

ministry, the light of the gospel might widely spread among the Gentiles; they further prayed Almighty God that the said Christophilus Augustinus Jacobi, by his piety and doctrine, by his suavity of manners, and constant labours, might so recommend himself to their brethren, the bishops and presbyters of the Church of England, to the religious Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, long engaged in spreading the salutary doctrine of Christ among the Gentiles, and lastly to the missionaries connected with the Society in the East Indies, that they, his sponsors, might have their expectations fulfilled.

Mr. Jacobi, having been thus introduced to the Committee, he was addressed by the Chairman, Archdeacon Pott, and arrangements were made for his comfortable support while he remained in England, as well as for his passage to India in one of the East India Company's ships. It was on the occasion of the departure of this missionary that the Rev. Dr. Middleton, then Archdeacon of Huntingdon, first presented himself before the public in connexion with the Society's mission to the East. He had been long known to the literary and religious world as a scholar and a divine. But it was not until he had pronounced the charge, which, by the request of the Board, he delivered to Mr. Jacobi before the Society, at a general meeting, convened for that purpose, that the extent of his information relative to the state of religion in India was fully understood. This able composition proved Dr. Middleton well qualified for the task to which he was soon afterwards called, when Government had at length determined to make an effort towards the establishment of the Church of England in our eastern colonies by the erection of the See of Calcutta. We subjoin an extract from the reply, which, according to custom, was made at the time by the Rev. C. A. Jacobi. The passage will be read with the more interest when it is remembered that this truly devoted missionary was not spared to carry his holy purposes into effect. It pleased the sovereign Disposer of the Universe to remove him, before the year had closed, to another and a better world. He was lost at sea in his voyage to India.

Having explained and accounted for the causes, which led to the almost entire extinction of the missionary spirit in the German universities, Mr. Jacobi proceeds to state the motives which induced him to adopt the course he had taken, and to deliver himself, with body and soul, up to the particular work of God.

"When a boy of seven years, my father, one of the most pious and learned ministers of the Church in Saxony, telling me something about this country, said, 'Behold, God has certainly yet great designs with England, and it is a mighty instrument in his hands to establish his kingdom on earth.' He telling me of the missions, I felt so deeply touched that I cried out, 'Father, I will go one day to England, from thence to be sent out amongst the Gentiles;' and from that time my thoughts were filled with that design. Childish as this might appear, my father