

the end of the great war. He was subsequently slain by Sa'tyaki.

कृप The maternal uncle of As'vatthāman. He was born of the sage S'aradwat and found and brought up along with his sister Kripi' by S'antanu. In the great war he fought on the side of the Kauravas. He is one of the seven *Chirajīvins*.

कृष्ण The eighth incarnation of Vishnu. He was son of Vasudeva and Devaki, the cousin of Kansa, and was the charioteer and friend of Arjuna. Krishna passed his childhood at the house of a cowherd named Nanda and evinced his divine character by many feats of surprising strength. In the tale of his youth his female companions, the *Gopī's*, play an important part, Rādhā being the most conspicuous. He killed Kansa and many other powerful demons. In the great war he took part with the Pāndavas and it was mainly owing to his powerful assistance that the Kauravas were vanquished. After the general destruction of Ya'davas at Prabha'sa he is said to have been killed unintentionally by a hunter who shot him with an arrow mistaking him for a deer. See कंस, अर्जुन, सत्यभामा, शिशुपाल, &c.

कोशिन A demon who carried off Devasena' and was killed by Indra.

कैकेयी One of the three wives of king Das'aratha and the mother of Bharata. When it was proposed to install Rāma, Mantharā excited her jealousy and persuaded her to ask of the king the two boons previously promised to her. By one of them she secured the throne to Bharata and by the other demanded the exile of Rāma for four

teen years against the earnest entreaties of the king.

कैटभ - Kaitabha and Madhu were two horrible demons that sprang from the ear of Vishnu when he was asleep, and were about to devour Brahman (*m.*). They were killed by Vishnu.

कौसल्या The wife of Das'aratha and the mother of Ra'ma (*q. v.*).

खर A demon slain by Rāma while in exile. He was the half-brother of Ra'vana.

गंगा The most sacred river in India and the deity presiding over it. The deity by a curse of Brahman (*m.*) came down upon earth and became the first wife of king S'antanu. She bore to him eight sons of whom the youngest, Bhīshma, became famous for his valour and life-long celibacy. See भीमरथ, and जन्तु.

गणेश Son of Ś'iva and Pārvati, said to have been sprung from the scurf of Pa'rvati's body. He is the god of wisdom and good luck and the remover of obstacles. He is generally represented in a sitting posture, half man and half elephant, with a large belly and riding a mouse. He is addressed at the commencement of all undertakings and religious ceremonies. In a combat between Ganes'a and Paras'urāma the latter cut off one of Ganes'a's tusks, in consequence of which he is called एकदंत or एकदंष्ट्र. There are various stories as to how he got an elephant's head. He is said to have written the Maha'bha'rata at the dictation of Vyā'sa.

गरुड Son of Kas'yapa and Vinatā. He is the king of birds and the implacable enemy of the serpent race. He is represented as the vehicle of Vishnu or Krishna and as having