

NOTES & TOPICS

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With due acknowledgement, Mr. H. E. Richardson's 'Early Tibetan Inscriptions' is reproduced from **Tibet Journal** because of the great importance of the subject. Mr. Richardson has kindly added a note to the reprint. We have requested Mr. Richardson to write for our Bulletin an account of all epigraphs found so far in Tibet. Being the leading historian and epigraphist Mr. Richardson's writing should be of interest and informative to all scholars.

Mr. N. C. Sinha is engaged in writing serially on Mahayana Iconography both for the lay reader and the specialist. The first writing published in this issue answers the common query why the icons from Himalayas and trans-Himalayas are more grotesque than picturesque. The second article which is booked for the next issue of the Bulletin deals with the question of numerous images conventionally called Thousand Buddhas.

Ms. Jayeeta Ganguly in her article makes a comparative study of the Buddhist concept of sin and retribution based on Pali, Chinese and Tibetan sources.

It is not the policy of this Journal to be involved in any news paper controversy or polemic relating to our discipline of studies. Recently an unfair and unfounded allegation has been made by a former Dewan of Sikkim about the purpose and objective of this Institute of Tibetology. Mr. N. C. Sinha has replied to this allegation in the local news paper dated even, Lhabab Duschen. With due acknowledgement to **Sikkim Express** this is reproduced in response to many requests from scholars and others interested in our study in the following pages.

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