

earth.' 'And it came to pass, after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.' The Hindu text says that the Deity descended in the form of (the prophet) Buddha, foretelling the Deluge in these words, 'In seven days all creatures that offend me shall be destroyed by a deluge.'

Our author, after considering the unlikelihood that the instruction to take of all clean beasts and of birds by sevens should have been given only seven days before the flood commenced (but there is nothing unprecedented in a prophetic expression having two applications), proceeds to show how 'seven days' expresses in the Hindu cypher 1656 years, thus :—

One day of twenty-four hours contains 864,000 matires (as appears above in Table 1), seven days are therefore made up of $(864,000 \times 7 =)$ 6,048,000 matires (here representing days). Now, $6,048,000 \div 360$ (days) = 1680 prophetic years: and 1680 prophetic years (of 360 days) equal 1656 Julian years (of $365\frac{1}{4}$ days), which gives the exact date of the Flood, A.M. 1656.*

3. Take a third example of the use of the Hindu cypher.

Jared (Rama Chandra) was born A.M. 461.

If they wished to record the period when Rama

* *Key to Hindu Chronology*, vol. i. p. 174.