

consequence which some are, but if you possess a savour of Christ you will be a blessing in your generation, and when you die your names will be precious not only in India and Britain, but in the sight of the Lord. The God of all grace be with you."

The noble sentiments so tenderly expressed in this farewell advice would, if carried into practice, be a blessing to the mission and missionaries. The missionary undertaking had to encounter hostility more than once in its early days. A remarkable example of this occurred in 1807. Certain individuals circulated at home pamphlets of an alarming character. Mr. Fuller replied to these, and their attempts were triumphantly defeated. This old spirit of hostility to the missionary enterprise is not dead yet. Although it assumes a different form late years, still it is the same spirit. In the early days of missions the spirit of ridicule was prominent. Men pointed the finger of scorn and called the advocates of missions blind enthusiasts. To-day it is no use to mock at missions, for the God of missions has put down the foot of his power and given success to the effort. Now the criticism is on methods of work, salaries of missionaries, policies of boards, etc. But in every case, ancient and modern, victory has been with the advocates of