

is not claimed; and scholars acquainted with the difficulty of the task will be the most lenient critics.

As to the extent of explanation, a middle course has been followed. Some readers, would be content with a simple interpretation; others, might ask for even more stringent proofs, or desire a still fuller account of the processes by which the results were obtained. Explanations which, to some, may appear mere verbiage, will, to severe critics, seem to be still wanting in completeness. Let the former pass over what is, to them, devoid of interest.

The terminology of Indian grammar, being as yet in an unsettled state, some liberty has been taken in this matter. Thus, by "formative," will be understood any single sound, syllable, or aggregate of syllables, that never appears as an independent word, but still conveys some *idea or concept*—often quite vague indeed—and obtains a definite meaning, or serves to determine the vague concept, when combined with other formatives or words, or when completed by mere formal