

of the people honest and sincere. They are noble and gracious in appearance. For clothing they use ornamented and bright-shining (*fabrics*). They apply themselves much to learning, and in their travels are very much given to discussion <sup>5</sup> (*on religious subjects*). (*The fame of*) their pure language is far spread. The believers in Buddha and the heretics are about equal in number. There are some hundred *sanghārāmas* with 10,000 priests. They study both the Great and Little Vehicle. There are 200 Dêva temples with several thousand followers.

The old capital of Kanyākubja, where men lived for a long time, was called Kusumapura.<sup>6</sup> The king's name was Brahmadata.<sup>7</sup> His religious merit and wisdom in former births entailed on him the inheritance of a literary and military character that caused his name to be widely revered and feared. The whole of Jambudvīpa resounded with his fame, and the neighbouring provinces were filled with the knowledge of it. He had 1000 sons famed for wisdom and courage, and 100 daughters of singular grace and beauty.

At this time there was a Rishi living on the border of the Ganges river, who, having entered a condition of ecstasy, by his spiritual power passed several myriad of years in this condition, until his form became like a decayed tree. Now it happened that some wandering birds having assembled in a flock near this spot, one of them let drop on the shoulder (*of the Rishi*) a Nyagrôdha (*Ni-ku-liu*) fruit, which grew up, and through summer and winter afforded him a welcome protection and shade. After a succession of years he awoke from his ecstasy. He arose and desired to get rid of the tree, but feared to injure the nests of the birds in it. The men of the time,

<sup>5</sup> This passage, which is confused, seems to refer to their going about here and there to discuss questions relating to religion. The purity of their discourses, *i.e.*, the clearness

of their arguments, is wide-spread or renowned.

<sup>6</sup> Keu-su-mo-pu-lo, in Chinese Hwa-kung, flower palace.

<sup>7</sup> In Chinese *Fan-sheu*, "Brahma-given."