-jajñānās, vjan2, 807, '(their) children,' se. parā yanti.

11-12. prá\_ihi, 617, see vocab. —The AV. modernizes the forms a little, reading rájānāu, mádantāu. —paçyāsi, subjunctive (760.2), w. future mg, as in Homer. —Note the appropriate connection of this stanza with st. 2 and observe the identical pādas.

13-14. The derivation and mg of iṣṭā-pūrtá are discussed most carefully by Windisch, Festgruss an Böhtlingk, 1888, p. 115f.

- hitváya, ½hā, 993b. — púnar ástam á\_ihi, 'Go back home,' as if the soul had come from heaven. Illustrative material in Kaegi, x.275. Cf. zu Gott heimkehren='die.'

- Pāda d is metrically defective: te tanúā, x. 278, which see; te tanúā suvárcasā is suggested by Sāyaṇa's comment. Cf. the Christian conceptions at Philippians iii.21, I. Cor. xv.40f.

15-16. U.f. ápa\_ita, ví\_ita, ví ca sarpata\_átas. asmāí (accent, 74\strace{9}\text{N.}) etám · · · áhobhis adbhís · · ví-aktam (\vanij). — vita, acct, 128 end; so viva, 77\strace{5}\text{N.} — akran, 831. — Second asmāi, accentless, cf. 74\strace{9}\text{N.}

-Pāda c. '(A place of rest) adorned with days, with waters, with nights:' i.e. where the delights of earth are found again, the change of day and night, cooling waters, etc. Note the especial mention of waters in the enumeration of the joys of heaven at RV. ix.113.7f, and in the description of the 'Assembly-hall' of Yama Vāivasvata, MBh. ii.8.7 = 317. And observe how very frequent are the allusions to the waters in the mentions of Paradise in the Koran, e.g. xlvii. 10-20; lxxvi.5; xiii.35.

-This pāda at best is bad. It is avoided by the noteworthy, but not very helpful, variants of the Yajurveda. VS. xii.45 reads

ápeta vita ví ca sarpatáto yé átra sthá purāṇā yé ca nútanāḥ. ádād yamó avasānam pṛthivyā ákrann imám pitáro lokám asmāi,

and substantially so read MS., TS., TB. The scholiast to VS. takes this as an address to 'Yama's men.' It is a little forced to refer it to the mourners.

17-18. In this stanza, these dogs, the offspring of Saramā, are ill-disposed (durvidátra) — see introduction. — Pronounce
çuánāu. — 'Four-eyed:' later this is taken
to mean 'with two eyes and two round spots
above the eyes.' Note the Parsi custom of
having such a dog (cf. Vd. viii.16) view the
corpse before exposure — Monier-Williams,
Mod. India, 173-6, ed. 1878.

-Respecting Saramā, see Kaegi, N. 149. Respecting the dogs, see ib., N. 274, 274a, and Muir, v.294. Homer mentions the 'dog of Hades,' Od. xi.623f, Il. viii.368. Not till later is he called 'many-headed' and Κέρβεροs. With Κέρβεροs is identified çabála — see Benfey, Göttingische Nachrichten, 1877, p. 8f = Vedica, i.149f. In Avestan belief (Vd. xiii.9), dogs guard the entrance of the other world. These beliefs are compared, SBE. iv.p.lxxxvii.

19. In this stanza and the following, the dogs are kindly creatures.

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1. Pronounce tábhiam. - Verbs, 668.

2-3. U.f. asutṛpāu: admits several explanations—see vocab., and Bergaigne, iii. 72. —These messengers go about to conduct to the other world those who have received the summons of Yama. —sūryāya, attraction, explained at 982a. —U.f. pūnar dātām (839) ásum adyá\_ihá: 'may the two give back again—,' for the mourners have been in the shadow of death.

SELECTION LI. RV.x.16. Funeral-hymn, used at the ceremony of cremation. — Rubricated are only stanzas 1-9 and 14 — see p. 402. The rubricated stanzas are translated by Max Müller, ZDMG. ix.p.viiif, and the whole hymn by Zimmer, p. 402. Most of the stanzas are addressed to Agni; but 3, 6, and 7, to the dead man. The hymn has two parts, clearly sundered by the metre.

—In the first, Agni is to burn the corpse, not rudely, but gently, just enough to "make it done." To this end, a sacrificial goat (st. 4) is provided, and (st. 7) the corpse is covered with a caul, in order that Agni may spend his fury on these things and spare the