

the temples of the west." Page 319, Quarto. He alludes, in page 320, to some very indecent ceremonies among the Hindoos.

Dr. Brown, who was formerly of Magdalen College, Cambridge, and lately became Chaplain to the garrison at Fort William, Calcutta, says "My imperfect knowledge of a great variety of leading facts, will very much cramp my correspondence; but of one particular branch, *the religious condition of the natives*, I have considerable information. The Mahometans make only about a ninth part of the inhabitants of Bengal, who are chiefly Hindoos. The Bramin superstition, which it has been the fashion to represent as mild and inoffensive, is, as I have the most convincing evidence, extremely cruel, oppressive and sanguinary.

As a source of depopulation, it is worthy the attention of the Legislature; the burning of the women, which has been supposed a very partial thing, is an extremely common practice. My learned friend, Mr. William Chambers, has computed