

which grow in clusters³⁹ like forests. These trees, though called by one name, are of two kinds; the small species, the fruit of which, when young, is green, and becomes yellow as it ripens; and the great species, the fruit of which is green throughout its growth.

This country produces a fine species of cotton fabric and also yellow gold. The climate is warm to a degree. The manners of the people are soft and complacent. They like to prepare secret stores of religious merit.⁴⁰ They esteem virtue and honour learning.

There are about twenty *saṅghārāmas* with 2000 priests or so. They study equally the Great and the Little Vehicles. There are five Dêva temples, in which sectaries of all kinds live.

There are three *stûpas* built by Aśoka-râja. There are very many traces⁴¹ of the four past Buddhas here. There are also *stûpas* to commemorate the remains of the holy followers of Śākya Tathâgata, to wit, of Śâriputra (She-li-tseu), of Mudgalaputra (Mo-te-kia-lo-tseu), of Pûrnamaitrâyanîputra (Pu-la-na-mei-ta-li-yen-ni-fo-ta-lo), of Upâli (Yeu-po-li), of Ânanda ('O-nan-to), of Râhula (Lo-hu-lo), of Mañjuśrî (Man-chu-sse-li), and *stûpas* of other Bôdhisattvas. Every year during the three months in which long fasts are observed,⁴² and during the six fast-days of each month, the priests resort to these various *stûpas* and pay mutual compliments; they make their religious offerings, and bring many rare and precious objects for presents. According to their school they visit the sacred object (*figure*) of their veneration. Those who study the *Abhidharma* honour Śâriputra; those who practise meditation honour Mudgalaputra; those who recite the *sûtras* honour Pûrnamai-

³⁹ I have translated the phrase *ka-chin*, "in clusters;" literally it would be "family clusters." The Amala or Âmalaka is a kind of Myrobalan, *Emblica officinalis*, Gaertn (Petersb. Dict.) or *Phyllanthus emblica* (Wilson).

⁴⁰ The phrase in the text denotes

that the merit acquired is mysterious or for the future world.

⁴¹ "Bequeathed traces;" not necessarily foot-marks, but any mark or trace.

⁴² The 1st, 5th, and 9th month--Julien.