

What may be deemed philosophical in
the Minansa, is the ~~Minansa~~ is so mixed up with Disquisition
on religious ceremonies, that it is necessary to go completely
through both, before any account can be given of either: No
the disquisitions on ceremonies as necessarily lead to reading through
half the vidas, and thus draws attention to all the obsolete words
and technical religious terms which abound therein. To turn
my labor to the best account, I am seriously considering of
taking up two or three great undertakings at the same time: a
series of dissertations on religious ceremonies of the Hindus, com-
pleting what I began in the Calcutta Asiatic Researches;
my dissertation on the Minansa, of course; a glossary of obsolete
and technical terms; and, were I a younger man, I should be
disposed to resume my original plan of dictionary and gram-
-mar; vizt an etymological Dictionary, and a grammar founded
on the rules of Panini. The recent death of Capt. Felt, from
whom I hoped the completion of the latter task, has put it
into my thoughts. I hesitate, because I hardly could expect to
finish the book; & this consideration may probably deter me
from setting seriously about it. Meantime I go on provisionally
though very far from thinking I shall persevere - I have
troubled you with all this detail, to show, that, if I have been
totally deficient as a correspondent, it is not because I have
been idle.