

28. Concluding all the sacred rites of Nandā, Satī began to meditate on Śiva with concentrated devotion. She was steady and she never thought of any one else.

29. In the meantime, O sage, devas and sages with Viṣṇu and me at their head came to see the penance of Satī.

30. On arrival, Satī was seen by the devas as an achievement in embodied form or as success incarnate. She was completely engrossed in meditating on Śiva. She had reached the stage of the enlightened seers.

31. With palms joined in reverence, the devas paid respects to Satī joyfully. The sages bent down their shoulders in respect. Viṣṇu and others became delighted.

32. Viṣṇu and others and the celestial sages joyously praised Satī's penance. They were even surprised at that.

33. Bowing again to the Goddess, the sages and devas went immediately to Kailāsa, the great mountain dear to Śiva.

34. The lord Viṣṇu approached Śiva with great joy, accompanied by Lakṣmī and I too along with Śāvitṛī, the Goddess of speech.

35. On arrival there, after paying respects to the lord with great excitement we lauded Him with various hymns with palms joined in reverence.

*The Devas said :—*

36. Obeisance to Thee, O lord, from whom the mobile and the immobile beings have originated. Obeisance to the great Puruṣa, Maheśa, the supreme Īśa and the great Ātman.

37. Obeisance to the primordial seed of every one, the Cidrūpa (one possessed of the form of consciousness), the Puruṣa beyond Prakṛti.

38. Obeisance to Thee who createst this world, by whom this is illuminated, from whom this originated, by whom this is sustained, to whom this belongs and by whom everything is kept under control.

39. We bow to that self-born deity who is beyond this and everything that is great, who is the undepraved great lord, who sees these within Himself.

40. We have sought refuge at His feet who is the sup-