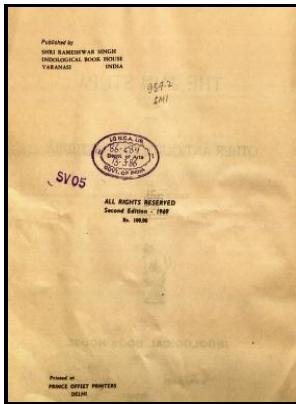


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Harding, a predecessor of Mr. The deep undercutting of much of the ornament is specially noticeable. General Cunningham worked at the western end in March and November 1871 ; Mr.

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One inscription especially, dated Samvat 299, and inscribed on the base of a life-size statue of Arhat Mahavira possesses, in spite of the omission of the reigning king's name, a considerable interest, and, in all probability, indicates that the dates of the Kushana kings of Mathura must be interpreted otherwise than is usually done. I advised that they should be published with a concise descriptive text, a short introduction, and references to any previous publications in which the subjects of them had been treated, no attempt being made to discuss the many questions of interest suggested by the plates. On the Vasu ayagapata, one of the Persepolitan pillars is surmounted by a wheel, and the other pillar was probably surmounted by an animal, as seen in other similar ayagapatas.

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Mukherji, who recently visited the spot, reports that it is now impossible to identify with certainty the site of either temple. The inscribed images dated V. The inscriptions are replete with information as to the organization of the Jain church in sections known as gana, kula, and sakha, and supply excellent illustrations of the Jain books.

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The discoveries have to a very large extent supplied corroboration to the written Jain tradition, and they offer tangible incontrovertible proof of the antiquity of the Jain religion, and of its early existence very much in its present form

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