

49. With the tip of his fingers he cut off the tip of the nose of Sarasvatī and of Aditi the mother of devas. Virabhadra showed his exploits thus.

50. Similarly the infuriated Virabhadra<sup>329</sup> with eyes blazing, cut off the other devas too and threw them on the ground.

51. Even after mutilating the chief devas and sages, he never became calm like the king of serpents whose anger had been aroused.

52. After uprooting his enemies, like a lion the elephants of the forest, Virabhadra surveyed all the quarters frequently to know "who is where".

53. He struck and smashed Bhṛgu while the valorous Maṇibhadra kicked him on his chest and plucked off his moustaches.

54. Caṇḍa forcibly plucked off the teeth of Pūṣan<sup>330</sup>, who had formerly laughed and showed his teeth while Śiva was being cursed.

55. Nandin plucked out the eyes of Bhaga who was felled over the ground with anger because it was he who winked at Dakṣa while cursing.

56. Svadhā, Svāhā, Dakṣiṇā Mantras and Tantras, all those who were there were molested and mortified by the leaders of Gaṇas.

57. The Gaṇas furiously showered filth and rubbish on the sacrificial fire. The heroic Gaṇas made the sacrifice inexpressibly impure.

58. After coming to know that Dakṣa had hidden himself behind the altar due to his fright, Virabhadra dragged him out with force.

59. He was caught hold of by his cheeks, his head and was struck with the sword. Due to the yogic power of Dakṣa it could not be split.

60. Thinking that his head could not be pierced or

329. Maṇibhadra is the brother of Kubera and chief of the Yakṣas. He is the tutelary deity of travellers and merchants.

330. Pūṣan is represented as toothless. The cause of his being toothless is variously explained. See H. M. P. 250. According to the present text, it was Caṇḍa, the follower of Virabhadra who uprooted his teeth.