Vāruṇī (III)—the region sacred to Varuṇa.

Bhā. X. 89, 44.

Vāruņī (IV)—(also known as Puṣkarinī) a daughter of Araṇya Prajāpati; a wife of Cakṣuṣa, and mother of Cākṣuṣa Manu; sister of Udaka who attained Varunahood.

Br. II. 36, 102-4; Vā. 62, 89,

Vāruņī (v)—a Varņa Śakti.

Br. IV. 44. 61.

 $V\bar{a}run\bar{i}$ (vi)—a mind-born mother; on the fish with the serpent with $p\bar{a}\acute{s}a$ or noose.

M. 179. 10; 286. 9.

Vāruņīm tanum—composed mostly of water; Brahmā took it in Vāruņi kratu; celebrated at the first Tretāyuga.²

¹ Vā. 65. 26. ² Br. II. 13. 84.

Vārkṣam—one of the six kinds of forts.

M. 217. 7.

 $V\bar{a}rks\bar{\imath}$ —the daughter of trees, given in marriage to the ten Pracetas as. Daksa was their son.

Bhā. VI. 4. 15-17.

Vārtā—produced by Brahmā; according to Prahlāda, should be a means to realise Hari; profession of Vaiśyas. Fourfold—kṛṣi, vāṇijyam, go-rakṣa, and kusīda (usury).¹ Began in the Tretāyuga and disappears towards the close of the Kali; not known in Puṣkaradvīpa.² Origin of commerce; came into being after the beginning of the Tretāyuga