

been, as it was meant to be, a centre of Christian usefulness. The very writer who speaks in these disparaging terms of episcopacy itself, does full justice to the high character of Bishop Middleton, and allows that the foundation of Bishop's College 'gives him a distinguished place among the benefactors of India.' It is needless to recount the praises of Reginald Heber, who if he had time to do little more than complete what his predecessor began, yet showed in what spirit he entered on his work, by claiming the title of 'first Missionary in India,' and by his gentle disposition, his holy life, his literary eminence, his graceful writings, his unwearied labours, and his early death, has invested this see with a sacred interest which is in itself a rich inheritance to all who come after him. Even Bishop James, during his short and melancholy episcopate, of which only seven months were spent in India, carried out the important practical measure of dividing Calcutta into parochial districts, which has greatly facilitated the work of schools, and house to house visitation; while to Bishop Turner we owe that invaluable institution, the District Charitable Society, which supplies to the capital a carefully regulated provision for the poor, and includes all creeds and all races in its comprehensive benevolence. You will not require me, brethren, to dwell at length on the works of him whose memory is still fresh among you. Whatever could be done by consistent piety and princely munificence, that Daniel Wilson did for his diocese. This cathedral in which we are assembled to-day, with the Missions and schools connected with it, the Additional Clergy and Church Building Societies (of which the latter has contributed to the erection of sixty-six churches) owe their origin entirely to his energy, and in a great degree to his unfailing liberality. Still more may we rejoice in the thought that for nearly twenty-six years this diocese enjoyed the benefit of his firm but gentle and eminently practical wisdom, his Missionary zeal, and Christian goodness. *They rest from their labours, and their works do follow them*; while we must unite together in the prayer and the effort that we may not be unworthy of those who have gone before us, but may do our part in carrying on the great work which they have left unfinished. From the little that I have seen of the country, I suspect that if our occupation of it is to produce any really great results, a far more general and self-denying effort to promote education and Christianity, among natives and Europeans alike, must be made both at home and in India. Meantime, without pausing at present to discuss any more plans for the future, let us faithfully discharge the duties immediately before us, let us remember that as Englishmen we are most surely serving our dear country when we endeavour to leaven English society in this heathen land with Christian principle; that as believers in Christ we must never be *weary of well-doing* in the cause of Him who died for us; and that as ministers of His Church we are pledged to labour for *the perfecting of the saints and the edifying of His Body, calling His sheep by name, and going before them, and leading them out*, and also seeking for *His other sheep, who are not of this fold*, in patient reliance on His most sure promise, that *here shall be one fold and one Shepherd.*"—*Charge of Bishop of Calcutta.*