

courage, valour, achievement, fame, strength, splendour and exploit have been simultaneously taken away.

10. Fie upon us by whom the sole and excellent preceptor of the family worthy of the respect of the whole race, the virtual protector of all of us and very efficient, has not been saved at the time of adversity.

11. Hence do not waste time. Fight with the enemy, the heroic Pramathas, after remembering the lotus-like feet of the preceptor.

12. After remembering the beneficent lotus-like feet of the preceptor, I shall slay all the Pramathas along with Nandin.

13. After killing these along with the gods including Indra I shall obtain the release of Bhārgava like the Yogin who releases the soul from the bondage of action.

14. Bhārgava too is a lordly Yogin. If he himself comes out of Śiva's body, the rest of us are saved.

*Sanatkumāra said:—*

15. On hearing the words of Andhaka, the powerful Dānavas, fearlessly roaring like the rumbling clouds, spoke after resolving to do what was then to be thought of.

*The Dānavas said:—*

16. If we are destined to live, the Pramathas cannot overwhelm us. If it is otherwise what avails running from the battle ground leaving our master behind.

17. Those who leave their masters and run away professing to be honoured and desiring to be rich will surely fall into hell Andhatāmisra.

18. After sullyng their fame with the darkness of ignominy they will forfeit their pleasure both here and hereafter. They will be slain in the battle.

19. Of what avail are charitable gifts, austerities and dips in holy waters if one takes bath in the holy tract of the battlefield that removes the dirt of re-birth?

*Sanatkumāra said:—*

20. After saying these words and deciding in accordance