

had the good fortune to be sent to Hoxton Institute, at the age of nineteen, and to be placed under the paternal training of the loveable Dr. Hannah, who, referring to the time and circumstance, in conversation with the writer of this article at Didsbury, in 1862, pronounced him, with a sort of chuckle, "a bright little Irish boy."

At the age of twenty-one, the Irish lad was sent across the Indian Ocean to plant a mission at Goobee, in the Mysore country. The account which the young missionary, to while away his loneliness, wrote of his voyage and early labours was published under the title of "The Mission to Mysore," which now constitutes a Methodist classic. The fiery sun of India affected his sight, and he returned to England in 1841.

Where the individual has intellect and quickness of observation, a mission abroad brings a young man into intercourse with the most active minds and gives him to see life as he would not be likely to see it at home, and furnishes, in many cases, the returned missionary an expansion of mind which would not so often be found proportionately among those who have never been abroad. It was so in Mr. Arthur's case. More than one such man has mounted into the chair of the British Conference, and so, in due time, did our subject. He was retained four years in London, and then sent a missionary to France, first to Boulogne and then to Paris, in which country he remained three years; at the end of this time, he returned to take London city circuits another two years. In 1850, he was appointed to the honourable and responsible post of General Missionary Secretary, in which office he continued seventeen years. In 1868, he was chosen President of the newly-opened Methodist college in Belfast, Ireland, at the head of which he remained two years. His elevation to the Presidential chair of the Conference took place in 1866, at the age of forty-seven, the youngest man ever called to this high honour. If not mistaken, we think he has been a Missionary Secretary ever since his first appointment till the present time, honorary when not actual.

Impaired sight and enfeebled voice have largely withdrawn Mr. Arthur from public engagements of many kinds. Yet, so