

THE LATE BISHOP OF MADRAS.*

The Bishop of Madras has recently been removed after a long and most useful career in India. We copy the following notice of him from the *Madras Observer* :

"It is with feelings of the sincerest sorrow that we record the removal from amongst us by death of our respected and esteemed bishop. In our last issue we endeavoured to intimate our convictions of the very dangerous nature of his illness; but we confess we were not then prepared for so speedy a termination. We have informed our readers of the apparently insignificant accident which led to the abrupt close of the Bishop's career. The sad event occurred about one o'clock on Tuesday morning; and his remains were committed to their resting-place, in the Cathedral Burial ground, on Tuesday evening in the presence of an immense concourse of people. It would have been impossible for the community of Madras to have shown greater respect for their deceased bishop than was done on that occasion, Churchmen and Dissenters alike were present.

Thus has closed the earthly career of an eminently good man. Bishop Dealtry has been so long known in India, his character was so transparent and so universally esteemed, that we should be telling our readers what every one knows already, if we were to enlarge on these topics. Of his early life we know but little, except that he was born near Ferrybridge, in Yorkshire. For many years he was a member of the Wesleyan Society, and a Local Preacher in that communion; and to this fact he owed some of the most striking and admirable features of his character. He graduated at Catherine Hall, Cambridge, and was ordained on the curacy of little St. Mary's, in Cambridge. He came out as a chaplain to Calcutta in 1829, and laboured for about twenty years as pastor of the old mission Church, which has the largest congregation in Calcutta. His ministrations during that period were eminently blessed, and he proved himself unquestionably a first-rate parish minister. In 1835, he was appointed Archdeacon of Calcutta, which office he held until ill health compelled him to go to England in 1848.

"Whilst in England he was appointed minister of St. John's, Bedford Row, on the secession of the Hon. and Rev. Baptist Noel, until, in the latter part of 1849, he was called to the see of Madras, and was consecrated in December of that year. He arrived amongst us in February 1850, and for eleven years he has faithfully and prayerfully administered the affairs of this diocese, much beloved both by clergy and laity. In 1858, on the lamented death of that great and good man, Bishop Wilson, he held the high dignity of metropolitan.

"Bishop Dealtry was unquestionably a preacher of the first class,—full of energy, solemnity, and affection. His sermons were remarkable for their skilful construction and richness in gospel truth; and though never eloquent, he was always powerful and effective. If there was one characteristic, which more than any other distinguished the late bishop, it was that he was pre-eminently a man of prayer. Of this we have had personal knowledge, and those who know him best were most acquainted with his

* He was brother-in-law to the Rev. THOMAS BEVITT, now of St. Catherine's.