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No. 72.—A THIRTEEN MONTHS' BISHOP.*

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SOME men are born with the missionary spirit strong within them. It is an impulse of their nature, and, take with them whatever form it may, it must assert itself. Such a man was Charles Frederick Mackenzie, who is brought before our notice first as a fellow of Caius College,

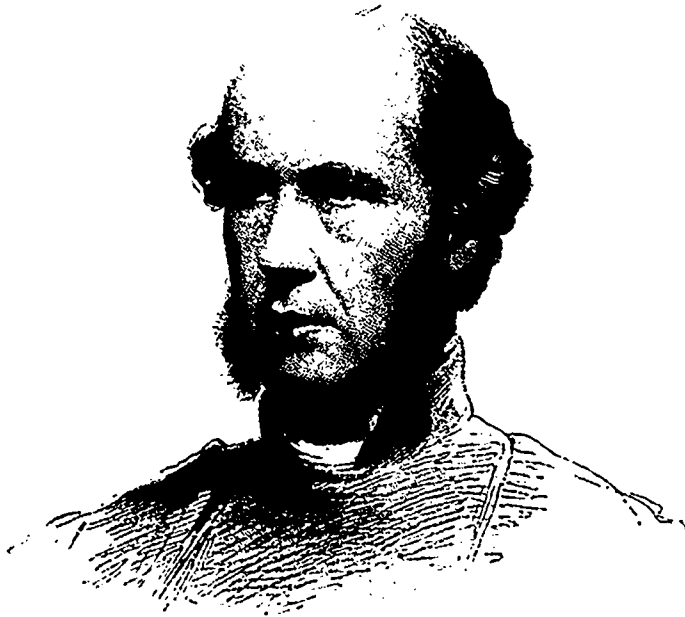
Cambridge, at a time when the attention of the people of England was being powerfully drawn to the subject of foreign missions. In 1854 a mission was organized in England for India, the particular point for operations being Delhi, where preparation for the work had already been made. Two clergymen, Rev. J. Stuart Jackson and Rev. A. R. Hubbard, both of Caius College, Cambridge, left England and undertook the work there. Mr. Jackson wrote back to Mr. Mackenzie urging him to find colleagues for him in England and to send them out to his assistance. Mackenzie undertook the work, but he saw at once that he could not urge others to such a task without engaging in it himself. He accordingly volunteered to go, but delays took place, caused chiefly by his friends, who seemed very desirous to retain his services in England, and with the delay came a change of design, Africa being chosen as a field

of labour instead of India. Soon afterward the terrible Indian Mutiny took place, and Christian people, English people, men, women, and children, were massacred right and left and felt the savage power of a revengeful and fanatical race aroused to the highest pitch of fury. The missions of Cawnpore and Delhi were utterly destroyed, and all efforts at evangelization for the time being were necessarily suspended.

Mr. Mackenzie, therefore, never went out to India; but he did not abandon his idea of

undertaking foreign missionary work, for in the year 1855 we find him in Africa assisting the Rt. Rev. Dr. Colenso, the first bishop of Natal, a name which the orthodox Christians not only of Africa, but of the world have had every reason to deplore. Archdeacon Mackenzie, for such was the title bestowed upon him by his bishop, was at the head of a large training institution at Ekukanyeni, or the "Home of Light," and he had as his fellow labourers two men who afterward imprinted their names in-

delibly upon the missionary work of Africa. One was the Rev. R. Robertson, who afterward laboured in Zululand, and the other was a medical man, Dr. Callaway, remarkable in many respects. In him the missionary, the physician, the farmer, the printer, the ethnologist, the philologist were all combined, and in later life he added that of the priest, and a grateful people bestowed upon him the further office of bishop. It is only recently that this wonderful man, one of the greatest on earth, Bishop Callaway, died



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