

shedding his bounty on the unworthy; and he should be bold without being harsh.

All these characteristics of a great man are found in him. Then in the morning the king having called together a council of great men, narrated before them the whole account and bestowed on him the kingdom of Kāṣhā, as a mark of his favour. What then, is a stranger wicked more y because of his nature (or class)? Even among these (strangers) there are those who are good, bad and middling. Chakravāka said—

P. 80 He is a bad minister (or, is he a minister) who, having regard to the will of the king represents (recommends) what ought not to be done as proper to be done; better is the pain caused to the master's mind than his ruin brought about by his doing what is improper.

A king, whose physician, spiritual guide and minister are haters, fast loses his health, his religious merit and treasure.

Hear, my liege.

What was obtained by one through the force of merit I too shall gain!—A barber, who, through avarice, thus coveted a treasure, lost his life for having killed a mendicant.

The King asked how that was. The minister related—

PARLE IX.

There was in the city of Ayodhya, a Kāshatīya, by name Ouddāmanī. He, longing after wealth, long worshipped Śiva (i.e. the god who has the crescent-moon for his crest-jewel) undergoing great bodily hardships. Thereafter when he was purified of his sins, the lord of the Yākshas, at the command of the Lord, appeared before him in a dream and bade him thus—To-day in the morning thou shalt get yourself shaved and stand concealed, stick in hand, at the door of thy house. Then what-ever mendicant thou shalt see coming into thy courtyard, him thou shalt strike mercilessly with thy stick. Then the very moment the mendicant will turn into a pot full of gold coins. With that (wealth) thou shalt live happily during the rest of thy life. Then these instructions being carried out the result followed (as directed). Now the barber who was called for shaving saw this and said to himself.—

Ab, this is the way to obtain a treasure. Why should I not then try the same! Thereafterward the barber, lying concealed