

...regret the fact of your approaching departure amongst them; and are anxious to assure you, that you will carry to your retirement in England the warmest affections and most hearty good wishes of your clerical brethren, as well as of numerous other friends in British India.

They cannot but reflect with gratitude to Almighty God, on the long course of arduous service which you have sustained, and on the success which attended your efforts for now more than sixteen years, in a field of service before untried in our apostolical Church.

To have been the first principal of the only missionary college connected with that Church in a land of idolatry and darkness; to have opened several branches of the pious design which was proposed by its distinguished founder; and to have witnessed the beginning of the divine mercy in all its various subdivisions of it, is, as we think, no slight object of congratulation.

It seems to us that all the expectations of Bishop Middleton have already been accomplished, so that the opportunities have presented themselves, in your favorite project of that eminent prelate.

You have seen the foundation scholarships filled up; you have established a matured course of collegiate discipline; you have reproduced in India the messages of daily prayers which distinguish our sittings at home; you have guided and assisted in the sittings of the college council, and its ordinary extraordinary syndicates. You have sustained and defended the college during its years of probation, difficulty, and conflict; you have beheld a considerable number of your pupils admitted to holy orders in our Indo-Anglican Church. You have the satisfaction of knowing that some of these youths are amongst the most pious and useful of the servants of Christ in the southern missions of the incorporated society; whilst in the neighborhood of Calcutta, one of the most fruitful spots of missionary labor has been cultivated by those who had been entirely devoted under your superintendence.

In the meantime, several other pious students have left the college, and are learning, in the capacity of catechists, those initiatory duties which may hereafter lead them to become candidates also for holy orders.

There remained only one division of the original plan of Bishop Middleton to be entered upon—the foundation of a native ministry. This has, under the blessing of Almighty God, to whom we ascribe the praise in whatever we commemorate, been happily commenced during the course of the last twelve months. A class of native students, themselves converts, with one exception, from Hindoo and Mohammedan parents, are preparing, under your vigilant eye, for usefulness, as missionaries, or settled pastors, amongst their fellow countrymen around them.

The learned labors which you have in the meantime, undertaken—though too frequently interrupted by the invasions of disease in yourself or your colleagues, and lately contracted by the narrowness of the incorporated society at home, and the reduction of the number of the collegiate authorities—have stamped the name of Bishop's College on the sacred literature of India.

We need not refer to the continued and cheerful aid which you have rendered to learned inquirers in every part of the East. We need not dwell on the series of labors (we might, in some instances, use the word of the Asiatic Society. Nor did we advert to the important Arabic version of our incomparable work, which the celebrated Dr. Pococke began, and which you have, after such a lapse of time completed.

We must be forgiven, however, if we dwell for a moment on that which is attracting the notice of oriental scholars, both in Europe and India—your translation of the Life of our blessed Saviour, in the Sanscrit language of religion and poetry. This rare and difficult, and, indeed, unexampled undertaking, we have, many of us, had the opportunity of knowing, is sought for with eagerness by the learned pundits of India. Nor do we think any more likely to pave the way for a calm inquiry into the nature and evidence of the Gospel amongst the learned classes of Hindoos than a publication

which unites, for the first time, their own admired poetical style, in their own ancient language, as consecrated in their Shastres, with the elementary facts and doctrines of the Christian revelation.

Had you accomplished nothing else, dearest Sir, in India, besides this remarkable work, you would have placed your name, in conjunction with that of the college over which you preside, in the highest rank of oriental benefactors and scholars.

11. We need not say, that we judge it almost impossible to supply your place in many of these respects. Nor can we think of losing you without some feelings of depression. You have, however, been long aided, and your plans will, as far as possible, still be carried on by the Rev. Professor and tutor whom you leave among us; and we trust your successor in the headship of the college may in future years revive our fondest recollections, of yourself. We will also severally endeavor ourselves, under God's blessing, to aid the beloved institution, which you have so long reared and do all in our power, according to our several stations and opportunities, to assist its future principal and professors in promoting that union of vital and heartfelt piety, of sound evangelical Catholic Christian truth, of holy discipline, after the primitive platform of our Anglican Episcopal Church, of sacred zeal in missionary enterprise, and solid and deeply-seated oriental learning, in which the permanent conversion of India is, we are persuaded, so intimately involved.

12. With God is, as we devoutly acknowledge, all ultimate success. But we trust that he will still be pleased, if we are not wanting to ourselves, to vouchsafe us the tokens of his presence. We trust the college will take lasting root in the soil of Hindoostan. We hope that a body of general students will gradually be added to those who are preparing for the service of the Church. We hope that its catechists and missionaries, together with those of other societies in our Church, will lead the way in the illumination of India; that its native students will constitute the seed plot of an indigenous clergy of our native flocks; that our increasing Christian population, of every class, will be at length nourished by the stated labors of a regular body of resident ministers instituted and inducted into regular benefices under the patronage of government, and by the munificence of individual benefactors; that endowments of lands and moneys may render the sustentation of the college permanent; that the collegiate authorities may be allowed to confer; like our universities at home degrees in arts and theology; and that it may finally resemble our English colleges, by being manifestly bound up with the Christian institutions of the state.

13. But into the future we presume not to penetrate, except by our prayers. Our chief object in this valedictory address is to testify our regard to yourself as to the past.

But in order that we may the better unite both the past and future, we prefer an earnest request, that you would allow your portrait to be taken for us by some distinguished artist, as soon as possible after your arrival at home, that we may place it in a conspicuous part of the Bishop's College, as at once a memorial of our affectionate esteem and regard, and an incentive to your successors to imitate your example.

14. We need scarcely add our earnest hope that your health and happiness may be long continued in England; that you may be soon placed in a position there, in which your talents and acquirements may still be source of comfort to yourself, and of benefit to the Church and to the world; that your family felicity may be preserved by the health of your most amiable and accomplished lady, who has endeared herself to all our families, and to all the society around her, in so unusual a manner; and that you may be enabled, as we know you will be disposed, to aid the cause of religion and learning in India, by further labors from the press; by the superintendence of translations of the Bible and Book of Common Prayer; and generally, by your valuable counsels, as well as by those fervent intercessory supplications which we are well persuaded you will continue to address to the throne of the Divine mercy on our behalf.

The Christian Witness (Boston) has the following notice of a remarkable phenomenon:—

Falling Stones.—An account has been received from Brazil, of the appearance of a meteor of extraordinary brightness, as large as the balloons used by aeronauts. It was seen for more than sixty leagues in the province of Ceara; and over the village of Macao, at the entrance of the Rio Assu; it burst with a noise like thunder, and an immense quantity of stones fell from it, in a line extending more than ten leagues. The largest portions fell at the entrance of the dwellings, and buried themselves several feet in the sand. No human life was lost, but many oxen were killed and others severely hurt. The weight of those taken out of the sand varied from one to eighty pounds.

SHIPWRECK.—We regret to have to mention the loss of the brig Resolution, Capt. Jacob Moser, of this place, at Shag Bay, near Prospect, on the night of Monday the 9th instant, while on her voyage home from Demerara.—The vessel and cargo were lost, but the crew providentially saved, although they narrowly escaped with their lives. Had the vessel struck a little farther either to the east or west, it is said that all must have perished. It is melancholy to add, that a person named Fawson, belonging to the neighbourhood, was drowned by the upsetting of his boat on a trip to the wreck, and has left behind him, as we understand, an aged mother and others who were dependent on him for support.

CLERICAL SOCIETY.—The first spring Meeting of this Society for the Western Shore District, will take place, if it please God, at Liverpool, on Wednesday the 16th May next.

REMEMBER THE PRINTER!—We are sorry that too many seem to forget him and his necessities, and withhold their subscriptions. Once more they are requested to pay up all arrears, and Agents will please to forward whatever they have in hand, whether much or little.

THERMOMETER

At Lunenburg, marked at noon—northern exposure.

	Average.	Maximum.	Minimum.
February, 1838.....	27½	41½	12
March,	38½	46	28

☞ The month of April thus far has been very cold and unpleasant. On the 16th, the mercury at noon, was below 30, accompanied by a piercing wind from the North West. And yesterday morning, a covering of snow more than an inch in depth, was spread over the ground.

DIED.

At Demerara, March 12th, aged 26 years, Mr. James Ernst, mate of the brig Mary of this port, much regretted. He is the fourth son whose loss, after arriving at manhood, a widowed mother lives to deplore.

At Liverpool, March 29th, aged 14 months, Forbes Newton Freeman, only son of John Freeman, Esq. Sub-Collector of Her Majesty's Customs of that Port.

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