

The present Edition of the *Kāṭīya-Ḥrauta-Sūtra* labours under two very serious disadvantages, the fragmentary state of all the commentaries on the one hand, and their great voluminousness on the other.

There are six commentaries extant, none of them complete.

1. The oldest, insofar as it is quoted by the others (as well as by Sāyaṇa), is the *bhāṣyam* of *Upādhyāya Karka*, or *Karkācārya*. Besides a small fragment in Chambers 401^a (adhyāya XII. = D), I know only of the excellent, old copy in the Bodleyan library (Mill 118 = K.) which contains: 1) a fragment on 45 leaves extending from III, 8, 31 to IV, 15, 30: — 2) the *uttarārdham*, adhyāyas XII-XXVI, on 161 leaves: the last leaf, from अभि]नेन २६. ७. ३८, is wanting and the five leaves at the end are much damaged.

2. The next in age, on account of its being quoted by the others, is the verbose *bhāṣya* of *Śrī Ananta*, who assumes the proud title: *svarāṭsamrāṭstha-patimahāyājnika*, and boasts of having celebrated 12 (or 11) vājapeyas, 5 (or 3) agnicayanas, 110 (or by an other reading only 81) somas(*). Four adhyāyas (I-IV) are extant on 520 leaves, E. I. H. 759 (1-283) and 758 (284-520). In the introduction the author gives an account of his predecessors:

durdāntāṅ cetaso doṣhān vedāntair ye vyajigaman |
tathā pūrvagurūn naumi Vāsudevasarasvatīn || 4 ||
Sarasvatyeva mīmāṃsā yair dattā paramārthataḥ |
muniṃ Kātyāyanam Karkam Pitribhūtiṃ tathādimān || 5 ||
Yaçogopi(ṃ) Bhartṛiyajna(ṃ) bhāṣhyakṛito'parān api |

(*) रविसंख्यैरभिषिक्तो (रुद्रसं०) वाजपेयैः पञ्चाग्निचित् (पेयैस्त्रिग्नि०) । सोमानधिदशं शतमिद्धा भाष्यपरोऽभवत् (एकाशीतिं च यः सोमानोजे भाष्यपरोऽपि सन्) ॥ सम्राज्ञां वंश-जो यस्य वाचस्पतिरिवापरः (वार्थवित्) । वाचस्पतिरुपादानं योगिवात्तमब्राह्मणः (?) ॥ अनेकक्रतुयाज्ञिवादोयसोऽपि निवारकः । अन्यत्रगमनस्यासौ श्रीअनन्ताभिधः सुधोः ॥ These three śloka are recurring (with some more variances) at the close of several kaṇ-
dikās.