

groves, and pure lakes which reflect the shadows of the trees.

To the north-west of this town, on the eastern bank of the Ganges river, is a Dêva temple, the towers and storeyed turrets of which are remarkable for their skillfully carved work. To the east of the city 5 li are three *saṅghârâmas* with the same wall but different gates, with about 500 priests, who study the Little Vehicle according to the school of the Sarvâstivâdins.

Two hundred paces in front of the *saṅghârâma* is a *stûpa* built by Aśôka-râja. Although the foundations are sunk in the ground, it is yet some 100 feet in height. It was here Tathâgata in old days preached the law for seven days. In this monument is a relic (*śarîra*) which ever emits a brilliant light. Beside it is a place where there are traces of the four former Buddhas, who sat and walked here.

To the north of the *saṅghârâma* 3 or 4 li, and bordering on the Ganges river, is a *stûpa* about 200 feet high, built by Aśôka-râja. Here Buddha preached for seven days. At this time there were some 500 demons who came to the place where Buddha was to hear the law; understanding its character, they gave up their demon form and were born in heaven.<sup>42</sup> By the side of the preaching-*stûpa* is a place where there are traces of the four Buddhas who sat and walked there. By the side of this again is a *stûpa* containing the hair and nails of Tathâgata.

From this going south-east 600 li or so, crossing the Ganges and going south, we come to the country of 'O-yu-t'o (Ayôdhyâ).

#### 'O-YU-T'O (AYÔDHYÂ).

This kingdom <sup>43</sup> is 5000 li in circuit, and the capital about

<sup>42</sup> This expression, "born in heaven," is one frequently met with in Buddhist books. In the old Chinese inscription found at Buddha Gayâ, the pilgrim Chi-i vowed to exhort 30,000 men to prepare them-

selves in their conduct for a birth in heaven. *J. R. As. S.*, N.S., vol. xiii. p. 553. And in the *Dhammapada* it is constantly mentioned.

<sup>43</sup> The distance from Kanauj or from Navadêvakula to Ayôdhyâ, on