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Again on behalf of my father I thank Shri Kashisheght

With what a great longing, my father looked forward to the joy of seeing this work published! He had great hopes of writing a masterly introduction, in which, he intended to present every thing that was worth knowing about the subject-matter of this poem. But this was not to be; he passed off, leaving the writing of an introduction for a friend, and the duty of thanksgiving for me.

My father loved the work very much, and many happy hours of his life were spent in the company of our poet Damodar Gupta. He enjoyed the poem as he read it; he enjoyed it more and more in the course of writing the commentary as new beauties and parallel passages suggested themselves to him. He took great delight in it by reading select portions and explaining their finer beauties, which he intended to point out in his commentary, to friends of poetic taste, who enjoyed the readings so much that they often came to him simply to drink in the beauties of the poem, as served out by my father. At such readings imagination ran riot and fun flowed furiously, and time passed by unheeded. The excellence of the commentary is due to these meetings and my first thanks are due to all those who came to listen to his readings, and suggested to him points requiring special treatment in the commentary.

But foremost of all I must mention Babu Govind Dasji. As far as I know, it was he who first encouraged my father to publish this poem by supplying a complete Ms., and to write a commentary on it by getting a tippani written under his own supervision. My father was in regular correspondence with him and therein many a knotty point was discussed and settled. Besides Babu Govind Dasji kindly looked into proofs, supplied valuable information and made useful suggestions. For all this I express my sincere thanks to him on behalf of my father.

My best thanks are then due to Mr. Mangesharao Telang for readily responding to my request for writing an introduction. Further, on behalf of my father, I thank him for being kind

त्रैछोक्यगता वेक्याः स्वाधीना यातुधाननाथस्य । तदपि जहार कलत्रं दशरथतनयस्य रामस्य ॥ ८६१ ॥

अविस्भृतस्वपरमात्मभावः, गोप्यश्च चित्तवृत्तयः इति जीवन्मुक्तस्वरूपरूपकमवलंब्य त्रक्षीलावर्णनं बोध्यं, तेन सर्वान्तर्यामितया सर्वशरीरकस्य तस्य स्त्रपरदेहविवेका-मानात् नित्यापहतपाप्मत्वाच न भगवतो दोपप्रसक्तिः इति मतम् ॥ पीराणिकास्त 'पुरा किल देवयोपितो भगवत्सांदर्यवशीकृताः तदुपभोगसिद्धिमुद्दिश्य तमेवार्चयामासुः। ^{तेतः} प्रसन्नो भगवान् भृमाववतीर्य गोपभृमिकामवलंब्य भवतीनामभिरूपितं करि-^{भ्यामि}, भवत्योऽपि गोपकुळेऽवतरंत्विति समयं ददा, ता एवाप्सरस इमा गोपिकाः इति १ इति ऊत्तुः॥ भागवतास्तु-" इयं हि क्रीडा शृंगाररसाक्चष्टचेतसो बहिर्मुखानपि लचरितश्रवणपरान्कृत्वा संसारादुत्तारियतुं भगवता लोकानुभ्रहेकरसिकेन कृता, 'अनु-^{शहाय} भक्तानां मानुषं देहमाश्रितः। भजते ताहशीं कीडां यो श्रुत्वा तत्परो भवेत्॥ १ रित (श्रीमृद्) भागवतवचनात्, " (यादवाम्युदयकाव्यटीकायां ८।६८) इति, वयाहि—"रागिणो हि संभोगपदश्रवणे स्वयमेव कुत्हलिनः प्रवर्तन्ते, तच श्रवणं मगवद्भूपविषयमाहात्म्यादन्तः करणशुद्धिमाधाय रागीदिकं क्षपयति " (यादवा० टीका. १११:१) इति चाहु:। तदेतदुक्तं यादवाभ्युदयमहाकाव्ये- "रागादिरोगप्रतिकार-भूतं रसायनं सर्वदशानुभाव्यम् । आसीदनुध्येयतमं मुनीनां दिव्यस्य पुंसो दियतोप-भोगः ॥ " (४।१०१) इति ॥ ८६० ॥ असुराणामपि परदारासिनतसुदाहरति वैलोक्येति । त्रयो लोकाः स्वर्गमृत्युपातालाख्याः त्रैलोक्यं, चतुर्वणीदित्वात् स्वार्थ भूत्रं, तद्गताः, त्रैलोक्यगताः "द्वितीया श्रितः " (पा. २।१।२४) इति द्वितीया विस्तुक्षः, वेश्याः, यातुधानाः यातूनि रक्षांसि एव दधित पुणांति न त्यन्यान् लोकान् रेति यातुधानाः राक्षसाः, तेषां नाथः पतिः रावणः, तस्य स्वाधीनाः त्रैलोक्यविजयि-लित् तदाज्ञावहावर्तिन्यः, (असुराणां तामसत्वात् तेषु स्वीयासक्त्याः अभावात् पूर्ववत् नात्र कृतमिति बोध्यम्।) तदिप तथापि, दाशरथेः इदं परशुरामवलरामयोः ^{हे3ुदासार्थ}, रामस्य, कलत्रं भार्यो सीतानाम्नीं, "कलत्रं भूमुजां दुर्गस्यानेऽपि श्रीणिभार्ययो: । ११ इति विश्वलोचने, जहार चौर्यण रामाद्वियुज्य स्वग्रहं नीतवान्, विभागान्यनाय रामस्य लंकां प्रति अयनं गमनं अभूत्, यदिधकृत्य भगवता वाल्मी-किना श्रीरामायणाख्यं आदिकाव्यं प्रणीतम् ॥ 'रामभद्रस्य' इति पाठे रामभद्रपदं भद्रश्चासौ रामश्चादामभद्रः। ' ग्रुभमंगलयोभद्रं स्याद्रम्यश्रेष्ठयोश्चिषु । ' इति रत्न-

८६१ यातुषानस्य (का)। रामभदस्य (गो. का)

