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where Asanga Bodhisattva composed the śastra called Hin-yang-shing-kiau.

To the south-west of the city 8 or 9 li is a stone dwelling of a venomous Nâga. Having subdued this dragon, Tathâgata left here his shadow; but though this is a tradition of the place, there is no vestige of the shadow visible.

By the side of it is a st dpa built by Aśôka-râja, about 200 feet high. Near this are marks where Tathâgata walked to and fro, and also a hair and nail st dpa. The disciples who are afflicted with disease, by praying here mostly are cured.

The law of Śâkya becoming extinct, this will be the very last country in which it will survive; therefore from the highest to the lowest all who enter the borders of this country are deeply affected, even to tears, ere they return.

To the north-east of the Nâga dwelling is a great forest, after going about 700 li through which, we cross the Ganges, and going northward we arrive at the town of Kia-shi-polo (Kasapura).⁶⁷ This town is about 10 li in circuit; the inhabitants are rich and well-to-do (happy).

By the side of the city is an old sanghardma, of which the foundation walls alone exist. This was where Dharmapâla ⁶⁸ Bôdhisattva refuted the arguments of the heretics. A former king of this country, being partial to the teaching of heresy, wished to overthrow the law of Buddha, whilst he showed the greatest respect to the unbelievers. One day he summoned from among the heretics a master of *sastras*, extremely learned and of superior talents, who clearly understood the abstruse doctrines (of religion). He had composed a work of heresy in a thousand *slôkas*, consisting of thirty-two thousand words. In this work he contradicted and slandered the law of Buddha, and represented his own school as orthodox. Whereupon (the king)

⁶⁷ This place has been identified with the old town of Sultanpur on the Gômatî river. The Hindu name of this town was Kuśabhavanapura, or simply Kuśapura (Cunne.gham).

⁶⁸ In Chinese U-fã; for some notices of Dharmapdla see Wong Pah, § 191; in J. R. As. Soc., vol. xx.; Eitel, Handbook sub voc., and B. Nanjio, Catalogue, col. 373.

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