

*Yaśasvija*—a Pratardana god.

Br. II. 36. 31.

*Yaśasvinī*—a Durgā and Viśvarūpinī who got śūla from Śiva, cakra from Viṣṇu, śankha from Varuṇa, śakti from Agni, bow and arrow from Marut, Vajra from Indra, caṣaka from Kubera, daṇḍa and pāśa from Yama, kuṇṭika from Brahmā, khadga and keṭa from Mṛtyu, jewels from Viśva-karman.

Br. IV. 29. 80-8; 44. 90.

*Yaśodā* (1)—the wife of Nanda (gopa);<sup>1</sup> gave birth to a female child who was *Yogamāyā* incarnate. Without her knowledge, Vasudeva placed Kṛṣṇa born on the same day in her bed and removed the girl to his residence. This was known to Nārada.<sup>2</sup> Regarded Kṛṣṇa as her own child; performed *rakṣā* to Kṛṣṇa after his killing Pūtanā; her concern at Kṛṣṇa's kicking the cart (Śakatāsura) upside down, and śānti arranged; distressed at Kṛṣṇa being carried away by the whirlwind (Tṛṇāvarta); glad to see him alive; her concern at Kṛṣṇa's eating mud, and wonder when he revealed his true form and the whole universe in his mouth; binding of Kṛṣṇa with a rope for breaking the pot and stealing butter; took home Kṛṣṇa playing on the river-bank; intense love to Kṛṣṇa; joy at his escape from Kāliya; surprise at Kṛṣṇa holding Govardhana; recalled his exploits at Uddhava's visit, and gave him a hearty welcome.<sup>3</sup> Went to Syamanta-pañcaka and was embraced with affection by Rohiṇī and Devakī;<sup>4</sup> represents the Mother Earth;<sup>5</sup> remedy of, against bāladoṣa;<sup>6</sup> prayer of, to Śakata;<sup>7</sup> rope round the belly of Kṛṣṇa for mischief.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Bhā. I. 8. 31; X. 2. 9; M. 47. 7; Vi. IV. 15. 31. <sup>2</sup> Bha. X. 3. 47-53; 36. 17; Vā. 96. 206-9. <sup>3</sup> Bhā. X. 6. 19-29; Chh. 7-9 (whole); 11. 14-20; 15. 44; 17. 15; 25. 30; 46. 28-9. <sup>4</sup> Ib. X. 82. 36-9. <sup>5</sup> Br. III. 71. 212-3, 236 and 239. <sup>6</sup> Vi. V. 1. 77; 2, 3; 3. 20. <sup>7</sup> Ib. V. 5. 12. <sup>8</sup> Ib. V. 6. 7, 14; 7. 20.