name of an ancient sage, an authority on Jyotiṣa, Kṛṣi,
Vṛkṣāyurveda and Dharmaśāstra.

14. *Pārśva* (No. 22, L. 3) :
The name has its origins in Pārśva or Pārśvanātha; the best of
the Jinas. It is the name of the 23rd Arhat of the present
cycle and his servant.[44]

15. *Rudrasoma* (No. 15, L. 7) :
He is the son of Bhaṭṭisoma who has been mentioned as a
mahātmā. He is described as having another appellation of
Vyāghra.[45] It may be a name formed by the combination of
the names of two deities Rudra and Soma.

16. *Śaṁkara* (No. 22, L. 6) :
It is the name of a Jaina monk[46], who installed an image
of Pārśvanātha. Literally meaning 'causing prosperity', it is
one of the common names of Lord Śiva.[47] The present case
goes against the traditions of the Smṛtis which forbid the
giving of the names of deities directly to human beings.

17. *Sanasiddha* (No. 23, L. 1; L. 9) :
It was the name of an *upāsaka*. It seems to be a Prakritised form
of Sanskrit '*svayaṁ siddha*' [48], meaning 'existing on one's own
strength'. Another possibility is that as '*sana*' means 'old,
ancient',[49] the whole may mean '*Siddha* of old'. It may be
noted that in the Aitareya Brāhmaṇa *sanaśruta* (meaning
famous of old) appears as the name of a man.

18. *Śāntideva* (No. 52, L. 4) :
He was a Buddhist monk of the Mahāyāna school and has
been mentioned as Ācāryya Śāntideva.[50] The name Śāntideva
was quite popular among the Buddhists. Literally the name
means 'the god of tranquillity or prosperity'.

19. *Somila* (No. 15, L. 6) :
It is the name of a follower of Jainism whose great grandson
Madra is mentioned as having established the five excellent
images referring to the five named Jaina Tīrthaṁkaras sculp-
tured on the column (viz., Ādinātha, Śāntinātha, Neminātha,
Pārśvanātha and Mahāvīra).[51] Somila can be an abbreviated form
of the name 'Somadatta'.[52] In Punjabi usage a person named
'Somadatta' may be addressed as '*Somī*; Somila may be a similar
form convenient to utter. Somila can also be formed by adding
'*ilac*' suffix to the word 'Soma' and hence meaning 'full of