

arrows on Śiva in the battle. The whole of the Earth became enveloped in darkness by his arrows.

20. Śiva split the arrows swiftly, the powerful Daitya hit the bull with an iron club.

21. Due to that blow the bull turned away from the battle field. Even when dragged by Śiva it did not stand there.

22. Then the great Śiva put forth an unbearable splendour visible to all in the battle field. O great sage, this is true.

23. Then the infuriated Śiva assuming a terrible form, became as dreadful as the fire of dissolution, all of a sudden.

24. On seeing the Daitya standing in front like the lofty peak of Meru and hearing from others that he could not be killed, he stood ready for it.

25. As desired by Brahmā, the lord protector of the worlds decided to kill Jalandhara, blessing him in the heart of his heart.

26. Becoming excessively angry, the trident bearing deity made a mysteriously terrible wheel in the great waters by means of his big toe indulging in a divine sport.

27. Creating a sharp wheel in the waters of the ocean and remembering that the three worlds had been harassed by Jalandhara, the lord Śiva who had slain Dakṣa, Andhaka Antaka and destroyed the three cities and the sacrifice of Dakṣa²³³ and annihilated the three worlds said laughingly.

Śiva said:—

28. O Jalandhara, if you are powerful enough to lift the wheel created by me with the leg in the great waters, you will be competent to stand and fight with me, not otherwise.

Sanatkumāra said:—

29. On hearing his words the Daitya's eyes gleamed fiercely with anger. He looked at Śiva as if burning him with his eyes and said:—

²³³. For the destruction of Dakṣa's sacrifice see ŚP. RS. Section 2. Chs 23-37. For the destruction of Andhaka, *ibid.* Section 5. Chs 42-49.