

the library-table; it had just been presented to the University library by Dr. Corrie, the master of Jesus College, he having found it among his books, and considered that it ought to be in the University library. He did not know how he came by it; but his brother had been Bishop of Madras, in the neighbourhood of which, at Dindigul, our author was principally resident. It is likely, therefore, that his brother had given it to him. But he could give me no further help respecting it.

I next visited the University Press, where the work was printed, hoping that they might have a memorandum of the author; but their records went back only to 1827, the publication having been in 1820.

Professor Cowell, the Cambridge Professor of Sanscrit, did not countenance the work, or its theory. The word 'matire' was unknown to him. He particularly noticed that the words matire, chinon, venidique, used as divisions of time by our author, have French terminations, and are not at all like Sanscrit words. This point is especially interesting in connexion with the information which I afterwards obtained. Thus I left Cambridge without having learned the name of the author, or ascertained anything material to my inquiry.

I then proceeded to Oxford, where my first