

whom not the very smallest of talents could ever have been theirs, and when they have thus received into their spirits that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, then shall they out of a free and loving heart render service well pleasing and acceptable to the Lord, hereafter themselves to be accepted in the Beloved and to enter into their exceeding great reward through Jesus Christ their Lord.

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Deputation to India.

The intelligence received from India during the month regarding the movements of the Deputation has been extremely interesting. Limited space necessitates much condensation of the full materials that have come to the committee. With many causes of deep gratitude to God for the reception the Deputation have everywhere met, and the most beneficial influence they have exercised upon all classes and creeds, there is one element of regret,—the fatigue caused by the great exertions Dr. Macleod has used since his arrival in India, has compelled him to give up his intention of visiting the south-west provinces, including our mission stations at Gyah and Sealkote. He purposes to visit Patna, and, if time permit, Delhi, and other places accessible from Calcutta by railway, but the remaining places on the route resolved upon will be undertaken by Dr. Watson alone.—Dr. Macleod will return *via* steamer from Bombay. We give the following extracts from Indian newspapers and private letters.

From the 'Friend of India,' of 6th Feby., we extract the following:—

"Calcutta gave a dinner to the Rev. Drs. Norman Macleod and Watson in the Town-Hall on Tuesday night. The number present was limited to 150, but many more applied for tickets. The chair was filled by the Hon. Sir William Muir, K.C.S.I. On his right was His Excellency the Viceroy, and on his left Dr. Norman Macleod. On the Viceroy's right sat Dr. Watson and the Commander-in-Chief. On Dr. Macleod's left was the Lieutenant-Governor. M. J. C. Crawford, C. S., acted as croupier. On his right were Dr. Murray Mitchell, a guest, and Dr. Ogilvie; and on his left the Rev. Messrs. Thomson and Roberts, chaplains. The Hon. Mr. Brandreth, Sir R. Temple, and Colonel Norman were present. Ladies were in the gallery. So far as the speeches and the enthusiasm with which the toasts were received are concerned, the dinner was perhaps the most successful ever given in Calcutta. It was certainly the most influential, and Dr. Macleod spoke from the heart when he said he would never forget it. The Bishop was prevented from attending by a conversation in the palace, which it was impossible to postpone. The Rev. E. C. Stuart replied

for his Lordship, and most worthily. Dr. Murray Mitchell spoke most effectively."

In another paragraph of the same paper we read:—

"We can attempt no outline of Dr. Macleod's speech at the dinner given to the Deputation by Calcutta, or rather by India as represented by its highest dignitaries, on Tuesday night. Humour, pathos, and eloquence were all happily blended in it. He spoke of the honour as the greatest he had ever received. He mentioned how the grandeur of our Indian dominion had impressed him—the sight of so vast a continent ruled by a few European gentlemen. He referred to the deservedly high character of missionaries, and the great influence missions are already exercising. He dwelt on the spiritual wants of India, saying that the two saddest sights that had met him in his whole life were one he witnessed in America, where a slave woman besought him, if he bought her to buy her child with her: and one at the Ghaut the night before—a mother dying as she lay amid the plashy ooze of the Hooghly. Dr. Macleod declared that, while he had thought much and worked much for India before, he would henceforth to his dying day do so more than ever. Sir John Lawrence spoke with great feeling."

Again, under the heading of Monday, 3rd February:—

"Dr. Norman Macleod preached his last sermon in Calcutta to a crowded church yesterday forenoon. Dr. Macleod has realized in Calcutta, for a retiring fund for missionaries of the Church of Scotland, considerably over £500. The Viceroy, Commander-in-Chief, and several members of Council, have regularly attended the services, which have been crowded by Christians, European and native, of all denominations."

The following editorial article is from the same paper:—

"Drs. Norman Macleod and Watson, were to have left yesterday for Benares, after visiting Serampore, but we regret to state that the former is prostrated by fatigue. (In a private letter of more recent date Mr. Macleod reports himself as nearly well again.)—In the three or four weeks which they have spent in and around Calcutta, they have arrived at a somewhat adequate idea of the mighty work which both officials and missionaries are doing in India. The presence of Dr. Macleod has cheered many a worker and helped to enlighten many a doubter.—More remarkable than his receptive power amounting to genius, which enables him in a short time to appreciate the merits of abstruse political questions; more striking than his marvellous conversational gifts; more impressive than his public speeches—has been his preaching. That is the perfection of art without art. He spoke as a man to men, not as a priest to beings of a lower order; he reasoned as one who had himself