

*Brahmā said :—*

2. O celestial sage, let this be listened to. I shall resume the story joyfully, the story that quells all sins and increases devotion to Śiva.

3. O brahmin, on hearing the words of Śiva, the great Soul and on seeing His pleasant form and features Pārvatī was delighted much.

4. The highly chaste lady, goddess Pārvatī replied to the lord standing near with great pleasure and face beaming with love.

*Pārvatī said :—*

5. O lord, O lord of gods, you are my husband. Has it been forgotten by you why you destroyed the sacrifice of Dakṣa formerly with great tenacity ?

6. Listen, O lord of gods, I am born of Menā for the achievement of the task of the gods terrified to the quick by Tāraka.

7. O lord of gods, if you are delighted, if you are sympathetic, O lord, become my husband. O lord do as I say.

8. With your permission I am going to my father's abode. Let your pure great glory be made well known.

9. O lord, you will please go to Himavat. Clever in divine sports, be the mendicant and beg of him, me as your alms.

10. Spreading your glory in the worlds you shall make everything about my father fruitful. Thus you start your householder's life.

11. There is no doubt that my father with his kinsmen will accede to your request as he has already been urged by the sages lovingly.

12. Formerly as Dakṣa's daughter I was offered to you by my father. But the marriage rites were not duly performed then.

13. The planets were not worshipped by my father. Therefore a great defect occurred in our marriage in regard to the planets.

14. Hence, O lord, you will celebrate marriage in