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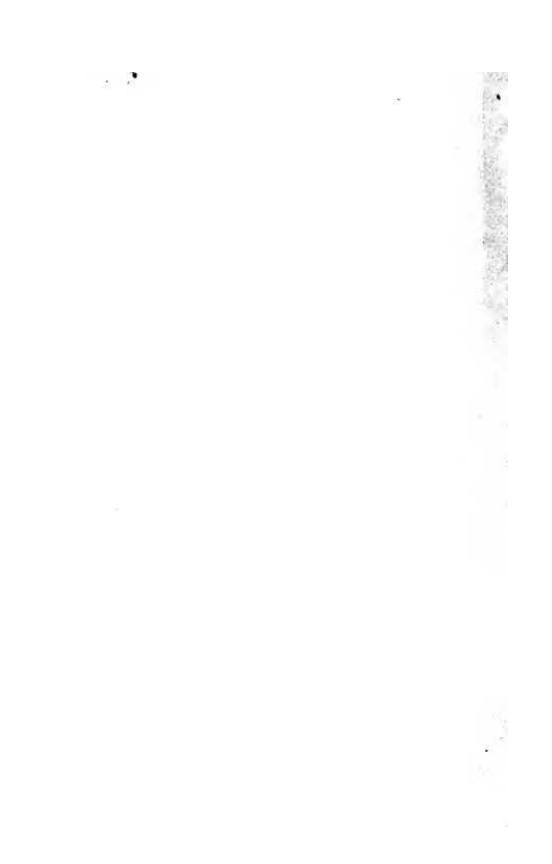
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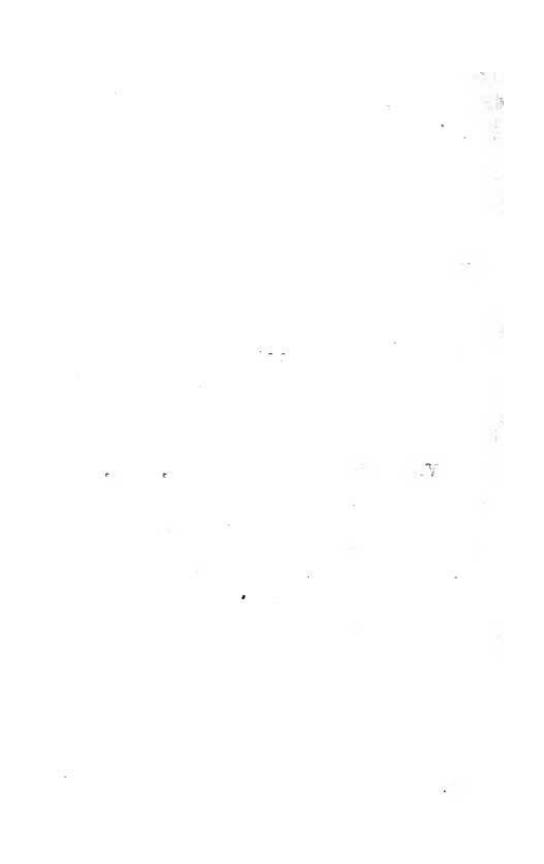
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The present edition of the Nagananda is based on the collation of the following copies:—

- B₁. This is one of the printed copies of the drama, published in 1863 by Kris'nae'astri Chiploonkar. In this each page of the Sanskrit text is followed by another containing the Marathi translation of the same; while the Sanskrit translation of the Prakrit passages is added separately at the end of the book. The editor remarks in his preface that he prepared his text only from one MS., and that in a few cases of misreadings due to the ignorance of the scribe he made such alterations only as seemed to restore the text to its original purity. By way of illustration he says that he has changed arrayin: to arrayin: in I. 1. and agg to mag in III. 59. This copy is now out of print.
- B.. This is a MS. kindly lent to us by Mr. Gopal Raghunath Nandargikar of Poona. It is written in a beautiful and legible hand, and extends over thirty-six and a half oblong leaves of foolscap paper. It is thirty-one years old as is seen from the Marathi colophon: हैं पुस्तक परशुराम गोडबीले यांचे असे. मित्रवर्य केशवराव परचुरे बांच्या पु-स्तकावकन लिहिन्हें ।। बाके १७८३ कार्तिकमास मुकाम पूर्णे ।। हस्ताक्षर हरीपंत लेखक. The Prakrit passages are immediately followed by their Sanskrit translation. This copy is throughout marked with small perpendicular straight lines of pencil, separating, probably for the purposes of the press, such words (simple or compound) as have not merged into the body of other words by any rules of sandhi. Besides, in many places, several letters or words are scratched out with black ink and are substituted generally by those that we meet with in B.. These two circumstances, besides others of less importance, have led us to conjecture that this is the same MS. that Kris'nas'astri based his text upon.
- B₃. We got this copied for us from a MS, lying in the custody of the brother of Govind S'astri Nirantara of Nasik. The original copy, however, was afterwards, though for about a fortnight, se-

cured for us by Mr. G. R. Nandargikar through Mr. Dwarkanath Raghoba Tarkhadkar. It is written in a legible hand and contains twenty-two oblong leaves of a blue paper. It begins with अय नागानन्दनाटकपारम्भो जयाते दलंऽस्मिन्त्रिजयपदः सताम्, and ends in इति श्रीहर्षकृतनागानन्दनाटकसमाप्तिलेसित ॥ इदं पुस्तकं निरन्तरोपानिधगोविन्दस्य ॥ श्री ॥ श्री ॥ श्री ॥

Through the same source of Messrs. Nandargikar and Tarkhadkar we got another MS. belonging to Ekanath S'astri of Nasik. It is carefully written on thick rough paper, and contains twenty-three oblong leaves. On the front page of it is found স্বীয়ৰ্থ-हर्षनिर्मितनागानन्दाहुनाटकादिमता । सततमियं लसन् मता भवत् सतां स्फरत साधुरसरीतिः ॥ १ ॥ श्रीरस्तु सकला ॥ The text ends with श्रीरस्तु ॥ इति श्रीकविश्रीहर्षकृतनागानन्द्रनाटकस्य समाप्तिर्विलसताम् ॥ श्रीभूवक्षिसकपा-उक्यो: || Although it bears no date, it can still be said with a degree of certainty that it is older than and anterior to B, which from a close comparison of the two seems to have been copied from the former. For the same mistakes and omissions that one meets with in Ekanath S'astri's MS, are found in B. Owing to this circumstance, but more especially, owing to its having reached us when we had so far advanced as not to be able to alter the plan of our nomenclature, we did not think it necessary to designate this MS. by a separate name. Wherever, therefore, a reading is given to be that of B, it is to be understood as also the reading of Ekanath S'astri's MS. Neither of these has a corar.

These four copies seem to belong to one family representing the text prevalent in the Decean. As we have shown above, the four copies may, for all practical purposes, be regarded to be two only; and these two, i. e., B, and B, on one hand and B, and Ekanath S'astri's on the other, seem to have a closer similarity in point of readings and arrangement of speeches with one another than with any copy of the other family which we have denominated C. We, therefore, have used B, as a family name for all the four copies when they read alike.

C₁. This is a printed copy of the play, edited in the Samvat era 1921, corresponding to A. C. 1865, by Madhava Chandra Ghosha of Calcutta. This, from what Prof. Cowell has said in his preface to Mr. Boyd's translation of the play, seems to have been based on two copies from the Northwest and one or two MSS. from Bengal.