â, pra, and s'ukra, which are characteristics of the

fourth day.

Tam trâ yajnebhir îmahe (8,57,10) is the beginning (pratipan) of the Marutvatiya Shastra. The word îmahe "we ask for" in this verse means, that this day's work is to be made long (in consequence of the multitude of rites) as it were (just as one has to wait long before a request is acceded to). This is a characteristic of the fourth day (for it indicates the

multitude of its rites).

The verses, Idam vaso sutam andhah (8, 2, 1-2), Indra nediya (Vâl. 5, 5-6), prâitu Brahmanaspatir (1, 40, 34), Agnir netâ (3, 20, 4), tvam Soma kratubhih (1,91,2), pinvantu apo (1,64,6), pra va indrâya brihate (8, 78, 3), which form part of the Marutvatîya Shastra of the first day, are also required for the fourth day, and a characteristic of it. S'rudhi havam mâ rishanya (2, 11, 1) is the hymn which contains the word hava, (call) being a characteristic of the fourth day. In the hymn Marutvâm Indra vrishabhô (3,47) there is in its last quarter (47, 5) in the word huvema, the root hu perceptible, which is a characteristic of the fourth day. This hymn is in the Trishtubh metre.

By means of the padas of this hymn which stand firm, the Hotar keeps the libation lest it fall from its proper place (it should be kept in its proper place, like a piece in machinery). Imam nu mâyinam huva (8, 65, 13) is the setting (paryâsa) containing the word huva which is a characteristic of the fourth day. The verses (of this hymn) are in the Gâyatrî metre, for the Gâyatrî verses are the leaders of the midday libation in these latter three days. That metre is the leading one in which the Nivid is placed; therefore one puts in (these) Gâyatrî verses the Nivid.

Piba Somam Indra mandatu (7,22, 1-2) and s'rudhi havam vipipanasyadrer (7, 22, 4-5) is the Vairaja Prishtham of the Brihat days, to which the fourth