

## III. NOTES AND NEWS.

## LAURIYĀ-NANDANGARĤ.

In my article entitled "Kusinārā or Kuśinagara" (*ante*, p. 153) I stated that the great *stūpa* near Lauriyā in the Campāran or Motihārī district is called Nandangarĥ, not Navandgarĥ, as given by Cunningham, and that the name is derived by the villagers from the word *nanad*, 'husband's sister.' Since the publication of my article I have ascertained from Mr. J. H. Bernard, I.C.S., Magistrate of Campāran, that both these statements, which were given on the authority of Bābū P. C. Mukherjī, are correct.

According to the local legend Rājā Janak lived at Cānkīgarĥ, eleven miles north of Lauriyā (*ante*, p. 157). His sister was married in Lauriyā, and inasmuch as she was the *nanad* of the Rājā's consort, the site of her dwelling was called Nandangarĥ. Philologists may find a difficulty in deriving Nandan from *nanad*, but popular etymologists are not troubled by philological scruples.

In my article the word *nanad* is misprinted *nand*.

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