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INTRODUCTION

The *Padyāvalī* of Rūpa Gosvāmin is in many respects a unique work of mediaeval Bengal. Apart from its value as one of the well-known anthologies of Sanskrit literature, its connexion with the Vaiṣṇava movement of Bengal gives it an added interest and importance. Its author, a scholar and devotee, was a well known disciple of Caitanya, the founder of Bengal Vaiṣṇavism; and as an authoritative teacher and exponent of its doctrines he became the centre of its arduous and prolonged theological and literary activity, and occupied the most commanding position in the later development of the sect as one of its six acknowledged law-givers. Though not concerned directly with dogmas and doctrines, his *Padyāvalī*, as an illustrative collection of devotional verses, has been cited with great respect among his other authoritative works.

One of the most important features of the Caitanya movement was its extraordinary literary energy. The power and vitality of its inspiration are evidenced by the vast literature it created for itself both in the learned classical tongue as well as in the living language of the province. The abundance, variety and spontaneity of this literature are amazing. On the

अथ तेषां निष्ठा

न वयं कवयो न तार्किका
 न च वेदान्तनितान्तपारगाः ।
 न च वादिनिवारकाः परं
 कपटाभीरकिशोरकिङ्कराः ॥७२॥ 5
 श्रीसार्वभौमभट्टाचार्याणाम् ॥

परिचदतु जनो यथा तथायं
 ननु मुखरो न वयं विचारयामः ।
 हरिरसमदिरामदातिमत्ता
 भुवि विलुठाम नटाम निर्विशाम ॥७३॥ 10
 तेषामेव ॥

1. अथ भक्तानां निष्ठा IO, ASC ; अथ तेषां भक्तानां निष्ठा VSPB ;
 अथ अक्तनिष्ठा PA ; the whole heading omitted
 PA, ASB.
6. श्री omitted IO, ASC ; °भट्टाचार्यस्य PB, Comm.
7. Cited in *Bhakti-rasāmṛta*^o p. 395 (यथा पद्यावल्याम्).
 यथा तथा वा PA.
8. वत for ननु PA.
9. °मत्तो DA, PB, IO, ASC, VSPB.
10. पर्यटाम for निर्विशाम PA ; विलुठामि नटामि निर्विशामि DA,
 PB, IO, ASC, VSPB ; विलुठामो नटामो निर्विशामः
 DC, DD.
11. तस्यैव PB, SSP, ASA ; कस्यचित् PT, Comm, AKG.

