections from the works of 192 poets. He is also author of works entitled Ashtajām (Rāg.), Chitrakalādhar, Datī Dar'pan, and others. He wrote under the nom de guerre of Braj.

695. जाननो परन्साद, the bard Janaki Par'sad, of Johabenakati, district Ray Bareli. Alive in 1883.

He is son of *Thākur Par'sād* (No. ? 570), and is learned both in Persian and in Sanskrit. In Ūrdū he has written a history of India entitled *Shād Nāmā*. In the vernacular he is author of (1) Raghubīr Dhyānābalī, (2) Rām Naba-ratan, (3) Bhag'batī Binay, (4) Rām-nibās Rāmāyan, (5) Rāmānand Bihār, (6) Niti-bilās. This poet excels in picturesqueness and in the quietistic style. Either he or the other Jānakī Par'sād (No. 577) may possibly be the same as a third poet of the same name mentioned by Sib Singh without date, who wrote an ingenious acrostic asking one Singh Rāj for a shawl (dusala).

696. सहस ट्ला॰ Mahes Datt', of Ghanauli, district Bārābankī. Alive in 1883.

He was author of a useful anthology named Kābya Sangrah (quoted in this work as 'Kāb.'), which was printed in Sambat 1932 (1875 A.D.). Possibly the same as a Mahēs Kabi mentioned by Sib Singh as born in 1803 A.D.

697. नन्द विश्वीर मिसर, Nand Kishör Misar alias the poet Lekh'rāj, of Gandhāuli, district Sītāpur. Alive in 1883.

The author of (1) Ras Ratnākar, (2) Laghu Bhūkhan Alagkār, (3) Gaggā Bhūkhan. He is lambar'dar of the village of Gandhāūli,

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He is possibly the same as two other poets mentioned by Sib Singh, viz. Nand Kabi and Nand Kishör Kabi. The latter is author of a work entitled Ram Krish'n Gun-Mal.

698. साता दीन सिसर Mata Din Misar. Alive in 1883. He translated the Shah Nama into the vernecular. In Sambat 1933 (A.D. 1876) he published the Kabl Ratnakar (quoted in this work as 'Kab.'), an anthology containing poems by twenty poets.

699. शिव प्रसाद, Raja Siva Prasad,1 c.s.1., of Banaras. B. 1823. Alive in 1887.

This gentleman, the well-known friend of education in India, is the grandson of Bibi Ratan Kuar (No. 376). He is also well-known for his efforts to popularise a style of the Hindustani language, which he calls the colloquial speech of Ag'rā, Dillī, and Lakh'naū, or o Hindustan proper, midway between the Persian-ridden Urdu and the Sanskrit-ridden Hindi. These efforts have given rise to a lively and not yet decided controversy amongst the natives of India, B is a most prolific author of works on education, and a complete li of his books, communicated by himself, is appended to this section.

The following account of his life is compiled partly from the Modern History of the Indian Chiefs, Rajās, Zamindārs, etc., by Loke. nath Ghose, and partly from materials kindly furnished to the author by the Raja himself. Towards the end of the 11th century there was a man named Dhandhal, of the Pawar (Pramara) tribe, in Ran'thambhor (Jappur territory). Having obtained a son through the blessing of a Jain pontiff, he embraced that religion and was included in the Ōs'wāl caste. Ran'thambhor being taken and plundered by Alāu'd-dīn Khilil lato in the 13th century, the family migrated successively to Ahmadābād and Champānēr, and settled finally in Khambhāt. Amar. Datt', twenty-sixth in descent from Dhandhal, presenting a diamond to Shāh Jahān (1628—1658), pleased him so much, that the emperor conferred on him the title of Ray, brought him to Dilli, and made him court jeweller. Ray Amer Datt' died leaving one son, who married a

<sup>1</sup> The name is transliterated thus because it is the way he spells it himself. According to the system of transliteration adopted in this book it would be Civa Prasāda, Sib Par'sād, or Siv Par'sād.

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sister of Sēth Mānik Chand, of Murshidābād. The youngest son of this marriage, Jagat Sēth Fatah Chand, was adopted by his uncle the Sēth, and two of his elder brothers having been killed in the sack of Dilli by Nādir Shāh, the family settled in Murshidābād. Fatah Chand's grandson Jagat Sēth Mah'tāb Rāy was arrested with his cousin Rājā Dāl Chand by Nawāb Kāsim 'Alī Khān for taking up the cause of the British and joining Lord Clive. Rājā Dāl Chand escaped and reached Banāras, where he ended his days under the protection of the Nawāb Wazīr of Audh.

Rājā Śiva Prasād is the son of Bābū Göpī Chand and great grandson of Rājā Dāl Chand. He lost his father when only eleven or twelve years of age, and was brought up by his mother and grandmother. the latter of whom, Bibi Ratan Kuar (No. 376), was one of the most learned women of her age. He partly owes his education, though very slightly, to Banāras College, then only an English Sominary, but he is emphatically an example of a self-made and self-instructed man. Of his grandmother he says, with characteristic modesty, "the best part of the little knowledge I may be credited with, I acquired from In his youth he was strongly anti-European in his ideas, and her." hence in his seventeenth year he accepted the post of Wakil to the late Mahārāj of Bharat' pur to attend the court of Colonel Sutherland, the then Governor-General's Agent at Aj'mcr. He says :- "My expenses under the Maharajah were somewhat about Rs. 5,000 per mensem. but I found the Dar'bar there rotten to the core, and as hopeloss as anything can be on earth. I became disgusted, resigned, returned, and wanted to become an ascetic; but my friends commenced taunting me. They called me a fool and a mad man. They said Patang achchha charha tha, lekin got kha gaya,'- 'a paper kite had got fine and high, but was swooping down again,' or 'Andhe ke hath bater lag gai thi,'- 'a quail had fallen into the hand of a blind man." I could not bear this, and I made up my mind again to serve. but some one who was greater than the Maharajah of Bharat'pur. I joined Lord Hardinge's camp before Firoz'pur. Mud'ki had been fought, and Sobraon was about to be fought. There the treatment I received opened my eyes. I vowed I would never serve a Native again." He rose to be Mir Munshi of the Simla Agency when Mr. Edwards became Superintendent of the Protected Hill States there, and he looks back to that period as the best part of his life. When

<sup>1</sup> That is, excessive luck. It usually takes several mon in full possession of their eyes to net a single quail.

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Mr. Edwards in 1851 or 1852 went home on furlough, Rājā Siva Prasād resigned, and on account of the old age of his mother, intended to live a private life in Banāras; but Mr. Tucker, the then Governor-General's Agent at Banāras, prevailed on him to accept the Mir Munshiship . of that Agency, and afterwards obtained for him the post of Joint-Inspector in the Department of Public Instruction. Sir W. Muir made him a full Inspector, and after serving the Government for thirty years he retired on a well-earned pension, and is now living He has received many honours from Government, at Banāras. amongst which may be mentioned the hereditary title of Raja and the Companionship of the most exalted Star of India. The following extract from a letter written by him to the author will fitly conclude this notice :- "I have just written to a friend in England that if ho ever has to name a man who at least claims to be contented, thankful, and happy, he can name Siva Prasad. I have one son and three grandsons My occupation now is culture of land and culture of mind."

Bo,	Names of Books,	Babject.	Romarks.
	, HINDI.		
1	Bar'n Màia 🛛	Primer	With stories and engravings.
8	Bal Bodh	Easy Reader	Originally written in English by Mr. W. Edwards.
8	Bidyagkur	An adoption of Cham- bers's Rudiments of Knowledge and a few pages of Introduction to Sciences.	With illustrations. Originally written for Mr. Edwards' schools in the hills. Its Ur- du version is called Huqaiqu- 'l-maujadat.
4	Bāmā-man Rahjan	Some celebrated wo- men of the East and West.	Taken from English and Baygālī books for Mr. H. C. Tucker. Its Ūrdū version is called <i>Hikāyātu'</i> [- <i>šalihat</i> .
	Hindi Byakaran	Hindi Grammar	Its counterpart in Urdū is called Sarf-5-Nahw-i-Ordā (No. 19).

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No.	Names of Books.	Subject,	Remarks.
	HINDI.		
6	Bh <b>ūgōi Hastā-</b> malak, Part I. (Asia.)		Compiled from no less than a hundred books of reference, with coloured maps. Its Urdu version is called Jami- Jahan Numa (No. 20).
7	Chhōt <b>a Bhūgōi</b> Hastāmalak.	Bhūgōl Hastāmalak (No. 6).	Its Urdů version is called Chhoța Jam-I-Jahan Numa.
8	Itihas Timir Nashak (in three parts).		In English, History of Hin- düstän; in Urdu, Alna-l. Tarikh Numa.
9 10	Gu‡'kā • Manava Dharma- sār.		With original Sanskrit.
11	Ditto	Ditto	With Sir William Jones's English translation.
12	Sandford War Mer- ton ki kahani.	Hindi version of Qissa-i- Sandford-o-Morton (No. 25).	(In the Press.)
13	81khō kā Uday Ast.	Rise and fall of the Sikh nation.	Compiled from authentic and official records. Its Urdu version, 81kh5 ka Tula' dar Ghurab, is in the Press.
14	Swayambōdh Ordū.	Ūrdū Primer and Self- Instructor.	
15	Apgrēzī Achohharð kēsikh'nēkī Upāy.	Roman characters	Ditto.
16	Bachchö kā In'ām.	A little prize-book for . children.	
17	Raja Bhōj kā Sap'nā :		Written for Mr. H. C. Tucker.
18	Bir Siggh kā Brit- tānt.	Against infanticide	Written for Mr. W. Edwards. Out of print.
	URDU.		1
19	8arf-8-Nahw-1-Orda		
20 21		Geography. • Abridgment of Jām-i-	· ·
<u>، «</u>	Chhōţā Jām-I- Jahān Numā.	Abridgment of Jäm-i- Jahān Numā (No. 20).	· · · ·

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No.	Names of Books,	Subject.	Remarks.
	URDU.		
22	Mazāmin	Selections.	
23	Kuchh Bayān ap'ni	A lecture on the vernac-	
	Zuban ka.	ulars, delivered be-	
		fore the Banāras In- stitute.	
24	Dii Bah'lāō (in three parts).	Miscellany	Written for Mr. H. C. Tucker.
25	Qissa.i - Sandford -	Translation, or Trather	
	o-Merton.	adaptation,of Sandford and Merton.	
26	Dunnallan	Beauties of Christianity, or life of a Methodist Christian gentleman. Abridged from Grace Kennedy.	1
87	Gulāb dūr Chamēli kā Qissā.	Adaptation of the above.	•
28	Sachohl <b>Bahāduri</b>	True heroism	Translated for Mr. H. C. Tucker.
29	Migra'atu'i-kāhilin.	Life in carnest	Written for Mr. H. C. Tucker.
80	Shahādat-i- Qurānī bar Kutub-i-Rab- bānī.	Testimony borne by the Quran to the Bible.	Written for a gentleman.
91	Tārikh-i-kalisā	History of the early church.	Ditto.
82	Farsi Sarf-ö-Nahw	Persian Grammar in Ūrdū.	

700. लक्षी नाथ ठाकुर, Lachhmi Nath Thakur, of Mithila. Fl. 1870 A.D.

A prolific and much-admired writer in the Bais'wārī dialect.

701. फतूरी खाल, Phatari (or Fatari) Lai, a Kayasth, of Tir'hut. Fl. 1874 A.D.

The author of a very popular poetical account of the famine of 1873-74, entitled Kabitt' Akālī, written in the Maithilī dialect. See

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J. A. S. B., extra No., 1881, p. 24 (Maithil Chrestomathy, by G. A. Grierson).

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A living poet of Mithilä of considerable eminence. He attends the court of Mahārāj Lachh'mīshwar Singh Bahādur of Dar'bhangā, and is author of a much-admired Rāmāyan in the Maithilī dialect of Bihārī.

703. जान साहिन, Jan Sahlb. Died about 1883 A.D.

This is the poetical name of Mr. John Christian, the only European writer with whom I am acquainted whose vernacular poetry has made its way to the masses. He was a prolific writer of Christian hymns, which are known to all the singers of Tirhut, most of whom recite them without any idea of their original meaning. His most admired work is the Mukti-Muktābali, a metrical life of Christ.

704. ग्रांग्विका दत्ता व्यास, Ambika Datt' Byas, of Banaras. Alive in 1888 A.D.

A rising author. He has written several plays, which will be found mentioned in No. 706. His *Bhārat Sāubhāgya* was written in honour of her Majesty's Jubilee. Amongst his other works may be mentioned *Madhumatī*, a translation of the well-known Baŋgālī novelette of that name.

705. कोटू राम तिवारी, Pandit Chhota Ram Tiwari, of Banaras. B. cir. 1840 A.D.; D. 1887 A.D.

This gentleman was for many years Professor of Sanskrit at Pat'ng College, and it was the author's privilege to number him amongst his more intimate friends. His knowledge of the earlier vernacular poetry of his country was profound and accurate, and his reputation extended over a wide area. As a writer of his own language his fame rests on his  $R\bar{a}m Kath\bar{a}$ , of which, I believe, no authorised edition was ever published. It is admittedly a model of the very purest and best modern Hindī, free alike from vulgarisms and from podantry. He kept the proofs of the work by him for several years, incessantly polishing it and repolishing it, till the day of his death. So much was the work admired that there was a large sale of these proof-sheets, which achieved great popularity, and extracts from them have been given prominent situations in the many Readers and Anthologies which have been issued of late years.

He was son of Debi Dayāl Tripāțhi, and had two brothers—an elder, named Sital Par'sād, author of a play entitled Jānaki Maŋgal, the first Hindi play ever acted, and a younger, called Göpi Nāth, who was father of Kāli Par'sād Tiwāri (No. 739).

# NOTE ON THE HINDI' AND ON THE BIHARI DRAMA.

706. The Hindi drama is a plant of very recent growth. It is true that some of the earlier writers wrote what they called *ndtaks*, for instance *Niwāj* (No. 198) wrote a *Sakuntalā*, and *Braj Bāsī Dās* (No. 369) and others translations of the *Prabādha Chandrādaya*; but these were plays only in name, being without entrances and exits of the characters. Similarly, the *Dēb Māyā Prapaħch* of the celebrated poet *Dēb* (No. 140), the *Prabhāwatī* written for the Mahārāj of Banāras, and the *Ānand Raghunandan* written for Mahārāj *Biswanāth Singh* (No. 529) of *Rīwā*, are wanting in the essentials of dramatic poetry.

The first Hindī play in which there are regular exits and entrances for the characters was the Nahukh Nāṭak of Giridhar Dās (Gōpāl Chandr') (No. 580), which deals with Indra's expulsion from his throne by Nahuşa and his subsequent reinstatement. Harishchandr', the son of the author, was seven years old at the time it was written, which was therefore the year 1857.

The next Hindi play in a really dramatic form was the Sakuntalā of Rājā Lachhman Singh, which has in later years been edited by Mr. Pincott. It was followed by Harishchandra's (No. 581) Bidyā Sundar, founded on the well-known Bangālī poem of that name, but happily free from its obscenities. The fourth was the Taptā Sambaran of Srīnibās Dās, the fifth Harishchandra's Bāldiki Hinsā, and the sixth Tōtā Rām's Kētō Kritānt. These examples found many imitators.

The first Hindi play ever performed was the Jānaki Mangal of Sital Par'sād Tiwāri, elder brother of Chhōța Rām Tiwāri (No. 705).

<sup>1</sup> Partly abridged from Harishchandra's 'Nāţak ;' Shri Harishchandra Kalā, p. 38.

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This took place in the Banāras theatre in the Sambat year 1925 (1868 A.D.), and was very successful. It was followed by the Ran Dhīr Prēm Möhinī of Srīnibās Dās and the Satya Harishchandr' of Harishchandr' at Allāhābād and Kānh'pur.

In Bihār, on the contrary, a dramatic tradition has existed for nearly five centuries. Bidyāpati Ţhākur (1400 A.D.) (No. 17) was the author of two plays—the Pārijāt Haran and the Rukminī Swayambar. Manuscripts of these plays exist, I believe, to the present day, but I have never seen them. Lāi Jhā (No. 363) was author of the Gāūrī Parinay. At the beginning of the present century Bhānu Nāth Jhā (No. 641) wrote the Prabhābatī Haran. Har'kh Nāth Jhā (No. 642) is author of the Ukhā Haran or (in Sanskrit) Uşā Haraṇa. All these poets were Maithil Brāhmans. It must be admitted that their works hardly come under the name of vernacular plays, as the characters speak in Sanskrit and in Prākrit, only the songs being in Maithili.

The following is a list of HindI plays given by Harishchandr', I.e.

-	•	•
Name of play.		Author.
Nahukh Nātak	•••	Giridhar Dās.
Sakuntalā	•••	Lachhman Siggh.
Mudrā Rāchhas	•••	Harishohandr'.
Satya Harisho <b>handr'</b>		Ditto.
Bidyā Sundar	•••	Ditto.
Andher Nagari		Ditto.
Vişasya Vişamātişadham		Ditto.
Satī Pratāp		Ditto
Chandrābalī		Ditto.
Madhurī		Ditto.
Pākhaņd Bi <b>ra</b> mb <b>an</b>		Ditto.
Nab Mallikā		Ditto.
Durlabh Bandhu	•••	Ditto.
Prēm Jōginī		Ditto.
Jāisā Kām Wāisā Parinām		Ditto,
Karpūr Mañjarī		Ditto.
NIL Debi		Ditto.
Bhārat Durdasā	•••	Ditto.
Bhārat Jananī	•••	Ditto.
Dhanañjay Bijay	•••	Ditto.
Bāīdikī Hinsā	•••	Ditto.
Barh Müh Muhāsē, Lõg Cl	 hais	Ditto.
Tamāsē		Gōkul Chand.

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Name of play.		Author.
Adbhut Charitr. or	Grih	
Chaṇḍĩ	•••	Srî Matî.
Taptā Sambaran		Srīnibās Dās.
Ran Dhīr Prēm Möhlnī	•••	Ditto.
Kētō Kritān <b>t</b>		Tōtā Rām <b>.</b>
Sajjād Sumbul	•••	Kēshō Rām Bhaţţ.
Sham'shād Sāūs <b>an</b>	•••	Ditto.
Jay Nar'singh kl	•••	Deokī Nandan Tiw <b>ārī.</b>
Hõlī Khagēs	•••	Ditto.
Chachchhu Dā <b>n</b>		Ditto.
Pad'māwatī	•••	Bāl Krish'n Bhatt.
Sarmishthā	•••	Ditto.
Chandr' Sēn	•••	Ditto.
Sarojinī	•••	Ganēs Datt'.
Sarōjinī	•••	Rādhā Charan Gosā <b>i.</b>
Mrichchhakaţikā	***	Gadā Dhar Bhaţţ.
Bārāŋganā Rahasya	•••	Bad'rī Nārāyan Chāudh'rī.
Bigyān Bibhāk <b>ar</b>	•••	Jānī Bihārī Lāl.
`Lalitā Nāțikā	•••	Ambikā Datt' Byās.
Dēb Purukh Drishya	•••	Ditto.
Bēnī Saŋghā <b>r</b>	•••	Ditto.
Gō Saŋkaţ	•••	Ditto.
Bhārat Saubhāgy <b>a</b>	•••	Ditto.
Jānakī Maŋgal	•••	Sītal Par'sād Tiwārī.
Dukkhinī Bālā	•••	Rādhā Krish'n Dās.
Padmāwatī	•••	Ditto.
Mahā Rās	•••	Mahārāj Kumār Kharag Lāl Bahādur Mall.
Rām Līlā	•••	Dāmōdar Shāstrī.
Mrichchhakațikā 👘	•••	Ditto.
Bāl Khēl	•••	Ditto.
Rādhā Mādhab	•••	Ditto.
Wēnis kā Sāudāgar (Me	rchant	.•
of Venice)	•••	Balēswar Par'sād.
Mrichchhakatikā	•••	Thākur Dayāl Siŋgh.
Wēnis kā Sāūdāg <b>ar</b>	. <b></b>	Ditto.

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707. पचम कवि, the poet and bard Palicham, of Pal'man, district Ray Barell. B. (? Fl.) 1867 A.D. 708. पूज पन्द, Phül Chand, a Brāhman, of Bais'wara. B. (? Fl.) 1871 A.D.

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Sib Singh gives two poets of this name ; the second without date.

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709. **घ**र्रासन सिङ्ग, Kumär Sudar'san Siggh, of Chandapur. (Cf. No. 693.) B. (? Fl.) 1873.

He has published a collection of his own poems.

710. सानिक चन, Manik Chand the Kāyasth, of district Sitapur. B. (? Fl.) 1873 A.D.

711. चन्द सिङ्ग, Anand Siggh alias Dur'ga Siggh, of Ahawanadi Koliya, district Sitapur. Alive in 1883 A.D.

712. रेसरी परन्ताद, विपाठी Iswarl Par'sad Tripathi, of Pir'nagar, district Sitapar. Alive in 1883.

He has written a translation of the Ramayana of Valmiki in the form of an epic poem in various metres under the name of the Ram Bilas.

713. जमन्दाव सिङ्घ पँबाद, the bard Um'raw Siggh, of Sād'pur, district Sitapur. Alive in 1883.

714. गुर दीन राय बन्दीजन, the bard Gur Din Ray, of Päitsya, district Sitapur. Alive in 1883.

He attended the court of Baja Ran Jit Siggh Sah Jäg're (No. 716), of Jeanagar, district Khiri.

715. बज देव कवि वबसी, the poet Bal Deb Abasthi, of Dasapur, district Sitapur. Alive in 1883.

Under the name of Rājā Dal Thambhan Siggh Gaur Sawalya, of Hathiya, he wrote a work on lovers entitled Sriggar Sudhākar.

716. रन जीत सिङ्घ घार जॉंगरे, Bājā Ran Jit Siggh 8ah Jåg'r8, of Jeanagar, district Khiri. Alive in 1883.

The author of a translation of the Hrivamça.

717. टाकुर परःसाद विवेदो, Thakur Par'sad Tribedi, of Aligahi, district Khiri. Alive in 1883. 718. इजारी बाद विवेदी, Hajari Lai Tribëdi, of Aligali, district Khiri. Alivo in 1883,

A quietistic and moral poet.

719. गङ्गा दयाच दूरे, Gapga Dayal Dabs, of Nis'gar, district Ray BarsII. Alive in 1883.

Said to be skilled in Sanskrit and the vernacular.

720. रयाच करि, the poet and bard Dayal, of Bötl, district Ray Barell. Alive in 1883.

He is son of the poet Bhaun (No. 611).

721. विखनाय, the bard Blewanath, of Jikal, district Ray Barell. Alive in 1883.

He praised one Ran'/it Siggh (? No. 716). He is possibly the same as a Biswanath Kabi mentioned by Sib Singh as born 1844 A.D., who has written a number of poems on the manners and customs of the people of Lakh'naQ.

722. किन्दाबन, Brindaban, a Brāhman, of Sem'rauta, district Ray Barëll. Alive in 1883.

? Rāg. No particulars. He is possibly the same as a Brindaban Kabi mentioned by Sib Singh.

723. जरिराम कवि, the post and bard Lachhiram, of Hol'pur, district Barabagki. Alive in 1883.

He wrote a treatise on lovers (see note to No. 87) under the name of Sib Siggh (the author of the anthology), and called it Sib Siggh Sardj. Cf. No. 126.

724. सन बजन्स, the bard Sant Bak's, of Höl'pur, district Barabagki. Alive in 1883.

Cf. No. 126.

725. समर सिङ्ग, Samar Siggh, a Chhattrī, of Har'ha, district Barebaghi. Alive in 1883.

The author of a Ramayan.

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726. चिव परन्तम चवि, the poet Sib Par'sann, a Säk'dwipī Brāhman, of Rām'nagar, district Bārābapki. Alive in 1883.

727. खोता राम रास, Sita Ram Das, a Baniyā, of Birapur, district Barabayhi. Aliye in 1883.

728. जुनाकर विपाती, Gunakar Tripathi, of Kantha, district Unao. Alive in 1883.

He writes in Sanskrit and in the vernacular. His family is famed for its knowledge of astronomy.

. 729. उखराम, Sukh Ram, a Brāhman, of Chauhattari, district Unao. Alivo in 1883.

He is possibly the same as a Sukh Ram Kabl montioned by Sib Singh as B. (? Fl.) 1844 A.D. and as an erotic poet.

730. देवी दीन, the bard, D861 Din, of Bil'gram, district Har'dol. Alive in 1883.

His best works are a Nakh'sikh (see note to No. 87) and the Ras. dar'pan.

731. माता दीन उतक, Mata Din Sukal, of Al'gara, district Par'tap'garh. Alive in 1883.

He attends the court of Raja Alt Slggh, of Par'tap'garh. Some verses by him, entitled Gyan Dohaball, will be found in the Shakha Sar of Sahib Prasad Singh.

732. कच्या बज्य, Kanhaya Bakhsh the Bais, of Bais'ward (Audh). Alive in 1883.

His best work is in the quietistic style.

733. गिरि घारी माट, Giri Dhan Bhat, of Mag Ranipura, in district Jhansi, Bundel'khapd. Alive in 1883. 734. जबन्देस, the bard Jab'res, of Bundel'khand. Alive in 1883.

735. रन घोर सिङ्ग, Raja Ran Dhir Singh, Sir'maur, of Sing'ra Maa. Alive in 1883.

Besides being a patron of poets, he is author of the Kabya Ratnakar (written 1840 A.D.) and the Bhakhan Kaumudi (written 1860 A.D.). There are many towns of the name of Mau in Indis, but I have been unable to identify that named as above by Sib Singh.

736. सिन दीन, Pandit 81b Din alias Raghu Nath, a Brāhman, of Rasal-Abad. Alive in 1883.

The author of the Bhābāmahimna and other works. Possibly the same as a Sib Oin Kabi mentioned by Sib Singh without particulars. There are several towns of the name of Rasūlābād in India. I do not know which is the one above referred to.

737. राम नारायन, Ram Nara. yan, a Kāyasth. Alive in 1883.

An erotic poet. He is Munshi to Mahārāj *Man Singh* (No. 599).

738. बल्कित परन्ताद, Amblka Par'sad. Alive in 1883 A.D.

He belongs to the Shahabad district, and is the author of numerous songs in the Bhoj'pūrī dialect, which are not of great merit, but are valuable as samples of the author's mother tongue. A number are given in Part II of Seven Grammars of the Bihār Dialects.

739. काखी परन्ताद तिवारी, Kall Par'sad Tiwarl, of Banaras. Alive in 1888.

This gentleman is Head Pandit of the Jhanganj City School, in Pat'na. He is the author of several schoolbooks, and of a Bhakha Ramayan, in mixed Hindi prose and verse, in

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a simple style, which is much admired. He is nephew of Pandit Chhota Ram Tiwart (No. 705).

740. (AVIC) UN THE ABlan Lal Challos, Assistant Professor of Sanskrit at Payna College. Alive in 1888. This gentleman, besides writing a large number of useful school-books, is author of a useful work on rhetoric entitled *Bihari Tul'el Bhakhan Bodh*. He is also editing a good edition of the Sat Sat of Tul'el Das (No. 128) in the *Bibliotheca Indica*.

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# CHAPTER XII.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

THE following chapter contains the names of a number of minor poets, whose dates I have not been able to fix.

I.—Poets mentioned in the Kabi-mala of Tul'si (No. 153), and therefore earlier than 1655 A.D.

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741. सह वनि, the poet Saykh. 742. चाडन कनि, the poet Sahab. 743. सिंह कनि, the poet Siddh. 744. उड़दि कनि, the poet Subuddhi.

II.—Poets mentioned in the Hajara of Kalidas Tribedi (No. 159), and therefore earlier than 1718 A.D.

747. जसन्वन कवि, the poet Jas'want the younger.

748. तीखी कबि, the poet Tikhi. If I understand Sib Siggh aright, poems by him are included in Haj.

749. ते हो कवि, the poet 78h. If I understand Sib Singh aright, poems by him are included in Haj. 750. दिखा राम कबि, the poet Dila Ram.

745. यो कर कवि, the poet

746. बी इड कवि, the poet

751. राम रूप कवि, the poet Ram Rap.

I have collected several songs , by him in Mithilā.

752. खोधे कबि, the poet Lodhe.

III.—Poets mentioned in the Kabya-nir'nay of Bhikhari Das (No. 844), and therefore earlier than 1723 A.D.

753. खीक नाथ कवि, the poet Lok Nath.

Also in Rag.

754. गुजाम गरी, Sayyad Gulam Nabl alias the poet Ras Lin, of Bil'gram, district Har'dal.

Besides being learned in Arabic and Persian, he was also a master of the vernacular. He wrote a nakksikk called Agg Dar'pan (dated 1637 A.D.), and a treatise on rhetoric, entitled Ras Par'bödh (dated 1741 A.D.) There is something wrong about these dates. The latter is probably the correct one.

755. बचि कवि, the poet Ball. An erotic poet.

756. रहीन कवि, the poet Rahim.

He is distinct from 'Abdu'r Rahlm Khan'khana (No. 108). It is difficult to distinguish between the works of this poet and those of his illustrious namesake.

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IV.—Poets mentioned by the poet Sudan (No. 387), and therefore earlier than 1753 A.D.

757. चनेही दार्व, the poet Sanshi.

758. तिव दात वनि, the poet Sib Das.

Garcin de Tassy (I, 474) mentions an author of this name who came from Jalpur, to whom we owe the Sib Chalpal, a work quoted by Ward in his History of the Hindus (II, 481). He was also author of a book the name of which Garcin de Tassy gives as Pothi lok akat ras jagat, which he confesses he does not understand.

759. चुनेद सिङ्घ साइवन्जादा, Prince Sumerú Siggh. Also in Sup.

b Garcin de Tassy gives as (P Rig. cf. Nos. 170, 567, 589) into the deat ras jagat, which he the vernacular.

762. दिस राम वर्षि, the poet Hit Ram.

760. TT aft, the poet Saraf.

761. TI TIT. the poet Hari.

The author of a commentary on the

Bhakha Bhakhan (No. 377), entitled

Chamatkar Chandrika, and of a met-

rical commentary on the Kabi-priva

(No. 184) entitled Kabl.priyabharan.

V.—Poets mentioned in the Rag-Sagarodbhab Rag-Kalpadrum of Krishnanand Byas Deb (No. 638), and therefore earlier than 1843 A.D.<sup>1</sup>

763. इनीचे कॉन, the poet Chhabils, of Braj.

764. जगवाब दास, Jagnnath Das.

He is possibly the same as one Jagannath Kabi the elder, mentioned by Sib Singh. Cf. No. 601.

765. खग राज खवि, the poet Jug Raj.

Said to be the author of some tasteful poems.

766. घोंचे दास, Dhodhe Das, of Brai.

767. नाम देन, Nam Deb.

Poems by him are also included in the Sikh Granth (see Nos. 22, 169).

768. वरि राम दास, Ball Ram Das, of Braj.

Also Sring. Possibly the same as a Ball Ram quoted by Garcin de Tassy (I, 105) from Mack. (II, 103) as author of the *Chit Bilas*, a treatise on the creation of the world, in which are described the objects and end of human existence, the formation of gross and ethercal bodies, and the means of acquiring salvation.

769. वियान दास, Bish'n Das.

Also the name of the author of a number of emblematic döhās.

770. भगग्वान फित राम राव, Bhag'wan Hit Ram Ray.

771. मन निधि कवि, the post Man Nidhy.

772. मनि कण्ड कवि, the post Mani Kanth.

773. मुरारि दास, Murari Des, of Braj.

774. रसिन दास, Rasin Das, of Braj.

<sup>1</sup> See also many other names mentioned in the preface of the same work extracted out in No. 638.

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775. राम राय, Ram Ray, the Rathaur.

776. जायन दास कवि, the poet Lachchhan Das.

I have found a poem in the Braj dialect, and bearing his name, in Mithilā. He was son of Bājā Khēm Palthe Bathaur.

777. खडुमन सरन दास, Lachhuman Saran Das.

778. सग्रुन दास कवि, the poet Sagun Das.

779. खाम मनोइर कवि, the poot Syam Manohar.

VI.—Poet mentioned in the Ras Chandroday of Thakur Par'sad (No. 570), and therefore earlier than 1863 A.D.

780. काखिका कवि, the poet and bard Kalika, of Banaras. Alive in 1883. Also in Sun.

VII.—Poets mentioned in the Dig-bijai Bhukhan of Gokul Par'sad (No. 694), and therefore earlier than 1868 A.D.

782. Dhurandhar	धुरमर कवि, the poot	783. নাযক কৰি, Nayak. Also Sring.	the poet
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VIII.—Poets mentioned in the Sundari Tilak of Harishchandr' (No. 581), and therefore earlier than 1869 A.D.

790. नबीन कवि, the poet 784. पासौमन कबि, the poet Nabin. Altman. An erotic poet. 785. कांच राम, Kabi Ram alias 791. नरेस कवि, the poet Ram Nath, the Kayasth. Sib Singh gives two poets of Narēs. It appears from a reference in one this name. One he puts down as alive in 1883, and the other as born of his detached poems that he was in 1841. Probably they are the same. the author of a treatise on lovers (see note to No. 87). 786. तहासी यी भोमा जी. 792. पारस कवि, the poet Tul'si Sri Ojha Ji, of Jödh'pur (Mar'war). Pāras. He is said to be an elegant crotic 793. मइन्राज कवि, the poet poet. 787. दया निधि, Daya Nidhi, Mah'rāj. Also Sring. a Brahman, of Pat'na. 794. रिखि नाथ कबि, the poet Possibly the same as a Daya Nidhi Kabi mentioned by Sib Singh, Rikhi Nath. Also Sring. An erotic poet. also without date. Cf. No. 365. 795. सेखर कवि, the poet 788. मछीब खान, Najib Khan alias the poet Rasiyā, councillor of Sēkhar. An erotic poct. the Mahārāj of Pațiyā/ā. इतुमान कवि, the poet 796. 789. नब निधि कबि, the poot and bard Hanuman, of Bantras. Nab Nidhi.

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# IX.—Poets mentioned in the Kabya Sangrah of Mahes Datt' (No. 696), and therefore earlier than 1875 A.D.

797. जिपा राम, Kripa Ram, the Brähman, of Naranapur, district ab/a.

He translated the whole Bhāgavata Purāņa into simple language in döhās and chāvpāis. Cf. No. 828.

He is probably the same as a Kripä Räm Kabi (dato unknown) who was the author of a poem in the Champu style, entitled Madhab Sulochana, and as another Kripš Rām Kabi (date also unknown), author of an erotic poem in the dökš metre, entitled Hit Taraggini.

798. नवच दास, Nawal Das, the Chhattri, of Gar Gaw, district Barabaget.

He is the author of a work entitled *Gyan Sarobar*. His date is (certainly incorrectly) put by Sib Singh at Sambat 1316 (A.D. 1259).

X.—Miscellaneous poets whose dates I have been unable to fix. Collected from various sources, principally the Sib Singh Saroj.

799. चमर जो कवि, the poet Amar JI, of Raj'putana.

According to Sib Singh he is mentioned by Tod in his Rājasthān, but I have been unable to find the place.

800. कच्यान सिङ्घ मह, Kalyan Singh Bhatt.

801. कांसी घरन बाजन्पेयी, Kall Charan Baj'peyl, of Bigah'pur, district Unao.

Said to have been a skilled poet.

802. काखी दौन कवि, the poet Kali Din.

He translated poems in honour of Durgā.

803. क्रम गोपो, Kuhj Gopi, the Gaur Brahman, of Japur.

An erotic writer.

804. केसम्बर राम कवि, the. poet Kes'war Ram.

Author of a work entitled Bhramargit, or songs of a bee, which however, according to Garcin de Tassy (I, 302), was written by Krish'n Das, No. 806.

805. जिपाल कवि, the poet Kripal.

An erotic writer.

806. किंग्र-न दास, Krish'n Das. Author of a commentary on the Bhakt Mala (sce No. 51). See Garcin de Tassy, I, 302. Garcin de Tassy makes him also possibly the author of a Bhramar-git (sce No. 804), and of a religious treatise entitled Prem Sattwa Nirap.

807. खान मुचान्तान कवि, the poot Khan Mul'tan.

808. खुतास पाठब, Khusal Pathak, of Ray Barsh.

He wrote on lovers (see note to No. 87).

809. एर पर करि, the post Khab Chand, of Mar'war.

He composed a poem in honour of Rājā Gambhir Sāhi, of Īdar.

810. खेतख कवि, the post Khētal.

He wrote on lovers (see note to No. 87).

811. गङ्गा घर करि, the post Ganga Dhar.

He has written a commontary on the Sat Sal of Sihari (No. 196) in the kundaliya and  $d\bar{u}h\bar{d}$  metres, named the Up'sat's flya.

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812. गण विष्. Cal Singh. The author of the Gal Singh Bilas. (Of., however, No. 190.)

813. गोघ कवि, the poet 61dh. Some detached chhappas and dohde by him are extant.

814. गुमानों कवि, the poet Gumani, of Pat'na.

He wrote a number of verses, which are in every one's mouth in Bihār. The first three lines are in Sanskrit, and the fourth of each is a Hindi proverb. Specimens have been published in the *Indian Antiquary*. An example is

> यावद्रामः भक्षभारी नायातीइ वखंडारी तावत्तकी देया नारी क्यों भौंजे त्यों कन्नख भारी

(Mandödarī addresses Bāvaņa). (Sanskrit) Before Rāma come armed here to fight with thee, do thou return his wife to him, for (*Hindī proverb*) • The longer a blanket moisteneth (in the dew), the heavier it is.'

815. ग्रजान रान कबि, the poet Guiam Ram.

His poems are said to be good.

816. ग्रुचामी कवि, the poet Gulami.

His poems are said to be good.

817. गोसॉरें कवि, the poet Gosal, of Raj'putana.

His occasional *döhās* and those on morals are excellent.

818. गोपाल राय कवि, the poet Gopal Ray.

He wrote some verses in praise of Narendr' Lal Sahi and 'Adil Khan,

819. गोपाच सिङ्घ, Gopal Siggh, of Braj. He wrote the Tul's Sabdarth Par'kas. In it he describes the Ashta Chhap (see No. 35).

820. गोविन्द रास, the bard Gobind Ram, of Raj'putana.

He was author of a work entitled the Harawati, which is a history of the Hārā family (cf. Tod's Rājāsthān, II, 454; Calc. ed. ii, 499).

821. घाची भइ, Ghasi Bhatt.

822. चक्रन् पानि, Chakr' Pani. A Mathil poet (see J. A. S. B., vol. LIII, p. 91).

823. षतुरन्धज, Chatur'bhuj.

A Maithil poet (see J. A. S. B., vol. LIII, p. 87).

824. घोखे कबि, the poet Chokhe.

Sib Singh says that his poems are clever (4) (3).

825. क्तन कबि, the poet Chhattan.

826. जंगान्नेस कवि, the poet Jag'nës.

827. चनारादन सह, Janar'dan Bhatt.

He wrote a treatise on medicine entitled Badya Ratan.

828. जयानन्द, Jayanand.

He was a Maithil poet, a Karan Kāyasth by caste (see J. A. S. B., vol. LIII, p. 86).

829. जगुस परन्साद चौरे, Jugul Par'sad Chaubs.

He has written a good Dohaball.

830. जे जियान कवि, the poet Ja Krish'n.

He was son of the poet Bhawani Das. Cf. No. 683. He wrote a treatise on prosody entitled Chhand Sar.

831. चै सिङ्ग करि, the poet Ja Siggh. An erotic writer.

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832. **EXIMI** WA, the poet Jah'kan, of the Pahjab.

He has translated the episode of the Sacrifices of the Päŋdavas (Paŋdavä kē yajāa) from Sanskrit into the vernacular.

833. ठाकुर रान करि, the poet Thakur Ram.

A quietistic poet.

834. **Vis**, *pak*, an agricultural poet (see Ghāgh (No. 217) and cf. Bihār Peasant Life).

835. डाकन कवि, the poet Dhakan.

836. दया देव कवि, the poet Daya Deb.

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837. दान ववि, the poet Dan. An erotic poet.

838. दिखौप करि, the poet Dillp.

839. देव नाथ कवि, the poet Deb Nath.

840. देव मनि कवि, the poet Deb Mani.

He wrote a commentary in the vernacular to the first 16 adhydyas of Chanakya's Rajaniti (Rag. Cf. Nos. 574 and 919).

841. देवी कवि, the poet Debi. An erotic poet. Probably the same as one of the many other poets whose names commence with Debi.

842. देवी इत्तः कवि, the poet Debi Datt'.

A writer of quietistic and occasional pieces.

843. देवी सिङ्घ कवि, the poet Debi Siggh.

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844. दिख नन्द कवि, the post Dwij Nand.

845. नजामी, Najami,

I know nothing about this post, except one short poem in praise of Sib, bearing his name, in the Bais'wari dialect, which I collected orally in Mithils.

846. गद्ध राम कवि, the poot Nand Ram.

A quietistic poet.

847. जन्दीपति, Nandipati.

A Maithil poet. See J. A. S. B., vol. LIII, p. 79.

848. नवी कवि, the post Nabl.

Sring. The author of an excellent Nakh'sikh (see note to No. 87).

849. नवस किमोर कवि, the poet Nawal Kishör.

No particulars. He is possibly the same as one of the other poets whose name commences with Nawa!, and as a poet mentioned by Sib Singh, without date, as Nawa! Kab!.

850. नाच, Nath.

Sring. Many poets, such as Kas Nath (No. 139), Uday Nath (No. 334), Sib Nath (No. 632), &c., often call themselves, as nom de guerre, simply Näth, which has given rise to great confusion. Cf. Nos. 68, 147, 163, 440, 632.

851. नेही कवि, the post Nahl.

852. जैन कवि, the poet Nan.

853. पखाने कवि, the post Pakhans.

854. परन्धान केसव राय कवि, 'the poet Par'dhan Kesab Ray.

He wrote a treatise on veterinary surgery entitled Salihotr' (Rag). He is possibly the same as a Par'dhan Kabi mentioned by Sib Siggh, without date or particulars.

855. परन्म, Par'mall.

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He was son of Sapkar, and was author of a Jain work entitled Sripil Charitr'. See Garcin de Tassy, I, 401. Cf. id. I, 520.

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856. उरान कवि, the poet Puran.

857. पुखर कवि, the poet Pushkar.

The author of a work on composition (साहित्य) entitled Ras-ratan.

858. पूरन चन्द जूच, Paran Chand Jath.

Ho wrote a work entitled the Ramrahasya Ramayan.

859. प्रेम केसर दास, Prem Keswar Das.

Author of a translation into the vernacular of the 12th book of the *Bhagavata Purana*. The India Office Library is said by Garcin do Tassy (I, 404) to possess a copy.

860. फोरन कवि, the poet Pheran.

861. बकासी कवि, the poet Bak'si.

Possibly the same as a Bak'sa mentioned in the preface to Rig.

862. बजनरङ्ग कवि, the poet Baj'rayg.

863. बदन करि, the poet Badan.

864. बन्दी धर मिसर, Bansi Dhar Misar, of Sandila.

A quietistic poet.

865. बरन्ग राय, Bar'g Ray. Author of a work entitled Gopachalakatha, or History of Gwaliyar. See Garcin de Tassy, I, 518.

866. बाबू सह कवि, the poet Baba Bhatt.

867. विदुख कवि, the poet Bidukh.

A post who dealt with the sports of Krisna.

868. बिन्दा दत्तः कवि, the poet Binda Datt'.

An erotic poet.

869. विसमार कवि, the poet Bisambhar or Biswambar.

An erotic puct.

870. विरोधर कवि, the post Bistsar.

871. डब सेन कबि, the poet Buddh Sen.

872. डप सिंच, Budh Singh, the Pañjabi.

Author of an elegant translation into the vernacular of the story of Madhavanala or Madhonal. (Cf. Nos. 216, 629.)

873. इत्राको दास, Bulah Das. A prolific writer of ghatos or songs peculiar to the month of Chait in the Bhoj'puri dialect. Sce Some Bhoj'puri Folk-songs, J. R. A. S., vol. xviji.

874. बेनी माधब मह, Beni Madhab Bhatt.

875. बैन कवि, the poet Bain.

876. बोधो राम कवि, the poet Bodhi Ram.

877. ब्रज्य मोइन कवि, the poet Braj Möhan.

An erotic poet.

878. ज़जेस कवि, the poet Brajes, of Bundel'khand.

879. जिन्द कवि, the poct Brind.

880. भगन्वान दास निरझनी, Bhag'wan Das, Nirañjani.

Hotranslated the Bhartrihari Gataka into the vernacular under the name of Bhrityahari Sat.

881. मधन, Bhafijan.

A Mathil poet. See J. A. S. B., vol. LIII, p. 90.

**882. Hyt**, Bhaddar, an agricultural poot. See Ghagh (No. 217) and cf. Bihār Peasant Life.

He was by tradition a noted astrologor, and is said to have belonged to the Shāhābād district. Many folktales are current concerning him.

883. भोजा नाय, Bhola Nath, a Brahman, of Kanauj.

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He wrote a metrical version of the Bāltāl Pachisi (Rāg.).

884. नङ्गद कवि, the poet Mapgad.

. 885. सनग्सा राम कवि, the poet Man'sā Rām.

Sring. A writer on lovers (see note to No. 87). He is possibly the same as a *Man'sā Kabi* mentioned by Sib Singh as a great master of alliteration.

886. मनौ राय कवि, the poot Mani Ray.

An crotic poet.

887. मन्यठ कवि, the poet Manya. An erotic poet.

888. मनोइर दास निरचनो, Manöhar Das, Nirañjani.

The author of a Vedantic work . entitled Gyan-chūran Bachanikā.

889. सङ्ग्ताव कवि, the poet Muh'tab.

The author of an admired Nakh'sikh (see note to No. 87).

890. महिपति, Mahipati. A Mathil poet. See J. A. S. B., vol. LIII, p. 84.

891. मानिक दास कवि, the poet Manik Das, of Mathura.

The author of a work entitled Manik-bodh, treating of Krisna's sports.

892. मौरन कबि, the poet Miran.

Sring. The author of an admired Nakh'sikh (see note to No. 87).

893. सुनि च।च कवि, the poot Muni Lal.

894. मुसाडिन, Musahib, Raja of Bijaur.

He wrote commentaries on the Binay Pattrika (see No. 128) and on the Ras Raj (see No. 146).

895. जून, Man, the Asöthar, a Brähman, of Ghazipur. The author of many works. Amongst them the *Ram Raban ka Juddh* may be mentioned.

896. TE TIH, Raghu Ram, the Guj'räti, of Ah'madabad.

The author of a play entitled Madhab Bilas (? Räg. Cf. No. 629).

897. रच्च खाख कवि, the poet Raghu Lal.

An erotic poet.

898. रज्यन करि, the poet Rajjab.

Sring. An esteemed author of dokde. 899. তাল তাজ কৰি, the poet

Ratan Pāl.

The author of various dokas on morals.

900. रमापति, the poet Ramapati.

P Srigg. A Mathil poet. See J. A. S. B., vol. LIII, p. 83.

901. TH JE TH, Rae Puñj Das, the Dadu Panthi.

The author of two good works on prosody, entitled Prastar Prabhakar and Brittya Binöd.

902. राम चरन, Ram Charan, a Brāliman of Ganes'pur, district Barabanki.

The author of a Sanskrit work entitled Kayastha-kula Bhāskara, and of a vernacular work entitled Kayasth. dhar'm Dar'pan.

903. राम दत्तः कवि, the poet Ram Datt'.

904. राम दया कवि, the poet Ram Daya.

The author of a work entitled Rag Mala (Rag.). Cf. No. 400.

905. राम देव सिङ्क, Ram Deb Siggh, a Chhattri of the Solar race, of Khandasa.

906. राम नाच मिसर, Ram Nath Misar, of Äzam'garh.

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907. राम बर्म, Ram Bakhsh alias Ram Kabl.

He attended the court of the Ranz of Sir'maur. He is the author of a treatise on vernacular composition ( यादिय) and of a commentary to the Sat Sal of Bihari La! (No. 196).

908. राम खाख कवि, the poct Ram Lal.

909. राम सेख कवि, the poet Ram Sekh. a Brähman.

The author of a play entitled Nritya Raghab Milan.

910. राम सेवल कवि, the poet Ram Sebak.

The author of a work entitled Dhyan Chintamani.

911. राना कम, Rama Kant. I have collected songs in the Brsj dialect in Mithilā, purporting to be by this poet.

912. राय चन्द कवि, the poet Ray Chand, of Nagar, in Guj'rat.

According to Sib Singh he attends the dar'bār of Rājā Đal Chand, Jagat Sath in Murshidabād, and is the author of two displays of loarning, entitled (1) GIt'gobindar'arshan (a translation of the Gita Gövinda) and (3) Lilavati (Rāg.). There was a Rājā Dal Chand of Murshidābād who was greatgrandfather of Rājā Śiva Prasād (No. 699, q.v.), who may possibly be the person referred to by Sib Singh.

913. राय जू कवि, the poet Ray Ja.

An crotic poet. Possibly the same as a Ray Kabl mentioned by Sib Singh, also as an erotic poet.

914. कडुमन कवि, the poet Lachhuman.

He wrote a Salihötr', or treatise on veterinary surgery. 915. खदुनन सिङ्च, Lachhuman Sipgh.

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An erotic poet.

916. खन्त्री कबि, the poet Lachhmi.

Sib says he is mentioned by Saran (?)

917. सलित राम कवि, the poet Lalit Ram,

918. चाजन कनि, the poet Lajab.

919. चास करि, the poet Lal. He translated Chāņakya's Rājanīti (Rāg.) into the vernacular. Cf. Nos. 525, 574, and 840.

920. खाल घन्द करि, the poet Lal Chand.

The author of emblematic kabittas and kundaliyās.

921. छोक मनि कवि, the poet Lok Mani.

Sib Siggh says that he is mentioned by Saran (?)

922. खोने कवि, the poet and bard Long, of Bundel'khand.

An erotic poet.

923. वजा-इन, Waz'han.

A quietistic Vedantic suther of dohas.

924. बहाब, Wahab.

. The author of a well-known Bara Masa, or song descriptive of the 12 months.

925. बाहिद कवि, the poet Wahid.

An erotic poet.

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926. सर् जोन सिङ्ग, Rsjā 8atru Jt Siggh, the Bundels of Datiya, in Bundel'khand.

The author of a treatise on rhetoric, &c., under cover of a commentary to the Ras Raj (No. 146).

927. सबस साम कवि, the poet Sabal Syam.

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928. कम्मु नाव निवर, Sambhu Nath Misar, of Muradabad, district Unao.

929. सम्स परन्साद कवि, the poet Sambhu Par'sad.

An erotic poet,

930. सरस राम, Saras Ram.

A Matthil poet, who attended the court of a King Sundar. See J. A. S. B., vol. LIII, p. 87. Possibly this King was the Rājā Sundar Thakur of *Tir'hut*, who came to the throne 1641 A.D. and died 1666 A.D.

931. ससिनाय सवि, the poet Sasi Nath.

Sring. An erotic poet.

932. सिंब राज, 8ib Raj of Jappur.

? Srigg. A writer of whom Garcin de Tassy (I, 476) speaks as follows:— "We owe to him a work entitled *Ratan-māla*, quoted by Ward in his *History of the Hindūs*, II, 481. I do not know if it is the same work which Mr. Wilson has made use of for his dictionary. This last is a list of the names of vegetable and mineral drugs in Sanskrit and Hindū. We owe to the same author the *Sib Sagar*, a work also cited by Ward." The author is also mentioned in the *Sib Slogh Saroj*.

933. चुकान कवि, the poet Sujan.

An erotic poet.

934. **Sett and**, the poet and bard Sundar, of As'n, district Fatih'pur,

The author of a work entitled Ras Parbodh.

935. चखन्तान कवि, the poet Sul'gan.

An erotic poet.

936. सीम कवि, the post Sobk. An erotic post.

937. सीम गाव वारि, the poet Sobh Nath.

938. पत्रमा यदि, the poet Hanumant.

He attended the court of Riji Bhanu Par'tap Siggh.

939. **पर परन दात कवि, the** poet Har Charan Das.

The author of a good work on vernacular composition (erfect) entitled Brihat Kabi-ballabh.

940. Vt আৰল ৰবি, the poet Har Jiban.

941. VT Ears way, the post Har Dayal.

An erotic poet.

942. Tit un afe, the poet Hari Chand, of Bar'sana, in Braj.

The author of a proceedy entitled Chhand Swarūpinī.

943. चरि देव कवि, the post Hari Deb, s Baniys, of Brindaban, in Braj.

The author of a proceedy entitled Chhand Payönidhi.

944. इरि बचन कवि, the post Hari Ballabh.

A quietistic poet.

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945. इरि भाष्ठ कवि, the post Harl Bhand.

The author of a treatise on versacular composition (Tifya) entitled Narind Bhakhan.

946. Vit une afe, the post Hari Lal.

Sring. Possibly the same as another Harl Lal Kabi, also mentioned by Sib Singh without date, as an erotic poet.

947. चित गण्ड कवि, the poet Hit Nand.

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Possibly the same as a Hit Anand mentioned in the preface to Rāg.

948. डीरा खाख कवि, the poet Hira Lai.

An erotic poet.

949. इत्तास राम कवि, the poet Huias Ram.

The author of a treatise on veterinary surgery entitled Sallhotr' (Bāg). Possibly the same as a Hulas Kabl montioned by Sib Singh as an erotic poet. 950. इस कवि, the poet Hem. Sring. An erotic poet.

951. इस गोपाख कवि, the poet Hem Gopal.

The author of an emblematic verse, which is all that is known to have survived of his work.

952. इस माय कवि, the poet Hem Nath.

He attended the court of Kalyan Siggh, of Keh'ri.

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