

were unable to get hold of these six *Prishṭhas*. *Gâyatrî* put an embryo in herself and produced *Anuṣṭubh*. *Trishṭubh* put an embryo in herself and produced *Pañkti*. *Jagatî* put an embryo in herself and produced the *Atichhandas* (metres). The three metres having thus become six, were thus able to hold the six *Prishṭhas*.

The sacrifice of him becomes (well) performed, and (also) becomes well performed for the whole assemblage (of sacrificer) who at this occasion takes his *Dîkshâ* when knowing this production of the metres and *Prishṭhas*.

FIFTH CHAPTER.

(The two first days of the Dvâdas'âha sacrifice.)

29.

(The Shastras of the morning and midday libations on the first day.)

Agni is the leading deity of the first day. The *Stoma* (required) is *Trivṛit* (the nine-fold), the *Sâman* *Rathantaram*, the metre *Gâyatrî*. He who knows what deity, what *Stoma*, what *Sâman*, what metre (are required on the first day), becomes successful by it. The words *â* and *pra* are the characteristics of the first day. (Further) characteristics of this day are : *yukta* joined, *ratha* carriage, *âs'u* swift, *pâ* to drink, the mentioning of the deities in the first *padas* (of the verses repeated) by their very names, the allusion to this world (earth), *Sâmans* akin to *Rathantaram*, metres akin to *Gâyatrî*, the future of *kṛi* to make.

The *Ajya* hymn of the first day is, *upa prayanto adhvaram* (1, 74) ; for it contains the term *pra*, which is a characteristic of the first day.