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NONE THE LESS.

Is the age sordid, impotent, and cold?
 None the less sweetly shrill the thrush's call,
 None the less swiftly snowy blossoms fall,
 On slim young grasses and buds manifold,
 Where kingcups raise their chalices of gold,
 As tender breezes drift the hawthorn's pall;
 None the less milky sway the chesnuts tall;
 Or royally are large white clouds enrolled,
 Where up the azure mighty branches climb.
 On eyes that see 'and hearts that contemplate
 No shadow fall of days degenerate—
 They reckon but by season's change the time;
 Here the vain babblings of unlovely hours
 Cringe into silence before holier powers.
 —Macmillan's

LORD ROBERTS' DEPARTURE FROM INDIA.

The Allahabad Pioneer says: Lord Roberts has won the highest distinction that it is possible to achieve in India short of the Governor-Generalship, and the honours he has won shine with the greater lustre, inasmuch as he has gained them solely in the military service of the Crown. His career is one that the Indian Army may well be proud of: it is that of a soldier among soldiers, skillful in martial exercise, brave to a fault, imbued with the true spirit of English manliness, and proud of his profession; of a leader endowed with those personal qualities which command the enthusiastic devotion of the men whom he commands in the field, their admiration and affection in time of peace; of a General whose ability and power impress themselves upon all who come within their range; and of a Commander-in-Chief unsurpassed for his capacity for work and his talent for administration. The Calcutta English-

man thus writes its farewell: To-day Lord Roberts, of Kandahar and Waterford bids farewell to the land he has served so well for 41 years. He sails from Bombay this afternoon, leaving a record of notable deeds and unpretending kindness that it would be hard to match. The fact alone that half a lakh of rupees have been subscribed in a few weeks to erect a statue to his memory in Calcutta, shows how real is the respect and liking that is felt for him among all sections of the community. The hero of a hundred fights, and almost worshipped by every soldier who has fought under his command, it is as an administrator that his splendid abilities and foresight have shown themselves most conspicuously. The man who has made the Army of India more efficient than it ever was before, who has worked out a great mobilisation scheme, and collected the stores and armaments necessary for it; who has replaced the antiquated Snider in the Native Infantry by the Martini and arranged the issue of magazine rifles to British troops; and who has put the North-West frontier into a reasonable state of preparation to face the advance of Russia, in spite of a falling exchange and a Central Government harassed on every side by financial difficulty, would deserve to be considered great, even had he never accomplished anything else in the course of his life. It is, however, Lord Roberts' proud distinction not only to have helped to preserve peace by preparing for war, but also to have led England's armies to victory in the dark days of political danger, and to have shown, by deeds of personal courage, how the coolest in council may be the foremost in daring, where audacity is wisdom. Few Englishmen will ever forget the suspense of that anxious time after the disaster of Malwand, when for weeks there was no news of Roberts and his little army of 10,000 men who had cut themselves off from their base of operations in order the more speedily to force their way through the heart of a fanatical and bitterly hostile country, to the relief of Kandahar. Military history can scarcely record a bolder or better executed deed than that march of 318 miles in 23 days, conducted, as it was, swiftly and surely, without loss, and terminating in the avenging of Malwand and the utter defeat of Ayoub Khan.

FEAT OF A PYTHON.

A remarkable occurrence took place lately, says our Berlin correspondent, in the Zoological Gardens at Breslau. In the cage of the large snakes, a South American boa constrictor contended for a rabbit with a very large python from West Africa. It did not succeed, however, the python being the stronger of the two, and it withdrew. About two hours later the keeper found the same snakes fighting for another rabbit, as the keeper supposed that the boa, which was the weaker of the two, would again give up its prey, he left them to themselves, and went home. The next morning he was horror-stricken to find that the unfortunate boa had not let go its hold, and had been swallowed by the python, as a pendant to the rabbit. The boa was nearly seven feet long, and correspondingly thick. The python had already swallowed one rabbit before the one which proved fatal to the boa. Its circumference throughout its length was from 23 to 28 inches, and its skin was expanded to double its usual size. The supposition that the snake might perhaps not be able to digest the boa, proved false. Digestion only proceeded somewhat slower than usual.—Daily News.

Fond Mother—"I am to understand, then, that you have accepted Mr. Lorry's proposal? He's an excellent match, you know." Ethel—demurely—"Oh, yes, mamma!" Fond Mother—"Of course, he told you he loved you?" Ethel—"Oh, dear, no, mamma; I didn't let him get as familiar as that."

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