

VĀSUDEVASĀRMĀ YATIDHARMAPRAKĀŚĀ Cr. ed. Patrick Olivelle, Pt. 1 : Introduction and Text; Pt. 2 ; Annotated translation, Pub. De Nobili Research Library, Vienna, 1976-77, pp. 1-140. 1-1-231, price not mentioned.

World renunciation and monastic life play an important part in Indian religious tradition. But so far, Buddhist and Jaina monastic traditions drew the attention of scholars. Little attention has been paid to Hindu monastic tradition. One reason for this is that a few texts on the orthodox tradition on monasticism have been so far published. Hence Olivelle's edition of *Yatidharmaprakāśa* would be welcome to Scholars.

In Introduction the editor has fixed Vāsudeva between 1675 to 1800 A.D., although he says that the date is provisional. The present edition is based on six manuscripts and a geneological relation of the mss. has been drawn up. Basis for the selection of each reading has been stated, and the linguistic peculiarities have been pointed out. The edition has been prepared with care and precision. The Appendices contain i. Index of ritual formula and ii. Index of quotations, which have added to the value of the work. In the Introduction to Part Two the editor has discussed *YdhPr*'s place in the Sanskrit literature on renunciation, sources of *YdhPr* and the structure and contents of *YdhPr*. Vāsudeva depended on secondary sources for *smṛti* passages. The editor says that Mādhava-Vidyāranya, Vijñāneśwara and Viśveśvara (author of *Madanapārijāta*) exercised great influence on Vāsudeva. Then a synopsis of topics in *YdhPr*. is added followed by annotated translation. The translation is faithful and the notes are comparative and illuminating.— G. Bhattacharya