

University press ; but he replied to my inquiry that he was not his relation. His letter to me, of December 20th, 1879, must have been one of the last which he wrote before his death early in 1880.

The first thing to be informed of is the Hindu divisions of time.

The history of the world is divided into four ages—the Crita age, or Jug ; the Trita age ; the Dwapara age ; and the Cali age—as set forth in the annexed Table II.

Time itself, agreeably to their fondness for minute measurement and multiplicity of figures, is reckoned—not by minutes and seconds, but by matires, or twinklings of the eye, of which there are 10 in a second, and 600 therefore in a minute. Their divisions of the day and year also are quite different from ours, and much more numerous, viz., into matires, chipérons, chinons, venidiques, naiques, samans, days, parouvans, and months—as set forth in Table I.

Here we have the 4,320,000 years which obtain Sir W. Jones's ridicule. They require to be explained, for they are fundamental in the whole Hindu system.

The Crita jug is 400 years ; the Trita jug is 300 years ; the Dwapara jug is 200 years ; the Cali jug is 100 years : making together 1000 years.