

single institution. Of his visit to the Church Missionary Society's station at Cotta an affecting account has been left by Mr. Robinson. It must be remembered that up to this time the emissaries of the Church Missionary Society had been outside Episcopal control in India, and the hearty reception they gave the Bishop everywhere, and the affectionate response that was returned, had a special point which the reader of to-day is likely to misinterpret without this hint.

"The scene," wrote Mr. Robinson of the visit to Cotta, "was to me most beautiful. We were embowered in the sequestered woods of Ceylon, in the midst of a heathen population; and here was a transaction worthy of an apostolic age,—a Christian bishop, his heart full of love and full of zeal for the cause of his Divine Master, received in his proper character by a body of missionaries of his own Church, who, with full confidence and affection, ranged themselves under his authority as his servants and fellow-labourers—men of devoted piety, of sober wisdom, whose labours were at that moment before them, and whose reward is in heaven." It may be noted that here, as at many other places, we find people astonished at his youthful appearance, and yet impressed with the simple, easy dignity of his manner.

He left Ceylon at the end of September—"I have passed a very interesting month in Ceylon; but never in my life, to the best of my recollection, passed so laborious a one"—and reached Calcutta on October 21st. He had intended to travel to Madras about the following Christmas, and visit the southern provinces during the cool season; but the great mass of work which had accumulated in his absence prevented this prudent plan being carried out.

Among the many matters he was now busied with, and the letters he had to write about them, we find an interesting record of how he had, as their almoner, disbursed the subscriptions and donations of the S.P.C.K. Noticeable is the £100 in aid of a chapel in a populous