

and could not be induced to return without Satyavat. At length love conquered death and Yama, relenting, restored to her her husband's spirit. Sâvitri is regarded as the highest type of conjugal fidelity and her example is held out to every daughter of India for imitation.

सीता The daughter of Janaka, king of Mithilâ. She is called earth-born, as having been turned up from the soil by a plough. She was married to Râma and accompanied him to the wilderness. While there Râvana carried her off by force to Lankâ. She scornfully rejected the addresses of Râvana who tried to violate her chastity. She was finally rescued by Râma, but had to pass through a severe ordeal before she was received by her husband. She was again repudiated by Râma while in an advanced condition of pregnancy. She then took refuge with Vâlmî'ki and at his hermitage was delivered of Kus'a and Lava whom the sage brought up. See राम, रावण, वाल्मीकि.

सुग्रीव A monkey-chieftain, brother of Vâli. He related to Râma the story of his grievances against his brother Vâli and solicited his aid promising in return his assistance in recovering Sitâ. The request was complied with. Vâli was put to death and Sugriva reinstated on the throne. As promised, Sugri'va with his army assisted Râma in conquering Lankâ and recovering Sitâ.

सुशोषसुह Two demons, sons of Nisunda. They killed each other while quarrelling for Tilottamâ, an *apsaras* sent for their destruction.

सुमित्रा Sister of Balarama, married to Ar

juna. Through her son Abhimanyu the line of the Pândavas was preserved.

सुमित्रा One of the wives of king Das'aratha, mother of Lakshmana and S'atrughna.

सूर्य (the sun) Son of Kas'yapa and Adi'ti. He was married to Sanjñâ, the daughter of Tvashtri (q. v.), and by her had three children—Manu Vaivasvata, the founder of the Solar dynasty, Yama and the river Yamunâ. He is represented as moving in a chariot drawn by seven horses. See अया.

सोम (the moon) Represented to be the son of Atri. He was married to the 27 daughters of Daksha but being partial to Rohini' was cursed by his father-in-law to be consumptive. At the intercession of his wives the consumption was subsequently made periodical. He is said to have carried off Târâ the wife of Brihaspati (q. v.) by whom he had a son named Budha, the founder of the Lunar race.

स्वाहा One of the daughters of Daksha, wife of Agni.

हनुमत् A monkey-chief of prodigious strength and activity, son of Anjanâ, who is said to have been impregnated by the wind. He was a faithful devotee of Râma. He leaped across the ocean and brought news about Sîtâ to his master. The *Ra'ma'yana* is full of the exploits of this monkey-hero.

हरिश्चन्द्र A king of the Solar dynasty, son of Tris'anku. He is famous for his great liberality and uprightness of conduct. Owing to a quarrel between Vasishtha and Vis'vâmitra, the latter put the charac-