

is represented as imprisoning the rain in the storm-cloud.

दुष्यन्त A powerful demon who made head against the gods with the help of S'ukra, the preceptor of the *Daityas*. His daughter S'armishthâ was married to king Yayâti.

वेन A universal emperor, father of Prithu. He commenced his reign auspiciously but subsequently lapsed into heresy; the sages, consequently, deposed him and pummelled him until Nishâda was extracted from his left thigh and Prithu from his right.

वैशंपायन A pupil of Vyâsa who became his co-adjutor in arranging the *Vedas*. He was famous for his skill in the narration of legends.

व्यास A great sage, son of Parâs'ara by Satyavati', who went into the forest as soon as he was born and lived there practising religious austerities. His original name was Krishna Draipa'yana, but, having become famous as the compiler of the *Vedas* and the *Mahâbhârata* he is generally known by the name of Vya'sa or "the arranger". The eighteen *Purânas* are ascribed to him. He was half-brother to Bhi'shma and Vichitravirya and became the father of Dhritara'shtra and Pându by *Niyoga*. See धृतराष्ट्र, पांडु, अंबिका, अंबालिका and संतनु.

सकुंतला Daughter of the celebrated sage Vis'vâmitra by the heavenly nymph Menakâ. When Menakâ went back to heaven she left her child on the banks of the river Ma'lini' where for some time it was taken care of by *S'akuntas* or birds of the forest whence the name S'akuntala'. Afterwards the child was found and adopted by Kanva and brought up at his hermitage. To Dushyanta, the reign-

ing monarch, the daughter of Menakâ' was married by the *Gândharva* form and bore to him a son who succeeded Dushyanta to the throne and gave his name to India.

सतानंद Son of Gotama by Ahalya', the family-priest of Janaka.

सहस्र Son of Das'aratha by Sumitra'. He slew Lavana and colonized Mathurâ.

संतनु A king of the Lunar race who married *Ganga'* and Satyavati'. He had four sons, Bhi'shma, Chitra'ngada, Vichitravirya and Vyâsa, (the last being the son of Satyavati' before she was married.) Of these Bhi'shma and Vyâsa lived unmarried and the other two died without issue. See अंबिका, अंबालिका, भीष्म.

सबरी A woman of the *S'abara* tribe, a great devotee of Râma.

संबर A powerful demon killed by Pradyumna, son of Krishna. See प्रद्युम्न.

सदभंग A great sage whom Râma met in the Dandakâ forest.

सल्य King of Madra. He was brother of Mâdri and maternal uncle of the Pândavas. In the great war he intended to join the Pândavas but was won over by Duryodhana and drove the chariot of Karna in his combat with Arjuna. He obtained the command of the army for one day and was slain by Yudhishthira.

सोता Daughter of Das'aratha adopted by Lomapâda and married to the sage Rishyas'ringa (*q.r.*).

सिखंडिन् Amba' (*q.r.*) born as the daughter of Drupada. She was given out to be, and brought up as, a male child. After