

The words of Garga are without any foundation ; they only show how little he knew of that which every one must know who wants to fix the places of the stars, either by eyesight or by means of astronomical observation on certain degrees of the signs of the zodiac.

I have read in the almanacs for the year 951 of the Śakakāla which came from Kashmīr the statement that the Seven Rishis stand since seventy-seven years in the lunar station Anurâdhâ. This station occupies the space between $3\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ and the end of $16\frac{2}{3}^{\circ}$ of Scorpio. However, the Seven Rishis precede this place by about a whole zodiacal sign and 20 degrees, *i.e.* by $1\frac{2}{3}$ signs (v. p. 390). But what man would be able to learn all the different theories of the Hindus, if he does not dwell among them !

Note from a Kashmīran almanac.

Let us now first suppose that Garga is right, that he has not stated the precise place in Maghâ which the Seven Rishis occupy, and let us suppose that this place was 0° of Maghâ, which would correspond to 0° of Leo for our time. Further, between the time of Yudhishthira and the present year, *i.e.* the year 1340 of Alexander, there is an interval of 3479 years. And lastly, let us suppose that Varâhamihira is right in saying that the Seven Rishis dwell 600 years in each lunar station. Accordingly, they ought in the present year to stand in $17^{\circ} 18'$ of Libra, which is identical with $10^{\circ} 38'$ of Svâtî. However, if we suppose that they stood in the midst of Maghâ (not in the beginning), they ought at present to stand in $3^{\circ} 58'$ of Visâkhâ. And if we suppose that they stood *in the end* of Maghâ, they ought at present to stand in $10^{\circ} 38'$ of Visâkhâ.

Examination of the statements regarding the position of the Great Bear.

Hence it is evident that the statement of the Kashmīrian calendar does not agree with the statement in the *Samhitâ*. Likewise, if we adopt the rule of the said calendar regarding the precession of the equinoxes, and reckon with this measure backward, we do by no means