

4. Śiva too hastened to urge his army and the gods. The lord of all was ready himself with his sport.

5. The musical instruments formally announced the beginning of war. There was a great tumult along with the shouts of the heroes.

6. O sage, the mutual fight between the gods and the Dānavas ensued. Both the hosts of the gods and the Dānavas fought righteously.

7. Mahendra fought with Vṛṣaparvan. Bhāskara fought with Vipracitti.

8. Viṣṇu fought a great battle with Dambha, Kāla with the Asura Kāla and the firegod fought with Gokaṛṇa.

9. Kubera fought with Kālakeya and Viśvakarman with Maya. Mr̥tyu fought with Bhayaṁkara and Yama with Saṁhāra.

10. Varuṇa fought with Kālambika, the wind god with Cañcala. Mercury with Ghaṭapṛṣṭha and Śanaīścara with Raktākṣa.

11. Jayanta fought with Ratnasāra; the Vasus with the groups of Varcas's; the Aśvins with the two Dīptimants and Nalakūbara with Dhūmbra.

12. Dharma fought with Dhurandhara; Maṅgala with Gaṇakākṣa; Vaiśvana with Śobhākara and Manmatha with Pipiṭa.

13-14. The twelve sun gods fought with the Asuras—Gokāmukha, Cūrṇa, Khaḍga, Dhūmra, Samhala, the valourous Viśva and Palāśa. The other gods assisting Śiva fought righteously with the other Asuras.

15. The eleven Mahārudras<sup>275</sup> fought with the eleven terrible Asuras of great power and valour.

16. Mahāmaṇi fought with Ugracaṇḍa and others. The god Moon fought with Rāhu and Jīva fought with Śukra.

17. Nandīśvara and the rest fought with leading Dānavas in the great battle. This is not being explained separately.

18. O sage, then Śiva stayed at the foot of the

275. For eleven Rudras, see Note 127. P 138; 236 P 948.