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Rev. L. G. Macneill's Lecture Last Evening. THE HINDOO AND HOW WE CAPTURED HIM

ONE of the largest audiences of the season greeted Rev. Mr. Macneill's appearance on the Mechanics' Institute platform last evening. T. B. Hanington presided and introduced the

Mr. Macneill stated that the object he had in view was to ask the audience to make with him a flying visit to India, glance at the country, observe the origin, manners, customs and religions of its people, listen to the old story of its conquest, and endeavor to estimate in some measure the advantage or disadvantage to its people of their present form of government.

He then took his hearers, as on bird's wings, to what has been called "gorgeous Ind, the empress far away in the empurpled east, throrned on the best grandeurs of history, and canopied by sublime tradition." Between the Indus on the west and the Brahmapoutra on the east, between the Himalayas, on the north and the great ocean on the south, lies an enormous peninsula 1,800 miles by 1,500 miles. Should brother Jonathan (who professes perturbation when in England, lest leaving his hotel in the dark he may step over the edge of the tight little isle) visit our Indian empire, he might take his constitutional without fear of consequences. He would find rivers rivalling his own Mississippi, and mountains that would throw into the shade of his own much vaunted Rockies. He would find under the grand old Union Jack an epitome of the world; regions basking beneath the brightest rays of a tropical sun, and others, than which the most awful depths of the polar world are not more dreary.

In our flight from south to north we pass nearly 1,000 miles over the high table lands of the Deccan, including the famous countries of the Carnaatic, Golconda and the Mahrattas. with a population of 100 millions. Parsuing our course northward we reach the Great Plain. Think of a fertile plain as broad as New Brunswick extending all the way from here to Coronto, of unlimited resources and fertility, bearing a population of 150 millions, and you have the seat of India's great empire. Leaving a great desert to our left we reach the sublime mountain range, many of whose heights are 20,000 feet above the sea's level. No wonder the Granges is sacred, born amid the silences of such glorious and mysterious mountain glaciers. Considering all the river does for the Hindoos, there are more unreasonable by which he outwitted his foes, and which idolators than the worshippers of the Ganges. The lecturer then traced the origin of the Hindoos. After alluding to the aborigines,

many of whom still dwell in the monntains, he pointed out the fact that more than 3,000 years ago the nobler, fair skinned Aryans entered India from the Northwest, a race that could boast of ancient literature, their Vedas and Rigvedas, their poets and priests, a race that doubtless belonged to that splendid stock from which Brahmin and Englishmen have alike descended. The Hindoo's forefathers and ours once dwelt together and talked the same language and worshipped the same gods in some spot in Central Asia. Their Rigveda, a venerable hymnal, almost as old as the Pentateuch, throws much light on a race that has greatly degenerated. The manners and customs of this people were dwelt upon at some length, with special allusions to caste. The speaker drew a graphic picture of Hindoo home life, contrasting it with the cherished centres

of Britain's happiness and power in those "Stately homes of England,
How beautiful they stand,
Amidst their tall ancestral trees

words that have no echo in India and touc no chord in a Hindoo's heart. Hindoo marriage customs were described, to the amusement of the audience, and our wives and mothers were called on to thank God for CHOICE ISL'D POTATOES, in the Union Bank of Newfoundland. their liberty and dignity due to their religion. The treatment of the sick, the dying and the

dead was described, and the Hindoo solution of the great servant problem, Brahmanism, the Hindoo religion, and Pantheism, the Hindoo philosophy, were touched upon, after which the lecturer proceeded to the question:

HOW DID WE CAPTURE THE HINDOO? He is ours. It was a great capture. But how was it made? The story, not always creditable, is interesting. Alexander of Macedon tried it and failed. Tamerlane and Babar also tried and failed. Vasgo de Gama and the Portuguese made the attempt. The Dutch took a hand in it. The French also laid envious eyes on the Indian empire, but, as history shows, were unable for the task. England went to India to trade; 288 years ago, 125 English merchants, with a capital of £70,000, obtained from Elizabeth a monopoly of the East India trade, but no land. It was this modest venture that has resulted in the virtual supremacy of England over that vast country from the Himalayas to Cape Comorin. By the end of the 17th century the company was supreme within its own limits, but without any desire to emancipate or civilize India. Circumstances compelled the servants of the company to become statesmen and soldiers. The French were there by their side. The cunning and far-seeing Dupleix formed the daring scheme of founding a French empire, on the ruins of the Mogul empire, then fast falling to pieces. After several clever moves Madras capitulated to the French and Dupleix was virtual sovereign of a large part of India. Then it was that Robert Clive, a youth of 21 years, clerk in a counting house, stepped forth to lay the broad foundation of British empire in India. Clive's youth was described as unpromising. But the clear-headed genius was trusted by his masters to strike a blow at Arcot, the capital of Carnatic. With 200 soldiers and 300 Sepoys he surprised and captured the town, and afterwards with signal bravery held the place against the French and 10,000 Sepoys for fifty days. Meanwhile Lawrence arrived from England and victory everywhere perched on the British banner. The lecturer traced the progress of the war. the cruelties of Surajah Dowlah, the horrors of the Black Hole, the expedition under Clive to punish the treacherous prince, the forcing the Nabob to come to terms, the episode of Clive's outwitting of the clever Omichund, the great battle of Plassy where, with 1,000 Englishmen and 2,000 natives, Clive fought against 60,000 cavalry and infantry, and though only 1 to 20, decided India's fate as a splendid prize to English powers. The results were brilliant-Clive now received highest honor and the "heaven-born general," as Chatham called him, completed the work so gloriously begun before: in a fit of melancholy he died by his own hand in his 50th year. Allusion was made to Warren Hastings, his work, and his misdemeanors, and to the Sepoy mutiny of 1857 and its results.

In one sense India has been conquered; in another, not. Her wrongs, slavery, ignorance, and poverty are unconquered. The people are still unfit for self government, and have not yet been esteemed fit to become sharers in the rights and liberties of other subjects of the Queen. Clive's brilliant victories will not permit us to forget the forgeries and cunning have left a stain on the English name. Hastings' brilliant career is shaded by the rapacity that gave rise to Burke's philippics: We went and remained in India not for her good, but simply and solely for her gain. India's present state, as described by eyewitnesses, is dark. Seymour Keay in "The 19th century" brings a terrible indictment of misgovernment against Britain. We got the country said he by breach of trust, we have taxed her to pay for our eastern wars. We compel her to maintain 25,000 English officials. We wring £30,000,-000 per annum from her to support an army to keep the peace. The people are getting poorer, and yet are more heavily taxed-Land is taxed, salt is taxed heavily. Enormous monopolies are encouraged, vices of opiumeating and drunkenness are encouraged-Millions have starved to death within the past 12 years. Keay's indictment is largely true of Renowned Speciacles & Eye Glasses.

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