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It has become necessary to divide the thesis into two volumes on account of its bulk. The first eight chapters are included in the first volume and the remaining four chapters along with the twelve appendixes in the second.

One minor detail may be pointed out here, viz. that when longer Sanskrit quotations are concerned, the Devanāgarī script is used, otherwise the normal transliteration is followed. It should further be noted that the unspecified such as 1.1 always refer to the Br.P. thus 1.1 = Br. P. 1.1.