

become futile in every respect but also it engenders adversities at every step.

9. Poverty, death and fear, these three take place when people worthy of worship are not worshipped and when undeserving people are honoured.

10. Hence with all efforts, the bull-bannered deity shall be respected and revered. A great terror has befallen us because lord Śiva has been dishonoured here.

11. Although we are all lords, we are unable to accomplish anything due to your misdeeds. It is a fact I am mentioning.

*Brahmā said :—*

12. On hearing these words of Viṣṇu, Dakṣa began to ponder. He sat quietly on the ground with his face turned pale.

13. Meanwhile Virabhadra, the leader of the Gaṇas, sent by Rudra, came to the place of sacrifice accompanied by his army.

14-15. Some of his attendants followed him closely; some came through the sky and others came from the different quarters and sub-quarters. At the bidding of Śiva, these innumerable heroic, fearless Gaṇas came there roaring like lions.

16. By that great sound, the three worlds echoed and the quarters were plunged in darkness.

17. The whole earth containing the seven continents shook with fear. All the oceans, forests and mountains were excessively agitated.

18. On seeing that vast army of destructive potentiality, devas and others were quite surprised.

19. On seeing the enterprising activity of the army, Dakṣa's face turned red with agitation. He fell at the feet of Viṣṇu straight like a staff, prostrated at his feet, along with his wife and said thus.

*Dakṣa said :—*

20. Depending upon you, this great sacrifice was started by me. O Viṣṇu, great lord, you are the final authority in the matter of realising good rites.