

33. Then the ocean invited the great Asura Kālanemi and requested him to give his daughter named Vṛndā in marriage to his son.

34. O sage, the heroic Asura Kālanemi,²⁰⁸ foremost among the Asuras, intelligent and efficient in his activities, welcomed the request of the ocean.

35. He gave his beloved daughter to Jalandhara, the brave son of the ocean, in marriage performing the nuptial rites according to the Brāhma style.*

36. O sage, great festivities were held in the marriage. The rivers and Asuras were happy.

37. The ocean too became extremely happy seeing his son united to a bride. In accordance with the rules he made charitable gifts to the brahmins and others.

38. Those Asuras who had been formerly defeated by the gods and had sought shelter in Pātāla came fearlessly to the Earth and resorted to him.

39. Kālanemi and other Asuras were pleased after giving the daughter in marriage to the son of the ocean. In order to defeat the gods they resorted to him.

40. The heroic son of the ocean, Jalandhara, foremost among the Asura warriors, received a very beautiful lady as his wife and he ruled over the kingdom with the support of Śukra.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

(The fight between the gods and Jalandhara)

1. Once the son of the ocean, the noble-hearted husband of Vṛndā, was seated along with his wife and the Asuras.

2. The brilliant Bhārgava came there joyously illuminating the ten quarters as the embodied brilliance.

3. On seeing the preceptor coming, the Asuras were

208. Kālanemi, the great Asura, was the son of Virocana and the great-grandson of Hiraṇyakaśipu. His daughter Vṛndā was married to Jalandhara.

*Cp. MS. iii. 27.