

APPENDIX B

Giving the dates, works etc. of
Important Sanskrit Writers

(Referred to in the dictionary)

अप्यय दीक्षित This celebrated author of कुवलयानन्द came from the Southern India and flourished in the first half of the 17th century. कुवलयानन्द is an elementary treatise on Alankār. His other works are the वृत्तिवार्तिक and चित्रमीमांसा.

अमरसिंह This very famous lexicographer is said to have flourished in the 5th century at the court of Vikramāditya. He was a Jaina by religion. His well-known lexicon अमरकोश contains about 1592 verses in the Anuṣṭup metre and treats of about 25000 Sanskrit words.

अमर, अमरुक or अमरु The author of the अमरुशतक. In a traditional story he is said to be the king in whose dead body Śankarāchārya entered to learn the science of erotics. There are a number of commentaries on the अमरुशतक. This poet had already attained celebrity by the 8th century A. D., as he was referred to by Ānandavardhana.

अश्वघोष This Buddhist author might have flourished in the 1st century A. D. His well-known work, the बुद्धचरित, gives the history and teachings of Buddha. In addition, he wrote the सूत्रालंकार, सोन्दरानन्द काव्य and the drama सारिपुत्रप्रकरण.

आर्यभट्ट This foremost Indian astronomer was born in A. D. 476. His astronomical work, the आर्यसिद्धान्त, is based on higher mathematics.

उज्ज्वलदत्त Was a celebrated commentator on the Śakaṭāyana's Uṇādisūtras. He is reverentially referred to by Bhaṭṭojī Dīxita in his Siddhānta-kaumudī.

उदयनाचार्य This author of the कुसुमाञ्जलि seems to have flourished at the end of the 10th century. His other works are the लक्षणावलि, कर्णावलि and न्यायवार्तिक-तात्पर्यटीकापरिशुद्धि.

उद्भट One of the earliest writers on Alankār. He was the chief Pandit at the court of king Jayapīḍa of Kashmir. His works are the भामहविनयन, कुमारसंभवकाव्य and अलंकारसारसंग्रह. He flourished at about 800 A. D.

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कव्यट Author of the भाष्यप्रदीप, being a commentary on Patañjali's Mahābhāṣya. He is considered by Dr. Buhler to be not older than the 13th century.

कल्हण The author of the well-known राजतरङ्गिणी 'the chronicle of kings.' He was a contemporary of king Jayasimha of Kashmir who reigned from 1129-1150 A. D. राजतरङ्गिणी is a historical epic and gives information about many kings of Kashmir.

काञ्चनाचार्य The author of a dramatic work named धनंजयविजय. He seems to have flourished in the 12th century at the court of king Jayadeva of Kanoja.

कालिदास The celebrated author of the अभिज्ञानशाकुन्तल, विक्रमोर्वशीय, मालविकाग्निमित्र, रघुवंश, कुमारसंभव, मेघदूत, and ऋतुसंहार and some other minor works. Much has been written by the Eastern and Western scholars about the date of Kālidāsa, and there is no unanimity on this point. Popular tradition identifies his patron Vikramāditya with the founder of the Śaivāt (संवत्) Era, 56 B. C.; but some scholars place the era of Vikramāditya to the year 544 A. D. Hence the range of fixing his time is 600 years. However, the 4th century A. D. i. e. the time of the Gupta dynasty is accepted by a majority of scholars. There is also a similar controversy about his locality.

कुमारदास The author of the poem जानकीहरण. According to tradition, Kumārādāsa was a Simhalese king who lived between 517 and 526 A. D. The entire text of the जानकीहरण has not yet been recovered; however, it seems that the poet has modelled his work in form and spirit on the two Mahākāvya of Kālidāsa and the subject-matter coincides with the work of Bhaṭṭi.

कुल्लुकभट्ट The famous commentator on the मनुस्मृति. His commentary मन्वर्थमुक्तावलि is taken as an authority to interpret Manu's text. He hails from Bengal and seems to have flourished in the 12th century. His other works are the श्राद्धसागर, विवादसागर, अशौचसागर and स्मृतिसागर.

कुसुमदेव Author of the दृष्टान्तशतक of unknown date. This work consists of 100 verses, each verse having the instruction in the first line and simile in the second.