Himavant] NAMES-VEINS-COLD-SNOWY MOUNTAINS 503

Hāridravika is the title of a work by Hāridravin mentioned in the Nirukta.

1 ix. 5. See Roth, Nirukta, xxiii; von Schroeder, Maitrayani Samhita, 1, xiii.

Hāri-drumata, 'descendant of Haridrumant,' is the patronymic of a Gautama in the Chāndogya Upaniṣad (iv. 4, 3).

Hālingava, 'descendant of Halingu,' is the name of a teacher in the Satapatha Brāhmaņa (x. 4, 5, 1).

Hitā in the Brāhmanas¹ is the name of certain 'veins.' Cf. Hirā.

¹ Brhadāraņyaka Upaniṣad, ii. 1, 21; iv. 2, 4; 3, 20; Kauṣītaki Upaniṣad, iv. 19.

Hima, denoting 'cold,' 'cold weather,' is quite common in the Rigveda,¹ but less frequent later.² As 'snow' the word appears as a masculine in the Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa,³ and often later as a neuter.⁴ Cf. Hemanta.

- 1 i. 116, 8; 119, 6; viii. 32, 26, etc. 2 Av. vii. 18, 2; xiii. 1, 46; xix. 49, 5 (night as mother of coolness), etc.
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4 Şadvinşá Brāhmana, vi. 9, etc. Cf. Hillebrandt, Vedische Mythologie, 3, 192-195.

Himavant, 'snowy,' appears as an epithet of mountains in the Atharvaveda.¹ It is also used both there² and in the Rigveda,³ as well as later,⁴ as a noun. There seems no reasen to deny that in all the passages the word refers vaguely to the mountains now called Himālaya, though it is possible that the name may include mountains not strictly in that system, like the Suleiman hills.⁵ See also Mūjavant and Trikakubh.

Uttara Kurus and Uttara Madras live beyond it; perhaps in Kaśmīr), etc.

⁵ Ludwig, Translation of the Rigveda, 3, 193.

Cf. Zimmer, Altindisches Leven, 29; Weber, Indische Studien, 18, 12, who inclines to see a reminiscence of the Caucasus.

¹ xii. 1, 11.

<sup>vi. 95, 3. See also iv. 9, 9; v. 4,
2. 8; 25, 7; vi. 24, 1 (where reference is made to the rivers of the Himālayas);
xix. 39, 1.</sup>

³ x. 121, 4.

⁴ Taittirīya Samhitā, v. 5, 11, 1; Vājasəneyi Samhitā, xxiv. 30; xxv. 12; Aitareya Brāhmaņa, viii. 14, 3 (the