

ANNALS

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OF

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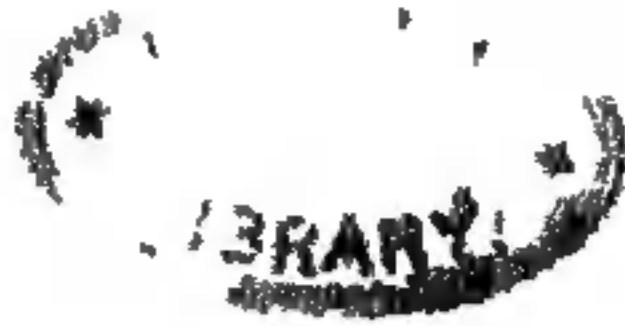
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The Most Noble

THE MARQUIS WELLESLEY, K. P.

&c. &c. &c.

MY LORD,

I TRUST that your LORDSHIP will pardon the liberty which, as an entire stranger, I have taken, in dedicating to your LORDSHIP the following Work: motives of Respect, Justice, and Propriety have impelled me to offer it to your Lordship, as the ILLUSTRIOUS FOUNDER of an Institution, which, during a period of eighteen years, has been productive of incalculable benefits to British India.

May your LORDSHIP therefore be pleased to accept it, as the humble tribute of one, who, for nearly eight years, has had the honor to serve in the COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM.

I am,

MY LORD

With the highest Respect,

Your LORDSHIP'S most

Obedient Servant,

THOMAS ROBERTS

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tant objects contemplated by His Excellency in founding the College of Fort William, than any thing that could be offered in this place and the great advantages, in a Moral, Literary, and Political point of view, that have resulted from the establishment of the College even in its present reduced state, will be fully attested in all the Discourses of those eminent persons, who as Visitors, have presided at the Annual Disputations of the Students.

In this place, it is worthy of remark, that although most of the Visitors are known to have entertained very opposite opinions upon other subjects, yet, with regard to the utility and success of the College of Fort William, they have all agreed in declaring, that it has completely answered the important ends proposed by its NOBLE FOUNDER.

The following extracts however, will place this in a clearer point of view;

Extract from the Discourse of His Excellency the Most Noble the VICE ROY OF BENGAL, at the Public Disputations of 30th March, 1803.

“ It is my duty to declare in the most public and solemn manner, that the Institution has answered my most sanguine hopes and expectations: that its beneficial operation has justified the principles of its original foundation: and that the administration and discipline of the College have been conducted with honor and credit to the character and spirit of the Institution, and with great utility to the Public Service.”

*of the Discourse of the Honorable Sir GEORGE
HAYWARD, Vice-Chancellor of the College, at the Disputations in
March, 1809.*

"On the occasion of the First Public Disputations, held on
the 1st of August, at Fort William, (when the absence of the
Vice-Chancellor rendered the duty of presiding in the assembly
to the Officers and Students), I felt, from my conviction, that the
beneficial operation of those institutions which had been men-
tioned, even at that early period of the Institution, would
be more than amply justified, and that the wisdom and energy which
characterized the progress of this judicious system of public instruction
would be fully justified by the experience of
the successive years, and by the Disputations which of every
successive Disputation have been delivered, by the illustrious
Rector of the College of Fort William."

*from the Discourse of the Right Honorable Lord
MILNERS, Visitor of the College, at the Public Disputations,
in the February 1809.*

"I shall yet have victors to crown with our annual honors, and
that my next Discourses need not be borne either in acknow-
ledgments to the College of Fort William, or in congratu-
lations to the public, on the high and still rising reputation
of that useful and important Institution."

*from the Discourse of His Excellency Lieutenant-
General GEORGE HENRY, Acting Visitor of the College, at
the Public Disputations, held on the 7th August, 1811.*

"I have great satisfaction in observing, that twenty students
are reported by the Examiners and Council of the College, to
have been found qualified at the present Examination, by
their proficiency in two or more languages, to enter upon the
Public Service. This equals the highest number reported to
have obtained the same qualification in past years; and
is quite sufficient to maintain the credit of the College as well
as to provide its continued utility in accomplishing the purposes
designed by it."

Edinburgh,

Extract from the Discourse of the Right Honorable
MINTO, Visitor of the College, at the Public Disputations,
30th September 1812.

“ I have the wouled gratification of closing this report of
 “ College, and its labours for the year 1811-12, by congratulating
 “ that Institution on the continued advantages, which
 “ it has ever, but at no period more than the present enjoys
 “ in the distinguished, I may say, in some instances, illustrious
 “ talents, knowledge and application of its Professors, and
 “ the zeal, assiduity and intelligence of its Officers.”

Extract from the Discourse of the Right Honorable Lord
MINTO, Visitor of the College, at the Public Disputations,
20th September, 1813.

“ The result of every year, during those periods of which I
 “ can speak from personal experience has been uniformly hon-
 “ orable to the Institution and I carry with me the confident,
 “ because well-founded conviction, that with the ability and
 “ assiduity of the teachers of this school; the efforts which
 “ every season displays of labour and talents in the scholars;
 “ the ever-intending experience of the College Council; and
 “ the liberal wisdom which will direct the government of India,
 “ and the supreme authorities at home, the College of Fort
 “ William, as it is competent to all its important purposes, at the
 “ present hour, so it will endure to remote periods, with growing
 “ reputation to cultivate and augment the Oriental learning of
 “ many generations to come.”

Extract from the Discourse of His Excellency Lord MOIRA,
Visitor of the College, at the Public Disputations, 20th
June, 1814.

“ I seize this early opportunity of conveying to you the high
 “ sense I entertain of the numerous benefits to be derived from
 “ the admirable Institution of the College of Fort William;
 “ of my respect for the enlightened views and principles that
 “ suggested its foundation; and of the warm interest I shall
 “ ever take in every thing which concerns its stability and
 “ reputation.”

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Extract from the Discourse of the Honorable NEIL BENJAMIN EDMONSTONE, Acting Visitor, at the Public Disputations, 25th July, 1815.

“ All therefore who unite in the opinion which I profess to entertain, of the great advantages of this Institution, even when considered merely as the means of stimulating and enabling the Civil and Military servants of the Company, to acquire a minute and critical knowledge of the Languages of the East, must anxiously desire its stability; and to such it must be satisfactory to reflect, that the College has been formally recognized, by an act of the Legislature, as well as that the Honorable Court of Directors continue to afford to it their indispensable support, deeming their College of Hertford, as it promotes the study of the Eastern Languages, to be limited only to bestow an elementary preparation for the more efficient and exclusive studies of this Institution.”

Extract from the Discourse of His Excellency Lord MOIRA, Visitor of the College, at the Public Disputations, 15th July, 1816.

“ I am satisfied that the literary spirit of this country must soon have dwindled away until it became extinct, under a foreign rule, like that of our nation, had it not been for the new life instilled into scientific pursuits, through the many public testimonies afforded by the Government of its disposition to encourage and protect them to the utmost, and amongst these, the establishment of this Institution eminently holds the first place.”

“ This recurrence to the subject is however purely gratuitous and unnecessary, for at this time, the benefits of the College are generally acknowledged, and the Institution is in the enjoyment of so well deserved and universal a reputation, that it needs no one to advocate its cause before the public.”

Extract from the Discourse of His Excellency the Most Noble the MARQUIS OF HASTINGS, Visitor of the College, at the Public Disputations, 30th June, 1817.

If any just account of the late examinations at the College are gone abroad, all whom I have the honor to meet on this occasion

" occasion must have come unawares with the necessity
 " which must attend it. It is a duty which we must all
 " fulfil.—Our satisfaction, however, ought to be in the
 " discrimination.—We have but to ask ourselves what
 " we have done, and we immediately refer it to the
 " when the obligation flowed upon our public duty,
 " all men can be thought only able to let; that is, when the
 " fleeting prejudices and interests of the day have passed away
 " their judgment acts, and they discern only what is
 " beneficial.—But there is a main difference between him
 " who perceives and reason yields what is useful, and he who
 " time to secure the advantage, and those who come to a tardy,
 " sluggish conviction when the opportunity has gone by,
 " when at least much indisputable good has been lost in the
 " delay of recognizing it.—To the wise and extensive forecast of
 " the Marquis Wellesley let us, therefore, pay a grateful tribute
 " on a day like this.—Let us recollect what objections assailed
 " the noble Institution which his genius planned: And let us
 " feel with triumph how experience has overthrown the evil.
 " The present exhibition, and the circumstances which I am
 " about to detail, are unanimously gratifying in contemplation
 " of the realization of those generous and patriotic views
 " which dictated the establishment of the College, and has to
 " rejoice in the full success of so elevated a purpose. The
 " knowledge of practical benevolence already experienced from this
 " Institution, attest to once the wisdom of the plan and the
 " merit of the College Officers and Instructors. These Gentle-
 " men have a proud reward in the applause which, they must
 " be sensible, general opinion offers to them."

The concurrence of these testimonies and
 their exalted character, proceeding as they
 do from the highest authorities of the Indian
 Empire; and founded in many cases on per-
 sonal experience, and in all, on unquestion-
 able information, leave no doubt, as to the man-
 ner in which the College has answered the en-
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ned objects of his ILLUSTRIOUS FOUNDER, if any further proof could however be desired, it would be unanswerably furnished, by the present lists of the civil members of the Company's Service, amongst the most able and distinguished of whom will be found all who in the early part of their career, have earned of their present eminence in the stations, which they then occupied in the ranks of the College.

The advantages, which have thus indisputably been afforded by the establishment of the College, and the efficacious aid which it has contributed to the administration of justice and government in British India, are of so great a magnitude, as to throw a shade over the consequences of a less important, though in every and national point of view, no less valuable a character, resulting from the institution; and the cultivation of Oriental literature, and the exaltation of the British name amongst the nations of Europe, may be ascribed to this source.

A list of books published under the patronage and generally for the use of the College, attached to the following works, is here presented; several of which are in the various and classical languages of the East, and a variety of subjects relating to the

ASIANIC SOCIETY,

manners, customs, languages, laws and religions of the Eastern world. It comprehends many compositions widely celebrated in the regions, and whilst it presents to the European student, an opportunity of acquiring knowledge he would seek in vain for from other sources, it secures to the Native of the East, the enjoyment of those means of intellectual gratification, of which, the perishable nature of his manuscripts and the neglect of his rulers, would very shortly have deprived him. The list includes also the result of the labours of many distinguished European scholars, which, but for the stimulus given to literary zeal, by the institution of the College, and the encouragement yielded by the liberality of the Government, would never in probability have been called into being, as would not have given to the subjects of Great Britain that foremost place amongst the Orientalists of Europe, which their honor, as their duty should instigate them to assume.

To expatiate however, upon the utility and importance of an establishment like that, of which the following Annals are collected, would far exceed the bounds to which these prefatory remarks must be necessarily restricted; it is also unnecessary; for those Annals are its best testimonials, and it only remains to
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express as a hope, what might almost be predicted as ■ certainty, that the same proofs of its value will continue ■ conspicuous in its future records as in its past.

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In consequence of the Report of the Committee, the Board of Directors of the Governor-General in Council has resolved to confer the following Prizes on the several gentlemen, as public marks of distinction for the progress which they have respectively made in the Hindoostanee and Persian languages.

HINDOOSTANEE LANGUAGE.

FIRST CLASS.

Robert Waring, Esq. the first prize—a Gold Medal, and the sum of 1000 Sicca Rupees.
 Charles Elliot, Esq.—the second prize—a Gold Medal, and the sum of 1500 Sicca Rupees.
 A Gold Medal, and the sum of 1500 Sicca Rupees, adjudged to Lewis Mackenzie, Esq. deceased since the date of the Report.

SECOND CLASS.

William Henry Triant, Esq.—the first prize—a Gold Medal, and the sum of 1400 Sicca Rupees.
 Thomas Fortescue, Esq.—the second prize—the sum of 1200 Sicca Rupees.
 Thomas Jones, Esq.—the third prize—the sum of 1000 Sicca Rupees.

THIRD CLASS.

John Mackton, Esq.—the first prize—the sum of 1100 Sicca Rupees.
 William Butterworth Bayley, Esq.—the second prize—the sum of 900 Sicca Rupees.
 James Hunter, Esq.—the third prize—the sum of 700 Sicca Rupees.

FOURTH CLASS.

William Morton, Esq.—the first prize—the sum of 800 Sicca Rupees.

David

David Morrison, Esq.—the second prize—the sum of 400 Sicca Rupees.

William Byam Martin, Esq.—the third prize—the sum of 200 Sicca Rupees

PERSIAN LANGUAGE.

Edward Scott Watling, Esq.—the first prize—a Gold Medal, and the sum of 1600 Sicca Rupees.

Charles Lloyd, Esq.—the second prize—a Gold Medal, and the sum of 1300 Sicca Rupees.

A third Medal, and the sum of 1300 Sicca Rupees, adjudged to Lewis Mackenzie, Esq. deceased since the date of the Report.

The prize allotted by the Governor-General in Council, for the gentleman whose proficiency should entitle him to be placed the third on the list of the first class of the Students of the Hindoostanee language, and the prize allotted for the gentleman who should be placed the third on the list of the Students of the Persian language, were adjudged to the late Lewis Mackenzie, Esq. according to the Report of the Committee.

The Governor-General in Council having learnt, with the greatest concern, the melancholy event of Mr. Mackenzie's premature decease, his Lordship is pleased to direct that the prizes adjudged to the late Mr. Lewis Mackenzie be delivered to his representatives, as a testimony of the sense entertained by the Governor-General in Council, of the talents and merits of Mr. Mackenzie, which promised to render his future services useful to the public and honorable to his own character.

The Governor-General in Council further directs, that the usual allowance for a Moonshee be paid, conformably

conformaty to the established rules, to the gentlemen to whom prizes have been adjudged; and also to the ~~un-~~ ~~mentioned~~ gentlemen, who were examined by the ~~Committee~~, to be such as entitle them to that allowance, conformably to the principles prescribed by his Lordship in Council.

FIRST CLASS.

Francis Farquier, John Walter Sherer.

SECOND CLASS.

William Blunt, Charles Patterson, Henry Hodgson.

THIRD CLASS.

Richard Chicheley Plowden, Richard Tanner.

FOURTH CLASS.

Part William Pe-hell, Henry Dimplaton.

NOT ATTACHED TO ANY CLASS.

David Campbell, Gilbert Coventry Muster, and John Kinloch, Esquires.

The Most Noble the Governor-General in Council feels the greatest satisfaction in conferring these public marks of distinction on the several gentlemen to whom they have been adjudged. The merits of Mr. Waring, Mr. Lloyd, the late Mr. Mackenzie, and Mr. Trant, merit his Lordship's particular notice: and he is happy to express his approbation of the diligence of those gentlemen, whose progress has entitled them to a ~~sum~~ equal to the allowance fixed for the Moonshee, which they have entertained.

It is not the intention of the Governor-General in Council to record the ~~names~~ of those gentlemen of whose progress in the language the Committee were unable to make any favourable report. His Lordship is willing, on the present occasion, to ascribe
the

the inconsiderable progress which these gentlemen have made, to the ends assigned by the Committee. The operation of those causes has ceased; and the Governor-General in Council is persuaded, that he shall hereafter be able to recommend to the favourable notice of the Honorable the Court of Directors, the merits of many gentlemen whose names he has not been justified in recording among those who have merited his approbation.

The Governor-General in Council takes this opportunity of expressing his sense of the merits of Mr. Gilchrist, in having formed a valuable Grammar and Dictionary of the Hindoostanee language, and having thereby facilitated the acquisition of the language most generally used throughout Hindoostan. Mr. Gilchrist is also entitled to the particular notice and approbation of his Lordship in Council, for the zeal, ability, and diligence with which he has discharged the duty committed to him of instructing the Junior Civil Servants, who were directed to attend him for the purpose of acquiring the Hindoostanee and the Persian languages.

The propriety of conduct generally manifested by the gentlemen examined, merits the particular applause of the Governor-General in Council, as being connected with that sense of public duty, which has produced in many the most laudable efforts, and which he trusts will ultimately animate the exertions of all, under the Collegiate Institution.

The primary objects of that Institution are, to facilitate and reward the progress of the Junior Civil Servants of the Company in the acquisition of every
Branch

branch of useful knowledge, requisite for the due discharge of their respective public stations: and it will be the constant and unremitting care of the Governor-General in Council, to encourage and distinguish the industry and talents of those gentlemen who shall have a sincere desire to avail themselves of the advantages which will be afforded to them by that institution, under his Lordship's immediate superintendence and control.

By command of the Most Noble the Governor-General in Council.

G. H. BARLOW,
Chief Secretary to Government.

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY

No. II.

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY

AN

ACCOUNT OF

THE FIRST

PUBLIC DISPUTATION

IN THE

ORIENTAL LANGUAGES,

*Holden the 6th February, 1802, with the Discourse
delivered by the Honorable Sir GEORGE C. B.
Barrow, Bart. as the Acting Visitor
occasion.*

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM FEBRUARY 11, 1802.

On Saturday last, the Sixth of February, being the Anniversary of the commencement of the First Term of the College of Fort William, and the day appointed for the Public Disputations in the Oriental Languages, and for the distribution of the Prizes and Honorary Rewards adjudged at the late Public Examinations; the Honorable the Acting Visitor, accompanied

accompanied by the Members of the Supreme Council, and by the Governors of the College, proceeded to the College.

The Honorable the Acting Visitor was met at the entrance of the College, by the Provost, Vice-Provost, Professors and Officers of the College, who attended him to the public Examination Room, where the Students were assembled.

The Disputations immediately commenced in the following order:

FIRST.—PERSIAN.

Position.—“An Academical Institution in India, is advantageous to the Natives, and to the British Nation.”

Defended by Mr. J. H. Lovett.
First Opponent, Mr. C. Lloyd.
Second Opponent, Mr. G. D. Guthrie.
Moderator, Lieut. John Bullie, Professor.

SECOND.—BENGALEE.

Position.—“The Asiatics are capable of a high degree of civilization, as the Europeans.”

Defended by Mr. W. B. Martineau.
First Opponent, Mr. W. B. Bayley.
Second Opponent, Mr. H. Hodgson.
Moderator, W. C. Blaquiére, Esq.

THIRD.—HINDOOSTANEE.

Position.—“The Hindoostanee Language is the most generally useful in India.”

Defended by Mr. W. B. Bayley.
First Opponent, Mr. J. H. Lovett.
Second Opponent, Mr. C. Lloyd.
Moderator, John Galchriest, Esq. Professor.
When

When the Disputations were ended the following Prizes and Honorary Rewards, adjudged at the Second Examination of 1801 were distributed by the Provost, in the presence of the Acting Visitor.

PERSIAN LANGUAGE.

Mr. J. H. Lovett,	Medal, and 1500
Mr. R. Jenkins,	Medal, and 1000
Mr. C. Lloyd,	500

HINDOOSTANEE LANGUAGE.

Mr. W. B. Bayley,	Medal, and 1500
Mr. J. H. Lovett,	Medal, and 1000
Mr. C. Lloyd,	500

ARABIC LANGUAGE.

Mr. J. H. Lovett,	Medal, and 1500
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BENGALIE LANGUAGE.

Mr. W. B. Bayley,	Medal, and 1500
Mr. W. B. Martin,	Medal, and 1000

PERSIAN WRITING.

Mr. H. Dibleton,	Medal, and 1000
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WAGHEE WRITING.

Mr. W. Morton,	Medal, and 1000
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BENGALIE WRITING.

Mr. H. Hodgson,	Medal, and 1000
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ENGLISH ESSAYS.

SECOND TERM.

Mr. W. B. Martin,	Medal, and 1000
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THIRD TERM.

Mr. T. Hamilton,	Medal, and 1000
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FOURTH TERM.

Mr. E. Wood,	Medal, and 1000
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After

After the distribution of the Prizes and Honorary Rewards, the Honorable the Acting Visitor addressed the Students to the following effect :

GENTLEMEN,

The public service having demanded the presence of the Most Noble the Patron and Founder of this College of Fort William, in a distant quarter of the British Empire in India he has been pleased to discharge it by duty to witness this first distribution of Prizes and Honorary Rewards, which have been adjudged under the Statutes of the Institution.

The satisfaction which I have derived from the discharge of this honorable duty, has been greatly heightened by the additional proof of the beneficial effects resulting from this Institution afforded by the public exercises of this day.

Those who are yet but imperfectly acquainted with the nature and objects of this Institution, will learn with equal surprise and satisfaction, that Students recently arrived in India, have this day ably maintained a public disputation in the Oriental languages.

The establishment of the College of Fort William has already excited a general attention to Oriental languages, literature, and knowledge, which promises to be productive of the most salutary effects in the administration of every branch of the affairs of the Honorable Company in India.

The numerous and important benefits to be derived from this Institution, cannot however be fully estimated from the experience of the

of one year which has elapsed since it commenced its operation. But, if succeeding years shall exhibit advantages proportionate to those which have been already manifested, this Institution will realize the most sanguine expectations which have been entertained of its success.

I am happy to avail myself of this occasion to express my satisfaction at the uniform zeal and attention which have been manifested by all the Officers and Professors of the College in the discharge of their public duties. I also experience great pleasure in expressing my thanks to those Gentlemen who have conducted the Public Examinations, and who, by affording the aid of their talents and knowledge, have rendered an essential service to the Institution.

Of the Students now entering on their course of public service, as well as of those who continue attached to the College, I am happy to observe, that there are many who have not only distinguished themselves by their proficiency in the Oriental languages and literature, but whose uniform observance of the Statutes and Rules of the Institution, and whose general correctness of conduct, have afforded an honorable and useful example to their Fellow-Students. I am persuaded that those deserving characters will reflect further credit on the Institution; and that they will continue to exert their endeavours for the attainment of a higher degree of perfection in the different branches of knowledge, of which they have so happily laid the foundations.

I entertain a confident hope that all the Students, who remain attached to the College, will emulate the laudable example furnished by the meritorious characters whom I have described. The Institution now affords to those Students the means of qualifying themselves for the important offices which they are destined to exercise under the British Government in India. By diligently availing themselves of those means, they will proportionally advance their personal interests and reputation and they will also enjoy the grateful and animating prospect of becoming eventually useful to their country, by rendering an essential assistance in realizing the important advantages to be derived from the extensive and valuable dominions which it has acquired in India; and by aiding it in fulfilling the high moral obligations attendant on the possession of that Indian Empire, on the discharge of which the prosperity and permanency of that Empire equally depend.

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*A REPORT OF THE
FIRST EXAMINATION,*

HOLDEN ■ JULY, 1861.

PERSIAN.	HINDOOSTANEE.
1 Elliott,	1 Elliott,
2 Lloyd,	2 Bayley,
3 A. Ross.	3 Hunter,
4 Farnill.	4 Dumbleton,
	5 Metcalfe.

PERSIAN

PERSIA V.

- 5 Pott,
 6 Waulspy,
 7 Campbell,
 8 Cutler,
 9 Larr,
 10 Wylie,
 11 Hodgson.
- THIRD CLASS.
- 12 Mogu,
 13 Hatwell,
 14 Goodwin,
 15 Wemyss,
 16 Hickey,
 17 Larr,
 18 Imrey,
 19 Bancel'er,
 20 Pladen,
 21 Tod,
 22 Sparrow,
 23 Perry,
 24 Rattay,
 25 Vansittart,
 26 Higginson,
 27 D. Mouleson.

LOWEST CLASS.

In Alphabetical Order.

- 28 Fleming,
 29 Grant,
 30 Pechell,
 31 Powell,
 32 Smith

BIBLIOPHILE V.

SECOND CLASS

- 1 Milson,
 2 Hatwell,
 3 Pott,
 4 Child,
 5 Newham,
 6 Pott,
 7 Larr,
 8 A. Rose,
 9 Wynne
- THIRD CLASS.
- 10 King,
 11 Cowan,
 12 Sands,
 13 Rourcler,
 14 J. Morison,
 15 Pator,
 16 Tod,
 17 H. C. Rose,
 18 Goodwin,
 19 Kelso,
 20 Incey,
 21 Chisholme,
 22 Rennell,
 23 Barwell.

LOWEST CLASS.

In Alphabetical Order.

- 33 Blagrove,
 34 Digby,
 35 French,
 36 Gorton,
 37 Liell,
 38 Mitford,
 39 Swettenham.

BENC ALLEE

BENGALIE.

- 1 Hodgson,
- 2 Bayley,
- 3 Lloyd,
- 4 Martin,
- 5 Scott,
- 6 Law,
- 7 Hartwell,
- 8 D Menison.

ARABIC.

- 1 Lloyd,
- 2 Campbell,
- 3 Thackeray,
- Guthrie,
- 5 Laing.

WRITING.

PERSIAN CHARACTER. NAGREE CHARACTER

Scott

Elliott.

SECOND EXAMINATION,

HOLDEN IN DECEMBER, 1801.

PERSIAN.

- 1 Lovett, 1st prize,
- 2 Jenkins, 2d prize,
- 3 Lloyd, 3d prize,
- 4 Guthrie,
- 5 Laing,
- 6 Hamilton,
- 7 Bayley,
- A. Ross,
- 9 Winchhope,
- 10 Hodgson,
- 11 Potts,
- 12 Campbell,
- 13 Wood.

SECOND CLASS.

- 14 Chaplin,

HINDOOSTANEE.

- 1 Bayley, 1st prize,
- Lovett, 2d prize,
- 3 Lloyd, 3d prize,
- 4 Jenkins,
- Hodgson,
- Dumbleton,
- 7 Potts,
- Chaplin,
- 9 Hunter,
- 10 Goodwin.

SECOND CLASS.

- 11 Hartwell,
- Kelso,
- 13 Newnham,
- 14 Sands,

PERSIAN.

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- 15 Wynn e,
 16 Bouchier,
 17 Ewer,
 18 Newnham,
 19 Vausittit,
 20 Hartwell,
 21 Morgan,
 22 H. Impey,
 ■ Wemyss,
 24 Goodwin,
 25 Perry,
 26 Keene,
 27 Sands.
 THIRD CLASS.
 28 Agai,
 29 Morton,
 30 A. B. Tid,
 31 D. Morrison,
 32 Oliver,
 33 Meconclit,
 34 Pechell,
 35 Sparrow,
 36 Paton,
 37 Thackeray,
 ■ Gowan,
 39 Money,
 40 Lushington.
 FOURTH CLASS.
 41 Long,
 ■ Curtis,
 ■ Craigie,
 44 Smyth,
 45 Rattray,
 46 Fleming,
 47 Swettenham,
 ■ Digby,

HINDOOSTANEE.

- 15 W. Scott,
 16 Bonclier,
 17 R. C. Ross,
 18 Wood,
 19 Kennell,
 20 Wemyss,
 21 Grant,
 22 Moran,
 23 R. C. Plowden,
 24 Gowan,
 25 J. Morrison.
 THIRD CLASS.
 26 Romer,
 27 G. Smith,
 28 Agir,
 29 Cole,
 30 J. Tierce,
 31 T. C. Plowden,
 32 Barwell,
 33 Walker,
 34 Station code,
 35 Waton,
 36 D. Scott,
 37 Hayes,
 38 E. Impey,
 39 Sanders,
 40 Liell,
 41 Sprot,
 42 J. P. Shakerpar.
 FOURTH CLASS.
 43 Agnew,
 44 Peter,
 45 Vaughan,
 46 Shaw,
 47 French,
 48 Chisholmo,

PERSIAN.

PERSIAN.

- 49 Higginson,
50 Powell.

HINDOOSTANEE.

- A. G. I. Tod,
50 Malwaring,
51 Maidman,
■ Salter.

ARABIC.

- Lovett, prize.
■ Lloyd,
■ A. Ross,
4 Campbell,
5 Guthrie,
■ Ling,
7 Thackeray.

SECOND CLASS.

- Wood,
9 Potts,
10 Hamilton.

BENGALEE.

- 1 Bayley, 1st prize.
■ Martin, 2d prize.
3 Hodgson,
4 Lloyd,
5 Law,
6 Hartwell,
7 W. Scott,

- Sage,
9 Gorton.



PERSIAN WRITING.

- 1 Dumbleton, prize.
■ Lovett,
■ Lloyd,
4 Thackeray,
5 Newnham,
■ Wood,
7 Goodwin,
■ Romer,
■ R. C. Ross,
10 Hodgson.

SECOND CLASS.

- 11 Morison,
12 Ewer,
13 Chaplin,
14 Vansittart,
15 Talso,

- 16 Potts,
17 Jenkins,
18 Wauchops,
19 Oliver,
■ Paton.

THIRD CLASS.

- 21 Hamilton,
■ Ling,
23 Peter,
24 Cole,
25 Gowan,
26 Shakespear,
■ Keene,
28 Higginson,
29 Wynno,
30 Long.

FOURTH CLASS.

31 G. Smith,
32 Wemyss,
33 A. Ross,
34 Pechell,
35 Sands,
36 Guthrie,

37 Sparrow,
38 Peay,
39 Lushington,
40 Agnew,
41 Miconochie,
42 Vaughan.

NAGREE WRITING.

1 Morton, prize.
2 Hunter,
3 Lovett,
4 Goodwin,
5 Lloyd,
6 Dumbleton,
7 Shaw,
8 Jenkins,
9 Kelso,
10 Hodgson.

SECOND CLASS.

11 Bouchier,
12 Jenkins,
13 Gowan,
14 Barwell,
15 Hartwell,
16 Itomer,
17 Sands,
18 Spottiswoode,
19 Wynne,

BENGALEE WRITING.

1 Hodgson, prize.
2 Martin,
3 Bayley,
4 Lloyd,

5 Law,
6 Scot,
7 Hartwell.

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INTRODUCTION.

ESTABLISHMENT

OF THE

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM.

BY HIS

EXCELLENCY THE MOST NOBLE MARQUIS
WELLESLEY, K. P.

CONTAINING

THE REASONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COLLEGE IN
BENGAL.

Dated the 18th August, 1800.

I

THE British Possessions in India now constitute one of the most extensive and populous Empires in the world. The annual revenue of the Government of this vast province, and the immense expence of the public, are both paid to the European Civil Servants of the East India Company. These provinces, among which, Orissa, and the Company's Territories in the Carnate, North and South, the Becham, and other districts, were by the success of the British in 1702, which were then reduced to, and brought under the power of the European Civil Servants of the Company, are acknowledged to form the most fertile and valuable part of India, and with property, the most fertile, and the most secure, and the people enjoy a large portion of the benefit of the Government, than in any other country in this quarter of the globe. The wisdom and policy of the British Government in India therefore is to be, that the Government should be diffused as widely as possible, as well with

regularly guard them against those temptations and corruptions with which the nature of the climate and the peculiar depravity of the people of India will surround and assail them in every station, especially upon their arrival in India. The early discipline of the service should be calculated to counteract the defects of the climate and the vices of the people, and to form a natural barrier against habitual indolence, dissipation, and licentiousness; the spirit of emulation in honourable and useful pursuits should be kindled and kept alive by the continual prospect of distinction and reward, and merit and honour; nor should any precaution be relaxed in India which is deemed necessary in England. England furnishes a sufficient supply of men, qualified for the high offices of the state, with credit to themselves and with advantage to the public. While it needs a constant succession of men in the several branches and departments of the government, the wisdom and benevolence of the law must provide a sufficient number. Whatever course may be taken by the Government and the Legislature to secure a regular and pure source for the efficient supply of the public service, the Government of our establishments in the East (so far from admitting any relaxation of the discipline and salutary restraints) demands that they should be enforced with a degree of additional vigilance and care, proportioned to the aggravated difficulties of the Civil Service, and to the numerous hazards surrounding the entrance of public life in India.

II.

It is unnecessary to enter into any examination of facts, to prove that the present system of education, as it is, is not now, nor ever was, either in Europe or in India, founded on the principles, or directed to the objects, described in the preceding pages; but it may be useful in this place to review the course which the Junior Civil Servants of the East India Company now enter upon, the important duties of the respective stations, to consider to what degree they now possess, or may attain any means of qualifying themselves sufficiently for those stations, and to examine whether the great body of the Civil Servants of the East India Company at any of the Residences, can now be deemed competent to discharge the various and comprehensive trusts, intrusted to them, as correspondents to the interests and honour of the British name in India, or to the prosperity and happiness of our Native Subjects.

The age at which the Winters usually arrive in India, is from sixteen to eighteen. The relations of friends in England, from a variety of considerations, are naturally desirous, not only to accelerate the departure at home, but to dispatch the young man to India at the earliest possible period. Some of these young men have been educated with an express view to the Civil Service in India, and are completely conversant with the actual condition; conformably to the intention, they have received a liberal education, confined principally to commercial knowledge, and intended to those liberal studies which constitute the basis of education in the English school. Even this limited course of study is interrupted during the early period of fifteen or seventeen years.

11. It would be superfluous to say any argu- ment for the
 benefit of the country by still continuing an education of any
 sort in the interior of the Country, beyond the necessary
 labour, in whole or in part, and a suitable quantity of
 The persons who have received the benefit of the education, have the means
 to find the course of their education interrupted, and they are enabled to secure
 the fruits of a liberal education.

12. But the education of young men, there who education has been
 given, is not so desirable; and it is the only means of educating
 the children of the natives, who are in the interior, or equally pro-
 duce the same result, either of continuing a new and judicious course of
 study, as adapted to their new situation, or of prosecuting that course which
 has been unseasonably interrupted. Not only no encouragement is offered
 by the present constitution and practice of the Civil Service of any state
 to pursue any systematic plan of study, either with a view to remedy the de-
 fects or to improve the advantages of his former education.

13. On the arrival of the Writers in India, they are stationed in the
 interior of the country, or employed in some office in the interior.

14. If stationed in the interior of the country, they are placed in situations
 which do not allow them to know the language and customs of the Natives, or
 of the principles of the law, or of the general principles of jurisprudence,
 or of the nature of the country, or of the nature of the
 Government; or of many of these branches of information combin-
 ed. In all these respects, the young Writers are totally un-
 furnished, they are consequently unable to discharge their duties. In some
 cases, the superior officers, excepting those who are sent from the service,
 leave the young men in the interior, and they devote their whole
 attention to the duties which they are unable to discharge, without
 any effort to qualify themselves for the important stations to
 which they are destined. They remain sunk in indolence, until, from the
 want of the service, they succeed to offices of high public trust.

15. To the necessary result of these pernicious habits of
 inactivity, the principles of public integrity are evaded, and the success-
 ful administration of the whole government exposed to hazard. This has
 been the unhappy course of many who have conceived an early disgust
 against the duties, against business to which they have found themselves
 unequal, and who have been abandoned to the effects of despondency and
 sloth.

16. Even the young men whose dispositions are the most promising, if
 stationed in the interior of the country, at an early period after their arrival
 in India, labour under great disadvantages. They also find themselves un-
 equal to such duties, as require acquaintance with the languages, or with
 the branches of knowledge already described. If entirely employed in the
 interior of the country

ordinate details of office, they are absolutely precluded from reviewing any of their acquisitions, or from establishing these foundations of useful knowledge, which are indispensably necessary to enable them to execute the duties of their present stations with ability and credit. Harassed with the ungrateful task of transcribing papers and accounts, or with other equal fatiguing and fruitless labors of a copying clerk or index maker, the pursuit of useful knowledge cannot be systematic; if attempted in any degree, then it is necessarily and irregular, and their attention to any liberal pursuit is almost entirely distracted by the uncertainty of the nature of these employments to which they may be appointed.—No course of study having been prescribed, the selection of particular books and papers is left to the discretion of the individual, and the most unfortunate consequence is, that the student is without a guide, and the most inefficient manner of acquiring knowledge is pursued.

It is not to be expected that the young men attached to the offices at the Presidency will be able to acquire the qualifications of which it is the duty of the Government to require, if they do not find a more liberal and judicious system of education than that which is now pursued.

It is to be regretted that the Government has not taken more effectual measures to improve the education of the young men attached to the offices at the Presidency, who are now too late to resort to any system of study, if they wish to acquire the qualifications of which it is the duty of the Government to require, if they do not find a more liberal and judicious system of education than that which is now pursued. It is to be regretted that the Government has not taken more effectual measures to improve the education of the young men attached to the offices at the Presidency, who are now too late to resort to any system of study, if they wish to acquire the qualifications of which it is the duty of the Government to require, if they do not find a more liberal and judicious system of education than that which is now pursued.

With respect to the young men attached to the offices at the Presidency, the duty consists chiefly in transcribing papers. This duty, if pursued with the utmost diligence and assiduity, affords little knowledge, and is so fatiguing to the mind, and so injurious to the health, and would be better performed by any Native or Portuguese writer. They obtain no distinct knowledge of the English language, because they pursue no regular course of reading, and are confined to the documents which concern those with whom they are connected. They have no time to understand and read the papers which they are obliged to transcribe; they acquire no acquaintance with the English language, and their knowledge is confined to the words which they are obliged to transcribe. At the expiration of a year or two, they usually remain in the same situation, and are not able to do more than the business is necessarily required of them. They are not acquainted with the Native languages, and are ignorant of the history and constitution of the country, and are not able to do more than the business is necessarily required of them. They are not acquainted with the Native languages, and are ignorant of the history and constitution of the country, and are not able to do more than the business is necessarily required of them.

and in which they fall into irremediable habits of gaming, and totally derange the health and fortune. Some succeed, in the ordinary progress of the service, to employment in which they then incur the same consequences conspicuous to the Native, disgraceful to themselves, and injurious to the state.

19. All these descriptions of young men, upon their first arrival in India, are now exposed to a disadvantage the most pernicious that can be considered at an early period of life. Once landed in India, their studies, amusements, morals, expenses, or conduct, are no longer subject to any degree of regulation or direction; no system is established for the regulation, improvement, or restraint; no authority has been constituted with either the duty or power of enforcing any such system; and they are abandoned at the age of sixteen or eighteen, with affluent incomes, to pursue their own inclinations, without the superintendance or control of parent, guardian, or master; often without a friend to advise or admonish, or a person to instruct them in the ordinary details and modes of an Indian life.

20. The practice of committing the young Writers to the care of friends resident in India, affords no adequate remedy to this evil. Those friends are often incompetent to the arduous and delicate task imposed upon them, and it frequently happens that they may be removed from the spot at which the young man may be stationed by the government, that year may elapse before he may have been able to see the persons appointed by his Government friends to superintend his introduction into India.

21. In the early periods of our establishment, when the annual incomes of the Civil Servant were of a much less extent, and the expenses were more vague and indefinite, the number of the Civil Servants was a good deal smaller than it is at present; and the young Writers, upon their first arrival in India were frequently admitted into the families of the established Civil Servants, or in the private houses of the friends of the Civil Servant.

22. The increase of the number of the Civil Servants, and the view of the numerous and obvious defects in the present system of the Civil Service, that the defects and regulations of the present system of the Civil Service by Lord Cornwallis have occasioned a total alteration in the manner of every private family of the Civil Servant.

23. In cases being limited in number, and no extension of emolument now existing beyond the annual average of the regulated salaries, the tables of the Civil Servants can no longer be open to receive the numerous body of Writers annually arriving from Europe; still less can these young men be generally admitted to reside habitually in families of which the annual expenses are now necessarily restrained within certain and regular boundaries.

24. Many of the young men, on their first arrival, are therefore compelled to support the expense of table; the necessity of the necessary observations, and forms of address, and of expense and dissipation.

25. Under all these early disadvantages, without rule or system to direct their studies, without any prescribed object of useful pursuit connected with

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Professors, after having collected in the last full year, or of seven years, or of twenty, or at least, and after having received a certificate and approval of the Patron and Visitor, and a report of good conduct during that period, shall be entitled to an annual pension for life, to be paid either by the Patron or by the Corporation of the City. The pension shall not exceed the amount of the annual salary received by such Professor or Vic-Preboste, and shall be continued until the death of the Professor, or by any other Professor during the period of his absence. In any case he increased to the limit of the Patron or Visitor.

XVIII. All the Civil Servants of the Company who have been appointed on the establishment of the Presidency of Bengal shall be attached to the College for the first three years after their arrival in Bengal; and during that period of time the prescribed studies in the College shall constitute their sole public duty.

XIX. All the Civil Servants now on the establishment of the Presidency of Bengal, whose residence in Bengal shall not have exceeded the term of three years, shall be immediately attached to the College for the first three years from the date of this regulation.

XX. Any of the Junior Civil Servants of the Company in India, whether belonging to the establishment of the Presidency, or to that of Fort St. George, or of Bombay, may be admitted to the benefit of the institution, by order of the Governor General in Council, for such term, and under such regulations, as may be deemed advisable.

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XXII. In the College at Fort William, four terms shall be observed in each year; the duration of each shall be two months. Examinations shall also be established twice a year; the first shall be in the month of June, and the second in the month of December.

XXIII. Two Public Examinations shall be held annually, and prizes and honorary rewards shall be fully distributed by the Patron in the presence of the Patron and Governors, to such students as shall merit them.

XXIV. Degrees shall be established, and shall be granted to persons who have attained the qualifications for certain offices in the Civil Services of Bengal, Fort St. George, and Bombay; and promotion in the Civil Service shall be the necessary result of merit publicly approved, according to the discipline and institutions of the College.

XXV. Statutes shall be framed by the Governor of the College, under the sanction of the Governors of the College, respecting the internal regulations, discipline, and government of the College; but no statute shall be enforced until it shall have been sanctioned by the Patron and Visitor. The Statutes

shall be printed according to the form to be presented

and the Vice-Chancellor shall be empowered at all times, of his own accord, to amend or repeal any existing statute, or to

the instrument of dissolution, appointments, or removals shall be made by the Patron and Visitor to be reported to the Governor-General in Council to the Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, at the same period of time, and in

shall be printed all the incidental papers of the said

of the said... shall be directed to proceed to... shall have been provided.

It is the duty of the Government to be established in every respect preferable to the establishment of colleges, at both or either of these presidencies. Independent of the... of the said... and of the said... and impediments to the foundation of the said... and Bombay, it is of essential importance that the Civil Servants of the Company should be... and... under the immediate superintendance of that authority which is primarily responsible for the government of the whole of the British possessions in India, and which must consequently be most competent to judge of the nature and prospects of the education which may be most expedient to be pursued in India. It may be expected that the operation of this part of the... will ultimately extinguish all local jealousies and prejudices, and give to the political, moral, and religious principles of all the British establishments in India, which will be derived directly from one common source; the Civil Service of Bengal is unquestionably further advanced in every useful acquisition, and in every respect more regular and correct, than that of either of the subordinate presidencies; from every opportunity is made of disseminating, through out India, the valuable fruits of the service of Bengal, and of extending the benefits of education, which, under the new... may be expected to make... progress at the seat of Government, and to be the basis of the education and... of the Junior Civil Servants in India.

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When attached to the institution, the Junior Servant will have the opportunity afforded them of studying the European branch of the College, or of entering its department of acquiring whatever local knowledge may be necessary for that department of the service, in which (after mature reflection on their own inclinations and talents) they may determine to engage; of forming the habits, and of fixing their principles on the solid foundation of virtue and morality.

60. The acquirements, abilities, and moral character of every Civil Servant may be ascertained before he enters the College, and the value of his services will be ascertained before he enters the service, with the certainty that they will be ascertained before he enters the service.

71. The establishment of the College will be a great advantage to the Government, and may be a great advantage to the Government, and may be a great advantage to the Government.

It is intended that the allowance of every Civil Servant of the first class shall be £1000 per annum, being a great advantage to the Government, and may be a great advantage to the Government.

As a further advantage to the Government, the College will place in the hands of the Government a great number of the best talents of the country, which will be a great advantage to the Government.

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ed or impute the solvency of that institution, whether it has raised
lutional debts and loans, or inspired a more lively hope of the honours
and prizes to be served, of the early and fortunate return of his child

2. With regard to the sum set apart for the expense of the institution,
Governor-General does not intend, without the sanction of the Honourable
Court of Directors, to subject the Company to any expence on account of
maintenance, beyond that which has already received their sanction inde-
pendently of the institution.

3. The Honourable Court have authorized the Government to purchase
suitable buildings, if they can be had on advantage, and if the
expense cannot be so incurred, the same may be necessary to be
erected to the dual purposes of the institution, in strict conformity
with the building, as to the rest of the regulations, will be applied
the purchase of a proper spot of ground, and to the building of
the College

4. I am glad to find that the Government intend to purchase
a piece of ground of the present extent, and that the new school
to be built, and a large piece of ground adjacent thereto. This arrange-
ment will improve the general health of the neighbourhood of Calcutta, and
will afford ample room for every accommodation required for the use of
the College, and for the health of the students.

5. The expenses of the institution will be provided for by a small con-
tribution from all the Civil Servants in India, to be deducted from their
pay. This contribution will be sufficient for all present purposes, and
the addition of the undivided profits to the Moonshie's allowance, and
the profits to be derived from a new arrangement of the government
regulations.

The Governor-General has not deemed it proper, in the first instance,
to subject the Company to any additional expense on account of the institution.
The Honourable the Court of Directors will, however, rather, that
the institution is calculated to extend the blessings of good government to
the millions of people which Providence has entrusted to the
charge of the Company, and to establish the British Empire in India
on a solid foundation of ability, integrity, and loyalty. The
liberality of the Honourable Court will, herefore, be manifestly
towards this institution, to an extent commensurate to its importance,
and produce the most salutary impression on India, if the Court, immediately
after receiving this regulation, are to order the Governor-General to
send to the College with an annual rent charge on the revenues of
the Company, and to issue a similar order to the Governor and Council of Fort St.
George, with respect to the revenue of Mysore, leaving the amount of the
contribution upon each fund to the Governor or General in Council.

6. All those who feel any concern in the support of the institution
in India, and especially those whose fortunes have been acquired in the service
of the Company, or whose connections may now or hereafter look to
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the resources for advancement will indoubtly contribute to the support of the institution, under the sanction of the Court. It is hoped, that a large sum might be raised by subscription in Europe. The Governor-General considered the College at Fort William to be the most becoming public monument which the East India Company could use to commemorate the conquest of Mysore in 1799, accordingly dated the law for the foundation of the College on the 4th of May, 1800, the first anniversary of the reduction of Seringapatam.

78. The early attention of the Governor-General was directed to the Moorish and Malabar Colleges founded at Calcutta, and to the school established at Benares. In the former school the principles of the Mogul Empire and the British conquests in Hindostan, all the public institutions related to religion, education and good morals were neglected, and at length entirely discontinued. The institutions at Calcutta and Benares may be made the means of studying the study of the law, and languages in the College at Fort William, as well as of correcting the defective moral principles too generally prevalent among the Natives of India.

79. An Act passed in 1817 for the improvement of Native Teachers of the languages under the control of the Secretariat Office at Fort William, will be attached to the new College, and the salary will be supplied from this establishment, instead of being left to the private exertions of their own devotion, in hiring such Masters as they can find at Calcutta or in the provinces.

80. The arrangements respecting the Native Colleges, which they contribute to the happiness of our Native Subjects, will qualify them to form a more just estimate of the mild and liberal policy of the British Government.

81. In selecting a Garden Reach for the site of the buildings for the new College, two objects were in the contemplation of the Governor-General.

First, that the ordinary residence of the students should be so near that of the Governor-General, as that they may have the constant means of superintending the whole system and discipline of the institution. The distance of fifteen or six hundred yards, would lessen embarrass the communication.

Secondly, that the College should be removed some distance from the Town of Calcutta. The principle of this objection is self-evident, and requires no further explanation; it is, however, remarkable that the College should not be so remote from the town as to preclude the young men from all intercourse with the society, and at any advantages may be derived from a regulated intercourse with the superior classes of that society; and a Reach combines these advantages with many others of space and accommodation. The situation of the Writers' buildings is objectionable, on account of their being placed in the centre of the town; nor could it have been practicable that situation (even if the Writers' buildings could have been purchased on reasonable terms) to have obtained an area of ground sufficiently spacious for the new building.

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FOR WILLIAM, 18th Aug. 1800

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THE HONOURABLE COURT OF DIRECTORS HAV-
ING ORDERED THE ABOLITION OF THE COL-
LEGE OF FORT WILLIAM, IN CONSEQUENCE OF
THAT MANDATE, HIS EXCELLENCY OUR MOST
NOBIL MARQUIS WELLINGTON, ADDRESS TO THE
FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF
THE HONOURABLE COURT,

TO THE CHAIRMAN.

Sir,

ON the 13th of June, the Governor-General in Council received
the despatch of the 11th of June of the Court of Directors
the immediate abolition of the College of Fort William, and the
4th of May, 1800, in which it is stated that the Court of Directors
had resolved to abolish the College of Fort William.

And then I received the despatch of the 11th of June, in which
you inform me that the Court of Directors have resolved to
abolish the College of Fort William, and that they have
ordered the Court of Directors to do so. I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 11th of June, and
to inform you that the Court of Directors have resolved to do so.

For the purpose of explaining my proceedings in this
manner, it is necessary to direct to the Court of Directors
of the Honourable Court of Directors, with a view to the
character of the College of Fort William, and to the
benefits expressed by the Honourable Court of Directors
and the object of the institution, the College of Fort William, and the
necessity of the abolition of the College of Fort William.

The letter of the Court of Directors, written under the
impression of the existence of a considerable embarrassment in the situation of
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... effect, and by comparison the price of the shares of the Company in India, and the ... to be left to the ... in the operation of the institution ... of the Company.

If the extent of the benefit should prove to be ... and intentions of the institution, ... amount of the price at which ... interest to purchase such ... to convey any property to which ... to the Company's interest in India.

9. The idea of ... Government in India to incur any expense ... an India Company from ... of the ... to the Company's interests by applying a sum of considerable and unknown ... to any ... in India.

10. The beneficial application of any sum of money not ... by ... between the known amount of the sum to be expended, and ... of probable benefit to be attained by its expenditure.

But the sum of money applied to defray the charges of this institution ... their utility to the public, or considered with relation to the magnitude and importance of its objects and actual effect, nor applicable with respect of success to any purposes more beneficial to the interests of the Company.

The expense of the institution at its commencement was necessarily ... increase, than would have proved hereafter, when the whole ... and disbursements of the College should have been reduced to a ... of ... four lakhs of Rupees, and ... would have been exceeded, as the current charges of the ... now fully ascertained, and the mode of managing the institution ... is now the ordinary interest of

... which has elapsed since the institution of the College, expenses have been incurred which ... account of the ... on the 31st October, 1801, amounted to ... but ... and thirty thousand Rupees, after deducting all ... of ... hand, the value of which amounted on 31st October, 1801, to about ... and seventy thousand Rupees.

I have stated that the future current annual charges of the College ... amounted at four lakhs of Rupees from this sum, however, some ... are to be made on account of certain expenses which existed ... to the institution of the College, and which must equally have been incurred if the College had not been established. ... articles are principally the former allowances for Mowshes, and the rent of the ... buildings. The aggregate amount of these deductions would be about ... Rupees, leaving the total additional annual expense to the Company ...

of the current charges of the College, at the sum of three lacs and
 20 thousand rupees.

15. As a late Settlement has been made of the land revenue
 in the province, the expense of the maintenance of the Writers
 attached to the College from the establishment of the Court of Directors
 would be nearly balanced by the reduction of the number of Writers
 of Bengal attached to the College as have completed a period of two
 years in the service in India.

16. The expense of conveying the Writers from the subordinate
 stations to Bengal, would cease, if the Court should direct to stop
 sending, in the first instance, directly in Europe to the College of Fort
 William, all the Writers destined for the service of the Company in India.

17. But the Governor-General in Council has already apprised the Court
 in his letter of 30th July, 1801, that he has actually provided for the
 expense of the College by new resources, on which he has expressly charged
 that expense. Those resources are, the town duties and Government
 customs revived by regulations 5, 10, and 11, of 1801. The revived duties
 already produce an annual sum far exceeding the current expenses of the
 College. The produce of these new duties has been in 1801, twelve
 lakhs and seventy thousand rupees, and is estimated for the current year at
 thirteen lakhs. The mode of collecting the duties has greatly improved
 since the year 1793, and the revenue derived from the regulations 5, 10, and 11,
 of 1801, a new regulation was passed for the better management of the
 collection of those duties on the 1st of July, 1801, in which the produce
 of the duties will probably be increased, while every exertion will be
 made to improve the collection of the duties. The current
 expense of the College therefore is now covered by an additional charge
 on the Company's revenue which has not existed previously to the
 establishment of the present system, and which has already been
 actually produced a sum exceeding the amount of the expenses.

18. But if these resources should fail, or if the Governor-General in Council
 should hereafter deem it expedient to repeal or modify the regulations, the
 present condition of your affairs in India leaves no doubt that ample
 resources would be found, in a great measure, in the produce of the town
 duties and Government customs, to defray the current expenses of the
 College, without any charge on any other branch of the public revenue.

19. The commercial investment is estimated at this year and in the next
 at the highest standard; and notwithstanding these ample allotments for
 commercial purposes, provision has been secured for defraying the
 current charges of the College. Neither the continuation nor the
 abolition of the College would affect the investment in any degree,
 since the investment could not conveniently be augmented beyond its
 actual scale, even if the abolition of the College had already been
 accomplished; nor would the scale be reduced although the
 College should be continued. The question
 therefore on this part of the subject is narrowed to the
 consideration, whether it be beneficial to the Company's affairs to con-
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That the amount of the estimated future expenses of the College is
accurately defined, as it is to be determined, and rendered, as it is
related to the benefits to be derived from the institution, and the financial
state of the College.

It is to be observed, that the expenses of the future course of
education, which will be incurred, with any other branch of
public instruction, and your committee are of opinion, that the
probability of a permanent establishment, and the probability
of a permanent establishment, of any other branch of
education, is not probably more than a few years.
The estimation of the future expenses of the College
is a consideration of great importance, and will be
of great importance to the Government.
The Government of India, and the Government of Fort
William, will not be able to support the
College of Fort William, and lastly,

It is the wish of the Government in India to see a state of a final
settlement, and it is believed that the Government of India, and
the Government of Fort William, and will
afford the means of meeting the expenses of that
institution, and without the hazard of any
other establishment.

In the reply to the Honorable Court's letter, the Court
acknowledges the Government's intention of the institution of the
College of Fort William, and subsequent para-
graphs the Court does not re-establishment, and so what is charged
to, of an institution which the Honorable Court is pleased to do.

"The Honorable Court's letter" is a statement of what it is intended to
do, and it is intended to be a permanent establishment, and the
College of Fort William.

By the letter of 19th March, 1802, which is to be found in the
appendix to the intention of the Government to establish a
College, for the better instruction of the Junior Civil Servants of
the Presidency, and it is reasonable to suppose that a law is now
adopted for the instruction of the Civil Servants on the establishment of
Bombay.

It is the more manifestly the intention of the Court that some esta-
blishment for the better instruction of the Junior Civil Servants, and the pro-
prietors should subsist in India, and though the Court has been pleased to
direct the Government to abolish that institution which has been established
at Fort William, with a view to the same statutory and indispensable pur-
poses. In the letter of the 27th July, 1802, addressed to the Governor-
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tions the more extensive arrangement intended to be introduced in those
cities but that letter contained a reference to the existence of an
order of the Council of Mr. Gilchrist, as furnished to the necessity of
which the Governor-General and Council had declared to be in
contempt of

52. Adverting to these circumstances I should have found considerable
difficulty in forming a just conception of the precise situation of the Hono-
rable Court in directing us to supersede the establishment of the College of
Fort William by the re-establishment of "Mr. Gilchrist's" if the
Honourable Court had not been pleased to state in the 7th and 8th
of the letter of 27th July, 1800, the particular branches of knowledge
of which the Court sufficient to qualify a Civil Servant for the ad-
ministration of affairs in Bengal, and had not thus described the extent and nature of the es-
tablishment which it proposed to re-constitute.

53. But no modification or extension of the plan under which Mr. Gilchrist
was employed in 1799 and 1800, embrace the objects proposed to be
effected by the collegiate establishment at Fort William.

54. It was among the advantages resulting from the employment of Mr.
Gilchrist, that not only the success of his services was highly beneficial to
the extent which it reached, but that the fundamental defects of that
plan furnished rules for my guidance in founding a comprehensive and libe-
ral institution on the ground of practical experience.

55. It was found that the College of young men established at
Calcutta for the purpose of educating Mr. Gilchrist's pupils was ex-
ceedingly advantageous, in respect of which he attracted the attention of his
Teachers, and tended to produce a sense of merit and emulation.

56. The local authority of his great Government could not be immediately
exercised in the same manner as they were in England and did not
neglect, discipline, economy, extravagance, immorality. The con-
tinuous and important avocations of the Governor-General and Council, and the
nature and extent of his station, rendered it impracticable as well as
improper for him to attempt to exercise the immediate discipline requisite to
maintain regularity of conduct and attention to study among such a
large body of the Junior servants. Mr. Gilchrist's measures, therefore, although
highly useful to those naturally disposed to industry and order, furnished no
control or discipline to restrain or correct those of a different nature.

57. The young men of more unsteady dispositions frequented the lectures,
and availed themselves of their leisure in the populous town, to indulge
in courses of extravagance, expense, and dissipation. The limited power of
Mr. Gilchrist's lectures supplied no intermediate and special regulation, pla-
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every species of excess.

65. But it cannot be denied that these objects are of the highest importance, and that they are in the highest degree necessary to the political interests and to the honour of the Company, and of the nation in India, and to the preservation of the efficiency of the service.

66. We never a numerous body of young men shall be assembled for the purpose of study, whatever form of instruction may be devised for their education, it cannot be expected that their attention will be systematically directed to their proper duties, unless the discharge of those duties shall be enforced by an efficient system of discipline and restraint.

67. The principles, derived from general experience, and confirmed by personal experience of the dangers to which the young men were exposed during their attendance in Mr. Christie, indeed the Honorable General Pitt Rivers for the better instruction of your Civil Servants on the subject of a collegiate institution which study should be enforced by discipline, and regulation regulated by efficient restrictions in which, (according to the provisions of the regulation with the Honorable Mr. Coote has been pleased to concur) "under the superintendance, direction, and control of the Supreme authority of the Government of these possessions, the studies of the Junior Servants, appointed in an early period of life to the Civil Service of the Honourable the East India Company, should be directed and regulated, their conduct upon their first arrival in India guided, their morals improved, and preserved." And in which the Junior Servants should be encouraged to maintain the honour of the British name in India, by a regular and orderly course of industry, probity, integrity, and religion."

In pursuance of these indispensable objects, the regulation established the Provost and Vice-Provost and the Honorable Mr. Coote as Council of the superior officers of the College for the internal government of the Institution; and it was declared to be the primary duty of the Provost, "to receive the Junior Civil servants on their first arrival at Fort William, to direct and regulate their general morals and conduct, to assist them in their studies, to direct and confirm them in the practice of the duties of religion, according to the doctrine, discipline, and rites of the Church of England, established by law."

69. The statute also provided for applying the authority of the Provost as regards the moral and religious interests and character of the Institution, by controlling the conduct of the Officers, Professors and Teachers of the College, and for applying the internal authority of the superior officers of the College, "to strengthen and confirm within these possessions the attachment of the Civil Servants of the East India Company to the constitution and happy constitution of Great Britain, and to maintain and uphold the Christian religion in the quarter of the globe." The statute also provided a public table, and required the regular attendance of the officers at that table, for the purpose of precluding habits of dissipation and the statutes also provided the most effective restraints which were devised to prevent Junior Civil Servants from contracting debt.

70. Will out such a vigor and respectable system of restraint of discipline, it is my conscientious opinion, that it great measure would be attended to by the Civil Servants at the very service, by establishing any seminary of instruction which should require the whole body of your Junior Civil Servants to attend the same for any considerable period of time in any part of your possessions; and above all, at the request of the respective presidencies.

71. When the Honourable Court shall have deliberately reviewed the probable consequences of assembling the body of the Junior Civil Servants at each of the presidencies under such circumstances, I am persuaded that the Court will issue a positive command to establish at each presidency, in addition to the necessary Teachers and Professors, some number of the nature of that existing in colleges in Europe, and of that existing in the College of Fort William, for the purpose of maintaining and promoting order and discipline, good morals and religion.

72. Having formed a decided judgment, founded on personal experience, and on the most assiduous and deliberate attention to the state of your services, and of your possessions, that the institutions ordered by the Honourable Court will prove not only inefficient with reference to their proposed objects, but the sources of positive danger to the service, without the additional establishments described in the preceding paragraphs, my respect for the wisdom, justice and honour of the Court, commands the conclusion which I have drawn from these premises. I therefore repeat my certain conviction, that the Court will immediately command each of their presidencies to incur the additional charge, for the purpose of giving efficacy to the proposed system of study, and of saving the younger branches of the service from ruinous courses of dissipation, licentiousness, and expense.

73. The seminary to be established in Calcutta, under the late orders of the Court, would necessarily include all the Writers for Bengal, according to their successive arrival in India: the material reduction of establishment, or of expense, would therefore be effected at Calcutta, if the public table, and the existing system for the internal government of the College should be maintained, although the Writers belonging to the subordinate presidencies be separated from the institution.

74. On the other hand, the internal jurisdiction necessary for the discipline and government of the numerous body of the Students of Bengal, would be sufficient to preserve order and regularity in the whole collective body of Students from the three presidencies. Neither the Government of Fort St. George, nor that of Bombay could compromise its local authority in engaging hourly attention to study, and in compelling regularity of individual conduct among the Junior Civil Servants, attached to their respective seminaries of instruction. If, therefore, the Writers of Fort St. George and Bombay could be attached to distinct seminaries at each of those presidencies, each institution should be framed nearly on the model of the College at Fort William, with similar establishments for the maintenance of internal discipline and control, and for preventing expense and debt.

75. In all these circumstances, the final result of dividing the College, of Fort William into three seminaries, to be established separately at each presidency, would either be to form in each of the three seminaries a more compact and laborious, or to aggravate the collective expense of this triple institution, to an amount greatly exceeding the charges of the united establishment now existing at Fort William.

76. Having thus compared the actual expense of the College at Fort William with the probable expense of the establishment by which the Court has been pleased to supersede that institution, I anxiously direct your particular attention to the benefits already derived to your Civil Service, from the operation and effect of the system of study and discipline constituted and enforced by the regulations, lately issued by the Government.

77. The periodical examinations of the Students of which the regular reports are transmitted (by the Secretary to the Government) will manifestly prove the progress made by the greater number of the Students in the several branches of the Institution.

78. The Examiners, who have always been selected from the ablest Oriental scholars actually in Calcutta, have invariably expressed their judgment, that the general progress of the Students in the Oriental languages and literature has exceeded their most sanguine expectations, as well with respect to the rapidity and extent of the improvement of the Students, as to the accuracy and solid foundations of critical knowledge which they have acquired.

79. A universal opinion is received that the Students of the College now make greater progress in Oriental learning in a few months, than the same persons could have attained in as many years under the former system. The great improvement is attributed not only to the zeal and diligence both of the Professors and Students, but to the number of useful works published in the College for the purpose of facilitating the acquisition of the several languages, and to the unexampled skill of the Professors and Teachers in the mode of instruction which they have adopted.

The voluntary aid of every respectable Oriental scholar in India has been afforded to support the Discipline, and to improve the course of study, and the mode of instruction pursued in the Institution; the respectable and dignified character of the Institution has interested the literary part of the settlement, not only in promoting its prosperity, but in seeking to secure it of a public establishment of the College as an object of high honor and distinction. In this respect the Government, munificent and liberal scale of the establishment, has not only contributed to diminish its current expenses.

81. From the commencement of the institution to the present time, only two Professors and two Teachers in the Oriental languages have received salaries. They have been assisted and supported in the conduct of their respective offices by the aid of learned gentlemen of high cultivation and distinguished talents, who certainly could never have been expected to promote with equal zeal and success the conduct of a seminary contracted within more narrow limits, and of less ample extent, and destitute of the energy and rank

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and many rewards, the encouragement, and applause, of the whole body
of Officers ... India, and the peculiar opportunities of conferring
eminent distinction which the present constitution of the College affords in the
person exercising the supreme authority in India, have excited a spirit of
emulation among the students, as an example in its success and ardour, and it is
propitious to the future progress of these sessions. This happy spirit
is not confined to a few; not to those whose talents, former acquisitions, labours
or character appeared to be the most distinguished; but it is general at their entrance
into the institution; and it is nearly universal in its operation, and un-
limited in its extent; and I trust it is peculiar to you, with that freedom which
I regard for you in its conduct, that the ... (where the Court has
been pleased to ...) has already corrected many of the defects which
found in the younger branches of your Civil Service upon my arrival in India,
has ... a new standard of public honour which ... the general resort of
diligence, order, good morals, learning, and religion. The regulations of
the College for the prevention of habits of extravagance and expense, and
for restraining young ... from contracting debts, have produced a most
beneficial effect; and I have the satisfaction to assure you, after an accurate
investigation of this branch of the institution, that a general disposition
of economy and regularity now prevails among the students at Fort William.
That the principles of discipline have also been established among
them with the happiest success; and that the most salutary consequences
visible in the general conduct, manners, and morals. I have no hesitation
in declaring, that the young men now composing the body of the students at

Fort William afford the most auspicious hope that the local administration of India for several years to come will be amply provided with instruments properly qualified to accomplish all the purposes of a wise, just, and benevolent government.

85. Considerable force and animation have been derived to the principles of the institution from the harmonious contentment between the Students of the different establishments assembled at Fort William. They consider the character of their several presidencies to be deeply concerned in their respective progress and in the public distinction which they respectively obtain.

The negligence and disorder of any one member of the body is felt by the whole, as a common disgrace; and the vigilance of each individual is particularly directed to the establishment and the reputation in consequence thereof involved in the conduct of each individual of the institution.

87. The Students of Fort St. George and Bombay have also been to the advantage of pursuing the studies under the immediate inspection of the Governor General, and of the chief public officers of the Supreme Government. It is difficult to describe the degree of alacrity and zeal, with which this circumstance alone has inspired the Students from the subordinate presidencies, many of whom (it is a matter of satisfaction and just pride to me to assure you) have attained the highest distinctions in the College, and have rivalled the most eminent examples of merit among the Civil Servants of Bengal.

88. By the influence of these powerful causes, a general attention to Oriental languages, literature, and knowledge, has been excited, far beyond the limits of the institution; and the pursuit of these laudable objects has been fully encouraged among many of your Civil Servants, who could not be admitted within the rules of the College.

The Students of Fort St. George and Bombay have also manifested the most favourable disposition to avail themselves to the fullest extent of the benefit of an unity of instruction in the principles and practice of the Government of Bengal. To this peculiar and most advantageous advantage of the present institution, I request your most serious attention. The administration of the Government of Bengal in all its branches may justly be considered to turn about the most desirable model for each of the subordinate presidencies. The prosperous issue of the late war in Mysore, combined with the happy result of various political negotiations of the Peninsula, has extended the limits of the territorial possessions under the Government of Fort St. George to a magnitude, which equals that of its dominions administered under the immediate authority of this presidency. At this moment the Government of Fort St. George is employed in the duty of establishing the foundations of a new constitution, of a new code of laws and regulations, and of an entirely new distribution of the executive, legislative, and judicial functions of that extensive and arduous Government.

89. The functions of the Government of Bombay have recently received a proportionate extension, and the Civil Servants of the establishment of Bombay

may be now by his to some of the important offices, under the immediate control of the Government at Fort St. George.

90. In the present state of the utmost importance to the Government of the British India, that the spirit and character of the service in Bengal should be infused into the administration of their respective Governments.

91. This salutary effect has already been produced with the utmost degree of facility and security to the extent of the proportion of each subordinate establishment now attached to the College of Fort William. Many of those young gentlemen of the highest promise, of the most extensive knowledge, and of the purest principles, acquired, formed, or confirmed under this institution; and I doubt not that they will carry with them upon their return to their respective presidencies, the fruitful seeds of reform and improvement for the benefit of each of those yet imperfect systems of administration.

92. The advantages described in the preceding paragraphs are neither doubtful, remote, or contingent. Their existence has already been ascertained by public proofs; and to the extent, which they have reached, they must produce correspondent effects on the public service at each of the presidencies. It is at least questionable whether, under the proposed system of establishing three distinct seminaries for the instruction of the Civil Service in Bengal, Fort St. George, and Bombay, any of these advantages can be attained to an equal extent; it is certain that under the new system, many of the benefits of the existing institution will be found unattainable to the same extent, and some of the most important, utterly unattainable in any degree.

93. No person acquainted with the actual state of India, can suppose that the president or council of Fort St. George or of Bombay can furnish means of instruction in the Arabic, Persian, or Hindoostanee languages, or in the system of the laws and regulations for the Government of India, equal to those now afforded by the College of Fort William; nor can it be imagined that either of the subordinate presidencies can afford a supply of learned men to the extent which has been so beneficially obtained at Calcutta.

94. With respect to the study of the vernacular languages within the dominions of each of the subordinate presidencies, the study of these languages may be systematized, and the same advantage at Fort William, as the seats of the three presidencies; the study of the elements of those vernacular languages may not supersede the acquisition of those essential principles of grammar and knowledge, and of the spirit and general construction of those languages, which should form the basis of the education of every gentleman who enters the College of Fort William the pursuit of which may be advantageously combined; and the degree of attention to be bestowed on each particular language may be properly apportioned, according to the views and destination of the Student, under the superintending authority of the College.

85. In the letter of the Honourable Court of 27th January, 1802, no objection occurs with respect to the necessity of studying the Sanskrit dialect; but I am satisfied that a due enquiry into that branch of the question will convince the Honourable Court, that the study of the Sanskrit is absolutely necessary to those who wish to obtain a correct knowledge of the Hindoo law, of the manners, customs, usages, and religion of the Hindoos; the study of this most ancient language appears to be peculiarly necessary to the Civil Servants at Fort St. George and Bombay.

86. The Sanskrit dialect being the source and basis of the principal vernacular dialects prevalent in the Peninsula, a knowledge of the Sanskrit must form the basis of a correct and perfect knowledge of those vernacular dialects. But it would be difficult if not impracticable to present to supply means of instruction in the Sanskrit language at either of the subordinate presidencies, in any degree approaching to the advantages in that branch of study which can now be furnished at Fort William: this eminent advantage, added to the facility of collecting at Fort William the best teachers of the several vernacular dialects of the Peninsula, is open to the Writers of Fort St. George and Bombay, a most favourable prospect of obtaining a correct fundamental and systematic knowledge of the vernacular dialects of the Peninsula at Fort William, than could be now expected at their respective presidencies.

87. A source of instruction in Oriental literature actually exists at Fort William, which could not be procured without great difficulty and expense at either of the subordinate presidencies. This advantage consists in the extensive and valuable collection of Oriental manuscripts, comprising the library of Tipoo Sultan, and various other collections, some of which have been purchased, and others presented to the institution. The present causes of the extraordinary spirit of emulation which prevails among the whole body of the Students from the three presidencies, could not be supposed to operate with equal force, when the body of the Students shall be broken and distributed partially in three distinct and remote seminaries at their respective presidencies.

88. The abatement of this spirit in any degree would be injurious not only to the Students from the subordinate presidencies but to those of Bengal. It is however reasonable to conclude that the evil consequences of the separation of the Students would be most injuriously felt at Fort St. George and Bombay. The Students from those settlements now justly conclude that their promotion at Fort William, by bringing their individual merits immediately under the eye of the Governor-General, opens a new field of honourable ambition to their interests, and a more enlarged prospect of distinction and fame to their ambition.

89. Various offices, connected with diplomatic stations, and with other employments principally of a political description, must necessarily remain under the immediate authority and appointment of the Supreme Government.

90. The various offices of a civil nature, and of a subordinate description, which are now filled up by the Government of Fort St. George and Bombay, should be filled up by the Government of Fort William.

In the ... the ... of ... are equally eligible ... the ... of the ... at Calcutta ... the ... of their studies at the College of Fort William, and of its merits fully recorded on the proceedings of the Supreme Government.

101. But the most important benefits which will be derived by the separate establishments at the subordinate presidencies, are the uniform education and instruction of the whole body of the Civil Service, and the system of political, moral, and religious principles, which will be diffused throughout all the British territories under the immediate superintendance of the supreme authority.

102. It has been a principal object of my attention to ... to consolidate the interests and ... of the three presidencies, to promote in each of them a common spirit of attachment to the prosperity and honour, to assimilate their principles, and views to their respective honours by such means, might secure their co-operation in the common cause, and might facilitate the management of this extensive Empire in the hands of the Supreme Government of India. I am firmly convinced that a more intimate union of the three establishments is essential not merely of good policy, and of great economy of expenditure, but also a duty to the stability of the Empire.

103. The general principles of Government ... to every part of the ... with most advantage at the ... of power ... to the ... of the Empire ... proportion to the ... and ... head of a ... and the ...

104. The same advantages will be derived under an united Institution in preserving the attachment of the ... to the political, moral, and religious principles of the ...

105. This topic has already been stated by me in my ... of August, 1800. I remain in a firm conviction, founded on the experience attained of the effects of the College of Fort William, and the nature and condition of both subordinate presidencies, that the continuance of the institution of Fort William will produce upon the general character and efficiency of your Civil Services by the diffusion of just and correct principles of sound knowledge, and of a general spirit of subordination and harmony, salutary effects unattainable under any other of education which shall separate the Writers from their first arrival in India, and shall confine them, in detached divisions, to study the local principles, contracted knowledge, and characteristics, prejudices and spirit of their respective settlements.

106. These considerations have satisfied my judgment, that the benefits actually derived and reasonably to be expected from the separation of the pre-

sent institution, are and must be great, and to any advantage, which can be expected from the most complete success of the three seminaries proposed by the Honourable Court; while the probable expenses of the proposed system must considerably exceed those of the College at Fort William.

107. In directing the immediate abolition of the College of Fort William, the letter of the Honourable Court of the 27th January, 1802 appears to acknowledge with approbation the liberal and enlightened spirit of the institution, the just principles on which it is founded, and the important ends to which it is directed.

108. The objections stated by the Court against the continuance of the establishment are apparently confined to its expense, and to the pressure of that charge on the present circumstances of the Company's finances in India.

109. Possessed therefore of the Court's approbation of the general principle and objects of the institution; having actually experienced and ascertained its beneficial effects; being satisfied that its expenses could be discharged without inconvenience to any branch of the Company's affairs; and without any degree of pressure on the finances of the Company in India; being further convinced, that the plan of instruction proposed by the Court in supersession of the College would exceed the expense which the Court had condemned, and would expose to hazard the principles which the Court had approved; I might have deemed it to be my duty, under such circumstances, to suspend the execution of the commands of the Court for the abolition of the College, to refer the question to the further pleasure of the Court, and to request that the Court would be pleased to renew the consideration of orders, the declared foundation of which has been entirely removed by the happy change effected in the financial situation of the Company in India.

110. But although the first view of my duty might have suggested the propriety of such reference, the peculiar character and spirit of the Court's commands on this unhappy occasion, and the nature of the institution, (intimately blended with the general subordination of the service,) seemed to me to require that I should proceed immediately to the public abolition of the institution, in a full and necessary submission to the controlling authority of the Court of Directors, and in a testimony of the obedience due to the superior power, placed by law in the government at home. I therefore passed an order in Council (on 24th of June) directing that all expenses incurred on account of the College of Fort William should cease, and that the institution should be abolished; at the same time I repealed the regulations enacted for the foundation and management of the College, together with all statutes and orders, enacted or passed by the Governor-General in Council, or by the Visitor, for its discipline and government: but a most serious and difficult question arose with regard to the time when the abolition of the College and the repeal of the regulations should take effect, and also when all the expenses of the College should cease, and when the Students collected at Calcutta from the subordinate presidencies should be returned to their respective settlements.

111. The determination of this question involved principally all things relating to the welfare, future prospects, and just expectations of the State, and also the consideration due to the situation of the Professors and Teachers, and of the numerous learned Natives attached to the institution.

112. If in pursuance of the orders of the Honourable Court, contained in the ninth paragraph of their letter, "all expenses hitherto incurred by the Council of the College had immediately ceased," the whole system of discipline and order, hitherto maintained by that expense, must of course have been instantaneously and abruptly dissolved, and the numerous body of students, now assembled at Fort William, must have been suddenly exposed to all the evils incident to an uncontrolled and unrestrained residence in this populous town, until means could have been found of employing them at distant stations, or of returning them to their several establishments.

113. This sudden dissolution of discipline would have acted with most dangerous and protracted effect on Students from the subordinate provinces, who could not conveniently have returned thither for some time.

114. The revival of Mr. Glechrist's lectures on the former plan, which I have afforded no remedy to these evils; in order to preserve the young men from exceptionable habits, the controlling authorities of the College must have been revived at the same time. The restoration of these authorities would in fact have restored the whole institution, together with all the expenses which the Court had ordered immediately to cease. No alternative therefore remained between the instantaneous abolition of the whole institution, and its continuance, with all its present establishments, until the period of time should have elapsed, during which it might appear to be necessary and just to detain the great body of the Students at Calcutta. And here it is with pain and regret that I feel myself bound by the most sacred obligation of duty to claim your attention to the consequences which the immediate execution of the Honourable Court's order have produced upon the honorable and equitable pretensions of the promising young men now attached to the College. Some of these meritorious Students have voluntarily relinquished their respective presidencies, and have resigned eligible situations, with the laudable motive of prosecuting their studies in the College for the present term. These Students would have completed their course in December next; they expected to receive the reward of their labours at the public examination to be holden at that period of time. As they were awarded rank at that examination, they rested their hopes of promotion at their respective presidencies; and they have been further encouraged by the animating hope of seeing, at that occasion, the record of their merits, and the honour of their success publicly entered in the proceedings of the Supreme Government, and of being distinguished by the personal approbation of the Governor-General in Council.

115. Every principle of wise policy, every real and legitimate interest of the Company forbids, that the industry of a numerous body of the Junior Civil Servants

Servants should be d... the honorable ambition frustrated, and their active and liberal... at our disposal... fair hopes of distinction which they had... taught... by the laws and orders of this Government, and... preceding example of successful labour, and rewarded study.

116. In addition to the... of a wise policy, the considerations of justice and of humane... the interests and feelings of these young men appeared to require that the Government should not abruptly interpose... sudden act of authority... the term... of their studies and the season of their reward... would not be strictly conformable to the principles of justice, that the Government should have excited among these young men a spirit of diligence and attention to the pursuit of Oriental knowledge, under... public pledge of... to them, at stated periods of time, special honours and... their respective progress and that the same authority... intervene to deprive the students of the promised... of the...ors

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cient means of instruction... the principal objects of their collegiate course. Some... before any institution, at either of the sub-

122 These considerations will be taken and, that, as it respects the value of the education of the young men, it is not to be neglected, the first object of the College of Fort William should be gradually, and that in a judicious manner, to be finally extended only to the month of December, 1802, when the great majority of the students now attached to the College will have completed the course, which they have so successfully pursued.

123 It is to be hoped, that such of the institution might also be decided by the Council, the several learned Professors and Teachers, who have been called to this situation, and pursued to assist in the manner intended, and to their present establishment. It would be equally consistent with true wisdom, and with the liberal spirit which has ever distinguished the conduct of the Company in the encouragement of Oriental literature and science, to disengage these gentlemen from their high stations with a high degree of respect, as might involve their personal embarrassment, and might bear the appearance of harshness and disrespect.

124 Most of the gentlemen have devoted their entire time and labour to promote the objects of the institution, and have withdrawn their attention from every other pursuit; it would not be just to deprive them suddenly of salary, which may be considered as some degree of a remuneration for past exertions, and a compensation for the relinquishment of other avocations.

125 The assiduity and learning of these gentlemen have produced several works in Oriental languages and literature which have been published since the commencement of the institution, and which have greatly facilitated the acquisition of the same. Their works are now in a considerable degree of progress, some works of this nature are actually in the press. At present the Professors and Lecturers of the Persian, Arabic, Hindustani, Bengali, and Sanskrit languages, are each employed in composing grammars or dictionaries, and in making translations or compilations for the use of the Students.

126 It is probable that the greater part of these works will be completed in the course of a year. No cause inferior to the pressure of absolute necessity would justify your Government in the sudden dismissal of a body of learned men, whose labours are now employed with such activity to the public service, and the continuance of whose exertions in the same field promise to produce such fruits.

127 Many learned Natives are now attached to the institution, who have been invited to Fort William by special authority from distant parts of Asia. These respectable persons have been encouraged, by the prospect of pecuniary and honorary rewards, to undertake works of great utility for the use of the College. They also render considerable service to the Professors and Teachers in the ordinary duties of the several classes. The expense of reward to these persons according to their labours is in proportion to the progress of the young men. The sudden dismissal of the learned Natives attached to the College would therefore be an act of manifest injustice on the grounds already stated; it would also be an act of the most flagrant

the Director Civil Servants to be held at each of the decay during the ensuing year, and I shall pass such regulations as may be calculated to protect the Company against any possible expense from the neglect of the Writers at each Presidency. I am also ever aware that some inconvenience must necessarily attend the detention of these young men at their respective Presidencies until the further pleasure of the Court upon the whole subject shall be communicated to His Government. But this inconvenience is inseparable from the nature of the case; viewed in its utmost possible extent, it admits of no comparison with the important considerations already stated in this letter.

194. Among the motives which induced me to protract the existence of the Institution in December, 1803, I have dwelt with considerable expectation on the opportunity which this delay will afford to the Honourable Court of reviewing the considerations which dictated the order of the 27th January, 1802, of directing to the fact and arguments submitted in this letter, and of estimating the result of the important enquiries related in the situation of affairs in India since the date of those advices, which had reached the Court in the month of January, 1802, and which appears to have formed the foundation of the Court's letter of the 27th of that month.

195. The Honourable Court, after the receipt of this despatch will be enabled to proceed to a final decision of this important question, with information amply sufficient to illustrate all its essential parts; and if the immediate result of the Court's matured deliberation should be to command this Government to accelerate the abolition of the College, and to demand that it be done at any period of time earlier than the 31st December, 1803, you may be assured that in the arduous situation which I now hold I would manifest a strong disposition to obey the order which would be founded on a full knowledge of the state of local circumstances in India, and of all the motives which would justify or oppose its conduct.

196. In such an event, I should certainly discharge my duty with promptitude and dispatch; but I must have renounced the fixed convictions of my judgment, and I must have extinguished the warmest sentiments of my heart, before I could discharge such a duty without suffering the most severe pain and regret, in reflecting on the public benefits which must flow from the establishment of this institution, and the public calamities which must attend its abolition.

197. The objects proposed by the institution are the most interesting, comprehensive, and important which could be embraced in any public establishment; and their accomplishment is absolutely requisite for the good government and stability of the Empire, and for the maintenance of the interests and honour of the Company and of the nation in India.

198. Many of these objects have already been accomplished by the effects of the Institution under the auspices of His Government, and all of them promise to be secured by the continuance and stability of the present system of discipline and study.

139. With such experience, and with such prejudices, I can not abandon the hope, that the representation I submit to you in this letter, may give the means of indicating the real value of the College of Fort William, the INEVITABLE ADVANTAGE which must be destroyed by the destruction of the College of Fort William, and the consequent abolition of the College of Fort William TO REMAIN UNALTERED, that I have the honour of referring you to the Court to conduct a detailed view of the institution, and of submitting to you such observations as may be necessary to execute its full duty, in the whole plan.

140. The expense of the institution is greatly overburdened by the importance and magnitude of its business, and I should be very glad to respect as well as of justice towards the East India Company, if I could suggest that the Court Directors, with a knowledge of the objects and principles of this institution, will not be able to see the actual success, and I now admit an opinion, that the sum of money, which is applied to the charges, might be applied to any purposes more beneficial to the interests of the Company in India.

141. I therefore close this letter, with a perfect confidence that the Honourable Court will bestow its aid and its positive command in the continuation of the College of Fort William until further orders, and although my resignation of the office of Governor-General precludes the hope of my being employed as the instrument for procuring this important benefit to these valuable dominions, I shall nevertheless embark from India with a firm reliance, that my successor will execute the salutary orders of the Honourable Court for the better regulation of the College of Fort William with the same sentiments of zeal for the public service, and of attachment to the public interests and honour, which induced me to found this institution.

I have the honour to be,
with the greatest respect and esteem,
Sir,

Your most obedient and faithful Servant,

WELLESLEY.

Fort William, 5th August, 1802.

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ANNALS

OF THE

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM.

No. 1.

THE following MINUTES OF COUNCIL, containing a Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Junior Civil Servants of the Honorable Company, together with the names of those Gentlemen upon whom Prizes were conferred by the Most Noble RICHARD, MARQUIS WELLESLEY, GOVERNOR-GENERAL, IN COUNCIL, as public marks of distinction for the progress made by them in the Hindoostanee and Persian Languages respectively, are inserted here, it being the first occasion upon which Prizes were distributed.

FORT WILLIAM, PUBLIC DEPART. AUG. 17, 1800.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL.

The Most Noble the Governor-General in Council has been pleased to direct that the following Report be published.

Report

Report of the Committee appointed to ascertain the progress made in the Hindoostanee and Persian Languages by the Junior Civil Servants of the Company, who were directed to attend Mr JOHN GILCHRIST for instruction in those Languages.

*To the Most Noble MARQUIS WINDSOR, K. P.
Governor General in Council.*

MY LORD,

1 Agreeably to the commands of your Lordship in Council, we assembled on the 21st, 22d, 23d, 24th, and 25th inst. for the purpose of examining the Junior Civil Servants of the Company, who were ordered by your Lordship to attend Mr. Gilchrist for instruction in the Hindoostanee language.

2. We also examined such of the Civil Servants as had studied the Persian language under Mr. Gilchrist, and expressed a desire to be examined with respect to their progress in that language, under the option given by your Lordship, for the present, to the students of the Persian language, of undergoing or declining an examination.

3. The Civil Servants who were required to attend Mr. Gilchrist for instruction in the Hindoostanee language, were arranged as follows :

First, The students who regularly attended Mr. Gilchrist, and were attached by him to particular classes.

Secondly, The students who, from indisposition or other causes, had not attended Mr. Gilchrist with sufficient regularity to admit of their being attach-

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ed progressively to the established classes, but who appeared before the Committee to undergo an examination.

Thirdly, The Civil Servants who have not undergone an examination.

4. The students of the first description consisted of four classes. The students composing these classes had been progressively attached to them at different periods by Mr. Gilchrist, according to the proficiency which they had made in the language.

5. A separate form of examination was prepared for each class, and the students in each class were examined according to that form.

6. The accompanying Report, marked No. 1*, contains a statement of the comparative proficiency of the several students in each of the four classes, and is in conformity with the opinion of the Committee.

The report also specifies the periods during which the gentlemen included in each class were respectively engaged in the study of the language. It is accompanied by Mr. Gilchrist, with such other circumstances as were considered to us necessary to enable your Lordship to form a judgment of the comparative merits and exertions of the several students.

The gentlemen who compose the second description of students, being in general under different circumstances, no uniform mode of examination could be observed with regard to them. These gentlemen were examined partly on general questions

* This and the following Reports, Nos. 2, 3, and 4, it is not deemed requisite to insert in this Work.

ons of grammar, and partly under a consideration of their respective cases, according to the forms of examination prescribed for the 2d, 3d, and 4th class of the first description of students.

9. The Report, No. 2 shows the comparative proficiency of these gentlemen in the Hindoostanee language, according to the opinion of the Committee. This report also contains a detail of such circumstances as appear to us necessary to state, with a view of enabling your Lordship to form a judgment of the comparative merits and exertions of the several gentlemen who compose this description of student.

10. The Report, No. 3, exhibits the names of the gentlemen comprised under the third description of Civil Servants required to attend Mr. Caldwell; and contains such information as has come before us regarding the cause of their not attending to be examined, with other particulars respecting which appears to us to require your Lordship's consideration.

11. Mr. Waring, Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. Macenzie were the only gentlemen who requested to undergo an examination in the Persian language. The Report, No. 4, will show their comparative proficiency, according to the opinion of the Committee.

12. Your Lordship having directed it to be intimated to the Committee, that not only the gentlemen on whom you might deem it proper to confer prizes or rewards, but also all the students who might appear to the Committee to have made an adequate progress in the Hindoostanee language, should

should receive the usual allowance for a Moonshce. We have noticed in our reports, the students who appear to us to be entitled to that allowance, under the principle prescribed by your Lordship.

13. Having submitted to your Lordship our opinion as to the comparative progress made in the languages by the several gentlemen who were required to attend Mr. Culchist, it remains to state our sentiments as to the degree of that progress.

14. The institution superintended by Mr. Culchist, did not commence its operation until February, 1799.

15. Our duty has compelled us to arrange the students in the first class, in the order in which we have placed them. But we have great satisfaction in acquainting your Lordship, that all the gentlemen in this class, without exception, manifested a knowledge of the Hindoostance language, which has surpassed our expectation, not only to its extent, and its correctness, both with respect to grammar and pronunciation.

16. Mr. Waring, Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. Mackenzie, the three gentlemen in the first class who underwent an examination in the Persian language, appear to us entitled to particular notice, for having, while engaged in the study of the Hindoostance language, made a very considerable progress in the Persian language.

17. The preceding observations with respect to the progress made by the first class in the Hindoostance language, are applicable (with due allowance for the period of study) to a great proportion of the second,

second,

second, third, and fourth classes; particularly to Mr. Grant, who stands first in our report on the second class, although he did not commence his studies until October last.

18. Several of the gentlemen who compose the second description of students, have also made considerable progress in the Hindoostanee language. We are concerned, however, that there are others, whose names are specified in the report, respecting whom we are not able to express the same favourable sentiments.

19. From that report, your Lordship will observe that several of the gentlemen have been prevented from pursuing their studies by indisposition: But there are others who are noticed in the report who might have prosecuted their studies uninterruptedly, whose progress is very inconsiderable, compared, with the proficiency of the students in regular classes of correspondent standing in Europe. The inadequate progress made by these gentlemen is, we are persuaded, to be attributed partly to a supposition that they would not be called upon to undergo an examination; but, more particularly, to their having preferred the desultory, unmethodical plan of teaching, usually pursued by the Native Moonshes, to the regular system of instruction adopted by Mr. Gilchrist. The result of the present examination has removed these erroneous impressions: and we have the most satisfactory grounds for believing, that the utmost exertions will be made by the gentlemen in general, of whose progress in the language we have not been able

able to yourable opinion, to establish ■
 on, at the next Examination which
 your Lordship may appoint.

20. We are happy to acquaint your Lordship, that the gentlemen who were examined by us are entitled to your fullest approbation for their conduct during their examination; we noticed with much satisfaction the existence of the strongest spirit of emulation among the students in general to distinguish themselves at the examination; and we are confident that the same laudable spirit, as well as ■ sense of duty, will continue to animate their exertions, (particularly when these shall have been distinguished and rewarded in the manner in the contemplation of your Lordship,) and afford an example to all the Junior Servants, which cannot fail to be productive of great public benefit.

21 We cannot conclude this report without expressing our sense of the merits of Mr. Gilchrist. That gentleman has been assiduously employed, for several years, in forming a Grammar and Dictionary of the Hindoostanee language, the universal colloquial language throughout India, and therefore of the most general utility. From the want of ■ grammar of this language, and the difficulty of its construction, it has hitherto been spoken very imperfectly by Europeans. The literary labours and talents of Mr. Gilchrist have furnished the means of acquiring ■ knowledge of this language with facility and correctness.

22. With regard to the conduct of Mr Gilchrist since he was appointed by your Lordship to instruct

struct the Junior Civil Servants of the *Company*, many in the Hindoostanee language; his proceedings, and the information before your Lordship, evince, that for the last eighteen months, (with the exception of a vacation of a fortnight during the Christmas holidays) he has been employed with the most unremitting assiduity in the prosecution of the duty which your Lordship assigned to him. The great progress in the Hindoostanee language, made by the gentlemen who have availed themselves of the benefit of his instructions in the short period during which he has held his present charge, affords the strongest testimony of Mr. Culchrist's knowledge of that language, and of his zeal for the diffusion of that knowledge, at the same time that it furnishes ample ground for estimating the great advantages which will result to the Junior Servants, from the regular and systematic education in every branch of knowledge connected with their public duties, which they will now receive in the College lately founded by your Lordship at Fort William.

We have the honour to be,

With the greatest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's

Most obedient humble Servants,

G. H. BARLOW.

J. H. HARRINGTON.

W. KIRKPATRICK.

N. B. ELMONSTONE.

W. C. BLACKQUIER.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
29th July, 1800. }

In

	12 H. Dumbleton,
	13 W. P. Potts,
9	14 D. Campbell,
10	15 J. Morison,
	16 A. B. Tod.

THIRD TERM.

Subject.—“ On the best means of acquiring ■
“ knowledge of the manners and customs of the
“ Natives of India.”

1 T. Hamilton, Prize	9 R. Jenkins,
2 W. B. Martin,	10 A. H. Kelso,
3 C. T. Metcalfe,	11 J. J. Sparrow,
4 B. Wood.	12 H. Agar,
5 S. Bourchier,	13 T. Perry,
6 W. Chaplin,	14 P. W. Pechell,
7 W. P. Potts,	15 R. C. Ross,
8 H. Dumbleton.	16 J. Romer.

FOURTH TERM.

Subject.—“ Of the character and capacity of
“ the Asiatics and particularly of the Natives of
“ Hindoostan.”

1 P. Wood, Prize	5 J. Spratt,
2 W. B. Martin,	6 H. Dumbleton,
3 C. Newnham,	7 A. H. Kelso.
4 J. J. Sparrow,	

Names and Proficiency of Students who arrived in India within or previous to the year 1798, and who are now leaving the College, to enter on the public service:

- C. Lloyd,—In the First Class of the Arabic, Persian, Hindoostanee, and Bengalee Languages.
H. Hodgson,—First Class, Persian, Hindoostanee, and Bengalee; and First in Bengalee writing.

W. P. Potts,

- W. Pott, — First Class Persian and Hindoostanee; and
 Second Class Arabic.
- D. Guthrie, — First Class Arabic and Persian.
- A. Russell, — First Class Arabic and Persian.
- J. W. Jones, — First Class Arabic and Persian.
- D. Campbell, — First Class Arabic and Persian.
- G. Hartwell, — First Class Bengalee; and Second Class Per-
 sian and Hindoostanee.
- W. Scott, — First Class Bengalee; and Second Class Hindoo-
 stanee.
- R. Thackeray, — First Class Arabic; and Third Class Persian.
- M. Law, — First Class Bengalee.
- W. J. Smith, — Second Class Persian and Hindoostanee.
- J. Wemyss, — Second Class Persian and Hindoostanee.
- F. Morgan, — Second Class Persian and Hindoostanee.
- R. O. Wynne, — Second Class Persian.
- R. Van der Hart, — Second Class Persian.
- J. W. G. Hunt, — Second Class Hindoostanee.



*Extract from the Proceedings of a Council of the
 College, held the 9th February, 1802.*

Ordered that the three first Essays of each Term
 be printed in one volume; and that the Theses
 pronounced at the Public Disputations in the Ori-
 ental languages, be printed in their respective lan-
 guages.

Ordered, that the Thanks of the Council of the
 College be communicated to John Herbert Haring-
 ton, Esq. Captain David Richardson, William Hun-
 ter, Esq. and William Coates Blaquiero, Esq. for
 the very able and satisfactory manner in which they
 conducted the late Public Examinations in the Col-
 lege of Fort William.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the Thanks of the Council of the College be communicated to Captain John Malcolm, for his valuable collection of Persian Manuscripts presented by him to the College of Fort William.

Ordered, that the Thanks of the Council of the College be communicated to David Bages Esq. for his valuable collection of Books in Oriental Languages, presented by him to the College of Fort William.

Ordered, that the Thanks of the Council of the College be communicated to Francis Gladwin Esq. for his valuable Fonts of Types in the Oriental Characters, presented by him to the College of Fort William.

Published by Order of the
Council of the College,
(Signed) C. NOTHMAN, Secretary.

Continued from the Proceedings of a Council of the College, held on the 4th May, 1802.

Prizes and Honorary Rewards, which will be awarded at the last Examination in this year, and to be distributed at the Disputations in 1803, are announced to the Students.

HINDOOSTANLI LANGUAGE.

	Rs.
1st Prize,	a Medal, and 1500
2d Ditto,	a Medal, and 1000
3d Ditto,	a Medal, and 500
4th Ditto,	a Medal,

PERSIAN

PERSIAN LANGUAGE.

1st Prize, .....	..... a Medal, and 1500
2d Ditto, .....	..... a Medal, and 1000
3d Ditto, .....	..... a Medal, and 500
4th Ditto, .....	..... a Medal.

ARABIC LANGUAGE.

1st Prize, .....	..... a Medal, and 1500
2d Ditto, .....	..... a Medal, and 1000
3d Ditto, .....	..... a Medal.

BENGALIE LANGUAGE.

1st Prize, .....	..... a Medal, and 1500
2d Ditto, .....	..... a Medal, and 1000
3d Ditto, .....	..... a Medal.

PERSIAN WRITING.

1st Prize, .....	..... a Medal, and 1000
2d Ditto, .....	..... a Medal.

SANSKRIT WRITING.

1st Prize, .....	..... a Medal, and 1000
2d Ditto, .....	..... a Medal.

BENGALIE WRITING.

1st Prize, .....	..... a Medal, and 1000
2d Ditto, .....	..... a Medal.

ENGLISH ESSAYS.

For the best Essay of each Term,

1st Prize, .....	..... a Medal, and 1000
2d Ditto, .....	..... a Medal.

No Student shall receive a second time the same prize, nor shall any Student receive a prize inferior

that which may have been formerly awarded
 in

let it shall be awarded by the Com-
 mittee of the College at the Quarterly Examinations, to
 such as have distinguished themselves for their pro-
 gress in study, since the former Examination.

By order of his Excellency
 The Visitor

(Signed) D. BROWN, Provost

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No. III.

AN
ACCOUNT OF
THE SECOND
PUBLIC DISPUTATIONS
IN THE
ORIENTAL LANGUAGES.

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM, JULY 25, 1803

On Tuesday, the 29th of March 1803, being the day appointed by His Excellency the Visitor for the Public Disputations in the Oriental Languages, the Governors, Officers, Professors and Students of the College, assembled at nine o'Clock at the New Government House

At a little before ten, His Excellency the Visitor, accompanied by the Honorable the Chief Justice, the Members of the Supreme Council, the Members of the College, and the Officers of His Excellency's Suite, entered the Southern Room on the marble floor, and took his seat at the West-end of the Room.

In

In front of His Excellency, seats were placed for the Professors, and for such Students as were to maintain the Disputations, or to receive Prizes and Honorary Rewards.

As soon as His Excellency had taken his seat, the Disputations proceeded in the following order—

DISPUTATION ON THE PERSIAN LANGUAGE.

Position—“The Natives of India under the British Government, enjoy a greater degree of tranquillity, security and happiness, than under any former Government.”

Defended by Mr. R. Jenkins, Bombay

Chief Opponent, T. H. Milton, Madras.

Second Opponent, J. Wauchop, Bengal.

Moderator, Lieut. J. Baillie, Professor.

DISPUTATION IN THE HINDOOSTANESE LANGUAGE.

Position—“The Suicide of Hindoo Widows by burning themselves with the bodies of their deceased Husbands, is a practice repugnant to the natural feelings, and inconsistent with moral duty.”

Defended by Mr. W. Chaplin, Madras.

Chief Opponent, R. T. Goodwin, Bombay.

Second Opponent, R. C. Ross, Madras.

Moderator, John Gilchrist, Esq. Professor.

DISPUTATION IN THE BENGALIE LANGUAGE.

Position—“The distribution of Hindoos into Casts, retards their progress in improvement.”

Defended by Mr. J. Hunter, Bengal.

Chief Opponent, W. B. Martin, ditto.

Second Opponent, W. Morton, ditto.

Moderator, W. C. Blaquiens, Esq.

DECLAMATIONS

DECLAMATIONS IN THE ARABIC LANGUAGE,
 accompanied by

Mr R. Jenkins, of the Bombay, & Mr L. Wood, of the
 Madras Establishment.

At the conclusion of the Disputations in the Persian, Hindoostanee and Bengalee Languages, an appropriate speech in the Language of the Disputation was made by the respective Moderators.

At the conclusion of the Declamations in the Arabic language, Lieutenant Baillic, the Professor of Arabic, delivered a speech in that language.

When the Disputations and the Arabic Declamations and Speeches were concluded, His Excellency signified to the Officers of the College his directions that the Prizes and Honorary Rewards should be distributed in His presence on the ensuing day. His Excellency also notified his intention to confer the Degree of Honour established by the Statutes on several Students, whom he had directed the Council of the College to present to him, for that purpose.

On Wednesday, the 30th of March, His Excellency the Visitor entered the room about half past eleven o'Clock, accompanied by the Honorable the Chief Justice, the Members of the Supreme Council, the Members of the Council of the College, and the Officers of His Excellency's Suite.

As soon as the Visitor had taken his seat, the Vice-Provost proceeded to present to His Excellency, those Students who were entitled under Statute VIII. to receive Degrees of Honour, and whose presentation had been previously directed by His
 Excellency.

His Excellency. The Vice-Provost publicly read the Certificate granted by the Council of the College to each Student respectively, specifying the high proficiency which he had made in the Oriental languages, and also the regularity of his conduct during his residence at College. When the Certificate had been read, His Excellency the Visitor presented to each Student the Honorary Diploma inscribed on Vellum in the Oriental character, purporting that the Committee of Public Examination having declared that the Student had made such proficiency in certain of the Oriental languages as entitled him to a Degree of Honour in the same. His Excellency was pleased to confer the said Degree, in conformity to the Statute.

The Students now leaving College, on whom His Excellency was pleased to confer a Degree of Honour on this occasion; were

Mr. William Battelworth Bayley, of the Establishment of Bengal.

Mr. Richard Jenkins, of the Establishment of Bombay.

Mr. William Byam Martin, of the Establishment of Bengal.

Mr. Terick Hamilton, of the Establishment of Fort St. George.

Mr. William Clinpin, of the Establishment of Fort St. George.

Mr. Edward Wood, of the Establishment of Fort St. George; and

Mr. Richard Thos. Goodwin, of the Establishment of Bombay.

At the same time a Degree of Honour was conferred on the following Students of last year;

Mr. Jonathan Henry Lovett, of the Establishment of Bombay; and

Mr. Charles Lloyd, of the Establishment of Bengal.

After

After the Degrees of Honour had been conferred, the Prizes, Medals, and Honorary Rewards adjudged at the late Public Examination were distributed by the Provost, in presence of the Visitor, to the following Students:

Messrs. Jenkins,	Messrs. Gowan,
Maitir,	Newsham,
Chaplin,	Spott,
Hamilton,	Bonchiar,
Wood,	Sparrow,
Goodwin,	J. B. Elliott,
Hunter,	Cole,
Wauchopé,	Fuller,
Ross,	Walker,
Morton,	Flowden, and
Romer,	Turnbull.

The particular Prizes adjudged to each, will be found in the annexed reports.

After the Prizes and Honorary Rewards had been distributed, His Excellency the Visitor was pleased to deliver the following speech;

GENTLEMEN OF THE COLLEGE
OF ROSE WILLIAM.

From the foundation of this College to the present time, the state of political affairs has not permitted me to discharge the grateful duty of presiding at your Public Exercises. My attention however has not been withdrawn from the progress, interests, and conduct of this Institution. The principles on which this Institution is founded, the spirit which it is designed to diffuse, and the purposes which it is calculated to accomplish, must enhance

hence the importance of its success, in proportion to the exigency of every public crisis, and to the progressive magnitude, power and glory of this Empire.

In the difficulties and dangers of successive wars, in the most critical juncture of arduous negotiations, in the settlement of Conquered and Ceded Provinces, in the time of returning peace, attended by the extension of our trade, by the augmentation of our revenue, and by the restoration of public credit, I have contemplated this Institution with conscious satisfaction and with confident hope. Observing your auspicious progress under the salutary operation of the Statutes and Rules of the College, I have anticipated the stability of all our acquisitions, and the security and improvement of every advantage which we possess.

From this source, the service may now derive an constant and regular supply of public Officers, qualified to become the successful instruments of assisting the Government in all its extensive and extended branches; of promoting its interests in war; of cultivating and enlarging its resources in peace; of maintaining in honour and respect its external relations with the Native Powers; and of establishing (under a just and benignant system of internal administration) the prosperity of our Finances and Commerce, on the solid foundations of the affluence, happiness, and confidence of a contented and grateful people.

These were the original purposes of this foundation, which was destined to aid and animate the efforts

force of diligence and natural genius, contending with the defect of existing establishments; to remove every obstacle to the progress of the public services in attainment; the qualifications requisite for their respective stations; to enlarge and to facilitate the means of acquiring useful knowledge; and to secure by systematic education, fixed regulation, and efficient discipline, that attention to a due course of study, which had hitherto depended on individual disposition, or accidental advantage.

The necessity of providing such a system of education was not diminished by the numerous instances existing in the Company's Service of eminent Oriental learning, and of high qualification for public duty. A wise and provident Government will not rest the public security for the due administration of Affairs, on the merits of any number or description of its public Officers at any period of time. It is the duty of Government to endeavour to perpetuate the prosperity of the state by an uniform system of public Institution; and by permanent and established law, to transmit to future times, whatever benefits can be derived from present example, of wisdom, virtue, and learning. The supposition of an universal deficiency in that knowledge which this College is calculated to extend, has never constituted a fundamental principle of the Institution. Far from resting on such foundations, this Institution could not have endured for an hour, it could not have commenced, without the active aid of learning, talents, and virtues, furnished from the bosom of this service.

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The origin of this College, its present prosperity, and its beneficial effects, are to be ascribed in a great degree to the assistance which I have derived from those respectable characters in the higher branches and in various departments of the service, who by contributing their zealous exertions to promote the success of the Institution, have endeavoured to extend the benefit of their useful acquisitions, and of their salutary example, and to continue in the public service a succession of men similar to that, which has distinguished their conduct in their respective stations.

With these sentiments, during my absence from the presidency, it was highly satisfactory to me, that my authority in this College should have been represented by a gentleman, who is peculiarly qualified to appreciate the advantages of the Institution, and to accelerate its success; and whose eminent character, and honourable progress in the service, furnish at once the most perfect example, which can be proposed for your imitation, and the most powerful incitement, which can be offered to your ambition.

The report which I received from Mr. Barlow, of the progress of the Institution, during the first year of its operation, satisfied me, that many of the Students had been considerably distinguished, not only by proficiency in the Oriental languages and literature, but by a laudable observance of the Statutes and Rules of the College; that the Officers, Professors, and Teachers, had manifested an uniform zeal and attention in the discharge of their
respective

respective duties; that the Public Examinations had been conducted with great knowledge and ability, and had proved highly creditable to the general character of the Students; while the Disputations in the Persian, Bengalee, and Hindoostanee languages, had afforded an extraordinary example of the progress of the Students, who had maintained public arguments in those languages on the 6th of February, 1802.

The result of the Examination holden in January last, at the conclusion of the Fourth Term of the year 1802, and the Public Disputations which have been maintained in my presence, have afforded me the cordial satisfaction of witnessing the progressive improvement of the Students in every branch of Oriental language and literature, in which lectures have been opened. I am happy to observe, that in the Persian, Hindoostanee and Arabic classes, the comparative proficiency at the last Examination exceeds that which appeared on the 6th February, 1802. In the Bengalee language, a considerable proficiency has been manifested. In the course of the last year, a commencement has been made in the study of the Tamool and Sanskrit languages, and the great improvement of the Students in the Arabic language, has been rendered particularly conspicuous by the Declamations in that language, holden for the first time on this occasion.

The Degrees of Honour which I have conferred this day on

Mr. William Batterworth Bayley,
Mr. Richard Jankins,

Mr. William

Mr. William Ryam Martin,
 Mr. Terrick Hamilton,
 Mr. William Chaplin,
 Mr. Edward Wood,
 Mr. Richard Thomas Goodwin,
 Mr. Jonathan Henry Lovett, and
 Mr. Charles Lloyd,

afford to indicate, that the proficiency which has been made in Oriental literature has been intimately connected with other liberal attainments, and been united to a correct observance of the Statutes and Rules of the College.

Commendable force and animation have been derived to the principles of the Institution, from the honourable emulation which has existed between the Students of the different establishments assembled at Fort William.

I have experienced a sincere pleasure in witnessing the exertions of merit, which have appeared among the Students from Fort St George and Bombay, as well as among those of this establishment. Not only the Students on this establishment, but those of Fort St George and Bombay, have furnished numerous instances of extensive knowledge and useful talents of the most laudable industry, and of the purest principles of integrity and honour acquired, formed, or confirmed under this Institution. I entertain a confident hope, that their future course in the public service, will justify my present approbation, and will confirm the happy promises of their education. The conduct of the gentlemen now departing for Fort St George and Bombay, merits my most cordial commendation. They will commu-
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nicate to their respective presidencies, the full benefit of those useful and honourable qualifications which must for ever render their names respectable in this settlement, and must inspire this service with a peculiar interest in their future progress and success.

It has been a principle object of my attention to consolidate the interests and resources of the three presidencies; to promote in each of them, a common spirit of attachment to their mutual prosperity and honour; to assimilate their principles, views, and systems of Government; and to unite the co-operation of their respective powers in the common cause, by such means, as might facilitate the administration of this extensive Empire in the hands of the Supreme Government. May those gentlemen, now departing for the subordinate presidencies, accompanied by the applause and affections of this society, remember with reverence and attachment, the source, whence they have derived the first principles of instruction in the duties of that service, which they are qualified to adorn!

My most sincere acknowledgments are offered to the learned gentlemen, who have assisted at the Examinations, and who have discharged the duty of Professors and Teachers in the several departments.

Their knowledge, talents, and skill, can be equalled only by the indefatigable zeal, industry, and happy success with which they have promoted the objects of this Institution. The assiduity and learning of these Gentlemen, have produced many able and useful
works

Oriental languages and literature, which
 published since the commencement of the
 in, and which have accelerated its beneficial
 Continuations of these works are now in a
 considerable progress; and many additional
 of a similar description are actually prepared
 publication. The Professors and Teachers of the
 Arab.c, Hindoostanee, Bengalee, Sanskrit,
 and other languages, are now diligently employed
 in composing Grammars and Dictionaries, and in
 preparing translations and compilations for the use of
 Students in their respective departments. The
 operation of these useful labours, will not be confined
 to the limits of this Institution, or of this Empire.
 Such works tend to promote the general diffusion of
 Oriental literature and knowledge in every quarter
 of the globe, by facilitating the means of access to
 the elementary study of the principal languages of
 the East. The exertions of the Professors have re-
 ceived considerable aid from a numerous body of
 learned Natives attached to the Institution; and the
 labours of those learned persons have also contri-
 buted to increase the general stock of Oriental
 knowledge.

Reviewing all these circumstances, and considering
 the industry and ability manifested by the Professors
 and Teachers; the successful advancement which
 has already been effected in the general extension of
 the most useful practical and necessary branches of
 Oriental learning; the progressive improvement
 manifested by the Students in every class of their
 prescribed studies; the frequent instances, attested
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by the public Character, of the able and exemplary attention to the discipline, statutes, and rules of the College; and the supply of highly qualified public Officers which the service has actually received from this Institution, added to the number of those who proceed on this day to apply the attainments acquired in this College to the benefit of the Company and of the Nation; It is my duty to declare in the most public and solemn manner, *that this Institution has answered my most sanguine hopes and expectations; that its beneficial operation has justified the principles of its original foundation; and that the administration and discipline of the College have been conducted with honor and credit to the character and spirit of the Institution, and with great advantage to the public service.*

A REPORT OF THE
PUBLIC EXAMINATION,

HOLDEN IN JANUARY, 1803.

PERSIAN.

1 Jenkins,	1st Prize,	Bombay.
2 Hamilton,	2d Prize,	Madras.
3 Wauchope,	3d Prize,	
4 Wood,	4th Prize,	Madras.

5 Chaplin,		Madras.
6 Kasne,		Madras.
7 Goodwin,		Bombay.
8 Dumbleton,		

PERSIAN

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9	Clear,	Madras.
10	Lower,	
11	Peiry,	
12	Ross,	Madras.
13	Romer,	Bombay.
14	Paller,	
15	Bourchier,	Bombay.

SECOND CLASS.

16	Martin,	
17	Sparrow,	Bombay.
18	Perrell,	
19	Newhall,	Bombay.
20	Rowley,	Bombay.
21	Hunter,	
22	Paton,	
23	Tod, senior,	

THIRD CLASS.

24	Moray,	
25	Storton,	
26	Long,	Madras.
27	Atter,	Bombay.
28	Garvan,	
29	Wooden, senior,	
30	Plowden, junior,	
31	Craigie,	Bombay.
32	Washington,	
33	Morrison,	
34	Sanders,	Madras.
35	Walker,	
36	Hayes,	
37	Curtis,	
38	Peter,	Madr.

FOURTH CLASS.

39	Morison,	Bombay.
40	Impey, Jr.	

REVISOR

PERSIAN.

41 Steadman,	Bombay.
42 Watson,	
43 Fleming,	
44 Vaughan,	
45 Impey, H.	
46 Gorton,	
47 Liell,	
48 Tod, junior,	
49 Digby,	
50 Batson,	
51 Rattray,	
52 Shakespear, W. O.	Madras.
53 Maidman,	Madras.

Messrs. Byley, Macnochie, Lawrence, Bird,
and Barnett, absent from the Examination.

HINDOOSTANEE.

1 Chaplin,	1st Prize,	Madras.
2 Johnson,	2d Prize,	Bombay.
3 Martin,	3d Prize,	
4 Goodwin,	4th Prize,	Bombay.

5 Romer,		Bombay
6 Ross,		Madras.
7 Dumbleton,		
8 Wood,		Madras
9 Hunter, senior,		
10 Clayton,		
11 Milton,		Madras
12		
		Madras.
		Bombay.

HINDOOSTANEE.

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51	Alexander,	
52	Moore,	
53	Tod, junior,	
54	Salter,	
55	Digby,	
56	Griulley,	
57	Shaw,	Madras,
58	Dawes,	
59	Bennett,	
60	Hunter, junior,	

ARABIC.

1	Jenkins,	1st Prize,	Bombay.
2	Wood,	2d Prize,	Madras.
3	Hamilton	3d Prize,	Madras.

SECOND CLASS.

4	Dumbleton,		
5	Wauchops,		
6	Oliver,		Madras.
7	Keene,		Madras.
8	Goodwin,		Bombay.
9	Long,		Madras.

THIRD CLASS.

10	Chaplin,		Madras.
11	Ross,		Madras.
12	Bourchier,		Bombay.
13	Perry,		
14	Romer,		Bombay.
15	Plowden, senior,		

BENGALEE.

1	Martin,	1st Prize.
2	Hunter,	2d Prize.
3	Morton,	3d Prize.

4 Paton,

5 Gorton,

BENGALEE.

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2 Chisholm

3 Morriess

4 Pech II

5 Fleming

6 Digby,

7 Plowden.

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9 Newnham,

Prize,

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11 Hamilton,

12

13 Sanders,

Madras.

SUNSKRIT.

1 Gowan,

Prize.

2 Martini

PERSIAN WRITING.

1 Morton, 1st Prize.

2 Goodwin, 2d Prize.

3

4 Swinton,

Madras.

5 Long,

6 Morriess.

7 Paton,

8 Wood,

Madras.

9 Wauchop,

10 Oliver,

Madras.

11 Turubull,

12 Keane,

Madras.

13 Walker,

14 Ross,

Madras.

NAGREE WRITING.

1 Hunter, 1st Prize,

2 Goodwin, 2d Prize.

Bombay.

NAGREE

NAGREE WRITING.

- Martin,
- 4 Romer, Bombay.
- 5 Shakespear, J. T.
- 6 Plowden, junior.

BENGALIE WRITING.

- Martin, 1st Prize,
- Hunter, sen. 2d Prize,
- Morton,
- 4 Shakespear, J. T.

PRIZES AND HONORARY REWARDS.

Adjudged at the Public Examination in January, 1803.

PERSIAN LANGUAGE.

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| To Mr. R. Jenkins, Bombay, | Medal, and 1500 |
| Mr. T. Hamilton, Madras, | Medal, and 1000 |
| Mr. J. Wanch, | Medal, and 500 |
| Mr. E. Wood, Madras, | Medal. |

HINDOO ANEE LANGUAGE.

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| Mr. W. Chaplin, Madras, | Medal, and 1500 |
| Mr. R. Jenkins, Bombay, | Medal, and 1000 |
| Mr. W. B. Martin, | Medal, and 500 |
| Mr. R. T. Goodwin, Bombay, | Medal. |

ARABIC LANGUAGE.

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| Mr. R. Jenkins, Bombay, | Medal, and 1500 |
| Mr. E. Wood, Madras, | Medal, and 1000 |
| Mr. T. Hamilton, Madras, | Medal. |

BENGALIE LANGUAGE.

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| Mr. W. B. Martin, | Medal, and 1500 |
| Mr. J. Hunter, | Medal, and 1000 |
| Mr. W. Morton, | Medal. |

SUNSKRIT

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ENGLISH COMPOSITION.

ESSAY ON THE FIRST PERIOD OF 1802.

On the Moohun mudan Conquests in India; the periods at
which they took place in different parts of Hindoostan and
Dakhun; and the principal consequences attending them.

Rs.

Mr. J. Spratt, Medal, and 1000

5. Mr. T. Nownham,—First in the Tamool Language, thirteenth in Hindoostanee, and nineteenth in Persian.—Prize Essay by this year. Essay published last year.—Honorary Reward in the French Language.

6. Mr. J. Long,—In second Class Arabic, and in third Class Persian.—Fourth in Persian Writing.

7. Mr. C. Higginson,—In fourth Class Hindoostanee.

PRESIDENCY OF BOMBAY.

1. Mr. R. Jenkins,—Degree of Honor in three Language; viz. the Persian, Hindoostanee, and Arabic.—Held a Disputation in the Persian Language this year.—Declamation in Arabic this year.—Honorary Reward in Classics, Greek and Latin.

2. Mr. T. Goodwin,—Degree of Honor in the Hindoostanee Language.—Fifth in the Arabic Language; and seventh in Persian.—Held Hindoostanee Disputation this year.—Obtained second Prize in Persian Writing, and second Prize in Nagree Writing.

3. Mr. J. Romer,—Fifth in the Hindoostanee Language; thirteenth in Persian, and fourteenth in Arabic.—Fourth in Nagree Writing.—Prize Essay this year.—Honorary Reward in the French Language.

4. Mr. S. Bouchier,—Fourteenth in the Hindoostanee Language; fifteenth in Persian, and twelfth in Arabic.—Honorary Reward in Classics, Greek and Latin.

5. Mr. J. J. Sparrow,—In second Class Persian, and in third Class Hindoostanee.—Honorary Reward in Classics, Greek and Latin.

6. Mr. H. Azar,—In second Class Hindoostanee, and in third Class Persian.

7. Mr. J. Morison,—In third Class Hindoostanee, and in fourth Class Persian.

8. M. J. Craigie,---In third Class Persian.
 9. Mr G. Smith,--- In fourth Class Hindoostanee.
 10. Mr. W. Steadman,---In fourth Class Persian.

9 *REPORT OF THE*
PUBLIC EXAMINATION,

HOLDEN IN JULY, 1809.

PERSIAN.

FIRST CLASS.

- 1 Swinton,
 2 Oliver,
 3 Wauchope,
 4 Keene.

SECOND CLASS.

- 5 Perry,
 6 Ewer,
 7 Romer,
 8 Punt.

THIRD CLASS.

- 9 Sanders,
 10 Walker,
 11 Rowles,
 12 Money.

FOURTH CLASS.

- 13 Impey, senior,
 14 Lushington,
 15 Tod, senior.
 16 Curtis,
 17 Watson,
 18 Peter,
 19 Plowden.

HINDOOS FANEE.

FIRST CLASS.

- 1 Romer,
 2 Walker,
 3 Swinton,
 4 Gowan.

SECOND CLASS.

- 5 Scott, T. C.
 6 Plowden,
 7 Furnbull,
 8 Littledale,
 9 Shakespear.

THIRD CLASS.

- 10 Robinson,
 11 Impey, senior.
 12 Spottiswoode,
 13 Tod, senior.
 14 Alexander.

FOURTH CLASS.

- 15 Bird,
 16 Trower,
 17 Gardner, Honorable E.
 18 Liell,
 19 Marjoribanks,

PERSIAN.

No. IV.

AN
ACCOUNT OF
THE THIRD
PUBLIC DISPUTATIONS
IN THE
ORIENTAL LANGUAGES,

*Holden the 20th September, 1804; with the speech
Delivered on that occasion by His Excellency
MARQUIS WELLESLEY, Visitor of the College.*

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM, SEPTEMBER 29, 1804.

ON Thursday the 20th Instant, being the day appointed by His Excellency the Visitor for the Public Disputations in the Oriental Languages, the Governors, Officers, Professors, and Students of the College, assembled at half past nine o'clock at the Government House.

At ten o'clock His Excellency the Visitor entered the Room where the Disputations were to be held,
accompanied

... presided by the Honorable the Chief Justice, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Members of the Supreme Council, the Members of the Council of the Collego, Major-General Cameron, Major-General the Honorable Arthur Wellesley, Major-General Howdeswell, and Saolueman Agha the Envoy to Bagdad. All the principal Civil and Military Officers at the presidency, and many of the principal inhabitants, were present on this occasion, and many learned Natives.

... of His Excellency's chair, seats were reserved for the Professors, and for such Students as were to maintain the Disputations, or to receive Honorary Rewards.

As soon as His Excellency had taken his seat, the Disputations commenced in the following order.

FIRST.—HINDOOSTANEE.

... 1.—“The Sanskrit is the parent language

- ... by.....Mr. Romer, Bombay.
- ... Opponent,Mr. Walker.
- ... and Opponent, ...Mr. Gowan.
- ... Moderator,.....Captain J. Monat, Assist. Professor.

SECOND.—PERSIAN.

... Proposition.—“The poems of Hafiz are to be understood in a figurative, or mystical sense.”

- ... by.... ..Mr. Swinton.
- ... Opponent, . . .Mr. Oliver, Madras.
- ... and Opponent, ...Mr. Perry.
- ... Moderator,M. Lumsden, Esq. Assist. Professor.

THIRD

THIRD.—BENGALEE.

Position.—“ The translations of the best works extant in the Sanskrit into the popular language of India, would promote the extension of science and civilization.”

Defended by Mr. Tod, senr..

Chief Opponent, Mr. Hayes.

Second Opponent, Mr. Impey, senior.*

Moderator, The Rev. W. Carey, *Teacher.*

FOURTH.—ARABIC.

Position —“ The study of the Arabic is essentially necessary to the attainment of a grammatical knowledge of the Persian language.”

Defended by Mr. Oliver, Madras.

Chief Opponent, Mr. Wauchop.

Second Opponent, Mr. Perry.

Moderator, M. Janssen, Esq.

FIFTH.—SANSKRIT.

DECLAMATION IN THE SANSKRIT LANGUAGE.

By Mr. Gorak.

At the conclusion of each Disputation, an appropriate speech in the Language of the Disputation, was made by the respective Moderators.

At the conclusion of the Declamation in the Sanskrit language, Mr. Carey, teacher of Sanskrit, delivered a speech in that language.

When the Disputations and Declamations were concluded, His Excellency signified to the Officers of

* Mr. Impey was prevented by sickness from attending the Disputations.

of the College, his directions that the Prizes and Honorary Rewards should be distributed in his presence on the Saturday following. His Excellency also notified his intention to confer the Degree of Honor established by the statutes on several students, whom he had directed the Council of the College to present to him, for that purpose.

On Saturday the 22d of September, His Excellency the Visitor entered the Room at eleven o'clock, accompanied by the Honorable the Chief Justice, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Members of the Supreme Council, the Members of the Council of the College, Major-Generals Cameron, Wellesley, and Dowdeswell, and the Officers of His Excellency's suite.

As soon as the Visitor had taken his seat, the Vice-Provost proceeded to present to His Excellency those Students who were entitled under Statute VIII to receive Degrees of Honor, and whose presence had been previously directed by His Ex-

The Vice-Provost publicly read the certificate granted by the Council of the College to each Student respectively, specifying the high proficiency he had made in the Oriental languages, and also the regularity of his conduct during his residence at College. When the certificate was read, His Excellency the Visitor presented to each Student the Honorary Diploma, inscribed in the Oriental character; purporting that the Committee of Public Examination having ascertained that the Student had made such proficiency in certain of the Oriental languages as entitled him

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gent and laudable observance of their pre-
duties.

The instruction of the Students in the Or-
languages constitutes ■ primary objec: of the i-
tution. In pursuing this important object, a n-
considerable advancement has been accompli^{ed},
during the last year, than in any preceding period
of the existence of the institutor. In the Persian,
Hindoostanee, and Arabic classes, the comparative
proficiency of the most distinguished Scholars, has
surpassed the utmost attainment of former years;
while the comparative number of Students who
have attained ■ competent knowledge of those lan-
guages has not been diminished. Declamations in
the Arabic language were pronounced, for the first
time, at the Public Disputations of the year 1803.

On the present occasion, the improvement of the
Students in the knowledge of the Arabic language
■ apparent, from the Disputations maintained in
that language.

A commendable proficiency has been made by
those Students who have applied their attention to
the Vernacular language of Bengal: a more gene-
ral attention to the study of the language is, how-
ever, desirable; and I recommend this subject to
the consideration of the Officers and Students of the
College.

The Declamation pronounced on the pre^{sent} oc-
casion, in the Sanskrit language, forms a peculiar
distinction in the Exercises of this year: the diffi-
culties which have embarrassed the attainment of ■
correct knowledge of that ancient language app^{ear}

to have been considerably diminished, by the zeal, assiduity, and talents of the Professors, and Students, and by the exertions which have been successfully employed, to facilitate the study of its elementary principles.

A general improvement has been made by the Students in writing the Persian, Nagree, and Bengalee character. This attainment is highly useful, and tends to promote a more correct knowledge, and more familiar use of the language, to which each character is appropriated.

Of the Students who now enter the public service, some have successfully commenced the study of the Moohummudan law.

In conferring Degrees of Honor upon

Mr. George Swinton,
Mr. William Oliver,
Mr. John Wauchope,
Mr. George Henry Keene,
Mr. John Romer,
Mr. John Walker,
Mr. Clowmthy Gowah,—and
Mr. Thomas Perry,

it is highly satisfactory to me to be enabled to declare, that the general proficiency of those gentlemen in the Oriental languages, exhibits the most convincing proof of the prosperous course of this institution. In each successive year the standard of comparative merit has been progressive in the highest classes; on the present occasion, the gentlemen who have received Degrees of Honor, afford an honorable example of the rapid progress of the system

system of education, calculated to open and enlarge the sources of Oriental knowledge, and to excite and maintain the spirit of emulation in its pursuit.

In addition to these instances of extraordinary and distinguished merit, the general state of the Examinations of January, 1804, and the reports of the several Professors, have satisfied me, that a great majority of the Students who proceed to the service in this year, has attained a proficiency in the Oriental languages, sufficient to afford essential aid in the several departments to which they have been appointed.

The delay, which the exigency of my numerous and laborious public duties has occasioned in the period of the Annual Disputations, has enabled me to signify at this time, the cordial satisfaction which I have derived from examining the reports of the Officers of the College, at the close of the second Term of 1804, respecting the proficiency and conduct of the Students who now remain subject to the rules of the College. With sincere pleasure I observe, that the general spirit of exertion in their prescribed studies not only continued, but has acquired additional strength and ardour; that their general progress has been attended with extraordinary success; and that the instances of diligent application and considerable attainments are so numerous among them, as to promise high honor to their characters, permanent advantage to their interests, and those of the public, and augmented credit to the institution which has favoured their progress, and accelerated their success.

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in distributing the official appointments of the present year, the attention of the Governor-General in Council has been anxiously directed to the important purposes of encouraging industry and diligence, and of apportioning offices and distinctions to those whose attainments under this institution afford a fair promise of adequate qualification for the public service.

The same spirit of justice will continue to regulate the proceedings of the Governor-General in Council; and the due Rewards of Merit will ever be secure in the honorable hands destined to exercise the arduous charge of this great Government.

They who now proceed to the public service may therefore anticipate a just but vigilant observation of their conduct, in the discharge of their respective official functions, and may be assured that their future promotion will be proportioned to their respective merits; while those Students who remain subject to the rules of the College, may contemplate with confidence the plain and direct course which leads to prosperity and honor in this service.

The Students from the Establishment of Fort St. George and Bombay have justly obtained the most eminent honor on this occasion. Their high attainments and distinguished industry and talents will be received with ample encouragement at their respective presidencies, and cannot fail to contribute useful aid in the administration of the extensive dominions subjected to Fort St. George and Bombay, by the success of our counsels and aims. In departing

parting from this College, and from this presidency, their sense of grateful respect and attachment will be best evinced by preserving and improving the benefits of the education which they have received, and by cultivating and diffusing in their respective stations, the principles of this institution, and the example of this service.

Considerable exertions have been employed during the last year in publishing elementary works of general utility in the Sanskrit, Bengalee, Hindoostanee, Arabic, and Persian languages. A grammar of the Tamool language has also been composed in this College, and in consequence of the transfer of the Tamool department to Fort St. George, has been transmitted in manuscript to that presidency. Great improvements have been introduced in the art of printing the Oriental characters, by Native artists; and several of the learned Natives are employed in publishing various works of Oriental literature, under the aid derived from the improved art of printing.

It is proper in this place to add, that a successful commencement has been made in the study of the Muhratta language, and that Public Examinations in that language may be expected in the approaching month of January.

Adverting to these circumstances, the primary object of this College, in the diffusion of Oriental knowledge among the public officers of the British Government in India, appears to have been promoted, during the last year, to an extent highly creditable to the character of the institution, and beneficial

cial to the service of the state. In the mean while, the general conduct of the Students has been conformable to the prevalent spirit of study and of honorable emulation in laudable pursuits.

Many instances have been distinguished of exemplary propriety in the observance of the Rules and Statutes of the College: exceptions of comparative irregularity must occur in every large society; but they have neither been numerous nor important: in all instances they have been duly noticed, and almost, effectually corrected.

The reports which I have received of the conduct of the present Students have satisfied me, that they will continue to observe a strict conformity to the discipline enjoined by the Rules and Statutes of the College. The observance of all the Statutes is equally essential to the interests and honor of the Students; nor is their duty confined merely to the diligent pursuit of the prescribed course of study. The intention of the Statutes is not only to provide instruction in the Oriental languages, and in the several branches of study immediately connected with the performance of official functions, but to prescribe habits of regularity and good order. My principal purpose in founding this institution was, to secure the Junior Servants of the Company from all undue influence in the discharge of their official functions, and to introduce them into the public service in perfect freedom and independence, exempt from every restraint, excepting the high and sacred obligations of their civil, moral, and religious duty. In this salutary view, the Statutes furnish the

means and enforce the necessity of acquiring that knowledge, without which, every public officer must become dependant upon the influence of those whom he is appointed to control.

With the same view, the Statutes have prescribed ■ due attention to those habits of regularity and order, which cannot be neglected without the immediate hazard of forfeiting all independence and freedom of action, without endangering every safeguard of integrity, and every security of reputation and honor.

The high character of the East India Company, the fame and glory of our country in this remote region, demand from you ■ correct observance of all those Rules which have been framed for the purpose of securing you against the evils of ignorance, indolence, and extravagance, and of qualifying you in knowledge, in freedom, in virtue, and honor, to administer to these populous and opulent provinces the blessings of a just, an honest, a British Government

The advantages provided for you by the liberality and munificence of the Company under this institution, are unrivalled in the history of world: your gratitude will be manifested, if you shall employ those advantages to the advancement of your own reputations and interests, by pursuing that course of diligence, industry, regularity, and order, which will conduct you to the faithful accomplishment of all your duties, and enable you to perpetual the ultimate objects of this institution—the prosperity and honor of the British Empire in India.

A REPORT

1 REPORT OF THE
FOURTH ANNUAL EXAMINATION,

HOLDEN ■ JANUARY, 1801.

HINDOOSTANEE.

			Rs.
1 Homer,	Bombay,	1 Medal, and	1500
2 Walker,		3 Medal, and	1000
3 Swinton,		4 Medal, and	500
4 Gowan,		5 Medal.	

5 Scott, T. C.			
6 Turnbull,			
7 Tod, senior,			
8 Wauchope,			
9 Peiry,			
10 Alexander,			
11 Livei, senior,			
12 Littledale,			
13 Impey, senior,			
14 Sanders,	Madras.		
15 Spotiswoode,	Madras.		
16 Puller,			
17 Trope.			

SECOND CLASS.

18 Lushington,			
19 Martin,			
20 Watson,			
21 Rowles, -	Bombay.		
22 Trower,			
23 Peter,	Madras.		
24 Gardner, Honorable E.			
25 Liell,			
26 Christian,			
27 Perry,			
28 West, D.			
29 Bird, S.			

HINDOOSTANEE.

ANNALS OF THE
HINDOOSTANEE.

30 Moore,
31 Ricketts,
■ Newnham,
33 Monckton,
34 Lowther,
35 Tod, junior,
■ Sprot.

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■ Tippet,
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- 6 Romer, Bombay.
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 - 8 Puller,
 - Sanders, Madras.

SECOND CLASS.

- 10 Watson,
- 11 Rowles, Bombay.
- 12 Gowan,
- 13 Tod, senior,
- 14 Lushington,
- 15 Impey, senior,
- 16 Monoy,
- 17 Fraser,
- 18 Peter, Madras.
- 19 Scott, T. C.
- 20 Spottiswoode, Madras.
- 21 Turnbull,
- 22 Curtis.

THIRD CLASS.

- 23 Littledale,
- 24 Shakespear,
- 25 Scott, D.
- 26 Martin,
- 27 Marjoribanks,
- 28 Tod, junior,
- 29 Lawrence,
- 30 Bird, senior,
- 31 Impey, junior,
- 32 Digby,
- Gardiner,
- Rattray,
- 35 Gorton,

PERSIAN

PERSIAN.

- Moore,
- 37 Mitford,
- 38 Cary.

BENGALIEE.

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| 1 Tod, senior, | ■ Medal, and 1500 |
| ■ Gorton, | ■ Medal, and 1000 |
| 3 Hayes, | ■ Medal. |

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- 4 Gowan,
 - Impey, senior,
 - 6 Impey, junior,
 - 7 Sprot.

FIRST CLASS.

- Lawrence,
- 9 Barwell,
- 10 Tod, junior,
- 11 Liell,
- 12 Curtis,
- 13 Digby,
- 14 Mainwaring.

SANSKRIT.

- 1 Gorton,
 - Hayes,
 - Impey, junior,
- Medal.
■ Medal.
■ Medal.

ARABIC.

- 1 Oliver,
 - Keene,
 - Wauchope,
- Madras,
- Medal, and 1500
■ Medal, and 1000
■ Medal.

SECOND CLASS.

- Perry,
 - Swinton,
 - Fraser,
 - 7 Sanders,
- Madras.

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Senders, Medals, ■ Medals

MOORUMMUDAN LAW.

- 1 Wanchop, a Medal.
- 2 Oliver, Madras, a Medal.
- 3 Koono, Madras, a Medal.

PERSIAN WRITING.

- Forubull, a Medal, and 1000 Rs.
- Swinton, a Medal.
- 3 Shakespear, a Medal.

NAGREE WRITING.

- 1 Gowan, a Medal, and 1000
- Alexander, Medal.
- 3 Homer, a Medal.

BENGALIE WRITING.

- 1 Gowan, a Medal, and 1000
- 2 Gorton, a Medal.

ENGLISH ESSAYS.

ESSAY OF FIRST TERM OF 1804.

“ On the Utility of the Persian Language in India.”

- 1 Wauchope, Medal and 1000
- 2 Rowles, Medal.
- 3 Perry, Medal.

SECOND TERM.

“ On the advantages and disadvantages of leaving Native Country at an early age, as it respects the improvement of the mind and the general happiness of life.”

- 1 Plowden, T. C. Medal and 1000
- Rowles, Medal.

THIRD TERM.

THIRD TERM.

“ On the progress of Civilization in India under the British
“ Government.”

	<i>No.</i>
1 Keene,.....	Medal and 1000
■ Bird, W. W.....	Medal.

FOURTH TERM.

“ On the decline and fall of the Moohummudan Empire in
“ India ”

1 Gowan,.....	Medal and 1000
■ Perry,.....	Medal.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1801.

Degrees of Honor, for high proficiency in the
Oriental Languages, were conferred on the follow-
ing Students, now leaving College.

BENGAL.

Swinton,	Persian and Hindoostanee.
Wauchops,.....	Arabic and Persian.
Walker,	Hindoostanee and Persian.
Gowan,.....	Hindoostanee.
Perry,.....	Persian.

FORT St. GEORGE.

Oliver,.....	Arabic and Persian.
Keene,.....	Arabic and Persian.

BOMBAY.

Romer,.....	Hindoostanee.
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Honorary Reward of Books were adjudged to the
following Students now leaving College, proficient
in the Greek, and Latin Classics, or in the French
Language.

CLASSICS.

1 Gowan,
■ Swinton,
3 Perry,
■ Money,

5. Spot,

- 5 Sprot,
- 6 Walker,
- 7 Oliver, Madras,
- 8 D gh,
- 9 Plowden,
- 10 Keene, Madras.

FRENCH LANGUAGE.

- 1 Keene, Madras.
- 2 Cole, Madras.
- 3 Rowles, Bombay.
- 4 Crowan, Bengal.
- 5 Romer, Bombay.
- 6 Walker, Bengal.
- 7 Wauchop, Bengal.
- 8 Oliver, Madras.

Medals of Merit awarded at the Quarterly Examinations, were presented to Messrs. A. B. Tod, H. Impey, and W. Sanders, and also to the following Junior Students remaining in College.

- Alexander, H. for Hindoostanee.
- Scott, T. C. Hindoostanee.
- Robinson, W. H. Hindoostanee.
- Fraser, W. Arabic.
- Bird, S. Hindoostanee.
- Hope, H. Hindoostanee.
- Parry, Hindoostanee.
- Ricketts, M. Hindoostanee.
- Newham, Hindoostanee.
- Monckton, P. Hindoostanee.

ENTERED ON THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN 1804.

PRESIDENCY OF BENGAL.

1. George Swinton, — Degree of Honor in Persian. — Degree of Honor in Hindoostanee — Fifth in Arabic. — Public Disputation in Persian. — Second Prize in Persian Writing. — Honorary Reward in Classics.

2. John

2. John Wauchop, — Degree of Honor in Arabic. — Degree of Honor in Persian. — Eighth in Hindoostanee. — Medal in Moohammedan law. — Public Disputation in Arabic. — Public Disputation in Persian. — Prize English Essay; Honorary Reward in the French Language.
3. John Walker, — Degree of Honor in Hindoostanee. — Degree of Honor in Persian. — Public Disputation in Hindoostanee. Fourth in Persian Writing. — Honorary Reward in Classics. — Honorary Reward in the French Language.
4. C. Gowan, — Degree of Honor in Hindoostanee. — Public Disputation in Hindoostanee. — Prize Medal in Sanskrit. — Declamation in Sanskrit. — Fourth in Bengalee. — Twelfth in Persian. — First Prize in Nagree Writing. — First Prize in Bengalee Writing. — Prize English Essay. — Honorary Reward in Classics. — Honorary Reward in the French Language.
5. Thomas Perry, — Degree of Honor in Persian. — Fourth in Arabic. — Public Disputation in Arabic. — Public Disputation in Persian. — Ninth in Hindoostanee. — Two Medals for English Essays. — Honorary Reward in Classics.
6. A. Bruce Tod, — First in Bengalee. — Public Disputation in Bengalee. — Seventh in Hindoostanee. — Fifth in Nagree Writing.
7. John Ever, — Seventh in Persian. — Eleventh in Hindoostanee.
8. William Gorton, — Second in Bengalee. — First Medal in Sanskrit. — Second Prize in Bengalee Writing.
9. T. C. Plowden, — Sixth in Hindoostanee, former Examination. — Fourteenth in Persian, do. — Fourth in Nagree Writing, do. — Prize in English Essay. — Honorary Reward in Classics.
10. Henry Puller, — Eighth in Persian. — Sixteenth in Hindoostanee.
11. John Hayes, — Third in Bengalee. — Public Disputation in Bengalee. — Second Medal in Sanskrit. — Fourth in Bengalee Writing.
12. Hastings Impay, — Fifth in Bengalee. — Appointed to hold Public Disputation in Bengalee. — Thirteenth in Hindoostanee. — Fifteenth in Persian. — Fourth in Nagree Writing.

13. T. Watson,--Tenth in Persian.--Twentieth in Hindoostanee.
14. J. Poy,--Sixth in Bengalee.--Third Medal in Persian.
15. J. Langton,--Fourteenth in Persian.--Fifteenth in Hindoostanee.
16. Wigram Money,--Sixteenth in Persian.--Honorary Reward in Classics.
17. J. Sprot,--Seventh in Bengalee.--Thirty-sixth in Hindoostanee.--Prize English Essay.--Honorary Reward in Classics.
18. A. G. J. Tod,--Tenth in Bengalee.--Twenty-eighth in Persian.--Thirty-fifth in Hindoostanee.
19. Thomas Liell,--Eleventh in Bengalee.--Twenty-fifth in Hindoostanee.--Third in Bengalee Writing.
20. G. Curtis,--Twenty-second in Persian.--Twelfth in Bengalee.
21. K. C. Lawrence,--Eighth in Bengalee.--Twenty-ninth in Persian.
22. D. Scott,--Twenty-fifth in Persian.--Twenty-eighth in Hindoostanee.
23. J. Digby,--Thirteenth in Bengalee.--Thirty-second in Persian.--Honorary Reward in Classics.
24. J. R. Barwell,--Ninth in Bengalee.
25. R. H. Rattray,--Thirty-fourth in Persian.
26. R. Mitford,--Thirty-seventh in Persian.
27. T. Mainwaring,--Fifty-third in Hindoostanee.

FORT ST. GEORGE.

1. W. Oliver,--Degree of Honor in Arabic.--Degree of Honor in Persian.--Medal in Moohummudan law.--Public Disputation in Arabic.--Public Disputation in Persian.--Honorary Reward in Classics.--Honorary Reward in the French Language.
2. H. G. Kesler,--Degree of Honor in Arabic.--Degree of Honor in Persian.--Medal in Moohummudan law.--Appointed to hold a Disputation in Arabic, and in Persian.--Prize English Essay.--Honorary Reward in Classics.--Honorary Reward in the French Language.

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3. W. Sanders,—Seventh in Arabic.—Ninth in Persian.—Fourteenth in Hindoostanee —Medal in the Tamoo Language.
4. Honorable C. Cole,—Ninth in Hindoostanee, former Examination —Nineteenth in Persian, do.—Honorary Reward in the French Language.
5. H. Spottiswoods,—Fifteenth in Hindoostanee.—Twentieth in Persian.
6. Ross Peter,—Eighteenth in Persian.—Twenty-third in Hindoostanee.

BOMBAY.

1. John Romer,—Dignity of Honor in the Hindoostanee Language —Public Disputation in Hindoostanee.—Third Prize in Nagree Writing.—Sixth in Persian.—Prize English Essay. Honorary Reward in the French Language.
2. B. Rowles,—Eleventh in Persian.—Twenty-first in Hindoostanee.—Prize English Essay.—Honorary Reward in the French Language.



No. V.

AN
 ACCOUNT OF
 THE FOURTH
 PUBLIC DISPUTATIONS
 IN THE
 ORIENTAL LANGUAGES,

*Held on the 9th February, 1805, with the Speech
 delivered on that occasion, by His Excellency
 MARQUIS WILLESLEY, as Visitor of the College.*

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM, FEBRUARY 16, 1805.

On Saturday the 9th Instant, being the day appointed by His Excellency the Visitor for the Public Disputations in the Oriental Languages, the Governors, Officers, Professors, and Students of the College, assembled at half past nine o'clock at the Government House.

At ten o'clock His Excellency entered the Room where the Disputations were to be held, accompan-
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ed by the Honorable the Chief Justice, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Members of the Supreme Council, and the Members of the Council of the College. The principal Civil and Military Officers at the presidency: and many learned Natives were present on the occasion.

As soon as His Excellency had taken his seat, the Disputations commenced in the following order:

FIRST.—HINDOOSTANEE.

Position.—“The Oriental Languages are studied with more success in India than in England; and with greater advantage to the public service.”

Defended by Mr. Turnbull.

Chief Opponent, Mr. Scott.

Second Opponent, Mr. Christian.

Moderator, Captain James Mount, Professor.

SECOND.—PERSIAN.

Position.—“The Persian Language is of more utility in the general administration of the British Empire in India than the Hindoostanee.”

Defended by Mr. Scott.

Chief Opponent, Mr. Turnbull.

Second Opponent, Mr. Littledale.

Moderator, Mr. Lumsden, Esq. Professor.

THIRD.—BENGALIE.

DECLAMATION IN THE BENGALIE LANGUAGE,
By Mr. Marjoribanks.

FOURTH.—ARABIC.

DECLAMATION IN THE ARABIC LANGUAGE,
By Mr. Littledale.

FIFTH.—

LITTE. MAHARAJA.

ON IN THE MAHARAJA LANGUAGE,

By M. Frowe.

At the conclusion of each Disputation, an appropriate speech in the language of the Disputation, was delivered by the respective Moderators.

When the Disputations and Declamations were concluded, His Excellency signified to the Officers of the College his direction, that the Prizes and Honorary Rewards should be distributed in his presence, on Monday the 11th of February. His Excellency also notified his intention to confer the Degree of Honor established by the Statute, on certain Students whom he had directed the Council of the College to present to him for that purpose.

On Monday the 11th of February, His Excellency the Visitor entered the Room at eleven o'clock, accompanied by the Honorable the Chief Justice, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Members of the Supreme Council, the Members of the Council of the College, and the Officers of His Excellency's suite.

As soon as the Visitor had taken his seat, the Vice-Provost proceeded to present to His Excellency, those Students who were entitled under Statute VIII to receive Degrees of Honor, and whose presentation had been previously directed by His Excellency. The Vice-Provost publicly read the certificate granted by the Council of the College to each Student respectively, specifying the high proficiency which he had made in the Oriental Language, and

and also the regularity of his conduct during his residence at College. When the certificate had been read, His Excellency the Visitor presented to each Student the Honorary Diploma, inscribed on Vellum in the Oriental character; purporting that the Committee of Public Examination having declared that the Student had made such proficiency in certain of the Oriental Languages as entitled him to a Degree of Honor in the same, His Excellency was pleased to confer the said Degree, in conformity to the statute.

The Students now leaving College, on whom His Excellency was pleased to confer a Degree of Honor on this occasion, were,

Mr Thomas Chisholm Scott,
 Mr Montague Henry Turnbull,
 Mr Joseph Littledale, — and
 Mr James Majoribanks.

After the Degrees of Honor had been conferred, the Prizes, Medals, and Honorary Rewards, adjudged at the late Public Examination were distributed by the Provost, in presence of the Visitor, to the following Students now leaving College.

Messrs. Thomas Chisholm Scott,
 Montague Henry Turnbull,
 Joseph Littledale,
 James Majoribanks,
 William Fraser,
 Henry Shakspear,
 Hugh Hope,
 Henry Alexander,
 William Trower, — and
 Shearman Bird,

Honorary

Honorary Rewards were presented, at the same time, to the following Junior Students, remaining in College.

Messrs. Hugh George Christie,
 Edward Pury,
 Henry Newburn,
 William Welford Reid,
 William Beckford Gordon,
 Charles Cupman
 George John Siddons,
 Walter Ewer,— and
 Edward Maxwell.

After the Prizes and Honorary Rewards had been distributed, His Excellency the Visitor was pleased to deliver the following speech :

GENTLEMEN OF THE COLLEGE
 OF FORT WILLIAM,

At the close of the Public Disputations of the last year, the delay which had protracted the period of your annual meeting, enabled me to signify my judgment with regard to the progress of the institution at an advanced period of the season.

On that occasion, having expressed to you my approbation of your general conduct, and having adverted to such objects as appeared to me to demand your particular attention, my duty on this day appears to be limited to the consideration of the state and condition of this institution, within the period of time which has elapsed since the conclusion of the last Disputations.

The diminution of the total number of the Students by the separation of the gentlemen of the
 Establishments

Establishments of Fort St. George and Bombay has unavoidably affected the number and variety of the Public Exercises pronounced, and of the honors conferred, on the present occasion.

The sphere of emulation and competition has been contracted by the necessary operation of the same cause; but I am happy to perceive, that you have persevered in the indefatigable exertion of your general zeal, industry, and spirit of study.

The Students who have maintained arguments at the Public Disputations on the present occasion, have not passed through a course of study equal in point of duration, with that which enabled the Students of former years to attain the honors attached to similar Public Exercises. Notwithstanding this disadvantage, the gentlemen who have held Disputations on the present occasion have successfully rivalled their most distinguished predecessors in correct language, fluent expression, and accurate pronunciation.

The Degrees of Honor conferred this day on

Messrs. Thomas Chisholme Scott,
Montagu Henry Turnbull,
Joseph Littlehale,—and
James Majoribanks,

are the public and just Rewards of Merit, which has not been surpassed by any Student of this College; and I entertain a confident hope, that the public services of these gentlemen will prove valuable to the interests of the Company, and our country in India.

The Students distinguished by Prizes and Honorary Rewards, are also entitled to commendation, and

and the principles of public justice demand my applause of the Government of the greater proportion of those, who now proceed to the public service.

It is satisfactory to be enabled to declare, that the general conduct and progress of the Students continue to merit the approbation of this Government, and to reflect considerable honor on the character of the institution, and on the knowledge, talents, skill, and diligence of the Professors in the discharge of their respective duties.

At the last Disputation, I expressed my desire, that a more general attention should be paid to the study of the Vernacular language of Bengal. I observe with pleasure, that a Degree of Honor has been merited and conferred on this day, for high proficiency in that language, and that the study of that useful attainment is now prosecuted by many of the Students with diligence and success.

In the Mulhatta language, a progress has been made, which merits approbation and encouragement. The Declamation pronounced for the first time in that language is highly creditable to the gentleman who pronounced it, and to the learned Professor, under whose care the Students in that department have manifested meritorious industry and application, attended by great success, within a limited period of time.

The compilation and publication of useful works in the Oriental languages have proceeded with unabated spirit, and with eminent public advantage, by affording additional facilities throughout India in the
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general attainment of the several languages necessary for the conduct of the service.

Amongst useful works of this description a Grammar of the Muhratta language has been compiled and printed, and a Vocabulary of the same language is now in the press.

Since the last meeting, therefore, the propagation of Oriental knowledge in the British service in India, has proceeded with increased success by the progress of the studies and labours of the gentlemen of this College.

The attention of the Officers and Students of the College, appears also to have been successfully directed to those important objects of discipline, regularity, and good order, which formed an essential part of my recent admonitions from this place. My most solemn and sacred duty demands, that I should enforce those admonitions on every reasonable occasion, and by every attainable sanction of reward, encouragement, and authority. I cannot therefore omit this public opportunity of expressing my particular satisfaction in the conduct of those Students, who have manifested their qualification for the due discharge of the highest stations in this service, by an attentive observance, not merely of the letter, but of the true spirit of the statutes, which prescribe strict attention to the maxims of regularity, economy, and good order.

The most eminent and brilliant success in the highest objects of study, will prove an inadequate qualification for the service of the Company, and of our country in India, if the just application of those
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& your attainments be not secured, by a solid foundation of virtuous principles, and correct conduct. The whole of the education which you have received at home, furnishes abundant explanation of the principles and objects of the statutes of this College, which ordain a due attention to the order and regularity of your private economy, and to those habits of life calculated to protect you from future embarrassment and distress, in the exercise of your public duties: and the vital principle of this service, combined with the preservation of your most urgent interests, and of your most sacred honor in this country, requires me to inculcate and to enjoin the indispensable necessity of your strict conformity to these essential articles of the statutes.

In closing the proceedings of this day, I have the satisfaction to signify to you, that a considerable progress has been made in the arrangements requisite to promote and to facilitate, in this College, the study of the laws and regulations enacted by the Governor-General in Council, for the Government of the British territories subject to the presidency of Bengal.

With the able assistance of the principal public Officers of this Government, the commencement of a regular system of study in that important branch may be expected during the course of the present year.

To this system of study, it is my intention to add Rewards and Honors calculated to distinguish the merits of those Students, who shall appear at the Examinations to have attained eminent knowledge

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of the laws and regulations which they are designed to administer in their several stations to the people of these extensive provinces.

In the original foundation of this College, it was my intention to have provided sufficient means of instruction for the Students in the principles of general jurisprudence, and of the law of nations, connecting that course of study with the principles of the Moolummudan and Hindoo law, and with those of the wise, and salutary code of laws, introduced by that great and worthy statesman, the Marquis Cornwallis, for the administration of these provinces; and improved and extended by succeeding governments, with the aid of the talents, knowledge, and virtues of Sir George Barlow; whose merits and services towards his country and mankind, in the formation and subsequent improvement of that code, are to be traced in the increasing prosperity and happiness of every province in the Empire, to which it has been extended.

Unavoidable circumstances have prevented the Institution of a regular course of lectures in the general principles of jurisprudence and of the law of nations. It is my duty, however, earnestly to recommend the study of the most approved elementary works in this branch to all the Students of the College. The knowledge of these general principles will prove of the utmost advantage in every department of this service. To those destined for the judicial department, the necessity of such a course of study is obvious and incontrovertible. But in every department of the service, the knowledge of
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It is to be desired that the study of general law, will tend to secure a more general observance, not only of the regulations of the Government, but of the principles of universal justice and equity towards every class of our numerous and various subjects, and of all the Native inhabitants of India.

The study of the Moohummudan and Hindoo codes of law will be facilitated by the works extant on those subjects; to which the attention of the Students should be carefully directed. In the course of the present year, I trust, that a considerable progress may be made with the aid of the learning and skill of the principal judicial Officers of this Government, in establishing a regular course of study in the Moohummudan and Hindoo codes of law.

But the accurate study of the regulations, and laws of this Government, under the guidance of the respectable and learned Professor in that department, will afford ample opportunity of advantage and distinction to those Students, who shall pursue such a course with diligence and attention.

In pursuing that course, the general objects of this system of laws and regulations, will be manifest in the due distribution of the legislative, executive, and judicial authorities of the state, in the establishment of an impartial administration of justice according to the existing laws, and in the provision of gradual means for the improvement of those laws.

It is not my intention at this time to investigate the principles which constitute the basis of this code, or to trace their connection with the general maxims of jurisprudence, with the spirit of the British constitution,

stitution, or with the doctrines of the Moohummudan and Hindoo codes, and the customs, manners, and habits of our Native subjects. Nor will I attempt, on this occasion, to describe the condition of these provinces with respect to the administration of justice and to their internal civil constitution, either under the Native government, or under the British power, previously to the introduction of the existing code of laws and regulations.

It is sufficient for me to direct your attention to the indispensable necessity of acquiring a correct knowledge of the existing laws and regulations, for the purpose of enabling you to discharge your duty to the Company, to your country, and to the people of these populous provinces.

In every station in which you can be placed during the course of your public service, the due execution of these laws and regulations must, in a certain degree, depend upon your conduct. You must be either the instruments for the administration of the laws, or the direct objects of their salutary control and restraint; in every instance you will be subject to their general authority; and it will be your duty to conform to their spirit, to aid their operation, and to suggest every practicable improvement in their provisions and regulations. Under such solemn obligations, I entertain a firm expectation, that, in the prosecution of the object of study now recommended to your attention, you will display the same zeal, industry, and success, which have marked the progress of the great body of the Students of this College in every department, to which their studies have been directed.

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Nor can this Government direct your attention to any object more worthy to inspire honourable emulation, to excite the highest effort, of industry and genius, or to reward the most transcendent success of just and laudable ambition.

The due administration of just laws within these flourishing and populous provinces, is not only the foundation of the happiness of millions of people, but the main pillar of the vast fabric of the British Empire in Asia: the mainspring of our Empire is situated here; and it is supplied and guarded by the laws and regulations of this Government. From the prosperity of these provinces are derived all the sources of our revenue, and commerce, and public credit; and the origin and stability of that prosperity are to be found in the code of laws which you are now directed to study, and hereafter destined to administer, to expound, and to amend.

Subject to the common imperfection of every human institution, this system of laws is approved by practical experience, (the surest test of human legislation,) and contains an active principle of continual revision which affords the best security for progressive amendment. It is not the effusion of vain theory issuing from speculative principles, and directed to visionary objects of impracticable perfection; but the solid work of plain, deliberate, practical benevolence, the legitimate offspring of genuine wisdom, and pure virtue: the excellence of the general spirit of these laws is attested by the noblest proof of just, wise, and honest government; by the restoration of happiness, tranquillity, and security,

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to an oppressed and suffering people; and by the revival of agriculture, commerce, manufacture, and general opulence in a declining and impoverished country.

Contemplating these benevolent views, and animated by the prospect of the great and exalted duty to which you are called, I trust that you will derive from this Institution, the most effectual means of preserving and securing to the inhabitants of these prosperous regions, that primary object of all good government, the greatest blessing attainable by any people,—an impartial administration of just law.

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A REPORT OF THE
FIFTH ANNUAL EXAMINATION

HOLDEN IN JANUARY, 1802.

PERSIAN.	<i>Rs.</i>	HINDOOSTANESE.	<i>Rs.</i>
1 Scott, . . . a Medal, &	1500	1 Scott, . . . a Medal, &	1500
2 Turnbull, a Medal, &	1000	2 Turnbull, a Medal, &	1000
3 Littledale, a Medal, &	500	3 Littledale, a Medal, &	500
4 Christian, a Medal,		4 Shakespear, a Medal,	
5 Marjoribanks,		5 Christian,	
6 Hope,		6 Alexander,	
7 Shakespear,		7 Hope.	
8 Gardner, Hon. E.		SECOND CLASS.	
9 Fraser,		8 Bird, S.	
10 Alexander,		9 Gardner, Hon. E.	
11 Ewer.		10 Monckton,	
SECOND CLASS.		11 Nowham,	
12 Dozin,		12 Parry,	
13 Gordon, F. D.		13 Bird, W. W.	

PERSIAN.

PERSIAN.

- 14 Monckton,
 15 Newham,
 16 Bird, W. W.
 THIRD CLASS.
 17 Wright,
 18 Lwing,
 19 Loch,
 20 Martin,
 21 Gordon, W. B.
 22 Roberdeau,
 Lowther, and } absent.
 Lindsay, }
 Ricketts, at sea.

HINDOOSTANEE.

- 14 Ewer.
 THIRD CLASS.
 15 Siddons,
 16 Walpole,
 17 Martin,
 18 Chapman,
 19 Williams,
 20 Gordon, W. B.
 21 Loch,
 22 Tippett,
 23 Revely,
 24 Pakenham,
 25 Wright,
 26 Roberdeau.

BENGALIEE.

- Rt. 1 Marjhibanks, a Medal, and 1500
 2 Parry, a Medal, and 1000
 3 Fraser, a Medal,
 4 Bird, S.
 5 Moore,
 6 Gardiner, senior,
 7 Martin,
 SECOND CLASS.
 8 Williams,
 9 Siddons,
 10 Gordon, W. B.
 11 Pakenham,
 12 Revely,
 13 Cary.

FOURTH CLASS.

- Rt. 27 Halled,
 28 Dorin,
 29 Smyth,
 30 Clark,
 31 Savage,
 32 Eyre,
 33 Dawes,
 34 Gardiner, junior,
 35 Ward,
 36 Money,
 37 Hopper,
 38 Sullivan,
 39 Sham,
 40 Barney,
 41 Oakley,
 Maxwell, absent.

ARABIC.

- Rt. 1 Littledale, a Medal, & 1500
 2 Turnbull, a Medal, & 1000
 3 Fraser, a Medal,

PERSIAN WRITING.

- Rt. 1 Shakespear, a Medal,
 and 1000
 2 Christian, a Medal, & 500

ARABIC.

ARABIC.

- Scott,
- 5 Hope,
- 6 Bird, W. W.
- 7 Ewer.

MUHRATTA.

- Trower, a Medal, and 1000
- Chapman, ■ Medal,
- Moore,
- Gardiner, senior,
- Martin.

NAGREE WRITING.

- Alexander, a Medal, & 1000
- 2 Bird, W. W. a Medal, and 500
- Newnham, ■ Medal,
- Gordon, W. B.
- 5 Wight,
- 6 Loch,
- 7 Tippett,
- 8 Pakenham,
- Monckton.

PERSIAN WRITING.

- Gordon, W. B. ■ Medal,
- 4 Chapman, ■ Medal,
- 5 Loch,
- Hope,
- 7 Gardner, Hon. B.
- 8 Ewer,
- 9 Ewing,
- 10 Wright,
- 11 Monckton,
- 12 Martin.

BENGALIE WRITING.

- 1 Bird, S. a Medal, and 1000
- Marjoribanks, a Medal,
- Gordon, W. B.
- 4 Siddons,
- 5 Martin,
- Gardiner,
- A. Mackenzie, absent from the Examination.

ENGLISH ESSAYS.

FIRST TERM OF 1804.

“On the study of Indian History.”

- Saunders, a Medal, and 1000
- W. B. Gordon, a Medal.

SECOND TERM.

“On the rise and fall of the Portuguese empire in India.”

- 1 Trower, a Medal, and 1000
- 1 Siddons, a Medal,

THIRD

THIRD TERM.

“ On the establishment of the Dutch, and the decline of their power in India ”

- R.*
- 1 W. B. Gordon, a Medal, and 1000
2 Maxwell, a Medal.

FOURTH TERM.

“ On the progress of the English power in India, from the earliest settlement to the battle of Plassey.”

- R.*
- 1 Newnham, a Medal, and 1000
2 Ewer, a Medal

Degrees of Honor for high proficiency in the Oriental Languages, were conferred on the following Students, now leaving College :

- Mr T. C. Scott, Persian and Hindoostanee.
Mr M. H. Turnbull, Persian and Hindoostanee.
Mr J. Littledale, Persian and Hindoostanee.
Mr J. Marjombanks, Bengallee.

Honorary Reward of Books adjudged to the following Students, now leaving College, proficient in the Greek and Latin Classics, or in the French Language.

CLASSICS.

- 1 Littledale,
2 Hope,
3 Gardiner, senior,

FRENCH LANGUAGE.

- 1 Littledale,
2 Marjombanks,
3 Shakespear,
4 Hope,
5 Honorable E. Gardner,
6 Trower,
7 M. H. Turnbull.

Medals

Medals of merit were presented to the following Students :

To Mr. H. Hope, In Persian.

To Mr. W. Ewer, In Hindoostanee.

STUDENTS WHO ENTERED ON THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN
FEBRUARY, 1865

CLASSED IN THE ORDER OF GENERAL PROFICIENCY.

1. Mr. T. C. Scott,—Obtained a DEGREE of HONOR in Persian.—Obtained a DEGREE of HONOR in Hindoostanee.—Fourth place in Arabic.—Held a Public Disputation in Persian.—Held a Public Disputation in Hindoostanee.
2. Mr. M. H. Turnbull,—Obtained a DEGREE of HONOR in Persian.—Obtained a DEGREE of HONOR in Hindoostanee.—Held a Public Disputation in Persian.—Held a Public Disputation in Hindoostanee.—Obtained the Second Prize in Arabic.—Obtained the first Prize in Persian Writing.—Honorary Reward in the French Language.
3. Mr. J. Littledale,—Obtained a DEGREE of HONOR in Persian.—Obtained a DEGREE of HONOR in Hindoostanee.—Obtained the first Prize in Arabic.—Held a Public Disputation in Persian.—Pronounced a declamation in Arabic.—Honorary Reward in Classics.—Honorary Reward in the French Language.
4. Mr. J. Marjoribanks,—Obtained a DEGREE of HONOR in the Bengalee Language.—Pronounced a Declamation in Bengalee Language.—Fifth place in Persian.—Obtained the Second Prize in Bengalee Writing.—Honorary Reward in the French Language.
5. Mr. W. Fraser,—Obtained the Third Prize in Bengalee.—Obtained the third Prize in Arabic.—Ninth place in the Persian Language.
6. Mr. H. Shakespear,—Obtained the fourth Prize in the Hindoostanee Language.—Seventh place in the Persian Language.—Obtained the first Prize in Persian Writing.—Honorary Reward in the French Language.

7. Mr. H. Hooper,--Sixth place in the Persian Language.--
Seventh place in the Hindoostanee. Fifth place in Arabic.--
Honorary Reward in Classics.--Honorary Reward in the
Hind Language.
8. Mr. H. Alvanor --Sixth place in the Hindoostanee.--
Tenth in Persian. - Obtained the first Prize in Nagree Wri-
ting.
9. Gentle Mr. E. Gardner,--Fifth place in Persian. Ninth
place in Hindoostanee. Honorary Reward in the French
Language.
10. Mr. S. Bird,--Fourth place in the Bengalee. Eighth
place in the Hindoostanee. Obtained the first Prize in
Bengalee Writing.
11. Mr. W. Trower,--Obtained the first Prize in the Maha-
ratti Language. - Pronounced a Declamation in the Maha-
ratti Language. - Eleventh in Persian at a former exami-
nation - Prize English Essay.--Honorary Reward in
French Language.
12. Mr. C. R. Mutin, - Seventh in the Bengalee.-- Seventh
in Hindoostanee.--Twenty-first in Persian.--Fifth in
Mahatta Language.
13. St. John Moore,--Third in Mahatta --Fifth in Be-
galee.
14. Mr. C. W. Gardner,--Sixth in Bengalee.--Fourth in
Mahatta -Honorary Reward in Classics.
15. Mr. W. H. Lippett,--Twenty-second in Hindoostanee.
16. Mr. A. Mackenzie, Thirtieth in Hindoostanee, former
Examination.
17. Mr. G. G. Cary,--Thirteenth in Bengalee.
- Mr. G. Saunders, Mr. W. Cracroft, and Mr. A. Campbell,--
Detached from College, and appointed to Assistantships
in 1804.
- Mr. J. B. Elliott,--In the first Class Hindoostanee at the
Examination in January, 1803, at which time he received a
Medal of Merit.

COLLEGE

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM, JULY 25, 1805.

*Extract from the Proceedings of a Council of the
College, held on the 15th July, 1805.*

Ordered, that the thanks of the Council of the College be communicated to the Reverend and Right Worshipful the Vice Chancellor of the University of Oxford, for his offer in the name of that University, to present to the College of Fort William, copies of the Books, printed at the Clarendon Press.

Ordered, that the thanks of the Council of the College be communicated to Peter Speke, Esq. for the valuable Books presented by him to the College of Fort William.

Ordered, that the thanks of the Council of the College be communicated to Captain Francis Wilford, for the valuable Manuscripts in the Sanskrit Language, presented by him to the College of Fort William.

Ordered, that the thanks of the Council of the College be communicated to Burnish Crisp, Esq. for the valuable Book presented by him to the College of Fort William.

By Order of the Council

of the College,

C. ROTIMAN, *Secretary.*

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ACCOUNT OF

THE FIFTH

PUBLIC DISPUTATIONS

IN THE

ORIENTAL LANGUAGES,

Held on the 3d March, 1806; with the Speech delivered on that occasion, by the Right Honourable SIR GEORGE HILARY BARLOW, as Visitor of the College.

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM, MARCH 8, 1806.

On Monday, the 3d Instant, being the day appointed by the Honorable SIR GEORGE HILARY BARLOW, Governor General, Visitor of the College of Fort William, for the Public Disputations in the Oriental Languages, the Governors, Officers, Professors, and Students of the College, assembled at half past Nine o'Clock at the Government House.

At

At ten o'clock, the Honorable the Visitor entered the Room, where the Disputations were to be held.

In front of the Visitor's Chair, seats were placed for the Professors, and for such Students as were to maintain the Disputations, or to receive Prizes and Honorary Rewards.

As soon as the Honorable the Visitor had taken his seat, the Public Exercises commenced in the following order:

FIRST.—PERSIA.

DISPUTATION.

Position.—“The Persian Language is not to be studied so much for a dry knowledge to be acquired by it of Oriental Literature; as to furnish a medium of communication with the Natives of the British Territories in India.”

Respondent, Mr. Christian.

First Opponent, Mr. Lwei.

Second Opponent, Mr. F. D. Gordon.

Moderator, M. Famsden, Esq.

SECOND.—MUHRATTA.

DECLAMATION.

Subject.—“Fall of the Muhratta Empire.”

By Mr. Chapman.

THIRD.—HINDOOSTANEE.

DECLAMATION.

Subject.—“The knowledge of the Asiatic Languages, is of greater advantage to the Public Service in India, than any other Branch of Learning.”

By Mr. Christian.

FOURTH.

FOURTH. - ARABIC.

DECLAMATION.

Subject.—“Praise of the Arabic Language.”

By Mr. Ewei.

The casual indisposition of three principal Students, viz. William Dorin, William W. Ibbotson, and Henry Newnham, occasioned the deficiency of a usual number of Exercises on this day.

As soon as the Disputation and Declamations were concluded, the Vice Provost proceeded to present to the Honorable the Visitor, those Students of the College who were entitled under Statute VIII. to receive Degrees of Honor, and whose presentation had been previously directed by the Visitor. The Vice Provost publicly read the Certificate granted by the Council of the College to each Student respectively, specifying the high proficiency which he had made in the Oriental Languages, and also the regularity of his conduct during his residence at College. When the Certificate had been read, the Visitor presented to each Student the Honorary Diploma, inscribed on Vellum in the Oriental character; purporting that the Committee of public Examination having declared that the Student had made such proficiency in certain of the Oriental Languages, as entitled him to a Degree of Honor in the same, the Visitor was pleased to confer the said Degree in conformity to the said Statute.

Students

Students now leaving College, on whom the Honorable the Visitor was pleased to confer a Degree of Honor on this occasion, were

Hugh George Christian,
William Dorin,
Walter Ewer,
Henry Newham, and
Edward Parry.

After the Degrees of Honor had been conferred, the Prizes, Medals, and Honorary Rewards, as judged at the late Public Examination, were distributed by the Provost, in presence of the Visitor, to the following Students now leaving College:

Hugh George Christian,
William Dorin,
Walter Ewer,
Henry Newham,
Edward Parry,
William Wilberforce Bond,
William Beckford Cradock,
Charles Chapman, and
Richard Walpole.

Honorary Rewards were presented at the same time to the following Junior Students remaining in College:

George John Romney,
William Faisle Clark,
Nathaniel John Halded,
Robert Brown, and
Henry Ellis.

The particular Prizes adjudged to each Student will be found in the annexed Report.

After the Prizes and Honorary Rewards had been distributed,

ted; the Honorable the Visitor was pleased to deliver the following Speech :

BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE COLLEGE

OF FORT WILLIAM,

By the special dispensation of Providence which has blessed the British Nation, and the British Empire in India, the public services of that great and noble Noblemen who lately presided in this College, the charge of superintending the conduct and the interests of the College of Fort William has devolved upon me; and it has become my duty on the present occasion to address you upon those subjects which the progress and effects of this Institution since the period of its foundation when its Illustrious Founder last addressed me, have suggested to my observation.

On the occasion of the First Public Disputation holden in the College of Fort William, (when the absence of the Visitor imposed upon me the duty of presiding in the assembly of its Officers and Students) I stated my conviction that the progressive operation of those advantages which had been manifested even at that early period of the Institution, would realize its intended benefits, and justify the expectations of that wisdom which planned, and that energy which animated the progress of this judicious system of public education.

My judgment has been confirmed by the experience of every successive year, and by the sentiments which at each successive Disputation have been delivered by the Illustrious Founder of the College of Fort William.

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Although the practical instruments of every branch of that system of literary instruction which the Institution was intended to embrace, have not been attainable in this distant quarter of the British dominions, those branches of projected education which we have had the means of prosecuting, have been cultivated beyond the limits of our most sanguine expectations.

The study of the Oriental Languages necessarily constituted a primary object of the Institution. The indispensable necessity of acquiring a correct and practical knowledge of one or more of the Oriental Languages for the efficient discharge of the duties of every department of the administration, has been sufficiently illustrated on former occasions; and the success with which that study has been prosecuted by the Students of the College, has been manifested not only by the result of the public Examinations and Disputations; but by the beneficial application of their acquired knowledge to the duties of the public service.

The prescribed studies of the College have also produced the important collateral advantages of extending those habits of application, and of regular attention to business, which are so essentially requisite in every public situation; and I discharge a satisfactory part of my duty in declaring, that as far as my information has extended, those Students of the College who have been distinguished for their proficiency in its prescribed studies, and have been employed in public situations, have maintained the credit, and demonstrated the advantages of the Institution,

still distinguished by the distinguished merit of their general conduct and by their peculiar ability, industry, and judgment, in the execution of the duties committed to their charge.

The numerous occurrences of preceding years have afforded occasions for employing the talents and exertions of some of the most meritorious Students of the College in the arduous and important duties of the diplomatic branch of the public service, and it is a debt of justice equally due to the merits of those Students, and to the credit of the College, properly to ascribe the ability with which they have conducted the duties of their respective stations, to their laudable improvement of the advantages of trade and education, which this Institution is exclusively calculated to afford.

For this single branch of public education therefore (the study of the Oriental Languages,) experience has shewn that the advantages of this Institution are commensurate with the importance of the most essential interests of the British Empire in India.

An opinion has, I understand, prevailed, that the Oriental Seminary established in England under the authority of the Honorable the Court of Directors, is calculated ultimately to supersede the existing Institution of the College of Fort William.

I deem it proper therefore to take this opportunity of stating, that the Oriental Seminary founded in England, is not intended to supersede the College of Fort William, and it is my deliberate opinion, that the system of Oriental study projected in England, will tend to support the efficiency of this Institution,

Institution, and to accelerate its operation by allowing to the youth who are destined for this Country the advantages of an earlier proficiency in those branches of knowledge, which are considered to be peculiarly adapted to the nature of their future duties, and of an earlier acquisition of the rudiments of the Oriental Languages.

The combined operation of these Institutions will enable the Students to extend their acquirements to a degree unattainable under the limited course of their studies in the College of Fort William, without the aid of the advantages of previous preparation, which the Seminary in England is intended to afford.

The establishment of the Oriental Seminary in England therefore constitutes an additional motive for maintaining the efficiency of the College of Fort William; and for employing every effort of individual zeal, activity, and attention, in promoting the objects of its Institution.

I am happy to find, that the result of the Public Examinations in the present year, has been highly creditable to the character of the College, to the zeal and ability of the Professors, and to the diligence and merit of the Students.

Five more Students who have obtained Degrees of Honor for their great proficiency in the Oriental Languages, have been added to the public service:

Mr. Hugh George Christian,
 Mr. William Doran,
 Mr. Walter Ewer,
 Mr. Henry Newham, and
 Mr. Edward Parry.

three gentlemen, Mr. Christian has merited the peculiar distinction of a Degree of Honor in three Languages. This distinction has not been acquired by any Student of the College, since the year 1803.

It will be in the recollection of this assembly, that the late illustrious Visitor, Marquis Wellesley, in his address delivered on the occasion of the Public Disputation which took place in the month of September 1802, recommended a more general attention to the Vernacular Language of Bengal. I observe with great satisfaction the effect of this recommendation in the progressive improvement of several of the Students who have directed their attention to the acquisition of that useful Language, in which

Mr. Hugh George Christie,
Mr. Henry Newham, and
Mr. Edward P... ..

have obtained Degrees of Honor.

The Exercises of the present year have also been distinguished by the successful study of the Laws and Regulations enacted for the Government of the British Territories in India.

The Students who have been distinguished by their proficiency in this branch of important knowledge, are

Mr. William Wilberforce Blad,
Mr. Walter Lwei, and
Mr. Henry Newham.

Adverting to the degree of proficiency which these Students have attained in the acquisition of the Oriental Languages, their successful study of the

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the Laws and Regulations affords a distinguished proof of meritorious diligence.

In concluding my observations upon the progressive course of study in the College of Port William during the last year, I deem it proper to state, that in the distribution of appointments to the Students now about to engage in the public service, the attention will be paid to their respective degrees of literary qualification, and to the recommendation of the Council of the College.

It must occasionally happen, that situations in the public service, which the Students who have obtained Degrees of Honor are deemed qualified to fill, may not be vacant at the period of their quitting the College. In such cases, an order will be recorded on the proceedings of the Government, providing for their nomination to suitable Offices as vacancies may occur.

But the principles of a just, and efficient system of public administration which suggest the expediency of rewarding distinguished merit in the Students of the College by their nomination to Offices of trust and emolument, equally impose upon this Government the duty of manifesting its disapprobation of those Students who shall violate the Statutes of the College, or neglect the advantages of study and improvement which the Institution affords.

I trust therefore that a just appreciation of the public honor, and reward which awaits the proficiency of the Students in the objects of their respective studies, and a due sense of the unfavourable consequences which must attend their misconduct

or neglect, will animate the exertions of the Students in the acquisition of those branches of knowledge, which are so manifestly requisite for the efficient discharge of the duties of their future situations in the service, and the means of which are so amply afforded by the established system of instruction in the College of Fort William.

Being satisfied that the most important interests of the British Government in India are connected with the efficiency of this Institution, I shall consider it a vigilant observation of the conduct of the Students, and of the progress of their studies, a due enforcement of the Statutes, and an unremitting attention to every department of the College to constitute a primary obligation of my public duty.

From the experience of the past however, I entertain the most confident expectation, that the general conduct of the Students, the assiduous attention of the Professors, and the zealous activity of all the Officers of the College, will continue to merit every possible demonstration of public approbation and applause.

In reviewing the literary works published under the auspices of the College during the last year, I notice with sentiments of peculiar satisfaction, an Elementary Analysis of the Laws and Regulations for the Government of the British Territories in India.

The facility which this work is calculated to afford to the study of the Laws and Regulations, and the practical advantage which may be derived from it, in the administration of them, render it peculiarly valuable

valuable both to the College and the Public. The design and execution of the work are equally creditable to the zeal, industry, and ability of its distinguished Author, Mr. John Herbert Harington, the Second Judge of the Court of Sudd Dewance and Nizamut Udaluts, and Professor of the Laws and Regulations of the British Government in India.

Mr. Harington's application of the most precious portion of leisure time, which the demands of his arduous and important public situation have afforded, to the accomplishment of this laborious undertaking, manifests a degree of public spirit, and individual industry, to which perhaps no other parallel can be found than in the eminent exertions and scientific labors of his Colleague, Mr. Henry Thomas Colebrooke, to which the College and the Public are indebted for various important additions to the general stock of literary knowledge and instruction.

The assiduous attention of both these able and respectable public Officers to the interests of this Institution, both Professors and Members of the Council of the College, reflects the highest credit upon their character and talents, and establishes their claim to the public approbation and applause.

Other works of great utility and merit have also distinguished the literary labors of the past year;

- | A Hindoostanee Dictionary now in the Press;
- | A general History of the Hindoos;
- | A review of the manners and customs of the Hindoos.

For the two last mentioned works, we are indebted

ed to the labor and ability of some of the learned Native, attached to the College.

It is highly satisfactory to me to observe the Native Officers of the College, imbuing the spirit of literary industry and employing their talents and avocations to the cultivation and diffusion of literature and science.

There are also various other useful and ingenious works, which, under the patronage of the College, have engaged the labors of several scientific persons antecedent to the past year, and have either been actually published, or are now in the Press.

I deem it an act of justice to the industry and ability of Mr. Mathew Lumsden, the first Assistant to the Persian and Arabic Professor, to notice in terms of peculiar approbation, the Grammar of the Persian Language, which has long engaged the labors of that gentleman. The acknowledged defects of every work of that description now extant, have rendered the construction of an accurate Grammar of that Language peculiarly desirable. Mr. Lumsden's extensive knowledge of Arabic and Persian, has enabled him to discover the true principles of the dialect of Persia as it at present exists in its condition of intimate combination with the Language of Arabia; and with singular judgment and discernment, Mr. Lumsden has adapted the construction of the Persian Language to the principles of general Grammar.

The completion of this valuable work will materially facilitate the acquisition of the Persian Language, will constitute an important addition to
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the existing stock of philological knowledge, and will reflect distinguished credit on its Author, and on the Institution which has encouraged and promoted it.

I have received with great satisfaction the information that under the patronage of the Asiatic Society, the Society of Missionaries at the Danish settlement of Serampore, aided and superintended by the ability of Mr. Carey, Professor of the Sanskrit and Bengalee Languages, has undertaken the translation of some of the most ancient and authentic works of literature in the former of those Languages.

The greatest advantages may be expected to the interests of Eastern literature from this co-operation of the Asiatic Society with the College of Fort William, in facilitating the acquisition of Oriental knowledge and science.

I notice also with peculiar satisfaction the extensive and valuable collection of Books which now enriches the Library of the College of Fort William.

The preservation and augmentation of the collection of Eastern Manuscripts, afford the only means of arresting the progressive destruction of Oriental learning. Since the dismemberment of the Moohummudan Empire, those works have been dispersed over India, and have been exposed to the injuries and hazards of time, accident, and neglect. It is worthy of the ambition of this great Empire to employ every effort of its influence in preserving from destruction and decay, these valuable Records of Oriental History, Science, and Religion, and in encouraging individuals who may be in possession
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of scarce and valuable literary works, to promote this important object by depositing works of that description in the Library of the College.

I am happy to learn that the descriptive catalogue of the Books and Manuscripts, which constituted the Library of Tipoo Sooltan, has been completed by the industrious labors of Captain Charles Stewart, Second Assistant to the Persian Professor. I understand it is the intention of Captain Stewart, who has proceeded to England, to print that useful and interesting document.

I cannot close my view of the literary branch of this Institution, without adverting to the advantages which may be expected to be derived both in Europe and in Asia, from this mutual cultivation of Asiatic and European learning.

The numerous works which have been published under the auspices of the College in the course of the last six years, will not only open to the learned in Europe, ample sources of information on all subjects of Oriental History and Science, but will afford to the various Nations and Tribes of India, and especially to those which compose the body of our Indian subjects, a more favorable view, and a more just and accurate conception of the British Character, Principles, and Laws, than they have hitherto been enabled to form; and may be expected gradually to diffuse among them a spirit of civilization, and an improved sense of those genuine principles of morality and virtue, which are equally calculated to promote their happiness, and to contribute to the stability of the British Dominion in India.

A REPORT OF THE
SIXTH ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

HOLDEN ■ JANUARY, 1866.

P E R S I A N.**HINDOOSTANEE.****FIRST CLASS.****FIRST CLASS.**

No.	Name	No.	Name	Rs.
1	Dorin, . . . a Medal, & 1500	1	Christian, . . . a Medal, & 1000	
2	Christian, . . . a Medal, & 1000	2	Do i i, . . . a Medal, & 500	
3	Ewer, a Medal.	3	Newnham, . . . a Medal,	
SECOND CLASS.		4	Bird.	
4	Newnham,	SECOND CLASS.		
5	Bird,	5	Smyth,	
6	Gordon, T. D.	6	C ark,	
7	Smyth,	7	Wright,	
8	C ark,	8	Siddons,	
9	Racey,	9	Parry,	
10	Ricketts,	10	Moucutou,	
11	Wright	11	Ricketts,	
THIRD CLASS.		12	Revely,	
12	Monckton,	13	Williams,	
13	Loch,	14	Romney,	
14	Parry,	15	Gordon, W. H.	
15	Gordon, W. B.	16	Pakenham,	
16	Brown,	17	Walpole,	
17	Ewing,	18	Maxwell,	
18	Chapman,	19	Ewer,	
19	Ellis,	20	Loch,	
20	Glyn,	21	Chapman,	
21	Walpole,	22	Gardiner.	
22	Roberdenu,	THIRD CLASS.		
23	Maxwell,	23	Ellis,	
24	Revely,	24	Brown,	
25	Pakenham,	25	Colvin,	
		26	Glyn.	

BENGALEE.

BENGALEE.

HINDOOSTANEE.

FIRST CLASS.

- 1 Christian a Medal, ■ 1000
- 2 Parry, . . . a Medal, & 500
- Newnham, a Medal.

SECOND CLASS.

- Williams,
- 5 Pennington,
- 6 Siddons,
- 7 C. . . man,
- Ricketts,
- Romney,
- 10 Money.

- 27 Tytler,
- Mason,
- Rs. 29 Dick,
- 30 Roberdeau,
- 31 Barwell,
- 32 Murray,
- 33 Dawes,
- 34 Lyre,
- 35 Waide, G.
- 36 Thomas,
- 37 Oakley,
- 38 Shum,
- 39 Smith,
- 40 Mackenzie,
- 41 Inglis,
- 42 Ellice,
- 43 Cuthbert.

ARABIC.

- Ewer, a Medal, and 1500 Rs.

MUHRA'TTA.

- Chapman, a Medal.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

- 1 Blid, a Medal, and 1000 Rs.
- Lwer,
- Dorin,
- Smyth,
- 5 Newnham,
- Gordon, W. B.

PERSIAN WRITING.

- Christian, a Medal, and 1000 Rs.
- Gordon, W. B. a Medal, and 500
- Romney, a Medal.

NAGREE

NAGREE WRITING.

	<i>Rs.</i>
1 Bird, a Medal, and	500
2 Newnham, a Medal.	

BENGALEE WRITING.

	<i>Rs.</i>
1 Romney, a Medal, and	500
2 Newnham, a Medal.	

Absent from the Examination, Messrs. Lowthorpe,
Lindsay, Hulhed, and W. C. Ward;

ENGLISH COMPOSITION.

ESSAY OF FIRST TERM OF 1805

Subject.—“On the Establishment of the British
“Empire in India.”

	<i>Rs.</i>
1 W. W. Bird, a Medal, and	1000
2 Richard Walpole, a Medal.	

ESSAY OF SECOND TERM.

Subject.—“On the ultimate improvement of India
“in the course of ages under the influence of Bri-
“tish dominion, in Learning and Science; in Man-
“ners, Morals and Religion.”

	<i>Rs.</i>
Mr. William Dorris, a Medal, and	1000

ESSAY OF FOURTH TERM.

ON THE REGULATIONS.

Subject.—“On the Courts of Civil Justice esta-
“blished in the provinces subject to the Govern-
“ment of Fort William.”

	<i>Rs.</i>
1 Henry Newnham, a Medal, and	1000
2 W. B. Gordon, a Medal.	

EXAMINATION

EXAMINATION IN THE GREEK AND
LATIN CLASSICS.

William Doju, Honorary Reward of Books.

Students leaving College, and entering on the public service in March, 1806, classed in the order of relative proficiency.

1. H. G. Christian, — First class in Hindoostanee. — First in Bengalee. — Second in Persian. — First in Persian Writing.
2. W. Dorn, — First in Persian. — Second in Hindoostanee — Third in the Laws and Regulations. — Prizes in English Composition; and in the Greek and Latin Classics.
3. W. Lwer, — Proficient in Arabic. — Third in Persian; and 19th in Hindoostanee. — Second in the Laws and Regulations. — Prize in English Composition.
4. H. Newham, — Third in Hindoostanee. — Third in Bengalee. — Fourth in Persian. — Second in Nagree Writing. — Second in Bengalee Writing. — Prizes in English Composition, and for his Essay on the Laws and Regulations.
5. T. Parry, — Second in Bengalee. — Ninth in Hindoostanee; and fourteenth in Persian.
6. W. W. Bird, — Fourth in Hindoostanee. — Fifth in Persian. — First in the Laws and Regulations. — First in Nagree Writing. — Prizes in English Composition.
7. M. Ricketts, — Tenth in Persian. — Eleventh in Hindoostanee, and eighth in Bengalee.
8. G. J. Siddons, — Eighth in Hindoostanee. — Sixth in Bengalee — Prize in English Composition.
9. H. A. Williams, — Fourth in Bengalee. — Thirteenth in Hindoostanee.
10. T. Pakenham, — Fifth in Bengalee. — Sixteenth in Hindoostanee, and twenty-fifth in Persian.
11. C. Chapman, — Proficient in the Mahratta Language — Seventh in Bengalee, eighteenth in Persian, and twenty-first in Hindoostanee.
12. E. D. Gordon, — Sixth in Persian.
13. P. Monckton, — Tenth in Hindoostanee. — Twelfth in Persian.

14. W. B. Gordon, — Fifteenth in Hindoostanee, and fifteenth in Persian. — Second in Persian Writing — Prizes in English Composition; and for his Essay on the Regulations.
15. A. Revely, — Twelfth in Hindoostanee, and twenty-fourth in Persian.
16. R. Walpole, — Seventeenth in Hindoostanee, and twenty-first in Persian. — Prize in English Composition.
17. W. Loch, — Thirteenth in Persian, and twentieth in Hindoostanee.
18. C. R. Lindsay, — In Second Class Persian at a former Examination.
19. W. Lowther, — In Second Class Hindoostanee at a former Examination.

MARCH 2d, 1806.

Degrees of Honor were conferred this day, on the following Students :

H. G. Christian, Hindoostanee, Persian and Bengalee.
 W. Dorin, Persian and Hindoostanee.
 W. Ewer, Persian.
 H. Newham, Bengalee.
 E. Parry, Bengalee

Medals of Merit awarded at the Quarterly Examinations, were presented to the following Students :

W. Wilberforce Bird, Laws and Regulations.
 Walter Ewer, Laws and Regulations.
 William Dorin, Persian and Hindoostanee Languages.
 N. J. Balhad, Persian and Hindoostanee Languages.
 W. Patric Clark, Persian and Hindoostanee Languages.
 G. J. Romney, Persian and Hindoostanee Languages.
 Robert Brown, Persian and Hindoostanee Languages.
 Henry Ellis, Persian and Hindoostanee Languages.

By Order of the Council

of the College,

W. HUNTER, Secretary.

No.

No. VII.

AN
ACCOUNT OF
THE
PUBLIC DISPUTATIONS
IN THE
ORIENTAL LANGUAGES,

Held on the 2d March, 1807; with the Speech delivered on that occasion, by the Honorable SIR GEORGE HILARIO BARLOW, Baronet, as Visitor of the College.

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM, MA

ON Monday, the 2d Instant, being the day appointed by the Honorable SIR GEORGE HILARIO BARLOW, Baronet, Governor General, Visitor of the College of Fort William, for the Public Disputations in Oriental Languages, the Governors, Officers, Fellows, and Students of the College, assembled at ten o'clock at the Government House.

At

At half past ten o'Clock, the Honorable the Visitor entered the Room, where the Disputations were to be held.

In front of The Visitor's Chair, Seats were placed for the Professors, and for such Students, as were to maintain the Disputations, or to receive Prizes and Honorary Rewards

As soon as the Honorable the Visitor had taken his seat, the Public Exercises commenced in the following order:

FIRST.—HINDOOSTANEE.

DISPUTATION.

Position.—“ In the study of an Asiatic Language the primary object should be, not the acquiring of words only, but a thorough knowledge of its peculiarities in construction, idiom, and usage.”

Respondent, Mr Glyn.
First Opponent, Mr. Brown.
Second Opponent, Mr. Halded.
Moderator, Captain James Mouat.

SECOND.—PERSIAN.

DISPUTATION.

Position.—“ The study of Logic is useful towards the investigation of truth.”

Respondent, Mr. Brown.
First Opponent, Mr. Glyn.
Second Opponent, Mr. Clark.
Moderator, M. Lamston, Esq.

THIRD.

APPENDIX

RESOLUTION

“ A knowledge of the Bengalee Language, great importance for the transaction of business in Bengal ”

Mr. K. P.

Opponent, Mr. T. Her.

on the part, Mr. Del.

Mr. W. Carey.

the Disputation were included, the College Council presented to the Visitor, those Students of the College, who were entitled under Statute VIII. to receive Degrees of Honor, and whose presentation had been previously directed by the Visitor. The College Council publicly read the Resolutions of the Council on the College to read with satisfaction, expressing the high proficiency which had been shown in the Oriental Languages, and the propriety of his conduct during his residence in the College. When the Certificate had been read, the Visitor presented to each Student of the Honorary Diploma, inscribed on Vellum in the Oriental character; purporting that the Commissioned Public Examiners, having declared that such and such a Student had made such proficiency in certain of the Oriental Languages, as entitled him to a Degree in the same. The Visitor was pleased to confer a Degree in conformity to the said

Students now leaving College, on whom The Honorable

Honorable The Visitor was pleased to confer a Degree of Honor on this occasion, were

Robert Brown,
Robert Thomas John Glyn,
William Furtch Clark,
George James Remney, and
Henry Ellis.

After the Degree of Honor had been conferred, the Prizes, Medals, and Honorary Rewards, adjudged at the late Public Examination, were distributed by the President of the College Council, in presence of the Visitor, to the following Students now leaving College:

Robert Brown,
Robert Thomas John Glyn,
William Furtch Clark,
George James Remney, and
Henry Ellis.

Prizes and Honorary Rewards were presented at the same time to the following Junior Students remaining in College:

Alexander Leeson Lytle,
Edward Richard Barwell,
Alexander John Colvin, and
Thomas Sisson.

The particular Prizes adjudged to each Student will be found in the annexed Report.

After the Prizes and Honorary Rewards had been distributed, The Honorable The Visitor was pleased to deliver the following Speech:

GENTLEMEN OF THE COLLEGE,

OF FORT WILLIAM,

The duty imposed upon the Patron and Visitor
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of the College of Roft Whitan, of addressing its assembled Officers and Students, on the occasion of its annual Disputations, becomes a service of congratulation, when a review of the general conduct of the Institution and of the labors of its Students enables him to address you in the language of applause and approbation. But the satisfaction of expressing the sentiments of praise on these occasions, is augmented by the reflection, that the merits which demand it, at once afford a proof of the actual attainment of the objects of this Institution, and a just and confident expectation of its continued prosperity and success.

Reviewing the Public Examinations of the past year, I am happy to observe the attention which has been bestowed on a most important branch of study, the vernacular Language of Bengal, and the general proficiency which has resulted from it, beyond the expectations of former years. A similar observation is applicable to the study of the Hindoostanee Language; and I remark with satisfaction, that the general progress in the study of the Persian Language, which has uniformly been cultivated with distinguished diligence and success, has equalled the proficiency of former years.

I have great pleasure in being enabled to state that the diligence and attention of all the Professors of the College, in promoting and assisting the study of those branches of knowledge which they respectively superintend has been such as to demand the expression of my public approbation.

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Among the Students whose industry and proficiency in the acquirement of the Oriental Languages have been particularly distinguished, I deem it an act of justice to name the following gentlemen,

Mr. Robert Brown,

Mr. Robert Thomas John Clyn, and

Mr. Henry Ellis

Although these gentlemen have not been attached to the College one year and a half, Mr Brown has attained the first rank in the Persian, and the third in the Hindoostanee classes; and Mr Clyn, the first in the Hindoostanee, and the second in the Persian classes; and have received Degrees of Honor in both those languages. Mr. Ellis has attained the second rank among the Students of the Language of Bengal, and has received a Degree of Honor in that language. I receive also with peculiar satisfaction the great proficiency of Mr Brown in the useful acquirement of the art of Persian and Nagree writing.

With reference to the short duration of their studies, I consider it my duty to notice the meritorious example of these gentlemen, as a subject of general imitation.

Exclusively of the gentlemen above named, Mr. Romney and Mr. Clark among the Students now about to leave the College, have been distinguished by Degrees of Honor and the former of these gentlemen has manifested an extraordinary degree of skill in the art of Persian writing. I am happy to avail myself of this public occasion, to manifest the

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to which they derive from the proficiency which gentlemen have acquired in the objects of the respective studies.

Among the gentlemen now about to leave the College, I am concerned to observe the names of several whose proficiency in the prescribed studies, has not been proportioned to the period of their residence in the College, and to the advantages which it has afforded them. To these gentlemen, I earnestly recommend the exertion of their endeavours to retrieve the deficiencies of their anterior application, as the means by which alone they can reasonably expect to participate equally with others in the benefits and distinctions of the public service.

To the gentlemen who have meritoriously profited by the opportunities of study afforded to them in the College of ~~St~~ William, and who are now about to engage in the line of the public service, I recommend an assiduous attention to the preservation and improvement of the advantages which they have acquired. Their diligence and application in the College, afford a presage of successful assiduity in the duties of the situations to which they may be appointed, and of that distinction and prosperity which attend the honorable efforts of zeal, industry, and assiduity.

Students who remain in the College, I recommend an emulation of the merits of those gentlemen whose assiduity and acquirements have entitled them to the distinction of public approbation and reward. Under the recent arrangements for the regulation of the College, their early transfer

to the duties of the public service, will depend on their proficiency in the prescribed object ^{of their} studies, and their future interests will be ^{materially} promoted or impeded in the degree in which they may qualify themselves, by the successful prosecution of their studies, for the labors of an official situation.

The arrangements to which I have adverted, and which embrace a limitation of the objects of study prescribed by the original institutes of the College of Fort William, are founded on the preparatory Collegiate Institution established in England, under the immediate patronage of the Honorable the Court of Directors. The purpose of that Institution is, to afford to gentlemen destined for the Civil Service of the Company, an early opportunity of acquiring those branches of knowledge which the service requires, and which are more easily attainable in England than in this Country, and of becoming initiated in the elements of those studies for the attainment of perfection in which, the College of Fort William is exclusively calculated. The objects of the College of Fort William therefore, must derive permanent support and assistance from the Institution of the College at Hertford. Upon these principles of co-operation, the arrangements for the regulation of the College of Fort William, have been finally determined by the authority of the Court of Directors, which has now confirmed the intimation conveyed to you in my address at the last Public Assembly of the Officers and Students of the College, that the Oriental Seminary founded in England, was not intended

is to supersede the College of Fort William, and be directed to support the efficiency of the institution, and to accelerate its operation.

The literary labors of the past year in the College of Fort William, my attention has been attracted to the following works

A Persian Translation of the Hidaya, now in the Press. The publication of this work, may be expected to afford essential assistance both to the Honorable Company's Servants, and to the Natives of this Country, in the study and application of the Moohummudan Law.

A concise view of the Copernicun system of Astronomy, the labor of Moolvee Ubool Khan and executed under the tuition of Dr William Hunter, the Secretary of the College, whose labors in various branches of science are well known, and whose zeal and ability in the discharge of the duties of his station, and in the execution of his various projects which have engaged his attention, has merited the public testimony of approbation. It may be expected that this useful and ingenious compilation, will be followed by other elementary works calculated to diffuse among the natives of India, the knowledge and advantage of the improved sciences of Europe.

When I had last the honor of addressing you, I noticed with sentiments of merited applause, an Elementary Analysis of the Laws and Regulations for the Government of the British Territories in India, the work of Mr. John Herbert Harrington. I

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am happy to learn that Mr. Harrington, notwithstanding his important official avocations, has continued his labors in the prosecution of that work, with the same ability and success which distinguished its commencement; and I understand that previously to the publication of the second part of the Analysis, (that which relates to Criminal Law,) Mr. Harrington proposes to prefix to it a view of the Moohummudan Criminal Law, as modified by the Regulations of Government, constituting an important and valuable addition to the original work.

Although my duty merely requires that I should notice the works which are undertaken and executed under the auspices of the College, I cannot refuse myself the gratification of advertmg on this occasion to the recent publication of a work executed by Mr. Edward Colbrooke, the Second Judge of the Court of Appeal and Arcot, for the division of Patna, entitled "A Digest of the Regulations." The great practical utility of this work, in facilitating not only a reference to the Laws and Regulations applicable to every subject of internal arrangement, trial and adjudication, but also the acquisition of an accurate and comprehensive knowledge of the system under which the Laws and Regulations are administered, and the industry, judgment and ability manifested in the execution of that work, entitle its ingenious and highly respectable author, to distinguished commendation.

On an occasion which demands a review of the progress of study in the College of Fort William, my duty requires me to advert to the general conduct

The Students, which under the operation of
 moral principles of this Institution, equally
 progress of evolution, is a subject of vigi-
 lant observation; and I am happy to find that
 cases of deviation from the paths of virtue
 and duty have occurred of a nature to require
 reprobation, and that the general conduct of the
 Students is entitled to the praise of rectitude and pro-
 priety. I am concerned however to remark that the
 Reports so repeatedly issued on the subject of
 excessive expenditure, have not received from the
 Students in general, that degree of attention, which
 the occasion demands. I observe with regret,
 that a great number of the Students who are now about to
 depart are burthened with debts to a con-
 siderable amount, and that many among those of the
 Middle and Lower Classes, upon whom the prescribed de-
 ductions have been received, have considerably ex-
 ceeded the amount of their al-
 lowances. I have reason also to believe, that the
 same remark is applicable to the large proportion of
 the Students, whose declarations have not been ob-
 tained. As the allowances granted to the Students
 while attached to the College, are sufficient for every
 purpose of comfort and reasonable indulgence,
 no valid plea can be assigned to justify an habitual
 excess of expenditure beyond the limit of the estab-
 lished allowance.

Independently of the personal distress and embar-
 rassment attendant on an accumulation of debt, the
 credit of the Government may eventually be ex-
 posed, in the persons of its officers, by the
 consequence

consequences of that state of dependence in which every individual is more or less involved by the pressure of accumulated debt. In every point of view therefore, it becomes the duty of those who preside over this institution, to enforce by every practicable means the observance of a just and necessary economy, in the expences of the Students.

For these reasons I think it proper to declare, that in a general point of view, I shall consider an accumulation of debt, as counterbalancing in a material degree, whatever merits the Students may possess in other respects, and that in all cases in which a competition of claims may arise, between Students of both descriptions, the preference will be given to those who have confined their expenditure within the limit of their allowance.

I have recently had occasion to review the existing injunctions upon this subject, and I deem it necessary thus publicly to require from the Students, remaining in the College, a strict attention to those injunctions.

This single subject of unavoidable animadversion, does not preclude me from the satisfaction of expressing the high opinion which I entertain of the general spirit of industry and propriety of conduct which prevails among the Students, and of the success of this Institution in the most material objects of its establishment. As those objects are inseparably connected with the most essential interests of the Government of this Empire, the prosperity of the College of Fort William, must ever be a subject of anxious solicitude to my mind. My vigilant observation

will continue to be directed to the
of the student in the prosecution of their
to their observance, neglect, or violation
of the regulations and Institutions; and I shall
on every occasion, support the efficient operation of
all the provisions which are calculated to
promote and reward the merits of industry, emula-
tion, and propriety of conduct, and to discourage the
vices of indolence, neglect and immorality among
the Students of the College of Fort William.

**A REPORT OF THE
FIFTIETH ANNUAL EXAMINATION.**

HOLDEN ■ JANUARY, 1807.

PERSIAN

HINDOOSTANEE.

FIRST CLASS.

FIRST CLASS.

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| | Rs. |
| 1 Glyn, a Medal, & 1500 | |
| 2 Clark, a Medal, & 1000 | |
| 3 Brown, a Medal. | |

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|--------------------------|-----|
| | Rs. |
| 1 Glyn, a Medal, & 1500 | |
| 2 Clark, a Medal, & 1000 | |
| 3 Brown, a Medal. | |

SECOND CLASS.

SECOND CLASS.

- 4 Romney,
- 5 Colvin,
- 6 Smyth,
- 7 Halhed,
- 8 Ellis.

- 4 Romney,
- 5 Colvin,
- 6 Smyth,
- 7 Halhed,
- 8 Ellis,
- 9 Wright,

THIRD CLASS.

- 10 Ewing,
- 11 Tytler,
- 12 Mason,
- 13 Halhed,
- 14 Dick,

- 10 Maxwell,
- 11 Mason,
- 12 Buwell, sen.
- 13 Tytler,
- 14 Gardiner,

PERSIAN.

PERSIAN

- 1 Cuthbert,
- 2 Roberdeau.

SANSKRIT.

- Romney.

ARABIC.

- Romney.

MUHURATTA.

- Tytler, a Medal.
- Halhed.

BENGALIE.

FIRST CLASS.

- 1 Romney, a Medal, & 1000
- 2 Ellis, . . . a Medal, & 500
- 3 Tytler, . . . a Medal.

SECOND CLASS.

- 4 Dick,
- 5 B. well, sen.
- Maxwell,
- 7 Halhed.

THIRD CLASS.

- Monckton,
- Ward, W. C.
- 10 Money,
- 11 Gardiner,
- 12 Filice,
- 13 Oakeley,
- 14 Smith.

HINDOOSTANI.

- 15 Ward, W. C.
- 16 Alexander,
- 17 Waide, G.
- 18 Roberdeau.

THIRD CLASS.

- 19 Sisson,
- 20 Johnston,
- 21 Moore,
- 22 Cuthbert,
- 23 T. d.,
- 24 Ell ce,
- 25 Bagge,
- 26 Oakeley,
- 27 Porcher,
- 28 Tucker,
- R. 29 Lindsay,
- 30 Lambert,
- 31 Briddle,
- 32 McNabb,
- 33 Jennings,
- 34 Smith,
- 35 B. grave,
- 36 Pond
- 37 Kennedy,
- 38 Barwell, jun.
- 39 Harding,
- 40 Sargent,
- 41 Morrison,
- 42 T. Brown,
- 43 Barlow,
- 44 Fraser,
- 45 Robertson.

PERSIAN WRITING.

Rs

- Brown, . . . a Medal, & 1000
- Romney, a Medal, & 500
- 3 Lindsay,
- 4 Mason,

PERSIAN WRITING.

1. PERSIAN WRITING.

- 7 Johnston,
- 8 Oakeley.

2. NAURTI WRITING.

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- 3. Medal, & 500 11 Robideau,
- 4. P. 1, 12 Alexander,
- 5. P. 10 13 Watson, G.
- 6. P. 10, 14 Paul,
- 7. P. 10, 15 McNabb,
- 8. P. 10, 16 Tyler,
- 9. P. 10, 17 Hodgk,
- 10. P. 10, 18 M. Mason,
- 11. P. 10, 19 Gibbon.

3. BENGALI WRITING.

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- 1. Medal, & 500 3 Monckton,
- 2. Medal, 4 Ward, W. C.

4. LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

- 1. Clark,
- 2. Oakeley,
- 3. Absent from the Examination.

5. ENGLISH COMPOSITION.

1. ESSAY OF SECOND TERM OF 1801.

Subject.—“On the tendency of the Laws and Regulations in force for Bengal and its Dependents to promote the security and happiness of the people and the prosperity of the country.”

1. Medal, & 1000

Students having College passed in the order of relative proficiency.

- 1. R. B. First in Persian - Third in English
- 2. P. Persian Writing - 4th in English Writing

2. H. T. J. Glyn, First in Hindoostanee.—Second
3. W. F. Clark, —Second in Hindoostanee.—Third
4. G. J. Romney, —First in Bengalee. —Fourth in
taneer.—Fourth in Persian. Second in Persian W
5. H. Ellis, —Second in Bengalee.—Eighth in Persian
in Hindoostanee.
6. W. C. Smyth, —Sixth in Hindoostanee.—Seventh in Persian
an —First in Laws and Regulations.
7. W. Wright, —Sixth in Persian.—Ninth in Hindoostanee.—
Second in Laws and Regulations.
8. J. Halhed, —Seventh in Hindoostanee.—Seventh in Bengalee.
—Twelfth in Persian.
9. E. Maxwell, —Sixth in Bengalee.—Tenth in Hindoostanee.
10. J. Lwing, —Ninth in Persian.
11. R. B. Gardiner, —Fourteenth in Hindoostanee.—Eleventh
in Bengalee.
12. W. C. Ward, —Ninth in Bengalee.—Fifteenth in Hindoostanee.
13. H. W. Money, —Tenth in Bengalee.
14. J. T. Robideau, —Fifteenth in Persian.—Eighteenth in
Hindoostanee.
15. H. Oakeley, —Thirteenth in Bengalee, and last Class of
Hindoostanee.
16. Murray, —Thirteenth in Hindoostanee at a former Examination.

MARCH 2d, 1807.

Degrees of Honor were conferred this day, on
the following Students :

- Robert Brown, Persian and Hindoostanee.
- Robert Thomas John Glyn, . . . Hindoostanee and Persian.
- William Fairlie Clark, Hindoostanee and Persian.
- George James Romney, Bengalee, and
- Henry Ellis, Bengalee.

By Order of the Council
of the College,
W. HUNTER, Secretary.
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No. VII
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ACCOUNT OF

THE SEVENTH

ANNUAL DISPUTATION

IN THE

OF ORIENTAL LANGUAGES

Held on the 27th February 1909; with the presence of His Honour the Hon. Mr. Justice, as Visitor of the College.

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM, MARCH 12, 1909

The Honorable Lord Minto, Governor and Visitor of the College of Fort William, appointed Saturday, the 27th of February, 1909, a Public Disputation in the Asiatic Languages, to be held in conformity with the Statutes of the College, the Governors, Officers, Professors, and Students of the College, met at Ten o'clock, at the Governor's House; where the Members of the **Supremacy**

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presentment, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Secretary of the War Office, the Admiralty, the Treasury, and others of the principal departments of State, and a few respectable laymen were also assembled.

As soon as the Right Honorable the Visitor had taken his seat the Public Exercises commenced in the following order:

FIRST.—HINDOOSTANĪ.

DISPUTATION.

Position —“ In the acquirement of knowledge, genius cannot avail without application.”

- Respondent*, Mr. K. Howarth,
- First Opponent*, Mr. Alexander,
- Second Opponent*, Mr.
- Moderator*, Dr. Tom Ceyden.

SECOND.—PERSIAN.

DISPUTATION.

Position —“ The Persian language merits attention, not only on account of its utility, and also from the beauties of the compositions in that language.”

- Respondent*, Mr. Landsay,
- First Opponent*, Mr. Alexander,
- Second Opponent*, Mr. Colvin,
- Moderator*, M. Lumsden, Esq.

THIRD.—BENGALĪ.

DISPUTATION.

Position.—“ The Natives of Bengal are happier under the British than they were under any former Government.”

Respondent,

to print,..... Mr. Pyle.
Opponent,..... Mr. Dick.
Medical,..... To Rev. W. Carey.

FOURTH -ARABIC.

De Santalim,..... Mr. C. vi

On the utility of learning, and the advantages
 arising from the institution of literary seminaries
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FIRST. MUHRATTA.

Declamation,..... Mr. Sotby.

On the utility of the study of the Muhratta
 "language."

As soon as the Disputations and Declamations
 were concluded, the President of the College Coun-
 cil presented to the Right Honorable the Visitor, the
 several Students of the College, who were entitled
 under Statute VII. to receive Degrees of Honor, as
 well as successively the whole of the Students who
 at the late Examination had been found qualified to
 enter upon the public service, and had consequent-
 ly obtained permission from the Visitor to quit the
 College, under the Rule contained in Section XII.
 Regulation III 1807. The President read the Cer-
 tificate granted by the Council of the College to
 each Student respectively, in pursuance of the above
 Statute, specifying the proficiency which he had
 made in the prescribed studies of the College; and
 also the general tenor of his conduct, with the
 amount, if any, of the debt contracted by him dur-
 ing the period of his attachment to the College.
 When the Certificate had been read, the Visitor
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presented to each Student, entitled to receive a Degree of Honor, the usual Diploma inscribed on Vellum, and at the same time expressed the satisfaction which he felt in conferring it.

The Students on whom the Right Honorable the Visitor was pleased to confer a Degree of Honor on this occasion and the Language, for their high proficiency in which the Degree of Honor were respectively conferred, are as follow:

Alexander Fraser Tytler, . . . Persian, Hindoostanee & Bengalee.
 Alexander John Colvin, . . . Persian and Hindoostanee.
 William Lindsay, Persian and Hindoostanee.
 Robert Alexander, Persian and Hindoostanee.
 Thomas Sisson, Persian and Hindoostanee.
 James Munro Macnabb, . . . Persian and Hindoostanee.
 Edward Richard Barwell, . Hindoostanee.

The Honorary Prizes and Medals, adjudged at the late Public Examination, were distributed by the President of the College Council, in presence of the Visitor, to the following Students:

Alexander Fraser Tytler,—As per annexed Report.
 Alexander John Colvin,—Ditto.
 William Lindsay,—Ditto, and Medal as Third in Persian Writing in 1807.
 Robert Alexander,—Ditto, and Medal of Merit adjudged in the 2d Term for proficiency in Hindoostanee.
 Thomas Sisson,—As per annexed Report.
 James Munro Macnabb,—Medals of Merit for proficiency in Hindoostanee in the 2d and 3d Terms.
 Edward Richard Barwell,—As per annexed Report.
 W. A. Chalmer,—A Medal of Merit adjudged in the 3d Term for proficiency in Hindoostanee; and another at the late Examination for proficiency in Persian.

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After the Prize and Honorary Reward had been distributed, the Right Honourable the Visitor delivered the following Discourse :

DISCOURSE OF THE CHANCELLOR
 OF THE UNIVERSITY,

In addressing a body constituted as you are, I have to regret, that the course of my pursuits and occupations has not led to those attainments which would enable me to form a personal judgment on the interesting objects which are peculiarly connected with the solemnities of the present day, much less to bestow on this chair the authority of the distinguished and accomplished person who lately filled it. In the delicate and scrupulous office, however, of distributing the honors and rewards, which are annually assigned to talents, application and conduct in this place, I have felt no diffidence, and I shall feel none in performing the remaining duties of the day, by observing on the progressive success of this institution, both in its immediate and peculiar functions for the instruction of youth and in its more general

great industry to promote the advancement and
 perfection of our literature. It is not, I say,
 in the execution of duty, so far as to be perfect
 by it, and requirements, because a deficient
 judgment has been guided by that of the great and
 the noble men whose enlightened testimonies, I
 know, cannot mislead me. I speak therefore, no
 longer in my individual character but as I ought,
 and as I am about to do in that of the College,
 which I have the honor to bear. I rest on a firm and
 secure ground, which ought to be the foundation of
 every act and of every sentiment issuing from such
 officers, I mean, the collected wisdom, knowledge,
 and it seems a part of those, who are qualified, by their
 station and by personal endowments, to advise with
 their counsel.

Supported therefore, by such authority, I am
 happy to commence my first discourse from this
 seat, by congratulating the College and the public
 on the satisfactory and honorable proofs afforded in
 the present examination, of the growth, advantages
 derived from this Institution, and of the progress
 continually making towards the accomplishment of
 its important ends. These gratifying results are
 evinced both by the proficiency of the Students in
 the different branches of learning which they have
 cultivated; and in the valuable additions which have
 been made to the general stock of Eastern literature,
 by the learned labours, as well of able men attach-
 ed to the College, as of other studious persons who
 drink at the same spring.

If a comparison ~~is~~ drawn between the present
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In the former year five candidates were
concluded.

In the present, nine have attained the same degree
of proficiency; and in the present year the
total number so found in the two superior classes,
as well as the number of the former examination.

It is also worthy of remark, to denote, either
improvement in the mode of instruction, or a more
efficient application in the Students but a direct
way, in effect, a very satisfactory progress in the
Institution itself, that a competence in the Collegiate
studies, qualifying the Student for the public
service, was found to have been obtained this year
in a period considerably shorter than appeared to
have been the case at the former examination.

Of the fifteen gentlemen who were qualified to
leave College in January, 1807, three only had at-
tended College less than two years.

Of the twenty who are this year qualified for the
service; ten have attained that proficiency in a shorter
period than two years.

Last year the longest period of study was two
years and eleven months.

This year the longest period has been two years
and five months.

The shorter period at the former examination
was one year and three months.

The shortest of this year has been so little as four
months, and there is another example of five

These latter instances indeed of extraordinary and
successful application to studies, the difficulties of
which have been acknowledged by the most able
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and the most diligent, would rather be ascribed, no doubt, to the extraordinary efforts and abilities of the individuals to whom I allude, and whom I shall not easily forget to name in their proper place, with the honour that is due to them, than adduced as a fair argument of superiority in the particular period that has been named to produce them. But, in truth, we are entitled to a general comparative average of time, and of exertions, to claim a sensible progress in the progress of this College during the last year.

It is not in this place, not to remark, that the progress of this year, which I have just established, bear a strong testimony to the wisdom of a very material alteration which has been made, since the examination of 1807, in the rules which formerly prevailed respecting the period of attendance on the College of Fort William prescribed to the Students. The whole of the Junior Civil Servants* were formerly attached to the College during a fixed period of three years. The alteration to which I allude was made by Section XII. Regulation III. 1807, which rescinded the former rule, and provides “that their continuance in College will henceforward be regulated by *their proficiency*,” and it is added, that “the Patron and Visitor will determine, from the reports of proficiency made to him after the public examinations, when the Students may be permitted to quit the College as having completed the prescribed course of study.”

After the system which now subsists for the education of the Company's Junior Servants, was adopted;

adopted. that it to say, when provision was made in England by statute; the College at Hartford, for the more general branches of instruction, and for an elementary and preparatory introduction to Eastern learning; and when the studies to be pursued at the College of Fort William were limited to the languages of Asia, and to the Laws and Regulations of this Presidency, it became unnecessary to detain the young men destined for the public service, in a state of inaction, during a period which, having been fixed in contemplation of a more extended course of study, would not have been too long; for the completion of such a plan, but ceased to be requisite for the contracted and supplementary course reserved for this College. The competence of the Student for the business of India, is now the reasonable measure of his commencement to College, and its protraction beyond that point, becomes unprofitable to the public, and speaking generally, detrimental to the individual.

In these respects, the effect, the alteration was salutary; but it was conducive also to another most desirable end; for, by supplying a powerful inducement to diligence and exertion, it infused into the studies of the College that ardour and activity, which a distant and a fixed period of emancipation must have tended to damp and repress. The two causes appear, accordingly, to have produced their corresponding effects, and the efficiency of the new regulation in animating the studious efforts of our young brethren, has been signally manifested on this first occasion, when the test of experience could be applied

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pled to it. I think it on that account my duty to declare, that the sense I entertain of its importance will ensure in my part an impartial and inflexible execution of this beneficial rule.

The period of attendance on College, and that of entering on the great theatre of life will be regulated therefore, by the public encouragement afforded in the studies prescribed to be done. This, with diligence may have abridged the term of constraint, will not only enjoy sooner the fruit of the labour, but even the sweets of Liberty will be enhanced by Honour, and they will carry into their new condition, the reputation and distinction which their former merits had obtained.

I refrain from the more ungracious delineation of the opposite consequences which must accompany the slow entrance of those into the world, who may have permitted a succession of juniors to pass before them, and who will have to endure the uneasy gloom and humiliations which always attend both the consciousness and the display of inferiority. It is enough, in this place to say, that an early or a late entrance into the service, are the first consequences of meritorious or blameable conduct at College. There are undoubtedly other and more important points depending on the same criterion, but I shall speak of them in another part of my discourse.

I have had the satisfaction to confer Degrees of Honour and other marks of approbation and distinction on the gentlemen whom I am about to name.

Mr. Tytler,

Mr. Colvill,

Mr.

Mr. Lindsay,
 Mr. Alexander,
 Mr. Siron,
 Mr. Mansab, and
 Mr. Forwell.

The degree of honor is itself an unequivocal testimony of distinguished merit, because the statutes of the College have wisely required such proof of excellence, in those who aspire to it, as diligence and talent united can alone furnish. It is unwilling, however, to pass unnoticed the particular claim to distinction which each of these candidates for honour has successfully asserted.

Mr. Tytler stands in the highest class of Hindoostanee and Persian, and his name is at the head of those who have studied the vernacular language of Bengal. To eminence in two languages, and to the first place in another, his industry and capacity have enabled him to add an elementary acquaintance with a fourth; I mean the Mahratta, a language more immediately connected, indeed, with the service of other Presidencies, but no unprofitable acquisition in ~~any~~ departments of the public service under the government of Bengal.

Mr. Colvin has attained eminence in the Persian and Hindoostanee languages, and in the midst of those occupations, has obtained the first place, with the distinction of a Medal, in the study of Arabic.

Mr. Lindsay occupies the first place in the first class of Persian. He is in the highest form of Hindoostanee, and is second only to Mr. Colvin in Arabic. To these successful and various studies, he
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has added the difficult but valuable accomplishment of high proficiency in writing both the Persian and the Nagree characters. I should do injustice to the talents and application of Mr. Landsay, if I did not observe that the merit of these numerous requirements is enhanced by the short period in which he has triumphed over so many difficulties. Mr. Landsay entered College in the month of November, 1806, and has entitled himself, therefore, to quit it with singular honour in the short space of a year and two months.

Mr. Alexander holds the second place, and stands, therefore, amongst the most eminent both in the Persian and Hindoostanee languages, having attained that distinction by the assiduous application of little more than one year and six months.

Mr. Sisson and Mr. Macnabb have furnished other examples of the success, which attends a diligent and vigorous exercise of talents, by rising in a year and a half to the first classes of the Persian and Hindoostanee languages.

And Mr. Barwell has the distinction of possessing the first place in Hindoostanee; the third in the useful language of Bengal, and the first in the Art of Nagree Writing.

I should indulge myself in a wider field of commendation than is warranted by former practice, if I were to recite the names, and it would be no inconsiderable number, of our younger members, who have already given earnest of future eminence, and in this honorable conflict of early talents and virtues, have already seized on stations beyond their standing.

ing. But if their claims on public approbation are not yet mature for this anniversary, do not let them imagine they are unobserved. I have a pleasure in declaring, as Patron and Visitor of this important establishment, that I keep ever the youngest in my eye, and while we are gathering on this day the ripe fruit of one abundant Summer, I am happy to contemplate the fair blossom which on its turn is to crown the promise of another.

Forbearing, however, as I do, from the premature notice of good conduct, however commendable in itself, in the first stages of academical life, I should feel far short of a duty at once sacred and grateful to me, if on this day of public testimony to merit I should withhold from acknowledgement and applause two names, low indeed in the list of your College, but already conspicuous in the roll of its honours.

Mr Chalmer, who entered the College of North William but last August, has in January been declared to possess a competent proficiency in Persian and Hindoostanee, with elementary knowledge of Arabic. A progress so rapid and so remarkable, has required, and therefore evinces, a rare union of distinguished qualities. Labour would alone have conducted him to the same goal, but at a slower pace. Genius, unattended by industry, unstimulated by a liberal love of learning, and undirected by a steady sense of duty, might have made less progress, than ever dullness itself. But abilities and application, vigorously addressed to the discharge of duty, have opened to him the career of life almost in its dawn,
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and presented to him the only prospect of honour and advantage generally reserved for riper years.

Mr. Sotheby has in former months already merited the following testimony, which I shall read in the very words with which the learned Council of the College conclude their report of those gentlemen whom they have adjudged to be entitled to leave the College and enter on the public service.

“ Mr. Sotheby having attained to great proficiency
 “ in the Hindoostanee, and considerable proficiency
 “ in the Persian and Mahratta Languages, ap-
 “ pears to be fully competent to enter on the public
 “ service; but as he does not belong to this esta-
 “ blishment, and as the College Council understand
 “ he does not at present wish to leave the College,
 “ his name is not included in the above report.”

Every line of this passage appears to me pregnant with praise of the highest quality.

Mr. Sotheby, it is observed, “ does not belong to
 “ this establishment.”

That circumstance is a remarkable feature in Mr. Sotheby's case.

The admission of gentlemen belonging to the establishment of other Presidencies, to the College of Fort William, is not in strictness conformable to the regulations which it has pleased the Honorable Court of Directors to appoint on that subject. But the literary thirst of Mr. Sotheby's eager and inquisitive mind, and the sound, well regulated, well directed and ingenuous ambition of his ardent character, were not to be repressed by a general regulation, merely of convenience, made for ordinary cases, but

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not inflexible, as it has proved, to the individual claims of brilliant exceptions. Mr. Sotheby, therefore began by surmounting that obstacle, and was warmly welcomed into the very sanctuary which he violated. How well he has justified this deviation from law, and redeemed his own offence and ours, by the fruit which it has borne, the College Council has just apprized us.

The report which I have read states, "that Mr. Sotheby having attained high proficiency in the Hindoostanee, and considerable proficiency in the Persian and Mahratta languages, appears to be fully competent to enter on the public service."

As the attainments thus reported by the College Council were made in the short space of four months, and exceed so far the usual achievements of industry and capacity as to wear almost an air of fable and prodigy, no higher testimony could be borne to those qualities, and to the signal and remarkable degree in which Mr. Sotheby possesses them, than the report which I have just read. Government would surely have concurred in the conclusion which follows, "that Mr. S. was fully competent to enter on the public service;" and in confirmation of that sentiment, it will not be imagined that marks of confidence and favor, would have been wanting to endowments ■ worthy of both.

The Report concludes:

"And ■ the College Council understand he does not at present wish to leave the College, his name is not included in the above Report."

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Eminent as the place undoubtedly is in our es-
 teem, to which the studious energy of Mr Sotheby
 has entitled him, it is, I confess, in the point first al-
 luded to that he stands, in my judgment, most re-
 markably and most honorably distinguished. We
 are all acquainted with that impatience for manhood,
 which is in a manner characteristic of youth. There
 are two ways of asserting that claim, and gratifying
 that impatience; one, and I fear, the most general,
 is to assume in haste the forms, costume and habits
 of men; to emulate their expenses, without their
 means, to copy their vices, and to anticipate
 their vices. The other, and less frequent mode of
 aspiring to and hastening manhood, is to accumulate
 knowledge; to mature the mind; and to put on the
 true properties and character of man. He who in
 his desire to be, and not to seem a man, consents to
 prolog, the restraints, the disqualifications, the pri-
 vations, the dependence of boyhood or youth, is al-
 ready the man that others would strive in vain to
 appear. To Mr. Sotheby, the door of restraint was
 unbarred; the world stood open to his view; and
 with all the enticements of novelty, of favor, and of
 honors, invited him to the fellowship of men. He
 has had the manly judgment, and the manly forti-
 tude to turn his back upon those allurements, and
 has chosen to merit rather than to possess, the tempt-
 ing objects which seemed to court his acceptance.
 He has, indeed, made that choice, which the moral
 fable of antiquity has taught us, was recommended
 by wisdom, and rewarded by fame and immortality.

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I have dwelt, I confess, somewhat longely, on what appears to me a rare example of early maturity in judgment, talents and character; because I have thought it, in truth, entitled to a place in the Fasti of your College, and *si quid mea Carmina possunt*, the name of Mr. Sotheby shall not be omitted in its tablets.

If I had been silent, hitherto, on the acknowledged merits of the Professors and other Officers of this College, it is because I felt, that the excellence of the scholar is the best praise of the master; and that the favourable sentiments I have been so happy as to express, concerning the general and increasing proficiency of Students, conveyed in the least questionable, and perhaps the most acceptable form, the panegyric of the Preceptor. I have great satisfaction, however, in saying distinctly, that the skill, assiduity, and learning of the Professors and their coadjutors have never been more conspicuous than in the present year.

I feel myself, indeed, responsible for having, in one instance, withdrawn from the College, one of its most distinguished and efficient members. But if I have despoiled one temple of its ornaments, it has been for the decoration and service of another. If the familiar and universal knowledge of Dr. Leyden in the numerous languages of the East, and yet much more, if his profound researches in the science of Eastern Philology be considered, we should ascribe such extensive erudition and acquisitions to the severe labour of a long life; while in reality, their sudden and rapid attainment has resembled
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rather the gift of tongues, or some peculiar privilege of his own, than the slow process, and long vigils of human study. The regrets of learning, however, which follow the transfer of Dr. Leyden to other functions, will, I am persuaded, yield to the reflexion, that the same acute, informed, upright, and delicate mind is enlisted in the service of the highest and dearest interests of society.

I pass, now, to the notice of those accessions to the literature of the East, which have been already made, and of those which are in progress, either in immediate connexion with the College of Fort William, or associated to it, by a similarity of liberal tastes and pursuits in their authors.

A printing press has been established by learned Hindoos, furnished with complete founts of improved Nagree types of different sizes, for the printing of books in the Sanskrit language. This press has been encouraged by the College to undertake an edition of the best Sanskrit Dictionaries, and a compilation of the Sanskrit rules of Grammar. The first of these works is completed, and with the second, which is in considerable forwardness, will form a valuable collection of Sanskrit Philology. It may be hoped, that the introduction of the art of printing among the Hindoos, which has been thus begun by the institution of a Sanskrit press, will promote the general diffusion of knowledge among this numerous and very ancient people; at the same time that it becomes the means of preserving the classic remains of their literature and sciences.

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The compilation of an Alphabetical Sanskrit Dictionary from the principal vocabularies of the language, and other authorities, had been undertaken soon after the institution of the College by learned Natives, employed for that purpose. The work, which comprizes the etymology as well as interpretation of each term, together with examples from classical writers, has been lately completed, and a copy has been deposited in the Library of the College.

A Dictionary, Sanskrit and English, consisting of the text of the celebrated *Ujain Kosh*, with a translation and notes, the value of which will be understood, when I say, that they are the work of Mr. Colebrooke, late President of the College Council, has been long in the press. The work is now completed, and may be expected to be published in a few months.

A plan of a comparative Vocabulary of Indian languages, in imitation of that, which was executed under the orders of the Empress Catherine, for the provinces composing the Russian Empire, was proposed in the preceding year, by Sir James Mackintosh, who adorns and improves the short leisure of a laborious station, with learning and the promotion of learning. His proposal was founded on a very just view of the value and importance of the information which such a comparison may be expected to afford. A more extensive plan for the compilation of Grammars and Dictionaries of Asiatick languages had been also suggested by Dr. Leyden, who had it in contemplation to undertake himself

the task of conducting the compilation. This plan being, however, deferred the Council of the College adopted a different arrangement, with the view of furnishing the information sought by Sir James Mackintosh, and at the same time forming a useful collection of Vocabularies of all provincial languages, and dialects of India. For this purpose, a Vocabulary in Persian and Hindoostanee, and another in Sanskrit and Bengalee, have been prepared, and will be printed and circulated, for the purpose of being filled up by competent persons with the corresponding terms in other languages in use in India. The printed Vocabularies will be soon completed, and as it cannot be doubted, that assistance will be cheerfully rendered by every gentleman, whose local situation enables him to forward this useful undertaking, the successful issue of it may be confidently anticipated.

Moo Sheer Mlee, the head Moonshee, in the Hindoostanee department of the College, having compiled and arranged in the Hindoostanee language, a work on the History and Geography of India, has been encouraged by the College to print it for publication. The dissemination, by means of the press, of works composed by Natives eminent for their knowledge and practical skill in this dialect, must gradually polish, and fix a standard of excellence in a language, which, though long employed as an elegant medium of colloquial intercourse, and as the vehicle of poetical imagery, has hitherto been little used for prose composition.

The College Council and the Asiatick Society, who

who formerly resolved to support Mr. Carey and his assistant, in a translation of the Ramayun, have now determined to extend a similar support to the publication, by the same persons, of the text books of one of the systems of Hindoo Philosophy, entitled *Sankhya*. This will constitute a further step towards the attainment of the interesting object of making known by means of literal versions, those works in the ancient language of India, which are held in greatest estimation by the Hindoos themselves.

A Dictionary of the Mulratta language, compiled by Mr. Carey, and printed by him in the Mulratta character, has been some time in the press. It is a work which has been long wanted, and the publication of this, with the grammar before prepared by Mr. Carey, furnishing the means of acquiring a very useful language, will be found of essential benefit, by the Junior Servants of the Company, on the establishments of Fort St. George and Bombay.

We are indebted to Mr. H. P. Forster, for two works of great labour, learning, and utility in Sanskrit Philology.

The first, of which about 400 pages are already printed, contains—1. An essay on Sanskrit Grammar, with tables of inflections. 2. A dissertation on Sanskrit roots. 3. A translation of the *Moogduhodh*, a celebrated treatise on Sanskrit Grammar, in which the enigmatical expressions of the original are fully illustrated, and the rules exemplified. Mr. Forster's second work, which is nearly ready for the press, consists of a Dictionary, in the Sanskrit and Bengalee languages.

languages. The words are arranged alphabetically; with a translation into English. The etymologies are pointed out, and where necessary, confirmed and illustrated by examples.

Mr. Francis Gladwin has contributed to the stock of Indian Philology, a Dictionary of Persian, Hindoostanee and English, in three parts, comprising three Octavo Volumes. The first part contains words in familiar use, including Synonyms. The 2d, Arabic and Persian words that occur chiefly in books, compound and metaphorical allusion. The 3d, supplies Indexes to the different languages.

In this enumeration, I must not omit a work of Mirza Kazim Ulee Juwan, entitled an historical account of the Bahmanee Dynasty of the Dukhan, being nearly a translation into Hindoostanee of that portion of Firishti's Persian history.

There are two languages, which although included within the comprehensive scheme of Oriental study, embraced by the College of Fort William at an earlier period of the institution, are not provided for in the modified plan of instruction to which the College is now restricted. Both languages, however, are spoken within the Company's possession, and one of them occupies many regions scattered over a great space, which is not only the seat of an active and extensive commerce, but the theatre often of other important and interesting transactions.

The languages to which I allude are the Malay and the Ulghan or Pushto. Although on the present scale of Oriental studies at the College of Fort William

Without other languages undoubtedly have deserved preference to its immediate support and patronage, yet I cannot think either of those I have mentioned entirely devoid of interest; in the first place, as branches of the general and liberal pursuit of Eastern learning which we profess; and in the next place, as bearing either a present and immediate, or in the many chances of human vicissitude, a prospective, and perhaps, not remote affinity to our affairs. Under these impressions, I have not deemed it wholly foreign to the occasion, that I should notice any progress that may have been made in the cultivation of these tongues.

I shall begin with the *Ufghan*, which is spoken as well in *Rohelkund* and all the *Ufghan* districts in our possession, as in *Ufghanistan Proper*.

The first steps, in facilitating an access to that language, were made, I understand, by *Umeer Moolhummud*, a native of *Peshawar* in *Ufghanistan*, who at the instance of *Dr. Hunter*, formed a *Vocabulary* of this language, accompanied by translations into *Pushto*, of a few short *Fables*, in *Prose*.

The field, however, did not long remain in his single occupation. He was joined by a zealous *Orientalist* of our own country, who, invited by these first specimens of *Ufghan* produce, was tempted into this new province of *Philology*. The fruits of this association were, the extension of *Umeer Moolhummud's Vocabulary* into a considerable *Dictionary*; an *Essay in Ufghan Grammar*; and a more finished version of the prose compositions.

The progress did not stop here. The interest
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of the Uighans awarded to the honour of their language, by the curiosity and exertion of strangers; and *Muhubbat Khan*, a chieftain of *Kohelkhand*, a learned man, and son of the celebrated *Hafiz Rulumut*, roused by the researches of Colonel Collins concerning the Uighan composition, set about compiling a Dictionary of the Pushto language, which with the assistance of his own learned Uighans he accomplished in the space of one year; a work, which I am able to say, on better authority than my own, does high credit to the spirit and exertion, as well as to the learning and capacity of the *Rohela* chief.

The Malay language is that of trade and general intercourse on the shores of the Eastern Isles as well as on the Malay Peninsula. In our settlements on the *Prince of Wales's Island* and on *Sumatra*, it is of the same importance as the *Hindoostanee* and *Persic* taken together, in this part of *India*; for in addition to its being the language of general intercourse, it is also that of deeds, official papers and records. It is, therefore, satisfactory to know, that this medium of human communication is not entirely neglected. At *Penang*, *Mr. Shaw* has made considerable progress in publishing a Grammar of the Malay language. This work, by the accounts of it which have reached me, will be found to contain a considerable mass of every valuable materials. *Mr. Shaw* has sought for his information at the *Mountain Head*; both in the most approved Malay compositions, and at the courts of the *Rajas* of that Country, where he has the merit of having resided for the laudable purpose of improving his knowledge of the language.

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The same language has been successfully cultivated by Mr. Biddle, secretary to the Government of Prince of Wales's Island, who much to his honour, has been long employed in compiling a Code of *Adat Malacca* or *Malacca Law*, from the best authorities in the Malay and Bonquese language.

If I have not passed beyond the legitimate bounds of this discourse in tracing to the extremity of those Countries, and to the furthest island of that vast Archipelago in which the Malay language prevails, I shall scarcely seem to transgress them, by the short and easy transition thence, to the language of China. I am in truth strongly inclined, whether regularly or not, to deal one encouraging word, to the meritorious, and I hope not unsuccessful effort, making, I may say, at the door of our College, though not admitted to its portals, to force that hitherto impregnable fortress, the Chinese language. The means, we all know, that in the present circumstances, can be employed in that difficult undertaking, are very inconsiderable. The honour is so much the greater to those, whose enterprize seems already to have opened at least a prospect of success. Three young men, I ought, indeed, to say, boys, have not only acquired a ready use of the Chinese language for the purpose of oral communication, which I understand, is neither difficult nor rare, amongst Europeans connected with China; but they have achieved in a degree worthy of admiration, that which has been deemed scarcely within the reach of European faculties or industry; I mean a very extensive and correct acquaintance with the written language of

China.

China. I will not detail the particulars of the Examination which took place on the 10th of this month at Serampore, in the Chinese language—the report of which however I have read with great interest, and recommend to the liberal notice of those whom I have the honour to address. It is enough for my present purpose to say, that there you may find Chinese books and tracts, and may witness compositions of their own in the Chinese language and character. A Chinese press too is established and in actual use. In a word, if the founders and supporters of this little College have not yet dispelled, they have at least rent and admitted a dawn of light through that thick impenetrable cloud, they have pierced that *ocimum dissociabilem*, which for so many ages has insulated that vast Empire from the rest of mankind. Let us entertain at least the hope, that a perseverance in this or similar attempts, may let in at length upon those multitudes, the contraband and long forbidden blessings of human intercourse and social improvement.

I must not omit to commend the zealous and persevering labours of Mr. Jassar, and of those learned and pious persons associated with him, who have accomplished, for the same benefit, we may hope, of that immense and populous region, Chinese versions in the Chinese character, of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, throwing open that precious mine, with all its religious and moral treasures, to the largest associated population in the world.

It is impossible to be silent to day on the change which has removed from your chair the eminent scholar,

scholar,

scholar, who, speaking in the scale of human rank, now fills a higher place. I cannot, however, condole with you on that event, because in reality, while additional honour have fallen on the heads of your two most distinguished Members, no substantial alteration is experienced by your learned body. The promotion of Mr. Colebrooke, will not be found to withdraw him from the cultivation, the protection, or the encouragement of learning. To operate such a revolution, it is not enough to pass Mr. Colebrooke, from one honourable station to another. He must be made a new man and divested of himself. He who in Asiatic letters, *facile princeps*, surrounded by illustrious scholars, has held by acclamation and general consent, the highest place, can neither abdicate that precedence, nor lay down either the practise of study or the literary affections and solitudes which are its attributes. The benefit which the state is to receive from the seat he now occupies, is not detracted from you. His new honours are new ornaments to your society, and his additional rank and authority augment his power without diminishing his zeal to serve your cause. But, if in literal truth it must be said, that one golden branch has been broken off from your tree *non deficit alter*. Your chair is again filled by a distinguished scholar, and an upright and an able Magistrate. In both characters, I am bound to day, to present to Mr. Harington, the acknowledgments of the College and the public, for the *Analysis of Moohamudan Law*, with which he has enriched them both. A work, to which the scholar

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and the judge seem, as if in emulation, to have brought their choicest contribution. It is indeed, fitting in all countries, but indispensable in this, that those two characters should meet on the Benches of our highest Tribunals. Nothing can better illustrate the gains that accrue to all, by the kindly traffick amongst men of reciprocal benefits than this work. While Mr Harington, as a man of letters, has gathered the flowers of Literature from the native volumes of Mochummudan jurisprudence, he makes a rich return to our native subjects, in the pure dispensation of a law which they love and are accustomed to revere. That the learned forms of our College may long supply such magistrates: and that the venerable benches of our tribunals may long return such scholars to preside in your Council, is the wish of one, who, unlearned himself, is an ardent lover, both of learning and justice.

I am desirous, before I conclude, to address a few words to the younger part of my audience. In doing so, I should wish to lay down my authority, or if it cannot be maintained, let it be that of a parent, tempered with indulgence and affection.

The objects are proposed by these solemnities.

First. The mere and pure satisfaction of justice. That no man may not be defrauded of its due reward; that every man may receive the best and highest external recompence with which it can be requited. I mean its manifestation to the world, and the homage of public acknowledgment and applause.

The second object is combined of justice and public policy. It is undoubtedly proposed by these ceremonies

remonials, to promote exertion by exciting a liberal and ingenious emulation, and by kindling the most generous, and at the same time, the most manly ardour that can inflame young bosoms, the love of genuine and honourable fame.

It is here, too, that the only path which leads to that bright Temple is discovered. The love of fame is not evinced, or at least will never be gratified, by a mere careless and inert desire to wear its feathers. That mistress must be won by constant and assiduous service; not by starts of energy which the very caprice of idleness can furnish; but by patient and stedfast exertion; by opposing repeated effort, to repeated difficulty; awakening indolence by zeal, subduing fatigue and disgust by courageous and resolute perseverance; defeating seduction by principle, and finally terminating all contest and triumphing over all obstacles, by the establishment of virtuous habits.

Since our object, then, is to excite diligence and promote study, it falls naturally within the scope of my discourse, to exhort you on that head. You are young, but not boys; your occupations, too, are of a manly cast, and must have tended to mature, although they could not add to your years. As men, therefore, I propose to address you, and instead of cajoling you with trivial and ineffectual declamation, or assailing you with dry and harsh admonition, I wish to satisfy your judgments, to speak to your understandings, and to persuade, by convincing you.

For this purpose I have only to remind you that application and diligence in your present studies,
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during the short period of your Collegiate life, application and diligence I say, not extreme, but moderate, are conducive to the public good, and to your own individual benefits.

You are about to be employed in the administration of a great and extensive country, in which, it would not be much beyond the truth to say, that the English language is not known. You will have to deal with multitudes who, can communicate with you, can receive your commands, or render an account of their performance of them, whose testimonies can be delivered, whose engagements can be contracted, whose affairs, in a word, can be transacted, discussed and recorded only in some one or other, of the languages which are taught at the College of Fort William.

Were it only for your personal ease, security and comfort the vernacular and colloquial language of India would be infinitely valuable. But whoever considers the tediousness and delay, and what is yet more material, the imperfection and error, which must attend the conduct, frequently, of trivial and ordinary but often also, of complicated and important affairs, by the clumsy and unsatisfactory transposition of loose discourse, or intricate discussion, *ore tenus*, from one language to another must acknowledge the important advantage derived from the ready use of the native languages.

Tediousness and error are not the only nor the worst evils resulting from ignorance of the languages of India. It creates almost unavoidable, and almost unlimited dependence on native and subordinate officers

officers How much prejudice to the interests of the Company, how much oppressive vexation, extortion and cruelty toward our native subjects; and how much loss of character, how much disgrace and ruin to the unfortunate European, whose ignorance has delivered him over to the helpless and dependant thralldom, and wedded his fair fame and his best hopes to the chances of so foul a connexion, making him responsible in his reputation and fortune for the corruption of a servant, whom this one defect has erected into his master, and into the arbiter of his fate; how much public loss and calamity; how much individual shame and ruin have resulted and are daily resulting from this cause, a very short acquaintance with the affairs of India will too clearly show.

To these serious evils, the government of this country has determined to oppose the best remedies it can devise.

Instruction in these languages has been provided, both in England and in Bengal, for the junior members of the service: Every imaginable facility is furnished, as you are now experiencing, to the diligent Student, and amongst other incentives, we are this day employed, in one and not the least efficacious means to stimulate, and quicken study.

It remains for me to announce the last branch of that important system, the object of which is to diffuse a correct and intimate knowledge of the principal languages used in these provinces, throughout the civil establishment of this Presidency.

I have reserved, I confess, this point to the conclusion of my discourse, because it presents to you
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motives somewhat less enlarged than I have hitherto set before you, as more worthy of your generous time of life, and more congenial, I am persuaded, with your ingenuous minds and dispositions. Yet it is no reproach, amongst higher considerations, and in aid of a virtuous love of duty, regard for the public good, and relish for fame and public esteem, it is no reproach, I say, to feel also those inducements of fortune and advantage which in the world, are amongst the mature and legitimate rewards of merit.

It is at the same time a point of justice on my part to promulgate, and give authentic notice of laws, which are to affect eventually the condition and fortunes of those on whom they are to operate. I am desirous therefore, of explaining, thus publicly, the principles by which it is my firm resolution to regulate the important part of my administration which relates to the selection of gentlemen for public service and employment. I would speak more particularly at present to this point, as it may affect the junior part of the service, and I cannot declare too expressly my determination to give the preference, in the first steps of their career, to those who shall be distinguished at the College of Fort William by reputation for good conduct, diligence, and talents—three qualities, which cannot fail of being acquired and as it were, measured by their progress in the studies peculiar to this institution, that is to say, by their proficiency in the native languages of India. I shall consider this as a rule for the distribution of favour and promotion, both because the attainment

attainment in question is itself, an essential and indispensable qualification for the public business of India; and because that rule of selection may be considered as reposing on the more general principle just mentioned, namely, that the progress of a Student in the particular study assigned to him may be regarded as a safe general criterion of character, application and abilities.

The senior part of my audience will, I am sure, add the testimony of their observation and experience to mine, in affirming, that with few exceptions, the distinction obtained at early periods, in the free competition, and impartial judgment of great public seminaries, or other large societies of youth has continued to attend the individual through life. They who have been remarked as good scholars, and as diligent and clever boys, on the forms of our public schools, have been eminent also on the benches of our Judges in the cathedrals of our Prelates; on the floors of our Houses of Parliament, in the Cabinets of our Sovereigns. Fame, in a word, and distinction have continued to follow and illustrate their footsteps through every walk of life. You, who are fond of honour, therefore, and aspire to future celebrity, remember that the tunic of your youth, discloses already to the discerning eyes before which you stand, the texture of that robe which is to clothe your manhood. If it is now of coarse materials, if it is already soiled and tattered, we can anticipate a poor and sordid garment for your future wear. If we perceive the gloss and lustre of genius and virtue in the young samples

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now before us, we discern through a short interval of time, the purple which is to adorn your manly years.

On this principle then, rational in itself and ratified by experience, my choice, and I will venture to assure you, the choice of my successors, will be directed in confiding the great interests of the government to its servants.

Let me now conclude by tendering, to you the last, but not the least inviting inducement to exertion, I mean the assurance that your labours will be rewarded with success. You are too little aware of the advantages possessed by that age, out of which you are impatient to emerge, and which might in truth be more justly an object of envy and emulation. You have passed beyond infancy, and possess the experience which now affords you the prospect of success. You have a livelier relish than our unexperienced fancies aspire, but which our seniors boast also in many instances, even in the graver pursuit of your seniors.

Of this encouraging truth, you have on this day more than one convincing proof, in the hardly credible strides of youthful study. It is, indeed, matter of great encouragement to the young, and of wonder to the old; and makes, not boys, but men admire, to see how much can be achieved by the fresh faculties of youth, its happy facility, its keen edge, not wasted on the *noces et nugas*, attracting, I allow, at that early period, but applied, in some

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the moment, with the ardor of youth and the consistency of age, to the noble pursuit of men

On these foundations I rest my hope of a still advancement, progress during the ensuing year; and I leave with great confidence the gratifying expectation to be fulfilled by you.

A REPORT OF THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL EXAMINATION,

HOLDEN IN JANUARY, 1813.

PERSIAN.

HINDOO-FANEI.

FIRST CLASS.

FIRST CLASS.

<p>1 Lindsay, a Medal, & Books, value 500</p> <p>2 Aldrich, a Medal, & Books, value 250</p> <p>3 Colver, a Medal.</p> <p>4 Macintosh,</p> <p>5 Bissop,</p> <p>6 Lytton.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SECOND CLASS.</p> <p>7 Sotheby,</p> <p>8 Mason,</p> <p>9 Braddon,</p> <p>10 Chalmer,</p> <p>11 Mione,</p> <p>12 Barlow,</p> <p>13 Ramage,</p> <p>14 Todd,</p> <p>15 Wade.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THIRD CLASS.</p> <p>16 Catibant,</p>	<p>1 Barwell, E R a Medal, & Books, value 500</p> <p>2 Vander, Medal, & Books value 250</p> <p>3 Gordon, a Medal</p> <p>4 Mearns,</p> <p>5 Cress,</p> <p>6 Lytton,</p> <p>7 Dudley,</p> <p>8 Sotheby</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SECOND CLASS.</p> <p>9 Braddon,</p> <p>10 Chalmer,</p> <p>11 Brown,</p> <p>12 Bagge,</p> <p>13 Elliot,</p> <p>14 Wardle.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THIRD CLASS.</p> <p>15 Thomas,</p> <p>16 Furneaux,</p>
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PERSIAN.

PERSIAN.

- 17 Dick,
 - 18 Carnahan,
 - 19 Lambert,
 - 20 High,
 - 21 Thomas,
 - 22 Robertson,
 - 23 Morrison
- FOURTH CLASS.
- 24 Brown,
 - 25 Forrester,
 - 26 Jennings,
 - 27 McLeod,

Smith, G }
 Blagrave, } *Absent*
 Sargent, }

ARABIC.

- 1 Colvin, a Medal.
- 2 Lindsay,
- 3 Clerk

MURATTI.

- 1 Soloby, a Medal.
- 2 Tytler.

BENGALY

FIRST CLASS.

- 1 Tytler, a Medal, & Books. value 500

SECOND CLASS.

- 2 Dick, a Medal.
- 3 Buwell, sen.
- 4 Filice,
- 5 Monckton,

HINDOOSTANEE.

- 17 Sargent,
 - 18 Cuthbert,
 - 19 Rod,
 - 20 Inglis,
 - 21 Lambert.
- THIRD CLASS.
- 22 Morrison,
 - 23 Robertson,
 - 24 Pond,
 - 25 Jannin,
 - 26 Forrester,
 - 27 Lyon,
 - 28 Chamberlain,
 - 29 Jullin,
 - 30 Davidson,
 - 31 Monckton.

FIFTH CLASS.

- 32 Smith, C.
- 33 Blagrave,
- 34 Wilder,
- 35 Trotter,
- 36 Harington,
- 37 Smelt,
- 38 McKenzie,
- 39 Calvert,
- 40 Fisher,
- 41 Smith, F. C.
- 42 Buwell, A. C.

Rs. 43 Sparks,

Fucker, }
 Mason, } *Absent from*
 Dick, } *Examinations*

Harding, }
 Wikeman, } *Sick.*
 Carey, }

BENGALY

BENGALIE.

- 6 Briggs,
7 Alison.

THIRD CLASS.

- 2 Tucker,
9 Pond.

FOURTH CLASS.

- 10 Smith, G.

Harding, Sick.

PERSIAN WRITING.

Rs.

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| 1 Blagrave, a Medal, &
Books, value 200 | 7 Couplet,
Sothoby, |
| 2 Chamberlain, a Medal, | 9 Cotton |
| ■ Barlow, | 10 V. C. |
| 4 Lindsay, | 11 V. C. |
| 5 Morrison, | 12 Tuller |
| 6 Inglis, | 13 Smith, C. C. |

NAGREE WRITING.

R.

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| 1 Berwell, B. R. a Medal,
& Books, value 200 | 5 Tilley, |
| 2 Forrester, . . . a Medal. | 6 Ellice, |
| ■ Pond, | 7 Inglis, |
| 4 Warde, | 8 Wilder, |
| | 9 McKelvie |

BENGALEE WRITING.

Rs.

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| 1 Ellice, . . . a Medal, &
Books, value 200 | ■ Monkton, |
| 2 Dick, a Medal. | 4 Pond. |

ENGLISH COMPOSITION.

ESSAY OF THIRD TERM OF 1867.

Subject.—“ On the advantages to be derived
“ from a systematic knowledge of the Laws and
“ Regulations,

“ Regulations, enacted for the Civil Government
of the British possessions in India ”

Cuthbert, a Medal.

Students leaving College, ranked in the order of
relative general proficiency

1. A. F. Tytler, — First in Bengalee. — First Class in Persian. — First Class in Hindoostanee. — Second in Mussul
2. A. J. Colvin, — First Class in Persian. — First Class in Hindoostanee. — First in Arabic.
3. W. Jandrey, — First in Persian. — First Class in Hindoostanee. — Second in Arabic.
4. R. Alexander, — Second in Persian. — Second in Hindoostanee.
5. F. Brown, — First Class in Persian. — First Class in Hindoostanee.
6. J. M. Macnab, — First Class in Persian. — First Class in Hindoostanee.
7. H. L. Baywell, — First in Hindoostanee. — Second Class in Bengalee.
8. J. F. Gray, — Second Class in Persian. — Second Class in Hindoostanee. — Second Class in Bengalee.
9. W. A. Chalmers, — Second Class in Persian. — Second Class in Hindoostanee. — Third in Arabic.
10. F. Mason, — Second Class in Persian. — Second Class in Bengalee.
11. W. Maddon, — Second Class in Persian. — Second Class in Hindoostanee.
12. C. C. Ellice, — Second Class in Hindoostanee. — Second Class in Bengalee.
13. G. Waide, — Second Class in Persian. — Second Class in Hindoostanee.
14. W. F. Dick, — Second in Bengalee. — Third Class in Persian.
15. S. F. Cuthbert, — Third Class in Persian. — Third Class in Hindoostanee. — A Medal for English Composition.

BENGALIE

- 1 Bagge,
- 7 Mason.

THIRD CLASS.

- 2 Parker,
- 9 Pond.

FOURTH CLASS.

- 10 Smith, C.

Harding, *Sick.*

PERSIAN WRITING.

Rs.

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| 1 Blagrave, a Medal, & Books, value 200 | 7 Louster, |
| 2 Chamberlain, a Medal. | 8 Sathoby, |
| 3 Barlow, | 9 Colver, |
| 4 Lindsay, | 10 ... |
| 5 Morrison, | 11 ... |
| 6 Inglis, | 12 Tuloh, |
| | 13 Smith, F. C. |

NAGREE WRITING.

Rs.

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| 1 Barwell, E. R. a Medal, & Books, value 200 | 5 Lindsay, |
| 2 Forrester, ... a Medal. | 6 Ellice, |
| 3 Pond, | 7 Inglis, |
| 4 Warde, | 8 Wilder, |
| | 9 Mckenzie. |

BENGALEE WRITING.

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| 1 Ellice, ... a Medal, & Books, value 200 | 3 Monckton, |
| 2 Dick, ... a Medal. | 4 Pond. |

ENGLISH COMPOSITION.

ESSAY OF THIRD TERM OF 1807.

Subject — On the advantages to be derived from a systematic knowledge of the Laws and Regulations,

Regulations, enacted for the Civil Government
of the British possessions in India.

Cuthbert, a M. B.

Students leaving College, ranked in the order of
relative general proficiency

1. A. F. Tytler, — First in Bengal. — First Class in Persian.
— First Class in Hindoostanee. — Second in Arabic.
2. A. J. Colvin, — First Class in Persian. — First Class in Hin-
doostanee. — First in Arabic.
3. W. Lindley, — First in Persian. — First Class in Hindoo-
stanee. — Second in Arabic.
4. R. Alexander, — Second in Persian. — Second in Hin-
doostanee.
5. F. Gordon, — First Class in Persian. — First Class in Hin-
doostanee.
6. J. M. Macnebb, — First Class in Persian. — First Class in
Hindoostanee.
7. E. S. Barwell, — First in Hindoostanee. — Second Class in
Bengalee.
8. L. Piggie, — Second Class in Persian. — Second Class in
Hindoostanee. — Second Class in Bengalee.
9. W. A. Chalmers, — Second Class in Persian. — Second
Class in Hindoostanee. — Third in Arabic.
10. F. Mason, — Second Class in Persian. — Second Class in
Bengalee.
11. W. Maddon, — Second Class in Persian. — Second Class in
Hindoostanee.
12. C. J. Alice, — Second Class in Hindoostanee. — Second Class
in Bengalee.
13. G. Waide, — Second Class in Persian. — Second Class in
Hindoostanee.
14. W. F. Dick, — Second in Bengalee. — Third Class in Per-
sian.
15. S. F. Cuthbert, — Third Class in Persian. — Third Class in
Hindoostanee. — A Medal for English Composition.

16. W. Lambert, Third Class in Perim Third Class in
Hindustani.

17. L. Ingle, Third Class in Perim Third Class in Hin-
dustani.

18. W. Thomas, Third Class in Perim - third Class in
Hindustani.

N. B.— Mr. Ted was also reported as qualified, by
his knowledge of two languages, to enter upon the
public service; but has been permitted at his own
request, to continue another year in the College

By Order of the Council

of the College,

W. HUNTER, Secretary

COLLEGE OF
FORT WILLIAM,
15th February, 1808.

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 No. IX.

AN
 ACCOUNT OF
 THE FIFTH
 PUBLIC DISPUTATIONS
 IN THE
 ORIENTAL LANGUAGES,

Hold on the 15th February, 1809; with the Discourse delivered on that occasion, by the Right Honourable LORD MINTO, Visitor of the College.

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM, FEBRUARY 18, 1809.

THE Right Honourable LORD MINTO, Governor-General and Visitor of the College of Fort William, having appointed Saturday, the 18th of February, for a Public Disputation in the Asiatic Languages, to be held in conformity with the statutes of the College, the Governors, Officers, Professors and Students of the College met at Ten o'Clock at the Government House; where the Members of the Su-

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preme Council, the Judges of the Supreme Court, and many of the Civil and Military Officers at the Presidency, with others of the principal European Inhabitants of Calcutta, and a few respectable Natives, were also assembled.

As soon as the Right Honorable the Visitor had taken his seat, the Public Exercises commenced in the following order.

FIRST.—PERSIAN.

DISPUTATION

Position.—“ For the acquirement of a critical knowledge in the Persian Language, the study of Rhetoric is required ■ well as that of Grammar.”

Respondent, Mr. G. Sotheby.
First Opponent, Mr. W. Forrester.
Second Opponent, Mr. G. Tod.
Moderator, M. Lumden, Esq.

SECOND.—HINDOOSTANEE.

DISPUTATION

Position.—“ The diversity of climate, not any difference in the original constitution of the human understanding, is the cause of ■ dissimilarity ■ between the productions of European and Oriental genius.”

Respondent, Mr. H. Sargent.
First Opponent, Mr. J. Furneaux.
Second Opponent, Mr. R. H. Tulloch.
Moderator, Capt. J. W. Taylor.

THIRD.—BENGALEE.

DISPUTATION.

Position —“ An accurate knowledge of the manners and genius of the Hindoos is to be acquired
 “ by

“ by an attentive examination of their written com-
 “ positions.”

Respondent, Mr. H. Sargent,
First Opponent, Mr. W. Correstor,
Second Opponent, Mr. J. Linnokus.
Moderator, The Rev. W. Carey.

FOURTH - ARABIC.

DISPUTATION.

Position.—“ The Arabic language stands more
 “ in need of the aids to be derived from the art of
 “ printing than any other Oriental tongue.”

Respondent Mr. G. Sotheby,
First Oppon Mr. F. Mugnier,
Second Op, ant. Mr. G. Tod
Moderator, T. V. naden, Esq.

FIFTH - MUHRATTA.

Declamation, Mr. H. Sargent.

“ That great utility is ■ be derived from the
 “ study of the Muhratta language.”

When the Disputations and Declamation were concluded, the President of the College Council presented to the Right Honorable the Visitor, the several Students of the College, who were entitled under Statute VIII. to receive Degrees of Honor, ■ well as, successively, the whole of the Students, who, at the late examination, had been found qualified to enter upon the public service; and had consequently obtained permission from the Visitor to quit the College, under the rule contained in Section II Regulation III 1837. The President read the certificate granted by the Council of the Col-
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lege to each Student, in pursuance of the above statute, specifying the proficiency which he had made in the prescribed studies of the College, and also the general tenor of his conduct, with the amount, if any, of the debt contracted by him during the period of his attachment to the College. When the certificates had been read, the Visitor presented to each Student, entitled to receive a Degree of Honor, the usual Diploma inscribed on vellum, and at the same time expressed the satisfaction which he felt in conferring it.

The Students on whom the Right Honorable the Visitor was pleased to confer a Degree of Honor on this occasion, and the Languages for their high proficiency in which the Degrees of Honor were respectively conferred, are as follow-

George Sotheby, Persian, Arabi and Hindoostan.
 James Turner, Persian and Hindoostanee
 Henry Sargent, Hindoostanee and Bengalee.
 William Forrester, Persian and Hindoostanee.
 George Tod, Persian and Hindoostanee.
 Robert Henry Talloh, . . Persian and Hindoostanee.

The Honorary Prizes and Medals, adjudged at the late Public Examination, were distributed by the President of the College Council, to the following Students:

George Sotheby,--As per annexed Report, and a Medal of Merit, adjudged in the 2d Term of 1808, for proficiency in Arabic.
 William Forrester,--As per annexed Report.
 Henry Sargent,--Ditto, and two Medals of Merit adjudged in the 2d Term of 1808, for proficiency in Hindoostanee and Bengalee.

George

- George Tod,--As per annexed Report.
 Robert Henry Tulloh, Ditto ditto, and a Medal of Merit adjudged in the 31 Term of 1805, for proficiency in Persian.
 Charles George Blagrove,--As per annexed Report.
 Charles James Davison, Ditto.
 James William Grant,--Ditto.
 James Lurcans,--Ditto.
 Fy Maguire, Ditto.
 Henry Mortlock, Ditto.
 Holt McKenzie, Ditto.
 William McIntosh,--A Medal of Merit, adjudged in the 3d Term of 1808, for proficiency in Hindostanee.

After the Prizes and Honorary Rewards had been distributed, the Right Honorable the Visitor, delivered the following Discourse.

GENELEMEN OF THE COLLEGE

OF FORT WILLIAM,

The progress of this institution in promoting its important ends, the increase of studious exertion, and the consequent advancement of learning from year to year, are objects connected with so many interesting consequences, that they justly command an anxious and vigilant observation, more especially in those whose stations impose upon them both a charge and responsibility in the administration of the College of Fort William.

It would appear, therefore, to be a suitable as well as useful practice to compare at each annual examination the last with the preceding year. If the latter period should have fallen short in diligence or efficiency, the causes of so mortifying a result will be searched for and the remedies applied, while a sense of present humiliation may become a

stimulus

stimulus to future efforts for the recovery of lost credit. On the contrary, if we may claim a progress in the studies of the College we shall find in the gratifying consciousness of meritorious conduct, and in the approbation of the world the best rewards of past and the best encouragements of future exertion. I should wish, I own, and I am persuaded I do not wish in vain, that the Students of each year should feel themselves charged with the honour of the College, and the hopes of the public, during their respective periods of probation; and that they should keep the coming Anniversary in view, with a laudable solicitude for their individual credit, heightened by its union with that of the institution, of which they are members, and the public good.

In conformity with these views, I propose to place the past year in parallel with the preceding, and it is with cordial satisfaction I am enabled to say, that notwithstanding the high reputation which crowned the studies of 1807, those of the latter period have not only maintained the ground already acquired, but afford to the present year an undoubted title to claim a sensible and essential progress.

I must, however, preface the review on which I am entering with an observation on which I may enlarge somewhat more fully in the sequel. The acquisitions made in the present year may not, in all cases, result ostensibly, from a mere numerical comparison of the Students who composed the different classes, into which the several languages were

were in these two periods respectively divided. Under this mode of comparison, the advantage, which is not uniform on either side, is, in truth too limited in amount, and too precarious and questionable in its principle, to furnish satisfactory conclusions. It is rather in the scale of proficiency attached to the classes of the respective years, that the superiority of the period now under consideration is evinced, but in that material and decisive point, its existence will be found fully established.

I proceed, however, with the parallel proposed, under the several heads of comparison which were assumed in the discourse I last delivered from this

The number of Students reported competent to enter on the service, was twenty in the last year, and nineteen in the present. But the College authorities, induced by considerations, which appear to me just and judicious, to recommend, that two other gentlemen, reported proficient in one language, should be added to those who are to quit College, as being competent to discharge the duties of that branch of the service, to which they are destined. I shall think it my duty to state more particularly the grounds of this slight departure from the general rule, which requires a proficiency in two languages to entitle the Student to quit College. I mentioned it at present for the purpose of observing, that this addition gives nineteen competent to enter on the service; and the two years, therefore, may be considered nearly balanced, shewing

shewing only a difference of one, too inconsiderable to furnish any argument of superiority or decline. It must be considered also as a full compensation for the trifling difference in number between the two returns, that of those now reported to be qualified, two are conversant in four languages, of which but one example was furnished in the former year.

I observe with pleasure, that the Persian classes have somewhat gained in the number of Students. Twenty-seven presented themselves for examination in 1808; twenty-eight in the present year. I do not mention this small excess as marking any sensible superiority of the latter period; but as proving that in this point, the ground formerly acquired has been well maintained.

A result entirely satisfactory will be furnished, also, by a comparison of Persian proficiency in the two years.

The first class in Persian, consisted in the former year of six; the second class of nine. In the latter year five only have been ranked in the first class, and nine in the second. There would appear therefore to have been a reduction of one in the number of those who have attained the degree of proficiency required in the two first classes of Persian. But this numerical inequality, so minute, that we must account it casual, will by no means afford any solid advantage to the preceding year, if the comparison be allowed to turn rather on the degrees of proficiency, than ■ the number of proficient; for independent of some considerations
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to which I sh. I have occasion hereafter to advert, Mr Sotheby is beyond doubt, much more eminently proficient in Persian, and I may add, in Arabic, than any of the Students who passed the preceding examination.

The first Hindoostanee class in January, 1808, contained eight Students, and the second six: the first class in the present year, comprises six, including Mr. Tulloh, who was separately examined, but eleven have attained the second. The two classes, therefore, give an addition of three proficient scholars in the present year. And in abatement of the advantage which might be claimed for last year of two in the number of highly proficient Students, we are entitled to pass to the credit of the present year, the eminence which Mr. Sargent has attained in the knowledge of the Hindoostanee, ■ well as of the Bengalee language, and which in those two branches of Oriental Study places him in ■ higher rank than any who left the College in 1808.

The first Bengalee class of the former year was confined to one Student; the second included six. The first class of the present year, is likewise restricted to one; the second comprises four, including Mr. Tulloh, who was not examined from indisposition, but is stated by the Professors to be equal to those of the second class. Three Students also of the third class are proficient in the Bengalee language, making the entire number of proficient in the present year one more than in the past.

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corresponding classes of the respective years be compared the superiority acquired since the last examination, will be particularly conspicuous in this language.

I have already adverted, and shall have occasion to do so again, to the eminent degree of knowledge by which Mr. Sargent has distinguished himself in the Bengalee language. I am now to observe that of the second class which was composed of four, Messrs. Forrester, Monckton, and Tulloh have, without doubt, attained a higher scale of proficiency than any of the Students who occupied the same nominal class the year before; and Mr. Burneaux who stands fourth of the second class, possesses the exclusive credit of having acquired proficiency in the Bengalee, in addition to that which he has attained in three other languages.

It must be considered as a remarkable feature of the present examination, and may, perhaps, be thought to form an era in the studies of Fort William, if not in the literature of Asia, that Mr. Sargent has qualified himself to translate four books of Virgil's *Aeneid* into the language of Bengal, and has performed the work in a manner to merit the highest commendation of those who are competent to judge of it. If it has, indeed, been possible, by the classical execution even of a prose version, to set before the native scholars of the provinces, present or to come, that model of epic genius and Augustan taste; and if, following the footsteps of Mr. Sargent, others should hereafter present yet more largely to the future poets of Bengal, a choice between

from the chaste and polished composition of the Western ancient, and the viciniousness of figurative and hyperbolical exaggeration, which seems to be the constitutional blemish of the powerful but in other respects, often elegant and refined genius of the East, may not something be hoped from the force and charm of truth, frequently contemplated by those, to whom she will at length have been unveiled?

Another enterprize of a similar nature has distinguished the collegiate exercise of this year. Mr. Monckton has undertaken, and has been able to execute, a translation into Bengalee, of Shakspeare's tragedy of the Tempest. The difficulty of rendering a work of that peculiar stamp, into the language of a nation whose idiom and manners have so little affinity either to the genius of the author, or to the times and people for which he wrote, may be easily appreciated. That Mr. Monckton has triumphed over these obstacles, and has achieved his singular labour, bears sufficient testimony both to his knowledge and command of a language which he has been able to bind to so arduous a purpose.

Mr. Sotheby and Mr. Tytler were examined in the Muhratta language last year, and the former obtained a Medal for his proficiency. Mr. Sargent is the only Student of Muhratta examined this year, and he has attained a high degree of proficiency.

Mr. Sotheby has in my opinion very judiciously thought it advisable to profit of the present occasion to cultivate those studies, for the prosecution of which

which he ought to have observed the same facilities, and he has received for other opportunities, which his destination in the public service cannot fail of furnishing, the study of the Mahratta language. But if the mind and faculties of Mr. Sotheby be as tenacious of what he once possesses, and I doubt not but they are, as we know they are powerful and rapid in acquisition, I cannot consent to efface his name from our present list of Mahratta scholars.

I speak last of the Arabic studies of the College of Fort William, because I conceive that the principal progress and acquisition of this year have been made in this branch of knowledge.

The number of students has advanced from three to four, and these are all distinguished by a superior degree of proficiency.

Mr. Magniac brought indeed his knowledge of this learned language from Oxford, where his studies were directed by the celebrated Orientalist of that University, Professor White, and the progress he had made in a tongue rarely cultivated in England, redounds alike to the honour of the master and the scholar. If rivalry and jealousy, which seem natural attendants on competition, could be banished from any commonwealth, it would be reasonable to expect the absence of those infirmities in the enlarged society of enlightened men and philosophers, which bears the liberal title of the Republic of letters. But if its individual citizens cannot always divest themselves of this badge of our general nature, and in the race of honour, will sometimes

sometimes a slow and a revolution with envy and the lower passions of the vulgar and illiterate world, learned societies, if not are, at least, collectively exempt from a weakness, so foreign to the nature of their institution and so destructive of its object. I shall speak, therefore, the praise of the College of Fort William, of the learned Asiatic Society, and generally of those enlightened scholars, who love to cultivate and promote oriental knowledge, when I welcome with peculiar distinction the proof afforded in the proficiency of Mr Magniac and in the eminence of his instructor, that Oriental study is not neglected nor declining in the West; and that a European School can send forth samples of Oriental acquirement, capable of adorning the Colleges of Asia.

Three pupils of the College of Fort William, Mr Sotheby Mr Furneaux, and Mr. Tod, have acquired a distinguished proficiency in this difficult tongue in addition to their proficiency in the Persian and Hindoostanee languages.

The present year is further distinguished by a disputation for the first time, in Arabic, by three Students, the public exercise in that language having been hitherto confined to a declamation by a single Student.

In order to pursue the parallel through the full course of last year's comparative review of the two periods then treated of, I should say a few words on the quickness of study in the present year. Such a comparison, if allowance were made, as it ought, for extraordinary instances, altogether out of the
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common course which distinguished the studies of 1807, and which as exceptions ought not to be admitted into any general estimate, would not be in any degree disparaging to the present year, but on the contrary would afford a satisfactory result. I must indeed, to the credit of the individuals, and in justice to their application and talents, record the names of Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Magniac, and Mr. Hans Sotheby, ■ honorable examples of rapid progress in the studies of the present year. The two former, Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. Magniac, have been able to place themselves in the second class of Persian by two months application; the latter, Mr. Hans Sotheby, has attained the same proficiency in four.

It would be proper also to observe, under this head, that of twenty who were reported qualified to quit the College on the former examination, ten only attained that proficiency in ■ shorter term than two years. Of the seventeen who have now attained qualifications in truth of a higher standard, nine will appear to have exceeded the period of two years study. But of these, three were admitted in December, at the very close of 1806, and may be fairly considered as virtually belonging to the year 1807. There is one, also, distinguished proficient of the present examination, for the studies of whom, although he stands on the roll of 1806, the year is nevertheless exclusively entitled to credit. But I reserve his name and the peculiarity alluded to for another part of my discourse.

I should be entitled also to claim credit for Mr.
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Wood, who was reported to quit at the former examination to quit the College, but is another rare example of a voluntary protraction of his studies. He cannot, therefore be included amongst those who have required a longer period than two years to qualify themselves for a course from College. That proficiency was already obtained at the examination in January, 1808, and the studies of the succeeding year have been directed to still higher attainments.

If these five names be deducted from the nine, we shall have produced thirteen Students out of seventeen, qualified within two years, and only four whose term of preparatory study has been longer.

In commending the diligence and capacity of these who afford rare examples of the triumph which ardent labour will obtain over difficulties, capable of retarding even laudable degrees of application, I am anxious to explain the sense in which I think dispatch in study is to be recommended, lest I should mislead the ambition of the Student into an error, which would prove highly detrimental to the cause of learning. I would not be understood, therefore, to esteem a very early retreat from College, and from study a desirable or even creditable object of exertion. That the period of quitting College and entering on the wider and more captivating scene of active life, must depend upon the proficiency of the Student, is, indeed, a law of this institution and of this Government; and I fully profess this rule to have had in view, not only to

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scarce adequate qualifications in the Company's
 Servants before they are invested with public trust,
 but also to promote and encourage study. The
 motive is intended to stimulate those whose liter-
 ary zeal, or whose sense of honor and duty may be
 too feeble to contend with the various hours of sloth
 or dissipation, and who might convert that impor-
 tant period of life assigned to study and acquire-
 ment into a sterile and unprofitable blank. That
 interval, if its restraints be irksome, will be abridg-
 ed by reasonable and moderate application, and if
 application itself be painful, the term of that pain
 will be prolonged by the indulgence of so unmanly
 and uncreditable a temper and habit of mind. But
 in praising a rapid progress in study, it is far from
 intended to encourage an early termination of that
 honorable and beneficial pursuit. It is not so much
 to be desired that the term of studious labour should
 be unusually contracted, as that it should be put to
 the utmost profit, and to those who have attained
 quickly the first step, of requisite proficiency, I would
 point out the higher stages of finished and accom-
 plished study, as the proper goal and termination
 of their labour. Men of higher views and super-
 ior minds do not, indeed, continue their studious
 vigils for the purpose of breaking the bounds of
 school a little sooner. Their ambition is not satis-
 fied with superficial competency; excellence is their
 aim, and in that generous pursuit, it is fit that ho-
 nor should attend their exertions, as fame and for-
 tune will surely crown and reward them.

The praise which is due, and which, from this
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chair, shall ever be paid to extraordinary and rapid progress in the studies of this College, & to be received, then, not as an invitation to an early retreat from study, but as an exhortation to persevere, and as a cordial to animate a constant as well as vigorous pursuit of excellence.

Nothing is better established than that the acquisitions made in the later periods of study, surpass by far in value, its early and elementary attainments. The Student is himself strengthened and aided by the natural advance of intellectual maturity, and by the facilities which habits of industrious and frequent exercise of his faculties, will give him. He has now a foundation, too, to build upon, a foundation, desirable, no doubt, in its nature, but, however, its principal estimation at the present time, is in the richer and more finished superstructure which it affords. Cumulative powers of knowledge, other capital, advanced in a growing manner, only more is acquired, but the acquisition is of a higher standard and value. These observations are confirmed by experience, and in addition, the proofs that might be drawn from every part of the College of Fort William, has in my acquaintance with it, furnished very striking evidence of the truth I am now inculcating. I commend it then to those Students who are desirous of a liberal state for knowledge, and who possess those sure badges of superior minds, a natural aptitude to excellence, and an ambition to attain it;

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commend to those who recognize in their own characters, those strong features of wisdom and virtue, to extend, I mean, within reasonable and moderate bounds, the season of acquirement, rather than to rush forth with the crowd, at the first unbarred of the doors, bearing with them but a pittance for present use, and leaving treasures behind.

It has been shewn that under the several heads of comparison, resting alone on the formal ground of numerical estimation, the two years, with a slight advantage, sometimes on one side and sometimes on the other, will remain with balanced scales, and can be placed only on a footing of equality. But in other points of view, I am enabled with much gratification to state, some solid and essential acquisitions of the present year.

The first and perhaps most visible conquest of that period, has been made in the Arabic language. In that language we possess the extraordinary, and, as I am informed, the unexampled proficiency of Mr. Sotheby; unexampled, I mean, in the College of Fort William, and I might employ, I believe, if it were ever discreet to do so, expressions of much wider and more comprehensive import. Mr. Furneaux, and Mr. Tod, have also attained a distinguished degree of proficiency in the same language. The Arabic of Mr. Magniac, is, indeed, not of our own growth, but it now flourishes in our soil, and will at least claim by anticipation the fruits of future culture.

That the progress of the present year in Arabic, is

is much greater than is shown by a dry numerical comparison of the student reported to have attained proficiency in that language during the two periods, cannot be doubted. The Students in Arabic of the present year, if tried with the proficiency of the former must be ranked apart, and would leave the preceding year in a separate and inferior form.

I cannot congratulate the College on this interesting and important acquisition without calling to their notice the eminent and conspicuous merits of the learned professor of Arabic and Persian, Mr. Lamden, to whose assiduous labour and talents, not less than to the diligence and capacity of his pupils, the College and the public are indebted for this precious accession to the learning of British India. The value of this improvement will be readily appreciated by those who know, that Arabic, is to be considered as fundamental in the principal branches of Oriental philology; and that, without resting his studies on that basis, the Persian Scholar, may possess a popular and superficial, but cannot attain a radical and consummate knowledge of the latter language. The Arabic possesses, of its own, rich stores, both of science and literature; and we cannot forget that when the reviving learning of the West was yet in a sort of new infancy, the Arabic language was not only a vehicle of Eastern knowledge, but was found to have afforded at least a partial refuge to the perishing learning of ancient Europe, which it restored to the awakening enquiries and researches of modern scholars.

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Mr. Kandi's valuable services are directed in the growing proficiency of the College of Fort William, in every branch of study committed to his charge, and not less so in its Persian than in its Arabic pursuits. The world is indebted also to his learned labour for a variety of works in Oriental philology and literature, executed or in progress, which it is not now however the moment to enumerate.

I have placed the progress made in the Arabic studies of the College at the head of those proofs of advancement, which the present year has afforded, because the improvement in this branch is made manifest by clear and visible criterions. But it is perhaps yet more gratifying and encouraging, to add, as on safe authority I may, that the studious habits of the College have perceptibly increased. If I am well informed, the ardour and constancy displayed in study during the present year, have never before been equalled. It would seem as if a burst of emulation had broken forth, and not only sharpened application and energy which had stood the proof before, but roused and awakened faculties, which till then had slumbered under the enervating influence of indolence or dissipation. That the quantity and ardour of study of the present year has been conspicuous compared with former periods, I am happy to have been informed, and to believe.

The natural consequence has followed. The proficiency of the present year has gained also on the former. It might be collected from the reports
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of the several Professors in the final examination of the year; but it is precisely established by the opinions and suffrages of the Professors themselves, and of all those who are qualified to pronounce on the comparative difficulty of the exercises appointed for each year, that the qualifications required for being ranked in the higher classes on the late examination, much exceeded those which have placed the Student in classes of the same denomination at all former periods. This proposition is capable of demonstration from a mere statement of the Books read and the exercises performed, in Arabic, in Persian, in Hindoostanee, and in Bengalee; but it shall suffice to say in this place, that this strong criterion of progress is supported by the authority of those whose testimony is proof.

I have much pleasure in saying, that the general conduct of the Students, of all ranks and standing, has with few exceptions, been highly meritorious and exemplary, more especially in regularity of attendance, of which some junior members, whose names, I am confident, will adorn the next discourse that will be delivered from this chair, have furnished very laudable examples.

The progress that has been made in the studies of the College of Fort William, and in the proficiency of its Students, form the clearest and best founded encomium on the Professors and Officers, who have been the meritorious instruments of this improvement; but I should deprive myself of a great satisfaction if I omitted to record on the present Anniversary,

and industry, the conspicuous and continued zeal, assiduity, talents and application, which have ever distinguished the learned natives, Native not less than European attached to their several capacities to this College.

I have had the satisfaction of presenting Degrees of Honor, and other Badges of merit to the following gentlemen.

- 1 Mr. Sotheby,
- 2 Mr. Furneaux,
- Mr. Sargent,
- Mr. Forrester,
- Mr. Tod,
- 6 Mr. Tulloh.

Mr. Sotheby, whose name stands at the head of the College roll, was admitted in September, 1807, one year and four months prior to the late examination. He holds the first place in Arabic; the first in Persian; the second in Hindoostanee, and is reported proficient in Mubratia. To this may be added an elementary acquaintance with Sanskrit.

In Arabic it is not enough to say that he occupies the first place. His superiority is such as to rank him in truth in a separate class of his own; and he has left both his cotemporary competitors, and every Student of Arabic since the foundation of the College of Fort William, at a distance. His Arabic studies are, indeed, distinguished by one proof of excellence, which will place him on a level with the majority even of learned Asiatics. He has read the greatest part of the Muqamati Hureeree, a work of such difficulty, that few native scholars can

can master it without previous study. He has also afforded, at the late examination, a difficult but conclusive proof of Arabic proficiency, by accurate translations from English into that language.

Mr. Sotheby's superiority in Persian is not less conspicuous; and if to these eminent acquirements be added a rank next to the highest in Hindoostanee, a proficiency in Mulratta, and an elementary knowledge of Sanskrit, we shall not think the short term of Mr. Sotheby's collegiate life mis-spent in the acquisition or in the high cultivation of five Oriental languages. The rapidity of Mr. Sotheby's acquirements in the four months that preceded the former examination, was a theme of cordial commendation and applause. In my desire, however, to discover progress in the subsequent period, I do not fear to compare Mr. Sotheby even with himself, and to congratulate Mr. Sotheby of the present year on a victory over his junior of the last. Four months was, indeed, a short period for his former acquisitions, but if the conquests of the following year be measured, he will still be found to have maintained his advantage against time, and if the value as well as the extent of his acquirements be considered, the sudden fruits of the last short season can stand in comparison with the full and mature harvest of the present.

I confess that I contemplate with more than ordinary satisfaction and interest, the successful termination of Mr. Sotheby's academical labour. He discovered formerly what appeared to me marks not
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to be mistaken of judgment, character and energy, the steadiness and success, of which might with confidence be depended upon. When he resolved to prolong a voluntary restraint, and to labour, not for present and golden advantage, but for the pure love of excellence, I pronounced, as I felt, the eulogy of that virtuous disposition. Had the labour he then courted, been permitted to relax; had this year of supererogation proved barren, or even less fruitful than the season which it succeeded, Mr. Sotheby would have deceived the hopes he had created, and I should on this day experience the pain of condemning, perhaps, by faint praise, the object of my former encomium. The contrary has happened, as was to be expected; the resolution of last year has not proved to be a flash of momentary enthusiasm, but the steady resolve of an ardent, but sober mind, conscious alike of its own constancy and vigour. I can say nothing better to Mr. Sotheby, nothing more expressive of my own sentiments, and I think, of those of the world, than that he has fulfilled his own fair promise. In the wider field of useful and practical exertion which now claims him, he carries hence my ardent wish, and not less, my confident expectation, that qualities so well proved, will bring, each year, fresh accessions of benefit to the state, and of honor to himself.

Mr. Furneaux was admitted in August, 1807, and has afforded the most satisfactory proof of steady and vigorous application, by attaining in so short a period, the high proficiency which entitles him to
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rank in the first classes of Persian and Hindoostanee, the second class in Bengalee, and the fourth place in Arabic. Mr. Furneaux possesses the exclusive distinction of having stood an examination in four languages, and attained high proficiency in all. In quitting study for business, he carries with him that high and merited reputation in the first stage of life which will be sustained, I am confident, through every succeeding period, and accompany him through future exertions to those honours which are the just reward of merit.

Mr. Sargent holds the first place in Hindoostanee, the first in Bengalee, and is reported proficient in Muhratta, being the only Student who has presented himself for examination in that language. Mr. Sargent was admitted to College in November, 1806, but as I am informed, the acquirements which I have now stated, are the fruits only of the last year's study, I would not recall the low standard of Mr. Sargent's former acquisitions, both in Persian and Hindoostanee, if the defects of the preceding period did not now redound to the credit of the following. Mr. Sargent is distinguished at this day by very uncommon and remarkable proficiency in Hindoostanee and Bengalee. In the former, he has prevailed against so formidable an opponent as Mr. Sotheby. Of his masterly knowledge of the second, independent of other testimonies, I have already adduced his translation of *Virgil* into that language. His proficiency in Muhratta has also been adverted to before. He was prevented by indisposition

disposition from attending the examination in Persian, and is therefore not included in the report of that branch of study, but I believe I may safely add, to his other attainments, a considerable progress in the Persian language. I should fall short, however, of the commendation which is due to this gentleman, if I were contented with a bare enumeration of his various successful studies, and if I did not point with satisfaction to that circumstance in the history of his academical life, which most enhances the merit of his distinguished labours, and which having once furnished matter of uneasy reflection, has been converted by subsequent exertion into a foundation of reputation and honor. Mr Sargent has not only accomplished the difficult labours which have been recited, in a much shorter period than his standing denotes, but he has achieved the more arduous task of subduing himself, and breaking through the strong controul of indolent and enervating habit. His character and talents were not formed for a long subjugation to such restraints, and when honor and duty were fairly placed before his view, his mind acknowledged their higher attraction, and the ardour of his pursuit soon regained the ground which the tardiness of its commencement had lost.

I dwell with peculiar pleasure on this topic, not only as honorable in a high degree to Mr. Sargent himself, but as furnishing a powerful invitation and encouragement to those, who may yet be held in the chains which he has broken, to make that manly effort,

effort, from which his example has taught them to expect success.

Mr. Forrester has attained the second place in Persian, the second in Bengalee, and he ranks in the first class of Hindoostanee.

Mr. Tulloh is ranked in the first class of Persian, the first class of Hindoostanee, and the second class in Bengalee. Both these gentlemen were admitted in August, 1807, and have afforded the most honorable proofs of application and talents by the profit to which they have put this moderate period of study, in the acquisition of distinguished proficiency in three languages.

I have reserved Mr. Tod, who stands third in Arabic, third in Persian, and third in Hindoostanee, as claiming distinguished notice in a point of conduct and character, of which only one other instance has been afforded. Mr. Tod was reported at the examination of last year qualified to quit the College and enter on the public service. Mr. Tod, already entitled to claim emancipation from the restraint and fatigue of study, holding already in his possession the clear sanction of authority for embracing the tempting objects which the world presented to him, offered a second example in the same week of that option, rare and always to be admired, which Mr. Sotheby had already made. Mr. Tod requested and obtained the permission of the College to continue his studies, and to add a yet higher proficiency to that which had sufficed to release

lease him from tuition, and usher him into the captivating scenes of active life. I was not so much acquainted with Mr. Tod's participation in this merit to give him his due share of the applause which at the last Anniversary was bestowed upon another, and I am happy on this day to render him the justice to which he was then entitled. The estimation in which I hold this unusual sacrifice of tastes and desires so natural; and how much I honor this devotion to higher pursuits, has been expressed too fully on a former occasion to admit of my enlarging again even upon a theme so grateful. I must be content to say that the sentiments I have already delivered on that topic are addressed alike to Mr. Tod, who will, I am sure, reap a rich and full compensation for this period of self-denial, in the gratifying reflection which the memory of that sacrifice will through life, afford to himself; and in the esteem which it will ever attach to his name in the world.

I proceed to a less grateful part of my duty, and have now to observe a passage in the report of this examination, which I cannot contemplate without concern. The College Council have judged it proper to submit to me the following resolution.

Resolved further, that the following Students
 “ be noticed to the Right Honorable the Visitor,
 “ as having been above two years attached to the
 “ College, but not included in the above report, in
 “ consequence of two of them, Messrs. Monckton
 “ and Pond, having attained proficiency in one
 “ language

— language only, and the others not appearing proficient in any language.”

The list alluded to consists of seven Students, of whom I shall name, however, only the two gentlemen specified in the body of the resolution who are distinguishable from the remaining five by proficiency, at least, in one language, and also by natural or other unavoidable disqualification, which, without the imputation of voluntary neglect, may account for their studies having been confined within that limit.

Mr Monckton has attained a very distinguished degree of proficiency in the language of Bengal, occupying the third place in that study, and yielding only to competitors as eminent as Mr. Sargent and Mr. Forrester. I have already remarked with satisfaction on the indisputable proof of Mr. Monckton's intimate knowledge of the Bengalee dialect, furnished by his successful execution of a task so difficult as a version into that language of the Tragedy of the *Tempest*. In this language, therefore Mr. Monckton, has attained, not merely the competent knowledge which would, in respect of that branch of his studies, entitle him to be released from College, but he is distinguished by a high and remarkable proficiency.

Combined with merit he may justly claim in what he has acquired, the disadvantage to which he has been subjected by a natural infirmity, in the prosecution of further studies, has been thought worthy of consideration, and has appeared to furnish an
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adequate justification of his failure in some parts of those qualifications usually required for quitting College. It has been considered also that the language in which he is so well versed, will enable him to discharge, without detriment to the public, the duties of the commercial branch of the service which he has chosen.

Mr. Pond is similarly circumstanced, he has attained a considerable proficiency in the same language; and has been disabled by a long course of ill health from acquiring a competent knowledge of any other.

I have been desirous to state the considerations which have governed the resolution adopted in favour of these gentlemen, for two reasons.

First, because I think myself, and the College Council, responsible for an impartial administration of the powers with which we are invested

Secondly, because the indulgence extended to these gentlemen, if misinterpreted, and if its principle were not clearly explained, might lead to an opinion of latitude and arbitrary discretion in the execution of our regulations, which would give birth to hopes of partial relaxation, very adverse to exertion and diligence, and sure to end in the disappointment of that unreasonable expectation, and in regret for having entertained it

If these two gentlemen had acquired the proficiency which they are reported by the College Council to possess, in one language only, but had been subject to no insurmountable obstacle in the acquisition

sition of more, they would not have been permitted to quit College.

So if Mr. Monckton had only the impediment of speech, under which he labours, and Mr. Pond had only the infirm health with which he has been afflicted to plead; but could neither of them have laid claim to the proficiency they have attained in Bengalee, they would have been detained another year at College.

It is the united influence of these two considerations which has led, in the instance of these individuals to a decision, in which it has, after all, been necessary, that both justice and indulgence should conspire.

Of the remaining five gentlemen to whom the resolution of the College Council lately read, applies there is one precisely in the situation which has been described as insufficient to claim the extension of this indulgence. He is retarded in his studies by an impediment of speech; but his study has not been slow and limited alone; it has been wholly unproductive. If it were admitted, as it cannot be, that his infirmity could account, without some defect in diligence, for a total want of all progress in a period not less than two years and a half, it would not be the less true that he remains unqualified for every branch of the public service, I should certainly lament extremely any mortification, or any detriment to his fortune, which should fall upon his infirmity alone. But in truth these regulations are not framed on a penal principle, to chastise the individual who
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may have failed in the full discharge of his duty. The rule and practice of this College, which require a specified proficiency in some of the Eastern languages, from those who are candidates for public employment, have two important public objects in view. To provide qualified servants to the Company; and to discourage the want of industry in those studies which can alone furnish the qualifications required. A firm and even rigorous adherence to this regulation is deemed therefore, essential to the interests both of learning and of the public service, and it is my duty to announce to the five gentlemen alluded to, that they are not permitted to leave College.

I very cordially regret, but I should regret yet more deeply the disappointment of the individuals against whom a point of discipline is enforced upon a principle of public convenience and benefit, if I were not persuaded, that the decision which gives them present dissatisfaction, is likely to prove the most beneficial for themselves as well as the public.

If a just impression is made upon the minds of these gentlemen; if this taste of temporary discredit, should awaken a generous desire to shake it off, and to cover even the memory of it by future honor, an opportunity, ungracious indeed in form, but invaluable, if happily improved, is presented, to convert their present regrets into a source of permanent satisfaction and exultation. Examples are furnished in this very year to prove that lost time is not irrecoverable, and that a late commencement
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of study may soon be compensated by the celerity of future progress. The period of their attendance on College has not yet been extremely long, and if the present disappointment should fortunately, as in some instances, at least, I am happy to be convinced it will be put to profit in the manner I have indicated I will venture to assure those individuals, that the elapsing of the present hour will soon make a more general reflection, and will ultimately be confirmed by the corroboratory conviction not only confirmed by the esteem and approbation of the world.

It is not to believe that we should have even one of us, so estranged from the honorable principle with which he is surrounded, as to pursue exactly the opposite course, and to stiffen his opposition equally against the discipline of authority, and the admonition of kindness, solicitous for his own welfare. Candour and justice, however, require, that even to such, a seasonable warning should be given, that they must not be surprized at the expiration of another year of fruitless attendance at the College of Fort William, the Comptroller, whose favour they aspire, should proffer them a sentence of incapacity, and refuse to retain unprofitable Servants, who have failed in acquiring, but have indulged a determination not to acquire those qualifications essential to render their services in any manner acceptable or useful.

It has been usual to notice on this occasion the

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most esteemed works, either in the languages of the East, or connected with Oriental literature, which have appeared in the course of the year. The year which we are now commemorating has not been barren, and enables me to congratulate the learned world on a valuable addition to the stock of Eastern knowledge.

The *Moontukhub-ool-Lughat*, an Arabic Lexicon, explained in Persian, has been printed by the native proprietors of the Persian press. It is a work held in great estimation for its acknowledged accuracy and convenient arrangement: and the publication of a collated and corrected edition of this useful work, must afford important aid to the Students of the Persian as well as of the Arabic language. It may be expected to be followed by other publications, equally conspicuous for accuracy and neatness, through the persevering industry and enterprise of native printers.

The types which have been employed for the publication now noticed, are in a great measure logographick, and are adapted to imitate more nearly the written character than any before attempted. From this successful endeavor to improve the Persian type, farther progress may be reasonably anticipated, and it may be hoped that ultimately the press may be enabled to vie with manuscripts in beauty and cheapness, as it surpasses them in accuracy. The degree of perfection already attained is due to the Professor of Arabic and Persian, who gave particular countenance and encouragement to
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his interesting undertaking. The types were executed under the immediate direction and superintendance of natives attached to the College.

The Professor of Arabic and Persian has entered on a more arduous task; that of preparing for the press, with the assistance of learned natives attached to his department, a correct copy of the Shahnamah. This poem, the boast and glory of Persia, and certainly a monument of Persian genius, will no doubt be restored by this publication to the purity in which it claims to be exhibited.

Some progress has been made by the Professor in publishing a correct copy of the Muqamati, a classical work in the Arabic language of Persia.

By this publication, an essential service is rendered to the Students of that language, and to the learned in Europe as well as in Persia.

The commendation of the Council of the Government has extended its patronage to the publication of Muzahib, a Persian work of relating much curious information on the religions of Persia and of India. It has been derived from the collection of numerous manuscripts by a learned native, Muoluvée Nuzrati. It will be published by the native press, which was established in a former year, and has received particular encouragement afforded to it by the Government of the College.

The five proprietors of the Sanskrit press have, with

with the improved Nagree types, which were noticed on a former occasion, printed several popular works generally admired by those who cultivate Indian literature. At the recommendation of the Council of the College, those publications have received encouragement from government, and the publisher has been able to afford them at so moderate a price as to furnish a strong confirmation of the hope entertained that the press may be rendered instrumental to the general diffusion of knowledge among the natives of the country. The songs of *Javedo* and the *Rhagvutgeeta*, which are known to the English reader by the translations of Sir William Jones and Mr Wilkins, are among the works already published.

Vocabularies, Persian and Hindoostanee and Sanskrit and Bengalee, prepared with the view of collecting materials for a comparative Vocabulary of the various Indian languages, as mentioned on a former occasion, have been completed and are in course of circulation. It is hoped that considerable progress will be early made in collecting accurate and copious Vocabularies of the numerous languages and dialects of India, and of contiguous countries. In the mean time, a comparative Vocabulary of twelve principal languages, to the same extent, and in the same order with the Sanskrit Dictionary, termed the *Umu Kosh*, has been compiled, by persons, employed for that purpose by Mr. Colebrooke, and a copy of it has been prepared to be deposited in the Library of the College.

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The languages comprized in the compilation are those of Bengal, Orissa, Tirhoot, Hindoostan, Punjab, Kashmeer, Nepal, Guzrat, Kunara, and Telingana, with the Muhratta and Tamool or Malabar.

In prosecution of the design of making an extensive collection of dialects spoken in countries contiguous to India, it is intended to print and distribute a Vocabulary of the Malay and Burmah languages, corresponding to the Persian and Sanskrit Vocabularies already printed. The numerous original languages of the vast Archipelago in which the Malay language is used, may be obtained through this medium; and the languages of the countries on the continent, between the East of Bengal, and West of China, will be collected through the Burmah language. By means of both, provided the design be seconded by those who have the opportunity of promoting it, a fund of curious and useful information will be obtained, tending to illustrate, by the comparison of their languages, the connexion and affinity of nations at present but little known. The practical utility of a copious collection of languages and dialects, in use in countries with which an intercourse is maintained, is obvious.

This undertaking has been assisted by the preparation of types of the Burmah character, recently cast for the mission press; and is the first instance of the application of the art of printing to the characters of a language of the Eastern parts of India. It may be expected in time to become the vehicle
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of making known, not merely the scanty literature of those countries to the learned of Europe, but even of diffusing in those countries some portion of the light of European science.

The 2d volume of the Ramayun, translated under the joint patronage of the College and Asiatick Society, has been published from the press of the Missionaries at Serampore. The same person continue to be engaged under the patronage of the College on a translation of a Hindoo system of Philosophy, which they intend to publish like the theological Poem abovementioned, with the text.

A Dictionary, Hindoostanee and English, has been several years in the Press, has been completed by Dr. Hunter, the Secretary of the College according to the original plan, in Two Volumes, of which the second has been recently published. This work will no doubt greatly facilitate the acquirement of that useful language. An advertisement to this Work has been announced by the Missionaries, which promises to be no less useful than the former publication.

Further progress has been made by the President of the Laws and Regulations in the preparation of his Analysis of the regulations enacted by the Government of Bengal. The Second Part including the Moohummudan system of criminal law, the modifications of it, and the additions to it, by the Regulations of the British Government, the rules for the guidance of the courts criminal jurisdiction, and

and the provisions for the police, is completed, and the publication of this sequel of a useful and important work may be soon expected.

Connected with the laws of the Moohumudans, which are founded on the *Qooran*, and the traditions of their prophet, is a work undertaken by an Officer of the Military Establishment under this Presidency, Captain Mathews. This is a translation from the Arabic language, of the *Mishkat ool-Musabeeh*, a work of high authority among the Moosmans; and which may be said to hold among them, the same place, which the *Talmud* does among the Jews. It is a voluminous collection of all traditions deemed authentic. The translation has been some time ready, and the task of printing it has been commenced.

Before I close the enumerations of the valuable gifts made this year to the literature and knowledge of the East, I am induced to speak with the honor which I think is due, of the progress that is making in the vicinity of our College in a field of Oriental knowledge which has been left hitherto to the zeal and resources of individuals, I allude to the little but respectable Chinese School at Serampore. I had occasion to advert to this institution and its performance with the approbation that I felt in my last discourse. On the one hand the interest which this insulated but commendable undertaking inspires, will not let me be silent on the laudable advancement of Chinese learning and proficiency, which the industry and talents, both of masters and scholars,

scholars, have operated in the other hand this subject is connected with the College of Fort William with the proper occupations of this day, as to admit of my enlarging, in as much detail as I should perhaps be inclined to do, on the growing improvement of this singular institution. I will not withhold the particulars however of its labours from those who may think them acceptable, and shall in that view, take the liberty of annexing to this discourse a report of the examination which was held at Serampore in last September, and which redounded highly to the honor of Mr. Marshman and his pupils; I will not refrain, however, even now from reading the satisfactory testimony of the learned persons, connected as they are with our own body, before whom the trials of Chinese proficiency were on that occasion exhibited.

After describing the exercises of the young Chinese Students, Mr. Marshman, Mr. Jas. Carey, and Mr. J. C. Marshman, the report proceeds:

“ Specimens of Chinese types now cutting in
 “ wood were then exhibited, and some of the first
 “ sheets of the Lun-Gnee, or first book of Confu-
 “ cius, now in the press, with a large single sheet
 “ containing the whole of the Chinese
 “ elementary characters, according to which the
 “ Chinese characters are arranged in th
 “ aries.”

“ On the whole, we beg leave to express the
 “ highest satisfaction with the progress of the se-
 “ minary,

minary, and the acquirements of the Chinese
 “ Students. We beg leave likewise to state that
 “ the manner in which the publication of the works
 “ of Confucius is commenced, is entitled to the
 “ highest approbation, and of the most obvious
 “ utility for communicating to the European world
 “ a knowledge of the Chinese language and Lite-
 “ rature, to which little more seems to be absolutely
 “ necessary than the publication of the five books
 “ of Confucius, and the Imperial Chinese Diction-
 “ ary, in a similar manner.

(Signed) “ J. H. HARRINGTON.

“ J. LEYDEN.”

In closing this discourse, it only remains for me
 in addressing the junior part of my audience, to
 remind them that in their hands is deposited the
 honor of the coming year. On their strenuous
 efforts, on their unabating diligence, hangs the cre-
 dit of their own period. The reason that is gone
 has bequeathed to them a fair example. I know it
 will be followed, and that in that race of emulation,
 the candidates for distinction will neither turn aside
 nor faint; that I shall yet have victors to crown,
 with our annual honors, and that my next discourse
 need not be barren either in acknowledgments to
 the College of Fort William, or in congratulations
 to the public on the high and still rising reputation
 of that useful and important institution.

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HINDOOSTANEE.

FOURTH CLASS.

1701

- 26 Mackenzie,
- 27 Smelt,
- 28 Scott,

- 26 Mackenzie,
- 27 Maguire,
- 28 Northcote,
- 29 Poud,
- 30 Sparks,
- 31 Fraser, J. J.
- 32 Smelt,
- 33 Bird,
- 34 Fraser, A. C.
- 35 Wellesley,
- 36 Calvert.

Blagrove, — Absent from examination.

- Fraser, J. J.
- Fair,
- Curtis,
- Melville,
- Whish
- Smith, F. C.
- Trotter, A.
- Sargent,
- Calvert,
- Drew,

Declined Examination.

Sick.

Barwell, C. R.—Attended, but retired from Indisposition after the Oral Examination.

Sparks,—Attended, but retired after the Oral Examination.

FIFTH CLASS.

- 37 Tytler,
- 38 Smith, F. C.
- 39 Smith, L. J.
- 40 Fane,
- 41 Hunter,
- 42 Curtis,
- 43 Bell,
- 44 Innes,
- 45 Scott,
- 46 Grant,
- 47 Russell,
- 48 Whish,

Petrie, } Absent from Examination.

Lewin, }
Melville, } Declined Examination.

Nisbet, }
Trotter, J. }
Trotter, A. } Sick.

Drew, }
Fords, } Attended, but retired after the Oral Examination.

Barwell, }

ARABIC.

- 1 Sotheby, G. a Medal,
- 2 Magniac,
- 3 Tod,
- 4 Furneaux.

BENGALEE.

HINDOOSTANI

Mr. Tulloh, who was prevented by sickness from attending on the day of examination, was separately examined on a subsequent day, and found to have made proficiency such as to entitle him to a place in the first Class.

BENGALIE.

FIRST CLASS.

- 1. Sargent, a Medal, & Books, value 200 Rs.

SECOND CLASS

- 2 Forrester, a Medal,
- Monckton,
- 4 Poineaux,

THIRD CLASS.

- 5 Tucker,
- 6 Hardu G,
- 7 Peal,
- Kennedy,
- 9 Davidson,
- 10 Bell,
- 11 Calvert,
- 12 Gord,
- 13 Fraser, J. J.
- 14 Blgrave,
- 15 Barwell, A. C.
- 16 Smith. E. J.

Mr Tulloh was prevented by illness from attending the Examination; but is stated by the Professor to have made proficiency, such as to entitle him to a place in the second Class.

PERSIAN WRITING

- 1 Blgrave.---N ■ Obtained the first prize last year, Rs.
- 2 Tulloh, ■ Medal, & Books, value 200
- 3 Grant,.....a Medal,
- 4 Billo,
- 5 Sotoby, H.
- 6 Forrester.

NAGREE WRITING.

- 1 Blgrave, a Medal, & Books, value 200 Rs.
- 2 Davidson,.....a Medal,
- Forrester,
- 4 Sargent,
- 5 Pond.

BENGALEE WRITING.

- 1 Davidson, ■ Medal, & Books, value 200 Rs.
- 2 Sargent,a Medal,
- 3 Blgrave,
- Tulloh,
- 5 Kennedy,
- 6 Barwell,
- Forrester.

MUHRATTA.

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MUHURATTA WRITING.

§ Sargent, Medal,
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Examination.
Wish, Declined Examina-
tion.

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LAWS & REGULATIONS.

Lyon.

Medals of Merit are awarded to Messrs Mac-
kenzie, Maguire, and Merlock for their proficien-
cy in the Hindoostanee Language, and to Messrs.
Pod and Punicaux, for their proficiency in the
Arabic.

Students leaving College, classed in the order of
relative general proficiency.

1. G. Sotoby,---First in Arabic. - First in Persian --Second
in Hindoostanee. Proficient in Mulatta.
2. J. Punicaux, First Class in Persian. First Class in Hin-
doostanee. Second Class in Bengalee.--- Fourth in A. B. C.
3. H. Sargent, First in Hindoostanee. - First in Benga-
lee. Proficient in Mulatta.
4. W. Lister,---Second in Persian.--- Second in Benga-
lee. First Class in Hindoostanee.
5. G. Pod,---First in Arabic.--- Third in Persian.---Third in
Hindoostanee.
6. R. H. Kullsh, First Class in Persian. - First Class in
Hindoostanee, Second Class in Bengalee.
7. M. Moore,---Second Class in Persian.---Second Class in
Hindoostanee.
8. R. Chamberlain, Second Class in Hindoostanee --Se-
cond Class in Persian.
9. R. Lyon.---Second Class in Persian.---Second Class in
Hindoostanee.
10. R. Barlow,---Second Class in Persian.---Second Class in
Hindoostanee.
11. N. McCord,---Second Class in Persian.---Second Class in
Hindoostanee.

12. P. B. S. Wether, Second Class Hindoostanee, and Third Class Persian.
13. R. Morrison, Second Class in Hindoostanee.—Third Class in Persian.
14. T. Brown,—Second Class in Hindoostanee.—Third Class in Persian.
15. E. C. Robertson,—Second Class in Hindoostanee.—Third Class in Persian.
16. C. Tucker,—Second Class in Hindoostanee.—Third Class in Bengalee.
17. W. J. Harding,—Second Class in Hindoostanee.—Third Class in Bengalee.
18. C. Monckton,—Second Class in Bengalee.
19. J. E. Pond,—Third Class in Bengalee.

By Order of the Council
of the College,
W. HUNTER, *Secretary.*

COLLEGE OF
FORT WILLIAM,
23th January, 1809.

No. X.

AN
 ACCOUNT OF
 THE NINTH
PUBLIC DISPUTATIONS
 IN THE
ORIENTAL LANGUAGES,

Held on the 15th September, 1810; with the Discourse delivered on that occasion, by the Right Honorable Lord Minto, Visitor of the College.

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM, SEPTEMBER 15, 1810.

THE Right Honorable Lord Minto, Governor General and Visitor of the College of Fort William, having appointed Saturday, the 15th of September, for a Public Disputation in the Asiatic Languages, to be held in conformity with the Statutes of the College, the President and Members of the College Council, the Officers, Professors, and Students of the College, met at Ten o'Clock at the Government

Government House, where the Members of the Supreme Council, some of the Judges of the Supreme Court, and many of the Civil and Military Officers at the Presidency with others of the Principal European Inhabitants of Calcutta, and a few respectable Natives, were also assembled.

As soon as the Right Honorable the Visitor had taken his Seat, the Public Exercises commenced in the following order:

FIRST.—HINDOOSTANIC.

DISPUTATION

Position — “ The interests of general knowledge would be promoted by encouraging men of education and learning in Europe and India, to study the Works of Science and Literature, which both countries have produced.”

Respondent, R. M. Bird.

First Opponent, A. Trotter.*

Second Opponent, A. G. Molony.

Moderator, Capt. J. W. Taylor.

SECOND.—BENGALEE.

DISPUTATION

Position — “ The system of Government established in Bengal, is calculated to secure the prosperity and promote the welfare of the Native inhabitants.”

Respondent, G. Porcher.

First Opponent, W. H. Bell.

Second Opponent, R. M. Bird.

Moderator, The Rev. W. Carey.

THIRD.

* Mr. Prinsep was appointed to hold the place of first opponent, but was prevented by illness.

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and prudent of its utility, there is
 sufficient inducement to the study of the
 Language, with a view to a more liberal
 Education.

- Secondly, M. L. P.
- Thirdly, M. M. B. L.
- Fourthly, C. A. M.
- Fifthly, M. L. M.

When the Disputations were concluded, the President of the College Council presented to the Right Honorable the Visitor, the several Students of the College, who were entitled under Statute VII to receive Degrees of Honor; as well as, successively, the whole of the Students who, at the Examinations held in January and June last, had been found qualified to enter upon the public service; and had consequently obtained permission from the Visitor to quit the College, under the rule contained in Section II Regulation III 1807. The President read the Certificate granted by the Council of the College to each Student, in pursuance of the above Statute, specifying the proficiency which he had made in the prescribed Studies of the College, and also the general tenor of his conduct, with the amount, if any, of the Debt contracted by him during the period of his attachment to the College. When the Certificates had been read, the Visitor presented to each Student, entitled to receive a Degree of Honor, the usual Diploma inscribed on Velum, and at the same time expressed the satisfaction which he felt in conferring it.

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The Students to whom the Degrees were conferred were pleased to confer a Degree in this occasion, and the Languages for their high proficiency in which the Degrees of Honor were respectively conferred are as follows—

1. Holt Mackenzie, Persian, Hindoostanee and Bengalee.
2. Henry Mortlock, Persian and Hindoostanee.
3. Fy Murnie, Persian, Arabic and Hindoostanee.
4. Hans Sotteley, Persian.
5. Robert Merttins Bird, Persian, Hindoostanee and Bengalee.
6. Henry Thoby Pilnsep, Persian, Hindoostanee and Bengalee.
7. George Porcher, Bengalee.
8. William Hallows Ball, Bengalee.

The Honorary Prizes and Medals, adjudged at the Annual and Quarterly Examinations, were also distributed by the Visitor to the following Students.

1. Holt Mackenzie, a Medal, adjudged in the 3d Term of 1809, for proficiency in Persian, and one in the 4th Term of 1809, for proficiency in Bengalee.
2. Henry Mortlock, a Medal, adjudged in the 1st Term of 1809, for proficiency in Persian.
3. Fy Murnie, a Medal, adjudged in the 1st Term of 1809, for proficiency in Arabic.
4. Hans Sotteley, a Medal, adjudged in the 3d Term of 1809, for proficiency in Persian.
5. Robert Merttins Bird, as per annexed Report, and three Medals, adjudged in the 3d Term of 1809, for proficiency in Persian, Hindoostanee and Bengalee.
6. Henry Thoby Pilnsep, as per annexed Report, and two Medals, adjudged in the 4th Term of 1809, for proficiency in Persian and Hindoostanee.
7. George Porcher, as per annexed Report, of a Medal, adjudged in the 4th Term of 1809, for proficiency in Bengalee.

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dall, for proficiency in

9. Charles Arthur Manning, Esq. an exam Report.
10. William McIntosh, Esq. B. A., adjudged in the 3d Term of 1809, for proficiency in the Latin.
11. Gerard Wellfleet, Esq. B. A., adjudged in the 3d Term of 1809, for proficiency in Persian.
12. George Thomson Blyth, Esq. an exam Report.
13. William Kitchin, Esq. B. A., adjudged in the 1st Term of 1809, for proficiency in the Greek.
14. Charles George Blaine, Esq. an exam Report.
15. James William Grant, Esq. an exam Report.
16. Nathaniel Thomas White, Esq. an exam Report.

After the Prizes and Honorary Rewards had been distributed, the Right Honorable the Viceroy delivered the following Discourse:--

“ GENTLEMEN OF THE COLLEGE
OF CORN WALLIAM,

Since we last met in this place, it has been determined to hold the Annual Examination in the month of June instead of January, in accordance with the regulation, which by the opening of the River at that Season, will enable a considerable proportion of the Gentlemen who quit College, to repair, without delay to their respective Stations.

The consequence has necessarily been to extend in the present instance, the interval between the two Examinations to eighteen months. It is obvious that if the Students who had qualified themselves for the service at the usual time, had, on account of this change, been detained six months longer at College, the new Regulation, however beneficial

beneficial to the Institution and the College would have operated to the individual advantage of the Gentlemen.

This circumstance did not escape the observation of the College Council, and with their wonted regard to propriety and justice, it was resolved to release those who should have attained the prescribed degrees of proficiency at the Fourth Quarterly Examination of the year 1809.

The recent Examination, therefore, so far as it relates to the qualification of the Students to quit College, has reference only to the subsequent and broken period of the six months. But as the Examination which took place in January was not followed by public Exercises, nor by any part of the solemnities usually observed at this Anniversary, a distinguished portion of merit would be deprived of its just recompence, the year would be defrauded of its brightest ornaments, and a considerable hiatus would be left in the Academical History of the College of Fort William, if the whole period which has elapsed since I had last the honor of addressing you, were not comprized within the scope of this day's commemoration.

It will be proper, therefore, to consider the year 1809, and the six following months, as forming one consolidated period; and I shall enjoy the double gratification of dispensing such a full measure of public honors, and of enriching my discourse with such accumulated praise as may be justly rendered to a somewhat protracted season of study and exertions.

On the other hand this alteration will on the occasion create a difficulty in giving to some of the topics which it has been of late so common to treat in the Victor's discourse, as full a discussion as they may justly be thought to deserve. The greater length of the period I allude to review, opposes, indeed, no obstacle to the appreciation of its own simple and positive merits or defects, and it is as easy to discern and reward the excellence, or to observe and reprehend the faults of eighteen months as of twelve. The inequality in duration of the present and preceding periods, renders it, however, less easy to form a relative estimate of that which is under investigation, or in other words, to determine the comparative exertions and acquirements of the two. The parallel, which under several heads, has been drawn on former occasions between one year and another, will not furnish correct results, between two unequal periods of study; and if it were attempted to rectify the errors of such a computation by allowance for time, the mathematical laws of proportion might perhaps not be found entirely applicable to this problem of moral arithmetic.

We might suspect, for example, in the present instance, that the early return of an opportunity to quit College, which the new arrangement presented to those who were to be examined in January, 1810, may have reconciled a lukewarm Student, to some delay in his preparation for an examination which was to be quickly succeeded by another, and may have induced him to begin a little later,

later, the painful effort of forcing an inked
 hour upon an indolent habit of mind. It
 indeed reasonable to imagine, that in some in-
 stances, the penalty of six months further restraint may
 have failed, although the apprehension of a whole
 year's disappointment in the hope of ex-
 anticipation might have triumphed over a distaste for study.

These and similar considerations, on which,
 however, it is not necessary to enlarge, would ren-
 der the usual comparative review extremely com-
 plicated, and at the same time, neither conclusive
 nor satisfactory.

I might therefore be induced to forbear altoge-
 ther from a circumstantial comparison, agreeable
 to former models, of the present period with the
 studies of 1808, if I were not so much persuaded
 of the advantage to be derived from that mode of
 revision, as notwithstanding the difficulties which
 prevent me from pursuing that course too minute-
 ly, to be desirous of offering some general remarks
 of that description.

Upon such a view of the present and immedi-
 ately preceding periods, as the circumstances al-
 ready adverted to admit of, I have the satisfaction
 to report, that in the principal particulars on which
 the comparison has in former instances been made
 to turn, no ground has been lost. The reputation
 of the College has been well sustained in all, while
 we may indulge the gratifying hope of an honor-
 able progress, by fair indications of improvement
 in some points of the parallel.

The number of Students who have been reported
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of more languages to
 examinations of 1810,
 second to our present period,
 after making a suitable allowance for its longer duration,
 on, the numbers being 17 for 1808, and 28 for
 1809 10. I ought however, under all the circum-
 stances which would create error, and disturb these
 complex calculations, so far to distrust the partiality
 which, from a desire of progress, I confess al-
 ways inclines my mind to the interests of the latest
 period, I mean that which is the immediate subject
 of observation, as not to rely too confidently on our
 title to the inconsiderable preference, which these
 numbers might in strictness afford. My solicitude
 for the credit of the year shall be satisfied, there-
 fore, by the certainty of equality with the past, and
 by the probable hope of a moderate improvement.

Agreeable to this observation, the number of
 Students who presented themselves for Examinati-
 on, in the different languages, in January and June
 of the year 1810, compared with those of the former
 period, affords no advantage worthy of being claim-
 ed on either side. Before the numbers are stated
 it may be proper, however, for the sake of correct-
 ness to observe, that some disadvantage accrues to
 the latter period, from the circumstance of the Ex-
 amination which was held last January, being con-
 sidered as quarterly and not annual, the conse-
 quence of which was that only those who had stu-
 died the different languages during that quarter,
 were called up to be examined, instead of the full
 complement of the whole year, as was the case at
 January, 1809.

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The numbers at the respective Examinations stand as follows:

IN PERSIAN.

28 Students were examined in January, . . . 1809.
37 in January and June, 1810.

IN HINDOOSTANEE.

49 1809.
47 1810.

IN BENGALIE.

16 1809.
20 1810.

IN ARABIC.

1 1809.
1 1810.

IN MUHURATTA.

1 Student was Examined in January, . . . 1809.

Since which period no Student has presented himself to Examination in that Language.

The number of Arabic Students appears from this statement to have preserved its proportional level, and I shall observe with pleasure any indication which may be afforded hereafter, of a growing taste for the important and interesting study of that language, as furnishing, independent of its own proper riches, the only sure foundation on which profound and critical knowledge of the Persian, and thence of the Hindoostanee languages can be raised.

With regard to the Muhratta language, its attainment, in the few instances which have occurred at Fort William, must be ascribed either to personal taste, or to some other inducements attaching to the

the individual Students, and as yet there is no common sufficient ground to class their study amongst the regular and established pursuits of this College, in any manner, as to enable us to draw from it in any way any argument of advantage or disadvantage to the general state of our academic studies. It will be sufficient to remind the younger Members, who have yet to choose their course of study, that an acquaintance with the Mutual is to be accounted a desirable preparation for the diplomatic branch of the service. The variety of studies we appear to have gained advantage.

In 1809, two Students were proficient in four languages; and four Students in three.

In the January of the present year, three had attained proficiency in four languages; and two of those who had quitted College, to whom must be added Mr. Bird, who voluntarily prolonged his academical pursuits, were found proficient in three languages. Mr. Bird justified this effort of self-denial at a subsequent Examination in June, by an elevated knowledge of Arabic, which he had in that year added to the high proficiency in three languages already acquired; and Mr. Prinsep who entered the College in July, 1809, has been reported after than twelve months, highly proficient in three languages.

The result would therefore be, that, if Mr. Bird's proficiency in Arabic might entitle me to include his name, the number of proficient in four languages

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at the Examinations of the present year would double those of the preceding; and in three languages we should now fall short of the Examinations in 1809 only as three to four.

The credit of the present year is also well supported by instances of rapid acquirement, a species of excellence always worthy of admiration, and therefore entitled to applause, as evincing the rare union of lively genius and quick capacity, with ardent but steadfast application, and displaying the richest gifts of nature, cultivated and improved by the active energies of virtue.

At the head of this distinguished band, I am to place the name of Mr. Holt Mackenzie. The whole period of his study at Port William extended only from November, 1808, to December, 1809, and in these few months, he placed himself first in Bengalee, second in Persian, Hindoostanee and Arabic.

Justifying a descent, illustrious in letters, and making good his title to a rich succession of hereditary genius his rapid course has overtaken all his senior competitors, and kept the lead which he at once assumed amongst his distinguished cotemporaries — He left his name first in the roll of our College at the time of his quitting it; but embracing the full period of its duration, from the establishment of this Institution to the present term, the same name will still be found to maintain its eminence, and will scarcely own a second station, even in this larger and more comprehensive array of merit.

Mr. Magniac's residence at College was precisely
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by of the same duration He brought from the Chambers of Professor White of Oxford, and from the Tralls of a Western University, a proof that Oriental study is promoted and honored in our Native Country, highly creditable to the eminence of the Master, and the capacity and diligence of the Scholar, while it was no less acceptable and grateful to all those who profess and cultivate Oriental Philosophy in the British Schools of Asia. To the Arabic which Mr. Maguac imported from England, he has added a considerable accession in the same language, at Fort William He has gained besides, in the short period already stated, the third place in Persian and Hindoostanee, having acquired at the same time the second Class in Bengalee.

Mr. Mortlock, who entered and quitted College at the same time with Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. Maguac stood at the latter period, first in the Persian and Hindoostanee languages.

Mr. Porcher, Mr. Molony, and Mr. Bayley, whose studies commenced in October, 1809, and terminated in their quitting College at the Examination of last June, have afforded in this short space of eight months a highly honorable proof of capacity and application.

Mr. Porcher stands first in Bengalee, and fifth in Persian.

Mr. Molony is third in Persian and Hindoostanee.

Mr. Bayley holds the fifth place in Hindoostanee and the eighth in Persian.

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Dismissing the comparative review of the present and former periods with these imperfect, but as far as they extend, sufficiently correct observations, I proceed, with the satisfaction which always attends the distribution of just and impartial reward to distinguished and well established merit, to recite the honors which have been awarded by the College Council, and which I have on this day dispensed, to those, who in providing for the reputation of their own season, and for the splendour of the scene on which they have for the first time been candidates for fame, and stood before the awful; even where it is indulgent and partial, inquest of the world, have, I doubt not, fixed the rank they are destined to hold throughout the career on which they are entering.

It is always, I confess, with secret pleasure that I allow myself to assimilate this apparently contracted stage of early life to the wider, but scarcely more real theatre of the world. Viewing from this chair, which seems to be placed on the confines of youth and manhood, at the extreme boundary of the first, and on the threshold of the succeeding stage, viewing all the business, the emulations, the generous strives and contending energies, with the many degrees of success and failure, corresponding to the various powers and exertions of these youthful actors, summed up and displayed at this anniversary, it is gratifying to contemplate this juvenile arena, but a lively rehearsal, and anticipated image of the future scene. The interest of the day, and of my own office in this place is much enhanced
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indulgence of these, I think, not irrational
 specious, by which the garlands, with which the
 combatants are now crowned, may be deemed
 perpetual fragrance and the champions who
 plauded to day, may be seen in distant
 time, gathering and accumulating head and
 renown to the end of their course.

indeed, should this fair and flattering pro-
 sal us? The hopes I have described are the
 conclusions of reason, than the vision of
 imagination. These young men have sub-
 onger obstacles, stimulated by weaker in-
 cements, than will attend their maturer labours.
 lively character of youth and all its appetite
 and gay pursuits; its taste for bodily ex-
 ercise, its love of hardy and skilful sport and its
 tion to excel in them its aversion to strenuous
 restraint, in a word, its whole frame and com-
 position, moral and physical, dissuade from re-
 tirement and sedentary toil, and in many instances
 insurmountable barriers of mental repugnance
 and disgust, between the young Student and his
 compelling him yet more invincibly from the
 continued and unbroken labour of dry and
 stary study. Why, then should they, who
 leading with nature herself, have achiev-
 ed harder labour, with less inducement, that
 is scarce while the fruit it is to bear is yet in the
 distance, and scarcely discernible to their remote
 view why should they faint or stumble in the
 st other way that follows, when their efforts will
 be invited by the riper tastes of manhood, impelled
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and cheered by sensible and immediate recompence
 — — — *Scrivatur ad imum*, to borrow the words
 of the Roman Poet, when he instructed the Theatre
 to imitate life and nature by the consistency of dra-
 matic character:

Scrivatur ad imum,

Qualis ab incipito processerit et sibi constat

With these sentiments, therefore, and in this
 spirit of flattering prognostication, I call up once
 more our young worthies to their rewards, not of
 dry laurel, as I trust, plucked for the decoration of
 ■ single festival and then to wither, but living plants,
 still cultured by the hands that won them, to put
 forth perennial shade and verdure, and flourish with
 their age.

Degrees of Honor have been granted to the fol-
 lowing Students for high proficiency in the several
 Languages, which I shall specify with their names,
 following the order in which they have been classed
 by the College Council in their two Reports of Ja-
 nuary and July of the present year.

1. Mr. Holt Mackenzie, — Has obtained a Degree of Honor,
 in Persia, Hindoostanee and Bengalee.
2. Mr. Montlock, — In Persian and Hindoostanee.
3. Mr. Maguire, — In Persian, Hindoostanee and Arabic.
4. Mr. Hunt Sothoby, — In Persian.
5. Mr. Robert Mertins Bird, — In Persian, Hindoostanee and
 Bengalee.
6. Mr. Pinsep, — In Persian, Hindoostanee and Bengalee.
7. Mr. Porcher, — In Bengalee.
8. Mr. Belli, — In Bengalee.

Medals of Merit were also awarded in January, 1810, to Mr.
 Mackenzie, Mr. Fane, and Mr. Porcher, for proficiency in the
 Bengalee Language.

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And in July 1810, to Mr. Malouy and Mr. Pochet, in Latin—Mr. Bird, in Arabic—Mr. Malouy and Mr. Bayley, in Hindostanee—Mr. Pochet, Sr. B. M., Mr. Bird, and Mr. Pinseel, in Bengalee.

The greater number of those names have already been mentioned with the honour that is due to them as eminent examples of a quick progress in study. In justice to such as have not fallen under that particular head of commendation, I am desirous of noticing their specific and respective merits, in this place.

I must, indeed, begin by naming once more a gentleman, whose successful studies elsewhere improved by the assiduous exercise of the same talents in the College of Port William, have proved that he was made to honour any master, and to illustrate any school of which he should be a disciple. I speak of Mr. Magniac, and I return to his name, principally for the purpose of recording a sentiment, which, I am sure, has been shared by all those whom I address. I have a pleasure, therefore, in professing, and I venture to do so in the name of this College, the cordial and lively satisfaction with which we have seen Mr. Magniac restored to the service, and to that career of public duty and personal distinction, in which we had known him so well prepared to run a useful and honorable course.

The sentence, which threatened us with the disappointment of so fair a promise before the hour of performance was allowed, was pronounced in a spirit of laudable abhorrence of abuse, which at once shielded the Honorable Company itself, from the evils consequent

requent on corruption, and the Members of that Court which administers them allurs from the foulest personal reproach. The measure, therefore, which in its general scope enveloped Mr Maguire, was necessary to protect at once the purity and the reputation of the Company and its service, being at the same time strictly warranted by frequent, but ineffectual promulgations of the penalty. But this politic severity, involving in its remedial principle, though with some violence to moral justice, the innocent, and even, in this case, the meritorious objects of the abuse to be corrected, along with its agents and instruments, who were the only guilty parties, must have been, and we know it was in fact, inflicted with much reluctance and regret. The equitable and indulgent character of the Honourable Court left even in the moment of its greatest austerity, room for a consoling hope, that when the ends of all human penalties should appear to have been obtained, some liberal principle of exception would, in their liberality, be found, to withdraw at least signal merit from the altar which seemed to den and an indiscriminate sacrifice of guilt and innocence to public purity.

In this hope we have not been deceived. I had proposed from this very chair to attempt a mediation between general and individual justice, and to intercede in the name of the College of Fort William and of our learned Countrymen in Asia, for an exemption, which in preserving one of our fairest ornaments, should at the same time relieve the different

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of vent branches of the Company's administration, from the singular contradiction of doing rewards and penalties on the same head at the same time; afflicting the desert which we applaud, and mixing tumbles with our bays, to wound the very brow round which we are binding the wreath of merit.

For this purpose I should have borne a testimony with truth, and have used it with a decent zeal for worth, fortified with the strong sanction of a body, capable of appreciating and entitled to pronounce on the conduct they commend.

This intervention has proved superfluous. The justice, wisdom and tenderness of the Honourable Court have conspired to prevent our solicitations and anticipate our wishes.

I am here invite my younger hearers to remark how the intrinsic powers of merit are exemplified in the restoration of Mr. Magniac. It has already been his ransom from a great evil, and we may reasonably indulge the belief, that it will hereafter prove no less efficacious in achieving the positive blessing of fortune and distinction.

Mr. Hans Sotheby entered the College in August, 1808, and was qualified to quit it at the Ex-
amination of January, 1810. In a year and four
months he with industry and diligence mastered four Ori-
ental languages, the Arabic, Persian, Hindoosta-
nee or Bengalee. In each of these studies he placed
himself on a high form; and striking out, as I
must, from every estimate of merit, those colossal
studies of a brother, whom he need not be ashamed
to avow also for his model, which would cease to be
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prodigies if often repeated, Mr. Bind has justified the praise I have always wished to bestow upon him, and it is the highest I can pronounce, or kindred desert with an elder, whose name must long and ever stand most eminent in the Rolls of the College of Fort William.

Mr. Prinsep in eleven Months from July, 1803, to June, 1810, conquered three languages, and placed himself first in Persian second in Hindoostanee, and fourth in Bengalee. These labours could not be accomplished in so short a space either by assiduous dulness, or by the parts of a slack Student, and they rank Mr. Prinsep amongst the fortunate possessors of talents and application, conspiring to mutual efficiency, and forming, when united the best, if not the only guides to excellence.

I have reserved the name of Mr. Bind, till the close of this head of my discourse, that I may mark with the deeper impression a praise in which few have shared, but which, as often as the occasion recurs, must be sounded by me with a will.

Mr. Bind, between November, 1808, and June, 1810, had made himself proficient in three languages, standing third in Bengalee, sixth in Persian, and Hindoostanee. The Examiners and Council of the College had reported him qualified, and indeed, he was in a high degree, to quit the College, and enter on the public service. The flattering prospect thus opened to him did not damp his ardour for liberal acquirement, or divert him from the yet more generous love of perfection, and aim at excellence. He requested permission to refrain another

another reason from the world its business and attainments, and to continue such, no longer necessary for the ordinary purposes of fortune and advancement, but to be pursued for their own attractions; attraction felt by such minds as Mr. Bird's, as beauty or virtue without wealth are counted by generous spirits.

I have already, on more than one occasion dwelt on this theme, and on one peculiarly grateful to my mind, and to the office I have the honor to fill in this Institution; because while the conduct which I commend leads to the highest improvement of literary acquirement, it displays the rare union of youthful ardour with mature judgment and manly constancy; it shows a mind so happily constituted, as yet in the age of delusive views concerning the world and its pursuits, and before it can have been tutored by reflexion or experience, to discern, as with an instinct, or intuition of a higher order, the just objects of intellectual exertion, and to point its young vigour with an adult and manly aim. It sets before us the most captivating and the most admirable objects, which the riches and beauty of nature afford, the young blossom and the ripened fruit adorning the same bough. It is not Mr. Bird, to whom we need recall the Poet's Precept, "Drink deep, or taste not." The surface cannot slacken his profounder thirst.—The same well-directed zeal which has already forbidden him to halt at the first stage of juvenile attainments, and would press him still onward to the higher regions of learning, bespeaks a principle of wider range than scholarship alone,

alone, and afford not the prompt, but the assurance, that whatever the pursuit of his ardent but constant mind may be, mediocrity will not suffice, while the farther goal of excellence is open to his view.

I am now called to ■ less obvious duty ■ in noticing with impartiality, the defects which in some degree obscure the lustre of the year, exceptions which must be deemed incident to all numerous bodies. We are not to wonder, nor should we impute it ■ matter of reproach to an association constituted ■ this is, that in the number, some few of its members, fortuitously assembled as they are, should be found less happily gifted in genius or less inclined to supply what may be wanting in capacity, by those subtilties of assiduity and diligence, which even the dull may command, and which they can justify the want of, perhaps less than the lively student. In confessing that some examples of slow progress, ending in but moderate and imperfect attainment, have been furnished in the late examination, I shall indulge my repugnance to this side of the picture so far as to suppress the names which cannot partake in the general honours of this collegiate year. I am happy, also, to qualify the absence of higher praise, by acknowledging, with much satisfaction, that some effort has not been wanting to regain lost ground, and that a few gentlemen who were the subjects of admonition on a former occasion, have since, qualified themselves for the service, by a knowledge reported to be competent of two languages. I have satisfaction in naming

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ing those to whom this degree of commendation is due, and in withdrawing from Mr. Charles, Richard Barwell, Mr. Blagrove, and Mr. Jennings any share of the reflexions which may have attached to them in my last discourse, and which may have left uneasy impressions on their minds.

Another gentleman has attained proficiency in one language, the Bengalee, after unattendance on College of more than three years and a half.

So small a progress can challenge no merit, which can compensate for the inadequacy of his qualification for the duties of Public Officer; but it has been determined, and that in a spirit of indulgence, to allow him the probation of another year. I might perhaps, in the hope of a favourable result, have omitted even an allusion to this gentleman, if I had not reason to apprehend that a disposition has arisen to misinterpret a degree of indulgence, which in February, 1808, was extended, under very special circumstances, to two gentlemen who had acquired a competent knowledge of only one language, and to spread an expectation that gentlemen would be indiscriminately admitted to serve in the commercial branch, with that defective qualification.

The principles on which the exception alluded to was made, were so explicitly stated in my discourse upon that occasion, that it appears difficult to have misunderstood them; and to rectify such an error, it might seem sufficient to refer to that explanation. For the purpose however, of arresting the progress of a pernicious misconception, I

am desirous of taking this opportunity of unequivocally reminding the Students of the College of Fort William, that one language will not suffice, and that competence in two will be required, without distinction as to the particular line of the service, which the taste, or perhaps under the mistake which I am now correcting, the indolence of the Student might lead him to prefer. Feeling forcibly, from the experiment already made, the inconvenience which follows every departure from general rules, I think it right to add, that I shall be more scrupulous than ever, in exempting Students, under any peculiarity of circumstances, from the necessity of passing in two of the languages taught at this College.

It is with much reluctance I am constrained to advert in this place to the express mention in the report of the College Council of three Students who have made no progress in any language in a period of nearly three years. It has been determined to afford them the opportunity of one year more, to redeem their forfeited reputation, and to avert the inevitable consequences to their views in life, their character and fortune, of a perseverance in the breach of every duty to themselves, to their parents, their friends, and their employers, which after the admonitions already more than once repeated, will add the offence of contumacy to all that was before culpable in their conduct.

I am grieved to say, that their minds do not seem, or have not yet been found accessible to the higher and more honourable inducements which have been held out to them in exhortations conveyed with tenderness

ness and directed to the own benefit. I am under a necessity, therefore, which I have sought in vain to avoid, of employing a different tone of exhortation, and of presenting to be motives more noble than those which have hitherto operated on the least meritorious of their contemporaries. I am to announce therefore the resolutions adopted by the College, and by the Government, that those who shall be found disqualified at their Fourth Annual Examination, by the want of proficiency in two Languages, shall be dismissed from the College as incapable of benefiting by the instruction it affords; and suspended the service as entirely deficient in the qualifications it requires, until the pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known, unless the Honorable Court should in the interval, as it is not improbable they may, have signified their approbation of the absolute and final dismissal, without reference, of these unprofitable servants.

It is with pleasure that I turn from this afflicting part of my duty, to report in the accustomed and well justified terms of approbation, the continued display of eminent talents, assiduity, constancy and zeal in the discharge of severe and laborious functions, for which the learned Professors and Officers of the College of Fort William, European and Native, have ever stood distinguished. This tribute will be found in several instances due not exclusively to the faithful and able performance of duties purely academical, but to the voluntary extension of labours already sufficiently weighty, in works of learning
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which I do not have the satisfaction of noticing in the sequel of this discourse.

This is a topic, however, extremely interesting to the general cause of Oriental Learning, as well as to this College, and to the Honorable Company's Service in India, which I would first propose to touch upon, and from which I am unwilling any longer to refrain entirely, as I have hitherto done, although the materials we possess, will afford even yet only a slight and somewhat anticipated notice of the subject I refer to.

I have been desirous of collecting such information as might enable me to report some probable judgment concerning the operation of the knowledge acquired at the College of Hertford, on the subsequent studies of its members at Fort William. But the experiment is yet too recent and imperfect to furnish a mature and well-grounded opinion.

The experience hitherto acquired on this subject appears to be defective in two respects

First, too small a proportion of the Students hitherto received from Hertford have passed through the full course of Oriental study intended by the Regulations of that College to precede the departure of the pupils for India. The late foundation of that institution did not indeed admit earlier than last year, of the Regulation which relates to that point, being finally and completely in force.

But in the next place the College itself is too young to have attained the more perfect powers of instruction which may hereafter, and probably soon enable it to send forth periodically, and transfer to
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the College of Fort William, a succession of scholars possessing the full measure of acquirement which the prescribed term of three years attendance at Hertford may be capable of affording.

The study of the Hindoostanee language had not been allotted to those Members of Hertford College who were appointed to Bengal at the date of the last advices; and the extensive and various course of general study, embraced, I think wisely, and, I do not doubt it will prove, beneficially, in the scheme of education assigned to that Institution, will always appear to have some disadvantage on the College at Hertford, in a comparison with the College of Fort William, on the single point of progress during equal periods of study, in the Oriental languages.

The absence at Hertford of other advantages incident to the local situation of our College in Bengal, must unavoidably continue, in all times, and under all circumstances, to give to the latter a decided superiority in Oriental pursuits.

It will be enough to observe, that two of the languages which are taught here, the Hindoostanee and Bengalée, are vernacular; and the Student, in the hours of leisure or amusement, and without fatigue or design, is quickening imperceptibly the sedentary labours of his Class by the practice of living tongues; while his grammatical and critical studies are correcting the inaccuracies, and refining the rudeness of colloquial intercourse.

The student is at the same time surrounded by, and living with learned men, Native and European, who are at once familiarly and profoundly conversant

sent in all the objects of his study. It is difficult to appreciate this advantage too highly; but it is manifest that no such aid can be furnished for the promotion of Study, where both instruction and practice are exclusively supplied by a single master, or by two or three individuals, to a multitude of Scholars, who with many different and distinct occupations under other instructors, are living at home, where no language but their own is spoken, and where both the characters and sounds of those which they are studying, so far from familiar, are yet regarded with the sort of wonder which one sees bestowed by the vulgar on some impenetrable and unintelligible mystery.

Under these disadvantages, inherent in the nature of the case, and yet greater at this early period than they may hereafter be, it must be satisfactory to those who founded, or who now favour that establishment, that I am enabled, in the absence of more ample ground, for a judgment on the subject, to say, from my own observation, that we have already derived some of our most distinguished ornaments from Hertford College. I do not speak of the merit to which I now allude, in comparison only with that of contemporaries of the present year; but I would place it confidently in parallel with the best and brightest period of our College.

To warrant this homage, justly and impartially paid to the early fruit of our new, not rival, but, associate institution, I have only to name

Mr. Holt Mackenzie,
Mr. Hans Sotheby,

Mr. Bird,

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 Mr. Pinsep,
 Mr. Porcher,
 Mr. Molony,
 Mr. Bayley, and
 Mr. Bel i.

It is with peculiar pleasure that I do a further justice to Hertford College, by remarking, that the official reports and returns of our College will shew the Students who have been translated from Hertford to Fort William, to stand honorably distinguished for regular attendance, for obedience to the Statutes and Discipline of the College, for orderly and decorous demeanour, for moderation in expence, and consequently in the amount of their debt, and in a word for those decencies of conduct which denote men well born, and characters well trained. I make this observation with the more satisfaction as I entertain ~~an~~ earnest wish to find it proved, that the preliminary tuition, and general instruction afforded to the succeeding generations of the Company's Servants, at Hertford, will be found of more extensive, I should almost be disposed to say, of more valuable influence even for India, than ~~a~~ greater or smaller degree of proficiency in a language or two of the East can prove at that early period.

I am happy, also, to have the authority of one Professor of this College for saying, although the Hindoostanee language does not appear to have been taught at Hertford to the Students destined to Bengal, "that the course of study in the Hindoos-
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“ tance in the College of Fort William, has been
 “ generally shortened by that in the Persian at
 “ Hertford, and in the instance of those who had
 “ made any proficiency in the latter, very consi-
 “ derably so.”

I cannot better convey the sentiments of another learned Professor, of very high authority in this College, and in the whole body of Oriental Scholars, than in his own words:

“ On the whole, I am satisfied from the opinions
 “ which I have heard, that the Persian Department
 “ of Hertford College is in a progressive state of
 “ improvement, and that its effects will be shortly
 “ perceptible in the abbreviated period of our stu-
 “ dies here.”

It will appear from these short remarks that several important benefits have already been derived from the institution at Hertford; the utility of that establishment has even thus early been made sensible, first by the positive acquirements of its pupils, which although inconsiderable and merely elementary in Oriental study, have been felt to contribute materially to the advancement of the same pursuits at Fort William; but next and principally, by a salutary influence on conduct and character both moral and academical.

We are entitled also to anticipate with hope and expectation the growth and future promise of our younger, but sister Academy. Her progress is now perceptible, and we may look to the approaching maturity of an institution already prospering, for the full accomplishment of every useful purpose,
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that under the peculiarities of local situation, and their necessary influence on the object in view, it could ever be reasonable to contemplate from that foundation.

'That the studies of Hertford will abridge those of Fort William, cannot be doubted. This has already been proved.

'That the latter will at all times, and after the new College shall have attained its highest perfection, still remain indispensable, for affording even the competence or Oriental knowledge and practice, required for mere official use, but much more indispensable towards a higher cultivation of these languages, and the desirable promotion of a general taste for Eastern Philology and Literature, can ■ little be doubted.

It is at this College alone, that any general approach to excellence can be hoped for. and to withhold from the preliminary course of Hertford, the supplemental polish, as well as the familiar practice of our truly Oriental School, would be to condemn the service of Bengal to perpetual mediocrity, and to substitute the necessary for the principal, that is to say, ■ scheme of instruction, necessarily defective and circumscribed, for the wide, fertile and copious range which we already possessed before the institution at Hertford was established.

But as this subject would lead to a wider field than I can now engage in, and ■■ the discussion is not called for by any apprehension that the facilities afforded by the liberal institution of Hertford College, to the beginning of Oriental study, will

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to be converted into obstacles to its flow, and so instead of promoting be made to forbid excellence, and bar us from the goal towards which it has been the object of the same establishment to render our first steps more smooth and easy, I shall for the present refrain from the further prosecution of this interesting matter.

I proceed to the notice of such literary works as have been executed or undertaken since the last Disputations.

The Professor of the Persian and Arabic languages having nearly completed his elaborate Grammar of the former of these tongues, has commenced an Arabic Grammar on the same extensive scale. The composition of a work which will unlock the treasures of knowledge on the structure of that majestic, copious and most artificial language, hitherto laid up in the compositions of learned Oriental writers, and very imperfectly disclosed by the labours of their brethren in Europe, must necessarily occupy several years. In the mean time it will be satisfactory to those who are engaged in so interesting and useful study, to know that other helps towards the acquisition of its grammatical principles, agreeable to the system of instruction used by the Native literati, will speedily be afforded to them.

The first of these is the translation of a treatise on the permutation of letters *euphoniæ gratiâ*, which is very frequent in this language, and constitutes one of its principal difficulties. It was drawn up in Persian by the late Muolavee Ruoshun Ulec, for the use of the Arabic Students in the College, and

is now translated into English by Mr. Pytler, who has for some time attended the lecture of the College, and benefited by the opportunities of instruction which it affords.

The second is a translation from Arabic of three elementary treatises on the syntax of that language, viz. the *Miftah Amil*; a Commentary on the same, and the *Kasfiyu* of Ibrui Hajib, by Lieutenant Mackett, one of the Examiners in the College. To the *Kasfiyu*, a work of unrivalled celebrity on the East, as containing one of the most ancient and comprehensive systems of the grammatical science of the Arabs, will be added notes and illustrations from its most esteemed commentary, the *Shuruh Moola*, with an attempt to exhibit a general comparative view of the peculiarities, that serve to distinguish the grammatical structure of the language, from that of others.

For the greater practical utility, the translator has proposed to add a Praxis from the *Muqamati Hureere* and *Ikhwan us-Sufa*, with a translation of the *Fahzeebool Mantiq*, or a Synopsis of Arabic Logic, and a Vocabulary of the principal words, with a literal Explanation and Analysis.

The First Volume of the *Muqamati Hureere*, which was noticed last year, has been completed.

A selection from the most classical works in the Persian language has been prepared for the use of that class under the direction of the Professor. It is intended to occupy six quarto volumes, of which three have been published.

In the Hindoostanee language, a considerable number of works, in prose, was published at a very
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early period of the institution, under the superintendence of Dr Gilchrist, the first Professor of that tongue. But there was a want of specimens of poetical composition: some of the most esteemed among the prose works are now out of print; and the cultivation of that language having gradually advanced seems to require, even in prose, specimens of a higher stile of composition than have yet been laid before the public. To supply these want, the following works, some of which are already completed, have been undertaken, at the recommendation and under the inspection of the present learned Professor.

1.—A selection from the works of Meer Soz, a Hindoostanee poet of considerable celebrity, consisting of Odes and Petrasticks.

2.—A more copious collection from Mirza Ruseeu or, Quoda, who is deservedly esteemed the Prince of Hindoostanee poets.—This exhibits the most exquisite specimens of all the varieties of poetical composition in the language; and in this instance, a judicious selection has one important advantage over a complete edition of the author's works, because, while in his satirical compositions especially, he breathes a spirit which may entitle him to be called the Oriental Juvenal, he shares not a little in the indelicacy of the Roman poet. All passages of the latter description have been carefully excluded from the present collection.

3.—A translation, into Hindoostanee or Oordoo prose, of part of the Ikhwan ooş-Şufa, an Arabic work in high estimation. The portion which has been

been selected, de cibus ■ dispute carried on before an impartial judge, between mankind and other animals; the former claiming dominion over all the rest, and the latter asserting their independence. The arguments on both sides, are delivered in language highly characteristic of the different speakers, and the translation has been executed by Moolvee Toorab Ulee, a Native of Lakhnoo, eminently skilled both in Arabic and Hindoostanee, assisted by the learned Natives in the Hindoostanee department of the College.

Further help in the acquisition of the grammatical principles of this useful language has been afforded to the junior Students, both European and Native, by the publication of a short system of rules in Hindoostanee verse, the work of Moolvee Umanut Oollah, of the Hindoostanee department of the College. As conveying at once, idiomatical and grammatical instruction in easy versification; this work cannot fail to prove an useful aid to the memory of the Student.

In the dialects which are more peculiar to the Hindoo inhabitants of these provinces, the following works have been undertaken.

1. The Ramayun of Toolsee Das, in the Poorbee dialect, or that used in the provinces situated to the eastward of Dillee, as Uwudh and Bunarus. It is a popular and admired Poem, on ■ favorite subject of Hindoo Mythology.

2. The Sut Sues of Biharee Lal, a poem, highly esteemed ■ one of the most classical works in the old

old Hindoo or Bengalee, that is, the dialect that prevails about Mithoon and Sargur.

These two works have been printed in the Students' press.

3. A collection of Stories in the Hindoo Language and Hinduee Language.

4. Grammatical principles of the Bengalee Language dialect, with an English translation.

5. A continuation of the Prem Sagun, or History of Krishna, translated from the tenth chapter of the Bhaguwat, the first part of which was published some years ago.

6. Rajneeti, or Admonition to Kings, a work on morality and the principles of government, taken from the celebrated Hitopadeshu, and translated into the dialect of Beng.

The four last mentioned works are the composition of Shree Laloo Lal Kuyi, the Bhasha Meester attached to the Hindoostanee department.

Of the vernacular language of Bengal, an extensive Dictionary, compiled by the learned Professor of that language, is in considerable forwardness and will issue from the Mission press at Serampore.

In the mean time, a Vocabulary, Bengalee and English, a work useful to be committed to memory by Students commencing the study of this language, has been published by Mohun Prasad Bhakoor, a learned Native attached to the College.

As an original composition in this language, may be mentioned the History of Hindoostan, compiled by the head Pundit in this department of the College.

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The work is now in the press at Serampore, and may soon be expected to appear.

Of the *Muhimbi* tongue, a Dictionary has been published at the Mission press, and forms an important addition to the stock of literary wealth, especially at a time when circumstances have rendered the acquisition of that language of greater consequence than it ever was before.

While so much has been done to facilitate the acquisition of languages, the cultivation of other branches of science has not been neglected. That of Jurisprudence in particular, the study of which is become an object of primary necessity to the greatest part of the Company's Servants, and especially to those entrusted with the most important duties, has received, or is about to receive the most valuable illustration. The Persian translation of the *Hud'ud*, which was made by a Society of learned Natives, by order of Mr. Hastings, and has been carefully corrected by Muholsee Moohammud Rasheed, one of the officers of the Court of Sudur Dewanee and Nizamut Udalut, was put to the press about four years ago, by order of Government, and is now completed. This will supply to the Persian Student the omissions of the English translation made by Captain Hamilton, as well as correct some deviations from the sense of the original which have been discovered in that translation; and it will render that work, which is of high authority in all questions of Mohammedan law, more accessible to the Native law officers attached to the Courts of Justice.

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To supply the want of the law of inheritance in the Hindu, a Persian translation of the Smarajeyu, with its commentary the Smarajeeeyu, which are well known by the English Version of Sir William Jones, is now in the press and will soon be published.

A similar defect in the Digest of Hindu law for the translation of which the world is indebted to the learning and industry of Mr Colebrooke is about to be supplied by the pen of the same Gentleman, in a translation of two works of high authority, with copious notes and illustration: the Dayu Bhagu, a treatise on inheritance, by Jeemootu Valunnu, and the law of inheritance from the Mitakshara, a commentary, by Vignyaneshwuru, on the Institutes of Yagnyavalku. The one is a work held in great estimation in the province of Bengal; the other is a standard authority throughout India.

Levenant Galloway, a gentleman who has with great industry and care devoted much of his time to the study of the Arabic Language, and of Mohammedan law, is employed in the translation of the Mokhtasari Qodoooree a celebrated treatise on Mohammedan law, by the Learned Shuekh Ahmed Khan Uthman of *Baghdad*; comprehending the Jurisprudence system, civil and criminal, the canon law and religious institution of the Moslems, and considered by the followers of Uthman Huneefu, a work of the highest authority. The translator has announced his intention to annex illustrations, where requisite, from all the books of authority, so as to render the system as complete as possible.

In the science of Geography, Dr. Leyden has

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undertaken to publish in Arabic, with an English translation, the work of the celebrated Ibn ul Wur-dee entitled *Khurcedut col Uja ib*, which is regarded in Arabia as a work of the most classical authority in the science; the author being esteemed more accurate in his information, and more free from credulity than any who have either preceded or followed him. This cannot fail to be a valuable addition to the scanty stock of materials which we hitherto possess regarding the descriptive geography of regions whose Princes and inhabitants formerly acted a most conspicuous part on the theatre of the world.

The first volume of the works of Confucius, which was announced last year, has been lately issued from the printing press at Serampore, and is preceded by a dissertation on the Chinese language, which throws a valuable light on that very singular and obscure idiom.

This work contains the text of the venerable author printed in the Chinese character, the types of which have been prepared and submitted to the press by the patient and ingenious industry of the translator and editor. The translation is referred to numbers over each sentence to the corresponding words of the Chinese text, and is accompanied by an ample commentary.

This book, therefore, while it renders the long venerated lessons of the Chinese sage, accessible for the first time to an English reader, furnishes also the best clue to guide the inquisitive Student through the unexplored labyrinths of the extraordinary language, and supplies perhaps the only elementary
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aid which can be provided for the acquisition of a language constructed upon a plan so anomalous, to exclude, or I should, perhaps, rather say, as to seem to exclude the application of those grammatical theories which have indeed been deduced from languages after their practical use had been established, but the universal principles of which must be thought to have presided in the origin and regulation of oral and written transmission of thought in all its possible or imaginable modes and forms. Mr. Marshman, both by the principal work, and by his preliminary dissertation, appears to have led the way in reconciling this apparent anomaly with the general and fundamental principles of human intercourse; and by letting in light upon this Chinese mystery, to have done something towards its solution.

I cannot willingly omit the opportunity which this singular publication presents of offering the homage which appears to me to be due to this laudable effort of modest genius and labour, which has pushed forward the apparently hopeless project of forming a Chinese School, under circumstances so little propitious to such an undertaking, to a point of success and efficiency, which larger means and more powerful encouragement could hardly have justified a hope of attaining.

This commendable design has advanced, however, silently, without aid or notice, by the innate powers of strenuous, though humble and unassuming energy of mind, directed by liberal and virtuous views. What Mr. Marshman has already accomplished,

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both in the tuition of his young but distinguished pupils; and in works, the produce of self-instruc-
 on, would have done honor to institutions fostered
 by all the aids of munificence and power; to have
 risen, in the shade, *ipse suis pollens opibus*, renders
 his successful labours only the more worthy of ad-
 miration.

The printed vocabularies which were circulated
 in a former year, with a request that they might be
 filled up with the local dialects and peculiar lang-
 uages of the different districts of these provinces, and of
 the contiguous countries, have produced a single,
 but valuable accession to philological science in a
 collection received from Mr Masters at Chut-
 tagong, under whose superintendence a vocabulary
 of the Maga language has been compiled. A care-
 ful examination of it has shewn how much is due to
 the personal exertions of that gentleman in so un-
 usual a walk of literature: for every page of
 it bears the high degree of care and assiduity
 which has been bestowed on the work, though Mr.
 Masters, with great modesty declines the personal
 merit of its execution. This successful specimen
 demonstrates in the most satisfactory manner the
 great advantage which must result to the study of
 the languages, as well as to historical researches relative
 to the Indian nations, from the completion of the
 plan of comparative vocabularies proposed by the
 Council of the College. Praise is due, therefore,
 to Mr. Masters, not only for the correct man-
 ners in which the work communicated by him has
 been executed, but also for the superior exertions,
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which he has made, in being the first to present a valuable contribution towards the accomplishment of an interesting object, which has been recommended by Government, to the attention of those whose local situation affords the opportunity of promoting its attainment.

It was mentioned in my last discourse that, as an extension of the design just alluded to, it was in the contemplation of Government to print and circulate Vocabularies in the Birman and Malay languages for the purpose of acquiring specimens of the numerous and almost unknown languages spoken in the Countries between India and China, and in the Eastern Isles. In pursuance of this intention, the proposed Vocabulary has been prepared in the Birman and Malay, to which has been added the Siamese languages, and measures are in progress for its circulation to the Eastward. Dr. Leyden had already pushed his comprehensive and successful researches in that direction, and has been enabled to supply materials and carry the work into complete execution, from the abundant and various stores of his own knowledge, which embraces these hitherto neglected languages, availing himself at the same time of such aid, as could be obtained in this place.

The Vocabulary, to which are prefixed preliminary observations by Dr. Leyden, and alphabets of the Birman and Malay languages, has been printed at the Mission press at Serampore.

If we except the publication of the Birman alphabet at Rome, by the Propaganda Society, is the first European attempt to cultivate the

ledge of the Persian and Siamese languages. By the circulation of this Vocabulary in three of the most extensive and original of the more Eastern Languages, three different sources will be opened for investigation, each of which will supply a medium for the progressive increase of the collection of Vocabularies.

In forming this collection, as our views extend to a variety of nations beyond the pale of the English government, or its direct influence, we anticipate the cordial assistance of all well-informed Europeans, as well as of our own countrymen.

To this hope we have had early encouragement from the liberal and active zeal with which this plan has already been seconded by some Spanish Gentlemen of Manilla, who contemplated the establishment of a learned and philosophical Institution to be denominated "*The Literary Society of the Philippine*," at whose desire several copies of this Vocabulary have been forwarded to Manilla, for the purpose of being filled up with the corresponding terms in the different languages of that extensive Archipelago.

The length of this discourse, occasioned by the abundance of matter, which I have been unable to compress, will admit but of a short valediction.

I welcome those who have quitted with honour the College for the world, and have passed forward from the season of instruction to that of action.

Their new harness will sit easy upon necks which have borne sturdily a heavier yoke, and like well trained

trained legions, they will find the service of the field lighter than the discipline of the camp, while their past labours shall be the measure by which they may securely claim future confidence and favour.

To you, who have yet to win the prizes which you have seen, this day, dispensed to your seniors, I can address no better exhortation than to tread in the footsteps which the more illustrious of your predecessors have left upon the course, and to your- selves to run. Fix your eyes steadily upon the same goal, and let your hopes of attaining it be built exclusively on vigorous exertion and manly constancy. Ply your labours, and distrust all other means of success. Above all beware of a treacherous confidence in the advantage of supposed superiority of talents. These, unsupported by industry, will drop you midway, or perhaps will not yet have started, when the diligent traveller will have won the race. Be assured that industry, application is the first, the second, and the third virtue; application, not *per saltum*, not in capricious fits, not with ebbs and flows of indolence and exertion; ardent indeed, let it be, but uniform and unabating. Those, among the Grecian youth who aspired to the Olympic Crown and immortality, would by no means trust their hopes, to the flattering gifts of nature, however lavishly endowed, but sought to fix their fortune, and secure their laurel by long and vigorous preparation for the contest.

Be these your models; and crowns should not be wanting to reward your toil, and grace your victory.

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**A REPORT OF THE
TENTH ANNUAL EXAMINATION,**

HOLDEN ■ JUNE, 1810.

PERSIAN.

HINDOOSTANCE.

FIRST CLASS.

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| | Rs. |
| 1 Prinsep, ■ Medal, &
Books, value 500 | |
| 2 Bird, ■ Medal, &
Books, value 100 | |

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| | Rs. |
| 1 Bird, ■ Medal, &
Books, value 400 | |
| 2 Prinsep, ■ Medal, &
Books, value 250 | |

SECOND CLASS.

SECOND CLASS.

- 3 Molony, ■ Medal,
- Birwell, C. R.
- Porcher,
- Patton,
- 7 Harington,
- 8 Baley,
- 9 Trotter, A.

- 3 Molony, ■ Medal,
- Trotter, A.
- 5 Bayley,
- 6 Jennings,
- 7 Barwell, C. R.
- Harington,
- Blagrave.

THIRD CLASS.

THIRD CLASS.

- 10 Curtis,
- 11 Tylor,
- 12 Grant,
- 13 Melville,
- 14 Jennings,
- 15 Blagrave,
- 16 Sparks,
- 18 Smelt,
- 19 Lewin,
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- 11 Curtis,
- 11 Calvert,
- 12 Fane,
- 13 Nisbet,
- 14 Tylor,
- 15 Belli,
- 16 Patton,
- 17 Grant,
- 18 Sparks,
- 19 Smelt,
- 20 Kennedy,
- 21 Melville,
- 22 Trotter, J.
- Scott.

FOURTH CLASS.

FOURTH CLASS.

- 23 ■
- McAtton,

- Calvert,
- Smith, F. C
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Absent from Examination.

- 24 Stockwell,
- 25 Lewin,
- Drew,

PERSIAN.

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Baldwin, Sick.
 Stockwell, } Attended, but
 Fraser, } retired without
 being examined.

ARABIC.

1 Bird,
 2 Tytler.

BENGALEE.

FIRST CLASS.

1 Porcher, a Medal, &
 Books, value 500
 2 Bell, a Medal,
 3 Bird,
 4 Prinsep.

SECOND CLASS.

5 Calvert,
 6 Lowin,
 7 Fano,
 8 Kennedy.

THIRD CLASS.

9 Brooke,
 10 Trotter,
 11 Whish.

FOURTH CLASS.

12 Morley,
 13 Blagrave,
 14 Forde,
 15 Gibson,
 16 Drew.

HINDOOSTANEE.

27 Whish,
 28 Brooke,
 29 Fraser,
 30 Morley,
 31 Middleton,
 32 Petrie,
 33 Forde,
 34 Barwell, A C
 35 Gibson,

Smith, F. C. } Absent from
 Examination.

PERSIAN WRITING.

Grant, a Medal, &
 Books, value 200

2 Prinsep, a Medal,
 3 Middleton,
 4 Whish,
 5 Kennedy,
 A specimen of the Turkish
 character was also presented by
 Mr. Blagrave, who obtained the
 first Prize for Nastuleeq Writ-
 ing at a former Examination.

NAGREE WRITING.

Blagrave, obtained the
 first Prize last year.
 2 Grant, a Medal, &
 Books, value 200

BENGALEE WRITING.

1 Blagrave, a Medal, &
 Books, value 200
 2 Whish, a Medal,
 BENGALIEE.

BENGAL.

(Sawyer, A. C.) } A ment from
 } Examination
 (Sawyer, A. C.) } Attended, but not of
 } without being ex-
 } amined.

Medals of Merit are awarded to Messrs Molony and Porcher for proficiency in the *Persian* language, Mr. Bad for proficiency in the *Arabic* language, Messrs. Molony and Bayley for proficiency in the *Hindoostanee* language, and to Messrs Porcher Bell, Bad and Prinsep, for proficiency in the *Bengalee* language.

LIST OF STUDENTS WHO LEFT COLLEGE IN
 JANUARY, 1810.

CLASSED IN THE ORDER OF RELATIVE GENERAL PROFICIENCY.

1. H. Mackenzie, — First in Bengalee. — Second in Persian. — Second in Hindoostanee. — Second in Arabic.
2. H. Mortlock. — First in Persian. — First in Hindoostanee.
3. F. Mignie, — First in Arabic. — Third in Persian. — Third in Hindoostanee. — Second Class in Bengalee.
4. H. Sotheby, — Third in Arabic. — Fourth in Persian. — Fourth in Hindoostanee — Second Class in Bengalee.
5. W. M'Intosh, — Fifth in Hindoostanee. — Eleventh in Persian. — Was Second in Bengalee at the Examination in 1809.
6. H. Hunter. — Eighth in Persian — Tenth in Hindoostanee. — Fourth in Arabic.
7. J. Wellesley. — Seventh in Persian. — Eleventh in Hindoostanee.
8. A. C. Fraser. — Ninth in Persian. — Ninth in Hindoostanee.
9. C. J. Davidson. — Seventh in Hindoostanee. — Sixth in Bengalee.
10. J. Jones. — Eighth in Hindoostanee. — Twelfth in Persian.

List

List of Students leaving College, closed in the order of relative general proficiency

PROFICIENT IN THREE LANGUAGES.

1. Bird,--First in Hindoostanee. Second in Persian. Third in Bengalee.--First in Arabic.
2. Pinnop,--First in Persian.--Second in Hindoostanee.--Fourth in Bengalee.

PROFICIENT IN TWO LANGUAGES.

3. Porcher,--First in Bengalee.--Fifth in Persian.
4. Molony,--Third in Persian.--Third in Hindoostanee
5. C. R. Barwell,--Fourth in Persian.--Seventh in Hindoostanee.
6. A. Trotter,--Fourth in Hindoostanee.--Ninth in Persian
7. Bayley,--Fifth in Hindoostanee.--Eighth in Persian.
8. Harrington,--Seventh in Persian.--Eighth in Hindoostanee.
9. Bell,--Second in Bengalee.--Fifth in Hindoostanee.
10. Colvert,--Fifth in Bengalee.--Eleventh in Hindoostanee.
11. Johnson,--Sixth in Hindoostanee.--Fifteenth in Persian.
12. Pinn,--Sixth in Persian.--Sixteenth in Hindoostanee.
13. Lane,--Seventh in Bengalee.--Twelfth in Hindoostanee.
14. B. G. G.,--Ninth in Hindoostanee.--Nineteenth in Persian.
15. Carter,--Tenth in Bengalee.--Thirteenth in Hindoostanee.
16. Tyler,--Eleventh in Persian.--Fifteenth in Hindoostanee.--Second in Arabic.
17. Grant,--Twelfth in Persian.--Seventeenth in Hindoostanee.
18. Niabet,--Thirteenth in Hindoostanee.--Fifteenth in Persian.

By Order of the Council

of the College,

W. HUNTER, Secretary.

COLLEGE OF
FORT WILLIAM,
22d September, 1810.

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No XI.

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ACCOUNT OF

THE TENTH

PUBLIC DISPUTATIONS

IN THE

ORIENTAL LANGUAGES,

Held on the 7th August, 1811; with the Discourse delivered on that occasion, by His Excellency Lieutenant-General GEORGE HEWITT, Vice President and Acting Visitor of the College of Fort William.

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM, AUGUST 7, 1811.

His Excellency Lieutenant-General GEORGE HEWITT, Vice President and Acting Visitor of the College of Fort William, in the absence of the Governor General, having appointed this day, for a Public Disputation in the Asiatic languages, in conformity with the Statutes of the College, the President and Members of the College Council, the

the Officers, Professors and Students of the College met at Ten o'Clock in the Council Chamber; where the Members of the Supreme Council, the Judges of the Supreme Court, and several of the Civil and Military Officers at the Presidency, with other European and Native Inhabitants of Calcutta, were also assembled.

As soon as his Excellency the Acting Visitor had taken his Seat, the Public Disputation commenced in the following Order:

PERSIAN.

Position — “ The difficulties of translation between the English and Persian languages, are far greater than between the former and any of the other languages of Europe.”

Respondent, M. Anthe.

First Opponent, J. Young.

Second Opponent J. Vendall

Moderator, M. Lynde, Esq. V. J. L.

HINDOOSTANI.

Position. — “ The art of Printing affords the only means of perpetuating the history of Nations with truth and accuracy, and of transmitting to posterity the benefit of improvements in Science and Literature.”

Respondent, J. C. C. Sutherland.

First Opponent, G. W. Trail.

Second Opponent, J. R. Hutchison.

Moderator, Capt J. W. Taylor.

BENGALEE.

Position. — “ The advancement of mankind in the arts, and comforts of civil life is principally to be attributed

“ attributed to the operations and influence of Commerce and Navigation.”

Respondent, R. F. C. Wain.

Last Opponent, T. J. Dishwood.

Second Opponent, A. Anderson.

Moderator, The Rev. W. Gray.

When the Disputations were concluded, the President of the College Council presented to the ACTING VISITOR, the several Students of the College, who were entitled under Statute VIII. to receive Degrees of Honor; as well as the Students, who at the late Examination, has been found qualified to enter upon the public service; and had consequently obtained permission to quit the College, under the rule contained in Section II. Regulation III. 1807. The President read the Certificate granted by the Council of the College to each Student, in pursuance of the above Statute, specifying the proficiency he had made in the prescribed Studies of the College, and also the general tenor of his conduct, with the amount, if any, of the Debt contracted by him during the period of his attachment to the College. When the Certificates had been read, the ACTING VISITOR presented to each Student, entitled to receive a Degree of Honor, the usual Diploma; and at the same time expressed the satisfaction which he felt in conferring it.

The Students on whom HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING VISITOR was pleased to confer Degrees of Honor on this occasion, and the languages for their high proficiency in which the Degrees of Honor were conferred, are as follows:—

1. Mr. M. Ainslie,—Persian and Hindoostanee.

2. James Charles Colbroock Sutherland, Hindoostanee.
3. George William Traill, Hindoostanee.
4. John Russell Hutchinson, Hindoostanee.
5. Richard Lewin,--Bengalee.
6. Thomas John Dalwood, Hindoostanee.
7. Andrew Anderson,--Bengalee.

The Honorary Prizes and Medals, adjudged at the Annual and Quarterly Examinations, were also distributed by the ACTING VISITOR to the following Students:

1. M. Ainslie,--as per annexed Report, and two Medals, adjudged in the 4th Term of 1810, for proficiency in Persian and Hindoostanee.
2. J. C. C. Sutherland,--as per annexed Report, and two Medals, adjudged in the 1st Term of 1811, for proficiency in Hindoostanee and Persian.
3. A. Anderson,--as per annexed Report, and three Medals, adjudged in the 1st Term of 1811, for proficiency in Persian, Hindoostanee and Bengalee.
4. T. J. Dashwood,--as per annexed Report, and two Medals, adjudged in 4th Term of 1810, for proficiency in Persian and Hindoostanee; and one at the 1st Term of 1811, for proficiency in Bengalee.
5. G. W. Traill,--as per annexed Report, and two Medals, adjudged in 1st Term of 1811, for proficiency in Hindoostanee and Persian.
6. J. R. Hutchinson,--as per annexed Report, and a Medal, adjudged in 1st Term of 1811, for proficiency in Hindoostanee.
7. J. Fendall,--a Medal, adjudged in the 1st Term of 1811, for proficiency in Persian.
8. A. Smelt,--as per annexed Report.
9. J. Yonge,--as per annexed Report.
10. J. A. Pringle,--as per annexed Report.
11. M. T. Whish,--as per annexed Report.
12. Lieut. R. Young,--as per annexed Report.
13. R. Lewin,--as per annexed Report.
14. R. Saunders,--as per annexed Report.

Y. Y. W. L., - as per annexed Report
to G. M. Sweet - per annexed list.

After the Prizes and Honorary Reward had been distributed, his Excellency the Acting Visitor delivered the following Discourse :

CITIZEN OF THE COLLEGE

OF FORT WILLIAM

It is not my intention to offer a full and formal Discourse to you on the present occasion. But in conformity with the established usage, you will expect a short Address from me, as the Representative of His Majesty, in His Lordship's absence on the Public Service.

During the period of Eleven Years, which has elapsed since the foundation of a College at this Presidency, for the instruction of the Junior Servants of the Company, in such branches of knowledge as might be deemed requisite to qualify them for the discharge of their future duties, the principles and objects of this Institution have been simply and ably stated by the distinguished Characters, who have successively filled the station of Patron and Visitor, that it cannot be necessary for me to enlarge on these subjects. Nor can it be required of me to shew, at this time, how much the public interests in the administration of the government of this extensive and populous territory are involved in the success, from year to year, of an Institution, the principal object of which is to enable the Civil Servants of the Company, about to enter on the arduous and important career of a public life, to obtain a competent knowledge of the current
languages

languages of the Country: in which all personal communications with the Natives must be held; all Judicial, Revenue, and Commercial Transactions be carried on; and official acts and proceedings of whatever nature, must, in general, be recorded and promulgated.

I have great satisfaction in observing that twenty Students are reported by the Examiners, and Council of the College, to have been found qualified, at the present Examination, by their proficiency in two or more languages, to enter upon the Public Service. This equals the highest number reported to have obtained the same qualification in past years; and is alone sufficient to maintain the credit of the College, as well as to prove its continued utility in accomplishing the purpose designed by it. The expediency of the requirement of a complete knowledge of two languages is a point in the Visitor's last Discourse, and the practicability of a compliance with that requirement by diligence and exertion, (when not prevented by lengthened illness or particular impediments,) may also be considered as strongly confirmed; and the gratification which I derive from noticing, in the list of Proficients about to leave the College, the names of some Students who have been long attached to it, is enhanced by the reflection, that the Government is not called upon to perform the painful duty of enforcing the penalty denounced for instances of wilful and obstinate neglect of study, and consequent disqualification, ascertained at a Fourth Annual Examination.

The character of the College is further supported in the present year by the high proficiency of the Gentlemen upon whom I have this day had the pleasure of conferring Degrees of Honor.

Mr. Ainslie, in the Persian and Hindoostanee languages.

Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Traill, and Mr. Hutchinson, in the Hindoostanee language.

Mr. Lewin, Mr. Dashwood, and Mr. Anderson, in the language of Bengal.

The eminent proficiency attained by Mr. Ainslie, in two languages, has been acquired in nine Months. He was admitted to the College in October, 1810.

Messrs. Sutherland, Traill, Hutchinson, and Anderson, were admitted at the still later period of December, 1810. The admission of Mr. Dashwood, was also no longer since than September, 1810. Mr. Sutherland, besides his eminence in Hindoostanee, has obtained such proficiency in the Bengalee and Persian languages, as to be placed by the Examiners in the Second Class of each of those languages. Messrs. Traill and Hutchinson, in addition to their high proficiency in Hindoostanee, are classed, the former in the Second Class of Persian; the latter in the Second Class of Bengalee, and third of Persian. Messrs. Dashwood and Anderson, to their eminence in the language of Bengal, have added such proficiency in Persian and Hindoostanee, as entitled them to a place in the Second Class of each of those languages. The distinguished merits of the

the whole of these Gentlemen, for high, various, and rapid proficiency, in the prescribed Studies of the College, are so conspicuous, as to require only this general notice. Nor should it lessen their just claim to the tributes of applause, due for uniform meritorious conduct, evinced by diligent and zealous application, that they brought with them, as the basis of their late acquirements, the fruits of their former assiduity, either at the College of Hertford, or on their passage to India. On the contrary, the superstructure which they have raised upon such a foundation is equally honorable to themselves, and beneficial to the public: and I am happy to mention, as well to the credit of Messrs. Sutherland, Traill, and Hutchinson, as in the hope of their example being followed by others, that I understand, they availed themselves of the aid of Lieutenant Roebuck, Mr Gilbert's able cotjutor in the Second Edition of his Hindoostance Dictionary, to pursue their Study of that Language on their way to Bengal. Were such opportunities taken, whenever they occur, and the rudiments of Oriental Learning, obtained at Hertford, improved, in far as circumstances admit, during the unoccupied time of a voyage to India, we might expect frequent instances of the Junior Servants of the Company bringing with them, not only an elementary knowledge of the Asiatic languages, but such a degree of proficiency in them, as with the favorable means of local instruction afforded by the College of Fort William, must render a short period of study in it sufficient

sufficient to complete their qualification for the Public Service.

In addition to those already mentioned, I am happy to notice, in the list of Students reported qualified to leave the College, the names of several other Gentlemen, whose collegiate studies have been of short duration. Mr Fendall, who was admitted in December last has obtained a competent knowledge of the Persian, Hindoostanee, and Bengalee languages, such ■ entitled him to be placed by the Examiners in the second class of each of these languages. Mr. Pringle,* who entered the College in the same month, has obtained a place in the second class of Hindoostanee and Bengalee. And Messrs. Yonge and Parks who were admitted in October last, are both included in the second class of Persian and Hindoostanee. These instances of early proficiency, with those before mentioned, prove the increasing utility of the Oriental Instruction given at Hertford, in aiding and promoting the objects of the Institution at this Presidency; and although, I understand, the effects have been most obvious in the Persian and Bengalee languages, it is

■ Mr. Pringle was found to have made very considerable progress in the Hindoostanee language, upon his arrival in Calcutta, having commenced the study of it along with Messrs. Sutherland, Traill, and Hutchison, during the passage from England, with the assistance of Lieutenant Roebuck; and had not two months severe indisposition prevented him from prosecuting his studies shortly after his arrival, he would have been entitled to a place in the First Class of Hindoostanee at the Examination in June 1811. *Editor.*

is the opinion of the Hindostanee Professor, that the study of that language has, in many instances, been facilitated by the acquirements of the Student in other Asiatic languages.

In concluding what I have to say respecting the Gentlemen about to leave the College, I must not omit an Officer of the Madras Establishment, who having visited Calcutta for the recovery of his health and wishing to improve the opportunity of prosecuting his studies in the Persian and Arabic languages, applied for and obtained permission to attend the lectures of the College. Lieutenant Young's limited residence in Bengal has confined his attendance to the short period of six weeks; but the profitable manner in which he has employed this time, is evinced by his holding the third place, in the second class of Persian, at the late Examination.

I come next to the Students who remain for the present in the College and of these, Mr. Lewin, who has obtained a Degree of Honor for his high proficiency in the Bengal language, is entitled to particular notice. The Professor of that language, in his Report of the last Term, after bearing testimony to the general diligence of the Gentlemen composing his first and second Classes, adds, "Among these, Mr. Lewin, has distinguished himself by having translated a considerable part of Telemachus into the Bengalee." Incompetent as I am to judge of the difficulty of this work, I cannot but deem the above Report highly creditable to Mr. Lewin, and though his not having obtained
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a requisite proficiency in a second language has, under an impartial adherence to the rule before noticed, prevented his immediate release from the College, I am happy to observe his name at the head of eleven Students, whom the College Council have reported qualified in one language, and so far advanced in another ■ to warrant the belief that a short period of study will complete their qualification in a second language; on which grounds it is recommended, “ that they be permitted to
 “ quit the College at any future Quarterly Exami-
 “ nation, when they may be duly qualified to enter
 “ upon the public Service by their proficiency in
 “ two languages.” This measure, though it involves some deviation from the usual practice, being consistent with the general rule enacted by Section XII, Regulation III, 1807, that “ the future continuance of Students in the College shall be regulated by their proficiency;” and also appearing to be expedient under the circumstances stated by the Council of the College, I have determined, in concurrence with the judgment of the other Members of the Government on the spot, to sanction the measure of it, subject to the future approbation of the Patron and Visitor; with whom it rests, in pursuance of the Rule above mentioned, “ to determine
 “ from the reports of proficiency made to him,
 “ after the public Examinations, what Students
 “ may be permitted to quit the College, as having
 “ completed the prescribed course of study.” It may be expected that the prospect of early Emancipation, thus held out to those who have already
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ready attained one language, will too late their utmost diligence and exertion in acquiring another, and whilst their own credit is raised by quick proficiency in proportion to the time of study, their labours will be gained to the service for which they are destined, some months sooner than if they had been kept from it to the end of another year. It must be remarked however, that an option only is proposed to be given, of leaving the College, who are qualified by a competent knowledge of two languages; without imposing, the necessity of quitting it, upon any Student, who from a praise-worthy desire of excellence, or from a wish to obtain the honorable distinction of superior proficiency at the Annual Examinations, may prefer to remain attached to the College till the expiration of the ensuing year. Such instances of peculiar merit have, on former occasions received appropriate notice from this Chair and cannot fail of being always distinguished by the highest approbation.

Before I conclude, I must express the particular satisfaction which I feel, in not having received from the College Council, the Report of a single instance of irregularity among the Students; and although, in the general statement of debts contracted by them, I am concerned to observe a considerable amount. in some instances, they appear to be chiefly those of Students who have shown the same attention to their studies, as to their expenses; and have consequently been detained in the College beyond the customary period. Such detention cannot be admitted as any excuse for the contraction
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light and courtesy with reference to the cause of the Government, and in the Government's own conduct it must be considered that a preservation of decorum.

The information I have received from the Council of the College, of the general conduct of the Professors and Officers of the Institution, calls upon me to declare my entire satisfaction with their attention, zeal and able discharge of their respective duties. Dr. Hunter, the Secretary of the College Council, and one of the Examiners, being absent on the Public Service his place has been supplied, with not less diligence than ability, by Lieutenant Calloway mentioned in the Visitor's Discourse of last year, as versed in the Arabic language, and employed in the translation of a celebrated Treatise on Mohammedan Law. Lieutenant Roebuck of the Madras Establishment, who has been already noticed as the joint Editor of the Hindoostanee Dictionary, and who is now engaged in publishing an English and Hindoostanee Dictionary of the Technical Terms used in Navigation, compiled during his passage from England to Bengal, has also acted, in the absence of Lieutenant Lockett, as Assistant Secretary to the College Council, and as one of the Examiners in both of which situations his assiduity, and zealous application of talents and knowledge have entitled him to the fullest commendation.

The learned Professors of the College have distinguished themselves, as usual, in the past year, by composing, or promoting, works of literature and utility, in the languages respectively taught by them. I will not detain you by an enumeration of such works,

works or of other literary undertakings and publications, under the patronage of the College and the Government, since the period of the first Disputation. But a list of them, which I possess, will be delivered to the Secretary of the College Council, for the purpose of being printed as has been customary, with the report of this day's solemnities, for general information.

Catalogue of Literary Works, the Publication of which has been encouraged by Government at the recommendation of the Council of the College of Fort William, since the period of the Disputation held in 1810.

1.—*نزهة الهمم* An Arabic Miscellany compiled by Shuekh Uthoud, a learned native of Yunnan, and now attached to the College. This work is partly composed of selections, in Prose and Verse, from various authors in the Arabic language and partly of original Pieces by the Editor, who is himself a Poet. It is now in the Press, and will be a valuable Class-book for Students of Arabic in the College, as well as generally useful in facilitating the study of the language.

2.—*مراجع* The Soorah, an esteemed Arabic Dictionary, with the significations in Persian. An edition of this popular work, which has been rendered into Persian from the *شاه* *Shah*, and is in more general use than its Arabic Original, or the *قاموس* *Qamus*, has been undertaken, by Mughavee Shookr Oollah, with the aid of other learned Natives; and if correctly

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ly printed with an important reference to Arabic and Persian Literature. It is calculated to copy 1400 of into Page.

3. — *Index to the Qoran*. The *Naqshah* of *Index*, an Index to the Qoran, similar to the *Index* *Verborum*, is annexed to the editions of the *classics in verse Delphini*. *Moostafa Khan*, an *Uzbek*, is the Author of this work; and *Muolavee Niumut Ushud*, the Editor. It must be very useful, not only to those who read the Qoran, and Books of the *Mohammedan Religion and Law*, in a directly connected with it, but to readers of Arabic in general; by enabling them to refer to the Texts which are constantly cited from the Qoran.

4. — *Khoolasatool Hissab*, an Arabic treatise on Arithmetic, Algebra, and Geometry, with a Persian Commentary. The original Treatise, which is held in high estimation, and exhibits a complete view of the state of the sciences, on which it treats, among the Arabs, was composed by *Shuekh Bulhaood Deen Amoollee*. The Persian comment, which includes a translation of the original, was written by the late *Muolavee Roshun Ulee*, whilst attached to the Arabic department of the College; and *Muolavee Jan Ulee*, the present head *Muolavee* in that department, is associated with *Faizee Churram Mitr* in editing the work, which it may therefore be expected, will be correctly printed.

5. — *Sikandar-Namu* of *Nizamee*, a celebrated Persian Poem, on the subject of the heroic Achievements of Alexander the Great; with a Commentary. This work is edited by *Budur Ulee*.

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6.—The Siddhant ... of Sanskrit Grammar, and esteemed to be one of the best Treatises, in elucidation of the Grammatical Principles of that ancient and difficult language. It is edited by Rahoojan Pundit, proprietor and conductor of the Sanskrit Press.

7.—The ... of Meer ... the ... edited by ... at ... and ... headed a short time ago. His works consist of Epic Poems, Odes, and other Poetical Pieces, composed chiefly in the Hindoo or Hindoostanee language. The whole of these will be included in the proposed Edition of his Hindoostanee Poems; but not his compositions in the Persian language which are few and of less celebrity. Meer Fuzee is generally allowed to hold the second place in the order of Hindoostanee Poets and by some his Epic Poetry is judged to rival, if not exceed that of Saoda.

A collection of Proverbs, by Dr. William Hunter, Secretary and Librarian to the College. In a course of a diligent and inquiry for the purpose of compiling a full and useful new English Dictionary, Dr. Hunter collected a number of Proverbs in the Arabic, Persian, Hindostanee and Portuguese Languages, and finding in them allusions to manners and customs which have not been explained in any Books yet published, and are not generally known, it appeared to him that a publication of the Proverbs collected by him with such illustration as might be requisite to show their origin or application, would promote the cause of Oriental Literature, and at the same time throw light on the genius and sentiments of the people, whose proverbial sayings are exhibited. In this view, the compilation, which, it is calculated, will fill above seven hundred octavo pages, cannot fail of being interesting; and an able execution of the work may be expected from the talents and learned knowledge of the compiler. In his absence, the publication is superintended by Lieutenant Roebuck, heretofore mentioned, whose researches have also contributed largely to the collection.

9. An English and Hindostanee Dictionary of Technical Terms and Phrases used in Navigation particularly those in use among the Lascars, and other Native Seamen of India, in working a Ship, comprising also the names given by them to the different parts of a Vessel, and its appurtenances, with a collection of the usual Words of Command and a Catalogue of the Dialect to which the Dicti-

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on my relation; by Lieutenant T. R. Schuck, of the
 British Establishment at present acting as Assistant
 Secretary, and one of the Examiners, to the College
 of Fort William. The work, which was originally
 suggested and commenced by Dr. Borthwick Cal-
 cicut, was prosecuted by Lieutenant Schuck, on
 his voyage from England to Bengal, and has been
 revised and finished since his arrival in India, with
 the aid of experienced *Serangs*, and other competent
 persons, from different Ports. It is intended for the
 use of European Mariners, in all Ships wherein
 Asiatic Seamen are employed: and cannot fail of
 proving to be highly useful to the Officers of the regular
 Indiamen and Extra Ships of the Company; as
 well as to those engaged in the Trade from Port to
 Port in India, or in the Pilot Vessels, or other Ser-
 vice of the Company.

10.—An Oriya and English Vocabulary By
 Mohan Prasad Phakoor, Native Librarian to the
 College, and Author of a Bengalee and English
 Vocabulary, already published. The Oriya Lan-
 guage is the vernacular dialect of the Province of
 Orissa; and as no Dictionary, or Vocabulary, of it
 has been yet printed, the present work will be of
 considerable utility. The compiler is well qualified
 for his undertaking, being a good English Scholar;
 besides his knowledge of several other languages,
 Asiatic and European.

*The following Works, mentioned in the Discourse
 of the Visitor at the Public Disputation of 1810,
 have been since completed and printed*

1.—The Second Volume of ■ Grammar of the
 Persian

Persian Grammar, by M. Mansley Esq LL D. Professor of the Arabic and Persian Languages in the College of Fort William

The whole of this valuable work comprising the most copious Grammar extant of the Persian Language, a considerable portion of the Elements of Arabic Inflection, and observations on the Syntax of both Languages, considered with reference to the principles of General Grammar, is now printed; (to which not yet published,) and cannot fail of securing to its Author that celebrity, as an Oriental Scholar and Commentator, to which his talents, learning, and industry, so justly entitle him.

2. — **مقامات** The first volume of the **Muqammat** Horeere, has been published: and the second volume is in course of publication, under the inspection of the Arabic Professor, by **Muoluees Hah Dad**, a M. J. attached to the Arabic and Persian Department of the College; with a Glossary, which will be highly useful in elucidating the difficult passages of this work; as well as of other Arabian authors.

3. — **Persian Selections**, in six volumes, for the use of Students of the Persian language. This work has been completed, by **Muoluees Hah Dad** and **Kium Hossien**, under the inspection of the Arabic Professor. It is intended to be a class book for Persian Students in the College of Fort William; and being selected from works progressively increasing in difficulty, is well calculated for instruction and improvement in that Language.

4. — **مفردات** The Persian **Mudaya**, or a Persian Verb, of that celebrated Commentary on the **Mohammadian**

Humayun's Law, of which an English Translation was formerly published by Captain Hamilton: with a Translation also in the Persian language, of the *Sirajecy*, on the *Mooluqa* Law of Inheritance, well known by the English Version of Sir W. Jones. Both these works are edited by *Muoluee* *Mooluhammad Rashid*, one of the Law Officers of the Courts of *Sudur Deewanee* and *Nizamut Adaluts* and are now completed and published in four volumes. From the known talents and qualifications of the Editor, who has revised the translation of the *Hidayy*, and himself translated the *Sirajecy*, there can be no question of the able execution, and consequent utility, of this edition.

5.—Mr. H. Colebrooke's translation from the Sanskrit of two authoritative Treatises on the Hindoo Law of Inheritance, the *Dayu Bhagu* and *Mitaksam*, has been published, with Annotations by the Learned Translator, and from the high estimation in which these works are held, the former in Bengal, the latter throughout India, must be deemed a most valuable accession to the means of knowing and administering the Hindoo Law of Succession.

6.—Grammatical Rules of the *Oordoo* language, in Hindoostanee verse, by *Muoluee Umanut Oolgh*, lately attached to the College.

This, and the works hereafter mentioned, were described in the last Discourse of the Visitor.

7.—*طرائف ہندویہ* The *Lutaf Hindee*, a Collection of humorous Stories and Anecdotes, in the Hindoostanee and Hinduee languages, and in the Persian and Nagree characters, with a Vocabulary of the principal

principal works, in Hindoostanee and English. By Shree Lalloo Lal Kuvi, Bhasha Moonshée in the College, with the aid of Lieutenant Lockett, Assistant Secretary to the College Council, and one of the Public Examiners.

8.—A Translation, from Arabic into Hindoostanee, of part of the Ikhwan-e-Safa, a moral and philosophical Work of great celebrity in the original. By Muoluee Toorab Ulee, and others, under the inspection of Captain Taylor, Hindoostanee Professor of the College, and Lieutenant Lockett.

9.—The Ramayun of Toolsee Das, in the Poorhee or Dialect spoken to the Eastward of Dillie, from the Sanskrit Press of Babooram Pundit.

10.—Grammatical Principles of the Bruj Bhasha, or Dialect of Bruj, comprising Muthoorá, Brindabun, and the adjacent territory, as far as Gwalior, with an English Translation. By Shree Lalloo Lal Kuvi, the Bhasha Moonshée before mentioned, assisted by Captain Taylor, Professor of the Hindoostanee language, to whom is inscribed this attempt to facilitate the study of one of the Indian Dialects, considered as a principal part of the basis of that language.

The third volume of the Ramayun, of Valmeeki, in the original Sanskrit, with a Prose Translation and Explanatory Notes, by Mr. Carey, and Mr. Morrison, has also been published since the date of the last Disputation.

A Dictionary of the Vernacular Dialect of Bengal, was mentioned in the Visitor's last Discourse,

course, as undertaken by the Professor of the Sanskrit and Bengalee Languages, is now in the Serampore Press: but from the extent of the work, and being employed in tracing the characters, &c. with a view to its more perfect execution, considerable time will yet be required for the completion of it.

It may be added that the Conductors of the Mission Press at Serampore, who have distinguished themselves by printing numerous Works, in various Asiatic languages, have recently cast Bounts of Types for the Goozomook hee Nagree Character, used by the Sikhs in the Punjab; as well as for the Telinga Character; and that they have also succeeded in casting Metallic Types for the Chinese language.

It may be further mentioned, in concluding this Report on the subject of Oriental Literature, and particularly the advancement of it by the College of Fort William, that the library of this institution has been enriched by several valuable Manuscripts, Persian and Arabic; and that measures have been taken, with the sanction of Government for rendering it, as opportunities offer the public repository of scarce and useful Books, in all the languages of Asia.

A REPORT OF THE
 ELEVENTH ANNUAL EXAMINATION,
 HELDEN IN JUNI, 1811.

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8. Anderson,		7. Trotter,	
9. Trail,		8. Kennedy,	
10. Parks,		9. Anderson,	
11. Sparks,		10. Macswoen,	
12. Dashwood,		11. Prigle,	
13. Whish,		12. Saunders,	
THIRD CLASS.		13. Parks,	
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16. Macswoen,		16. Yonge,	
17. Middleton, C. J.,		17. Whish,	
18. Scott,		18. Sparks,	
19. Lowin,		19. Fraser,	
20. Middleton, H. J.,		20. Dashwood,	
21. Boldero,		21. Fendall,	
22. Saunders,		22. Scott,	
23. Hutchinson,		23. Middleton, H. J.,	
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24. Carter,		24. Boldero,	
25. Dick,		25. Birwell,	
		26. Forde,	
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26. Pringle,
27. Ogilvie,
28. Ward, R. A.

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Lieutenant Young,--declined Examination.

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Medals of Merit were awarded to Lieutenant Young, and to Messrs. Young and Saunders, for proficiency in the *Persian* language; to Messrs. Macsween, Pringle and Saunders, for proficiency in the *Hindoostanee* language and to Messrs. Dashwood, Anderson and Sutherland, for proficiency in the *Bengalée* language, considered with reference to the periods during which they have studied these languages respectively.

LIST OF STUDENTS LEAVING COLLEGE,

CLASSED IN THE ORDER OF RELATIVE GENERAL PROFICIENCY.

1. M. Ainslie,—First in Persian.—First Class in Hindoostanee.
2. J. C. G. Sutherland,—First ■ Hindoostanee.—Second Class in Bengales and Persian.
3. A. Anderson,—Third in Bengalée.—Eighth in Persian.—Ninth in Hindoostanee.
4. T. J. Dashwood,—Second ■ Bengalée.—Twelfth in Persian.— Twentieth in Hindoostanee.
- G. W. Traill,—Second in Hindoostanee.—Ninth in Persian.
6. J. R. Hutchinson,—Third in Hindoostanee.—Twelfth ■ Bengalée.—Third Class in Persian.
7. J. Fondall,—Fifth in Persian.—Thirteenth in Bengalée.—Twenty-first in Hindoostanee.
8. A. Smelt,—Second in Persian.—Fifth in Hindoostanee.
9. G. Mackrell,—Sixth in Persian.—Sixth in Hindoostanee.
10. I. Trotter,—Seventh in Hindoostanee.—Sixth in Bengalée.
11. I. Kennedy,—Eighth in Hindoostanee.—Tenth in Bengalée

12. J. A. P. o., — Eleventh in Hindoostanee.
13. W. O. P. o., — Eleventh in Persian. — Thirteenth in Hindoostanee.
14. L. A. P. o., — Eleventh in Hindoostanee. — Fifteenth in Hindoostanee.
15. J. Spuka, — Eleventh in Persian. — Eighteenth in Hindoostanee.
16. W. L. Melville, — Fourteenth in Hindoostanee. — Fifteenth in Persian.
17. R. G. Smith, — Fourteenth in Persian. — Fifteenth in Hindoostanee.
18. M. T. Whish, — Thirteenth in Persian. — Seventeenth in Hindoostanee.
19. R. N. Todd, — Eighth in Bengalee. — Twenty-sixth in Hindoostanee.
20. A. C. Darwell, — Eleventh in Bengalee. — Twenty-ninth in Hindoostanee.

By order of the Council

of the College,
A. CALLOWAY,
Latin Secretary.

No. XII.

AN
 ACCOUNT OF
 THE ELEVENTH
 PUBLIC DISPUTATIONS

ORIENTAL LANGUAGES,

Held on the 30th September, 1812; with the Discourse delivered on that occasion, by the Right Honorable LORD MINTO, as Visitor of the College.

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM, SEPTEMBER 30, 1812.

THE Right Honorable LORD MINTO, Governor-General and Visitor of the College of Fort William, having appointed *Vice-Chancellor* the 30th September, for the purpose of examining the Asiatic Languages, in conformity with the Statutes of the College, the President and Members of the College Council, the Officers, Professors, and Students of the College, met at *ten* o'clock at the Government House;

Honour; where the Members of the Supreme Council, and many of the Civil and Military Officers at the Presidency, with others of the Principal European Inhabitants of Calcutta, and many respectable Natives were also assembled.

As soon as the Right Honorable the Visitor had taken his Seat, the Public Disputation commenced in the following Order:

FIRST.—BENGALEE.

Position.—“The Bengalee is the purest of those Languages which are derived from the Sanskrit.”

Respondent, Mr. G. Richardson.
First Opponent, Mr. G. Morley.
Second Opponent, Mr. H. Chastenay
Moderator, The Rev. W. Carey.

SECOND.—PERSIAN.

Position —“The Hindoostanee being merely a colloquial Language, is not so much an object of central acquirement as the Persian.”

Respondent, Mr. J. Russell.
First Opponent, Mr. P. M. Wynch.
Second Opponent, Mr. J. Drew.
Moderator, M. Lamont, Esq. LL. D.

THIRD.—HINDOOSTANEE.

Position.—“The Hindoostanee is the Language of most extensive use for the purpose of colloquial intercourse in Hindostan.”

Respondent, Mr. P. M. Wynch.
First Opponent, Mr. J. Russell.
Second Opponent, Esq. Haughton.
Moderator, Capt. . . W. Taylor.

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When the Disputations were concluded, the President of the College Council, presented to the Right Honourable the Visitor, the several Students of the College, who were entitled under Statute VIII, to the Degree of Honor; as well as, successively, the Student who, at the Examinations held in the Months of September, December, and June last, had proved himself qualified to enter upon the Public Service, and had consequently obtained permission from the Visitor to quit the College, under the rule contained in Section II, Regulation III, 1807. The President read the Certificate granted by the Council of the College to each Student, in pursuance of the above Statute, specifying the proficiency he had made in the prescribed Studies of the College, and also the general tenor of his conduct, with the amount, if any, of the Debt contracted by him during the period of his attachment to the College. When the Certificates had been read, the Visitor presented to each Student, entitled to receive a Degree of Honor, the usual Diploma inscribed on Velum, and at the same time expressed the satisfaction which he felt in conferring it.

After the Prizes and Honorary Rewards had been distributed, the Right Honorable the Visitor delivered the following Discourse:—

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I have the honor of addressing you
 at a time when a change had taken place in the
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period of the Disputations, which by the necessity of comparing unequal portions of time, tended considerably to disconcert the parallel which had usually been drawn between the two immediately preceding years. A long absence on the public Service has since intervened, and has unavoidably withdrawn me from a personal application to the Office of Visitor. These combined causes would make it extremely difficult at the present anniversary, to pursue with the accustomed particularity a comparison of the two last academical years, supported by such assiduous observation and authentic proofs, as could alone sanction the solemn publication of statements and opinions which might affect, on one hand, the character of the Institution itself, and on the other touch the reputation and feelings of so many meritorious competitors for public esteem.

Under these circumstances, I do not propose to dwell as minutely on this branch of my subject as former practice might seem to countenance, but to present only a general and cursory view of the two periods, indeed, indeed principally to treat that topic even superficially, first, by the desire to rectify by a clear enunciation of facts that might otherwise escape our notice, an estimate of the period just closed, more unfavourable than is, in truth warranted by full and correct information; and next by the grateful impulse of my most welcome duties; those, I mean of performing the homage that is due to merit already established; and by that act of open justice, prompting, perhaps the evaluation of those who have yet to maintain the contest, and to make

make good their title to future reputation and ap-
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The first singularity of the present year that at-
 tracts our notice, is the apparently reduced num-
 ber of Students furnished by the College to the
 service; the Annual Examination which closes
 the year, presenting indeed, only seven civil Ser-
 vants of this Presidency, or little more than one
 third of the average number.

We are to consider, however in this place, not
 the acquisitions of the Service of Bengal, but the
 productive powers of the College, and under this
 point of view, every Student who has attained the
 prescribed qualifications, whatever his profession
 may be, and to whatever Presidency his commissi-
 on may attach him, contributes his name and the
 reputation he may have acquired, to the sum of those
 results by which the capacity of our institution to
 fulfil its important ends may be measured.

Upon this principle we are to include in the pro-
 duce of the year, Mr. John Russell, of the civil
 establishment of Fort St. George, who will be
 found, as I proceed, to have added not only the
 unit of his name to our qualified list, but to have
 brought a rich accession of credit and reputation to
 our School, of which he will ever rank amongst
 the most eminent and distinguished ornaments.

We have also to take credit in the re-
 port of qualifications for the present year, for
 the proficiency of Hugh Haughton, in Persian
 and Hindoostanee, which has been such as would
 have entitled him, if he had been a regular Student,
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to quit College, or attend a school in service, and in great numbers, required a very long period of study. I shall have occasion to speak more particularly of the present season, and of the number of students who have been reported at the late Annual Examination, qualified for the civil service.

With these additions, the number now nine; to which I refrain from adding the name of Mr. Francis Whitworth Russell, who has attained the prescribed proficiency under friendly and domestic tuition, and has been permitted, under very peculiar circumstances, to present two writings although absent from College, and to enter on the service, upon satisfactory certificates, and proofs of qualification. I do not, however, in appreciating the fruit of the present season, claim the accession of Mr. F. W. Russell to the civil service of Bengal, as imputable to the College of Fort William, because the proficiency evinced by this gentleman, although amply testified and ascertained, and although it will be found recorded on the proceedings of the proper period, was not obtained under the instruction of this institution.

In addition, however, to the number already established, of nine proficient, the present season has a distinct claim to an equal number whose names do not appear in the latest returns, but who, having shewn themselves qualified for one language at the preceding

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the Annual Examination have been since permitted to quit College, on evincing an adequate proficiency in a second language, at the Quarterly Examinations of September and December 1811.

Indulgence had not been granted on former occasions, and if the old rule had not been departed from - every one of those gentlemen would have remained with us to pass at the late Annual Examination - would, therefore, now stand upon its list of proficient Students. The academical year is not on that account entitled, for these reasons, to their present number and it is equally obvious, that the reputation of the College cannot be impaired, but rather the contrary be enhanced, by these gentlemen's attainment of full proficiency at a period so short, than that which would have placed them respectively on the qualified roll of the year.

The aggregate number, then, of Students who have attained proficiency in two languages since the preceding Annual Examination, is eighteen.

This is superior, by one, to the corresponding list of the year 1809; inferior, only by one, to 1810, which embraced a period of eighteen months; and inferior by two, to the year 1811, which sent forth twenty Students to the Service, a number composed, however, of several who had been detained not less than four years in College, for the attainment of that degree of proficiency, which was at length accepted as sufficient to justify their release.

It is therefore, to be observed, of this part of the present year's examination to rank the candidates in the order of merit, and to rank the

more advantageous

ous than the Annual Examination, if considered singly, would shew and such as to afford no ungratifying result in its relation to former and recent periods.

I shall close this branch of the Annual Report, by reciting the names of the Students who have been adjudged by the College Council qualified in two Languages, making at the same time, the date of their admission, which will shew the periods of their studies, together with the ranks in which the final Examination placed them in their respective languages and classes.

1. R. M. Wynch,--First in Hindoostanee, and First Class in Persian, admitted in November, 1811.
2. C. Morley,--Second in Bengalee, and Second in Hindoostanee, admitted in October, 1809.
3. J. Drow,--Third in Persian, and Second Class in Hindoostanee, admitted in August, 1808.
4. G. Richmond,--First in Bengalee, and Third Class in Hindoostanee, admitted in November, 1811.
5. E. J. Smith,--Fifth in Persian, and Second Class in Hindoostanee, first admitted in March, 1808, and re-admitted in January, 1812.
6. H. Swetenham,--Sixth in Persian, and Second Class in Hindoostanee, admitted in November, 1811.
7. W. Petrie,--Ninth in Bengalee, and Third Class in Hindoostanee, admitted in May, 1808.

I could have wished that the usage of the College Council had admitted of Mr. J. Russell, and Ensign Haughton's being classed in the rank to which their acquirements would have entitled them if they had been regular members of the College. But the justice due to these gentlemen, will be attained

attained by noticing, although separately, both the short periods of their attendance, and the degrees of proficiency which they acquired.

Mr. J. Russell, then, ■■■ admitted in November 1811, and ■■■ appears in the classification of Gentlemen on whom Degrees of Honor have been conferred for their high proficiency in the Languages to which their studies had been directed, ■■■ well as from the annual reports of the Professors and Examiners, that Mr. Russell stands at the head of the College Roll for the present year.

In Persian, he ranks the first, that is to say, immediately above Mr. Wynch, and he is second in Hindoostanee, having Mr. Wynch alone immediately before him.

Design Haughton was permitted to attend Lectures at College so lately ■■■ March of the present year; and the progress he has made has been the fruit of only three months application. His preparation at Barasut, before the abolition of that institution, cannot be thought to have given him any advantage over those who had the benefit of a full course of study at Hertford College; or if he brought in reality a better stock of Oriental Scholarship from Barasut, than his fellow Students at Fort William had imported from Hertford, he will only have strengthened his claim to the credit of application and talents by acquiring that description of knowledge in a situation, where, notwithstanding every advantage that could be afforded in the teaching, capacity, diligence and high characters of those who presided, and who taught,

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a discouraging experience of several years
 prove such examples of successful study
 been extremely rare.

Ensign Houghton, then by three months
 dance at the College of Fort William of
 self fourth in Persian, the first to receive
 to Messrs. Russell and Wynch with the interven-
 tion alone of Mr. Drew, who had the advantage
 however, of an earlier commencement of his studies.

In Hindoostance, Ensign Houghton stands third
 in rank, immediately next to the two distinguished
 names of Wynch and Russell, who bear the prin-
 cipal honours of the present year.

In order to complete the report of Stu-
 dents entering on the public Service in the present
 year, I shall annex to this discourse a return of
 those who have passed as already noticed in a second Lan-
 guage, in two Quarterly examinations, the first in
 seven in September and two in December, of 1811,
 were then permitted to quit College.

It will follow in natural order to state in this
 place the Academical honors bestowed on a dis-
 tinguished occasion.

Degrees of Honor, which are the appointed re-
 wards of high proficiency in the languages in
 which they are specifically awarded, have been con-
 ferred upon the six following Students.—

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| 1 J. Russell, | } In the Persian Language |
| 2 P. M. Wynch | |
| 3 P. M. Wynch, | } In the Hindoostanee Language. |
| 4 J. Russell, | |
| 5 G. Richardson. | } In the Bengalee Language. |
| 6 C. Morley, | |

The following Prizes have been distributed for proficiency in the several Languages, and for Writing:—

PERSIAN.

Russell, 1st Prize, and a Medal.
Wynch, 2d Prize, and a Medal.
Dew, A Medal.

HINDOOSTANEE.

Wynch, 1st Prize and a Medal.
Russell, 2d Prize and a Medal.
Haughton, A Medal.

BENGALIEE.

Richardson, 1st Prize and a Medal.
Morley, A Medal.

PERSIAN WRITING.

Russell, 1st Prize and a Medal.
Boddam, A Medal.

NAGREE WRITING.

Haughton, 1st Prize and a Medal.
Hyde, A Medal.

BENGALEE WRITING.

Richardson, 1st Prize and a Medal.
Hyde, A Medal.

It is to be observed only here, that I have had the satisfaction of presenting Degrees of Honor to Mr. J. Russell and Mr. Wynch, in two Languages, the Persian and the Hindoostanee. And to Mr. G. Richardson and Mr. Morley, in Bengalee.

The next criterion of merit to which I would advert is that of rapid progress in study; and I am happy to claim, in its due proportion for the present period, that unquestionable proof of united application and talents.

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To substantiate that title it is sufficient to observe, that of nine Candidates only one was found to possess such proficiency as has been deemed requisite to the public trust and the duties of a Tutor in the College. He attended the studies of this College from November 1811 to June 1812, less than half, even of that short period.

The four first are Mr J. Russell, Wych, Mr. G. Richardson, and Mr. Sweetnam. The fifth is Ensign Haughton, who between March and June of the present year, has won a high rank in Persian and Hindoostanee, and has commenced with equal ardour, the more rare, and unpresumed, the more difficult study of Sanskrit.

One instance alone, is in truth, now left on the roll of the current year, of an admission so early as 1809. With that exception the Students now remaining in College, who have not landed recently in the ships of this season, are all either of the year 1811, or of the latter months of the preceding year 1810: a considerable proportion, therefore, have not completed one year's study, and the rest have attended the College little more than 18 months.

The united testimonies of the learned Professors, the Examiners, and the College Council, appear to leave no doubt concerning the qualifications of those whose competence has been declared at the late examination; and we have already seen that their proficiency had in general been accomplished in short periods of study. In addition to these favourable views, the remark which I have just made

the present state of the College with regard to the conduct of the Students, seems to confirm the hope, that the period which under the present improved system of instruction at home and in India, may sufficiently mature the younger servants of the Company, for the performance of the earlier duties of their profession, has been sensibly abridged in comparison of former times.

From this we are naturally led to an enquiry extremely interesting to the character of our College, concerning the probable cause of this apparent improvement; because, although the abridgment of the period between the arrival of young men in Bengal, and their entering on the career of their profession, must be esteemed in itself a beneficial change, yet the ultimate effect, and the final advantage or disadvantage to be expected from it, will, I think, be found to depend in a great degree, on the means, by which it may have been brought about.

If the preparatory instruction supplied in England should be such as to shorten materially the remainder of the course which is to be completed here, the improvement will, to that extent, be solid.

If a great and general augmentation of ardour and constancy in study should be observable in the Classes of Fort William, so far as the quicker attainment of proficiency is ascribed to so excellent and laudable a prospect would be smiling, and full of promise.

On the other hand, if the proficiency of the present period, though truly such as to justify the report of sufficient qualification for the first and subordinate

ordinate stages of official life, & so yet of a lower quality and degree than in some earlier and better years of our Collegiate annals—we should only have lost in distance what we have gained in time, and the result would be better calculated to discourage and discourage us, than to furnish matter of present pride or future hope.

I am earnestly desirous to find myself warranted in ascribing on authentic and well ascertained grounds, the shortening of our studies at Fort William, to the foundation that has been laid at Hertford; and thinking as I do, that quicker attainment of the required proficiency has been somewhat more general than could be adequately accounted for by individual superiority of talents and exertion, I am in truth inclined to indulge the gratifying sentiment, that, we may reasonably ascribe to the previous studies at Hertford, a salutary operation in producing an effect so desirable.

Yet I am not without apprehension, that such investigation as it has been hitherto practicable to institute on this important point, may not have afforded evidence as strong and satisfactory as were to be desired of any considerable progress made in oriental knowledge and acquirements, by the pupils of Hertford College, previous to their arrival in Bengal.

On the 31st August 1811, the College Council passed the following order:—

*“ College of Fort William,
31st August 1811.”*

“ With a view to ascertain whether the Students
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“ to be of William, have
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 “ Judges at the College of Hartford or else,
 “ where, before their admission
 “ Ordered, that in future when Students are ad-
 “ mitted, the Professors, whose Classes they may
 “ join, make a special Report of the progress which
 “ each Student may appear to have made in the
 “ language taught in the Class; and that such
 “ Report be transmitted to the Secretary for the
 “ information of the College Council.”

The first, and only return that has been made by the Professors to that order, is dated the 1st June, 1812, and comprizes the names of sixteen students, admitted into this College from August to December 1811. It is not necessary to read this Report, nor to advert by name to the individuals, who were the subject of it. It will be enough to observe, that of the sixteen, only four appear to have attained even an elementary and very moderate acquaintance with any of the Asiatic languages.

Three of these have, since their admission, stood high in the studies of this College, and have been declared in seven months, qualified for the Service. These are Mr. Wynch, Mr. George Richardson, and Mr. Swetericum; the two first of whom have also obtained Degrees of Honor and Medals of Merit.

The remaining thirteen of the number reported upon, have not succeeded in two languages. That these Gentlemen have not attained the required proficiency, in the short space of their studies at Fort William, is by no means a matter of discredit or reproach.

proach; while on the contrary, the success of the three already named, in the same school, is, no doubt, a most gratifying argument of individual application and talents beyond the ordinary measure of those united merits.

It may seem difficult, on this state of the facts, to pronounce with much confidence, on the degree of influence which may securely be attributed to Hertford College, in the subsequent progress at Fort William.

Those who have advanced most rapidly here, had also profited most in their preparatory studies. This coincidence seems justly imputable to the merit of personal exertion. On the other hand, when we observe the largest stock of knowledge transplanted from Hertford, to have also produced the quickest growth and richest fruit in India, we cannot but acknowledge the same coincidence between the success of the first culture and the early maturity that has followed.

We must, I believe, in truth, confess, that the investigation commenced under the order of the College Council of the 31st of August 1811, is yet too recent, and has furnished too slender a stock of facts and observations to afford any confident or precise conclusion. All that can be said to result from the enquiry in its present early stage may perhaps resolve itself into these two propositions. That the progress made at Hertford in the Asiatic languages has been hitherto inconsiderable; but that even in its present state, this imperfect introduction to those difficult studies, has had an undoubted and perceptible

able influence — accelerating the labours of this College, and advancing the term of proficiency required for the service of India

I have grounded the cautious, as well as the favourable side of this compound opinion, upon the report of the 12th June, 1812, already adverted to, as the only document yet existing on the question. I am happy, however, to have received from authority to which implicit credit is due, such an account of the qualifications brought to this College by a certain number of the pupils of Hertford, since the date of the report just referred to, as may justly raise our estimate of the previous acquirements in England, and improve our expectations of benefit from that preparation in the higher cultivation of the same languages in Bengal.

I should, indeed, be gratified by some fair and maintainable ground for disputing, at least the exclusive efficiency of the School in England in accelerating the studies of India, by a claim for this College of some participation in the improvement, from a general augmentation of ardour and intensity in the Academical labours of Fort William.

Excellence, indeed, we possess, to grace the anniversary we are now celebrating, the lustre of which would not fade before the brightness of the best periods which have preceded.

The distinguished names of Russell and of Wynch — of Wynch and Russell; challenging alternate and scarcely assignable precedence, sustaining in the emulous race with each other alone, at long intervals from the worthiest and the fleetest of their followers.

lowers, must rank in our annuals with the Goutherys, the Buds, and the Mireheims, and associate their own period with the renown of other times.

I have already recorded the rapidity of Haughton, and the merit of other names, who have well maintained the honour of the year.

I have already absolved, too, from discredit, those who have required a period more nearly proportioned to the usual powers of study, to accomplish the proposed proficiency.

It is not, therefore, upon any ostensible result of the late Examination, that I find myself constrained, unwillingly to avow some general apprehension, that the warm and powerful spirit of emulation, and the invincible union of constancy and ardour in the generous pursuit of fame, and the yet nobler aim of excellence, which we have seen with a sort of wonder achieving prodigies in past years, may have somewhat abated, and contemplating the past and present in one view, that the tone and energy of study may have dropt in later years, to a standard somewhat inferior.

With this less welcome view of the subject is connected an important question, concerning the scale of perfection which the higher classes now attain, compared with other periods.

On this I have no official information to guide me, or to support any judgment which I may have formed on the general aspect of affairs. I observe in some of the documents, the proficiency of particular Students lately examined, placed upon a level with the most proficient of the year 1811; but it would

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 easiness in this important point

It is, indeed, with profound concern, and not without some painful humiliation, that as Visitor of this College, I have, in a spirit higher than that of pride, and in the accents of truth herself, asserted alike when she chides and when she praises to admit, upon authority to which I am compelled to defer, but which I need neither quote nor record, that the scale of oriental knowledge and acquirement, attained by those who now quit the College, and even affording a title to the higher Academical honors and rewards, has fallen sensibly, both in kind and degree, below the standard of former proficiency.

If these apprehensions should not be entirely without foundation, it should be the object of our first and constant solicitude, to detect, if possible, the causes of a change so much to be lamented.

The only alteration that has taken place in the regulations of the College applicable to the present question, has been, the indulgence granted to proficient in one language only at the Annual Examination, of *in a second*, and thus qualified, of *at any Quarterly Examination*, succeeding year.

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languages it might reasonably be thought indifferent, whether that qualification were attained at the anniversary of a particular solemnity, or during any intervening quarter, and if so, it might appear a hardship on the qualified Student to be detained longer from his profession than the interests of the service are admitted to require.

If this principle, however, were perfectly correct, it would extend to consequences, either unobserved, or not intended, for it, would embrace, equally, all cases of imperfect proficiency, which might approach sufficiently to a competent knowledge of two languages, though not attained in either at the Annual Examination, to afford a fair prospect of the requisite proficiency being soon accomplished. Such cases would indeed, appear to be more favourable to the indulgence in question than the former, since it would afford the prospect of competence in two languages at once, and particularly at the time when it would be most desirable, that is to say, when the Student is transferred to the service, which is thought to require that double accomplishment. To pass on the contrary in one language at one Examination, and in another at a subsequent period, leaves the possibility of the first being neglected and forgotten, while the Student's application is directed exclusively to the second, and produces a probability that he will carry into the service a proficiency in one alone.

I confess, that, sympathizing with the equitable motives of His Excellency the Vice President and of the College Council in establishing the requisi-

om of which I was, I am yet inclined to entertain some doubt of its tendency to advance the general interests of learning; and I am so newly apprehensive, that by presenting a constant facility to be released upon easy terms, that is to say, by the cultivation of one language at a time, from the restraints of College, the love of perfection, and of the higher attainments of literary study, may be somewhat counteracted by the perpetual solicitation of opportunity, and of inducements never wanting, to escape from labour and confinement with the shortest possible measure of acquirement.

I am disposed to think that when the Student is found at any Annual Examination, deficient even in that minor proficiency which is deemed requisite as a mere qualification for service, he will not have attained at the end of the ensuing Academical year a higher standard of knowledge than, though perhaps not indispensable, would, nevertheless, be always desirable.

Yet according, as I do, with some of the principles upon which the new rule was founded, and revering the authority from which it flowed, I should incline to a further experience of that system, under such modifications as might diminish its possible inconvenience.

In that view I should propose to limit the intermediate release of the self-qualified Student, to the second Quarterly Examination of the Academical year; being well assured, that if not qualified either the Annual or Half Yearly Term, he will not in two additional quarters have misapplied his time
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and application, by attaining a greater portion of literary knowledge than it will be convenient and satisfactory to himself to possess.

To that modification of this indulgence I should esteem it important to add, that whenever he should claim his release from College, the Student should be examined and declared competent in both languages, that is to say, in the language in which his proficiency had been formerly certified, and in the second, in which he had been pronounced deficient.

Under a regulation thus framed, the Student will on one hand, bring his full qualification into the service, and on the other, will in no case be detained more than one Term, or the short period of three Months in College, after he could have had an opportunity of evincing at any Quarterly Examination, a perfect title to quit it.

I have considered attentively the Annual return of attendance and absence from Lecture in the several languages, and I have much pleasure in expressing my general satisfaction with the conduct of the Students under that head.

I am aware that private study may in some instances supply the place of a regular attendance at College; but I have reason to apprehend, that this irregularity will oftener indicate a general relaxation of study than application at home. Habits of close study are repugnant to many natural propensities of youth, and being for that age, a condition somewhat compulsory and violent, it requires to be maintained by modes of life in some sort artificial, calculated to counteract, by the obligation of uniform

uniform rule, a perpetua for indulgence of recreation. Nothing can be more conducive to the end, than a strict adherence to method and regularity in the distribution of time. Whoever trusts his progress in knowledge to the occasional invitations of taste and inclination, whatever his natural love of science, and whatever the constitutional stimulus and activity of his mind may be, will have to regret the unprofitable lapse of many empty and barren hours in every day, days in every week, weeks in every year, and will have to lament in the review of time, many blank and unoccupied portions of life, which will have left, in their unperceived flight, neither the memory of enjoyment, nor any surviving trace of improvement to attest their existence,

Let not any one, therefore, conscious either of a desire of knowledge, or of capacity to acquire it, scorn the useful aid of settled, and it were well if they were thought, inviolable plans and hours of study. There are, indeed, several advantages in the attendance upon Academical Classes. The allotted hour is at least secured; society in study enlivens it, and above all, emulation and competition urge and quicken labour, at home for preparation, and in the hour of trial, for victory. The business of the Class too, not only stimulates, but directs, and helps to methodize, private researches, and exercise; I will venture in a word to say, that perhaps with some singular exceptions, he who attends the public hour of instruction most faithfully, will be found

found also to ply his studies with the greatest constancy and success in his chamber.

I am the more fortified in these sentiments, from observing in the Annual document already adverted to that the Gentlemen, whose attainments have been most conspicuous in the year, are those also whose attendance has been most regular at College. Of this remark I am tempted to offer the examples which the return affords.

Mr. Wynch has not absented himself from lectures in Persian a single day without an adequate cause, and with such a cause, only four.

Mr. Swetenham has been absent from the Lectures but one day without, and one with unavoidable impediment.

Mr. Haughton one day without cause, and three with.

From the Hindoostanee class, Mr. Russell has not absented himself a single day without cause, and only twice from unavoidable impediment.

Mr. Wynch's attendance on this Lecture has been marked precisely by the same extraordinary punctuality as Mr. Russell's.

Mr. Swetenham was still more fortunate in being unavoidably prevented only a single day from attendance, and like the other two, having missed no other Lecture.

Mr. Richardson did not absent himself once without cause, but appears to have been prevented eleven days by some adequate cause, principally, no doubt, by sickness.

Mr. Haughton was not voluntarily absent from a single

single Lecture, and only from three for adequate causes.

I might upon this topic gratify myself still further by reciting the names of a considerable number of eminent Students, the regularity of whose attendance has been conspicuous, and would in itself deserve commendation; but as their progress, although without the imputation of slowness, has not entirely kept pace with the few distinguished names, in whom I have shewn that the union of punctuality and eminence has been exemplified, I reserve the praise of exactness for the others, to a period, when I am confident, I shall be enabled to join to it that of proficiency, which they also will have proved, in their turns, to be the attendant of regularity and discipline in their pursuit of knowledge.

It is at the same time with regret that I must withhold this commendation from a few, whose great and blameable neglect of so important and obvious a duty has not passed unobserved, although I refrain from names, and will require much amendment, of which I can only indulge the earnest hope, to restore to the objects of this censure, the esteem which was given to their youth upon credit, and which I trust they will feel their honour concerned in redeeming, during the present year.

The return of debts shewing their amount at the latest date, does not appear to call for much remark.

It is at least a negative satisfaction to observe, that they have in no instance increased since the last enquiry; and I derive more positive pleasure from the reflexion, warranted by the declarations,

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 apprehension of difficulty and dependence at the
 Student's first entrance into the world.

I am at the same time highly and cordially grati-
 fied to notice no less than seven of the number en-
 tirely free from debt, and a considerable majority of
 the whole, whose burthens of that description are of
 so moderate an amount, as to afford a strong argu-
 ment of laudable regularity in their past conduct, and a con-
 fident expectation of their starting in life free from
 pecuniary entanglement; exempt, therefore, from
 the many humiliations and sorrows, which have
 been known to strike the most exalted principles of minds,
 born poor and upright, to disgrace the character and
 talents; weigh upon the fortunes and finally break
 the heart and spirits, where they could not subdue
 the independence or the probity of estimable men,
 who have felt themselves through life, the victims of
 a few short forgotten months of inexperienced and
 inconsiderate youth.

Anxious to avert calamities of which, like many
 other great and fatal evils, the first seeds are
 scarcely perceptible, the Honorable Court of
 Lords, watching with parental vigilance over the
 progress, not less than the faculties and acqui-
 sitions of their novitiate Servants, have thought it
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and it for the public good and kind to their young friends to awaken their earliest attention to this important point, and to enforce a caution by a personal sanction.

I shall close, therefore, my own observations on this subject, by reading an extract from the letter of the Honorable Council to the Governor General in Council, under date the 22d May 1811.

“ We cannot but regret that a very few of our Servants should incur debts at all, especially those at College where the Allowances are sufficiently ample to provide for all their reasonable wants, and where the time of our Servants should be employed in qualifying themselves to discharge the active duties of the service, for which they ought to be employed in preparing themselves, and not wasted in expensive indulgencies incompatible with their situation and duties.”

“ We must therefore call your particular attention to this subject, and with a view in future to put an entire stop to a practice as ruinous to the individual engaged in it as injurious to the Company's Service, we direct that it be promulgated and fully acted upon, that no writer who has contracted debts which he is unable to discharge shall be eligible to fill any situation of trust or responsibility; for it is self-evident that no man entering into public employ, and especially in his circumstances, and indebted to a considerable sum of money, cannot be equally independent with him who commences his career in life free from such incumbrances.”

I have the wonted gratification of closing this report of the College, and its labours for the year 1811-12, by congratulating that Institution of its continued advantages, which it has ever, period more than the present, enjoyed, distinguished, I may say, in some instances talents, knowledge, and application of its Professors and in the zeal, assiduity, and intelligence of its Officers.

It remains, only, to notice such transactions within the year, which may be deemed interesting, either by their application to the success and reputation of this College, or to the advancement of Oriental Literature in general.

The first object which commands our attention, is the solicitude expressed by the Honorable Court of Directors in its general wisdom, and zeal for the promotion of useful learning, to encourage the application of Students to the Sanskrit language. These sentiments are conveyed in the 4th and 5th paragraphs of their general letter to the Governor General in Council, under date the 22d May, 1811, already mentioned.

The Honorable Court regrets that no Gentleman should have presented himself for examination in a language, the cultivation of which they justly deem so fundamentally and so universally important in Oriental Philology; and they direct the Government to promote the study of Sanskrit by proper rewards and distinctions.

This language is still cultivated but by few. The Honorable Court will, however, have the satisfacti-

By observing that the acknowledged talents of the Gentleman, who is a servant of the Company or the establishment of this Presidency, and a regular member of the College, (I speak of Mr. Chastenny,) are directed, along with the study of two other languages, to the attainments of the Sanskrit; and that Ensign Haughton, whose name and reputation have challenged an honorable place in the classes of his period, has pointed his quick and powerful labours into the same channel. For these I am tempted a little beyond the formal bounds of this discourse, to add the names of Mr. Hobhouse, and Ensign Ayton of the Bengal Establishment, who since the termination of the year which we are now commemorating, have enrolled themselves in the growing list of Sanskrit Students.

The Government and the College Council, in furtherance of the judicious design of the Honorable Court, have, in addition to the former inducements held out to Students at College in the Sanskrit language, appointed a reward of Books, for proficiency in that study, and measures have been adopted by Government, for the encouragement of more mature study both in the Arabic and Sanskrit languages, by the Civil Servants of the Company, after they shall have quitted College. These have been communicated to the Public in the Calcutta Gazette of the 28th May, 1812, and it is, therefore, unnecessary to repeat them here, in precise terms; but they substantially consist in a reward of 5000 Sicca Rupees to such Gentleman of the Civil Service of Bengal, after having quitted College, shall afford

afford the required proofs of proficiency in either of the two tongues of Arabic or Sanskrit.

It is peculiarly fitting on the occasion of this solemnity, to acknowledge a flattering testimonial of regard offered by the learned and illustrious University of Oxford to the College of Fort William, in an extensive present to its Library of valuable Books, printed at the Clarendon Press, which has been answered, with respect and gratitude, by presenting to the University, a considerable collection of Oriental Books from this College.

I touch with real gratification on this friendly and liberal intercourse between these two learned bodies, unequal as they are in antiquity of origin, in extent, resources, and celebrity; because where it does honour to both institutions, it displays at once an amiable and encouraging view of co-operation and harmony in pursuits supremely interesting to the improvement and happiness of the human race.

Dr Hunter, at the call of more active and professional duties, had already withdrawn himself from the functions of Secretary to the College Council, before the last anniversary. The occasion still felt for his useful services in the important scene in which he now acts, has produced his resignation of the office he held in the College of Fort William.

How much Dr. Hunter contributed by scientific literature, as well as by the able and assiduous charge of his peculiar office, to the credit and success of this institution, it is unnecessary for

The College Council has already attested in its own records, the sentiments of respect and

his character, endowments, and conduct, were to inspire, wherever they were most closely observed

ion, however, of Dr. Hunter, by perhaps he thought susceptible of, when it is considered that the territories of Java, to which he was here for the present attached, have a very field of interesting enquiry, and in some peculiarly connected with Oriental Philology. I can speak with personal knowledge of the ardour with which Dr. Hunter looked forward to a career of investigation so novel, and of the alacrity with which he threw himself into the pursuit before him. My own I address are too well acquainted with the persevering application of his inquisitive and discerning mind to objects worthy of its research, to doubt of the profitable and valuable result which we are entitled to expect from the enquiries in which Dr. Hunter is now engaged.

In these liberal pursuits we possess also the zealous and indefatigable aid of Lieut. Colonel McKenzie, Chief Magister of the Madras Establishment, whose signal and extraordinary powers of collecting, preserving, and digesting useful and interesting information, in every branch of knowledge but more particularly in researches connected with the history, antiquities, religion, manners and occupations of the countries submitted to his observation, have been well proved and attested in the *Dukhian* and *Kuruaik*

Mr.

Mr Horsford, a native of the United States of America, deeply conversant in Natural Knowledge, has already collected great stores of information, during a residence of several years, in Java, under the patronage, and, indeed, in the service of the late Dutch Government of the Island. This able observer and respectable gentleman, has transferred to the British Government, the stores of knowledge already collected, and has engaged his future labours in the same philosophical pursuits, under our protection. Much has been already obtained, and much is to be hoped with confidence, from the talents and industry of this gentleman, as well as from the acquaintance with his subject, and the peculiar habits of research which he has already formed in Java; while these and every other liberal investigation, are animated by the personal taste, as well as a just sense of every duty which becomes his public station, with which the Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Raffles, a name already mentioned with merited honour in former discourses of your Visitor, stimulates, and in some sort, prompts and directs the search of learned and ingenious men after knowledge in all its departments.

With these objects under our view, it is impossible to exclude from our minds, the painful recollection of a loss sustained by this College, by the votaries of Eastern learning, and I will not refrain from adding, by the lovers of genius, and of worth, yet more estimable than all other endowments, in the premature and lamented death of Dr. Leyden. It is not required, it would not be fitting in this place,

express entirely the sentiments with which
 has filled every bosom capable of ap-
 prec and when appreciated, of honoring
 live, and deploring in the grave, an example of
 excellence, intellectual and moral, so rare and emi-
 nent must restrain, however, even the justifi-
 cation of public regret, heightened as it is,
 by private sorrow, on this mournful theme, not for
 the poverty of the subject, or the coldness of affec-
 tion, but for their abundance and excess.

To speak of all that Dr. Leyden had already per-
 formed, especially in the prosecution of Asiatic
 mining; to compute the treasures which his in-
 dependent genius, urging and sustaining his invin-
 cible powers of mental labour, presented the fair
 promise of acquiring and accumulating, would be
 to relate a history of the short but full and memo-
 rable life he was allowed to live, and to expatiate in-
 to yet more ample, but, now, visionary fields of ac-
 tive, elaborate, and in his hands they would have
 proved, fruitful researches, which he had himself
 projected, and seemed once, appointed to accom-
 plish. To give scope on the other hand, to the pro-
 found feeling, which would dictate the sorrowful
 tribute due to a memory so revered; is more than I
 am willing to trust to the strong, but disabling sen-
 sibilities of real grief.

Let me, therefore, confine myself to remarking
 the aggravation which seemed to enhance our loss
 by the peculiar moment and occasion of his death.

I need not remind those who hear me, of the
 he had long cherished, for exploring, if I had

that phrase, the Philology of the more Eastern regions of Asia; of the first steps, he had already made in the prosecution of that purpose, by the construction and diffusion of Vocabularies, but above all, by methodizing and reducing into system, the classification of the various languages spoken on the continent, intermediate between India and China, the various kingdoms and districts of which, as they recede from each of those extreme points, appear, with some relation to their local approximation, or to historical affinities, gradually to have blended and assimilated their respective languages, into compound dialects, partaking of both the distinct and primitive tongues.

In like manner, Dr. Leyden proposed to establish some principle, already, perhaps, conceived in his mind, but to be verified ■ he proceeded, for governing his investigation of the numerous tongues and dialects of the Eastern Archipelago.

When public events opportunely opened to him the prospect of pursuing these favourite projects of science in person, on the very field of his enquiries, and with every advantage and facility that auspicious fortune could provide, it is not difficult to conceive both the interest and the hope, with which those who witnessed his ardour, and approved its object, contemplated the promising issue of these ingenuous labours. Those grateful sentiments, alas! are now to be supplied by regret at the sudden and total disappointment of his extensive and vigorous design, by sorrow for the man, and by veneration for the genius and virtues which now sleep on the very theatre of their intended energies.

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To this just, and sitting where I do, this authorized tribute to the literary merits of Dr. Leyden, I must yet add a personal testimony, prompted by personal experience, to virtues of a higher class, neither connected strictly with the talents and toils of a student, nor so uniformly the companions of learned reputation as it would be natural, perhaps, to wish and to expect. But I speak it in the presence of many who can attest it with myself, that founder as he was of his own fortunes and reputation, and climbing by many laborious steps, from the lowest stage of social life to an eminence which many cannot even maintain, though placed yet higher by their birth; no man, whatever his condition or degree might be, ever possessed a mind so entirely exempt from every sordid passion, so negligent of fortune and all its grovelling pursuits, in a word so entirely disinterested, nor ever owned a spirit more firmly and nobly independent. I speak of these things with some knowledge, and wish to record a competent testimony to the fact, that within my experience, Dr. Leyden never in any instance, solicited an object of personal interest, nor, as I believe, ever interrupted his higher pursuits to waste a moment's thought on these minor cares. Whatever trust, or advancement may at some periods have improved his personal situation, have been, without exception, tendered, and in a manner thrust upon his acceptance, unsolicited, uncontrived, and unexpected. To this exemption from cupidity — an ever generous virtue, worthy of those — ideas of rectitude which he disdained to court; and
amongst

amongst many estimable features of his character, an ardent love of justice, and a vehement abhorrence of oppression, were not less prominent, than the other high qualities I have already described.

I am sensible that I have wandered beyond the allotted bounds of this address, and that I shall appear, perhaps, to abuse a public function, by its application to the indulgence of private feeling. But we are all interested here in the reputation of Dr. Leyden, upon whose title to our remembrance, a sad and solemn seal has been affixed; nor shall we be disposed in the unrestrained praise of his talents, to grudge a moment to the simple attestation of his virtues.

For myself, I own, that I snatch the favourable occasion to leave on your records, my solemn avowal of personal and affectionate attachment to the memory of Dr. Leyden. Sentiments of warm regard were awakened at an early period of our acquaintance, and confirmed by a near and intimate observation of his extraordinary character and endowments: nor need I be ashamed to acknowledge that they may perhaps have been heightened by the influence of a narrower feeling, yet such a better and more eminent man than myself, have never blushed to own

The place of Dr. Leyden's birth, is separated from these paternal fields for which, as such nature has planted in mine in every other human breast, a partial, and almost pious affection; they are separated but by a narrow stream, in praise of which the muse first smiled upon his dawning, but adult
and

and vigorous penning. Already warmed then by well placed friendship and respect, why should I disown another interest in the celebrity of him, who by his birth, by his earliest song, by the talents of his manhood, by his virtues and his death, has done honor to our native stream and the land it waters

“ *Ornamentum regionis mee.*”

If I have allowed to these sentiments more than their due proportion of your time let this be my excuse, and let it be indulgently accepted, for in truth, I can scarcely profess repentance when I review the motives of my offence

I must beg yet a few moments, to speak of the creditable spirit of enterprize, and zeal for knowledge and improvement, which induced Lieutenant Lockett, to undertake a journey into Persia and Arabia, for the primary purpose of acquiring a more perfect knowledge of the Persian and Arabic Languages, in the countries where they are spoken. He has executed that laudable plan under circumstances of some difficulty, not altogether exempt from hazard; and in the prosecution of his spirited design, besides the execution of his first purpose, his travels have brought him personally and intimately acquainted with countries and objects, furnishing much interesting information, of which there is reason to hope for an early communication to the public, and from which the learned world may confidently anticipate valuable instruction and entertainment.

It has been necessary for the purpose of brevity to reserve an account of the learned works composed or published by Authors, European and Native, connected

connected with the College, for an Appendix to this Discourse. For this reason, as well as because the works in which Lieutenant Lockett is engaged, are not completed, and will fall more correctly under future notice, I shall content myself at present with commending the judicious and enterprising path which Lieutenant Lockett has pursued in search of knowledge and improvement, and with welcoming his return, with honour, to a station suited to his liberal genius, and to a society, of which he has always been, and I trust, will long continue a distinguished Member.

For similar motives, I confine myself in speaking of the learned productions of the year, to say, that they are highly creditable, in number and quality, to the period that claims them, and cannot fail of giving renown to the Authors, as well as contributing to the satisfaction and reputation of this learned body."

September 30, 1812.

APPENDIX.

List of Students who have been deemed qualified to enter on the Public Service, since last Annual Examination, shewing the places held by them in the different Classes on quitting College.

1. Lieut. Young,--First in Arabic.--First in Persian.
2. J. Russell,--First in Persian.--Second in Hindoostanee.
3. P. M. Wynch,--First in Hindoostanee.--Second in Persian.
4. C. Cartor,--First in Hindoostanee.--Fifth in Bengalee, at last Annual Examination.

5. C. Morley,--Second in Bengalee.--Fifth in Hindoostanee
6. J. Drow,--Third in Persian.--Fourth in Hindoostanee,
7. R. Lewin,--First in Bengalee, at last Annual Examination.--Seventh in Persian, at the last Examination
8. J. P. Ward, Second in Hindoostanee.--Seventh in Bengalee, at last Annual Examination.
9. G. Richardson,--First in Bengalee.--Tenth in Hindoostanee.
10. C. J. Middleton, Second in Persian.--Ninth in Bengalee, at last Annual Examination.
11. F. J. Smith,--Fifth in Persian.--Sixth in Hindoostanee,
12. C. Macsager,--Third in Persian.--Tenth in Hindoostanee, at last Annual Examination.
13. H. Swetenham,--Sixth in Persian.--Seventh in Hindoostanee.
14. R. Saunders,--Fifth in Persian.--Twelfth in Hindoostanee, at last Annual Examination.
15. W. Petrie,--Eighth in Hindoostanee.--Ninth in Bengalee.
16. H. Middleton,--Second in Persian,--Twenty-third in Hindoostanee, at last Annual Examination.
17. D. Scott, Sixth in Persian.--Twenty-second in Hindoostanee, at last Annual Examination.
18. J. S. Boldero,--Fourth in Persian,--Twenty-fourth in Hindoostanee, at last Annual Examination.

Catalogue of Literary Works, the publication of which has been encouraged by Government, at the recommendation of the Council of the College of Fort William, since the period of the Disputation, held in 1811.

1. The Travels of Ubootalib, in the original Persian. This Work (which is already known to the English Reader, from a Translation by Captain Stewart, of Hertford College,) contains a *single account*

account of the Author's voyage to Europe in 1795; his Travels in England and Ireland; and his route through France and the Turkish and Persian dominions, on his return to India in 1803; with a description of the most remarkable places and things which attracted his notice; and remarks upon the manners and disposition of the inhabitants; written in a spirit of sincerity and candor, and calculated, notwithstanding many errors (such as were to be expected from a stranger, and an Asiatic) to convey to his countrymen, an advantageous notion of the European character. It may be useful also, to the Student of the language, familiarizing him with terms applicable to the expression of European ideas in an Asiatic tongue.

2. *Ikhwan-ooṣ-Ṣufa*; in the Original Arabic; ■ celebrated and well-known Work; noticed upon the occasion of the publication of a Hindoostance Version of it, in a former Discourse on the 15th September 1810. The Original is used in the College for a Class Book for beginners in the study of Arabic; a use to which it is considered to be particularly well adapted.

3. A Volume of Letters in the Arabic language, prepared to be printed and published ■ a Formulary of Correspondence; by Shuekh Uhmud, a learned native of Arabia, who is attached to the Arabic Department of the College. Formularies of Persian Correspondence have been found useful and are numerous, and ■ Arabic work on ■ like plan may be expected to be of similar ■ ■ ■

4. An Alphabetical Dictionary, Sanskrit and English,

English, by Mr. H. H. Wilson, being a Translation of a Compilation by Raghoo nanee Panigrahi, from the most celebrated Vocabularyes of the Language: carefully collated by the Translator with the authorities cited; and corrected and enlarged by the addition of the Sanskrit roots and primitive words and by other natural improvements. An Alphabetical Dictionary of the language has long been much wanted; but hitherto no further progress had been made towards it, besides providing materials for the Work, which however may be now expected to be completed by the industry and perseverance of the gentleman who has undertaken it.

بارھ ماہ نامہ Baruh-mass, or Dusstoor-ool Hind, a Poem in Hindoostanee; the composition of Mirza Kazim Ulee Juwan, of the Hindoostanee Department; descriptive of the manners and customs of the natives of India, and their various occupations during the different months in the year. Original Works in Hindoostanee are rare, and most of the publications, which have received encouragement, have been Translations from other languages. Besides the merit of originality, and that of conveying instruction in the Language, this poem has the further advantage of communicating information concerning the peculiar habits of the people.

A Translation into Persian of the Kitab ol Juwaya and Kitab ol Hooddood, or Chapters on Offences against the Person, and on specific Punishments; from the Futawa ol Alumgeer, with a Tract on the law of Tanzeer, or discretionary Punishment, by Nujm-ood-deen, Head Qazee. These

treatises

treatises comprise the most important part of the Nicoolammudan Criminal Law, and will be highly useful to those who are engaged in the study of the Law, as to those who are entrusted with the administration of it

7. - मिताक्षरा: Mitakshna, comprising the text of Yajnywalkya, and Commentary or Vijnaneswuru; a celebrated Work on Hindoo Law, in the Original Sanskrit. So much of this Work as relates to Inheritance has been translated and recently published by Mr. Colebrooke,

8. The Institutes of Munoo, with the gloss of Kullooka, in the Original Sanskrit, edited by Baboo Ram Pundit. This is a Work of the highest authority as a system of Hindoo Law, and is well known from the English Version of the late Sir William Jones.

This and the publication last noticed, will be of great use to the Students of the Sanskrit Language and of Hindoo law

The following Works mentioned in the Discourse of the Acting Visitor at the Public Disputation of 1811, have been since completed.

1. — نزهة الیمن Au Arabic Miscellany, by Shuekh Uhmud.

2. — نجوم العرقان The Noojoomool Foorqaa:

3. — سکندر نامہ The Sikundur Namu

4. — सिद्धान्तकौमुदी The Siddhant Kuomodee, ■ Sanskrit Grammar.

5. — کایات و مرتعی The Poetical Works of Meer Tuqee.

6. An English and Hindoostanee Naval Dictionary, by Lieutenant Rumbold.
7. An Oryza and English Vocabulary.
8. The 1st Volume of the Shah Nama.

Rewards have been granted by the College Council for the following Manuscript Works by Learned Natives, deposited in the College Library.

1. A Dictionary of the Pehlwan Language by Weoridra Pandit. It is the first Dictionary of this language that has been prepared; and though not perfect, is considered calculated to be of great service to any person who shall undertake one on a larger scale.

2. — کلیات طپش Kooliyati 'Fupish; the poetical Works of Muza Jan, a living poet.

3. An Hindoostanee Translation by Moolavee Moolhumud Ulee, of the Shamsheer Khaneh, an abridgement of the Shah Nama in prose. The Translation is reported laudable and the style pure, and is considered to be an excellent Class Book to the Students of the College.

4. A Translation into Hindoostanee of the 'Tareekh Nadice, by Meer Quedm Bukhsh. The original of this Work is well known; the Translation adds to the small number of grave compositions in Prose in the Hindoostanee Language.

5. A Translation into Hindoostanee of the Cha Goolshun, by Bence Nurayun: a Work recommended as well adapted for the use of beginners that language.

6. A Translation of the Hindec Story 7

into the Punjabee Language by Moon... e Washce Raj. The original is a well known Class Book, published by Dr. Gilchrist for the use of the College.

7. The Hindoostanee and Persian Inflections, by Dr. Gilchrist, translated into the Punjabee Language, by Dyapoorce Gosaeen.

A REPORT OF THE TWELFTH ANNUAL EXAMINATION,

HOLDEN IN JUNE, 1812.

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| 17 Smith, G. W. | 16 Lowther, |
| 18 Dewar, declined Examination. | 17 Wilkinson, |
| 19 Plowden, Sick Absent from Examination. | 18 Hyde, |
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| | 20 Dick, not attached to the Class, |

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- 28 Scollay, } Cadets permitted to attend Lectures.
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COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM.

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No. XIII.
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AN
ACCOUNT OF
THE TWELFTH
PUBLIC DISPUTATIONS
IN THE
ORIENTAL LANGUAGES,

*Held on the 20th September, 1813; with the Dis-
course delivered on that occasion, by the Right
Honorable LORD MINTO, as Visitor of the College.*

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COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM, SEPTEMBER 22, 1813.

THE Right Honorable THE EARL OF MINTO, Go-
vernor General and Visitor of the College of Fort
William, having appointed Monday the 20th Sep-
tember, for a Public Disputation in the Asiatic
Languages, to be held in conformity with the Sta-
tutes of the College, the President and Members of
the College Council, the Officers, Professors and
Students of the College, met at Ten o'Clock at the
Government

Government House, were the Honorable the Chief Justice, the Honorable Sir John Royds, His Excellency the Commander in Chief, and the other Members of the Supreme Council, and many of the Civil and Military Officers at the Presidency, with others of the Principal European Inhabitants of Calcutta, and many respectable Natives, were also assembled.

FIRST.—PERSIAN.

Position.—“The uniformity observable in the history of the natives of the East, is to be attributed to the influence of climate and situation.”

Respondent,.....Mr. H. W. Hobhouse,
First Opponent,.....Mr. J. Cayley,
Second Opponent,.....Mr. W. H. Valpy,
Moderator,.....M. Lumsden, LL. D.

SECOND.—HINDOOSTANIE.

Position—“The Arts, Sciences, and general Literature, are better cultivated and more widely diffused throughout Hindoostan, than in any other Asiatic state.”

Respondent,.....John J. B. Neufville,
First Opponent,.....Mr. S. M. Duckleson,
Second Opponent,.....Mr. W. H. Oakes,
Moderator,.....Capt. J. W. Taylor.

THIRD.—BENGALIE.

Position.—“The Oriental style of composition is more characteristic of a particular age, than of a particular country.”

Respondent,.....Mr. H. W. Hobhouse,
First Opponent,.....Mr. C. Harding,
Second Opponent,.....Mr. D. J. Laington,
Moderator,.....The Rev. W. Carey, D. D.

FOURTH.

URDU. — ARABIC

Position — The *Arabic* language is one of the
 “ most copious, comprehensive, and energetic in
 “ the world ”

Respondent, Ensign G. C. Houghton,

First Opponent, Lieutenant J. A. Ayton,

Second Opponent, —————,

Moderator, M. Lumsden, LL. D.

FIFTH.—SUNSKRIT.

Subject — “ On the elegance, and precision of the
 “ *Sanskrit* language.”

By Ensign G. C. Houghton,

Professor — The Rev. W. Carey, D. D.

When the Disputations were concluded, the President of the College Council, presented to the Right Honorable the Visitor, the several Students of the College, who were entitled under Statute VIII, to receive Degrees of Honor; as well as successively, the Students, who at the Examination held in the month of June last, had been found qualified to enter upon the Public Service; and had consequently obtained permission from the Visitor to quit the College, under the rule contained in Section II, Regulation III, 1807. The President read the Certificate granted by the Council of the College to each Student, in pursuance of the above Statute, specifying the proficiency which he had made in the prescribed Studies of the College, and also the general tenor of his conduct, with the amount of any Debt contracted by him during the period of his attachment to the College.

When the Certificates had been read, the Visitor presented to each Student, entitled to receive a Degree

gree of Honor, the usual Diploma inscribed on Vellum, and at the same time expressed the satisfaction which he felt in conferring it.

After the Prizes and Honorary Rewards had been distributed, the Right Honorable the Visitor delivered the following Discourse:—

GENTLEMEN OF THE COLLEGE

OF FORT WILLIAM,

In reviewing the studies and progress of the year, it is not my intention to form a minute comparison between the present and former periods. The relation which the labours and success of the College may now bear to the past, will be stated under a few of the most important heads; and I shall refrain, principally for the sake of brevity, from pursuing the parallel into all its branches and details, with the anxious particularity to which I have been accustomed.

The first indication of success, interesting both as it touches the credit of the College, and the convenience and advantage of the Public, is the number of Students furnished, with adequate qualifications, to the Civil duties of the Service.

In this very material respect, we stand upon favourable ground.

The number of Students who have been declared qualified, since the last Annual Examination, to enter on the Civil Service is nineteen, including Mr. Glyn, of whose distinguished merits and lamented absence I shall not omit the occasion to make further mention.

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number of qualified Civilians exceeds by that of the year immediately preceding.

The College would, however, be defrauded of other distinguished titles to credit, and of other tokens of success, if I should omit to class amongst the qualified Students of the year, those of its Military Pupils, who have merited both the favourable report of the Professors and Examiners, and those honorary distinctions, by which superior talents and exertion are rewarded.

Ensign Haughton and Lieutenant Ayton have obtained Degrees of Honor, in Arabic, Persian and Hindoostanee, which being granted only to high proficiency, imply more than a simple qualification for the Service.

Ensign Newville, I understand, has been classed first in the Hindoostanee Language, and has obtained a Degree of Honor, for his meritorious progress in that tongue. It does not appear in what rank he has been placed by the Examiners in the general list of Persian Students, but in the Professor's report of the same term, his name stands First of the Second Class, which is seventh of the general list of Persian students. I observe, also, that in this report, his name immediately follows that of Lieut Ayton, who has been distinguished by Honorary Rewards, and is scarcely second to Ensign Haughton himself. In the Professor's report now referred to, which I quote in the absence of a classification, including Military Students, Ensign Newville stands considerably higher than
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several of the Civil Students, who have been reported competent for the Public Service, in the Persian Language.

From these circumstances, I am induced to include the name of Neufville amongst those, whom, in the present year, the College has qualified in two Languages for the Public Service.

The whole number, including Civil and Military Proficients, is, therefore, twenty-two, which surpasses that of any year subsequent to 1809, with the exception only of 1810, which embraced a period of eighteen months.

The just title, which the College of Fort William may claim, and which I have here asserted on its behalf, to include the proficiency of all its Scholars, of whatever profession, in the estimate which is to be formed, of its success in any given period, is manifest, and requires no argument to support it. But the satisfaction derived from a result founded on that principle, is reasonably augmented by the reflexion that the public interest is advanced as well as the reputation of the College, by the Oriental acquirements of its Military Students. It is true that nineteen Civilians only are added to the efficiency of the Company's civil and political administration, in these Provinces, by the College exertions of the late year; but the general advantage of the state is, in my judgment, essentially promoted, by the accomplishment of several of its Military Servants in languages, which besides fitting them for a more easy and perfect performance of their ordinary professional duty, and qualifying them for occasions

now which Military Service frequently present, of conducting important affairs, requiring both personal and written intercourse with Native Chiefs and Princes, qualify them also, to undertake, with great advantage to the Public, and with much honor and benefit to themselves, Political deputations and commissions, not immediately connected with their Military functions

The scope of their own personal views is by these means honorably extended, while the public fund of available talents and endowments is happily enlarged.

From this view of the proficiency furnished in the present Academical year for the Public Service, I pass to the yet more grateful notice of the higher attainments, which have distinguished the superior talents and exertion of the smaller number, whose merits have been testified and recompensed by those honorary rewards, which it is the most pleasing office of the Visitor to distribute at this Anniversary.

The Degrees of Honor and Medals of Merit, awarded to the Students of the present year, are as follows:—

Ensign Haughton, Lieutenant Ayton,—Degrees of Honor in Arabic, Persian and Hindustanee.

Mr. Larkins,—A Degree of Honor in Persian.

Mr. Glyn,—Degrees of Honor in Persian, Bengalee and Sanskrit.

Ensign Neville,—A Degree of Honor in Hindoostanee.

Mr. Hobhouse, Mr. Harding, Mr. Harrington,—Degrees of Honor in Bengalee.

Ensign Hargrave,—A Medal of Merit in Sanskrit.

Mr.

Mr. Boulderson,—A Medal of Merit in Persian and Hindoostanee.

Mr. Cayley,—A Medal of Merit in Persian and Hindoostanee.

This statement of Academical rewards, bears a very gratifying testimony to the higher degree of proficiency, which have been achieved in this year by the superior efforts and abilities of the Students, who have maintained its honor.

Of the whole number reported competent, which amounts to twenty-two, no less than nine have merited public tokens of approbation.

Of those nine, one, Ensign Haughton, has been distinguished by Academical honors in four Languages, of which, it must be regarded as an enhancement of his merit, that Arabic and Sanskrit are two.

Mr. Glyn has obtained Degrees of Honor in three Languages, of which one is Sanskrit.

Lieutenant Ayton is rewarded in three Languages of which Arabic is one.

The number, to whom the honorary rewards have been assigned in three and more Languages, is three, Ensign Haughton, Lieutenant Ayton, and Mr. Glyn.

Two of those, Haughton and Glyn have been rewarded for the difficult and rare attainment of Sanskrit.

Haughton and Ayton have obtained the same distinction in Arabic.

Messrs. Boulderson and Cayley, have received Medals of Merit in two Languages, Persian and Hindoostanee.

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report of the learned Professor of Persian and Arabic, of which I am induced to read the following extract

“ Haughton and Ayton have been distinguished in the Arabic class, by a rapidity of progress, which I am quite sure, has never been surpassed at any period of this Institution.”

“ They are also good Persian scholars, the extent of the acquirements of these Gentlemen will be appreciated by the College Council, when the reports of all the Professors are before them, and will certainly prove, that no want of success can be imputed to the College, but such as necessarily arises from the want of emulation in the minds of the Students ”

I have particular satisfaction resting on the authority, and conveying in the very words of a Gentleman, to whose profound learning, and highly respected character, I have always with the rest of the world implicitly referred, an eulogium well merited by those on whom it is pronounced, by those to whom we are indebted for a large portion of the lustre, which I am thus to claim for the period now under review.

In recurring to a peculiarity which has been the friendly but well contested struggle of the two companions in labour and partners in honor, who principally adorned the fasti of the preceding year, I need hardly recall to you the names of Russell and Wynch; but with the remarkable equality of that studious conflict, a singular coincidence cannot

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of our notice, in the emulating studies, and parity in success and reputation of antagonists, Haughton and Ayton. Reported by the Reports of the Examiners, which I beg to read the following short

“Consistently with the general rule observed in the classification of the Students, we have placed the name of Mr. Haughton before that of Mr. Ayton from a minute and accurate comparison of various exercises performed by these Gentlemen we find but little ground for precedence, and consider their proficiency in this language (the Persian) very nearly equal.”

The same observation is applicable to all the other languages, in which these gentlemen have been equally eminent.

This near approximation to equality, will not I am persuaded, give umbrage even to the successful competitor, whose victory has been closely contested. The modesty and let me say the generosity, which are the handmaids of merit, will reconcile him to the approach of a competitor, which he compares with whom, *non viget quiete aut secundum* may refuse to admit. Looking back at the balanced fortune of the race, I feel, as I do, with satisfaction, that the competitor's speed may have improved his own, and his energies and powers beyond the goal, which unopposed exertion might have attained.

In reference to Mr. Haughton I am however, to inform the College, that I had occasion in the last Discourse

Discourse delivered from this place, to record the undertaking on which he had then recently entered, of acquiring the Sanskrit Language. He has not disappointed the expectations excited by that promise. In addition to three Languages, in which he has scarcely outrun Mr. Ayton, he has won, amidst his other toils, the honor of a public recompence for meritorious progress in the most profound study of Eastern philology.

In bestowing the notice that is due, upon those who have rendered their names conspicuous for eminent talents and application, Mr. Glyn would justly challenge the first place amongst the Civilians of the year. His successful labours are evinced by the public honors which have been conferred upon him. He has obtained Degrees of Honor in three Languages, which were the objects of his study; the Persian, the Benga'ee, and the Sanskrit; and his reputation is attested by authority, which I quote with a double satisfaction as redounding at once to his own fame, and to the well-maintained celebrity of this Institution.

“ Among the civil students of the present year” says the learned and eminent Professor and Arabic, “ the progress of Messrs. G. . . ley has been most rapid, and both are entitled much merit ■ the best scholars of their day in any former year.”

I am entitled to observe here, with peculiar satisfaction, that in that union, always to be admired of genius and labour, which are surely evinced by rapid progress in difficult studies, these gentlemen

rank with the forgotten and never to be forgotten names, which adorned the brightest and most auspicious periods of your Institution.

Dr. Lumsden proceeds.—“Bad health has, however, prevented the possibility of Mr. Glyn's attendance at Lectures for several months past; and the same causes having occasioned his absence from the late Examination, the class has lost the credit to which it would have been entitled by the display of his proficiency.”

It is impossible that we should not deeply sympathize with the sentiment both of approbation and regret, which closes the learned Professor's report on the meritorious and successful studies of this Gentleman. The satisfaction which the eminence of so distinguished a member of our College richly affords, remains, unhappily clouded by the afflicting circumstance, which prevents Mr. Glyn from experiencing in person, the public esteem in which he is held, which has constrained me, with concern, to bestow upon an absent head, the well earned honours which have been awarded to his merit. But for the credit derived by the College of Fort William from the display of his genius and industry, the accession which the labours of another term, or a somewhat later examination, might have brought to his acquirements and reputation, seem scarcely to be missed amidst the various and rapid attainments of which he had already afforded authentic proof. The strides which he had already made in the short but vigorous season of his studies, must be regarded as more than an earnest, more than an early

early taste of future merit. They may be thought rather, to have perfected his title to renown, and to challenge for themselves, as well as to reflect on his Class and College, the lustre of mature excellence.

It is my wish, before I quit this topic of individual merit, to give the Students next in rank to those already noticed, the benefit of such favourable testimonies as I have had a pleasure in collecting from the reports of the Professors and Examiners.

I shall begin with Extracts from the last Quarterly Report of the Persian Professor.

“The progress of Lindsay, Valpy, Hobhouse, Harding, and Harrington has been considerable, and the two last have been rarely absent from Lectures — Boulderson, Kerr, Nisbett, Pigou, and Murray have also made respectable progress, and their attendance, (particularly that of Murray and Boulderson) has been generally regular.”

“The Military Students of the present year, are Haughton, Ayton, Bryce, Jackson, Neufville, M’Kenlay, and Dakin.”

The report has already been cited for the distinguished merits of Haughton and Ayton. It proceeds thus:

“The proficiency of Bryce and Jackson in the Persian Language, is highly creditable to the industry and diligence of these gentlemen, and the attainments of Neufville and M’Kenlay are also respectable.

I proceed to the last Quarterly Report of the Hindoostanee Class.

“The general progress since last term has been satisfactory

and I feel pleasure in bringing before the College Council, the names of those who particularly distinguished themselves. Mr. Highton and Ayton have come up to the name, they had acquired—Drs. Martin, Bouldeason, Bodson, Stuart, Wilkinson, Ogilvie, Hyde, and Munwaring, deserve credit for their acquirements this term—Lindsay, Biscan, O'Oily, Cayley, Volpy, Oakes, Pagan, Kerr, and Metcalfe, are entitled to high commendation for their diligence, and for the very rapid progress made by some of them. To those I have already named, I have much satisfaction in adding Neufville, Jackson, and Bryce; M'Kenlay also has made good progress notwithstanding his long continued sickness."

The last Quarterly Report of the Professor of Bengalee is in these words:—

"I have great pleasure in reporting, that the attendance on lectures has been more regular and full, than in some former terms. The progress made in the study of the Languages has been proportioned to the regularity of attendance on Lectures.

"Mr. Harding, Mr. Harington, Mr. Hobhouse, Mr. Metcalfe, and Mr. Hyde, have distinguished themselves by good translations from Telemachus, Ruseias, and other classical books in the English Language."

The result of these reports is highly gratifying. We have already seen that of twenty-two Students qualified for the public service, nine have obtained the

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must be esteemed the discoverer of Sanskrit Philology to Europe, has passed into the diligent and enterprising hands of successive adventurers, the path is more and more beaten; fresh and successful inroads are made, not on the Language alone, but on the treasures of science, philosophy and literature, which it lately locked up from the world, but to which the doors are now thrown open. The access is still somewhat dark and arduous, but through the day that already begins to dawn, the prize is attainable to those whose ardour and constancy deserve to win it.

The number of those who prosecute the study of Sanskrit at the College of Fort William is small. This must be ascribed to a cause which could hardly fail to produce that effect.

A qualification for the Civil Service of this Presidency is the primary object, and ought to be so, of our academical course.

It is of great moment to the public interest, and to the views in life of the Student, that he should not be detained longer from the exercise of his profession, than is necessary to make him competent to its duties.

The Persian, Hindoostanee, and Engalee Languages, are those which qualify the Students for the Civil Offices of these Provinces. These Languages are, indeed, indispensable; while Arabic and Sanskrit, which accomplish the Oriental Scholar, and are at the same time the true sources from which full and authentic knowledge can perhaps alone be drawn, for a due discharge of the most important duties

duties of the Service, may nevertheless, be dispensed with, in the earlier stages, even of the higher departments, and altogether in the rest.

The Languages immediately required, are attainable, with application, in comparatively short periods of study.

Those, the practical application of which to business may wait till a riper age, are those also, a full proficiency in which must be the fruit either of more protracted, or of more intense study than can be expected from many.

It is on those accounts that it has been thought advisable to postpone beyond the period of Academical study, the encouragements offered by this Government, in conformity with the enlightened views of the Honorable Court of Directors, to the acquisition of Arabic and Sanskrit. These rewards are intentionally withheld from Students not yet released from College, and are reserved for the voluntary labour of studious men already engaged in the active employments of office.

I shall have the gratifying occasion to notice presently, the first fruits of this interesting measure, but return for a few moments to the report of the Hertford Students.

From this document I do not profess to collect much precise information respecting the stock of Oriental learning brought to this College from England, or to measure exactly the influence which we may believe these imported acquirements to produce on the progress of the Students at Fort William.

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To speak, however, in general terms, it appears, that, hitherto, the knowledge of Oriental Languages, acquired at Hertford College, has been very *inadequate*.

It is not to be concluded from thence, that the time allotted to attendance on that Institution, has been unprofitably spent, because most wisely in my opinion, the preliminary education of the Company's young Servants is not confined to studies merely Oriental; but together with the classical instruction of the West, without which no English Gentleman is on a level with his fellows. I understand that a foundation of polite literature is laid, and that the door is opened at least, and the pupils' mind attracted to, the elements of useful science, the seeds of which being sown, a taste for intellectual exercise and enjoyment is implanted, which seldom fails to develop and mature these first germs of knowledge at the appointed season.

For these very reasons, however, as well as from the result of the Examinations, reported by our Professors I should be induced to conceive, that unless

in the classes of Hertford considerably, that Institute to send out to Fort William an inadequate portion of

in the time to observe, that a whole number, not exceeding *Arabic, Hindustani, Persian, Hindsay, Glyn and Magalee, Harrington, Biscoe,* spoken of favourably by the Professors of those Languages, who examined them

ness of their arrival in India.' The commendation is however, even in these instances of unusual talent and diligence, falls considerably short of reporting them qualified for the public service.

They entered, indeed with credit, into our College, but required a considerable period of subsequent application and labour, to acquire the full measure of proficiency which entitled them to quit it.

To conclude the observations I wished to offer upon this branch of our affairs, I find an opinion on which I hazarded in a former discourse on more defective because shorter, experience, strongly confirmed by the information since obtained, and the sentiments I would profess on the grounds now furnished are still the same, that the preparatory studies at Hertford College do not produce any considerable or competent proficiency in the Eastern Languages; that the elementary knowledge required there, operates, however, sensibly, in accelerating the progress of those studies, and abridging the period necessary to a full qualification at the College of Fort William; but that the Institution of Hertford College cannot be expected ever to supersede the necessity of maturing and perfecting Oriental knowledge at the College of Fort William.

I cannot, perhaps, entirely free myself of the partiality, which a close and teaching relation to this College may, I hope, allowably impress upon any mind: but I can hazard the assurance, that, to myself, at least, I seem to speak without bias, and from the dictates of a faithful devotion to the interests of the East India Company and of the British

fish Empire in the East, as well as from an ardent solicitude for the growth and improvement of learning, when I deprecate with my last breath in the Chan, the delusive hope, of substituting, without total disappointment in the object of both, an English education in the Languages of the East, for the genuine and practical instruction that our Professors and their native coadjutors can afford, in Languages which are here, living and familiar; or of performing by the insulated aid of a very limited number of individual Teachers, attached to two or three classes in Europe, that which the learning and practice of able men of both colours abounding in this natural seat of Oriental knowledge, can do no more than accomplish.

I have before, alluded to the success which has already attended the measure adopted by Government of encouraging the study of the Sanskrit and Arabic Languages by high pecuniary rewards.

That success will be sufficiently evinced by the reports of two Committees appointed to examine Mr. Sutherland in Sanskrit, and Mr. Prinsep in Arabic, which in conveying the first result of an interesting experiment, I am desirous of reading in the very terms in which they were presented.

TO C. M. RICKETS, Esq.

Secretary to the Government,

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In compliance with your Letter of the 26th February last, a Public Examination has been instituted,

ated, of the proficiency of Mr. J. C. Sutherland in the Sanskrit Language; and we have now to request that you will lay the result of that Examination, before the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council.

Adverting to the tenor of the Resolution of Government, dated the 10th April, 1812, our enquiries have been especially directed to the extent of Mr. Sutherland's conversancy, with original Works in Sanskrit, upon Hindoo Law. The Exercises were accordingly selected with a view to this circumstance, and consisted of Extracts from various approved Compositions to be rendered into English, a list of the most useful technical terms to be similarly interpreted, and a statement in English of a legal question, which was to be translated into Sanskrit, and to be answered. The manner in which these Exercises were performed, evinced a knowledge of the Sanskrit Language, and of Hindoo Law that reflects the highest credit upon Mr. Sutherland's diligence and abilities; and entitles him most honorably, in our estimation, to the reward which the liberality of Government has proposed.

We have, &c

(Signed) H. COLLECKOKE,
W. CAREY,
H. A. WILSON.

Calcutta, April 5, 1813,

A TRUE COPY.

(Signed) C. M. RICKETTS.

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To C. M. RICKETTS, Esq

Secretary to the Government,

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

Sir,

In compliance with the Orders of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, communicated to us in your Letter of the 23d ultimo, we have the honor to inform you, that we assembled on Monday last, at the Court House of the Sudur Dewanee Adawlat, for the purpose of ascertaining the proficiency acquired by Mr. Prinsep, in the study of the Arabic Writers on Mohammedan Law.

The Exercises selected by us for the Examination of Mr. Prinsep, consisted of the following Papers —

No. 1. An Extract on the right of the Shuofu, shewing the nature of that right and the persons in whom it is vested by Law. *Hidayu*

No. 2. An Extract on the Law, applicable to sales of Bullion or Coin, shewing the conditions necessary to the validity of such sales.

No. 3. An Extract on the Law applicable to disputes originating in the sale of different articles, at the same time shewing the cases in which the purchaser may or may not have the right of partial rejection. *Futawa Alumgeeree.*

No. 4. An Extract on the various species of Homicide and legal punishment, applicable to each. *Hidayu*

No. 5. A short English Exercise, to be translated into Arabic.

The Paper No. 1 reserved for the Oral Examination was read and explained by Mr. Prinsep with great

great accuracy. The subject of that Paper consists in the right of preference vested in certain persons to purchase property at the price for which it may have been previously sold to others, and was considered the difficulty of the Exercise combined with the facility with which it was read and explained by Mr. Prinsep, as highly creditable to his proficiency.

The Papers No. 2, 3, 4, were accurately translated by Mr. Prinsep, and a part of the Paper No. 5, was rendered into Arabic, the rest being omitted on account of the length of the preceding Exercises.

The result of this Examination enable us confidently to state our opinion, that Mr. Prinsep is qualified to consult in the original, any writer on Mohammedan Law, and therefore entitled to the reward offered under the Proclamation of the Government, bearing date the 10th April, 1812. We have the more pleasure in forming this judgment, because the short period of Mr. Prinsep's study did by no means enable us to anticipate the proficiency evinced by him on the present occasion!

Mr. Prinsep has studied Arabic but six months, devoted seven hours each day to the study, and though his attention has been chiefly directed to books of Law, he has during that short period acquired whatever he knows of Arabic Grammar, and read some books on other subjects. The Exercises selected by us have an exclusive reference to his knowledge of Law because the Proclamation issued by Government is not generally understood to authorize the Examination of Candidates on any other subject; but Mr. Prinsep came before us as a Candidate.

validate for general proficiency in the Arabic Language, we should have thought it our duty to select Exercises more difficult in point of style, than are usually to be found in the Books of Law, often remarkable for subtilty of reasoning, but generally written in a very plain style.

We have, &c.

(Signed) M. LUMSDEN,
T. THOMASON,
A. LOCKETT.

Calcutta, May 19, 1813.

A TRUE COPY,

(Signed) C. M. RICKETTS,

Sec. to the Govt.

Stronger evidence cannot be desired in the first period of any measure, of its beneficial operation towards the accomplishment of its object than is furnished by these papers, and while a prospect is opened, of seeing the Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence, which is administered to our Native subjects of both Religions, flow from the very fountains and well-heads of those sciences, we may indulge ourselves, in this place, with the pleasure of contemplating such conclusive testimonies as those I have just read, of the talents, diligence, and energy of the distinguished persons who have taken the lead in these pursuits.

I have on former occasions delivered my sentiments on the powerful effect of regular attendance at Lectures on the progress of the Student, and have expressed with a solicitude proportioned to the importance

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stance of the matter, every consideration, whether of duty, honour or advantage, which appeared to me likely to influence the minds of those to whom the admonition was addressed, I shall not revert, therefore, to those topics to-day, but discharge the duty of my trust by observing, that although I with pleasure see the report of one of the Professors commend the attendances on his class as somewhat more regular during the latest terms than formerly, yet I am under the painful necessity of acknowledging, that an attentive consideration of the returns of absence in the four terms since the last Annual Examination, yields a less favourable result and leaves much to be regretted and desired on that subject.

It is a point too essential to the benefit of the Student, and to the success and consequent reputation of the College to escape the serious consideration of the authorities connected with that Institution, whose early attention will without doubt be directed to devise some more adequate means than have hitherto been employed to promote this useful and indispensable observance of academical discipline.

The declarations of debt for the present year do not appear to require very particular notice. There are one or two instances where the scale is considerably high than is creditable to the student to whom the observation applies; but the general result, although debt of any amount is to be regretted, does not exhibit a serious or very considerable excess.

I feel particular gratification in reporting at the end of the sixth year of my acquaintance with the
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College of Fort William that its Professors and all its Officers have continued to maintain the high reputation which from its first foundation has enabled them at once to support, and adorn the Institution.

A catalogue of the learned Works executed since the last Disputation, or now in progress, will be annexed as an Appendix to this Discourse, but I shall briefly notice here some of the more distinguished of those performances.

Dr. Lumsden, the Persian and Arabic Professor, made a proposal in the course of the year, to publish in succession, a series of the best writers on Moohummudan Law, and in pursuance of that design, has made considerable progress in preparing a corrected edition of the *Ushbah wu Nuzair*; but the proposal has been withdrawn, in consequence of the considerable expence attending the undertaking. I understand however, that the College Council has it in contemplation to recommend the usual subscription for a hundred copies of a few of the most valuable works on Moohummudan Law, to be printed and published under the superintendance of Dr. Lumsden, and the learned Natives now attached to the College.

Captain Roebuck, the Assistant Secretary, and Examiner, is preparing to publish a new and augmented edition of Dr. Hunter's *Hindoostanee and English Dictionary*.

The Bengalee and Sanskrit Professor, Dr. Carey, has just finished the printing of a Grammar of the Punjabee Language, and has now in the press,

Grammar.

Grammars of the Telinga and Kurnat'k Languages. He is also writing Grammars of the Kushmeeree, the Puchto, Billochee and Orissa Languages. In addition to these various and extensive labours, this pious Minister, and undefatigable Scholar, will complete in two years more, his Bengalee Dictionary, which I took occasion to announce in a former Discourse.

A Grammar of the Birma Language by his son, Felix Carey, who already treads in the devout and learned footsteps of his Father, is also in the Missionary Press of Serampore.

Mr. Marshman and his young Pupil, now become his associate, do not slacken in their pursuit of Chinese Grammar and learning by which, indeed, the public is about to profit.

Mr. Marshman has composed a work under the title of Clavis Sinica, or Key of the Chinese Language. It was at first intended only as an augmented edition of his Dissertation on the Chinese Language, formerly published with the name of the works of Confucius; but the matter extending as he proceeded, the book has assumed a new form and title. Of this work, two Editions have already printed, and consists of two Volumes, the first on the Chinese Character, and the second on the colloquial medium of the Chinese Language. The Clavis will be published in two Editions, the first on the Chinese Language. The first Edition will contain from four to five hundred Characters, and Mr. Marshman has it in his power to add as an Appendix, a Vocabulary of the Characters in the whole of

of Confucius, which he conceives will render it a complete key to the Language.

The passages in Chinese Characters contained in these works, are printed from moveable metal types, which Mr. Marshman and his coadjutors, have had the merit of bringing by the most laudable ingenuity and perseverance to a state of perfection perhaps not known before.

I profess a very sincere pleasure in bringing the literary merits of Mr. Marshman and the other Revd Members of the Serampore Mission to the notice of the Public, and in bearing my testimony to the great and extraordinary labours, which constancy and energy in their numerous and various occupations have enabled this modest and respectable community to accomplish.

I am not less gratified by the opportunity which their literary achievements afford, of expressing my regard for the exemplary worth of their lives and the beneficent principle, which distinguishes and presides in the various useful establishments which they have formed, and which are conducted by themselves.

Mr. Colebrooke has lately presented the College with a Vocabulary of the Punjabee Language.

Captain Lockett is preparing a list of books purchased on his late tour to Arabia; and a faithful and detailed memoir of that tour, deeply interesting to the Antiquary, the Historian and the Scholar, is anxiously looked for by the Public from the authentic and learned pen of Captain Lockett himself.

Of the Sanskrit and English Dictionary by Mr. Wilson.

Wilson, noticed in my last discourse, the Manuscript is in great forwardness and some progress has been made in printing it. Two years more will, however be required, for the completion of the work.

The same author has presented to the Public, the valuable gift of a translation in verse of the Sanskrit Poem, entitled the Meghu Dootu ■ मेघदूत

The Meghu Dootu, ■ Cloud Messenger, is a work of high repute amongst the Native Professors of Sanskrit Literature, and is entitled, by beauty and simplicity of style. by rich description, just sentiment, and warm and tender feeling to the rank it holds. Kalee-das the author, to whom it is generally attributed, is already known to European Literature through a Prose translation by Sir William Jones, of the Drama of Sukoontala, one of his most esteemed works, and he is beyond doubt the author of many of the most admired compositions in the Sanskrit Language.

From one of the best authors, therefore, of that Language, Mr. Wilson has selected for publication and translation, the Meghu Dootu as a book equally calculated to gratify the Sanskrit Scholar, and the cultivator of general Literature.

The original text of the Poem has been published along with the translation into English verse; and as the Poet is led by the nature of the subject itself, into many allusions to the ancient geography of India,

* For the sake of uniformity, I have changed the word Megha Doota, and some others, as printed in the Government Gazette, agreeable to Sir William Jones's system, for that of Dr. Gilchrist's, which has been followed in this work. *Edito.*

dia, and to many peculiarities both in faith and manners of the Hindoos, the version is accompanied with explanatory notes.

To render it more interesting to the literary reader, many passages are illustrated by comparing them with analogous passages in English and classical poetry, and for the satisfaction and assistance of the Student the notes comprize, also, literal translations of such passages ■ have been considerably deviated from in the Poetical version ; together with corresponding extracts from a few other Sanskrit writers ; and some points of etymological and critical discussion, affecting the meaning or construction of the text.

The metrical merit of the Megha Doota, the smoothness and harmony of the verse, the felicities of idiom, heightened, I presume, as happens in all languages, by their allusions to customs, opinions and events, and by national associations, the perception of which is instant, and the application familiar to the minds of those, for whom Sanskrit Poetry was written, can be taken only upon credit, by the unlearned reader, a class from which I can never hope or propose to emerge myself, but enough is conveyed by such a translator as Mr. Wilson to afford great delight to his countrymen, and to claim their warm acknowledgements.

This work of Kalee-das, which we are to believe, may claim nine centuries of antiquity, and which some refer to still earlier ages, unfolded now for the first time to such distant generations as our own, displays that uniformity in the character and genius of

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 as an English work, lifts him far above
 the, though useful rank of Translator.

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 tion of English verse which, in his hands, singu-
 larly unites smoothness, harmony, and force.

translations are not more grateful to the ear,
 than to the mind

his poetical organs seem to seize on the poetry of
 his author and make it his own. We feel, in a word,
 that his translations can only be written by a Poet.

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The College will not think me insensible to the circumstances in which I now address them, and warm in the interest is, which I have always taken in their affairs, they will give me credit for a very great sentiment of regard being enhanced at the hour of parting.

It would be natural perhaps, to close an important and interesting trust by a self-examination at least, if not by an account to others of my conduct in the discharge of it. It would be much my disposition to court such a reckoning, not from the confidence of pride, but from a sense, that whoever has been intrusted with station and authority, owes an account of his gestion on laying them down.

I have, indeed, had it in my thoughts to attempt, on this occasion, a much more extensive and interesting review of the transactions of the College, since its birth under the enlarged and enlightened mind of its Founder and first Patron, the Marquis of Wellesly, up to the present period. But circumstances have deprived me of the leisure which such an undertaking required: I am sensible also that after the portion of your time which I have already occupied, I should not be well justified in trespassing farther, however interesting the topic might be.

Suffice it, then, to say, for myself, that no part of my public duties, have excited in my mind a more cordial concern, or a more lively interest, than those which are attached to the office of Visitor.

My aim has systematically been, to promote, I may say, to urge and stimulate study, by setting before the Student, and impressing on his mind and bosom, those

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 friendly admonition.

The result of every year, during those period
 which I can speak from personal experience
 been uniformly honourable to the Institution,
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 conviction, that with the ability and assiduity
 teachers of this School; the efforts which

season displays of labour and talents in
 arts; the superintending experience of the
 Council; and the liberal wisdom which will
 the Government of India, and the Supreme
 authorities at home, the College of Fort William,
 competent to all its important purposes of the pre-
 sent hour, so it will endure to remote periods, with
 growing reputation, to cultivate and augment the
 Oriental learning of many generations to come.

Let me add this last sincere assurance, that every
 confirmation of these pleasing and satisfactory views
 of your College will add to the comforts of my retire-
 ment—And now—Commending myself, if I should
 have deceived it, to your kind recollections. *Farewell.*

APPENDIX.

Catalogue of Literary Works } the publication of
 which have been encouraged by Government, at
 the recommendation of the Council of the College
 of Fort William, since the period of the Dispu-
 tations held in 1812.

1.—*الف ليلة وليلة* Ulf Lucht, or a part of the Ara-
 bian Nights Entertainments, in the original Arabic
 to be published for the use of the Students of the
 Arabic Class in the College of Fort William, and
 edited by Shuekh Uhmud, a learned Native of Arabia,
 who is at present attached to the Arabic Depart-
 ment of the College.

2.—*مختصر المنار* Mokhtuşur-ool-Muance In the
 original Arabic.—This is a very celebrated treatise
 on the science of Rhetoric. It has lately been
 edited by Muolovee Jan Ulee, of the Arabic De-
 partment of the College. *J.*

A new edition of the *Bagho Buzurg*, a translation into the Hindoostanee language, by Meer Ummun, of the celebrated *Fateh*, entitled *Qisse Chubar Dervish*, the title of the *Four Dervises*, written by Umeer Hassan -- The present work has been edited by Moorhee Ghoolan Ukhur, under the superintendance of Captain Roebuck.

4. *Al-Fayd al-Kawakib*, the *Garden of Delights*, or *Arabic Miscellany of Select Pieces*, in prose and verse, by Sheikh Ummud. -- This work contains a large Selection from the Writings of all the distinguished Poets, orators and Historians of Arabia.

5. *Al-Fayd al-Kawakib*, the *Diya Bhagu of Jemoota Vahuna*, a celebrated Law Treatise on Inheritance in the Sanskrit Language, (a Translation of which by Mr. Colebrooke, has already been published) with its Commentary The Original Work by Shree Krishna Parkulunkaru. The present publication will be edited by the Pundits of the *Sudur Deewané* at Benares.

6. *Maghu Kavyn*, a celebrated original Sanskrit Poem, with the commentary of Mullik, edited by Biddyakur Pandit.

The following Works, mentioned in the Discourse of the Right Honourable the Visitor of the College of Fort William at the Public Disputations of 1812, have since been completed

1. *Museeri Talbee*, or the *Travels* of Mirza Uthman Ali Khan.

Ikhwan coş-Şufa, in

عجب العجائب Ujub-cool-Ojjab, a Vol.
in the Arabic Language.

4. — دستور الهند معروف به باره ماسا The Ba-ul-
or Dustoor-cool-Hind, a Poem, in the Hindoostanee
Language.

5. — मिताक्षरा Mitakshara, a celebrated Work on
Hindoo Law.

6. — मनुस्मृति The Institutes of Munoo, in the ori-
ginal Sanskrit.

7. — صراح The Şorah, (Vol. 1st) an esteemed Ara-
bic Dictionary, with the signification in Persian.

8. — خلاصة الحساب The Khoolasut-cool Hisab, an
Arabic Treatise on Arithmetic.

9. — كتاب الجنایات و کتاب الحدود و رساله تهریرات Kit-
tab cool Junayat and Kitab cool-Hoodood, with the
Risale e Tunzeerat, comprising the most important
parts of the Moohummudan Criminal Law.

*Rewards have been granted by the College Coun-
cil for the following Manuscript Works, by
learned Natives, deposited in the College Li-
brary.*

1. — ترجمہ گلستان فرزان پنجاب The Goolistan,
translated into the Punjabee Language, by Moon-
shee Kashee Raj.

2. — دستور الاشياء Distorool-Iusha, an Arabic
Miscellany, compiled by Shoojant Ulee.

REPORT OF THE
 TWENTIETH ANNUAL EXAMINATION,

HOLDEN IN JUNE, 1813.

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2. [Name], a Medal of Merit,		2 Oakes,	
3. [Name]		3 Stuart,	
4. [Name]		4 Hyde,	
SECOND CLASS.		5 Pigou,	
1. [Name], not attached to the Persian Class,		6 Lindsay,	
2. [Name],		7 Kerr,	
3. [Name],		8 Valpy,	
4. [Name],		9 Wilkinson,	
5. [Name],		10 Cayley, Medal of Merit:	
6. [Name],		SECOND CLASS.	
7. [Name],		11 Metcalfe,	
8. [Name],		12 Marjoribanks,	
9. [Name],		13 Mainwaring,	
10. [Name],		14 Lowther,	
11. [Name],		15 Boddam,	
12. [Name],		16 Fraser,	
13. [Name],		17 Martin,	
14. [Name],		18 Ward,	
15. [Name],		19 Biscoe,	
16. [Name],		20 Ogilvie.	
17. [Name],		THIRD CLASS.	
18. [Name],		21 Bosanquet, A.	
19. [Name],		22 Collins,	
20. [Name],		23 Reid,	
21. [Name],		24 Pringle,	
22. [Name],		25 Luce,	
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2 Ayton, a Medal, 1,000	30 Dick,	} Sick.	
SECOND CLASS.			31 Creighton,
3 Neufville.	32 Walker.		

THIRD CLASS.

4 McKenlay. Absent from Examination.

ARABIC.

R.

1 Haughton, a Medal, 1,000	D Oyle,	} Sick.
2 Ayton, a Medal, 1,000	Smith, C. W.	

MILITARY STUDENTS.

FIRST CLASS.

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Neufville, a Medal, 1,000
Haughton, a Medal, 1,000
Ayton, a Medal, 1,000

SECOND CLASS.

McKenlay.

BENGALI.

FIRST CLASS.

R.

THIRD CLASS.

17 Haughton, a Medal, 1,000	18 Walker,
18 Haughton, a Medal, 1,000	19 Lowther,
19 Haughton, a Medal, 1,000	20 Creighton,
SECOND CLASS.	
4 Metcalfe,	21 Walker,
5 Wilkinson,	Wollen traded, but re-
6 Hyde,	tired without being Exa-
7 Murray,	mined.
8 Chastenay,	
9 Mainwaring,	
10 Oakes,	
11 Keir,	Absent from Examination.
12 Ogilvie,	Glyn,
13 Biscoe,	D Oyle,
14 Collins,	Smith, C. W.

SANSKRIT.

Haughton, Medal of Merit.

Absent from Examination. - Glyn, Sick.

Mr. ... of the written Reports of the ... last Quarterly Examination, ... of Honor for high proficiency in the Persian, Arabic and Sanskrit Languages.

Mr. ... attended the Persian ... examined afterwards, and ... in the 2d Class.

... was subsequently examined and reported ... in the 1st Class of Hindoostanee, and in the ... of ...

List of Students leaving College, Classed in the order of relative general Proficiency.

- 1. ... in Bengalee, at last Quarterly Examination,
- 2. ... in Sanskrit, at last Quarterly Examination,--Second ...
- 3. ... at last Quarterly Examination.

EXAMINATION OF JUNE 1813.

- 1. ... First in Bengalee,--Second in Persian.
- 2. ... First in Persian,--Sixth in Hindoostanee.
- 3. ... in Hindoostanee,--Second Class in Persian.
- 4. ... Third in Persian,--Tenth in Hindoostanee,--Seventeenth in Bengalee.
- 5. ... Seventh in Hindoostanee,--Eighth in Bengalee,--Ninth in Persian.
- 6. ... Third in Hindoostanee,--Fifth in Persian.
- 7. ... in Hindoostanee,--Sixth in Bengalee.
- 8. ... in Hindoostanee,--Sixth in Persian.
- 9. ... in Bengalee,--Ninth in Persian.
- 10. ... Persian,--Eighth in Hindoostanee.
- 11. ... Hindoostanee,--Tenth in Bengalee.
- 12. ... in Bengalee,--Ninth in Hindoostanee.
- 13. ... in Bengalee,--Thirteenth in Persian.
- 14. ... in Bengalee,--Eleventh in Hindoostanee.
- 15. ... in Bengalee,--Eleventh in Hindoostanee.
- 16. ... in Persian,--Twelfth in Hindoostanee.

17. Chastany, - Eighth in Bengalee, Twelfth in Persian.
 18. D'Oyly, - First Class of Hindoostanee, - Second Class in Bengalee.
 19. Mainwaring, - Ninth in Bengalee, - Thirteenth in Hindoostanee.

By order of the Council
 of the College,
A. LOCKETT, *Secretary.*

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No. XIV.
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AN
ACCOUNT OF
THE THIRTEENTH
PUBLIC DISPUTATIONS
IN THE
ORIENTAL LANGUAGES,

on the 20th June, 1814; with the Dis-
course delivered on that occasion, by His Ex-
cellency LORD MOIRÁ, ~~—~~ Visitor of the College.

~~—————~~ COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM, JUNE 20, 1814.

ON Monday the 20th instant, being the day ap-
pointed by His Excellency LORD MOIRÁ, Visitor of
the College of Fort William, for the Public Dis-
putations in the Oriental Languages, the President
and Members of the College Council, the Officers,
Professors and Students of the College, met at ten
o'clock in the forenoon, at the Government House,
where the Members of the Supreme Council, many
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of the Civil and Military Officers at the Presidency, with others of the principal European Inhabitants of Calcutta, and some respectable Natives were also assembled.

The Countess of Loudoun and Moira, Lady East, Lady Nugent, Mrs. Edmonstone, and several other Ladies, honored the College with their presence on the occasion.

At ten o'clock, His Excellency the Visitor, attended by the President of the College Council, and the Officers of His Excellency's suite, entered the room where the Disputations were to be held. As soon as the Visitor had taken his seat, the President of the College Council presented to him a paper containing the subjects of the intended Disputations; when His Excellency desired permission to address the Students of the College in the first instance; and rising from his chair, delivered, in the most eloquent and impressive manner, a speech which, not having been committed to paper, it is impossible to state with any adequate degree of correctness and precision. The following sketch, written from recollection, must therefore be considered as an imperfect exhibition of the substance only. After a short introduction, addressed to the Students of the College, who were seated in front of the Visitor, but rose, with the other gentlemen present, his Excellency proceeded as follows:—

“ I am aware that what I am about to do, is not in ordinary course. An irresistible impulse, however, urges me to deviate from established practice.

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The details, in which I am to describe and acknowledge the merits of those, who have distinguished themselves at the late Examination, are prepared in the usual shape; and will be read in the customary order of proceeding; but this mode of expressing my sentiments must unavoidably be cold and formal. On the first occasion of my having to preside at a meeting of the Members of this College, animated as I must be with the highest degree of satisfaction from the reports which have been made to me, I wish to testify that there is something more than mere official connection between us. I am anxious to have it understood, that the sincerest affections and interests of the heart bind me to this Collegiate establishment, and that my solicitude for its stability and welfare is not that of the mere Visitor, but of one who appreciates justly all the advantages and importance of the institution. My thanks to those who have superintended the College with ■ much attention, success, and benefit, will be expressed in the paper, which I shall presently have to read, and although they must in their shape carry with them an air of stiffness, they are not the less sincere and cordial. I now beg leave to address myself more directly to the Students of the College, and wish to excite their attention to that which may be a fresh incentive and encouragement to their application.

“ It may appear singular, that on a day professedly devoted to applaud and stimulate proficiency in the Asiatic Languages, I should beg permission to expatiate for a few minutes on our English tongue.

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“ I am far from feeling intitled to do it by any notion that I possess pre-eminence of strength in it. That would indeed be to imagine myself capable of drawing the bow of Ulysses. But although my knowledge of myself must tell me how far short I fall in the sinew requisite for such an attempt, I do feel that just conception of the powers of the English Language which may enable me to indicate them to others more capable of employing their force successfully, and thence more likely to add to the honours of our native tongue. Regard it not, I beseech you, as the mere medium of ordinary intercourse. It is a mine whence you may extract the means of enchanting, instructing, and improving communities yet nameless, and generations yet unborn. Our English Language has never had adequate tribute paid to it.

“ Among the Languages of modern Europe, specious but subordinate pretensions have been advanced to cadence, terseness, or dextrous ambiguity of insinuation, while the sober majesty of the English tongue stood aloof and disdained competition on the ground of such inferior particularities. I even think that we have erred with regard to Greek and Latin. Our sense of the incalculable benefit we have reaped from the treasures of taste and science; which they have handed down to us, have led us into an extravagance of reverence for them; They have high intrinsic merit without doubt, but it is a bigotted gratitude, and an unweighed admiration, which seduces us to prostrate the character of the English tongue before their Altars. Every
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3. I. Language can furnish to genius casually a forcible expression; and a thousand turns of neatness and delicacy may be found in most of them; but I will confidently assert, that in that which should be the first object of all Language, precision, the English tongue surpasses them all; while in richness of colouring and extent of power; it is exceeded by none if equalled by any. What subject is there within the boundless range of imagination, which some British author has not clothed in British phrase, with a nicety of definition, an accuracy of portraiture, a brilliancy of tint, a delicacy of discrimination, and a force of impression, which must be sterling, because every other nation of Europe, as well as our own, admits their perfection with enthusiasm? Are the fibres of the heart to be made to tremble with anxiety, to glow with animation, to thrill with horror, to startle with amaze, to shrink with awe, throb with pity, or to vibrate in sympathy with the tone of pictured love, know ye not the mighty magicians of our country, whose potent spell has commanded and continues irresistibly to command those varied impulses? Was it a puny engine, a feeble art, that achieved such wondrous work? what was the sorcery? justly conceived collocation of words is the whole secret of this witchery, a charm within the reach of any one of you—and remember that there was a period, not remote, when all these recorded beauties of our language were a blank; were without form, an void. The elements of those compositions, which now so uncontrollably delight and elevate our soul

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existed; but they existed as dormant powers, inert capacities; they were the unconnected notes of the gamut; the untouched strings of the harp. The music was in the instrument; but the master's hand had not thrown itself across the chords to rouse them from their slumber, and bid them scatter extasies. Then do you make trial of their force; fear not that the combinations are exhausted. Possess yourselves of the necessary energies, and be assured you will find the Language exuberant beyond the demand of your intensest thought. It has no assignable compass. One of its most admirable qualities is, that if a term sanctioned by usage, or precedent does not present itself to express a conception adequately, a word may be moulded for the purpose, which if it be legitimately framed, will be as universally understood, as if it had been constantly employed in colloquial discourse. The appropriation of words to defined and specific senses, (either direct, or through that allusion to similitudes which we call metaphor,) has arisen from the high will of those powerful minds, who have exercised a splendid despotism over opinions. The right of domination which they asserted over the multitude, ensured a willing adoption of their application of words, and a ratified sanction of their extension of simple meaning to all the subdivisions of shade and affinity. Not that they coined arbitrarily: for you are not to suppose that the licence has not its law and limits. The boundaries of the privilege are strictly laid down, for they exist in nature. You have only to impose upon yourselves a rigid and
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never deviating observance of those analogies, which are the fundamental rule and essence of speech. If you fabricate the word consonantly to this principle, it will be as surely intelligible, as if it had been used for years. The piece will bear the usage and inspection which every one will recognize to be Cæsar's; and your mintage will be an unquestioned currency. Hence has flowed, and hence will ever flow the power of saying "to all y'nings local habitation and a name." Astonishing faculty! never regarded, as I think, with sufficient admiration. Enjoying the treasures that Iaped up, we do not deign attention to the efforts by which they have been collected. How many positions are there, that form the basis of our every day's reflection, the matter for the ordinary operation of our minds, which were toiled after, for many ages, before they were seized and rendered so apprehensible? How many subjects are there which we must be severally conscious, we ourselves have strived at, as if we saw them floating in the atmosphere here just above us, and found the arm of our intellect but just too short to reach them; and then comes a happier genius, who in a fortunate moment, and from some vantage ground arrests the motion in its flight; grasps the fleeting phantom; drags it from the skies to earth; condenses that which was but the impalpable condensation of spirit; fetters that which but the lightning glance of thought; and having so mastered it, bestows it as a perpetual possession and heritage to mankind? With an accumulation of such magnificent

sufficient bequests you begin your career. You will set out with numberless patterns of excellence for your guidance; with pathways cut for you up all the steeps of science. Think with what advantages over your predecessors you start, and then think what ought to be expected from you.

“ While I thus display to you the perfections of the English Language, let me not be supposed to hold forth any temptations, by which I wish to divide your attention from your present studies. I ought rather to say, that I do not fear any one can draw such a conclusion. Honorable breasts like your's will not suspect that I could mean to seduce you from what you must feel to be the first of obligations. I know you must be sensible that you cannot adequately discharge your future duties in this country, without attaining that complete knowledge of its Languages, which is not to be acquired without the most zealous application. It would be a fraud upon your friends, and upon your native country, if you suffered any other object to hold ■ rivalry with your professed studies in the College. But to those who will wholly, and as they may think exclusively, devote themselves to those studies, I will give this encouragement; I will assure them that in proportion to the progress which they make in the Asiatic Languages, they will find an augmented facility in bending the English tongue at their pleasure. It was ■ quaint, but expressive and pregnant saying of the Emperor Charles the Fifth, that whenever he had conquered a new language, he found that he had acquired

... the full wisdom he will make
 ... of the powers of convention, compari-
 son, and ... It could not be otherwise—
 the study of ... will eat up its ... Words,
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 up without some consideration of the things to
 which they refer; and the variety of shades which
 must present themselves in translation, will infalli-
 bly lead the student into a research respecting the
 causes and qualities of those discriminations, and
 ... to open his mind to an infinity of relations
 in his native tongue never before suggested by him.
 This was what the Emperor meant to imply he had
 perceived in himself. Be assured that the same
 cause will produce a similar effect in you, and the
 gratifying result of it will be, that you will find
 yourselves imperceptibly become competent to
 wield with readiness, with elegance, and vigour,
 the mighty weapon of the English Language.

You probably now perceive the artifice I have
 used to lead you to a due conviction of the full ad-
 vantage of your present studies. However feebly
 I may have ... it, I have shewn you the scope
 of your native Language, and if I have succeeded
 in ... you, that one of the surest methods for
 ... way over its extent, is to prosecute the
 very course in which you are engaged, I shall be
 justified in calling upon you to exert redoubled ar-
 dour in your scholastic labors. My purpose has
 been to make it evident to you, that your applica-
 tion is not simply to the possession of a Voca-
 bulary, but to the acquirement of the idiom of the Lan-

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languages which you were studying, but that you were gaining for your minds a singular and decided advantage towards rendering yourselves pre-eminent in any line of literature or branch of science, to which your inclinations might hereafter point: Whatsoever track you might wish to follow, you would undertake it with facilities that must secure distinguished success. Pursue then your present occupation earnestly. The richest rewards lie before you—all that can gratify the vanity or soothe the higher feelings of our nature. It would be quite sufficient, were I only to indicate the proud consciousness of shewing yourselves exemplarily worthy of the bounty of our honorable Patrons in this institution. It would be an honest triumph to feel, that you had discharged your obligation to them by the attention with which you had fulfilled their object, and by the capacity you had acquired of rendering them service. But I have even in that line much more to hold forth to you. I conscientiously believe, that the administration of affairs in this country, (I cannot be supposed to allude to my own short term in it,) has been guided by a more active solicitude for the welfare of the governed, than has perhaps ever taken place in any other portion of the globe. The view I have had of the system of government, enables me to assert, that the security and the comfort of the people are watched over and promoted with the most anxious vigilance and unremitting exertion. The best intentions however of any Government may be defeated, if in even a remote link there be a disposition to thwart them.

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The power which you will have attained of commanding with the inhabitants, will enable you to discover and to designate to us any particular, in which the paternal superintendance of government is perverted. You will be enabled to suggest to us, where the intervention of our authority, or of our assistance, may mitigate and redress any physical or moral evils under which the native subjects labour. In short, you will be the efficient ministers of that beneficence, which the British nation has so generously desired and resolved to extend to the inhabitants of India. If this be not enough, I will allure you by the advancement you will gain in rate of intellect. I will tell you, that conscious elevation in the state of being, is the most delightful sensation that can swell the breast. It may suit the Poet to describe man as indiscriminately born

-----“ high to bear his brow,
 “ To drink the nectar of the golden days,
 “ And triumph in existence,”

but the observation must be dull indeed, which has not satisfied you, that to uncultivated man, there is no such glowing sentiment. The propensities of his nature are selfish and violent. His qualifications make him only the most mischievous and dangerous of animals. Hatred to others, and knowing that he is so, he never can raise his thoughts above petty plots for molestation of his fellows, or miserable precautions for his own security. It is only through culture, that he can arrive at any sense of his duties, and through that sense of his duties

duties, at any estimation of himself. And this
 the important step gained, what an infinity of
 gratifications remain? Is it nothing to remove your-
 selves almost universally from the lowest line of
 such a scale? Is it not excellent to reach the top
 of such a progression, and to enjoy over so large a
 portion of your kind, a pure, a noble, an undisputed
 exaltation? Undisputed I say, because it is so deli-
 ciously fascinating to the human heart to receive
 such instruction ■ will make it buoyant, and help
 it to soar from the dirt and dregs, and depression,
 of this earth, that it will always repay the boon by
 enthusiastic submission to whosoever can bestow it.
 Superiority of mental powers is the warrant of the
 Almighty for command, and man will eagerly bow
 to it wheresoever his judgment acknowledges the
 stamp and signature. Ought I to stop here? Not
 so. Having attained the summit; think what an
 expanse must be spread beneath your eye. Think
 how your eagle ken will range around. How dis-
 tinct will be your view of the universe; that view
 which necessarily leads the mind from a nature up to
 nature's God. upon that pinnacle man breathes a
 purer air; he becomes ■ some degree a denizen of
 ethereal regions before he has shaken off his mortal
 coil. Not by a selfish divorce from society, or by a
 chilling abstraction from earthly concerns. Oh No!
 The capacity to which he has raised himself of gaz-
 ing more steadfastly and more fervently on the inef-
 fable glorie of the Creator, will only teach him to
 read more distinctly the part which Almighty wis-
 dom has assigned to us here below. He will feel
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The fulfilment of earthly relations is the great obligation imposed on our existence in this world. He who comes that he may not be exempt from it—the energy of youth, the struggles of mature years, and the experience of age, are all bound to obey the claim. Even in that stage of decline, when the fulness of the frame no longer flows, he who is diligent in his activity, he will be sensible that he still may calculate and watch, and warn, and prompt, and encourage, and lead younger intellect to a conception of its high destinies. Thus, will he earn the full reward of mortal conditions. Looking forward in calm and humble confidence to the hour in which the Great Giver of good shall require from him the entrusted talent, he will hope that he may surrender it not ungratefully misprized, not idly overlooked, not so dimly unemployed.

Dare you—when the meed is thus displayed to you, dare you refrain from contending for it? Since refusal to make the effort must argue either a soul too grovelling to appreciate the object, or an internal consciousness of despicable destitution of means, I will not—I can not—I do not suspect that any one whom I am now addressing is capable of shrinking from the exertion. Should an ingenuous doubt of powers intimidate any one of you, let him take courage; let him trust that he will find in himself energies, on which he has never yet ventured to calculate. The struggle will give you strength—strive and succeed.”

Immediately after the above address the Disputations

tions in the Oriental Languages took place in the following Order :

FIRST.—PERSIAN.

Position—“ Persian Literature has been less cultivated in its native country than in India ”

Respondent, Mr. A. Stirling.

First Opponent, Ensign Steman.

Second Opponent, Ensign Bryce.

Third Opponent, Mr. H. Millett.

Moderator, M. Lumsden, LL. D.

SECOND.—HINDOOSTANEE.

Position.—“ The Hindoostanee Language, from its various origin and composition, is calculated to be more copious than any other Language current in India.”

Respondent, Mr. A. Stirling.

First Opponent, Ensign Bryce.

Second Opponent, Ensign Turner.

Moderator, Capt. J. W. Taylor.

THIRD.—BENGALIEE

Position.—“ The study of Sanskrit, by the learned natives of Bengal, has occasioned the Bengalee Language to be neglected ”

Respondent, Mr. C. W. Smith.

First Opponent, Mr. J. Master.

Second Opponent, Mr. G. M. Duntze.

Moderator, The Rev. W. Carey, DD.

FOURTH.—ARABIC.

Position.—“ The Arabs appear to have studied with considerable success, the abstract sciences as taught in the schools of the ancient philosophers; and their systems of Logic and Rhetoric in

“ in the excellence of their technical arrangement,
 are superior to the best received systems of modern
 “ times.”

Respondent, Mr. A. St. John,
First Opponent, Judge Lecum,
Second Opponent, George Turner,
Mediator, M. F. M. M., LL. D.

CHAPTER SEVENTH

Position. — “The Great systems of Philosophy
 are derived from the East.”

Respondent, Ulen Fell.
*First Opponent,** Mr. J. M. M.
Second Opponent, Miss H. Haughton.
Mediator, The Rev. W. Carey, D.D.

When the Disputations were concluded the President of the College Council, presented to His Excellency the Visitor the several Students of the College, who were entitled to receive Degrees of Honor, or other honorary rewards, adjudged to them at the Public Examinations of the past year; as well as the Students, who at the Examination held in June, had been found qualified to enter upon the Public Service, by their knowledge of two or more Languages and had consequently obtained permission to quit the College. The President read the Certificates granted by the Council of the College to each Student, in pursuance of the Statutes, specifying the proficiency which he had made in the prescribed studies of the College, and the general tenor of his conduct.

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* Lieutenant W. Walker, who was to have been the first Opponent, was unable to attend from indisposition.

When the President had concluded his address, a vote was taken on the award of the Degree of Honor, the usual Dilemma presented on Vellum and at the same time expressed the satisfaction which he felt in conferring it.

The Prizes and Medals which had been awarded to the several Students, were also distributed to them respectively, after which His Excellency the Visitor read the following discourse:—

GENTLEMEN OF THE COLLEGE
OF FORT WILLIAM: . . .

From the period of my accepting the high situation which I have the honor to fill, I have contemplated with the liveliest degree of interest and pleasure the performance of the important duty which I am this day called upon to discharge; and it is peculiarly cheering to me, to be enabled to commend this address to you, by the expression of my sincere thanks for your having realized to me so fully the satisfaction which I had thus anxiously anticipated.

There are few duties attached to my trust, more gratifying than that of discriminating and rewarding literary merit. I was naturally desirous therefore of presiding in person at the Disputations which have now been held, and I was induced consequently to hasten the day, so as to enable me to address you personally, prior to my approaching departure to the Upper Provinces.

I seize this early opportunity of conveying to you the high sense I entertain of the numerous benefits to be derived from the admirable institution of the
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College of Fort William; of my respect for the enlightened views and principles which suggested its foundation; and of the warm interest I shall ever take in every thing which concerns its stability and reputation.

Entertaining such sentiments, you may judge Gentlemen of the gratification with which I must have beheld the extremely favorable reports of the Annual Examination of this year, they are indeed in the highest degree creditable to the Institution; and I hail it as a fortunate omen that my administration of the affairs of the College should have commenced so prosperously.

I do not feel prepared to enter into a minute and detailed comparison between the result of the present and past Examinations, for in truth, I have not had time to examine, the records of former years with the exactness requisite for such a purpose; I believe, however, I may with confidence assert that since the institution was placed upon its present footing, not any one year will bear a comparison with the present, either in the number of the students eminently qualified, in the degree of proficiency and the rapidity of acquirement displayed by them, or in the numerous extraordinary instances of individual merit. Twenty degrees of honor have been bestowed this year for high proficiency in different Languages; and I understand, that this number is far beyond what has ever been awarded at any former Examination. At the last, only fourteen were distributed, but even that number was a matter of exultation.

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It is with particular satisfaction, that I observe the manifest superiority on this point. For the high proficiency in any Language which entitles a Student to this distinction, gives him the reputation in it of being a sound and classical scholar, his attainments may challenge a comparison with those of Students at our best classical Seminaries in England; they secure to him the means and power of research into all the depths of Oriental Literature; and besides giving an earnest of high ability in the discharge of important public duties, afford the sure and promise of a future literary fame.

I am at the same time happy to observe, that there is no deficiency in the number of Students afforded to the public service. Independent of the Military Student eighteen Civil Servants have been reported qualified by their proficiency in two or more Languages. Without therefore exhibiting any failure in the general productive powers of the Institution, this year may boast with justice of the extraordinary numbers of degrees of honor which have been awarded in it, and likewise of the circumstance almost unparalleled in the History of the College, that not less than four Students have each received Degrees of Honor in three several Languages.

There is however a greater cause of exultation in the present year, derived from the astonishing progress which has been made in mastering those very difficult Languages, the Sanskrit and Arabic. No less than four degrees of honor have been awarded in the Arabic, a number hitherto unexampled;

ped and two have been awarded in the Sanskrit, nearly the first occasion in which such high proficiency has been attained in this Language.

Let it not, however, be supposed that these very favorable results have been obtained by any reduction in the rates of proficiency at which degrees of honor have been usually awarded. On the contrary, this year is, I understand, yet more conspicuous for the extent and rapidity of acquirement in the Student, than for the number of those who have eminently qualified themselves. From the strong and unanimous testimonies, I have had before me, in favor of Mr. Stirling's merit, which have been so fully justified by the result of the Examination, I cannot but consider his acquirements as far beyond the usual standard of high proficiency, and as extending to a height, that will be ever memorable in the Annals of the College. It is not only in one Language that his merit is so transcendent. In the Arabic, in the Persian, and in the Hindoostanee, he holds the first place amongst the Civil Students, and with such a decided superiority, that he has in all been placed in a class by himself. Not that this is any disparagement to the attainments of his fellow Students; for their progress is in the highest degree respectable, and would of itself have been sufficient to maintain the credit of the College, in a comparison with former years. But it is to be attributed solely to the extraordinary nature of Mr. Stirling's merit, which in each of these Languages is in a class beyond what has hitherto been considered as the highest standard of proficiency, or that for which degrees of honor have

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been usually awarded. It is a peculiar feature in the classification of this year, that Mr Millett, to whom a degree of honor has been awarded in the Persian Language, and Messrs Cracklow and McKenly, who have obtained a similar distinction in the Hindoostanee, should find themselves only in the second class.

The attainments of three of the Military Students are scarcely inferior to those of Mr Stirling—Messrs Sleeman, Bryce and Turner were Mr. Stirling's fellow Students of the term, and have contributed with him to raise the character of the acquirements of the College by their extensive reading, and by their deep research in the Arabic, the Persian, and the Hindoostanee Languages.

The attainments of the Students in Bengalee have likewise been conspicuously eminent. But in Sanskrit the proficiency of Messrs. Fell and Walker, will form an epoch in the History of the College. The instruction offered in this Language has from various causes been hitherto but little called into action. But I hope that the facilities lately given to the Military Students and the examples offered by Messrs. Fell and Walker, and by the other Students, Messrs. Master and Haughton, whose proficiency is so highly meritorious, will afford encouragement to undertake the study of this difficult Language, and enable me to look forward to the constant existence of a class of Sanskrit Scholars, and to the more frequent distribution of degrees of honor in this valuable Language.

I am aware, that in taking credit to the institution
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for the high proficiency which has been attained in every Language, it is incumbent on me to state, that the whole amount of knowledge is not to be attributed solely to the instruction offered by the College. The greater part of the Military Students had already acquired a certain acquaintance with the Persian or of the Hindoostanee Language, prior to their admission into College. Some of them had carried their attainments higher, and had made progress even in the Arabic and Sanskrit Language; Mr. Stubbs stands in the same circumstances with respect to the Persian and the Hindoostanee, in both of which he had made considerable progress prior to his entry at the College by studying at Hertford, and during his voyage to India.

To this is in part to be attributed the extraordinary short period in which such extensive knowledge and attainments seem to have been gained. It cannot, however, escape remark, that such a circumstance gives to our Institution a higher and more important character, and makes a more advantageous use of the powers of instruction, which it affords. This is not a Seminary, at which the Students in general are to be taught the first rudiments of the Eastern Languages; it has become like our Universities at home, a public institution, affording those advantages necessary to perfect the knowledge of the different branches of Oriental Literature, and yielding a fair field of competition to the candidates for literary fame. The institution claims with justice every credit for the high state of proficiency attained by so many of its members, since this degree could

never have been reached by them, without availing themselves of its instruction and assistance.

I come now to speak of the instances of individual merit among the Students of this year. In this enumeration also Mr. Stirling holds the first place. He stands first, as I have already mentioned, in the Arabic, in the Persian, and in the Hindoo Language, and has received degrees of honor for his eminent proficiency in them all. His application is as remarkable, as his acquirements. I have had before me a report, showing the number of Persian and of Arabic works, which this Gentleman has studied with attention. The list will be subjoined to this address, as affording to the public an extraordinary specimen of rapid and successful study, and of close and persevering assiduity joined to talents of the highest order. It must be recollected that Mr. Stirling has been attached to this College but for a single term, and that his acquaintance with the Arabic is entirely of the growth of this Institution. But he is not entitled to less credit for the extraordinary use he seems to have made of the advantages afforded by the Collegiate Institution at Hartford, in the attainment of the Persian and the Hindoo Languages. In the degree of knowledge he brought with him to this Country, Mr. Stirling stands eminently singular, and though I observe with pleasure, from the reports of the Professors on the examination of the Students, at their entry into College, that the proficiency of several who last arrived from Hartford, has been very favorably mentioned, still Mr. Stirling is the only instance of any Student having

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Mr. Sleeman, Bruce and Turner, I have also the pleasure of bestowing degrees of honor in the three Languages, of Arabic, Persian and Hindoostanee. Mr. Sleeman stands first of the Military Students in Arabic, 1st in Persian and 3^d in Hindoostanee. Mr. Bruce stands 1st in Hindoostanee, 2^d in Persian and 3^d in Arabic. Mr. Turner stands 2^d in Arabic, 2^d in Hindoostanee, and 3^d in Persian.

These three Gentlemen entered College in September, 1813, and their attainments in this short period are of a high nature, as to throw the greatest lustre on the character of the Institution.

A fourth Gentleman, Cornet Jackson, entered with them in the lists of literary competition, and I should have hoped on this day to have seen his name enrolled amongst the worthies of the year, had not the fairest promise of his early study been plucked by the rude hand of destiny. We have now only the melancholy reflection of what he would have been, to alleviate our sorrow for his untimely end.

Mr. Millet has received a degree of honor in the Persian Language, and Medals for extraordinary merit in the Arabic, in the Hindoostanee, and likewise in the Bengalee Languages. Mr. Millet joined the College only in December last, but without being in the least intimidated by the shortness of the period, before the general examination, he at once enrolled himself, a candidate for literary honors in the Arabic, the Persian, the Hindoe, and the Bengalee Languages. In all four, he has acquitted himself

himself with credit and in 1814 he received a Medal for a proficiency far beyond the scale of ordinary merit.

Mr. C. W. Smith stands first in the Bengalee Language, and has obtained a Degree of Honor for his proficiency in it. He has also received a Medal for Bengalee Writing and a Medal of Merit for rapid proficiency in the Hindoostanee, awarded at the 3d Examination, at the close of the 3d Term of 1813. Mr. Master has received a Degree of Honor for high proficiency in the Bengalee Language, and Medals for rapid proficiency in the Persian and the Sanskrit. Mr. Master entered College only in November 1813, so that his progress is in the highest degree meritorious. He also has the singular merit of being the only Civil Servant, who has enrolled himself as a Student of the Sanskrit Language, and his progress in it must indeed have been considerable, as I observe the name of Mr. Haughton below him on the List; a name which has been celebrated in the annals of this College, for successful and meritorious exertion.

The other Students to whom Degrees of Honor have been awarded, are

Messrs. Cracklow, *Hindoostanee,*
 McKonly, *Ditto,*
 Dantre, *Bengalee,*
 Fell, *Sanskrit,*
 Walker, *Ditto.*

Medals of Merit have been awarded to

Messrs. Cracklow, . . . in . . . *Persian,*
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 Cavendish, *Bengalee,*

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17. R. W. Maxwell,--Eleventh in Persian,--Fifteenth in Bengalee. Third Class Hindoo Languages.

18. R. Lawther,--Thirteenth in Bengalee,--Seventeenth in Hindoo Languages.

I am happy to observe that the attendance of the Students at the Public Lectures has been for the most part regular. Having now closed the enumeration of meritorious Students, it is with much concern, that I have to notice instances of a contrary nature. It is a painful, but an imperious duty to mark them. The good government of the College, no less indispensibly requires that reproof and punishment should follow, as a necessary consequence of inattention, and misconduct, than that merit should meet reward and approbation. It has become particularly incumbent on me, as guardian of the Institution, to endeavour to correct the idleness and insubordination of individuals attached to the College, as such instances have proved in the highest degree prejudicial to the interests and the reputation of the Institution. The notoriety of idle and expensive habits has on more than one occasion, been urged as an argument against the very existence of the College; and though I ever felt convinced, that its advantages to the service are not to be weighed in the mere scale of actual study of the Oriental Languages, still I should not regard the institution with the same conscientious interest and fervent zeal for its prosperity, that I at present feel, did I not entertain the most confident hopes, that I shall be able to subdue the spirit of idleness which has shown itself in several instances, and induce the

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further convinced, by the report, that one of the principal clemencies has solicited, as an indulgence, the removal which was intended to be held out as a punishment for misconduct. With a view to remedy so great an evil, and to render as effectual as possible the correctives for idleness and inobedience, I have lately, in concurrence with the other Members of the Government, taken measures to introduce a provision into the Chapter of revised Statutes, enacted for the College; it is therein provided, that whenever it may be found necessary to remove any Students for misconduct or confirmed neglect they shall be removed under the stigma of disqualification, their allowances shall be limited to 300 Rs per month; and they shall be debarred promotion of any kind either in situation or in salary, until they shall have passed an examination, and be reported qualified for the public service by their proficiency in two of the Native Languages. I consider it to be essentially necessary for the credit and welfare of the Institution, that this rule should be strictly enforced; but I hope that the five Students whom I have alluded to, will make that use of the respite they have gained, as to render it unnecessary to visit them with the severity which will unavoidably await them, if at a succeeding Annual Examination they should still be found disqualified.

Having alluded to the new Chapter of Statutes, it may perhaps be necessary that I should notice another alteration introduced into the forms before observed. It had been usual to call on the Students for an annual or half yearly report of the state of their

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such a practice I received to be objectionable, and it was apt to lead the young men to subterfuge. I have therefore discontinued the custom, and have directed instead, that whenever it may come to the notice of the College Council that any student is incumbered with debt, he should report the same to me as Visitor, and I should not fail to regard such student as laboring under disadvantages almost amounting to a disqualification, when he may offer himself in my situation of trust and responsibility. In the subjects of annual detail, I derive satisfaction to the extension of the Institution by the admission of an increased number of Military Students. The views and plans under which the arrangement was made have already been published to the army, and I can give only brief enumeration.

These students have been admitted permanently to the advantages of the Institution.

By stipulating, as the condition of admission, a certain degree of application and some degree of previous proficiency, the indulgence has been guarded from abuse, and an incitement given, I trust, to the acquisition of what may secure the efficiency of general education.

The unassisted talents and labours of individuals have often been mentioned here with warm and merited approbation, and it must ever be an object of particular solicitude to lead forth merit retired, and nearly unknown, into the light of public celebrity. Such students therefore have been invited to the test

prest of our Public Examinations, and it will not rank amongst the least of the benefits of the College of Fort William, that it shall thus stamp the worth of voluntary and unaided studies with the impression of its public honors.

These rules were passed at a time too near the Annual Examination to have had operation on the present occasion: they are nevertheless of a nature which must essentially effect the future efficacy of the Institution.

The successful candidates who have already presented themselves for admission, have in some of the languages attained to high proficiency, and the general report of qualifications has been such as to confirm the hope, that in their turn they will support the example of their predecessors, and in their increased number afford evidence of the increasing benefits of the Institution.

To give efficacy to this College in proportion to the increased demand for instruction, an addition has been made to the establishment and to the number of the professors; Captain Weston has been appointed assistant to Dr. Lumsden in the Persian and Arabic Departments; Lieutenant Puce, assistant to Dr. Carey, in the Bengalee and Sanskrit; and Lieutenant Martin, assistant to Captain Faylor in the Hindoostanee.

At the next Public Examination, I hope to see in the increased number of honorable rewards which I shall have to bestow, a certain indication of the superior efficiency which will have resulted to the Institution.

For the sake of the utility and elevation of such able talents with the Professor before appointed.

My dear member (our no. in this address to express the high gratification I have received, from observing that the literary honors of this year are not confined to the Institution of the College. Two successful candidates have appeared for the reward which has been offered by Government for the study of the laws of India in their original abstruse Language Messrs Wynch and Sutherland, whose names have been enrolled with honor in the annals of the College, have now, justified the promise of their earlier years, and have shown by their eminent acquirements in the Arabic Language, and the Law, in *Shoolmumud*, that the honors of this Institution are the real index of worth; and that the same talents and the same habits of attention necessary to obtain them here, will secure to a young man every object of laudable ambition that may present itself in his career through life. — The report of the Gentlemen selected to conduct the examination of Messrs. Wynch and Sutherland will be given in an Appendix to this address, and it will be seen from it, how highly creditable is the extent of their proficiency. It must be observed that Mr Sutherland was only last year honorably mentioned from this chair for his proficiency in the Sanskrit Language and Hindoo Law.

I cannot allow myself to close the present address, without paying that tribute to the merits of the Gentlemen, engaged in the superintendance and conduct of the College of Fort William, to which

which they are so fairly and justly entitled, or without noticing in terms of the highest commendation, the unremitting and able attention exercised by the Council of the College, and the diligence and talent displayed by its learned Professors.

The vigilant attention of the Council of the College, and the zealous anxiety they have shown in promoting the best interests of the important institution submitted to their care, have been attended with the most salutary effects; and demand the most public acknowledgement and approbation. I offer them my sincere and earnest thanks.

The great number of Students who have been admitted into the College under the recent regulation, and the established course of the service, has constituted a demand for additional exertions from the Professors, and has furnished fresh proofs of that ability and diligence for which they have always been distinguished. Those exertions have however been successful; they have reaped in the regular studies, and brilliant acquisitions of their Students, the richest fruit of their own labors; and cannot fail of deriving from the contemplation of that talent, which they have been so instrumental in unfolding, the most unmingled, the most pure satisfaction. Arduous as have their duties been within the precincts of the College, these have been by no means the only labors in which they have engaged; the valuable publications of the erudite and indefatigable Arabic and Persian Professor, of the industrious Sanskrit Professor, and the learned and ingenious Secretary to the Council, are equally or-

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and to themselves and to the College, and are destined to contribute to the stock of Oriental literature, and the objects of the Public Service. A detailed enumeration of these and other publications will be abjoined in an Appendix to this address.

Able and efficient however as have been the supervision of the College Council, and the exertion of the Professors, the result might still have disappointed expectation, had they not met with a kindly and generous spirit in the breasts of the young men, to whose cares have been directed. Thus, I can assure you that they have experienced to an extent as any thing of the same nature in the most brilliant periods of the Institution; and the acquirements of the Students, as we have seen, have kept pace with the efforts of their instructors. The most difficult Languages have been attempted with unprecedented success, and in the current dialects, less difficult, but perhaps more useful, a degree of proficiency has been attained, that could scarcely have been expected from any combination of industry and talent. It is highly gratifying indeed, to observe the extensive progress made in the study of the Languages of this Country, by the Junior Members of the Company's Service, as it cannot fail of qualifying them most effectually for the high duties about to devolve upon them; it affords also a most satisfactory pledge of their being disposed to discharge their duties sedulously and successfully. And evinces their entertaining a proper sense of the serious claims made upon them by the service in which they are engaged.

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If indeed we wish to know a nation, it is peculiarly desirable to possess an independent and extensive familiarity with its language, and this must be an object more than desirable, if not indispensable, when in the bosom of that nation we are charged with the execution of the most serious and solemn offices of human life. — Convinced therefore of the magnitude of this duty, and wishing to impress a similar conviction upon the minds of young men about to launch into the honorable career of the Company's employment, wishing also to impress the value of habits of steady application, and serious reflexion, I take this public and early opportunity of announcing it to be the intention of this Government always, as far as possible, to respect and reward industry and talent, and to turn a deaf ear to claims that are unsupported by diligence and desert. — The College is the test, by which as far as respects the rising branch of the service, the characters of the claimants can best be ascertained, and by which their pretensions can best be adjusted; on the conduct and character therefore of the Student in College will depend the favorable or unfavorable circumstances under which his public career will commence, and the greater or less attention that will be paid to his wishes or his views. I hope therefore that on every future meeting of this kind, I shall be able, as I have happily been able to-day, to revert to the past transactions of the College with pleasure and approbation; and to hail, in the continuance of its high character and credit, the the brightest prospects of national honor and public prosperity.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX A.

Catalogue of Literary Works, the publication of which has been encouraged by Government, at the recommendation of the Council of the College of Fort William since the period of the Disputations held in 1813.

1. A Hindoostanee and English Dictionary, by Captain Thomas Roebuck Exammer, and Assistant Secretary, in the College of Fort William, containing all the Words and Phrases to be met with, in the various Hindoostanee Works, both Prose and Verse, that have hitherto been published; including also the Words in the valuable Dictionaries, published by Dr Gilchrist, Dr Hunter, and Dr. Harris. The work will be printed in as compact a form as possible, with the same kind of Types as those used by Dr Wilkins, in his new Edition of Richardson's Persian, Arabic, and English Dictionary, with corresponding Nagree characters, and will be conducted upon a plan similar to that adopted by the late Dr. Hunter, in his Hindoostanee and English Dictionary.

2. A Persian, Arabic, and English Dictionary, upon a new plan. This Work seems well calculated to facilitate the acquisition of the Persian Language, and will include the technical terms employed in business throughout India, by Messrs Haughton, of the Bengal Military Establishment.

3. *Ma'ani ul-Hadeeqatool Bulaghut*; a Treatise on the Rhetoric and Prosody of the Persian Language, edited by Muolavee Jan Ulee, of the Arabia Department.

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4. *پرش پر چھا* *Porosh Pareeha*, or the *Test of Man*. A Work containing the Moral Doctrines of the Hindoos; being a Translation from the Sanskrit into the dialect of the Hindoostanee Language; generally spoken by the Hindoos in the Upper Provinces of Hindoostan, by *Pannee Churam Miti*, Head Moonshee in the Hindoostanee Department of the College.

5. The Second Volume of Mr. Harington's *Analysis of the Laws and Regulations enacted by the Governor General in Council*. The whole of this Work has been prepared for the Press, and about 200 Pages are printed. It contains Part III. Relative to the several branches of the Public Revenue. Part IV. on the Rights and Tenures of the Proprietors and Tenants of Land. Part V. Respecting the Commercial Department; including the Provision of the Company's Investment, Salt, Opium and Saltpetre. Part VI. Miscellaneous, concerning subjects of the Regulation not comprehended in the preceding Parts.

6. A Translation of the Story of *Sohrab*, into English Verse, by *James Atkinson, Esq.* This is considered one of the most beautiful and interesting Episodes in the *Shahnamu* of *Firdousee*; the Original Persian will also be annexed, taken from a Manuscript Copy collated under the superintendance of *Dr. Lumsden*, Professor of Arabic and Persian in the College. Notes are added to illustrate all peculiar allusions and beauties, and references are made to other passages in Persian, or to Analogous passages in European Works, by which
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the student may be at once interested and informed.

7. *Asiatick Dictionary*, a well known Arabic Lexicon; to be edited by Shuek-i-Uhmid, a learned Native of Arabia at present attached to the Arabic Department of the College.

8. A Grammar of the Telinga Language, by the Rev. Dr. William Carey, Professor of the Sanskrit, Bengalee, and Muluatta Languages in the College of Fort William. This Work has just been published.

9. A Chinese Grammar, by the Rev. Mr. Morrison, Chinese Secretary to the Honorable Company's Superintendents at Canton. The Work is likely to prove one of the most valuable results of European application and ability, which has yet opened a path to the acquirement of the difficult, and almost unknown Language of which it treats.

10. *Nalodaya*, a celebrated Romance, in Sanskrit to be edited by Bahodram Pundit, formerly translated by Wuezee, into Persian Verse, under the name of *Nal*.

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Books now present in the Press, or preparing for Publication.

1. A. Translation of the New Testament into Arabic, by the united labour of the Rev. Thomas Thomson and Nathaniel Sabat. It is printing in a beautiful new Arabic Type, and the Work is advanced as far as the fourth Gospel. This Version was originally commenced by the late learned and indefatigable Chaplain, the Rev. H. Martyn, who
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has been compelled to leave the Country for the benefit of his health, committed the further revision and superintendance of the Work to Mr. Thomson. No pains are spared to render this Version, as faithful to the original and as idiomatical as possible.

2.—**خرد افروز** Khirud Ufroz, or the Enlightener of the Understanding, formerly translated by Muolavee Ufteez-ood-deen, Moonshee to the Resident at Dillee, from the Persian Uyari Danish, or 'Touchstone of Knowledge, written by the famous Uhoof Fuzl, by order of the Emperor Ukbur. It consists of 16 Chapters.

1st. Contains an account of the Work as given by the famous Philosopher Boozorchimih.

2d. Gives an account of Puzroiya, a Physician of great eminence, and a man distinguished for his learning and accomplishments, who was prevailed upon, by Nuosherwan the Just, King of Persia, to undertake a journey into India for the purpose of obtaining this celebrated Book.

3d. On the folly of attending to the Reports of Falsetters.

4th. On the punishment consequent to bad actions, and the wretched end of an ill-spent life.

5th. On the happy effects of agreement among Friends, and the support they afford to each other.

6th. On the necessity of watching the movements of an enemy, and being aware of his hypocrisy and wiles.

7th. On the mischief of inattention to the object we profess to pursue, or being remiss in the pursuit.

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8th. On the fatal effects of precipitation.

9th. On foresight and policy, and by what expedients we may contrive to escape the evils, which our enemies seek to bring upon us.

10th. On the necessity of guarding against malevolent persons, and of placing no dependence on their smiles.

11th. On the excellence of forgiveness, being one of the greatest virtues of a King.

12th. On the retribution with which crimes are usually pursued.

13th. On the bad effects of aspiring at what is above our sphere, while our proper business is neglected.

14th. On the excellence of knowledge and modesty, and the good effects of mature deliberation.

15th. That Kings ought to beware of the representations of dishonest and deceitful men.

16th. That temporal vicissitudes are not to be regarded, but every thing referred to God's sovereign will and absolute decrees.

The above gives only a general idea of each Char'ter, which contains many beautiful tales expressed in the finest dialect of the Hindoostanee Language; and as most of the terms of thought and speech employed by the superior class of Natives, are to be found in this book reduced to the standard of common life, and adapted to its most familiar incidents, it is presumed that the perusal of such a work, containing a variety of phrases and easy modes of expression, cannot fail of being useful to those, who are desirous to converse with elegance and propriety in

in Hindoostanee Considerable progress has been made in the printing of the work which will consist of about 850 octavo pages, in a new type, agreeably to the system adopted in European typography by the division of sentence from each other, as well as, by the insertion of marks of interjection, admiration, &c. to enable the Student to read the Language with greater facility Edited by Captain Thomas Roebuck, Examiner, and Assistant Secretary, in the College of Fort William.

3.—*بدیا درپن* Bidya Durpun, or the Mirror of Science, from the Uvudh Bilas, originally written in the Poorbee Bhasha, by Sree Lal Kavi, about 170 years ago, and now for the first time translated into that peculiar dialect of the Hindee usually spoken by the Sipahces. This work, besides the History of Ramu, contains an abstract of almost all the arts and science known to the Hindoos, and is considered generally one of the most valuable and curious works in the Language, by Mirzaee Beg, a native of Uvudh, under the superintendance of Captain Roebuck, Examiner, and Assistant Secretary, in the College of Fort William.

4. A Punjabee Dictionary, explained in Persian and Hindoostanee, by Moonshae Kashee Raj, a native of the Punjab, undertaken at the suggestion of Captain Roebuck, Examiner, and Assistant Secretary, in the College of Fort William.

The following Work has just been Published.

A Translation of the New Testament into the Hindoostanee Language This version was first made
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 about which Mr. Martyn was occupied for several
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 been struck off at the Serampore Press, in a new
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*Rewards have been granted by the College Council, for the following Manuscript Works, by
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1. *Deewani Juhan*, by Bence Nu-
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2. *Wusceton Nuho*, a valuable treatise
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The following Works, formerly mentioned in the Discourse of the Right Honorable the Visitor of the College of Fort William, are since been completed.

1 — كتاب جديد لأدب الأعراس Kitāb Ḥudūqut wal Ufrāḥ, an Arabic Miscellany of select Pieces, in Prose and Verse, by Shuekh Ulmud of the Arabic Department.

2.—दिव्यमान Dayu Bhagu, in the Original Sanskrit, by the Pundits of the Sudur Deewanee Udalut —

3. A Grammar of the Arabic Language, according to the principles taught and maintained in the Schools of Arabia; exhibiting a complete body of elementary information, selected from the Works of the most eminent Grammarians; together with definitions of the parts of Speech, and observations on the structure of the Language. In two volumes. First volume, comprising the System of Inflection. By M. Lumsden, Professor of Arabic and Persian Languages, in the College of Fort William in Bengal.

4. The Muṭ Ḥmil, and Shurḥi Muṭ Ḥmil, two Elementary Treatises on Arabic Syntax, translated from the original Arabic, with Annotations Philological and Explanatory, in the form of a Perpetual Commentary, exemplified by a series of Stories, and Citations from various Arabian authors, and accompanied with an Appendix, containing the original Text, by A. Lockett, Captain in the Bengal Native Infantry, Secretary to the Council of the College of Fort William, and Examiner in the Arabic, Persian, and Hindoostanee Languages.—A quarto volume of 200 pages.

the utility of this excellent Work. The names of the medicinal substances, etc are given in the Persian, Tamil, and Duk since Languages, and in many instances are added the Arabic, Sanskrit and other appellations, and in all cases the scientific nomenclature whenever fixed or ascertained.

The Work itself bears every indication of laborious and successful investigation, and reflects great credit on the zeal and perseverance of Dr. Ainslie. Besides the extensive light it throws upon the state of Medicine and Science in the Peninsula, it must be a highly important accession to the medical branch of the service, both by placing many valuable materials of their important art, more completely within their reach and as introducing to their knowledge, others equally valuable and hitherto unknown.

APPENDIX B.

Extract from the Report of the Persian and Arabic Professor.

At Hertford College, where the Oriental Languages are studied but two days in the week, Mr. Stirling was engaged in the acquisition, of the Hindoostanee and Persian Tongues, to which the Sanskrit was ultimately added. In Persian besides some Books on Grammar, he there read parts of the Gulistan, the Inshae Hukurn, the Institutes of 'Ammol the Unwan Sahuelee, the Buhari Danish, and the Ukhlah Moolanee

During his voyage to India, he continued the
study

studies, the Works, and added the Bostan, the Gulistan, the Gulistan-i-Buzi and the Yoosof Zoolue-ahie. At the period he was also in the habit of translating back into Persian, his own translations on the Unwari Soohuelee, and read Ritha on Arabic Grammar.

At the College of Fort William he has read in Persian the whole of the Ukbhagi Juldee and Suknudur Namu, also the Second Dastur of Ubool Fuzl, and parts of the Lulee Mujnoon, the Ukbunamu, the Letters of Jamee, and those of Ahmud, cer. In Arabic he has read through at the same Institution, the Tables published by Major Bailhe, the first volume of an Arabic Grammar, recently published by me, the Miut Amul and the Commentary, the Hidayut-eon-nabo and the Ikhwanoo, -sufa, also a great part of the Nufhut-ool Yummi, the Ujubool-cojab, the Hudeequt-ool-ufrah, and the Extracts contained in Pocock's specimens of Arabian History with a small portion of the Muqamati Hureeree and the Ulf -wu-Luchu, or a Thousand and one Nights.

APPENDIX C.

TO C. M. RICKETTS, Esq.

Secretary to the Government,

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Sir,

In obedience to the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, communicated by the Honorable the Secretary to the Government, I have the honor

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not to state, that we assembled at the Court House of the Sudur Deewanee Udalt, on Monday the 6th instant, for the purpose of ascertaining the Proficiency acquired by Messrs Wynne and Sutherland, in the knowledge of Moohummadan Law

After our meeting, the following Exercises were chosen for this occasion, with the concurrence of the Law Officers of the Sudur Deewanee Udalt, who had been directed at our own request, to assist us in the performance of the duty required of us

No. 1. A series of questions on Arabic Grammar.

No. 2. An exercise on the Law of Qisas or Retaliation, extracted from the Mooheeti Surukhsee.

No. 3. An Exercise on the Law of Ijara or Hire, extracted from the Hidayu.

No. 4. On the Law of Wukalat or Agency, extracted from the Shurhi Viqayu

No 5. An Extract from Hamilton's Hidayu, to be translated into Arabic.

The length and general difficulty of these Exercises, occupied the attention of the Candidates for two days, and the performance of No. 1, combined with the result of the Oral Examination, enables us to state, that both Candidates have acquired a competent knowledge of Arabic Grammar, sufficient for every practical purpose whatever.

A part of the Exercise No 2, was selected for the Oral Examination, and read extempore, and translated into Persian, in presence of the Law Officers of the Sudur Deewanee Udalt. We have their authority to state, that this Exercise was performed in a manner highly creditable to the Candidates, though
extracted

extracted from a Book, not usually studied, and which we presumed they had never read — An English Translation of that Exercise, and of No 3 and 4, composed by each of the Candidates, and a Translation of No 5. We have minutely examined all these, and are happy to state, that the success with which they have been performed, is highly creditable to the proficiency of the Candidates.

We have now to remark, that our anxiety to select such Exercises as might be deemed a fair test of proficiency, was the chief object we had in view, in calling in the aid of the Law Officers of the Sudar Deewance Udalat; and if we have succeeded in this important part of our duty, we can have no hesitation in declaring Messrs. Wynch and Sutherland, to be fully entitled to the Prize awarded by Government under the Proclamation of 10th April, 1812.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants,

(Signed) M. LUMSDEN,

T. THOMASON,

A. LOCKETT.

Calcutta, June 16, 1814

A TRUE COPY,

(Signed) C. M. RICKETS,

Sec. to the Court.

A REPORT OF THE
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 29 Tilghman,
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Part V.

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AN
ACCOUNT OF
THE COURSE OF
PUBLIC DISPUTATIONS
IN THE
ORIENTAL LANGUAGES,

Held on the 21th July, 1815; with the Discourse delivered on that occasion, by The Honourable N. B. EDMONSTONE, as Acting Visitor of the College.



COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM, JULY 27, 1815.

The Honourable N. B. EDMONSTONE, Acting Visitor of the College, on Fort William, in the absence of his Excellency the Governor General, having appointed Tuesday, the 27th instant, for the Public Disputations in the Oriental Languages; the President of the College Council, the Officers, Professors and Students of the College, met at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Government-House, where

where the Honorable the Chief Justice, the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Calcutta; the Honorable Archibald Seton, and George Dowling Esq., Members of the Supreme Council; and the Honorable Sir John Roys, and Sir William Burroughs, Judges of the Supreme Court; with many of the Civil and Military Officers at the Presidency, and others of the principal European inhabitants of Calcutta, as well as some respectable Natives, were also assembled.

Mrs. Edmonstone, Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Udry, and several other Ladies of the settlement, likewise honored the College with their presence.

Soon after 10 o'clock, the Honorable the Acting Visitor took his seat, when the Disputations immediately commenced, and were held in the following order:—

FIRST.—ARABIC.

Position.—“ Whatever may be the difficulties of
“ of Arabic Grammar, considered as a science, the
“ knowledge of it, requisite for practical purposes,
“ is not of more difficult attainment than that of
“ the generality of European Languages.”

Respondent, Mr. W. H. Macnaghten.

Opponent, Lieut R. Taylor.

Moderator, Major J. Weston.

SECOND.—PERSIAN.

Position.—“ The knowledge of Persian to be
“ derived from the study of its purest writers, the
“ best introduction to the use of it in business, or
“ other intercourse with the Natives of India.”

Respondent,

- President, Mr. W. H. Macnaghten.
- Opponent, Lieut. R. Taylor.
- Proponent, Lieut. W. Isaacke.
- Secretary, Major J. Weston.

HINDOOSTANEE.

Position — "The Hindoostanee Language is not only well adapted for matters of business, but also adapted to works of Literature and Science."

- Respondent, Mr. W. H. Macnaghten.
- First Opponent, Lieut. W. Isaacke.
- Second Opponent, Mr. A. Dick.
- Proponent, Captain J. W. Taylor.

FOURTH — BENGALIEE.

Position — "The Bengalee Language is not only well adapted for matters of business, but also adapted to works of Literature and Science."

- Respondent, Hon. R. Cavendish.
- First Opponent, Mr. W. H. Macnaghten.
- Second Opponent, Mr. A. Murray.
- Proponent, Rev. Dr. Wm. Carey, DD.

A Declaration in Sanskrit, by Mr. Macnaghten, on the following subject

"It is more probable that the Sanskrit, as it now exists, is the mixture of several dialects, gradually formed into one Language, than that with its avowed copiousness and artificial structure, it should be the original Language."

When the Disputations were concluded, the President of the College Council presented to the Honorable Acting Visitor the several Students of the College who were entitled to receive Degrees of

of Honor, or other Honorary Rewards, adjudged to them at the Public Examination, of the past year; as well as the Students who at the Examination held in June, had been found qualified to enter up of the Public Service, by their proficiency in two or more Languages, and had consequently obtained permission to quit the College. The President read the certificates granted by the Council of the College to each Student, in pursuance of the Statutes, specifying the extent of his progress in the prescribed studies of the College, and the general tenor of his conduct.

When the certificates had been read, the Acting Visitor presented to each Student, entitled to receive a Degree of Honor, the usual Diploma, inscribed on Vellum, and at the same time expressed the satisfaction which he felt in conferring it.

The Prizes and Medals which had been awarded to the several Students, were also distributed to them respectively; after which the Honorable the Acting Visitor read the following discourse.—

GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM

I had reason to indulge the hope, that the state of public affairs would have admitted the return of the Illustrious Visitor of the College to the Presidency, in time to enable him to exercise on this occasion, as on the last, that important function of his office, which consists in presiding at the Annual Disputations in the Oriental Languages, conferring Degrees of Honor for high proficiency in those Languages, and addressing to you the observations

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suggested by a review of transactions of the College during the elapsed year

Sensible of the very superior impression and efficiency which the performance of this duty would derive, from the station and authority, the eminent rank and talents of His Excellency the Visitor, I was desirous of postponing the period of the Disputation, with a view to secure to you the gratification and advantage of his personal superintendance

His Lordship, however, deeming the earliest practicable entrance of the qualified Students upon the duties of the Public Service, to be an object of importance, was pleased to delegate to me the office of presiding at this assembly of the College.

Having had the satisfaction of testifying the ability of the disputants, and of distinguishing conspicuous desert, by the distribution of Degrees of Honor, Prizes, and Medals of Merit, I proceed to fulfil the remaining obligation of my delegated duty.

The Right Hon'ble the Visitor, in his discourse at the last Annual Disputation, adverted to the superiority which, compared with other years, had distinguished the result of the studies of the College during the preceding year; in the number of Students eminently qualified; in the degree of proficiency, and the rapidity of acquirement displayed by them; and in the many extraordinary instances of individual merit.

From the varieties of disposition and character, the change in the number of the Students attached to the College, and the contingencies which retard or accelerate the progress of study, considerable fluctuations

fluctuations may appear in the comparative reports of different years, without in any degree affecting the credit of the College. But when the result of the labors of any one year shall exhibit a proportion of qualified and distinguished Students, either superior or equal to that of the most flourishing period of the Institution, we cannot justly withhold the acknowledgement, that the powers and activity of the Institution, the general assiduity and attention of the Students, to say the least, have not deteriorated.

It is therefore highly satisfactory to find, that the product of combined tuition and study during the past year, will maintain a creditable comparison with the pre-eminence of the year preceding.

The number of Students declared qualified, by proficiency in two Languages, to enter on the duties of the public service, is nineteen; which number exceeds that of the former year by one. Of this number, one Student is reported to have acquired a high degree of proficiency in not less than four Languages, and a competent knowledge of a fifth.—Four gentlemen have acquired high proficiency in one Language, and a competent knowledge of a second, and the remaining Students a competent knowledge of two Languages.

The number of Military Students who have been reported highly qualified in the Languages taught in the College, is four, three of whom have merited Degrees of Honor in two Languages, and the fourth in one.—These, added to the number of qualified Civil Students, form an aggregate of twenty-three, which

number exceeds that of the two preceding years. The number of Degrees of Honor which have been conferred, on account of high proficiency, is four—number belongs to the Class.

Dis'tinctly conferred at the last session, of which thirteen are students.

The number of Degrees of Military Students, reflects not honor on them or on the Institution, accounted for by the receding of that Class, whom the Government had introduced into the field in the same number of the Degrees of the Civil Students, equals with this difference however, the number awarded to a gentleman.

The elements have their origin in the formation of a Sister Presidency in the year of the past year, in one of the superiorities over those of the other.

The Medals of Merit, for distinguished services, awarded at the Congress, 1815, were, to Civil Students nine, Military one. — The number of Medals adjudged at the Examination of December, 1814, was, Civil students nine, Military ten, making an aggregate of forty in the past twelve months.

The number of students admitted to both Classes, on account

account of the year preceding, did not exceed seventeen. This is a satisfactory demonstration of improved assiduity in the collective body of the Students, the fruits of which we may expect to see in maturity at the next anniversary.

The number of Medals awarded in the past year, for writing the Oriental characters, is four. These have been obtained by two Students of the Military Class; viz. Lieuts. John Ostliffe Beckett, and John Henry Bagnold, in the Persian and Nagree character. Although no Civil Students have this year been deemed entitled to the Medal allowed by the 23d Statute, for meritorious hand-writing, one of those now leaving the College, (Mr. Cudbert Thornhill Glass) received Medals for both Persian and Nagree writing at the Examination of June, 1814; and I am happy to learn, that this art has not been neglected by other Civil Students many of whom have practised writing in the character of the Languages which they have studied; and have attained a degree of skill, falling short only of that excellence, for which an honorary reward has been established. I cannot too strongly recommend an uniform attention to this object. A facility in writing the Language, of the country, in their proper character, will be found not only extremely convenient, but highly important. The practice of it materially promotes a practical knowledge of the Language; an accurate orthography essentially depends upon it; and I need not add that in the various departments of the Public Service, occasions may frequently arise, when the agency of an Amanuensis would expose important interests to hazard.

hazard; if these views could not be supported with a view to the progress of the most useful and beneficial of the state. These considerations, however, are not the extraordinary fact, that have been the result of the College, scarcely any individual, or any one of the Honorable Company's servants, has been made of writing the Oriental College, or any other, by conferring, as a reward, a honorary reward, or any other, to prosecute the at-

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 to the service of the College, and studied the Persian
 and Hindoo languages in the Oriental
 College of the Presidency, with eminent
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progress; but the application bestowed by him on the Languages which he had already acquired, has not prevented Mr. Macnaghten from adding to his attainments, a high degree of proficiency in Arabic and Bengalee, and a considerable knowledge of Sanskrit; thus exhibiting the unprecedented instance of high proficiency in four Languages, and a competent knowledge of a fifth. Degrees of Honor have consequently been conferred on Mr. Macnaghten, for his distinguished proficiency in

Arabic,
Persian,
Hindoostanee, and
Bengalee;

and a Medal of Merit for his rapid progress in Sanskrit

Mr. Macnaghten was also declared entitled to a Medal of Merit, for rapid proficiency in Arabic, at the Examination of December, 1814

Although this College unites with the Sister Institution of the Coast, the credit of producing acquirers so multifarious and extensive, it is not the less incumbent on me to bestow a just measure of applause on the assiduity and ability which Mr. Macnaghten has so eminently displayed. Mr. Macnaghten, however, has to anticipate the far more valuable approbation of His Excellency the Visitor, to whom it will be my duty to communicate the reports of the Professors and Examiners

Mr. Dick, who entered the College in November, 1813, has obtained a Degree of Honor for high proficiency in the Hindoostanee Language, and at the
Examination

Examination of December, 1814, received Medals of Merit in that Language and in Persian.—I need not add, that this extent of acquirement is highly creditable to Mr. Dick's industry and talents.

The same encomium is due to the Honorable Richard Cavendish, who also entered the College in November, 1813, and has gained a Degree of Honor in the Bengalee Language, with a Medal of Merit in the Persian, & in Sanskrit.

Mr. William Monckton, who only commenced his studies in the College in the month of December last, has been judged entitled to a Degree of Honor in the Bengalee Language, and to Medal of Merit in Persian and Sanskrit.—This College has afforded few instances of equal rapidity of acquirement.—In consequence of the absence of Mr. Monckton, on account of indisposition, partly attributable to the intensity of his study, deprives me of the gratification of personally expressing to him the high sense I entertain of his merits.

Lieutenant Robert Taylor of the Bombay establishment, who became attached to this Institution in November, 1813, has added to his anterior skill in the colloquial Language of Persia, a classical knowledge which has entitled him to a Degree of Honor, and he has also successfully prosecuted the study of the Arabic Language; for his proficiency in which a Medal of Merit has been awarded to him.

Lieutenant Isaac of the establishment of Fort George, who entered the College of Fort William in November, 1813, has obtained a Degree of Honor in Hindoostanee and Persian. I have great pleasure

pleasure in citing the following honorable testimony from the report of that Officer, by the Acting Professor of the Persian Language, in his report at the close of the 1st of Term 1815 -- Lieutenant Isacke entered the College, totally unacquainted with Persian, and offers the most striking instance of proficiency that I have witnessed in that Language.'

The same observation is applicable to Lieutenant Isacke's progress in the Hindoostanee Language, and I am informed, that he adds to these acquirements, some proficiency in the Arabic Language.

Lieutenant Beckett commenced his studies in the College in July of last year, and at the Examination of December, gained Degrees of Honor, both in Hindoostanee and Persian

Lieutenant Bagnold entered the College at the same time with Lieutenant Beckett, and in addition to Degree of Honor, for high proficiency in Persian and Hindoostanee, obtained a Medal of Merit for rapid proficiency in the *Beuj Bukha* at the Examination of December

These great and speedy acquirements are highly creditable to Lieutenants Bagnold and Beckett.

Among the Military Students, I must not omit the name of Lieutenant Coulthard. Lieutenant Coulthard was deprived of the opportunity of being a candidate for a Degree of Honor, at the Examination of December, 1814, by severe illness, which also rendered him incapable of resuming the exercise of his professional duties in the field, but has admitted of his undertaking gratuitously the instruction of a
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Class in Persian, under the Acting Professor, Major Weston.

Lieutenant Coulthard's satisfactory execution of this duty, is the strongest attestation of his proficiency in the Persian Language.

In addition to the Students already specified, those to whom Medals of Merit have been awarded, either at the Public Examination held in December, or at the late Examination in June, are as follows.

CIVIL STUDENTS.

Culbert Thornhill Glass, -Persian and Hindoostanee
 Benjamin Taylor, - Persian and Hindoostanee
 Robert Creighton, - Hindoostanee and Bengalee.
 David Carmichael Smyth, - Persian and Hindoostanee.
 Nathaniel Smith, - Persian and Bengalee.
 Thos. Herbert Maddock, - Persian and Hindoostanee.
 Harry Nisbet, - Persian.
 David Dale, - Bengalee and Persian.
 Alex Francis Lind, - Bengalee and Persian.
 George Ewan Law, - Hindoostanee.
 William Wilkinson, - Bengalee.
 Thomas Porter Bonell Biscoe, - Bengalee.
 John Frederick Ellerton, - Bengalee.
 Charles Stuart, - Bengalee.

MILITARY STUDENTS.

Lieut. Chas. Patton, - Hindoostanee and Bruj B'hak,ha.
 Lieut Jas. Bedford, - Hindoostanee and Persian.
 Insign Geo Stalkart, - Hindoostanee and Persian.
 Cornet William Scott Kennedy, - Hindoostanee.
 Lieut John Robson Wornum, - Bruj B'hak,ha.
 Insign Jas. Glencairn Burns, - Bruj B'hak,ha.

The whole of the Medals of Merit adjudged to the Military Students, were awarded at the Examination of December, 1814, those Gentlemen having

having shortly after proceeded to join their respective Corps. This circumstance has deprived us of an additional display of Oriental learning, at the present Disputation. Many of the Military Students entered the College, with the advantage of considerable proficiency in two or more Languages. This advantage they did not fail to improve, by an uniform and meritorious application to study, and their progress during the period of their continuance in the College was consequently highly satisfactory.

A reference to the reports of the Examination of December demonstrates, that many of these absent Officers, if circumstances had admitted of the further prosecution of their studies, would have obtained the distinction of a Degree of Honor on the present occasion, and would have been highly classed in the scale of relative proficiency.

In this number is to be included one, whose promising career has unhappily been arrested by the hand of death. The late Ensign Salkant exhibited a distinguished example of meritorious and successful assiduity in the study of the Persian and Hindoostance Languages. The glory which attaches to the memory of those who have fought and fallen in their country's cause, must now hold the place of those distinctions to which that lamented Officer would unquestionably have established an early claim, if it had pleased Providence to permit his return to the College of Fort William.

It is highly satisfactory to observe, that several of the Military Students have prosecuted with success the study of the *Bruij Bhakṣā*, under the tuition of
Lieutenant

at Price. The Hindee, of which the Bruj or Language of the territory anciently denominated Bruj,* is one of the dialects, appears to bear the same relation to the modern Hindee, that the Saxon of the 11th or 12th Century bears to the English of the present day. The Hindee, however, constitutes at this moment the principal Language of a considerable portion of the Continent of India, and proceeding through degrees of purification and of intermixture with the Arabian Language, may be said to terminate or be lost in the refined and elegant Language, which is denominated Oordoo, or the Court dialect of Hindoostan. The study of the Hindee therefore although perhaps more essential to a comprehensive and critical acquaintance with the Language strictly termed Hindee, than the study of the Anglo-Saxon is to a perfect knowledge of the English, yet becomes important and even necessary to those who may have to maintain an extensive intercourse and personal communication with all classes of the Indian population; more especially it is requisite for the Military Officers of the Company's Service, because a large proportion of the Sepoys of the Army on the establishment of Bengal speak either the Bruj Bhakha, or a Dialect of which the Hindee forms a chief component part. It is therefore greatly to be desired, that this Language should become a more general object of study in the College. The

* The territory of Bruj, the scene of the fabulous exploits of Krishna, has been called the Arcadia of India. Its capital

is *Mithila*,

The following Civil Students have been declared qualified, by their proficiency in two or more Languages, to enter on the Public Service.

1. William Hay Macnaghten,—First in Arabic.—First in Persian.—First in Sanskrit.—Third in Bengalee.—First in Hindoostanee, at the first Examination.
2. Abercromby Dick,—First in Hindoostanee.—Second in Persian.
3. The Hon. Richard Cavendish,—First in Bengalee.—Fourth in Persian.
4. William Monckton,—Second in Bengalee.—Second in Sanskrit.—Twelfth in Persian.
5. Samuel Munkley Duntze,—Second in Bengalee, at the Examination of December last. He was prevented by severe illness from attending the late Examination, but has since been examined in Persian, and is stated by the Examiners to have performed his exercises in such a manner, as would have entitled him to be placed nearly at the top of the 3d Class.
6. Benj. Tayler,—Third in Persian. Third in Hindoostanee.
7. Dav. Car. Smith,—Second in Hindoostanee.—Fifth in Persian.
8. Nath. Smyth,—Sixth in Persian.—Tenth in Bengalee, and in the 4th Class of Hindoostanee.
9. T. H. Maddock,—Seventh in Persian.—Fourth in Hindoostanee.
10. C. F. Glass,—Sixth in Hindoostanee.—Eighth in Persian, and in the 2d Class of Arabic.
11. David Dale,—Fifth in Bengalee.—Tenth in Persian.
12. Harry Nisbet,—Ninth in Persian.—Ninth in Hindoostanee.
13. Arch. Murray,—Fourth in Bengalee.—Fifth in Persian.
14. Henry Walters,—Eighth in Hindoostanee.—Thirteenth in Persian.
15. R. J. Tayler,—Eleventh in Persian.—Thirteenth in Hindoostanee.
16. A. F. Lind,—Eighth in Bengalee.—Sixteenth in Persian.
17. R. H. Boddam,—Seventh in Hindoostanee.—Seventeenth in Persian.

is P. A. Ward,--Eleventh in Hindoostanee.--Fourteenth in Persian.

19. R. Creighton, --Fifth in Hindoostanee.--Ninth in Bengalee, and--Twenty first in Persian

I have already had occasion to mention the date in which Messrs. Macnaghten, Dick, Cavendish and Monckton were admitted into the College. Of the remainder of the Students just enumerated, Messrs. Nesbit and Lind entered the College in August last year, Messrs. David Carmichael Smyth, Maddock and Dale in December, and Mr. Nathaniel Smyth in January last. Their attainment of a degree of proficiency in two Languages, sufficient to qualify them for the Public Service, within periods of time so limited, must be deemed highly creditable to their industry and talents.

According to the 19th Statute, which was promulgated in the month of July, 1814, a competent knowledge of the Persian Language, in addition to either Hindoostanee or Bengalee, is requisite, to qualify a Student for the Public Service. Mr. Robert Creighton therefore, although reported qualified in the Hindoostanee and Bengalee Languages, and to have regularly attended the Persian Lectures during the last term, being classed by the Examiners in the 4th Class of that Language, could not, under the letter of the Statute, be reported qualified for the Public Service. In consideration, however, of the general extent of Mr. Creighton's acquirements, and of his having made considerable progress in the Persian Language, such as, with his proved habits of diligent study, may be expected, to lead to a competent know-
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ledge of it, in addition to his qualification in two other Languages, the College Council have recommended in his favor, an exemption from the strict operation of the rule, and his name is accordingly added to the number of those permitted to enter upon the Public Service. As Mr Creighton has been attached to the College since October only, his attainments must be considered extremely creditable to his diligence and abilities.

With sincere reluctance, and with deep concern, I now proceed to perform the painful but the indispensable duty of bringing forward to public notice, those Students, whose imprudence has led them to disregard the solemn warning which was last year given to them, by the highest authority from this Chair, as well as the salutary admonitions which they had repeatedly received from their immediate superiors in the College. Their perseverance in a system of conduct so inconsistent with the obligations of duty as well as with their own credit and interest, has finally imposed upon Government the necessity of subjecting them to the penalties of the 33d and 34th Statutes, which declare, that removal from the College shall be the certain consequence of confirmed misconduct or systematic neglect of study, and that a Civil Student so removed, shall be considered as a disqualified servant of the Company, not capable of being promoted in the Public Service, or of receiving an allowance exceeding 300 Rupees per mensem, until he shall have proved, to the satisfaction of Government, an amendment of conduct, and qualification for
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the Public Service, by an Examination at the College of Fort William; or should any circumstance prevent this, by an Examination before such persons as may be selected and appointed by Government for the purpose:—With a further provision, that the disqualified Civil Servants of the Company who may fall within this rule, shall be placed under the Judges, Collectors or other Public Officers at some Station out of Calcutta, shall remain there until they apply for, and undergo the requisite Examination.

THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE VISITOR, in the discourse which he delivered on the last Anniversary, intimated that the COLLEGE COUNCIL had reported to him the names of five Students, who did not appear to have availed themselves of the means of instruction afforded by the Institution; that they had not only failed to qualify themselves in two Languages, as required by the College rules, but, after a period of nearly three years, could not be considered conversant in even one of the Native Languages. —His Lordship added, that considerations connected with the recency of the rule prescribing the penalty of misconduct or inattention, had alone withheld him from removing those Gentlemen from an Institution, of the benefits of which they appeared so insensible; and he concluded by expressing a hope, that those five Students would make such use of the respite they had gained, as would render it unnecessary to visit them with the severity which (His Lordship observed) would unavoidably await them, if at a succeeding Annual Examination,

ation, they should still be found disqualified; and trusting that they were still susceptible of the benefits which might be derived from reasonable and salutary admonition, and that by their assiduity they would repair their discreditable neglect, His Lordship indulgently relin- quished from naming them.

Of these five Students, one only has ultimately been induced to attend to the impressive warning which they received, and the Council of the College were therefore compelled, in the month of January, without awaiting the test of the Annual Examination, to report the further misconduct and neglect of the remaining four to be such, as appeared to render their continuance in the College, to which they had already been unprofitably attached more than three years, altogether unavailing.

To these Students was subsequently added a fifth, to whom, on the same occasion, a farther trial was allowed, on the ground of his later admission into the College; but, unfortunately, allowed in vain.

I now most reluctantly perform the duty of proclaiming the names of the Students who have thus unhappily exposed themselves to the penalties of the Statute. They are

Mr. William Woollen,
 Mr. William Lance,
 Mr. James Dewar,
 Mr. Wm. A. C. Plowden, and
 Mr. Robert Walker.

I am authorized to declare, that the prescribed penalties will be rigidly maintained, with regard
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am concerned find, that among the Civil
 Students remaining in the College, there are yet a
 few, who systematically absent themselves from the
 Lectures of the Professors, and manifest an extreme
 degree of inattention to their studies.

I sincerely believe, that this disregard of public
 obligations may be exclusively ascribed to the ab-
 sence of that reflexion and sobriety of mind, which
 sometimes overpowers without being destroyed
 the influence of virtuous spirits and the at-
 tention of a great society; for I will not
 see, I presume, to be devoid of that
 piece of character, which covets reputa-
 tion and broods in disgrace. I will not impute
 to them humiliating apathy, that can regard,
 indifference, the credit and reward which
 secures, and the injury and degradation
 attending dereliction. They must infallibly produce,
 that they may be led in-
 The pri- s of their minds, and the
 their will advocate the cause
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 tion the affectionate an-
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 e only the hope, that the pro-
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mises of early youth will be realized in the meritorious conduct and successful career of those objects of their ardent attachment, whose prosperity is their happiness, whose honor is their honor; whose degradation is their disgrace.

I cannot close this painful topic more usefully, than by repeating the impressive declaration with which His EXCELLENCY THE VISITOR terminated his discourse, at the meeting of last year, in the following words:

▪ I take this public and early opportunity of announcing it to be the intention of this Government, always, as far as possible, to respect and reward industry and talent, and not to turn a deaf ear to claims that are unsupported by diligence and desert. The College is the test by which, as far as regards the rising branch of the service, the characters of the claimants can best be ascertained, and by which their pretensions can best be adjusted; on the conduct and character therefore of the Student in College will depend the favorable or unfavorable circumstances under which his public career will commence and the greater or less attention that will be paid to his wishes or his views.'

With the exceptions already noticed, I am happy to find, that the several Professors report favorably of the attendance of the Students at lectures, and of their application to study.

I sincerely regret that absence, occasioned by loss of health, has for some time past deprived the College of the services of Dr. Lumsden, the erudite
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Professor of Arabic and Persian, and of Captain Lockett, Secretary, and Examiner. Their places were amply supplied by Mr. W. B. Professor of Arabic and Persian, the Hon. Mr. Lockett, the Officiating Secretary of the Council, as well as one of the Public Professors; and the duties antecedently performed by the Gentlemen, have been undertaken by Lieutenant Coulter, who is in the Persian Language, and the station of Assistant Secretary and Examiner.

To Captain Taylor, the distinguished Professor of Hindoostanee, and to the Reverend and learned Dr. Carey, Professor of Sanskrit and Bengalee; to Lieutenants Mason and Price, the Assistant Professors in the Hindoostanee, Sanskrit and Bengalee Languages, and generally to all the Gentlemen employed in the several departments of the College, I have to offer, in the name of the Illustrious Personage, whom I have the honor to represent on this occasion, as well as on my own, the acknowledgments so justly due for the zeal and ability with which they have fulfilled the important duties of their respective situations, during the past year.

The College of Fort William has been indebted, during a short year, to the able, efficient and unanimous exertions of the highly respectable President and Members of the College Council, who, although engaged with the arduous duties and so-
 cieties of the High Civil Office under the Government of the Hon'ble Company, have yet, in the

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genuine spirit of public, the important functions, and the control over this Institution.

Mr. Harington, Mr. Fembler, derive no additional honor, merits and my applause; but an honor and a gratification, in conveying to them the expression of the Visitor's thanks, for the continuous and past year, of the same indefatigable attention to the welfare and success of this establishment, which is annually entitled the President and the members of the College Council to the tribute of public acknowledgment.

A description of the many valuable literary works which, under the auspices of the College and the patronage of Government, have been completed during the past year, or are in progress, will be annexed as an appendix to this volume. If time were allowed me, I should have great pleasure in bestowing, individually, on the learned Authors, Compilers or Editors, the encomium which is due to their talents and industry. Their names, however, will be inserted in the list of the publications.

To that list will also be added, a catalogue of the publications of the literary works of the learned and industrious Society of Missionaries residing at Bangalore, including a statement of the translations of the Scriptures into the Oriental Languages, the number of which, comprising not less than 91 languages or Dialects, afford a surprising example of diligence and knowledge.

ion avoid noticing also, of genius, talent and execution and publication of that Grammar and Dictionary of that Chinese system of Language, the completion of that arduous undertaking, and the complete development of the Language of China, must certainly be considered to constitute a memorable epoch in the progress of the progress of the Chinese; and the formation of the types, by means of which these works are given to the world exhibits a combination of ingenuity, skill and persevering toil, of which there are few examples.

I have now completed the observations which I had to submit to you, on points immediately connected with the proceedings of the past year.— Before I take my leave of you, however, I am desirous of advertirg to a question which, relating to the utility and efficiency of this Institution, appears to merit consideration, and certainly no occasion more suitable to the discussion of such a question, can present itself, than that on which we are this day assembled. I allude to the existence of an opinion, that a knowledge of the Languages of the country, amply sufficient for all practical purposes, is equally attainable in the discharge of the ordinary duties of the Public Service, at the College of Fort William, and that consequently, the junior Company's Servants are withheld, during a considerable period of time, from the employment to which they are destined, without any

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The opinion is usually to the times antecedent College.—It is alleged, the state of Oriental acquirements of the Company, every branch of Administration, Civil, Military and Political, conducted with a degree of success, imp'ly attested by the history of those events, and revolutions which have raised the British Empire to its present condition of pre-eminence, and the efficacy of its internal Administration, generally speaking, has been proved during those times, throughout the whole of its extensive dominions.—Particular instances of the extraordinary acquirement, and the power and practice of persons in communication and correspondence between the Company and the Natives of the Countries, are also referred to in support of the opinion.

But these admitted facts will, on examination, be found by any means conclusive in respect to the position which they are adduced to maintain.—The Advocates of that position must assume, either that the College has not the effect of augmenting the knowledge of the Oriental Languages among the Servants of the Company beyond the degree attainable, and actually attained antecedently to its institution, or that a general ignorance in this respect is not productive of any material benefit in the administration of public Affairs, or is necessary therefore, in the first instance, to be dispensed with.

It may certainly be admitted, that, with the exception of some extraordinary instances of proficiency, the acquisition of any language, by a person of opportunity, is not to be expected, unless he has the knowledge which the Student acquires during the short period of their confinement in College, is far from sufficient for them that practical use of language, which is necessary to serve all the purposes of intercourse and correspondence with the Natives of India in the transaction of public affairs. A period of time, which could not suffice for the complete acquisition of any one even of the Languages of Europe, which are all more or less assimilated to our own, cannot reasonably be expected to enable a Student to render himself master of any of the languages of Asia, which are formed upon principles possessing analogy to those which regulate the construction of the European tongues; Languages, whose words and phrases, in the various forms of their application to the purposes of human intercourse; for the proximity of Languages of different nations naturally corresponds to the approximation of the sciences of science and of arts, and with the similarity of laws, religion, manners and habits. In all these respects, it is superfluous to observe, the nature of the languages, which communicate with one another, and the distance, which exists in an extreme degree from the languages of the East, whence proceeds the difficulty of acquiring the progress of a Native of Europe in the acquisition of any of the Eastern tongues. The English Student has not merely to learn the grammar

grammar and idiom of the language;—he has to acquire new combinations of ideas; new modes of metaphor; new forms of expression; to convey meanings which might be emitted in any of the foreign Dialects of Europe, by mere translation and transposition of words.

It is therefore, rather a subject of surprise, that at the period of quitting the College, the Students generally should have acquired the degree of proficiency which they are found to possess, in the several Languages to which they have devoted their attention, than that they should leave it with a stock of knowledge yet insufficient for all those practical purposes, to which, in the course of their public duties, they may have occasion to apply the powers of written or colloquial Language.

This concession, however, will not authorize inference, that the studies which confer a stock of knowledge insufficient for the practical purposes of Public Service, would be advantageously changed for those employments to which the Servants of the Company were formerly appointed at their arrival in India.

The advantage which the Student derives from the tuition of the College is, the acquisition of an abundant stock of fundamental knowledge; a knowledge of the principles, construction, and peculiarities of the Languages which he studies, combined also with a certain degree of practical skill in reading, translating and conversing. Antecedently to the institution of the College of Fort William, where were the means of obtaining this fundamental

fundamental instruction to be found? Not in the few imperfect works, which the meritorious labors of our early Orientalists prosecuted under every circumstance of difficulty and disadvantage, had given to the public: nor in the capacity of Native teachers to communicate the rules and principles, to explain the difficulties, and impart the genius of their respective Languages, even when the instructor and his pupil had the rare advantage of being mutually intelligible.

The consequence was such as might be expected; the industrious few, who had the patience to persevere in opposition to these disadvantages, succeeded after a long and laborious application, at least in a partial, but still an imperfect, use of the Language which they studied. They imbibed little knowledge of the principles, and rules of grammatical construction; and the degree of practical skill which they ultimately attained, was rather the effect of persevering imitation, than the fruit of systematic study aided by the lights of Philological Science. The bulk of the Company's Servants were contented with the degrees of proficiency in the Languages forming the medium of correspondence and of oral communication, which was necessary and usual in the ordinary intercourse with the Natives of the Country, and in the transaction of their business.

At the College, the utmost facility is afforded, for the attainment of every Language that can be required for the purposes of the Public Service, within the limits of the territories immediately subject to this Presidency.

Presidency. The industry and erudition of its Professors, and others attached to the College, and the encouragement extended by a liberal Government to the learned and the diligent, have supplied all the aid that can be derived from the labours of Philology, and from the gradation and variety of Classical works; and to these is superadded, the incalculable advantage of being enabled to prosecute the study of the Languages, under the personal guidance and instructions of learned European tutors.

The elemental knowledge and practical proficiency, which the Junior Servants of the present day have thus the means of obtaining, by a short residence in the College, constitute a foundation on which it is in the power of every individual to raise a noble superstructure. The materials are placed at his disposal; he has acquired the mode and the habit of combining them; and when natural capacity is not deficient, the progress of improvement can only be limited by apathy or inattention.

For want of these advantages, the number of those who attained to any degree of proficiency in the Languages of India, antecedently to the institution of the College, was extremely confined.

The Language of Arabia, which enters largely into the composition of those two great organs of intercourse and communication, the Persian and the Hindoostance tongues, and forms the receptacle of the Code of Laws administered to the millions whom we govern, and the Sanskrit, which enshrines the Mythology, the History, and the Law of the Hindoos, and claims the parentage of the numerous

merous affiliate Languages of the Peninsula, could boast only of a few occasional votaries, who, by the light of reason and the aid of persevering industry, had acquired a knowledge of those Languages, and sowed the seeds of that learning with the auspices of the College of Fort William, which has been so successfully cultivated, and so happily increased.

The number of the Servants of the Company, who were conversant with the Persian Language, was comparatively inconceivable, and the general proficiency in that Language was extremely low. Unaided by a Moonshee, few were capable of executing even the ordinary business of translating from Persian into English, and still fewer were able to perform the converse of that operation with any degree of grammatical correctness, without the same assistance.

The nice and intricate Rules, which govern the construction of the Hindoostanee Language; the peculiarities which distinguish that Language; the elegance, the variety and the power of which it is susceptible, were brought to light by the long and arduous labors of Dr Gilchrist, who had the merit of exploring, by the force of his genius and industry, the nature and construction of that complex and intricate dialect.— The knowledge which, prior to that era, the Servants of the Company in general attained; of that Language so essential in its use and application, and so intimately connected with every branch of the administration of the British Empire, naturally corresponded with the obscurity which prevailed, until it was dispelled

dispelled by the philological labors of the author of the Hindoostanee Grammar and Dictionary, and by the progressive operations of the College. Having no access to grammatical instruction, nor even to books composed in the Hindoostanee Language,—for of the latter none but a few poetical works were in existence,—the Servants of the Company principally derived their acquaintance with that Language from their intercourse with the Natives, in the ordinary concerns of private life, and in the transaction of public affairs.

It cannot be supposed that, by means such as these, an enlarged and accurate knowledge of the colloquial Language of India could possibly be attained, and in fact, the number who possessed the power of maintaining a conversation in that Language, with any degree of elegance or propriety, or even of expressing in adequate terms the purpose of the mind, as it arises in the progress of colloquial intercourse, of argument and of negotiation in the transaction of affairs, whether public or private, was extremely limited.

The Language of Bengal, a knowledge of which is so obviously important in official situations within the limits of the Province, was generally neglected and unknown by the Public Servants who filled those situations.

How essential, how extensive has been the change in all these respects, since the establishment of the College of Fort William! Gentlemen, eminently distinguished for their knowledge and acquirements in each of these Languages, are now the organs of instruction

instructions to the respective heads of the Junior Ser-
 vants of the Company of the East India Military.—The
 profound knowledge of Dr. Lumsden, Pro-
 fessor of Sanskrit and Persian, has supplied that great
 desideratum, a complete Grammar of the Persian
 Language, and his first publication his valuable Arabic
 Grammar, has been made available to the Public;—
 and it is with pleasure constantly to affirm, that
 the course of instruction is a more able and scientific ar-
 rangement, and illustration of grammatical rules,
 calculated to assist the means of acquiring
 a practical knowledge of the Languages, but that
 they also develop and exemplify the principles of
 general Grammar, to a degree yet unrivalled by any
 of the Publications of Europe.

In all the various and other Philological works,
 books remain for the study of every Language
 taught in the College, have been collected, compos-
 ed or corrected every obstacle which formerly im-
 peded the progress of the Student has been remov-
 ed; every possible facility has been supplied by the
 labor and erudition of the Professors and learned
 Natives attached to the College. The effect has
 been commensurate with the means which have
 been provided—Exclusively of the numerous in-
 stances of eminent and extraordinary proficiency,
 which have done honor to the Institution, the Col-
 lege has annually transferred to the Public Service
 a body of young men, not all, of whom had
 acquired a fundamental knowledge of two or more
 Language; and some had risen to high practical
 proficiency not only in those which may be termed
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the living Language of India, but also in the abstruse and refined repositories of Oriental learning and science, the Arabic and Sanskrit;—and although it was not to be expected that the advantages of the College should be improved by all the Students; that the seed should grow and flourish in every soil in which it had been sown, yet I do not incur the hazard of error, when I assert, that the general stock, both of theoretical and practical acquaintance with the Languages of the Country, among the Servants of the Company, has been augmented and improved in a very extensive and sensible degree. I might also refer to specific instances of the power of elocution and of composition in the Languages of India, possessed by several public Officers holding high situations, who have passed through the studies of the College, in proof of the advantage which an Institution like this is exclusively calculated to afford, in the acquisition of the Oriental Languages.

It remains, however, to advert to the argument adduced, in proof of the sufficiency of the knowledge of the Eastern Languages, generally possessed by the Company's Servants antecedently to the institution of the College, which is founded on the progressive prosperity and power of the British dominion in India, and on the success which attended the administration of the concerns of this great Empire. When we contemplate our situation in this Country; when we reflect that we are governing a population of many millions, to whom our Language is unknown, whose religion, habits, man-
ners,

now, language and people, are wholly differ from our
 own. A competent working man requisite to prove,
 that the diffusion of the benefits and blessings of a
 good administration among these our subjects,
 must essentially depend on the degree in which the
 power of communication with the Natives of India
 is possessed by the Officers employed in the
 various branches of our vast and complicated Gov-
 ernment. Splendid has been the career of our
 Empire, and prosperous has been the conduct of its
 various concerns, who will allege that no advan-
 ces have been less than those which have been incurred
 which a faithful use of our towers of Language
 might have secured and prevented?

Who will say that improved means of direct in-
 tercourse with our subjects are not indispensably
 requisite, to co-operate with the enactment and ad-
 ministration of salutary laws, for the purpose of dif-
 fusing the knowledge and the practice of those prin-
 ciples of conduct, which have a tendency to exalt
 the standard of national character, to diminish the
 prevalence of immorality and crime, and to promote
 the general welfare and happiness of the inhabitants
 of these territories? Who will maintain, that far
 greater advances in the attainment of such important
 purposes might not have been made if
 the existing facilities for mental study and acquire-
 ment were not in early times enabled the Company's Ser-
 vants to arrive at the proficiency, which is now so
 generally attained?

A further remark will be made on the opinion which I
 profess to entertain of the great advantages of this
 institution,

Institution, even when considered merely as the means of stimulating, and enabling the Civil and Military Servants of the Company to acquire an intimate and critical knowledge of the Languages of the East, must anxiously desire its stability; and to such it must be satisfactory to reflect, that the College has been formally recognized by an act of the Legislature, ■ well as that the Hon'ble Court of Directors continue to afford to it the r indispensable support; deeming their College of Hartford, so far ■ it embraces the study of the Eastern Languages, to be calculated only to bestow ■ elementary preparation for the more efficient and exclusive studies of this Institution.

I am aware, that the benefits of the College of Fort William, considered in a general point of view, have been disputed on grounds which have reference to the habit and private conduct of the Students, that the advantages of efficient instruction in the Oriental Languages have been deemed to be overbalanced, by the example and contagion of dissipation and extravagance

But I have reason to believe, that the degree of discredit to which the College may have been exposed in this respect, has proceeded rather from the prominent misconduct of a few, who perhaps in any situation would have disregarded the obligations of duty and discretion, than from the general prevalence of irregularity in the body of the Students: and to whatever extent the charge might have been justly applicable at some period of the Institution, I have the satisfaction to know that at the present
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time, instances of deviation from the maxims and rules of prudence and propriety (for such must always exist in every large association) are exceptions to the general system of conduct observable among the Students of the College.

This gratifying improvement may, perhaps, be traced to sources beyond the limits of this establishment; but to the paternal superintendance of the Government; to the vigilance of the respectable Members of the College; to the advice and attention of the Professors and Officers, and to the operation of the disciplinary rules and ordinances of the College; must chiefly be attributed in a material degree, the actual state of its moral prosperity.

At the same time it is certainly to be desired, that the means of promoting the important object of Collegiate discipline should be systematized in the College of Fort William, as in other similar institutions, by arrangements calculated to meet those evils and defects, the real or supposed existence of which has induced persons of acknowledged judgment, to doubt the expediency of this system of Oriental education.

Gentlemen! acting as I now am in a delegated capacity, I am not permitted to assume a personal relation to the College, yet having had the honor to fill an active situation in it at the infancy of its establishment and having both in that situation and in a higher station of the Institution, witnessed its efficacy and its advantages, I cannot refrain from taking this opportunity of professing a warm personal interest in its prosperity, and

and an earnest solicitude for its permanent duration.

APPENDIX.

Catalogue of Literary Works, the publication of which has been encouraged by Government, at the recommendation of the Council of the College of Fort William, since the period of the Disputation, held in 1814.

1.—*किरातयुद्धोपनिषत् Kirataryuddhoyu*, a celebrated historical work, in the original Sanskrit, with the commentary of Mullee Nath, an account of which is given by the learned Mr. Colebrooke, in his Essay on Sanskrit and Prakrit Poetry, published in the Asiatic Researches, Vol. 10th, page 431. (Calcutta edition.)

2.—*वीरमित्रोद्घ Veeru Mitrodughu*, is a complete Digest of Hind^{oo} Law, on the administration of justice. It is divided, like other complete Digests, into two parts; one on trial at Law *i. g. d. d.*, and the other on the several subjects of litigation in particular. Under the first head, the legal rules of pleading are set forth and explained; and the Law of evidence, written and oral, with prescription, and other branches of the important head of proof. Under the second, the various heads of contracts and succession, together with criminal law, and questions concerning real property amply discussed. —The whole contains a rich and well arranged collection of the text of ancient legislators, and the doctra of the most esteemed compilers and commentators.

tators. The work was compiled for practical purposes, a little more than a century ago, for one of the independent Hindoo Rajas of Hindoostan. It is deservedly held in great estimation in the Benares school, including all the Hindoostanee Provinces. It is the best modern Digest, as the Smiti Chundrika is the best ancient one. Edited by Baboo Ram Punuit

3.—संक्षेपम् Subhā Bilas, a work in the Bruj Bhakha, consisting of approved extracts in Poetry, from various authors, compiled by Bhakha, Monshee Lulloo, for the use of the Students of the Bhakha Class. This work has lately been published.

4.—A Khuree Bolce and English Vocabulary, of all the principal words in the Premsagur, or History of Krishna, with the corresponding Sanskrit Etymology of each term, when it could be clearly ascertained. by Lieutenant William Price, Assistant Professor of the Bengalee and Sanskrit Languages. The utility of this Vocabulary will not be confined to the work from whence the words have been extracted, since they are of constant occurrence in other Khuree Bolce and Bhakha compositions, and the arrangement and mode of execution will very considerably facilitate the subsequent undertaking of a complete Khuree Bolce Dictionary.

5. 6.—हिउपदेशु The Hitopudeshu, from the Sanskrit, also बूतेसेसिङ्गानु The Buttesee Singhaanu, from the Sanskrit, and प्रपदित्यु The Prapadityu, from the Bengalee, have been translated into the Murhutti Language by learned Natives, under

under the superintendence of the Rev Dr. Carey, for the use of students of the Murhutta Class.

The two former works have been published, and the 3^d is at present in the Press.

8.—A collection of Original Letters in the Murhutta Language, is likewise in course of publication.

9.—*पुरुषपरीक्षा* *Pooroshu Pareeks'a*, or the Test of Man, a work containing the moral doctrines of the Hindoos, translated into the Bengalee Language, from the Sanskrit, by Huruprasad, a Punjit attached to the College of Fort William, for the use of the Bengalee Class. It is a delineation of eminence of character, in many situations of human life, and consists of forty-eight stories, illustrative thereof. Some of these describe men eminent for moral virtue; others, men eminent for heroic or daring actions; others are represented as examples of high qualifications; and others, of extraordinary folly or wisdom, virtue or vice.—The whole forming an useful miscellany of Eastern manners and opinions.

10.—*China Sinica*, a work on the Chinese Language, consisting of two parts. Part the first contains a Dissertation, of pages 80, on the origin, nature and formation of the Chinese characters; and a second Dissertation (comprising pages 102) on the Colloquial Medium of the Chinese, wherein its nature is laid open, and its connexion with the Colloquial Media of the surrounding countries carefully traced. Part the second (pages 384) contains a Grammar of the Chinese Language, in which the construction of the Language is illustrated by near-

y five hundred examples, selected from the best Chinese authors ancient and modern. To the work is added, by way of Appendix, the *Ta hyyoh*, an ancient work, on the nature of Government. An English Translation on the same page accompanies the Chinese Text and a Synopsis at the end explains each character as it occurs. By J. Marshman, D.D. The Chinese part of the work is printed with the metal types with which the Scriptures in Chinese are now printing at Serampore.

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The following Works, mentioned in the Appendix to the Discours of his Excellency the Visitor of the College of Fort William, at the Disputations of 1814, have since been completed

1. ————— *Sohrab*, a Poem, the translation from Persian into English, of an Episode, in the celebrated Epic Poem of Ferdusee, entitled the *Shah Namu*, by J. Atkinson, Esq. Acting Assistant Secretary and Examiner in the College of Fort William.

2. ————— *The Khirud Ufroz*, originally translated into the Hindoostanee Language, by Moolavee H. f. e. z. ood-deeni Uhuud, from the *Uvan Danish*, written by the celebrated Sheikh Uhuol Fuzl, Prime Minister to the illustrious Uksur, Emperor of Hindoostan; revised and compared with the Original Persian, and prepared for the Press by Captain Thomas Roebuck, Acting Secretary and Examiner in the College of Fort William, in two volumes, Royal Octavo. This work is an elegant paraphrase of the Book known in Europe, by the name

name of Pilpay's Fables, which have been satisfactorily traced to a work in the Sanskrit Language, entitled Panchu 'Funtru, of which the celebrated Book, called the Hitopudeshu, is an abridgment, written above twelve centuries ago, by a learned Brahmin, named Vishnu Shurma. It contains all the moral purity and wisdom of the East, expressed in the most polished dialect of the Hindoostanee Language. Perhaps no Book in the world (the Arabian Nights excepted) has undergone so many translations, as the above mentioned. A full account of the various transpositions of the Fables of Pilpay, is given in the English Preface, prefixed to the work by the Editor.

3 — قاموس The Qamoos, a celebrated Dictionary in the Arabic Language, has been completed to the close of the first part, which has passed the press.

The types which have been employed in printing this Edition, were formed under the immediate inspection of the learned Editor, S. M. Ummud Shiwanee, a Native of Yunnan in Arabia, and the author of several Arabic works, composed for the use of the Students of the College of Fort William. He has paid particular attention to this department of his labors. The book is neatly printed, and has the singular advantage of being complete in the vowel points throughout the volume, — a measure absolutely necessary, to remove those difficulties and obscurities of meaning, which so frequently occur in the greater number of the manuscript copies of this work.

4. — *تكملة معجم اللغة العربية* The Supplement to the *Maqamat* *Hu* enc., comprising an Arabic and Persian Dictionary of all the terms contained in that celebrated work, compiled from the best authorities, published by *Muolavee Jan Ulee*, now employed in the Arabic Department of the College of Fort William.

5. — *تذكرة الأئمة من العرب* The 1st volume of the *Ulf Lachü*, or part of the Arabian Nights Entertainments, in the original Arabic, has been published for the use of the Students of the Arabic Class of the College of Fort William, by *Shuekh U* attached to the Arabic Department of the College.

6. — *جاء فوه و صراج* The 2d volume of the *Scrub* a Dictionary of Arabic words, explained in Persian, by *Uhoor Fuzi Moohumud bin OOm* bin *Khalid*, commonly called *Jumal*, being a translation of a very celebrated Arabic Dictionary, intitled the *Sunab*, revised and corrected according to the authority of the *Qamood*, the *Shums ol Oloom*, the *Derwa* *Jdub*, and other Lexicons of equal celebrity by *Muolavees Durvesh Ulee*, *Jan Ulee*, *Uhdor Rubeem*, and *Husun Ulee*.

7. — *حدائق البلاغ* *Hudaiq ol bulaghat*, the *Bowers of Eloquence*, being a treatise on the Rhetoric, Poetry and Rhyme of the Persians; by *Meer Shams odd-deen Fuqeer of Dilhee*: corrected for the press by *Muolavees Jan Ulee* and *Uhdor Rubeem*.

8. — *महाकाव्य* The *Maghu Kavyu*, an Epic Poem in the original Sanskrit, the subject of which is the death of *Sisoopala*, slain in war by *Krishnu*. — It consists of 20 cantos, which, with a comment-

ay of Muller Nath ... edited by ...
 Mian and Shyam ... A full account
 of this work is given by the ... Mr Cole-
 brooke in his Dissertation on Sanskrit and ...
 Poetry, which is published in the 19th vol ...
 the Asiatic Researches.

9 — The first part of Mr. Wilson's Sanskrit in
 English Dictionary comprising about 500 pages
 quarto, and containing one half of the Alphabet, is
 nearly printed, and will be published in the course
 of a few weeks.

*Books at present in the press, or preparing for
 publication.*

Boorhar Qad'u, the most copious and
 comprehensive Dictionary of the Persian Language
 now extant.

The author of this valuable work states himself
 in the commencement of his preface, to be Hossein
 ibni Khulafat-Fabreezee, the additional poetical
 title of Boorhar.

He has concentrated within the pages of his
 Lexicon, the whole of the sterling matter contained
 in the Fuhung i Juhangeeree; the Muj'ama' col-
 lection of Scorooree and the Stormue Salla names
 together with descriptions of the most useful arti-
 cles of the Materia Medica as given in the Subal-
 col Udweeyuh of Hossein col Unsaaree; the whole
 are arranged in an alphabetical succession, accord-
 ing to the plan of European Dictionaries.

In order to comprize within a moderate bulk
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and numerous collections of words purely Persian, together with many Greek, Syriac, and Turkish terms, and an extensive variety of metaphorical significations, compound of Arabic and Persian words, he has wholly retained from the exhibition of poetical ornaments in support of his denunciations and satirical meanings, as practised by the poets of the Jalangerees and others.

The same work in manuscript will be considered, and the labours and exertions of the Editor of this printed edition, in a careful inspection and revision of the text, a collation of various copies, and the ablest assistance of experienced Native scholars.

The typographical department has been equally the subject of care and attention,—an excellent font of types of the Naskh or Arabic character, recently imported from Europe, has been used for the impression, which, connected with a general observation of the means most likely to ensure its beauty and accuracy, afford every reasonable hope of a correct and elegant edition of the best manuscript Dictionary of the Persian Language yet presented to the Oriental world.—By Captain Thomas Roe-buck, Acting Secretary, and Examiner in the College of Fort William.

لجى لى من القصة والاسرار
The 2d volume of the *Ulf Luulu*, or a part of *Arabian Nights Entertainments*, in the original Arabic: edited by Shuekh *Uhmud*, a learned Native of Arabia, at present employed in the Arabic Department of the College.

كل بكاولي—2.
The Second Edition of the *Gooli-Bukawulce*

3. Hindoostanee Tale, originally published by Dr John Gilchrist, for the use of the Students of the Hindoostanee Class: edited by Captain Robuck.

4. — *المنطق* The Qootbee, ■ celebrated Treatise on Logic, written by Qootb ood-Deen, in the Arabic Language: revised and prepared for the press at the desire of M. Lumsden, LL. D. Professor of the Arabic and Persian Languages in the College of Fort William, by Muolavees Jan Ulee, and Uthoor Rubeem, employed in the Arabic Department of the College of Fort William.

5.—A Dictionary of the Punjabee Language, arranged according to the Gooroomookhee alphabet, and the Orthography of the Gooroomookhee words, expressed by the Devunagree character, and explained in the Persian Language, by Kashee Raj ■ Native of the Punjab, under the superintendance of Captain Robuck, is also ready for press.

A list of Translations of the Scriptures into the Oriental Languages, with the progress made in the printing of them, at the Serampore Press, 20th July, 1815.

1. Bengalee, — The Old and New Testaments. The third Edition of the New Testament in the Press.
2. Oorkul, — Ditto ditto ditto.
3. Sanskrit, — New Testament, Pentateuch, Historical Books of Scriptures nearly finished.
4. Mochutta, — Ditto ditto ditto.
5. Hindoostanee, — Ditto ditto ditto.

6. Parjalee, -New Testament, Pentateuch, $\frac{1}{2}$ printed.
7. Push'ee, - New Testament, to St. John's Gospel.
8. Bill'ee, --Ditto ditto ditto.
9. Kunkuna, Ditto St. Matthew, printed.
10. Bikal'ee, --Ditto St. Matthew, nearly printed.
11. Mo'nee, - Ditto ditto ditto.
12. Si'ee, --Ditto ditto ditto.
13. Ood'apoor, --Ditto ditto ditto.
14. Masawar, Ditto ditto ditto.
15. Kushmeera, Ditto ditto ditto.
16. Nepalese, --Ditto ditto ditto.
17. Bray, --New Testament printed to the Epistles.
18. Assam, --Ditto to St. John's Gospel.
19. Khas'ee, --Ditto printed to the end of St. Matthew's Gospel.
20. Mugad'ha South Buhar, --Ditto ditto ditto.
21. Toinga, Ditto, the Gospels printed.
22. Kuratta, --Ditto St. Matthew's Gospel, nearly printed.
23. Chiuree, -New Testament, two Gospels printed. Genesis, nearly printed.
24. Burma, --St. Matthew's nearly printed.

Ready for the Press.

- 1. Maldivian.
- 2. Gojuratee.
- 3. Southern Sindhoo.
- 4. Sinesee.

Works nearly ready for Publication, Serampore.

1. -- A View of the History, Literature and Religion of the Hindoos, including a minute description of their manners and customs; in two volumes, 4to. By the Reverend William Ward.

The volume on the Religion of the Hindoos (pages XXXI and 485,) is already printed off, and

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as the volumes are independent of each other, it will be published immediately. The introduction contains a concise view of the origin of the Hindoo system of Mythology; Chapter I. is devoted to a description of the objects of Hindoo worship; Chap. II. describes the Hindoo temples, images, priests, and the various kinds of worship; Chap. III. notices the various times and seasons of worship; Chap. IV. points out the different duties and ceremonies incumbent on both priests and worshippers; Chap. V. exhibits the views of the Hindoos, relative to a future state; Chap. VI. enumerates the various kinds of religious devotees and mendicants among the Hindoos; and Chap. VII. describes the different sects among them. The volume concludes with some general remarks on the objects of worship throughout India, Tartary, China, Japan, &c.

II — A Dictionary of the Bengalee Language, by the Rev. Doctor William Carey. The first volume of this work, comprising the words which begin with a vowel, is ready for publication.

About to be put to Press.

III — A Complete Dictionary of the Chinese Language, comprising all the characters on the Imperial Dictionary of Khangkhee. This work will contain nearly thrice the number of characters found in the large folio Dictionary published at Paris in 1813, by order of Buonaparte. The characters for this Dictionary, which are cut in metal, on a new and improved plan, have been in a state of preparation for several years.

A

A T T E N T I O N
OF THE
OFFICERS AND STUDENTS OF THE
MILITARY COLLEGE, FORT WILLIAM,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

Held on the 1st DECEMBER, 1814.

OF THE STUDENTS.

PERSIAN.		HINDOOSTANEEL.	
FIRST CLASS.		FIRST CLASS.	
1	Medal of Merit.	1	Macnaghten, (not attached to the Class,) a Degree of Honor, a Medal, and 1,000.
2	Medal of Merit.	SECOND CLASS.	
3	Medal of Merit.	2	Dick, Medal of Merit.
4	Medal of Merit.	3	Class, Medal of Merit.
5	Walters,	THIRD CLASS.	
6	Duntze,	4	Duntze,
7	Taylor, R. J.	5	Taylor, B. Medal of Merit.
8	Reid,	6	Nisbet,
9	Hayes, Sir Thomas.	7	Creighton, R. Medal of Merit.
10	Murray,	8	Reid,
11	Nisbet,	9	Hayes, Sir Thomas.
12	Reid, Sir Thomas.	10	Ward,
13	Class.	11	Walters,
14	Reid,	12	Pringle,
15	Edam,	13	Lance,
16	Lilberton,	14	Taylor, R. J.
17	Mousser,	15	Wollen,
18	Lance,	16	Tighman,
19	Pringle,	17	Walker,
20	Tighman,	18	Boddam,
21	Walker,	19	Lindsay,
22	Creighton, H.	20	Plowden,
23	Plowden,	21	Dewar,
24	Barlow,	22	Barlow,

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		24 Templer,	
Absent from Examination.		25 Nepean.	
26 Law, Sick.			
27 Grant, by permission of the College Council.		Absent from Examination.	
28 Vibart, } Sick.		■ Law,	} Sick.
29 Parker, }		27 Rodney, Hon. W.	
30 Phillips,	} Stated their inability to perform the Exercises.	■ Parker,	
31 Wilkinson,		29 Philips, stated his inability to perform the Exercises.	
32 Ritchie,		30 Cavendish, Hon. R.	} Neglected to attend.
■ Cockerell,		31 Grant,	
33 Scott		■ Cockerell,	
35 Walker, neglected to attend.		33 Scott,	

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10 Templer,	13 Rodney, Hon. W. Sick.
11 Bruce,	14 Boddam,
■ Creighton, H. Retired with out attempting any Exercise.	15 Barlow,
	16 Ritchie.

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7 Lieutenant Wornum,		7 Ensign Stewart, Medal of Merit.	
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10 Ensign Strickland, Medal of Merit			

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2 Ensign Lawrence,		9 Lieutenant White,	
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5 Corvet Hester.		12 Ensign Lawrence,	
		13 Corvet Hester.	

Absent from Examination

Absent from Examination.		14 Lieutenant Wornum, Sick.	
16 Lieut. Col. Ford, } Sick.		15 Ensign Gordon, } by permission	
17 Ensign Gordon, } Sick.		16 Ensign Wade, } mission	
18 Ensign Wade, by permission of the College Council.		of the College Council.	
		17 Lieutenant Caultuard, Sick.	

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- 2 Ensign McKenly,
- 3 Lieut. White.

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- 3 Ensign Burns, Medal of Merit.

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By order of the Council

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T. ROEBUCK, *Acting Secretary.*

**A REPORT OF THE
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL EXAMINATION,
HOLDEN IN JUNE, 1815.**

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| 1 Dick, Degree of Honor, | Rs. |
| a Medal, and..... | 1,000 |

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- 2 Tayler, P
- 4 Cavendish, etc

- 3 Smyth, D. C. Medal of Merit
- 4 Tayler, B
- 4 Maddock, Medal of Merit,

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- 16 Medal of Merit

- 15 Annotec, Hon ble H. A.

- 17 Medal of Merit

- 16 Smyth, N.

- 18 Medal of Merit

- 17 Field,

FOURTH CLASS.

- 18 School house, Sir John

- 19 Medal of Merit

- 19 Hayes, Sir T.

- 20 Medal of Merit

- 20 Walker,

- 21 Medal of Merit

- 21 Phillips,

- 22 Medal of Merit

- 22 Thomas,

- 23 Medal of Merit

- 23 Parker,

- 24 Medal of Merit

- 24 Landsay,

- 25 Medal of Merit

- 25 Nipern, attended but did

- 26 Medal of Merit

not perform the Exercise.

- 27 Medal of Merit

Absent from Examination.

- 28 Medal of Merit

- 29 Medal of Merit

- 29 Medal of Merit

- 30 Medal of Merit

FIFTH CLASS.

- 29 Medal of Merit

- 31 Medal of Merit

- 30 Medal of Merit

- 32 Medal of Merit

- 31 Medal of Merit

- 32 Medal of Merit

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- 33 Magniac,
- 34 Rodney, Hon'ble Wm.
- 35 Thomas,
- 36 Parker,
- 37 Fraser,
- 38 Cockerell,
- 39 Templer,

- 40 Barlow,
- 41 Creighton, H.
- 42 Pughmore,

Attended
but did
not per-
form the
Exercises.

Absent from Examination.

- 43 Nepean,
- 44 Bruce,
- 45 Graham,
- 46 Dunize,
- 47 Annesley, Hon. H. A. with-
out adequate cause.
- 48 Russell, stated his inability
to perform the Exercises.

Sick.

MILITARY STUDENTS.

- 1 Lieut. R. Taylor, De-
grees of Honor, a Me-
dal, and 1,000
- 2 Lieut. Isaacke, Degrees of
Honor, a Medal, and 1,000

ARABIC.

FIRST CLASS.

- 3 Macnaghton, Degree of
Honor, a Medal, and 1,000

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- 4 Russell, stated his inability
to perform the Exercises.

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- 5 Lieutenent Isaacke, Degree
of Honor a Medal, and 1,000

SECOND CLASS.

- 6 Cavendish, Hon'ble R.
- 7 Monckton, Degree of
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- 8 Macnaghton, Degree of
Honor a Medal, and 1,000

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- 9 Murray,
- 10 Dale, Medal of Merit.
- 11 Wilkinson, Medal of Merit,
- 12 Vibart,
- 13 Lind, Medal of Merit
- 14 Creighton, R. Medal of Me-
rit.

- 15 Smith, N. Medal of Merit.

- 16 Biscoe, Medal of Merit.

- 17 Ellerton, Medal of Merit,

- 18 Monsell,

- 19 Stuart, Medal of Merit.

THIRD CLASS.

- 20 Ritchie,

- 21 Creighton, H.

- 22 Magniac,

- 23 Rodney, Hon'ble W.

- 24 Fraser,

- 25 Templer,

- 26 Cockerell,

Absent from Examination.

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Bruce, } Sick.

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2 Class.

1 Macanthon, Medal of Merit.

2 Paonckton, Medal of Merit.

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27th June, 1815

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AN

ACCOUNT OF
THE FIFTEENTH

PUBLIC DISPUTATIONS

IN THE

ORIENTAL LANGUAGES,

Held on the 15th July, 1816, with the Discourse delivered on that occasion, by His Excellency LORD MOIRA, as Visitor of the College.

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM, JULY 17, 1816

ON Monday the 15th instant, being the day appointed by His Excellency Lord Moira, Visitor of the College of Fort William, for the Public Disputations in the Oriental Languages, the President and Members of the College Council the Officers Professors, and Students of the College, met at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Government House where the Honorable the Chief Justice, the Honorable

able

Mr. N. S. Edmonstone, the Honorable A. Seton, and the Honorable G. Douglaswell, Members of the Supreme Council; the Honorable Sir Francis Macnaghten, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, with many Civil and Military Officers of the Presidency, as well as several respectable natives, were also assembled.

Lady Macnaghten and Miss Robert Laidlaw of the Settlement, likewise honored the College by their presence on the occasion.

Soon after ten o'Clock, His Excellency's Excellency attended by the President of the College, Council of the Secretary to the College and the Officers of His Excellency's suite, entered the Room, where the Disputations were to be held. When the Visitor had taken his Seat, the Disputations commenced in the following order :

FIRST.—HINDOOSTANEE.

Proposition—“ The Satirical Poetry of the Hindoostanee equals that of any other Oriental Language.”

- Respondent*,.....Mr. W. A. Pringle.
- First Opponent*,.....Mr. G. L. Law.
- Second Opponent*,.....Mr. A. Reid.
- Modérateur*,.....Captain J. W. Taylor.

SECOND.—BENGALIEE.

Position—“ The Bengalee Language is better suited to Historical, than to Poetical or Philosophical Composition.”

- Respondent*,.....Mr. T. Clerk.
- First Opponent*,.....Mr. W. Wilkinson.

Second

*Second Opponent,*Mr. T. C. Vibart.

*Moderator,*Rev. Dr. W. Carey.

THIRD.—PERSIAN.

Position.—“ The cause of the Persian Language
 “ having so long flourished, while it is not indigen-
 “ ous, arises from the encouragement it has met
 “ from the several Governments, which have suc-
 “ cessively ruled the Country.”

*Respondent,*Mr. W. Wilkinson.

*First Opponent,*Mr. W. A. Pringle.

*Second Opponent,*Mr. A. Reid.

*Moderator,*Captain T. Roebuck.

FOURTH.—SANSKRIT.

Position.—“ To acquire a perfect knowledge of
 “ the Sanskrit Language requires a longer period
 “ of diligence and exertion, than to attain a similar
 “ degree of proficiency in any vernacular tongue.”

Declamation by Mr. T. Clerk.

When the Disputations were concluded, the President of the College Council presented to His Excellency the Visitor the several Students of the College, who were entitled to receive Degrees of Honor, Medals of Merit or other honorary rewards, adjudged to them at the Public Examinations of the past year; as well as the Students, who, at the Examination held in June, had been found qualified to enter upon the Public Service, by their knowledge of two Languages, and had consequently obtained permission to quit the College. The President read the Certificates granted by the Council of the College to each Student, in pursuance of the Statutes, specifying the proficiency which he had made in the
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the prescribed studies of the College, and the general tenor of his conduct.

When the Certificates had been read, the Visitor presented to each Student entitled to receive a Degree of Honor, the usual Diploma inscribed on Vellum, and at the same time expressed the satisfaction which he felt in commending it.

The Prizes and Medals, which had been awarded to the several Students, were also distributed to them respectively, after which His Excellency the Visitor read the following discourse:—

GENTLEMEN OF THE COLLEGE
OF ST. WILLIAM.

This is now the second time, that I have the pleasure to address you from this chair: one Annual Examination has intervened, since I had the honor to preside on a similar occasion;—but although the calls of the Public Service placed me at that period at a distance from the Institution, believe me, Gentlemen, I fully participated in the glories of that Examination, for I was not unobservant of the very conspicuous honor acquired by many Students of this College, nor was I insensible to the increase of its reputation which resulted to the Institution from their successful labors.

I should have been to me a source of great gratification to have distributed with my own hands the rewards of that day, and to have had the opportunity of myself imparting to each successful Candidate, the well-earned tribute of my approbation and applause. But although my absence took from me the performance of this grateful duty, I cannot

cannot regret the circumstance, and I am sure, Gentlemen, you must have seen occasion to rejoice at it, for it brought into the situation to preside over the concerns of the Institution, a Gentleman, who unites to the advantages of official character and distinguished talents, the reputation of a very remarkable intimacy with the Classic literature of the country, and the critical correctness of whose taste in it, is allowed to stand unrivalled even amongst the learned here.

This circumstance cannot but have given you, Gentlemen, a higher degree of confidence in the accuracy of the Acting Visitor's discrimination of the shades of individual merit, than any that I could have hoped to inspire; and I am sure you must have felt the justness of his appreciation of the advantages of the Institution at large, when he traced to you from his own experience and observation the degree in which, by adding to the useful--indeed necessary--requirements of those concerned in the administration of a library, his operation had been beneficial to a country, and when he shewed by a mention of only a few of the many valuable works produced by those connected with the College, its extensive influence in promoting literary research amongst ourselves.

This is a theme, Gentlemen, upon which I myself love to dwell; indeed I am satisfied that the literary spirit of this country must soon have dwindled away, until it became extinct, under a foreign rule, like that of our nation, had it not been for the new life instilled into scientific pursuits, through the many
public

public testimonies afforded by the Government of its disposition to sustain and protect them to the utmost,—and a long list of the establishments of this Institution prominently holds the first place.

This recurrence to the subject is however purely gratuitous and unnecessary, for at this time the benefits of the College are generally acknowledged, and the Institution in the enjoyment of its well-deserved and universal reputation, that it needs no one to advocate its cause before the public.

Gentlemen I have before assured you that the sincerest affection and interests of the Government bound me to this illustrious establishment, from the moment of my first connection with it, and that my solicitude for its stability and welfare was from the first more than a mere feeling of courtesy. I was confident, that I could in nothing so fully testify the attachment to the interests of the College which I professed, as by exhibiting myself at all times ready to make every effort to enforce its discipline, and to provide to the utmost in my power for the efficiency of its internal government.

It was one of the first acts of my administration, to give to the College a new Chapter of Statutes, and to the operation of some of the rules, which I then introduced, and more particularly to the introduction of regularity with which they have been administered. I venture to attribute in a great measure the present more than ordinary efficiency of the Institution and the prospect of its even further improvement.

The success of the Examination of this year exhibits

but the singularly favourable result that out of thirty-six Students, who entered the hall to be examined, and who formed the whole body of those under instruction in the term, not less than twenty-five have been reported qualified for the Public Service by competent proficiency in two of the Languages taught. In former years, out of forty-five or fifty Civil Students examined, it was thought extraordinary, and made matter of exultation, if 18 or 20 were reported qualified. The Examination of this year has however reduced the proportion of those detained from the Public Service by the Regulations of the College, from a rate amounting to three-fifths of the whole number of Students attached to it, to a trifle more than two-sevenths, or less than half of the old proportion.

In the estimate of the productive powers of the year, compared with former periods, this is indeed a favourable circumstance; but what is more, it is one which there is no room for the operation of chance. There can be but one cause to which it can be attributed: it is impossible to entertain any other position, than that there must have existed amongst the Students a more general disposition to study, with a view to avail themselves of the benefits of the Institution, than has ever before been experienced.

Gentlemen, I believe this disposition to have had a most extensive influence on your conduct in the past year. I trust the improvement will be lasting; that those amongst you, who remain attached to the College, will have caught the spirit from those who leave

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leave it, and that both Classes will unite in endeavouring to diffuse it amongst those, whom the arrivals of this year will place in the situation to look up to you for an example.

Gentlemen, you can see that know how extensive will be the influence of that example on the minds of those who succeed you. Each must recollect the time of his own arrival, when thrown abroad in the midst of a new world, amongst a different people, and in a Society of peculiar habits and long continuations must have duly occurred of the necessity of a right and ordinary prudence could have afforded that proper conception, and for which no instruction could have provided a rule of conduct before hand. In such situations from whom is the young, inexperienced stranger to solicit advice? to whom can he apply for assistance? Those much his Seniors are too far removed from his own sphere to win his entire confidence, and he stands so much in awe of appearing unfavorably before them, that he is withheld from opening his mind to them with real cordiality. He will indeed naturally look to those of his own age, whom he finds in similar circumstances with himself, he will cling to the friendships the latter institution of Hertford may have given him the opportunity to form. He will endeavour to do as those do whose character from previous habit he had been accustomed to esteem. He will adopt their sentiments, direct his efforts to the attainment of what he sees to be the object of their ambition, and in consequence will look to them as his model. Now if this notion be faulty; if it hold forth the example of

a life of idleness and extravagance, if it lead them to suppose all that is esteemed and praiseworthy to be concentrated in such a course; in vain may their wiser Seniors endeavour to dissuade, in vain may those placed to superintend them exhort and remonstrate. In vain may I, with the authority of this Chair, mark such a line of conduct with more austere reprobation; against such a fatal propensity, be it your province to warn their inexperience. Do not wait to be consulted. Spontaneously offer to them that plain statement of their real situation here, which cannot but be well received, and will at a future period, if not immediately, be acknowledged with gratitude.

It is chiefly from the hope that the disposition to study which now prevails, will be diffused from the present to the coming Students, until it is at last permanently established as the ruling principle of the College, that I congratulate the Institution most cordially on the favorable result of this year, in respect to the number of Students, who have given their minds exclusively, to the acquirement of what is taught in the College. I consider this to be the commencement of a new æra, and I hail the prevailing sentiment, which I think this result shows to have taken place amongst the Students, as the dawn of a time when every one shall enter the College with the one object of passing through it rapidly, with a full availment of all its advantages, and when an individual actuated by different principles shall be avoided by his fellow Students, as an uncongenial spirit. From what I have heard, there was a time,
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when the expression of such a hope would have been considered as visionary. It is now a sanguine anticipation, and I trust but does not mean an unreasonable one.

I have dwelt thus long upon the advantage possessed by the present year, in respect to the number qualified, over any other year, with the results of which I have been much gratified; because I conceive this circumstance due to a weight every other consideration, and to give it the supreme priority to the result of this Examination. The twenty six Students reported qualified by their proficiency in two Languages to enter the Public Service, are

1. Thomas Clerk.
2. Henry Harrington Thomas.
3. William Wilkinson.
4. William Alexander Pringle.
5. Charles Stuart.
6. George Gwan Law.
7. Andrew Reid.
8. John Frederick Ellerton.
9. Henry Graham.
10. Charles Phillips.
11. Edward Sheffield Montagu.
12. Thomas Gowan Vibart.
13. Thomas Porter Bonel Bacon.
14. Sir John Brooke Stouhouse.
15. Henry Meredith Parker.
16. Sir Thomas Pelham Hayes.
17. Honorable Henry Arthur Anesley.
18. John William Femler.
19. Richard Milbrink Tilghman.
20. Lane Magniac.
21. Michael Bruce.
22. Honorable William Rodney.

23. Walter R. Clark.

24. John Henry Peckow.

25. John Fleming Murray Reid.

A twenty-sixth Student, Mr. Lindsay, in consequence of a disorder of the eye which prevented him from prosecuting his studies, was permitted to quit College in February last,

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A twenty-seventh Student, Mr. Creighton, has also been permitted under particular circumstances to enter the Public Service, although not qualified in two Languages, — a deviation from established rule, for which he is indebted to the special recommendation of the College Council, founded on his general assiduity and good conduct.

I come now to the consideration of what may be called the honors of the year, and in this respect, I must admit, that with the exception of a remarkably successful cultivation of the Bengalee Language there is a manifest inferiority in the results of the present Examination. I will not indeed hazard a comparison with either of those which have preceded it since the period, when my concern in the affairs of the College had its commencement. This year has not produced any brilliant example of uncommon powers, directed with eminent success to the attainment of high proficiency in many Languages, nor has the Examination exhibited much of that extensive scale of acquirement on which degrees of honor are usually conferred. I have had the pleasure to distribute but five on this occasion, and the whole of this number have been awarded for the acquirement of the same Language. The

The Institution is not however without its credit from the attainments of its Students in this year, even although we have had no Stirlings or Macnaghens, to exhibit the splendid success of their exertions, and give a name to the periods they adorn, through the unrivalled pre-eminence of their achievements. If it be true however, that there is no transcendent merit to which we shall hereafter delight to recur, as a means of distinguishing this period in the annals of the College, in the manner we at this day quote the æra of the Sothebys and McKenzies, still there is much modest merit; and perhaps for public purposes, the acquirements from being more generally diffused, may be held as of equal value to Government: Instead of feeling disappointment at not finding on this particular occasion any extraordinary genius, whose successful pursuit of extensive knowledge might exalt the attainments of of the year into a rivalry with the merit of those boasted times, we should rather seize the opportunity to exult in the rarity of failure, and to remark how extraordinary a circumstance it is, and how much to the credit of the Institution, that the unsuccessful instances have been so few.

It would indeed be highly unreasonable to expect, that such individuals as those I have alluded to, should be met with at every Examination that might be holden, when the very circumstance that makes us regard them with admiration is, that they are not men such as are met with every day.

Though however the attainments of this year are not of a peculiarly brilliant stamp, I have nevertheless
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been assumed that the number of those whose acquirements are above mediocrity, would challenge a comparison with the most fortunate periods, and that the aggregate of the knowledge possessed by the whole of the Gentlemen now reported qualified exceeds in a very considerable degree, what would be found the aggregate of any former year. This in truth is the real criterion of the usefulness and extent of the productive powers of the Institution. The glory of a single individual is principally for himself, and furnishes but the limited contribution of his single, though superior application to the Public Service. But when, as in the present instance, a large amount of acquirement is diffused amongst the whole, a very wide benefit is to flow from the exertions of so many well instructed individuals.

There are nevertheless extremely creditable instances of merit, exhibited in the reports of this Examination, and among these Mr. Clerk undoubtedly holds the first place: he has not been attached to the College for a longer period than ten months, and he stands first in the only distinguished Language of the year, the Bengalee; besides holding a respectable place in the Persian; but what particularly marks him to possess that thirst of knowledge, which cannot fail to lead him to future eminence, and which would, without doubt, have left his name enrolled in a higher rank amongst the worthies of the College, had the period of his study been of sufficient duration, the hardihood with which he set his name down as a Candidate

• Considerable for honor in the difficult Language of the Persian, notwithstanding the shortness of the period he had to have known would be left him for the prosecution of the study. The success that has attended these his last efforts, has fully justified the favorable anticipation conceived from the attempt. Messrs Thomas, Wilkinson and Stuart are also in a high degree eminent. Mr. Thomas holds the first place in Persian, and the second in Hindoostanee, and his very credible attainments in both Languages are the exclusive produce of this Institution. Messrs Wilkinson and Stuart have each obtained the distinction of a Degree of Honor in the Bengalee Language and constitute with Mr. Thomas the first Class in the Persian. The attainments of these three Gentlemen have rendered them distinguished among their fellow Students of the year, and by evincing the possession of very considerable ability and powers of application, afford the presage of a very honorable career in the Public Service, which they are now about to enter.

The other Gentlemen to whom I have had the pleasure to give Degrees of Honor, besides Messrs. Clerk, Wilkinson, and Stuart, are Messrs. Vihart and Ellerton. All of these Degrees have been obtained, as I have before noticed, by proficiency in the useful Language of Bengalee.

It gives me real pleasure to observe the success with which this vernacular dialect of an extensive province has been cultivated, and I have little doubt, that in your subsequent progress through the Service,

vice, you will find many occasions to rejoice at the opportunity you now have had to master it, and to see in the frequency with which it will come to use, reason to be satisfied, that it has deserved your preference. It is not however in itself sufficient to enable you to pass through every department of the Service with honor; indeed scarcely a day will occur that you will not find a facility of reading and understanding Persian, and a colloquial knowledge of the Hindoostanee, indispensable to the transaction of business; you may however entertain the notion, that in the first instance it is best to direct your attention to the Bengalee and Persian, in preference to Hindoostanee and Persian, as the Bengalee, if not acquired now, will be so with difficulty hereafter, while as it is only a colloquial facility which is required in the Hindoostanee, that must follow from your daily intercourse with Natives of every rank. In this perhaps you are right but I am far from wishing to incite you to neglect the elegant lighter literature of Hindoostan than which there is nothing so calculated to give you an insight into the temper and manners of the people and to enable you to enjoy and to imitate the graces of their more polished conversation; unless your attention is directed to this, while you may be attached to the College, the time when the taste might be formed will have passed, and it will only be some peculiar combination of circumstances, that will be likely to direct you to the study of it at a subsequent period.

I have been able to trace the preference which would appear lately to have been shown to the
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g. the Language, to the time when the previous ac-
quirements of the Civil Servants at the Sister In-
stitution at Westford, first began to have operation
on the students of this Institution.

A high degree of proficiency would appear to be
generally brought out by the Students in this Lan-
guage, than in either the Persian or Hindoostanee;
so that, independently of the taste for its prosecu-
tion which may also have been instilled, the Students
with few exceptions on their first arrival, when called up-
on to state what Languages they intend to study,
do not seem to set down one, the difficulties of which
they feel they have already in some degree con-
quered.

But I am diverging from the matter I had in
hand, and departing from what I have by no means
yet completed, the detail of the honors of the year;
many individuals, besides those I have above named,
have passed most creditable Examinations; indeed
the number of those who have claims to be menti-
oned on this account is such, that to mention more
than the names, would involve me in a detail unsuit-
ed to the limits of this address. Messrs. Pringle,
Law, Reid, Graham, Phillips and Montagu, are all
deserving of praise for the respectability of their at-
tainments in two Languages. Mr Pringle stands
first in the Hindoostanee, and the attainments of
all are considerably above mediocrity. Mr. Mon-
tagu, Sir J. B. Stanhouse, and Mr. Ellerton, have
each obtained rewards for that useful accomplish-
ment, the power of writing elegantly the native
language. Mr. Montagu has received Medals for
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of mastery of the character, of four Languages, some of them uncommonly difficult .

It would be an omission, if in reckoning up the honors of this year, I neglected the mention of those awarded at the Half-yearly Examination of December last, there was on that occasion real distinction acquired by two Military Students, the only two who had not been called away by their duties in the field, from the quiet Academical pursuits in which they were engaged, — Lieutenant Buddell left the Institution last December, with a Degree of Honor for his high proficiency in the Persian and Hindoostanee, and with a Medal for considerable progress in the Arabic Language. Lieutenant Rudell's attainments are of a nature that will leave him classed with the most distinguished ornaments of the Institution, and had the period of his study been extended to the recent Examination of the past month, I should not have had to look beyond the College lists, to find that brilliancy of achievement which should characterize and mark the period.

Lieutenant Isacke also left the College in December, with a Medal for very considerable progress in the Arabic Language, he had already attained the highest degree of proficiency in the Persian and Hindoostanee Languages, at the Annual Examination of last year, and was on that occasion mentioned with honor by the Acting Visitor. In addition to the honors of the above two Gentlemen, several Medals of Merit were awarded at the Examination of December for a rapid proficiency made in the course of the antecedent term. The Gentlemen
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who most distinguished themselves in this respect were

Mr. Thomas Clark, in the Persian, Bengales and Sunda Languages

Mr. Henry Hasting Thomas, in the Persian and Hindoostanee Languages

Mr. Henry Graham, in the Persian and Hindoostanee Languages

Mr. Charles Stuart, in the Persian Language.

AND

Mr. William Wilkinson, in the Persian Language.

I have now completed the enumeration of those honors which are more immediately connected with this Collegiate Institution. I mean those acquired at the Examinations which have occurred since the occasion when you were last addressed from this Chair. You have seen that although not particularly brilliant or to be compared with periods that we have occasionally witnessed, they are still in themselves in the highest degree respectable. Fortunately however, the honors of the year are not bounded by these precise limits;—by travelling but a very little out of the line that might thus be required, I find even that brilliancy of achievement which is all that is wanting to give a finishing stroke to the meritorious efforts displayed in the year, and to establish for it as illustrious a character as any that has been earnest in the most propitious period. The case of those Junior Servants who carrying with them into the departments of the Service the same habits and pursuits, and the same thirst for the acquisition of knowledge, which raised them to distinction amongst their fellow Students at the College,

lege, and who even amidst the active duties of an arduous profession, feeling still alive to the gratifications of literary honor, enrol themselves as candidates for the distinction promised by the Government to those who master the very difficult Languages of the Sanskrit and the Arabic, is so closely analogous to the career that is run by those immediately attached to the Institution, that I am justified in claiming as belonging to it, whatever honor may result from the successful issue of their labours.

Two very remarkable instances of this description have fallen within the period I have now under review, and I wish them to stand recorded, as achievements which cannot be sufficiently honored by the most animated expression of my applause, and which while they convey a lustre on the time of their occurrence, cannot fail to establish for the individuals, a character of super eminence amongst those embarked in the same line of life.

Messrs. Wynch and Macnaghten, having solicited to be examined in the Sanskrit Language, with a view to establish their pretensions to the credit of having mastered this difficult object, and obtained a proficiency in the study of works on Hindoo Law, a Committee* was appointed to examine them, and the following appears from their report to have been the result of the Examination.

“ The two Gentlemen attended on the morning
“ of the 28th May, when they performed the ex-
“ ercises

* Consisting of Dr. Carey, Mr. H. N. Wilson, and I. J. J. J.
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merci assigned to them without any aid from
 ■ teachers or books."

"The manner in which Mr. Wynch and Mr.
 Messrs. Wynch and Macnaghten have sustained this Examination, is
 ■ entirely creditable to their talents and application;
 ■ they have performed the translations from Sans-
 ■krit into English, with almost perfect fidelity;
 ■ their conversion of English into Sanskrit, shews
 ■ a very respectable acquaintance with the latter
 ■ Language, and they have displayed a familiarity
 ■ with the terms and points of Hindoo Law, that
 ■ indisputably proves a most attentive and success-
 ■ ful study of the Sanskrit writers on legal sub-
 ■ jects. We have no hesitation therefore in pro-
 ■ nouncing favorably on their Examination, and re-
 ■ commending that their meritorious exertions may
 ■ be acknowledged by the usual distinction which
 ■ Government has been pleased to assign to such
 ■ eminent success."

Messrs. Wynch and Macnaghten are not the first
 individuals that have obtained the honorable distinc-
 tion afforded by the successful issue of such a trial;
 they are however the first, who have solicited it,
 since the Government has ceased to hold forth the
 prospect of ■ liberal pecuniary remuneration which
 it was heretofore the practice to award, chiefly as a
 reimbursement of the expense they might have in-
 curred in making the acquisition of this difficult Lan-
 guage. This has been a personal sacrifice they have
 made for the distinction, and this is ■ peculiar cir-
 ■ cumstance of their case. Not that I believe the hope
 of obtaining the pecuniary reward had influence in
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and in the efforts before made to master these difficult languages; on the contrary I am satisfied the motives of preceding Candidates were the same as those by which Messrs Wynch and Macnaghten have been influenced, and that it was the anxiety evinced by Government for its Servants to apply themselves to the study of these languages, and the disposition shewn to acknowledge and to afford encouragement to claims which might be established by successful efforts to meet that anxiety that elicited the frequent display of merit, we have several times witnessed in the successful cultivation of the Sanskrit and Arabic Languages beyond the walls of the College.

If ever a doubt could be entertained in this respect, it would be removed on the bare mention of the fact, that Mr Wynch, who in 1814 was a successful claimant of the pecuniary reward allotted to proficiency in the Arabic Language, and Mohammedan Law, is now an equally successful Candidate for Sanskrit honors, at a time when honor is all that is to be acquired. He has done more too for the acquisition of the honor alone, when it is to be acquired at a pecuniary sacrifice, than he had before done when the two-fold reward was before his eyes to stimulate his exertions.

I have been desirous that such very distinguished merit as that exhibited in the result of the examination of Messrs Wynch and Macnaghten, should meet with an acknowledgement ■ public as it is possible for me to bestow, and that the honorary rewards adjudged to these Gentlemen should be conferred

ferred upon them with every circumstance of increased publicity and distinction with which my situation enables me to grace the occasion. I have accordingly resolved to grant with my own hand, the Degrees of Honor which these Gentlemen have so well earned by their proficiency in the Sanskrit Language and Hindoo Law, and to call them up to receive them, thus, in the sight of the whole College, that those now entering the service may see there are still before them means of distinction worthy of their ambition, that they may understand, and imitate the example.*

GENTLEMEN OF THE COLLEGE;

If I thought that these honors had been acquired at the sacrifice of any public duty; that the time which ought to have been devoted to the transaction of official business, had been appropriated to this more favoured pursuit; If I had had occasion to observe that those having the talents to afford useful service in more arduous employments, had purposely withheld from undertaking such, and procured their appointment to less important situations for the sake of the leisure afforded in them for study; If I thought that this was necessary and that the hope of mastering the language must else be given up; I should not have been so proud to hold up the conduct of these two Gentlemen for your imitation, nor could you have heard me so lavish of my applause.

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* Messrs. Wyck and Macpherson were accordingly called up to receive their respective Degrees of Honor.

This however is not the case with either Mr. Wynch or Mr. Macnaghten. Both Gentlemen are attached to perhaps the most laborious office that a young man can enter; their merit and assiduity in the discharge of the duties assigned them in that office, even at the time they were engaged in the acquisition of the Sanskrit Language, has been the cause to both of them, of a promotion rapid, almost to prematurity.

Mr Wynch in the very midst of his studies was deputed to carry into effect some measures of Government in a remote division of our territory. The object was soon effected by his exertions, and he has accordingly received from the authority of this Government, a public and honorable acknowledgment of their high satisfaction at the mode in which this duty was performed. It was in the midst of such pursuits, that the difficulties which surround the circle of the Hindoo Sciences were overcome by both these Gentlemen, and a secure footing established in one of the most occult. Such transcendent merit gives to this year a substantial claim to preference, over any that can be brought into competition with it.

It is with pleasure I have heard that the attendance of the Students at the College Lectures has been for the most part regular, indeed the result of the examination is itself a sufficient indication of it.

With the exception also of one instance, which I shall presently mention, the highest testimony has been borne by the Council of the College to the general good conduct of the Students, and it is stated

ated that no instance of considerable debt has come to their knowledge. I seize the occasion to add to my favorable report my personal testimony to the high estimation which the Students of the College have ever maintained in the society of this place; and after all, Gentlemen, this I conceive to be the real index of worth, and the surest evidence that the principles which influence your conduct are the most correct and that you have availed yourself of the opportunities afforded you to cultivate your understandings.

The single exception to the general report of good conduct to which I have above made allusion, is the case of Mr. Monsell, whose course of irregularity and inattention appears to have been uniform, and with respect to whom no hope is entertained that a longer continuance in the College would produce amelioration of habits or be attended with other advantage. Circumstances also of a yet more disqualifying nature are to be gathered from what he has occasionally urged in excuse for his irregularities; so that I have no hesitation in suffering the rigorous provision in the Chapter of Statutes enacted by my authority to take its due course with respect to this Gentleman, who will accordingly be removed from the Institution under the rules contained in the 33d Statute.

Gentlemen of the Council of the College, I beg of you to accept my personal thanks for the careful superintendance you have exercised over the concerns of the Institution during the past year: I beg to congratulate you on the very material improvement

provement it has experienced in the increased disposition to study, which prevails; an improvement, in the introduction of which, the effect of your superintendence must have had so large an influence.

To the Professors, Assistant Professors, Examiners, and Ministerial Officers of the College generally, I also return my sincere thanks for the able and satisfactory manner in which their several duties have been performed: I congratulate the College on the return of its learned Arabic and Persian Professor, and on his resumption of his charge with restored health.

The Literary Works which are in preparation or have issued from the Press, since the last Annual Examination, are not numerous; but at the head of the List, which will be annexed as an Appendix to this Address on its publication, you will observe the second volume of that useful work of Mr. Hamington, the indefatigable and able President of the College Council. The first volume of his Analysis of the Laws and Regulations passed for the Administration of this Government, was published about seven years ago, and the assistance universally experienced from it by those employed in the internal administration of the country has long made it the general wish that the work should be continued. The first volume was exclusively occupied by the Laws and Regulations connected with the Judicial system, and it was devoted to the explanation of their scope and object as well as of the principles on which they were founded. Whether as a book of reference for the use of those living under the

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the influence of the Law and those employed in their active administration or as a Treatise for the instruction of those, whom interest or curiosity might lead to study the nature of our system, its value was incalculable. The present volume performs the same part with revenue system of the Government, tracing its retrospective history from the time of the first concern of our nation in the administration of the revenues of this country, and explaining the rules and principles finally established in 1793, with every subsequent modification and extension of them: It is brought down to so late a period as 1813, and as a book of reference for the use of those engaged in the administration of the system, a mode of arrangement, and citation, has been adopted, which cannot but make this volume even more complete than the preceding.

A third volume is promised by Mr. Harington, if the very laborious nature of his duties as Chief Judge of the highest Native Tribunal should enable him to perfect it: When this may be completed, we shall have whole system of the Government of this Country, Judicial, Territorial, and Commercial, laid before us in one connected view. The study of the laws will then be rendered not only easy of attainment, but even interesting and attractive: for in these volumes, there will be found matter, to rivet the attention, and while the precision of the actual legislative enactments is not lost, there is a connection preserved, and an explanation given, which cannot fail to excite interest, and gratify curiosity.

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To you, Gentlemen, who are on the eve of leaving the College, indeed to the Service generally, I particularly recommend the study of these volumes, for there are none so experienced or well informed, that they will not derive instruction from the perusal of what they contain.

Amongst the literary notices of this year, there is one, which although not edited under the immediate auspices of this Institution, or even of this Government, is nevertheless ■■ great ■ literary curiosity, that I cannot refrain from bringing it prominently forward by public mention on this occasion: I allude to that interesting work the *Dusateer*, which had for some time been lost to the literary world until a copy was almost accidentally recovered by the learned Chief Priest of the Parsee religion at Bombay. A translation into English and a glossary of the obsolete words has been prepared under the superintendance of the Moola, and in this state the work is now in the press at that Presidency. The *Dusateer* which purports to be a Collection of the Works of the elder Persian prophets, will be peculiarly an object of curiosity with the learned of Europe, ■ well as of this country, for it is unquestionably the only relic which exists of the literature of that period of Persian history, which is familiar to us from its connection with the history of Greece.

I perceive also from the list of publications that Mr. Wynch already holds forth to the public the prospect of deriving benefit from his successful studies, and I have little doubt that the work he has selected for translation from the Sanskrit will be found
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of no less general utility than the mode of his execution of it will be creditable and satisfactory.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COLLEGE,

Should the course of political events call me to the western Provinces of our dominions, think not that the interest which this Institution has excited will abate on my being removed to a distance, or that I shall cease to regard its concerns with the same tender solicitude that I have at all times sought to manifest. The guardianship of this Institution would again fall into the hands of one, who does not feel a less conscientious interest or a less fervent zeal for its prosperity, than that which I myself cherish, and I should commit the trust into his hands with the most sincere and unbounded confidence.

APPENDIX.

A List of Works, mentioned in the Appendix to the Discourse of his Excellency the Visitor at the Public Disputations of 1814, which have since been printed.

1.—The Second Volume of Mr. Harington's Analysis of the Laws and Regulations, enacted by the Governor General in Council.

2.—A Grammar of the Chinese Language, for the use of the Honorable Company's Servants at China; by the Reverend Robert Morrison, Chinese Secretary to the Supercargoes at Canton.

3.—A Translation of the New Testament into Arabic; originally commenced by the late Reverend

and Henry Martyn, since revised and completed by the Reverend Thomas Thomason, and printed at the expense of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The following Oriental Works, mentioned in the Appendix to the discourse of the Honorable the Acting Visitor of the College of Fort William, at the Disputations of 1815, have since been published.

1.—A Khuree Bolee and English Vocabulary; by Lieutenant William Price, Assistant Professor of the Bengalee and Sanskrit Languages in the College of Fort William.

2.—A collection of Original Letters, in the Murhuttu Language; published for the use of Students, by the Reverend Doctor William Carey, Professor of the Bengalee, Sanskrit and Murhuttu Languages, in the College of Fort William.

3.—The second part of the قاموس (Qamoos); edited by Shuekh Uhmuc, a Native of Yumun, in Arabia.

4 — گل بگاری the Second Edition of the Gooli Bukawulee, for the use of the Students in the Hindoostanee Department of the College; by Captain Thomas Roebuck, Acting Secretary to the Council of the College and Public Examiner in the College of Fort William.

5.—قطبی The Qothbe, ■ Treatise on Logic; edited by Muolucees Jan Ulee and Ubdoor-Ruheem, of the Arabic Department of the College of Fort William.

In the Press

1.—A Grammar of the Kuruata Language; by the Reverend Doctor William Carey

2.—Atababay, the Dusatca with the Ancient Persian Translations, and Commentary, and a Glossary of the Ancient Persian Words; by Moolla Feerooz Bin Moolla Kwan to which will be added an English Translation. The Dusatca is one of the most singular Books that have appeared in the East. It professes to be a collection of the writings of fifteen different Persian Prophets from the time of Mub. ad, to the time of the Fifth Sasan, being Fifteen in Number, of whom Zaratoshd, whom, following the Greeks, we call Zoroaster, was the Thirteenth, and the Fifth Sasan the last. This Sasan lived in the time of Khoosro Purveez, who was contemporary with the Emperor Heraclius, and died only nine years before the destruction of the ancient Persian Monarchy. The writings of the Fifteen Prophets are in a tongue of which no other vestige appears to remain, and which would have been unintelligible, without the assistance of the ancient Persian translation. It is quite a different Language from the Zhund, Pahlavee, and the Farsce, the most celebrated of the Dialects of Ancient Persia. The Persian Translation professes to have been made by the Fifth Sasan, who has added a Commentary, in which some difficulties of the Original Text are expounded.

This work, though known to have existed as late as the time of Shah Jahan, had eluded the search of the curious in Oriental History, and Antiquities in

in later times. The Copy from which the present edition will be published, was discovered by the Editor at Ispuhan, about forty-four years ago when travelling in Persia, for the purpose of making some investigations regarding the History of the Early Persians, and particularly in search of materials, for settling the disputes which prevailed among the Parsees of India, regarding the Ancient Persian Months, the differences of Opinion, regarding which had produced a schism at Surat. The Editor is not aware of the existence of any other Copy of this work. It is however, cited by Burham Furhad, the Author of the Sharistani Char-Chumun, who lived in the age of the Emperor Ukbur and of his Son Juhangeer. Indeed Buhram Furhad who was a Parsee, followed the doctrines of the Dusateer. It is often cited by Hukeem Ibni Khulaf oot-Tubreezee Mooluumud Moosuen, the Author of the Roohani Qatun, the most perfect and best Dictionary extant of the Persian Language, who lived in the age of Shah Jahan, and who often quotes the Dusateer, as his authority for words in the Old Persian. Mooluumud Moolhsin, who seems to have been the Author of the celebrated work, entitled the Dubistan, which contains the History of the different Religions of Asia, takes the Dusateer as his guide in the account which he gives of the Ancient Persian Religion, and it is remarkable, that Sir William Jones, who had never met with the Dusateer, appears to have been singularly struck with the details borrowed from it, and in his Sixth Discourse, speaks of them ■ wonderfully curious,

errors, and as throwing a new light on the History of ancient times.

In the *Dabistan* the *Uways* is thus mentioned — "God revealed to *Muhabbad*, a book called *Dabistan* in which were taught every Language & Science: it was divided into many parts, there being several volumes for every Language, and therein was a particular Language bearing a resemblance to any tongue spoken in the whole world and it is called *the heavenly speech*. *Muhabbad* gave a distinct Language to every tribe, who he sent to settle in such places as were best suited to each, and from thence have arisen the Persian, Hindoo, Greek and other tongues."

The Author has bestowed many years of his life in the search of such Monuments, as can illustrate the History, Language and Opinions of the Ancient Persians, his ancestors. He has from a long familiarity with the style of the work, and with the chain of Philosophical Doctrines which it contains, been able as he hopes, to correct many of the errors of the text, and to illustrate several of the peculiar opinions in the work. The Glossary is the labour of many years, and of very extensive reading, and can hardly fail to be acceptable to those who make the Language of Persia their study.

An English Translation and Preface will accompany the work, which will be published in two Volumes Octavo.

Ready for Press.

The following work, entitled *بدایة* Bidya Dur-
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our, of the *Muzoc of Science*, which was particularly noticed in the Appendix to the discourse of his Excellency the *Visitor* in 1814, is now ready for the Press, and will be printed for the use of the Officers of the Army, engaged in the study of that Dialect of the Hindee, usually spoken by the *Sepoys*, in the event of the Editor meeting with encouragement sufficient to defray the mere expenses attending its publication.

Preparing for the Press.

Translation of the original treatise in Sanskrit of Shree Krishna Turkalunkaru, entitled दाय क्रम संग्रह Dayu-krumu-Sungruhu, or an Abstract of the Law of Inheritance, by F. M. Wynch, Esq.

The above-mentioned work is described by Mr. Colebrooke in the Preface to his Translation of the two Treatises on the Law of Inheritance, to contain
 “ a good compendium of the Law of Inheritance
 “ according to Jeemootu Vahunu’s Text, as ex-
 “ pounded by Shree Krishna, the commentator on
 “ the Dayu Bhagu of Jeemootu Vahunu,” the standard authority of the School of Bengal. The Translation of the work in question is intended principally for the use of those members of the Judicial branch of the Civil Service in Bengal, who may not find leisure for the study of the elaborate treatise of Jeemootu Vahunu himself.

**A REPORT OF THE
FIRST HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATION,**

HOLDEN IN DECEMBER, 1815.

PERSIAN.

HINDOOSTANEE.

FIRST CLASS.

FIRST CLASS.

- 1 Stuart, Medal of Merit.
- 2 Thomas, Medal of Merit.
- 3 Pringle,
- 4 Graham, Medal of Merit.
- 5 Hayes, Sir T. P.
- 6 Wilkinson, Medal of Merit.

- 1 Pringle,
- 2 Law,
- 3 Thomas, Medal of Merit.
- 4 Tilghman,
- 5 Annesley, Hon. H. A.
- 6 Graham, Medal of Merit.
- 7 Reid. A.

SECOND CLASS.

SECOND CLASS.

- 7 Phillips,
- 8 Phillips,
- 9 Phillips,
- 10 T. lerton,
- 11 Clerk, Medal of Merit.
- 12 Reid, A.
- 13 Kebley, Hon. W.

- 1 Phillips,
- 2 Hayes, Sir T. P.
- 3 Bruce,
- 4 Reid, J. F. M.
- 5 Stonhouse, Sir J. B.

THIRD CLASS.

THIRD CLASS.

- 14 Ritchie,
- 15 Temple,
- 16 Annesley, Hon. H. A.
- 17 Tilghman,
- 18 Maguire,
- 19 Stonhouse, Sir J. B.
- 20 Vibart.

- 13 Chase,
- 14 Lindeay.
- Absent from Examination.
- 15 Parker, on leave.
- 16 Barlow,

FOURTH CLASS.

- 17 Reid, J. F. M.
- 18 Creighton, H.
- 19 Cochereil,

- 17 Palmer,
- 18 Thompson,
- 19 Ritchie,
- 20 Montagu,

} In consequence of
Sickness.

PERSIAN.

PERSIAN

- 24 Hume,
- 26 Barlow,
- 27 Fraser,
- 28 Chese,
- Russell,
- 30 Thompson.

Absent from Examination.

- 31 Parker, ■ leave.
- Montagu, } On account of
- Palmer, } Sickness
- 34 Monsell, }

MILITARY STUDENT.

- 1 Lieut. Ruddell, a Degree of Honor, ■ Medal, and..... 1,000

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- 1 Lieut. Isacke, Medal of Merit.
- Lieut. Ruddell, Medal of Merit.

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FIRST CLASS.

- Ellerton,
- 2 Wilkinson,
- 3 Biscoe,
- Stuart.

SECOND CLASS.

- 5 Clerk, Medal of Merit,
- Vibart,
- 7 Rodney, Honorable W.
- Magniac,
- Templer.

THIRD CLASS.

- 10 Creighton, II.
- 11 Hume,
- 12 Fraser,
- 13 Cockerell.

FOURTH CLASS.

- 14 Russell.

Absent from Examination.

- 15 Monsell, ■ account of Sickness.

SANSKRIT.

- 16 Clerk, Medal of Merit.

**A REPORT OF THE
FIFTIETH ANNUAL EXAMINATION,**

HOLDEN IN JUNE, 1816.

PERSIAN.

HINDOO & TANEE.

- CLASS**
- 1 Thomas
 - 2 Stuart,
 - 3 Watkins n.
- SECOND CLASS.**
- 4 Wingle,
 - 5 H. J. A.
 - 6 K,
 - 7 k
 - 8 J. O. R. G. H.,
Cl. n
 - 9 Phillips,
 - 10 Elliott,
 - 11 Stonehouse, Sir J. B.
- THIRD CLASS.**
- 12 Annesley, Hon. H. A
 - 13 Parker,
 - 14 Hayes, Sir T. P.
 - 15 scoe,
 - 16 Vabart,
 - 17 Brice,
 - 18 Templar,
 - 19 T. hman,
 - 20 Ritchie,
 - 21 i nce,
 - 22 Magnin,
 - 23 Rodney, Hon. W.
 - 24 Reid, J. F. M.

- FIRST CLASS.**
- 1 Pringle,
 - 2 Thomas,
 - 3 Lew
 - 4 Reil, n.
- SECOND CLASS.**
- 5 Phillips,
 - 6 Graham,
 - 7 Tilghman,
 - 8 Montagu.
- THIRD CLASS.**
- 9 Hayes, Sir T. P.
 - 10 Parker,
 - 11 Annesley, Hon. H. A.
 - 12 Stonehouse, Sir J. B.
 - 13 Barlow,
 - 14 Ritchie,
 - 15 Bruce,
 - 16 Reid, J. F. M.
- FOURTH CLASS.**
- 17 Turquand,
 - 18 Chase,
 - 19 Thotoproft,
 - 20 Palmer.

BENGALIE.

- FIRST CLASS.**
- 1 Clerk, a Degree of Honor, a Medal, and . . 1,000
 - 2 Wilkinson,

PERSIAN.

PERSIAN.

BENGALEE.

FOURTH CLASS.

- 2, Cockerell,
 27 Turquand,
 28 Hume,
 29 Craighton, H.
 30 Fraser,
 31 Case,
 32 Dent,
 33 Thompson,
 34 Palmer

Absent from Examination.

■ Monsell.

- 3 Vibart,
 4 Ellerton,
 5 Stuart.

SECOND CLASS.

- 6 Biscoe,
 7 Magniac,
 8 Temple,
 9 Rodney, Hon'ble W.

THIRD CLASS.

- 10 Craighton, H.
 11 Cockerell,
 12 Fraser,
 13 Dent,
 14 Hume.

ARABIC.

Absent from Examination.

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SANSKRIT.

- 1 Clerk.

PERSIAN WRITING.

- 1 Montagu, a Medal, 3 Hold
 2 Stonhouse, Sir J. H. a Medal,

ARABIC WRITING.

- 1 Montagu, a Medal.

NAGREE WRITING.

- 1 Montagu, a Medal.

BENGALEE WRITING.

- 1 Ellerton, a Medal. 2 Montagu, a Medal.

By order of the Council,

of the College,

T. ROEBUCK, *Acting Secretary.*

COLLEGE OF
 FORT WILLIAM,
 31st July, 1816.

No.

 No. XVII,

AN
 ACCOUNT OF
 THE SIXTEENTH
 PUBLIC DISPUTATIONS
 IN THE
 ORIENTAL LANGUAGES,

Held on the 30th June, 1817; with the Discourse delivered on that occasion, by His Excellency the Most Noble the MARQUIS OF HASTINGS, as Visitor of the College.

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM, JUNE 30, 1817.

ON Monday the 30th ultimo, being the day appointed by His Excellency the Most Noble the MARQUIS OF HASTINGS, Visitor of the College of Fort William, for the Public Disputations in the Oriental Languages, the President of the College Council, the Officers, Professors, and Students of the College, met at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the Government House, where the Honorable the Chief Justice, the

the Lord Bishop of Calcutta, the Honorable N. B. Edmonstone, the Honorable A. Seton, and the Honorable C. Dowdeswell, Members of the Supreme Council, the Honorable Sir Francis Macnaghten, and the Honorable Sir Anthony Buller, Judges of the Supreme Court, with the Honorable M. Dayne Governor of Chandernagore, Major General Wood, and many of the Civil and Military Officers of the Presidency as well as several respectable Natives were assembled.

Mrs. Middleton, Lady Macnaghten, Mrs. Udny, and many other Ladies of the Settlement, likewise honored the College with their presence on the occasion.

Soon after 10 o'clock the Most Noble the Visitor, attended by the Officers of His Excellency's Suite, entered the room, where the Disputations were to be held.

When the Visitor had taken his Seat, the Disputations commenced in the following order:

FIRST. PERSIAN.

Position — “ The science of general or philosophical Grammar is more successfully cultivated, and better understood, by the Eastern, than by the Western Grammarians ”

Respondent, Mr. W. Dundas,

First Opponent Mr. F. Millett,

Second Opponent, Lieut. J. Macdonald,

Moderator, Dr. M. Lumsden.

SECOND. HINDOOSTANEI.

Position — “ It is easier to diffuse the literature and science of the Western Nations among the Natives ”

“ Natives of India, by translating European Books
 into their own Tongue, than by instructing them
 in the European Languages.”

Respondent, Mr. F. Millett.

First Opponent, Mr. W. Dundas.

Second Opponent, Mr. R. H. Scott.

Moderator, Capt. J. W. Taylor.

THIRD.—BENGALEE.

Proposition —“ The advantage of the Oriental method of conveying instruction by means of Parables or Tales, is peculiarly conspicuous in the Bengalee Language.”

Respondent, Mr. T. Clarke.

First Opponent, Mr. D. McFarlan.

Second Opponent, Mr. E. W. Cockerell.

Moderator, Revd. Dr. W. Carey.

When the Disputations were concluded, the President of the College Council presented to His Excellency the Visitor the several Students of the College, who were entitled to receive Degrees of Honor, Medals of Merit, or other Honorary Rewards, as judged to them at the Public Examinations of the next year — well as the Students, who, at the Examination held in June, had been found qualified to enter upon the Public Service, by their knowledge of two Languages, and had consequently obtained permission to quit the College. The President read the Certificates granted by the Council of the College to each Student, in pursuance of the Statutes, specifying the proficiency which he had made in the prescribed studies of the College, and the general tenor of his conduct.

When

When the Certificates had been read, the Visitor presented to each Student, entitled to receive a Degree of Honor, the usual Diploma inscribed on Velum, and at the same time expressed the satisfaction which he felt in conferring it.

The Prizes and Medals, which had been awarded to the several Students, were also distributed to them respectively, after which His Excellency the Visitor read the following discourse:—

**GENTLEMEN OF THE COLLEGE
OF FORT WILLIAM;**

If any just account of the late examinations at the College have gone abroad, all whom I have the honor to meet on this occasion must have come impressed with the same sentiment which animates me.—This is a day in which we may well exult.—Our satisfaction, however, ought to be indulged with discrimination.—We have but to ask ourselves to what we owe it, and our minds will immediately point to the quarter whence the obligation has flowed. Upon great public questions, all men come to think nearly alike at last; that is, when the fleeting prejudices or interests of the day have passed away, their judgments act, and they discern uniformly what is beneficial.—But there is a main difference between him who perceives and recommends what is useful while it is yet time to secure the advantage, and those who come to a tardy, sluggish conviction when the opportunity has gone by, or when at least much indisputable good has been lost in the delay of recognizing it.—To the wise and extensive forecast of the Marquis Wellesley let us, therefore, pay a grateful

ful tribute on a day like this.—Let us recollect what objects have ruled the noble Institution which his grace has so long patronized: And let us feel with triumph how experience has overthrown the cavil. The present exhibition, and the circumstances which I am about to mention, are uncommonly gratifying.—In contemplating the realization of those generous and commendable views which dictated the establishment of the College, one has to rejoice in the full success of every purpose. The acknowledged practical benefits already experienced from this Institution, attest at once the wisdom of the plan and the merit of the College Officers and Instructors. Those Gentlemen have a proud reward in the approval which, they must be sensible, general opinion offers to them.

In my first address to you from this chair, I took occasion to congratulate the Institution on the happy disposition among the students of a greater inclination to study than I had been able to trace in the returns of any preceding examination.—You will recollect that I alluded upon the more general prevalence of this disposition, not as the casual variety of the year, but as a radical and, I trusted, a lasting improvement effected in the character of the great body of students.—I hailed the occasion on which this improvement shewn itself as an epoch whence to date a new era in the history of the College; one in which it might be the boast of its Members to be studious, and in which an individual of contrary propensities would be avoided by his fellows as an unconfidential spirit.

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When I drew in anticipation this picture of what the College was henceforward to exhibit, I told you that I was taking a sanguine view, but that my hopes were by no means indulged without due calculation. The result of the examination of this year has verified my prediction to an extent ever beyond what I had ventured to imagine. The reports laid before me clearly show, not only that the application of the Students has been greater this year than it was in the last, but further, that there has not been a single individual whose conduct is an exception to this general character. It is truly pleasing to me to say, that some who had before shown a blameable indifference, have in the course of this year manifested a generous self-correction.

The relative proportion of Students who may be found qualified at an examination to the whole number that have entered the lists, affords an unerring indication of the degree in which habits of diligence or of inattention have prevailed during the term.—Applying the criterion to the reports of last year, I found that out of 36 Students examined, 25 had been reported qualified, whereas in no former year had half the number examined been declared competent.—This was such an indisputable proof of the wider adoption of studious habits, that I dwelt upon it with peculiar stress.

The returns of the present examination afford us a similarly favorable result. Out of 29 Students, who had attended the lectures of the Term, and who formed the whole number examined, exclusive of three Gentlemen who had been re-admitted a few months

months before the examination, 17 have this year been declared qualified to enter the Public Service. The ratio is thus very nearly the same in this year as it was in the last — It preserves the same commanding superiority over earlier years; and the most eager expectation could promise itself no more — I do not look upon this coincidence as the effect of chance — The same effect must have been produced in each of the two last years, by the working of the same causes, and I assume this continuance of the favorable rate as a confirmation of what I advanced with so much confidence on first observing it last year. that there has been such a radical improvement obtained in the efficiency of the College, as to induce those attached to it to avail themselves adequately, of its signal advantages. I delight to see my prediction so completely verified. It seems that, of the present race of Students, every one has been impressed with a sincere desire to come forth from the College with honor, and that there has been no one who did not make it his earnest object, to acquire the requisite proficiency at as early a date as possible.

But, there is another feature in the results of this examination, which I regard as yet more encouraging than what I have mentioned; though we want no further evidence to the existence among the Students of a very general disposition to study, what I am about to mention, will prove that it has been without even a single exception.

I congratulate the Institution most particularly on this circumstance, but since last I had the ho-
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nor to address you, the Statute for the punishment of those whose conduct exhibited a persevering habitude in negligence, has slept as a dead letter—ever undisturbed by its slumber! Of those now attached to the Institution, there is no one who has failed to acquire the requisite proficiency in two Languages within the limited time. Indeed after the gentlemen who have now been reported qualified shall have left the College, its roll will not exhibit the name of a single Student who witnessed the Annual Examination of last year. There will, however, for the present remain the names of two Gentlemen who arrived in the course of 1815-16, but their not being in the number of those who are now about to enter the Public Service, may be confidently ascribed to their having been prevented by extreme ill health from attending the Public Examination. The declaration of their sufficiency is therefore contemplated by me as only suspended until their strength shall be so much recovered as to enable them to claim the privilege of a separate trial.

When I say that there is no Student who has brought himself within the penalty of the 33d Statute, I purposely exclude the case of one Gentleman, whose removal was for a contumacious disregard of an inhibition from the Governor General, totally unconnected with the literary discipline of the College, or with any failure in the acquirement of what he ought to learn; the proposition therefore will stand good, that no one has in the last year subjected himself by sloth to the penalties of the Statute.

It may be thought singular that I expatiate on what must appear at the best, but a negative advantage; but it is not without good cause that I have brought this circumstance so prominently forward. It has given me greater satisfaction than any other of the brilliant testimonies of this year; because I regard it as a decided proof of the entire success of a measure which the solicitude of Government had fashioned with much anxiety towards the improvement of the College.

Before the adoption of that measure, the long disuse of any rigid procedure directed to the enforcement of the discipline of the College, had tended to encourage the indulgence of idle and expensive habits, and there were several of the Students who calculated on the ability to run for successive years their career of inattention with impunity. You, all of you, know the penalty devised with a view to check this spirit. The object was to frame such an infliction as should be justly feared in prospect by those attached to the Institution, and prove a severe practical disadvantage to those who might have the hardihood to incur it.

Removal from the Presidency, with allowances on a lower scale than what their qualified contemporaries would enjoy, added to the certainty of obtaining no promotion or favorable change until the prescribed acquaintance with two languages was acquired, such was the penalty denounced against proved destitution of qualification after a certain period of attachment to the College. The disgrace that must attend the public removal of a Student under

under such a rule, was not among the least important of the influences on which we were to be establishing this punishment. Some time was naturally required for this provision to display its full effect. There was to be experience before it should be generally known whether this rule was intended to be strictly executed; a period must elapse before all hope of averting its severity by private interest could be destroyed. On the first occasion of my presiding at your exercises, I gave public warning of my resolution to execute the Statute without fear or favour; but it is not in human nature to be warned by words, howsoever solemnly delivered. Accordingly, notwithstanding the explicit declaration I had made of my intentions, five students subjected themselves to the penalties of the enactment, in the year which followed its promulgation. One would have thought that this severity must have been sufficient; yet, the spirit of idleness, though greatly reduced, was not yet quite subdued, for in the next year also two Gentlemen fell under its provisions.

It was reserved for the present examination to show, that the spirit we have all so much deprecated, has been entirely, eradicated from this Institution. Every one that enters it, with a disposition what it may, seems now to comprehend his fairest prospects in life and, what is more, his credit for sense and talent, depends upon his performing what is expected of him; that is, his acquiring within the term allowed a tolerable acquaintance with two of the languages taught. I can readily believe,

believe it were possible for some, who would have
 given up requiring the prescribed competency be-
 fore the next Annual Examination after their arrival
 in the country. Many undoubtedly acquire it, but
 it is by a recognized examination, the success of which
 deserves marked and honorable mention. I will
 not, however, believe, that there has arrived in this
 country an individual, who had he regularly attend-
 ed the lectures of the Professors, and otherwise
 not been wantonly inattentive, would have been
 found unqualified at the second Annual Examination.
 Though the line has been drawn at the second
 Annual Examination, the rule is never rigidly en-
 forced against those, who by regular and prepared
 attendance on the lectures of the second year, may
 show that they have become duly impressed with a
 desire to derive from the College all the instruc-
 tion it affords, though this desire should not have
 been felt in their earlier progress. To such the
 liberty of remaining another year is never refused.
 In preceding years several have usually availed
 themselves of the indulgence, and generally with
 effect.

The boast of the present year is, not only that
 there are no instances of Students failing to prove
 qualified after having obtained the grace of the ad-
 ditional term, but there are none now in the Insti-
 tution to ask it for the ensuing year. - It is hence
 evident that all have been regularly studious at least,
 during the past year, if not from the time of their
 joining the Institution; and all, even they who were
 naturally disposed, have been restrained from
 sliding

sliding into those courses of idleness and inattention which have heretofore been attended with such serious consequences.

Am I wrong, Gentlemen, in attributing to the effects of the Statute, a fault so peculiarly gratifying as, that out of such a number none should have fallen into inattentive habits, or have appeared insensible to the degrading light into which an indolence, otherwise fascinating, might betray them? Let not any one suppose that it is bringing discredit either upon individuals or upon the Institution, to trace the more extensive disposition to apply, which the College at present exhibits, to the restraint on idleness imposed by a penal statute. It must redound to the glory of the Institution that its discipline is so well armed and so efficient. It must redound no less to the credit of the individuals, that their minds have been so well prepared for it to work upon.

The credit of this Institution is as much supported by the universal success of those who come within its influence, even should that success extend only to the first stages of competency, as it is by the brilliant achievements of its more distinguished Members.

But although the deterring influence of a dreaded penalty may constrain to a certain degree of study, so as to produce the former effect, it is not this principle that excites to those higher exertions, or produces those instances of splendid and extraordinary attainment, of which our College has at all times been fruitful.

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N., Gentlemen, you who have borne away the honor of this examination, and have received from me the rewards of this day, you need be under no alarm. The merit of your exertions will not be tarnished in any supposition, that your's were constrained studies: your progress must have placed you far beyond the range within which discipline exerts its influence.

It has been incumbent on me to vindicate by proof the expediency of authority in a case, where the proficiency of the Student is not his own concern, but where the interest of multitudes is to be affected by the quality of his acquirements: But, Gentlemen Students, howsoever requisite it may be in some instances to work upon the thoughtlessness of youth, by holding forth the penal consequence of neglected duties, give me credit for believing that the vast majority of you have been actuated by more honorable impulses.—I would assert, that a glowing anticipation of the part he has to fulfil, has swelled the breast of every one of you whom I have now the honor to address.—I know you have a consciousness correspondent to my feeling, that the credit of Britain's name is involved in your exertions; and if this conception be in any of you indistinct, I will aid you to develope to your eyes so dignified a sentiment.

Disposed as we are to reverence departed genius, and to treat its aberrations with indulgence, one must not abstain from repelling an unfounded imputation on our country, because its author no longer lives to maintain his charge. A man of transcendant

transcendent talents, in the vehemence of crimina-
 tion, once asserted that were the British dominion
 after such a length of years to be withdrawn from
 India, no more traces of its rule would remain than
 had this vast Empire been subjected during that
 term to a race of tigers. It is true, we have not built
 ■ Tadmor in the wilderness, to impress the world
 with the incongruity of introducing the refinements
 of splendor amid uncultivated society. We have
 not constructed pyramids, to excite the indignation
 of mankind at the capricious despotism which could
 enjoin such ■ misapplication of human exertion.
 But we have reared the bulwark of security o'und
 the humble hovels of the helpless. But we have
 raised the proud temple of impartial Justice on the
 ruins of lawless violence. But we have established
 the sacred altars of Mercy, where Oppression and
 Insult and Ravage used to print their paths with
 blood. And do acts like these leave no memorial?
 Marble decays, and the honours of the hero perish
 with it. Time obliterates the inscription: the sculptured
 cornice mingles with the dust: and speculation
 exhausts itself in devising a sounder or an
 excuse for those masses which encumber the plains
 of Egypt. Not so fades the memory of the bene-
 factors of the hind. Final oblivion is destined for
 all on earth: But, as long as examples may
 profit and grateful honours may stimulate to imita-
 tion, we see the cherished fame of those who have
 bestowed important benefits on their fellow men, sur-
 viving centuries, and monuments, and even nations.
 Such would be the remembrance of British sway

of our country were to revolution, calamitous
 could India become our dominion. Would
 we not be obliged to refer to those who
 have been driven out of these regions the
 same as we had before British energy;
 the same as we had in our had in our society
 through the same as we had in our society
 the same as we had in our society of British
 the same as we had in our society of Civil rights
 the same as we had in our society of them by British.

you
 we should be obliged to take your share
 in the same as we had in our society to
 feel the extent of your share in our lot is not
 only a participation in the same as we had in our society
 of the same as we had in our society to the task
 of the same as we had in our society of the Government
 of the same as we had in our society of her we pre-
 scribed. In other countries
 the duties of a young man just launched into Poli-
 tics at such an age, would be simple and restricted.
 Here, even if you enter in the subordinate line in
 which he must at first move, is a party to all the
 new and untried of Government. The chain
 of which he is a link, that in the remotest link
 is essentially connected with the
 whole and administration of affairs, and is a sharer in
 all the extent to which this stupendous edifice is
 maintained. We may term it stupendous yet
 it is a mark to the admiration of other countries,
 not from its magnitude, but from the undoubted
 fact, that this is a dominion over willing hands,
 that the Natives of their happiness to be protected
 by our predominant force, and that they regard our sta-

bility

brity a civil blessing. Justly do they so estimate it; for, were the British standard been advanced without overtopping some Moloch of Barbarity, and placing on its pedestal the hallowed image of that Equity, of which, if ever a notion before floated in these regions, it was but as the vague conception of the unknown God.

And ought the weal of a people once taken under our fostering care, to be left to any extraneous contingency? Our spirit of benevolence should be disinterested, and we should stand above the pride of considering the freedom from Oppression as dependent solely on the strength of our arm. Now, it will be asked, is any other security to be given to them? By communicating to them that which is the source of such security to us. By imparting to them the knowledge which furnishes at once the comprehension of human rights, and the disposition and power to maintain them.

I do not see the attempt of instilling such instruction into the population of India, is at first view arduous, in that, almost universal absence of mental cultivation, which exists among the Natives.—The amendment must begin from the lowest step.—It is only by facilitating and encouraging the education of a rising generation, that any thing solid can be done, a process to which I am satisfied the parents will every where be found eagerly disposed, from what they have seen of the advantages of our science. You, young men, may be eminently serviceable in promoting this object.—You will not think it toilsome or beneath your dignity, if you

on yourselves to yourselves truly what it is you do.
 Will this not be a pride in considering your-
 selves as merely instruments for the dry dis-
 charge of duty, but as the engine employed for
 the most benign of purposes? It is humane,
 it is beneficent to protect the feeble: it is virtu-
 tious to rescue the injured. But it is a God like
 bounty to bestow expansion of intellect, to infuse
 the somewhat of life into the statue and waken it
 into action.

The Government will be vitiated by
 the erroneous and ill conceived policy of
 the position that to spread information among
 men is to render them less tractable and less sub-
 missive to authority. If an abuse of authority be
 committed, we shall be less tractable and submissive
 in proportion as they have the capacity of compre-
 hending the mediated injustice. But it would be
 a son against British sentiment to imagine, that
 it ever could be the principle of this Government
 to perpetuate ignorance in order to ensure paltry
 and dishonest advantages over the blindness of the
 multitude. As to general tranquillity, all experience
 assures us that it is only where the mass of Society
 is uninstructed that extensive convulsions have arisen
 from insignificant causes. Where a man is in-
 competent to judge, he will always be ready to adopt the
 passions of his neighbours as a sufficient motive for
 the gratification which the brutal find in any turbu-
 lence. Where men can measure, and weigh, and
 compare, their passions will always pause, and bid
 the revolutionary impulse adieu, if they do not find
 ground to justify it.

Gentlemen

Gentlemen of the College, I have rather wondered from that comparison between the products of this and preceding years, which forms the regular topic of discussion on these annual occasions. I do not, however apologize for the digression. It is not either inopposite or useless that the Students should be apprized for what high ends their acquirements are to qualify them. I do indeed persuade myself, that a benevolent hope of rendering themselves competent to act as useful and protecting guardians, to the inhabitants who will hereafter be under their management, has encouraged application in the Students in no less degree than their sense of what their compact with their employers claimed. Whatever be the impulse, the display of the present year need shrink from no comparison; on the contrary it takes its place amongst the most brilliant periods in the Annals of the College. If so large a number as 20 qualified persons has not been added to the Public Service it is only referable to the want of an equal stock from which to furnish them. The relative proportion of the qualified has nevertheless been nearly maintained as I have before mentioned, —so even in the number yielded this year, there is far from being any failure in the productive powers of the Institution. But in addition to the 17 Students furnished by the College, in the regular course, there are two other Gentlemen of those temporarily lost to the service who have now been recovered to it. These Gentlemen, are Mr. Plowden and Mr. Monsell; and I name them with honor; for, the creditable proficiency they both have manifested in

two, or one of them in more than proves that they never wanted equisition with their contemporaries possess of the disposition to exert themselves or at least one of these. Ge placed to the account of the College the last Term he regularly attended. At all events the gain to the Public you is Nineteen; a number that, year, has never been surpassed.

The degree of proficiency and attainment evinced by the examination exceeds what was exhibited by the preceding. I last year distributed of Honor, and the Gentlemen, who had all but one, been more than at the Institution; one of them more. On the present occasion I have distributed twelve Degrees of Honor, and among those who received them were the preceding Annual Examination.

With respect also to the scale of proficiency this year, I have been informed by the reports of Mr. Dundas and of Mr. M and Hindoostanee, and of the two Military Lieutenants Macdonald and Modu Language, are fully equal to what is usually attained by those who usually stand at the College Roll: and if they do not quite equal the literary eminence of some that you have had among you, it is only because the attachment to the Institution has no

cient length to admit of their making such extensive acquisition

The Gentlemen of the Civil Service to whom I have given Degrees of Honor are:

Messrs Dunda,
Millott,
McFarlan,
Robertson,

for high proficiency in the Persian Language; and

Messrs. Millott,
Dundas,
Scott,
Robertson,
Reade, and
McFarlan,

for the same in the Hindoostanee Language.

The 18 Gentlemen who have been reported qualified for the Public Service are:

1. William Dundas,
2. Frederick Millott,
3. David McFarlan,
4. William Thomas Robertson,
5. John Thurlow Reade,
6. Richard Hastings Scott,
7. Edward William Cockerell,
8. William Dent,
9. William James Turquand,
10. Hugh Fraser,
11. Francis Macnaghten,
12. Henry Taylor,
13. George Powney Thompson,
14. Thomas Ambrose Shaw,
15. James Wyatt,
16. John Dunsmure,
17. Thomas Monsell,
18. Edward Stirling;

and

and to these I am to add the name of Mr Plowden, who, though not regularly re-admitted, has, as already observed, passed an examination and been declared qualified in two Languages.

Events have not permitted that we should have more than two Military Students in the past year, Lieutenants Macdonald and Modie; the former of the Madras Service: but though the period of the attachment of both to the Institution has been very short, and the studies of the latter in particular were interrupted by an unlooked for summons to the Field, both have obtained the distinction of a Degree of Honor for high proficiency in Persian, and of Medals for rapid progress in the Arabic. It is reckoned, Gentlemen of the College, a creditable exertion to attain the required proficiency in two Languages within the year; no less, however, than ten of those who now leave the College have thus distinguished themselves. When in one of the two Languages so high a scale of proficiency is reached as to entitle the Student to a Degree of Honor in it, his merit is greatly enhanced; but when this high rate of proficiency is acquired within the year in both Languages, the circumstance affords a happy indication, that the individuals who achieve so much, are endowed with powers of acquisition which fall to the lot of few. Such rapid and extensive progress can only be made by those who possess a quick perception, a retentive memory, unwearied perseverance, and what is yet more valuable, the power of concentrating their energies to a given object. The events of this examination show a greater number,

ber, in which all these qualities must be united, than the College has ever before exhibited on any one occasion.

Four gentlemen Messrs. Dundas, Millett, McCarlan and Robertson, have earned the high distinction of having acquired Degrees of Honor in two languages within the year. Mr. Dundas, who stands first on the list, has done much more; for, he has added to the extraordinary proficiency which has entitled him to Degrees of Honor in Persian and Hindoostanee, a very competent knowledge of the Bengalese; and he has besides obtained a Medal for the rapidity of his progress in the Arabic. Such efforts can only be classed with the most distinguished achievements of the most renowned periods of the Institution: and Mr. Dundas must rank in the annals of the College only below our Macnaghens and Strickland.

Messrs. McCarlan and Robertson have also each won a creditable rank in the Bengalese Class, particularly by the former, who holds the second place; and I Mr. Millett, has reclaimed thro' a modest distrust of his powers, to enter the field of competition in more than two languages, we may rest satisfied, that a more perfect acquaintance with the two of his selection has resulted from this concentration of his powers. I have been assured that in well founded pretension to all those qualities which mark rising genius, Mr. Millett will yield to none of his contemporaries.

It is peculiarly grateful to me to dwell upon names which have before been the subject of my eulogy.

enology. It is but lately that a former Mr. Millett, brother of this gentleman, ran the same honorable career. The Mr. Millett of this year need not blush to meet his brother, for he has becomingly upheld the honors that had been acquired to this name.

Mr Scott and Mr. Reade the other two gentlemen to whom I have given Degrees of Honor for their high proficiency in Hindoostance, have both evinced a degree of talent which, if it had been directed with perseverance equal to that exhibited by their more distinguished competitors, would have ranked them with the highest on the roll. Mr Reade's proficiency has been obtained with wonderful rapidity, and I have been assured entirely since he joined the Institution.

It is rather a singular circumstance that I have had to distribute no Degrees of Honor for proficiency in the Bengalese Language. Messrs. Fredway Clarke and McFarlan have however merited the reward of Medals for their proficiency in it, and the less successful cultivation of this Language in the year is merely a consequence of the short time that most of the Students have been attached to the College, and to the circumstances which have directed their emulous exertions to the other languages taught. Such fluctuations in the Students and pursuits of the members of the College is no matter of surprize, when it is recollected that it is left to the option of the Students to select the two Languages to which they will direct their efforts.

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The further honors acquired at this examination, which remain to be noticed, are a Medal of Merit awarded to Mr. Francis Macnaghten and Mr. Wyatt, for rapid progress in the Hindoostance Language, and a Medal to Mr. Millett, for Persian Writing.

I cannot close the enumeration of the rewards that have been granted this year, without noticing that the prize in money which used to accompany the distinction of ■ Degree of Honour, has been discontinued, since the last examination. This change, it may be seen, has not had any influence on exertions; nor can it be believed they ever were affected by any desire to secure this object. Their source is in that noble emulation, and that virtuous love of distinction, which looks far above the fashion of the actual prize, and cares little for its nominal value. The Medals, the Parchments, the Prizes of Books, which you, Gentlemen Students, receive, these are not your real rewards. The internal satisfaction you must feel at having done well, the joyful congratulations of your families and friends, the respect of your equals and the favourable opinion of your superiors, every thing that can delight the heart, every worthy object of ambition, every thing your sounder judgment would pronounce desirable, is procured to you by distinction in this College.

The a van ¹ge with which you will enter on the active career before you, is a more substantial reward. I trust I have hitherto carefully redeemed the pledge I gave the College on the first occasion
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If my addressing you from this chair, that I should look to this institution and its examination as the criterion by which the relative claims of the rising branch of the service should be adjusted. Examples are not wanting to prove, that this has been my ruling principle. Many must at once suggest themselves to your minds, particularly that of one very distinguished individual who left your Institution only at the examination before last, and who has ever since he left it been searching out some new path to distinctions similar to those awarded at your public exercises — I had last year, and I have again this year, occasion to mention with high applause Mr Macnaghten's continued literary exertions. There is not a language taught in the College, in which he has not earned the highest distinction which the Government or the College can bestow. — The difficulties of the Sanskrit and of the Persian law yielded to his efforts in the preceding year. The Arabic he had already mastered; and having carried away from this Institution the rewards of the highest proficiency, there only remained for him to add to his knowledge of this Language a particular study of the books of Moohammudan Law. — This he has now done. — I have on the present occasion to confer on him another Degree of Honor for the eminence of his attainments in that department of literature.

Gentlemen, has not the laurence of Mr Macnaghten, in the career of his public Service gone hand in hand with the accumulation of honor? Is he not in the enjoyment of a situation of trust and emolument

emolument far above his contemporaries? Let me indeed ask you further, if there is any one of the rising branch of the service whom you have seen marked by my particular confidence in public matters, and whose promotion has consequently been accelerated, that has not left his name enrolled among the most illustrious of members of your Institution.

Gentlemen, I here take my leave of you for a time — The course of political events requires my presence in the Western Provinces, and I shall quit the Presidency in a very few days. Those of you who have distinguished yourselves on this occasion, may however rest assured, that my eye will be still upon you. Those also who are to fill the roll of the examination that will follow this, may rest equally satisfied that, though I may perhaps still be absent from the scene of their achievements, I shall read the pages in which their success will be reported to me, with as much interest as if I myself distributed the honors, and shall note with equal discrimination the relative merit of the several Candidates for distinction.

To you, Gentlemen of the College Council, I beg to return my sincere thanks, not only for the efficiency with which you have maintained the discipline of the College during the year, but also for the aid you have afforded me in the ascertainment of the real character of the Institution, and of its individual Members. The Professors, Assistant Professors and Ministerial Officers of the Institution are also entitled to my thanks. The Institution has

by the return of Captain Lockett, the learned and
 distinguished Secretary to the College Council, and
 Examiner, received an accession to the number of
 eminent men who are to be found upon its establish-
 ment. Captain Lockett has through the liberality
 of the Honorable the Court of Directors, brought
 with him from Europe a valuable addition to the
 Library, consisting of an extensive collection of
 Books, purchased with the utmost care and felicity
 of selection in London and in Paris.

A List of the Library Works which have been
 published since our last address, or which may have
 been prepared for the Press, will be subjoined to
 this address on its publication.

Gentlemen, the interest felt in the concerns of
 your Institution, is not confined to the Public of this
 Country. It is an object of attention to a large por-
 tion of the Public in England, and of Europe. In
 tracing the cause of the singular success with which
 this seat of learning and industry is governed with so
 much apparent ease, and preserved in such tran-
 quillity, the attention of every observer must be
 arrested by those institutions which are destined to
 form the future legislators and statesmen of India,
 and which have already contributed so largely to
 the general improvement in the administration
 of its affairs. The institutions of Hertford and of
 Fort William will necessarily become objects of the
 deepest interest. The institution of Hertford has
 but very lately been subjected to the minutest scru-
 tiny of the Public at home, and it has passed the
 ordeal with an increase of honor and reputation
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which, to those who from its effects in this Country see its value, cannot but be ■ source of high gratification — I have sought to give in this address ■ faithful exposition of the present state of our Collegiate Establishment. I feel myself perfectly satisfied with its condition in all its branches, and I have told you whence my satisfaction arose. — To disguise or colour any circumstance that might elucidate the character of this Institution, would be a fraud on the Public, to which I would never lend myself. — The College must stand upon the unreserved exposure of its management and product. — I need not fear to invite the judgment of the World as it is, and as it ever will be, so long as it is conducted on its present principles.

The Publication of the following Work has been encouraged by Government at the recommendation of the Council of the College of Fort William, since the period of the Disputations held in 1816.

A Dictionary, English and Bengalee by Rati-Komul Sen. This work will contain the words found in the latest edition of Dr Johnson's English Dictionary, with a Translation of them into the Bengalee Language.

For words relative to Arts and Sciences, of which no adequate interpretation can be given in the Translator's own Language, he will adopt explanatory Terms taken from the Persian, Arabic, and Samskrit.

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The Translator also proposes to give a complete Table of the Systems of Orthoepy for the Bengalee Language, adopted by Sir William Jones, Dr Calchrist, and Mr. Forster, together with a short History of the Bengalee Language.

In order to render the work more useful, the Translator has included most of the names of Plants and Herbs of this part of the world, together with the terms of the Materia Medica of Hindoostan, used by Drs. Carey, Buchanan, Roxburgh, &c.

The work will be printed on Europe Printing and Patna Paper, in one volume quarto, comprising about 1000 pages.

The following Works formerly mentioned in the Discourse of His Excellency the Most Noble the Visitor of the College of Fort William, have since been completed.

The Jumoo, or the Ocean, an Arabic Dictionary, by Majeed-Deen Moshummud-cobno-Tagoob, of Meeruzabad, collated with many manuscript copies of the work and corrected for the press by Saïed-Ul-Mohammed-cobno Moshummudin il Unsa-reevul Yumance-Yoosh-Shirwanee; Native of Agra, now employed in the Arabic Department of the College of Fort William; in two volumes. Calcutta, 1817.

"In preparing this edition for the Press, the utmost attention has been paid to accuracy; and the qualifications of the Editor, (an Arab by birth,) combined with his industry, and the excellence and abundance

abundance of the materials ■ his possession, leave no reason whatever to question that accuracy has been generally attained. His materials consisted of eleven manuscript copies of the work, (some of them highly valuable,) besides many other lexicons, &c. of great though not of equal celebrity; such as the Shumool Ooloom; the Nihayuhi Juzuree; the Subahi Juhuree; the Fiqhoal Looghut; the Nizamool Ghureeb; the Misbahil Mooneer; the Mooz hur; &c. the type, which was prepared by himself, is remarkably neat and legible; and the accuracy with which the vowel points are inserted throughout, will not fail to convey to every man who has any knowledge of the Arabic Language, the most favorable impressions, not merely of his industry, but of all the other higher qualifications necessary to the success of this great undertaking. Its accomplishment constitutes, in my opinion, an important era in Oriental Literature; equally favorable to the progress of that literature in Europe, and to its revival in every country of the East."

Extract from the Preface by Dr. Lumsden.

दत्तकचन्द्रिका दत्तकमीमांसा The Duttuk Meemansa and the Duttuk Chundrika, two esteemed Treatises in the original Sanskrit on the Hindoo Law of Adoption.

A Grammar of the Kurnata Language, by W. A. Carey, D. D.

A REPORT OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

1854-55.

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INDOOSTANEE

FIRST CLASS.

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| 1 | Millet, Degree of Honor, | 1 | Millet, Degree of Honor, |
| 2 | Boyle and Mehta, | 2 | Dundas, ditto, |
| 3 | ditto, | 3 | Scott, ditto, |
| 4 | Robertson, ditto, | 4 | Robertson, ditto, |
| 5 | Reade, ditto, | 5 | Reade, ditto, |
| 6 | McFarlan, ditto. | 6 | McFarlan, ditto. |

SECOND CLASS.

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| 7 | Turquand, | 7 | Turquand, |
| 8 | Macnighan, Medal of Merit, | 8 | Macnighan, Medal of Merit, |
| 9 | Thompson, | 9 | Thompson, |
| 10 | Wyatt, Medal of Merit, | 10 | Wyatt, Medal of Merit, |
| 11 | Shaw, ditto, | 11 | Shaw, ditto, |
| 12 | Stirling, | 12 | Stirling, |
| 13 | Dansmure, | 13 | Dansmure, |
| 14 | Dewar. | 14 | Dewar. |

THIRD CLASS.

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| 15 | Mourell, | 15 | Mourell, |
| 16 | Owen, | 16 | Owen, |
| 17 | Blackburn, T. T. | 17 | Blackburn, T. T. |
| 18 | Walker, | 18 | Walker, |
| 19 | Mannin, | 19 | Mannin, |
| 20 | Law, | 20 | Law, |
| 21 | Neave, | 21 | Neave, |
| 22 | Garrett. | 22 | Garrett. |

BENGALIE.

FIRST CLASS.

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| 1 | Clark, a Medal of Merit, |
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ANNALS OF THE

ARABIC.

- 1 Owen,
2 Neave,
3 Blackburne, W.
Absent from Examination.
4 Palmer, Sick,
5 Bury.

MILITARY STUDENTS.

- 1 Lieut. Macdonald, a Degree
of Honor, Prize of Books
and a Medal,
2 Lieut. Moodie, ditto.

ARABIC.

- 1 Dundas, a Medal of Merit

MILITARY STUDENTS.

- 1 Lieut. Moodie, a Medal of
Merit,
2 Lieut. Macdonald, ditto.

BENGALIE.

- 1 McFarlan, ditto.

SECOND CLASS.

- 2 Cockerell,
3 Taylor,
4 Dundas,
5 Dent,
6 Frazer,
7 Hunter,
8 Blackburne, W.

- 9 Mossell.

THIRD CLASS.

- 10 Robertson,
11 Oldfield,
12 Smith.

Absent from Examination.

- 13 Bury.

PERSIAN WRITING.

- 1 Millott, a Medal,
2 Shaw,
3 Dundas,
4 Robertson,
5 Blackburn, T. T.

BENGALIE WRITING.

- 1 Mossell,
2 Dundas.

By Order of the Council

of the College.

A. LOCKETT, Secretary.



1818. XVIII.

AN
 ACCOUNT OF
 THE NINETEENTH
 PUBLIC DISPUTATIONS
 IN THE
 ORIENTAL LANGUAGES,

held at Fort William, on the 20th, 1818 with the Discourse
 delivered on that occasion, by His Excellency
 the Most Noble the MARQUIS OF HASTINGS, as
 Vice-Chancellor of the College.

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM, AUGUST 20, 1818.

On Saturday the 15th instant, being the day appointed by His Excellency the Most Noble the MARQUIS OF HASTINGS, for the Public Disputations on the Oriental Languages; the President and Members of the College Council, the Officers, Professors, and Scholars of the College, met at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the Government House, where

where the Honorable the Chief Justice; the Honorable G. Dowdeswell, and the Honorable J. Stuart, Members of the Supreme Council; the Honorable Sir Francis Macnaghten, and the Honorable Sir Anthony Buller, Judges of the Supreme Court, and many of the Civil and Military Officers at the Presidency, as well as several respectable Natives, were assembled.

Lady East, Lady Rumbold, Lady D'Oyly, Mrs. Udny, Mrs. Harington, and many other Ladies of the Settlement, likewise honored the College with their presence on the occasion.

Soon after 10 o'clock, the Most Noble the Visitor, attended by the Officers of His Excellency's Suite, entered the Room where the Disputations were to be held.

When the Visitor had taken his seat, the Disputations commenced in the following order:

FIRST — HINDOOSTANESE.

Position — “The Hindoostance Language is more adapted to eloquence than any other of the Oriental Languages”

Respondent, Mr. C. Fraser,
First Opponent, Colonel Kerker,
Second Opponent, Mr. H. T. Owen,
Moderator, Major J. W. Taylor.

SECOND — BENGALIESE.

Position. — “The Bengallee Language from its facility in the compounding of words, is one of the most expressive Languages of the East.

Respondent, Mr. T. Clarke.*

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* Mr. Clarke was prevented from attending by illness.

First Opponent, Mr. G. J. Morris.
Second Opponent, Mr. H. S. Richardson.
Moderator, Rev. Dr. W. Casey.

THIRD. — PERSIAN.

Position . . . — “ Persian Composition is more difficult of acquirement, than that of any other of the Oriental Languages.”

Respondent, M. C. FRISBIE.
First Opponent, Cornet KIGHTLY.
Second Opponent, Mr. G. J. MORRIS.
Moderator, Dr. M. Lumsden.

DECLAMATION IN SANSKRIT.

By G. J. MORRIS.

“ The Sanskrit Language from its great Antiquity, its stores of knowledge which it contains, and its almost unrivalled excellence of its grammar and construction, may be ranked among the first Languages, deserving the attention of the Philosopher and the Grammarian.”

When the Disputations were concluded the President of the College Council presented to His Excellency the Visitor the several Students of the College, who were entitled to receive Degrees of Honor, Medals of Merit, or other honorary rewards, adjudged to them at the Public Examination held before him and read the Certificates granted by the Council of the College to each Student about to leave the College, in pursuance of the Statutes, specifying the proficiency which he had made in the prescribed studies of the College, and the general tenor of his conduct.

The Visitor presented to each Student, entitled

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to receive a Degree of Honor, the usual Diploma inscribed on Vellum, and at the same time expressed the satisfaction which he felt in conferring it.

The Prizes and Medals which had been awarded to the several Students were also distributed to them respectively,—after which His Excellency the Visitor delivered the following discourse :

GENTLEMEN OF THE COLLEGE
OF FORT WILLIAM;

When I was called away from the Presidency immediately after having presided at the distribution of the honors of the last Annual Examination, I could scarcely have ventured to predict, that the course of Political events which then took me from you, would have permitted my return in time to perform the same duty to the Institution in the present year. Again, however, I have the honor of presiding in this chair, and believe me, Gentlemen, as far as my private feelings are concerned, there is no duty attaching to my station, which gives me higher gratification in the performance, than that of assisting in person at your public exercises. I am not, however, ■ confident of myself, as not to be sensible that my honorable Colleague, who has in my absence officiated as Visitor and Guardian ■ of the Institution, would more fitly have discharged the function on the present occasion, and that the interests of the College will ■ far suffer from the early period of my return, as that you lose the benefit of having the results of the present Examination reviewed by the same person who has been exercising during the year, with equal solicitude

sole care and ability, in active superintendance over the concerns and discipline of the Establishment.

But, Gentlemen, I have not been inattentive to what has occurred to affect the discipline and reputation of the College, during my absence. Notwithstanding the distance which separated me from you, and the various scenes and situations in which I have been engaged since my departure, the interests of the Institution have always been an object of my most anxious attention.

Since my return to the Presidency I have had laid before me the minute Reports of the Examination, which has recently taken place, together with information of every particular at all calculated to disclose its actual state and condition; but I regret to say, that the result of a careful consideration of the whole, has not given me so favorable an impression of the general conduct of the Students, as I could have wished, and as the experience of former years justified me in expecting. The returns of the present Annual Examination have not furnished the same proofs, of a general disposition to studious habits, which were so prominently conspicuous on the two former occasions; and I have sought in vain for an equal display of that emulous appearance of high distinction, which has heretofore crowded the first ranks of the College Lists, with Scholars of superior literary attainment.

It must be admitted I fear, that there is a manifest inferiority in the product of the Examinations of this year, compared with what it has heretofore

fore been my lot to commemorate. This disparity will equally be found whether the estimate be made solely from the effect produced in conferring on those destined to the Public Service, the moderate acquaintance with the languages of the Country required to enable them to perform their duties, or whether the College be regarded in its more captivating light as opening the door to Oriental Literature for those who have the ambition to pursue their studies with a bolder wing. When I declare thus publicly my belief of the inadequacy of the display of exertion yielded by the trials of this year, I am aware that it is nearly the first time since the College was established, that it has been found necessary to make such an admission; but, Gentlemen, if the high reputation acquired for the Institution by those who preceded you has not been upheld, if the state of your discipline, of your general society, of your regular and orderly habits, together with all these other circumstances from which a judgment can be formed of the well-being of the Institution, should indicate that it has been rather losing ground than advancing, I am the last that would seek to delude you by a vain exaggeration of the merits of the few who have honorably distinguished themselves, or by an attempt to disguise or throw into the shade, whatever symptoms I discover of radical and serious ill.

The result of the two preceding examinations showed, in a manner not to be mistaken, a very great improvement effected in the disposition evinced

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d by the collective body of the Students, to avail themselves of the advantages held out by the Institution. You will recollect, Gentlemen, how warmly I congratulated the College upon such a manifestation, and how I was led to express my belief that what I dwelt upon, was not a transitory or fortuitous circumstance, but a permanent amelioration of the habits and dispositions of the Collegians. Judge then of the mortification I must experience, at finding that my anticipation has not been verified by the present Examination. Must I retract the reasoning on which that anticipation was built, and acknowledge the circumstances I deemed to be unerring indications of lasting improvement to have been merely the offspring of accident? In that case, indeed, this year might not be chargeable with the neglect that might else be argued from the absence of the same appearances.

Were I able to picture it to myself as possible that I could have mistaken the facts attending the former Examinations, or if the topics I dwell upon, had been lightly chosen, and used as mere incidental observations, I should gladly acknowledge that what I then assumed as a sure indication of great improvement, was not of a nature to warrant so decided an inference; because I should thereby spare you and myself the pain of animadversion. But the circumstances on which I built my conclusions are stubborn, and will not be so set aside. — You will recollect that I dwelt particularly on the fact, that in two consecutive years the proportion of those attached to the College who were

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shewn by the Examinations to be qualified for the Public service, had risen greatly beyond the standard of former years, insomuch as to approach to two-thirds of the whole; whereas antecedently it had seldom amounted to half.—Could we desire a more convincing proof of increased and general assiduity than such an exhibition afforded? Is there indeed any other ~~cause~~ that could have brought about the same effect? I confess I can discover no possible ground on which to set aside the obvious correctness of the test.—Applying it however, to the results of the present Examination, I am concerned to observe, that of thirty-two Students, whose names are classed on the roll, not one-half have been found qualified. Indeed, no less than eighteen of this number, besides two others who did not attend, have this year been withheld from the Public service, in consequence of their not being found competent; and this too at a time when the demand for Public Officers renders such a detention particularly inconvenient—while it would have opened to all who proved their qualification, the most advantageous prospects.—Gentlemen Students, can I do otherwise than regard this chargeable to a want of sufficient assiduity on your part? I am aware that, towards the close of the Collegiate year, many, indeed most, of those whose conduct had before been marked with inattention and a disregard of the advantages of study, offered by the College, began a different course, in the hope of reaching the required degree of knowledge, just ~~■~~ the season of Examination approached.—There
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are consequently few, indeed, no instances amongst the elder Students, of confirmed inattention extending to a recent date.—The reports of the general attendance at the Lectures of the last term are on the whole extremely favorable.—There is, however, nothing so prejudicial as this very practice of yielding in the earlier period of your attachment to the College, to the temptations to idleness by which you are surrounded, thro' the vain confidence of being able to recover, by subsequent study, for a limited period, at the close, the way you have purposely and avowedly lost at the commencement.—Who can pretend to act on so just an estimate of his own powers, as to know precisely how long he may indulge in the idleness which he has marked out for himself as an enjoyment without incurring the risk of ultimate failure? Who can be certain that when habit has given additional strength to the allurements of the life of his early adoption, he will be possessed of sufficient energy of mind to undertake a sudden change, when the period for study shall arrive, and to act consistently upon such a resolution? Earnestly let me exhort you, Gentlemen, and the lesson is particularly necessary to those of you who have most recently entered the institution, on no account to delude yourselves with such a project. Begin with the resolution to master the difficulties which otherwise are likely to prove so serious an obstacle to your subsequent career thro' life, and rest not satisfied with yourselves, or with the prospect before you, until you feel that those difficulties have been really overcome.

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Perhaps, however, it is unnecessary for ■ to give you this advice, the example of the present Examination will have already impressed the lesson on your minds more forcibly than ■ could do; for I attribute as I think you must also, the difference between the products of the present and of the two preceding Examinations, ■ far as concerns the proportion reported qualified on each occasion, to the influence of the practice I have been attempting to expose.

It is particularly observable that, amongst the favorable appearances to which I drew your attention on the last occasion of my addressing you, one point held a superior degree. It was this, that after the close of that Examination there was not ■ single Student left in the College (with the exception of two, prevented from attending by extreme ill health) who had been more than a year attached to the institution. Of the two thus left; one (Mr. Chase) claimed his examination upon his return from the Cape of Good Hope, whither he had gone for his recovery, and passed with honor,—a circumstance that must be placed to the credit of the year which had gone by, rather than of that in which the examination occurred. The other Student has not yet resumed his place in the College and cannot therefore be brought into the estimate. Omitting him however, there will yet be found on the roll of the College for the coming year, after those who have now proved their qualifications shall have withdrawn, not less than eight Students, who have been more than twelve months attached to the Institution.—

Institution.—Thus the difference in this respect, from the results of the preceding year, is yet more marked than that in the proportionate number reported qualified. The reason of both is the same, and the circumstance is only a further confirmation of the verity of the source to which I attribute the falling off, viz. that these young men have been led into the error of early indulgence, and began their amcndment too late to secure the grand object. I have the fullest confidence that the same individuals will not again be found wanting, and as their's was an error which in its disappointment has brought more than the full measure of punishment, it will meet from me every leniency.

But, Gentlemen, there is another ground on which I am not satisfied with the performances of this Examination. That Mr. Fraser stands first amongst the distinguished of the year, that he should in the short space of 9 months, have obtained the first place in Persian, the same in Hindoostance, a Degree of Honor in Bengalee, and a reward for considerable proficiency in Arabic, redounds to his own honor, and is doubtless the natural consequence of his possessing a rare union of memory, and acute perception with the habit of unwearied application. It is no disparagement to any that might have happened to be his competitors, if they failed to reach an equal elevation with one so superiorly endowed. But that Mr. Fraser should stand so entirely without a rival, that of the many who have been longer in the country, or who arrived at the same time, none should have

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had the ambition to run a career against him in the principal objects of his pursuit, argues a very unusual degree of lethargy in the Students of this year. Mr. Fraser stands alone of the Civil Servants in the first Class of Persian, though his attainments in this language, perhaps from the want of a competitor to excite his further endeavours, have not reached the point at which Degrees of Honor are awarded. He is alone also, with the exception of Mr. Owen, in the same Class of Hindoostanee, and there is no one but himself that has attempted the difficult language of Arabia. But the splendour of this gentleman's acquirements loses half its lustre from the total absence of any one entitled to hold a second place. He would have enjoyed a higher distinction, had he borne away the palm from more hardy antagonists.

Whence is it, Gentlemen, that you have suffered that spirit of laudable emulation, which has heretofore produced so many bright examples of merit, and which has been wont to develop the talents of many a mind, that without it would scarcely have known itself to be possessed of such powers, to expire amongst you without an effort. Is it possible that you underrate the value of distinction at this College? I should be sorry to entertain such an opinion of you. But perhaps you conceive there are other means of rising to notice in Society, which, if successfully prosecuted, will afford equal gratification to personal vanity, without requiring equal toil in the pursuit. If there be any such notion prevailing amongst you, let me warn you
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early of its fallacious tendency. What notice, what distinction amongst your fellows can be worth the living, that has not its foundation in public character, in the demonstration of those qualities which fit a man for high and important trusts? At your time of life, and circumstanced as you are, the honors and distinctions of the College are the only ones which you reach, which come under this denomination. The successful pursuit of them has ever been regarded as the surest stamp of character, as a sign of an individual who must rise to future eminence; and there is no one whose reputation as a young man, will not have greatly suffered from the neglect of such an opportunity — they offer.

Look all around at the distinguished of the Civil Service in the present day. Is there one of those, I mean where the career commenced after the Institution of the College, whose character was not in the first instance brought to light by distinction acquired here.

I naturally dwell upon this theme, for I feel there is none other that is so well calculated to make a deep impression on you: but it is one to which I have frequently before adverted. I will not therefore detain you longer from the general notice of the results of the late Examination, which it is usual for an address on these occasions to contain.

There are fourteen Gentlemen, who have been reported qualified for the Public service on the present occasion. These Gentlemen are Messrs. Fraser, Morris, Clark, Owen, Boulderson, Macan, Floyer, Walker, Campbell, Cathcart, Oldfield, Woodward.

Woodward, Dewar and Law. I have before pointed out Mr. Fraser as by far the most distinguished amongst these for the extent and variety of his acquirements. Again I express my regret, that he did not meet with a competitor amongst those the period of whose study under the advantage of tuition offered by this Institution, would have yielded a better and more equal contest.—It will be observed, however by many with surprize, that the second place on the roll of this year is held by a Gentleman who has only been three months attached to the College—I mean not this as any disparagement of Mr. Morris's merits.—On the contrary, the advantage he has gained over all his seniors but one, as well as over those who entered at the same time with him, is as creditable to himself individually as if, after a career of equal length, he had shared with Mr. Fraser the hard won honours of maturer study.—As far too ■ concerns the individual it is matter of little moment whether the attainments by which a student is distinguished above his competitors, are the produc. of this Institution, or of the sister College of Hayleybury, or of study successfully prosecuted in the voyage from England.—There is not one of these advantages that all of you have not participated with Mr. Morris, and if that Gentleman's availment of the benefits and means they offered, has been superior, he surely deserves the highest applause for his right perception and unremitting pursuit of those objects which have secured him ultimate distinction.—But, Gentlemen, it is our boast that the College of Fort William presents

presents very *so* *in* *ages of instruction*
in the Oriental *languages* *are possessed*
by any other *Scholar*, and it do not redound to
the credit of the senior *scholars* of this year, that
having enjoyed these advantages in a period of so
much greater length, they could have suffered
themselves to be outdone by one, whose studies
have been prosecuted for the most part with inferi-
or means.

Mr. Morris stands second on the List in Persian,
and second in Bengalee, in which language his at-
tainments have been found to merit the distinction
of a Degree of Honor, and we have just been witness
to a highly creditable display of this Gentleman's
proficiency in the more difficult Sanskrit Language,
to the study of which he alone has applied.—Such
progress could scarcely have been made in the short
space of three months—Indeed, by far the greater
part of these acquirements has been brought from
the College in England, and it is with much satis-
faction that I notice *the decisive indication of the*
efficiency of that Institution, which is afforded, ■
well by these honors of Mr. Morris, ■ by the early
liberation of two other Gentlemen, Messrs Boul-
derson and Macan, whose period of attachment to
the Institution has been of equally short duration.
Mr. Boulderson leaves College fifth of the general
list, with the high distinction of a Degree of Honor
for his attainments in Bengalee,—a circumstance
which with Mr. Morris's success in the same lan-
guage and in Sanskrit, shows the efficiency in this
department of the tuition at home.—Mr. Macan's
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efforts has been confined to Persian and Hindoostanee, and he holds a very distinguished place in both. Of the other students, Mr. Clarke has maintained the rank he so honorably acquired at the head of the Bengalee Class last year, and leaves College third on the general List—Mr. Owen, who stands fourth, is most distinguished by his attainments in Hindoostanee, where he alone holds a place in the same class with Mr. Fraser.

It is a singular circumstance, that the only Degrees of Honor that have been obtained at this examination has been awarded for proficiency in the Bengalee Language.—The four Gentlemen who have received them, are Messrs. Clarke, Morris, Boulderson and Fraser; last year there were none acquired in this language, though the occasion was in other respects much more prolific of literary honor than the present. I cannot pretend to account for this, and I can only express my regret, that the study of the elegant Languages of Persia and Hindoostan, has not been prosecuted with more success in this year.

The following are the Gentlemen who have obtained Medals of Merit, for diligent application and rapidity of progress, in the last term. Mr. Fraser, for his progress in three Languages, Arabic, Persian and Hindoostanee. Mr. Morris, for Persian and Sanskrit. Messrs Owen and Macan, for Persian and Hindoostanee; and Mr. Boulderson, for Persian. Mr. Manning has received a Medal for the best specimen of Persian writing, an attainment, the merit of which, judging from the small number

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of competitors for this prize, would not seem to be sufficiently appreciated by the Students.

The Collegiate year now under review having been one of active warfare on this side of India, it could not be expected that the Military service should have contributed its usual proportion to the Academic Honors of this Examination. We have however one Military Student, Cornet Keighley, of the Madras service, whom the high reputation of this Institution has induced to seek the advantages of tuition it offers. This Gentleman having entered in January last, has on the present occasion received the reward of Medals for his progress during the term in the three Languages, of Arabic, Persian and Hindoostance. Lieutenants McDonald and Moodie also, whose names were mentioned with distinction in my last address, did not leave the Institution without adding to the honors they had before acquired in this College: Lieutenant Moodie was separately examined in October, prior to joining his Corps when ordered upon active service, and obtained a Degree of Honor for his proficiency in Hindoostance. Lieutenant McDonald similarly obtained a Medal of Merit, for rapid proficiency in the Mahratta Language, prior to his proceeding into the field. Had these two Officers not been so called away, there can be little doubt that their continued exertions would have enriched the rolls of the late Examination with an increased display of literary merit of the first order.

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the enumeration of the honours acquired at the present Examination, without attempting a comparison with the results of former years. I trust that the same cause for avoiding that topic will never again occur, and I dismiss this branch of the subject with the fervent expression of my hope, that the reputation of this Institution will shine again with undiminished splendour, when the results of the exertions of those who will have sustained it in the year which has now commenced, shall come before me. There is however another peculiarity that has marked this epoch of the history of the College, which I feel myself compelled to mention. Besides that, neither the general assiduity of the Students, nor the extent of acquirement of those at the head of the Lists, has equalled what we have seen on former occasions; there have occurred two instances of such confirmed idleness, and habitual disregard of every means of control possessed by the College Officers, and of every species of admonition, as to render it necessary to enforce the penalties of the 33d Statute with the utmost rigour in both cases. Heretofore when this provision has been called into action, it has been applied chiefly to the correction of listless and thinking negligence, which has suffered the period allowed by the rule the maximum within which a certain proficiency must be acquired to slide away unperceived, without awakening a proper sense of the necessity of exertion. What constitutes the peculiarity of the present instances is, that the two Students whom it has been found necessary to remove,

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above, Messrs. Franco and Dick, commenced from the moment of their arrival a course of such systematic subordination to rule, and persevered in it with obstinacious and disregarding of every warning, as if bringing down upon themselves the full weight of the punishment, - in one case before the individual had been seven, and in the other when he had been only three months attached to the College - A like contumacious spirit was never known in the latter years of this Institution, and I confess I find it difficult to reconcile the conduct of these two gentlemen, with the recollection that all of you are educated in the same principles and liable to the same probationary subjection to the discipline of a Collegiate Establishment, before you can arrive to commence a new career on the Theatre of the Public Services and Institutions of this country. Of Mr. Dick, I am concerned to be obliged to mention further, that having fallen under the rigor of the sentence of the Government, at the same time with Mr. Franco, he obtained the indulgence which was perhaps due to his inexperience and the shorter period of his attachment to the College, of being allowed to continue his studies for a term longer, under the solemn pledge of making an effort at amendment by a more regular attendance at the College Lecture - This pledge his subsequent conduct showed that he had no disposition whatever to perform.

Both these gentlemen have thus placed themselves on the list of the expelled Civil Servants of this Presidency, a list which, but for this accession

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sion to its numbers I should have hoped to see very shortly entirely done away. The promise of last year, when two gentlemen came forward and liberated themselves from this opprobrious distinction, has been followed up by a similar reduction effected at the present examination; so that if Messrs. Franco and Dick had not chosen to enlist amongst the number, there would have remained but four names on the list at this moment.

Gentlemen of the College, there is no other occurrence of the period which I have had under review, that requires to be noticed on the present occasion.—It is not usual for you to hear the language of censure from this chair, but I feel that I cannot give a more decisive proof of the cordial interest I take in your concerns, than by thus convincing you that, when I do observe any thing that requires amendment, I will not shrink from the duty of exerting myself to produce it, notwithstanding that it is distressing to my own feelings, thus to forward to public notice what does not relate to your credit, or to that of the Institution.

to you, Gentlemen of the College Council, the Reports of the Professors and Assistants, that I have been indebted for the information which has enabled me to trace the indicat-
 ed disparity I noticed in the exertions of the
 last year to their original source, in a change of
 position amongst the Students.—I beg you will
 accept my warmest thanks for the frankness of these
 communications, which form an additional proof of
 the zeal and impartiality with which you perform
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your duty to the Institution, and of the value at which your exertions for its welfare should be rated. You will always find me as ready to enforce your just authority, when the necessity for severity shall occur, as to assist in the success that may attend your efforts to raise the Institution to a higher pinnacle of honor and reputation. To you and to the other Officers of the Establishment, I beg to express my warmest acknowledgments for your unwearied exertions of the past year, and I look with confidence for their continuance for an increased display of activity on the next occasion of my addressing you.

Amongst the literary notices which the present year, the Public, will observe with pleasure, that the third volume of Mr. Harrison's Analysis of the Laws and Regulations of this Government has lately been given to the public. This useful work has thus been brought to completion, so as to include the Public Acts and Ordinances of the Government in every department of its affairs, and I congratulate the worthy President of the College Council, as well as the public at large on this successful issue of his labours. Of the other Literary works which have issued from the Press of this College since I addressed you, Mr. Wynch's Translation of the useful Sanskrit Tract on Inheritance entitled the *Lingnumu Sangrahu*, and the publication of an original of the most approved Sanskrit Lexicon now extant, namely the *Borhanî Qatîb* *عاجل* are all that need particular notice on the present occasion. The latter work, which

which is a standard book with every Persian Scholar, is edited by the Examiner of the College, and Acting Assistant Hindoo-tance Professor Captain Roebuck, who has also in the Press a book which must be peculiarly interesting to a large portion of the Public of this Country, and especially to those who have any way been brought into connection with this Institution. The Publication I allude to is entitled, *The Annals of the College of Fort William*, and it will contain a Record of every thing memorable that has occurred since the establishment was formed, those who may hereafter be attached to the Institution will derive a stimulus to greater exertion, from the perusal of the testimony that has at different times been borne to the successful studies of their Predecessors,—while those who have heretofore passed with honor will be furnished by it with the means of agreeable and convenient reference to times which they must always look back to with delight and affection.

The Secretary of the College Council has also undertaken to publish, in the hope of its proving useful for reference, a descriptive Catalogue of the Books and Manuscripts in the Library of the College, now very extensive and valuable; a part of this Catalogue is already finished, and the whole will be completed within the year.

There is a public object so connected with the best advantages which we contemplate from this College, that I cannot close this address without expressing the happiness I have derived from observing the progress of that useful association,
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entitled the *Book Society*, in extending to this country, the benefits of European and Morals. The Institution has not been only in existence, but the set of *Tracts* and *Elementary Books*, which have been translated into English and other Languages, evinces an activity of zeal, for the diffusion of useful knowledge, in the highest degree creditable to those who have associated themselves together for the promotion of this especial object. Their efforts have not however been confined to this department, and have further been instrumental in preparing and circulating elementary Books of Instruction in the Sciences and Languages of the country, and it is impossible to look forward to the effects which their continued exertions will produce, in extending the means and improving the mode of education, that prevails among the several Classes of the native population, without forming a happy presage of the advances that will be made by the coming generation in general and territorial knowledge.

The consequence may infallibly be that you, Gentlemen, will in several stations which you may hereafter occupy find the minds of the people prepared for that further cultivation, which your zeal must render your duty of promoting. The rising generation will be impressed with the theory of moral duties. Your duty will be to explain to the Natives and you, the practical application of the principles, and to make them sensible how much the comfort of Society depends on a strict observance

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penalty. It is not fear of the infliction that will rouse him to a sense of what is incumbent on him. No, I rely on the reflection which will occur, that it would be a disgrace of no common rate to lose the title of sharing in the merit to be established for our Country by the diffusion of knowledge, of morals, and of happiness in India.

The following Works have been published or nearly completed since the last Annual Examination.

1. An elementary Analysis of the Laws and Regulations, enacted by the Governor General in Council, at Fort William in Bengal, for the Civil Government of the British Territories under that Presidency. Vol. III. By John Herbert Harington, President of the Council of the College of Fort William, and late Professor, under that institution, of the Laws and Regulations.

2. *تاريخ تيمور* The History of Teemoor, in the original Arabic, written by Uhmud Bin Moohummud, of Damascus in Syria, generally known by the name of Ibnco Urub Shah. Collated with four Manuscript Copies of the work, and corrected for the Press, by Shuekh Uhmud-cobnoo Moohummud il Unsariyool Yumunee Ycosh Shirwanee, a native of Arabia, now employed in the Arabic Department of the College of Fort William, Calcutta, printed at the Press of the Editor, 1818.

“ The present edition was undertaken at the recommendation of Dr. Lumsden, the Persian and Arabic Professor, who found the errors in the
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editions of Golius and Minger, so very numerous and perplexing, that it was only by means of conjectural emendations in every page, that we were able to peruse the work.—These errors will be found corrected in the present edition, which has been carefully collated with four valuable Manuscripts, and the Editor anxious to render the work as extensively useful as possible, has inserted the vowel points throughout” *Extract from the Preface by Captain Lockett.*

3. *Ḥatim Ṭāʿe*, *Ḥatim Ṭāʿe*, a Romance in the Persian language, Revised and corrected under the superintendance of James Atkinson, Esq; and published, with the approbation of the College Council, for the use of the Junior Students in the College of Fort William. Calcutta, 1818.

“The illustrious personage, whose marvellous adventures are recorded in the following Romance, was equally celebrated amongst mankind for his wisdom, his valour, and his liberality. The surname of Ṭāʿe, which he bore, was common to his tribe. He flourished before the birth of Meohum-mud, and his sepulchre may still be seen at a little village, called *Aorardh*,* in *Ary*.” “The

* The orthography of this word puzzled me completely, and the consequence has been that I have not been able to discover either the place alluded to, or the mode of spelling it, in Arabic characters. The fault is entirely Mabelot's (from whom the above account is derived) who has employed no fixed system of orthography. I suspect however that *Aorardh* is the *Abaris* or *Abaris* of Biant, which was situated in *Arabia*, to the east of the *Bubastic* stream, and was close to *Babylon*, within 28 miles of *Koofu*, where *Ḥatim* died. *Idi*

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THE ANNALS OF THE COLLEGE OF FORT WIL-
 LIAM containing the following heads.

1st. The Marquis of Wellesley's Minute in
 Council, establishing the College of Fort William.

2d. Report, of a Committee, (consisting of
 Messrs. Barlow, Harington, Kirkpatrick, Edmon-
 stone, and Blacquire), appointed in July 1800, to
 ascertain the progress made in the Hindoostanee
 and Persian Languages, by the Junior Civil Ser-
 vants, who were directed in February 1799, to
 attend Mr. Gilchrist for instruction in those lan-
 guages.

3d. An account of all the Public Disputations
 that have been held from the commencement of
 the institution to the present time, together with
 the Discourses of the Visitors delivered each year.

4th. The Statutes of the College now in force.

5th. A general list of all works, patronized, or
 encouraged by the College, or alluded to in the
 speeches of the Visitors, classed and arranged under
 their respective Languages, intended to shew at once
 what has been accomplished under the auspices of
 the Institution.

6th. A list of the names and designations of the
 present College Council, the Officers, Professors
 and Examiners, with a list of the Officers, Pro-
 fessors and Examiners, who have at any time been
 employed since the first institution of the College.

7th. An alphabetical list of the Students, Civil
 and Military, shewing the date of their admission,
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Assistant Hindoostanee Professor in the College of Fort William, and Member of the Asiatic Society, with the assistance of 10 learned Natives.

7 दाय-कर्मसूत्र, The Dayu Karmu Sungruh, an Original Treatise on the Hindoo Law of Inheritance, translated by P. M. Wynch, Esq

**A REPORT OF THE
EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL EXAMINATION,**

HELD ■ JUNE, 1818.

PERSIAN.	HINDOOSTANEE.
FIRST CLASS.	FIRST CLASS.
1 Fraser, a Medal of Merit.	1 Fraser, a Medal of Merit,
SECOND CLASS.	2 Owen, ■ Medal of Merit.
2 Morris, a Medal of Merit,	SECOND CLASS.
3 Owen, a Medal of Merit,	3 Brown,
4 Macn, a Medal of Merit,	4 Macn, a Medal of Merit,
5 Clark,	5 Oldfield,
6 Lewis,	6 Hoyal,
7 Walker,	7 Blackburn T. T.
8 Woodward,	8 Walker, (re-admitted,)
9 Bondeson, a Medal of Merit,	9 Dewar, (re-admitted,)
10 Campbell,	10 Law,
11 Cuthbert,	11 Woodward.
12 Oldfield,	THIRD CLASS.
13 Dewar, (re-admitted,)	12 Neave,
14 Law,	13 Garrett,
THIRD CLASS.	14 Manning,
15 Brown,	15 Guy,
16 Blackburn, T. T.	16 Blackburn, W.
17 Neave,	FOURTH CLASS.
18 Guy,	17 Mellusson,
19 Smith,	18 Clerk,
20 Manning,	19 Molony,
	20 Williams,

PERSIAN.

EUROPEAN.

- 21 G. H. C.
- 22 Tewson, J.
- 23 Hunt, R.
- 24 Cardew,
- 25 Blackburne, W.

FOURTH CLASS.

- 26 G. H. C.
- 27 G. H. C.
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- 30 G. H. C.
- 31 G. H. C.
- 32 G. H. C.
- Absent from Examination.
- 33 G. H. C.

MILITARY STUDENT.

Cornet Keighly, Medal of Merit.

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Cornet Keighly, Medal of Merit.

HINDOO STANEE.

- 21 Staniford,
- 22 G. H. C.
- Absent from Examination.
- 23 Dick.

MILITARY STUDENT.

Cornet Keighly, Medal of Merit.

BENGALIE.

FIRST CLASS.

- 1 Clark, a D. G. of Honor, Prize of Books and Medals.
- 2 Morris, ditto ditto.
- 3 Boulderson, ditto ditto.
- 4 Fraser, ditto ditto.

SECOND CLASS.

- 5 Latheant,
- 6 Campbell,
- 7 Blackburne, W.
- 8 Hunter.

THIRD CLASS.

- 9 Townsend,
- 10 Cardew,
- 11 Smith,
- Absent from Examination.
- 12 Funnell, S. K.

SANSKRIT.

Medal.

DEVANAGARI WRITING.

Medal of Merit, Floyer.

NADEVI WRITING.

Medal of Merit, T. T.

UNALPHABETIC WRITING.

Medal of Merit, T. C. 2 Boulderson.

LIST OF STUDENTS NOW TEACHING IN THE
 COLLEGE IN THE ORDER OF RELATIVE GENERAL PROFICIENCY.

1. DICKSON, — First in Urdu, — First in Hindoostanee, the only student of Arabic this year, — Fourth in Bengalee.
2. MORRIS, — Second in Persian, — Second in Bengalee, the only student of Sanskrit this year.
3. CLARKE, — First in Bengalee, — Fifth in Persian.
4. OWEN, — Second in Hindoostanee, — Third in Persian.
5. BOULDERSON, — Third in Bengalee, — First in Persian.
6. MURPHY, — Fourth in Persian, — Fourth in Hindoostanee.
7. FLOYER, — Sixth in Persian, — Sixth in Hindoostanee.
8. WALKER, — Seventh in Persian, — Eighth in Hindoostanee.
 CAMPBELL, — Sixth in Bengalee, — Tenth in Persian.
9. GATHCART, — Fifth in Bengalee, — Eleventh in Persian.
10. OLDFIELD, — Fifth in Hindoostanee, — Twelfth in Persian.
11. WOODWARD, — Eighth in Persian, — Eleventh in Hindoostanee.
12. DEWAR, — Ninth in Hindoostanee, — Thirteenth in Persian.
13. LAW, — Tenth in Hindoostanee, — Fourteenth in Persian.

By Order of the Council

of the College,

A. LOCKETT, *Secretary.*

COLLEGE OF
 FORT WILLIAM, }
 20th August, 1818. }

APPENDIX.

 No. I.

THE

STATUTES

OF THE

COLLEGE

OF

SIR RICHARD WILLIAM,

BY

R. WALSH,

AT PRESENT IN FORCE.

 1813.

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P. Jere ra, Pr nter, Hindo stange 1 pepu,
Ca cutta.

That the said College of Fort William,
in compliance with directions from His Excellency
our Lord the Governor in Council, have by
them to be annexed Fourth Chapter of Statutes,
and by the said Act, do hereby certify the Governor Ge-
neral in Council, on the date therein specified.

J. H. HARRINGTON,
J. FOMBELLE,
J. STUART.

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM;

July 1st. 1814.

FOURTH CHAPTER

OF

STATUTES

OF THE

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM,

Enacted by the Right Honourable the Governor General in Council in the 5th year of His Majesty King George the Fourth, and ordered to be printed from this date, according to the preceding Statutes, the whole of which are hereby repealed.

~~Enacted~~

I. Honourable the Court of Directors of the United East India Company shall be the Trustees of the College of Fort William, and shall be the President of the same.

III. The Members of the Council at Fort William shall be the Governors of the College.

IV. The number of Members of the Council shall be six, and to be appointed by the Governor General in Council, and to be reported by the Governor General in Council.

V. The Council of the College shall exercise such authority, and perform such duties as may be committed to them by the Statutes. They may also propose to the Governor General in Council the enactment of any new Statute. But no Statute shall be in force until it shall have been sanctioned by the Governor General in Council.

VI. The Council of the College shall meet as often as may be requisite, on any day shall be appointed by the President, or in the event of his absence or Calcutta by the Senior Member present, who, in such case, shall act as President. All questions, at the Meetings of the College Council shall be determined by a majority of voices: or if the votes be equal,

... shall be appointed, and shall be subject to the same regulations as the other members of the Council, and shall be eligible for re-election.

VII. A Secretary, and Assistant, with the necessary Establishment of Clerks, shall be appointed by the Council of the College. The Secretary shall receive from the Government the necessary orders for the purchase of Books, and the Stationery, and shall be subject to the same regulations as the other members of the Council. The Establishment of the Secretary, and Assistant, shall also be approved by the Governor General in Council. The appointment and removal of the Persons to be employed on such Establishments shall rest with the Council of the College, under such Provisions as may be made by them for the due exercise of this duty. It shall be the duty of the Secretary, or in his absence, of the Assistant Secretary, to convene the Meetings of the College Council, under directions from the President, or Acting President; and to keep a regular Book of their Proceedings; as well as to carry into execution all Orders passed by the College Council. The Secretary and Assistant Secretary shall further execute all duties which may be committed to them by the Council of the College.

VIII. The principal design of the College of Fort William, as constituted, being to furnish means of Instruction in the Languages of the Country, to the Company's Junior Civil Servants, as well as, within a limited extent, to the Military Servants of the Company, in the Bengal Establishment, with a view to qualify them for the discharge of the respective duties in the Public Service. Professors and Assistant Professors shall be appointed to the College, to give instruction to the Students in the following

1. ARABIC.
2. PERSIAN.
3. HINDOOSTANEE.
4. SANSKRIT.
5. BENGALIE.

The Governor General in Council, when the Professors and Assistant Professors will be appointed, shall determine the number of each; as well as in extending, or reducing, the Public Lectures of the College, as he may judge expedient. The College Council may likewise cause Instruction to be given by the Established Professors, in any other Language or Languages, when they are competent to teach.

IX. It is not considered necessary, at present, to establish Professorships, in the Mohammedan and Hindoo Laws; or in the Regulations of the British Government; or in the general principles of Jurisprudence. Books however shall be lent to the use of any Student who may be laboriously disposed to private study on these subjects, during the period of their attachment to the College.

X. The Professors and Assistant Professors of the College shall be subject to the authority of the College Council; and shall perform their respective duties, in such manner as may be prescribed by the Council of the College.

They shall, as the Secretary and Assistant Secretaries
have done, their administration of the College, and subscribe
the following Declaration.

I, the undersigned, do hereby declare that I will faithfully
observe the Rules and Statutes of the College, of which I am about to be
admitted, that I will endeavor, by precept and example, to main-
tain the same, together with the good order and morals; and that I will
not be influenced by any partiality of Religion, or to the Law or
the Constitution of the Nation.

At my Person, or the person referred to in the pre-
ceding Article, I do hereby declare that I have neglected any
of the duties of my office, in any respect, in the
exercise of which I am employed, and shall not, in
the future, neglect the same, or any of them, or any of the
duties of my office, as shall be required by the College Council
or any other Officers of the College.

I do hereby declare that I have, for the purpose
of the discharge of my duties, taught the College, who have
been admitted to the same, as the College Council shall direct, and
as the College Council shall direct, and as the College Council shall
direct, and as the College Council shall direct. Such a nature of
the duties of my office, in all matters relative to the instruction to be
given to the Students to whom they are respectively attached, shall
be examined by the proper Professors, or Assistant Professors,
before they are admitted as such into the College.

XII. The College Council shall be advised by the Secretary of
the same, in all matters relating to the arrival at the President
of the College, who may be directed to be
admitted.

XIII. The Secretary of the College shall be advised by the
President, in all matters relating to the arrival at the President
of the College, who may be directed to be
admitted.

XV. The Secretary of the College shall be advised by the
President, in all matters relating to the arrival at the President
of the College, who may be directed to be
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observe the Rules and Statutes of the College, of which I am about to be
admitted, and that I will endeavor, by precept and example, to main-
tain the same, together with the good order and morals; and that I will
not be influenced by any partiality of Religion, or to the Law or
the Constitution of the Nation, in all matters connected with my
duties.

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... to be admitted ... state for inspec- ...

XVI The Civil Servants of the Company, immediately after their admis- ...

XVII The attachment of Military Students to the College is limited by ...

XVIII ... of the College, who may be attached to the ...

XIX ... who may be ad- ... knowledge of the Persian ...

XX The Term of the College shall be two years each year. The first

such reports shall be referred to the General Council which shall pass such order as it may think proper.

XXVII. Every student of all the Universities of the Professor or Assistant Professor on all the prescribed Languages viz Persian, Hindoostanee, or Bengalee, during each Term; unless the College Council shall in any instance see special cause for admitting a deviation from this rule. At the commencement of each Term; or with respect to Students who may be admitted after the commencement of a Term, at the time of their admission, the several Students shall state, in the presence of the College Council and the Professors, the Lecture or Lectures which they may be desirous of attending during that Term; and after having obtained the permission of the College Council, shall continue to attend such Lecture or Lectures till the expiration of the Term; unless the College Council, on sufficient cause being shown, shall allow the discontinuance of such attendance within the term. No Student, without the special sanction of the College Council, shall be permitted to enter upon the study of a Language except his admission to the College, or at the commencement of a Term.

XXVIII. The several Professors and Assistant Professors shall keep a register of the attendance of all Students attached to their respective Classes, and shall submit the same, at regular periods, for the information of the College Council.

Whenever a Student may be prevented, by sickness or by any other unavoidable impediment, from attending the prescribed Lectures of the College, immediate notice shall be given by the Student to the Secretary of the College Council, or to the Professor or Assistant Professor whose Lecture should be attended. In cases of sickness, or of any permanent impediment, he shall be obliged to give notice to the Secretary; who will inform the several Professors and Assistant Professors whom the Student may have been appointed to attend. In cases of slight indisposition or other temporary impediment, occasioning absence from a single Lecture only, the Student shall notify the same to the Professor, or Assistant Professor, by a written declaration, in the following form:

"I, A. B. hereby declare, upon my honor, that I am prevented from attending the (Persian, Hindoostanee, or Bengalee) Lecture, on this day, by (sickness, or whatever may be the real cause of non-attendance, to be here inserted.)"

This declaration is to be signed and dated, and sent to the Professor, or Assistant Professor, at or before the usual hour of attendance; or, in any circumstance, prevent its being thereto, as soon as afterwards possible, that it may be immediately referred to the College Council.

When the cause of absence may be of a more permanent nature, the Student shall state the same fully in a letter addressed to the Secretary of the College Council; and in cases of illness, occasioning any continued absence from a Lecture, shall furnish a medical certificate from the Surgeon by whom the Student may be attended, specifying the nature of his illness, and his inability to attend the College next ensuing. In cases that may appear

to receive it, ■ renewed Certificate shall be furnished, ■ any subsequent
 periods, on the requisition of the Council of the College.

■ Students who may absent themselves from any prescribed Lecture ■ Lec-
 ture which they ■ appointed to attend, without notifying the cause thereof
 ■ the Professor, or to the Secretary of the College Council, in the mode di-
 rected by this Statute, ■ well ■ all Students who may not assign sufficient
 cause for their absence, shall be admonished, in the first instance, by the
 Professor or Assistant Professor, whose class they may have neglected to at-
 tend; or, in the case of repeated neglect, shall be called before and admo-
 nished by the Council of the College; after which, if the Student continue
 inattentive to his prescribed course of study, ■ his conduct be otherwise
 exceptional, it shall be reported ■ the Visitor; who will adopt such ■
 measures as the ■ may appear to require.

XXIX. No Student shall leave Calcutta, and its immediate vicinity, ■ thi-
 out permission from the Council of the College; or from the Governor Gene-
 ral in Council. Any instance, in which a Student may be found to have
 infringed this Statute, shall be immediately reported to the Visitor, for such
 notice as may appear proper.

XXX. Students guilty of any irregular or indecorous conduct, which
 may not appear to call for a report to the Visitor, shall be admonished by
 the Council of the College. But all serious instances of wilful disobedience
 to the Statutes and rules of the College, ■ well as offences against the prin-
 ciple of order, morality, or religion, shall ■ reported to the Visitor.

XXXI. Regular attendance on Divine Service will be expected from the
 Students, not ■ an enforced duty, but as a fit testimony in public of that
 proper sense of Religion with which the mind of every man ought always ■
 be impressed. An inattention to this rule will furnish the inevitable infer-
 ence, that the Student is of ■ disposition which must render him equally
 insuflcient to the example he will have to hold forth in public employment,
 ■ incapable of feeling the first of human obligations. As this point ■ be
 noticed attentively, the Student who may give occasion for such ■ judgment
 to be formed of his character, must expect to find it operate materially to his
 disadvantage.

XXXII. The situation of a Student ■ the College being such as to pre-
 scribe the necessity of a very expense beyond his actual ■ allowances, the con-
 tracting of debt will be considered as a serious offence against the Statutes
 and discipline ■ of the Institution, implying pursuits and habits incompatible
 with its objects, and irreconcilable to that study and attention which is ex-
 pected from all its Members. The public interests ■ equally concerned ■
 this point with those of individuals; and it is hereby declared, that ■ you ■
 man leaving College and entering on the Public Service, under heavy pecu-
 niary embarrassments, and after having contracted habits of prodigality, will
 be considered to labour under disadvantages almost amounting to a dis-
 qualification, when offering himself as a candidate for any situation of high
 trust and confidence. The College Council will be careful to pay particular
 attention to the conduct of the Students ■ this point, and will consider it ■

the bounden duty to communicate to the Governor General, in his capacity of Visitor, every particular that may come to their knowledge on this subject. The Students of the College accordingly enjoined to pay particular attention to this rule, and to regard it as a warning of the consequences of their contract of debt, and as an injunction to the practice of those habits of prudence and economy, which will enable them to live within their means.

XXXIII Whenever it may appear to the College Council, that a Student, Civil or Military, is not availing himself of the means of instruction afforded by the College, or from expensive habits or otherwise, not from his own misconduct, receiving the benefit intended by his attachment to the College; and any admission, which the College Council may judge it proper to give to such Student in the first instance, shall prove ineffectual, a report of the circumstances of the case shall be made through the Visitor, for the information of the Governor General and Council; who will take immediate measures for the removal of such Student from the College.

Whenever also any Student shall not be reported qualified for the Public Service at the second Annual Examination, that may have taken place while he has been attached to the College, it shall be the duty of the College Council to report particularly to the Visitor the causes which may have retarded the progress of his studies; specifying distinctly the degree of knowledge he may have acquired, the nature of his habits, whether studious or otherwise, and also his character for general regularity and subordination to the rules and discipline of the College. On receiving this report, the Visitor will determine of the propriety of adopting measures, with a view of marking, by public reproof, or by removal from the College, any confirmed idleness, or other vicious course of indolent progress, which may appear from the circumstances of the case.

XXXIV. If the Student removed from the College under the preceding Statute, or under any other Statute, on account of misconduct, shall be a Civil Servant of the Company, and shall not have been reported qualified for the Public Service, by a competent knowledge of two of the prescribed Languages, he shall be considered as a disqualified Servant of the Company, not capable of being promoted in the Public Service, or of receiving a salary exceeding Three Hundred Rupees per Mensem, until he shall have proved to the satisfaction of Government an amendment of conduct, and qualification for the Public Service, by an Examination at the College of Fort William; should any circumstance prevent this, by Examination before such persons as may be selected and appointed by Government for the purpose.

The disqualified Civil Servants of the Company, who may fall within this rule, shall be placed under the Judges, Collectors, or other Public Officers, at some Station out of Calcutta; and shall remain there until they apply for and pass the requisite examinations; unless, in any instance, upon application of the party, and recommendation of fitness and good conduct, the Governor General and Council shall judge it proper to allow him to return and prosecute his studies at the College.

the Company's Service yet may be desired of obtaining a public mark of distinction, it is hereby to the knowledge of the several Officers the merit of the several accounts by private study, of those qualified in deemed legally to be over and above the interests, the Governor General in Council is pleased to have over and above the duties of the several Officers examined by the Professors and Examiners of the College of Fort William, during the Eastern Languages, with a view to show the proficiency thereof. Reports of these Examinations to be submitted to the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, through the College Council, and copies of them to be sent by the Secretary, through the Adjutant General, for the information of the Commander in Chief, and Degrees of Honor to be granted for high proficiency to all who may appear entitled to the distinction."

XXXIX. All expenses attending the Civil and Military branches of the College of Fort William, now constituted, shall, as far as practicable, be kept distinct. The Accountant General, and Civil Auditor, who to be respectively considered Accountant, and Auditor of Accounts, for the College of Fort William, shall furnish the Secretary of the College Council with any instructions which may be necessary for carrying this rule into effect; and shall also furnish all Accounts and Statements, relative to disbursements for the College, which may be required by the Governor General in Council, or by the College Council, or for transmission to the Honorable Court of Directors. All sums required for expences on account of the College whether fixed or contingent shall be drawn for, in the usual manner, under such restrictions as have been or may be established, and after being sanctioned by the Governor General in Council, shall be paid from the General Treasury.

XL. At the end of each year of account, viz. on the 1st May of each successive year, a general statement of Disbursements on account of the College of Fort William, or for purposes connected with the College, during the past year, under distinct heads, shall be prepared by the Accountant General, and submitted, through the Council of the College, to the Governor-General in Council. On examination of such Statements it shall be the duty of the College Council to consider whether any part of the College Establishments, or Disbursements, will admit of better regulation or reduction, and, in that case, to report their sentiments, with any information that may be necessary, for the consideration and Orders of Government.

XLI. The Students of the College shall be allowed the use of Books in the College Library, under such rules as have been, or may be, established by the Council of the College, on this subject. It is also intended to furnish the College Library with a sufficient number of Class Books in the several Languages taught in the College; excepting Grammars and Dictionaries, in which the Students are expected to supply themselves. Such Class Books being intended for the use of the Students, in succession, who may be attached to the College, the Student is to take them with him on leaving the College; but on the contrary, every Student is required to be careful in preserving, and returning to the College Library, the Books which may be lent to him for his instruction.

X^o The Council of the College shall have power to propose to the Govern-
 ment any Bill for the purpose, by a Public Subscription (such
 as the Bill for the purpose, may appear) to deserve a certain
 reward, and the names which have been received from the Honou-
 rable Directors on this subject, which may hereafter be commu-
 nicated to the Council. It is expected of all works so encouraged
 that the Author shall send a copy to the Honorable the Court of Directors
 at the College, at Hertford; and the remainder shall be sold
 in the manner of the University of Cambridge, on the suggestion of
 the Council of the College, it is proposed to erect a monument of
 the works of Oriental Literature encouraged by Government,
 at the expense of the College Council, as well as the price of Class
 Books, and the purchase of Paper printed for the College, shall be
 included in the annual Statement required by Statute XLII; but shall be
 charged on the College, with a view to show the actual expense
 incurred by the College, on any other purpose.

XLI Any person (an the Civil and Military Servant of the
 Company) shall be admitted to attend the Lectures given in the
 College, and the expense of Native Teachers, or any other expense,
 incurred in the maintenance of such persons, the same shall be charged
 on the Company of the College, under a separate head. The Gov-
 ernor of the Company, who receives the same for a general power of direct-
 ion, shall be admitted to the College; and also, in such cases,
 the person admitted to attend the Lectures, shall be en-
 titled, or shall enjoy the full privileges of a regular Student, with respect to
 Prizes, and any Rewards.

THE Council of the College of Fort William, in
compliance with directions from His Excellency
Lord Mouna, Viceroy of the College hereby
promulgate the annexed Pitta Chapter of statutes,
enacted by the Right Honorable the Governor Ge-
neral in Council on the date therein specified.

J. H. HARRINGTON,

J. FOMBELLE,

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM,

26th November, 1816.

FIFTH CHAPTER

OF THE

STATUTES

OF THE

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM,

Enacted by the British Parliament in the 10th Year of the said Majesty King George the Fourth, in the 10th Year of the said Majesty King George the Fourth, and continued to be in force by the said Majesty King George the Fourth.

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It is enacted by His Majesty King George the Fourth, in the 10th Year of His Majesty King George the Fourth, that a prize of 1,000 Rupees be awarded at the Public Examinations, to every Student who may appear to have attained such high proficiency in any of the Languages taught in the College, as shall be deemed to have earned a Degree of Honor, is hereby rescinded.

It is enacted by His Majesty King George the Fourth, in the 10th Year of His Majesty King George the Fourth, that the Council, of the College shall in future award, at the Public Examinations, to every Student, Civil or Military, who may have attended the said Examinations, and any of the Professors, or Assistants or Proctors, of the College; and shall be entitled, from the Report of the Examiners, to have obtained such high proficiency in any of the said Languages to entitle him to the College, to be entitled to a Degree of Honor in such Language, or Language; and he shall be entitled to the Medal, or Medal, adjudged for high proficiency; and he shall be entitled to the Medal, or Medal, adjudged for high proficiency; and he shall be entitled to the Medal, or Medal, adjudged for high proficiency.

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and a Gold Medal, will be granted to any Candidate who shall be found to have a ready and accurate knowledge of the Sanskrit Language, and may, at an Examination, to be held before, such persons may be appointed by Government for the purpose, to give such proficiency in the Sanskrit Language, and conversance in Book-keeping, be imposed in either of those Languages, may appear to entitle him to a Degree of Honor.

IV. Such part of Statute XXIV. of the Fourth Chapter enacted on the 3d June, 1814, as directs that the Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, to the College Council shall be the Public Examiners of the College, and which requires that the Public Examinations shall be partly oral, and partly by written exercises; is hereby repealed.

V. The Governor General in Council will appoint such persons as he may judge proper to be the Public Examiners of the College; and the Examination of all Students attached to the College shall be conducted by them with the aid of the Professors, and Assistant Professors of the several Languages taught in the College in such manner as may be prescribed by the College Council. But no person shall be permanently appointed to the office of Public Examiner in the College, without satisfactory proof of his eminent proficiency in two, at least, of the Languages taught in the College, by having obtained Degrees of Honor in such Languages. Nor shall any person be appointed Professor or Assistant Professor in the College, without a similar demonstration of his high proficiency in the particular Language to be taught by him.

 No. II

A Catalogue of the most valuable other Works, which have been published under the patronage of the College of Fort William, since its Institution, in 1800.

 HINDOOSTANEE

GRAMMARS.

The Stranger's First Indian Guide to the Hindoostanee; or Good Popular Language of India, (improperly called Moors) By the author of the Hindoostanee Dictionary, Grammar, &c. &c. Calcutta, printed at the Hindoostanee Press, in one Vol. 12mo. 1. 32.

The Rules Directory, or Student's *Introducer* to the Hindoostanee Language: comprising the practical outlines of its improved Orthography and Orthography, along with the first and general principles of its Grammar. By the author of the Hindoostanee Dictionary. Calcutta, printed in part at the Government Press, and in his Press of Ferris and Co. in one Vol. small 8vo. 1802.

استاذ الالقي هندو - *Teacher, or the Hindoe Moral Preceptor and School, shortest road to the Hindoostanee Language, or Vice Versa; translated, compiled, and arranged, by learned Natives in the Hindoostanee Department, in the College of Fort William, under the direction and superintendance of John Gilchrist. Calcutta, printed at the Hindoostanee Press, in one Vol. Roy 8vo. 1803.*

سرفشا رنو - *Shirdoo, or a short Grammar of the Hindoostanee Language, written in Hindee verse by Moolvee Umrao Ch. Ch. utta, printed at the Hindoostanee Press, in one Vol. 8vo. 1804.*

DICTIONARIES.

A Dictionary, Hindoostanee and English. Originally compiled for his own private use, by Captain Joseph Taylor. Revised and prepared for the Press, with the assistance of learned Natives, in the College of Fort William, by W. Hunter, M. D. Calcutta, printed by T. Hubbard, at the Hindoostanee Press, in two Vols. Royal 4to. 1808.

An English and Hindoostanee Naval Dictionary of Technical Terms and Sea Phrases, as also the various words of command given in working a ship, &c. with many sentences of great use at sea; to which is prefixed a short Grammar of the Hindoostanee Language: the whole calculated to enable the Officers of the Hon. East-India Company's and Country Service, to give their orders to the Lascars with that exactness and promptitude, which, upon many occasions must prove of the greatest importance, by Lieutenant Thomas Roebuck, of the Madras Establishment, Acting Examiner, and Assistant Secretary in the College of Fort William. Calcutta, printed by A. H. Hubbard, Hindoostanee Press, 1811.

ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

گل مغھیرت Gooli Mughirat; or the Flower of Forgiveness. Being an account in the Hindoostanee Language, of those Mussulmans called Shoohuda Martyrs, from the time of Moohummud, to the death of Hoesuep at Kurhula, by Meer Huedud Bukhsh Hurduree of the Hindoostanee Department of the College of Fort William. Calcutta, printed by P. Pereira, at the Hindoostanee Press, 1812.

HISTORY.

آرايش مھل Araish-i Muhl, being a History, in the Hindoostanee Language, of the Hindoo Princes of Dhhlee, from Jodishthir to Pithaora, compiled from the original Hindoo and other Authorities, by Meer Sher Ali Khan, M. A. in the Hindoostanee Department of the College of Fort William. Calcutta, printed by Thomas Hubbard, at the Hindoostanee Press, in one Vol. Royal 4to. 1808.

ETHICS.

باغی وردو Baghi Oordoo, ■ the Rose Garden of Hindoostan, translated from Shreekh Saudee's Original Nursery or Persian Garden of Muzra, by Meer Sher Ulee Ufoos, for the use of the Hindoostan. Students at the College of Fort William, under the direction and superintendence of John Gilchrist, author of the Hindoostance Dictionary, and many other Oriental publications. Calcutta, printed at the Hindoostanee Press, in two Vols. Royal 8vo. 1809.

PRAYERS.

ملاحی الہیاء Hid-yut ul Islam, or a collection of the forms and ceremonies of the Muhammedan religion in Arabia and Hindoostan, translated and under the superintendence of, and by John Gilchrist, Vol. 1st. Calcutta, printed at the Hindoostanee Press, in two Vols. 8vo. 1801. N. B. *The 2d Vol. has not been printed.*

FABLES.

The *Hindee Mantal*, or *Casket of India*; compiled for the use of the Hindoostanee Students in the College of Fort William, under the direction and superintendence of John Gilchrist, by the following learned Hindoostanee Poets, Scholars and Moonshies, employed under the patronage and protection of the present liberal and Patriotic Government. Respectively printed at the following Offices:—Containing the *Ukhla ji Hindee*, by Meer Bahadur Ulee Hoosenc, Telegraph Press.—*Munsiyu*, of Meer Uhdoolah Miskeen, Hukam Press.—*Singhaun Butteesee*, by Meerza Kazim Ulee Juwan and Sree Lallojee Lal, Ditto.—*Tadho Nul*, by Muzhur Ulee Khan Wila, and Sree Lallojee Lal, Ditto.—*Sukcontul Natuk*, by Meerza Kazim Ulee Juwan and Sree Lallojee Lal, Calcutta Gazette Press.—*Buctal Pucheesee*, by Muzhur Ulee Khan Wila and Sree Lallojee Lal, Mirror Press.—*Tota Kannee*, by Meer Hrudai Bukhsh Huehnee, Telegraph Press.—*Singhaun Buhar*, by Meer Ummat Lotti, Hukam Press.—*Nogul Inuzeer*, by Meer Bahadur Hoosenc, Calcutta Gazette Press.—*Baghi Oordoo*, by Meer Sher Ulee

Ussos, Muroi Puras. The above are intended as ■ Specimen of the various styles of compositions in use among the Natives. Calcutta, printed at the Hindoostanee Press, ■ one Vol. 4to. 1802.

نقلياتى ہندی Naqliyat-i Hindee, or the Hindoostanee Teller, or Enumerating Dispositon of the Roman, Persian, and Nagree Character, simple and compound in their Application to the Hindoostanee Language, as a written and literary vehicle, by the author of the Hindoostanee Dictionary, Grammar, &c. &c. Calcutta, printed at the Hindoostanee Press, in two Vols. Royal 8vo. 1802 and 1803.

نظریہ نوری Nuzuri Bentuzee, or a Prose Version, by Meer Buhadoor Ulee, of the Sihra col. Buzurj, an enchanting Fairy Tale in Hindoostanee verse by Meer Husun, composed for the use of the Hindoostanee Students, in the College of Fort William, under the superintendance of John Gilchrist. Calcutta, printed at the Hindoostanee Press, ■ one Vol. 4to. 1803.

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ﺷﻤﺲ ﻋﻮﻝ ﻟﻮﻏﻪﺕ Shums ol Looghat, or ■ Dictionary of the Arabic and Persian Languages, the interpretation being in Persian, comprising all such words of the Turkish Language as occur in the works of Persian and Arabic authors, compiled from origi-

College of Fort William, by Shuekh Uhmud bin Moohummud Shirwanee col Yumunee, of the Arabic Department, author of the Nushut col Yumun, Ul-Ujub col Ojab, Hi decqu. col Ufi ah, and various other Arabic Works. Vol. I. Containing the Stories of 100 Nights. Vol. II. Do Do. and also the story of Sindbad the Sailor, printed from the Paris Edition with some few alterations by Shuekh Uhmud. Calcutta, printed by P. Pereira, at the Hindoostanee Press, in two Vols. 8vo. 1814 and 1818.

✓ **مقامات حیرری** • Muqamat Hureeree, or the Adventures of Uboo Zued of Surooj, in fifty Stories, written by the celebrated Uboo - Moohummud'il Qasim col Hureereeyoo. Vol. I. comprising the first thirty Stories collated with eight Arabian Manuscript copies, and corrected for the Press by Muoluvees Ilahdad and Jan Ulee, now employed in the Arabic and Persian Departments of the College of Fort William. Printed at the Honorable Company's Press, 1809. Vol. II. comprising the last Twenty Stories, 4to. 1812.

Supplement to the Adventures of Uboo Zued of Surooj, comprising an Arabic and Persian Dictionary of all the Terms contained in that celebrated Work: compiled from the best authorities, such as the Gamsoos, the Suhah, the Shums col Oloom, &c. by Muoluvee Jan Ulee, now employed in the Arabic and Persian Departments of the College of Fort William. Calcutta, printed at the Honorable Company's Press, in one Vol. 4to. 1812.

✓ **تعمور فی احوال تدمور** The History of Tecmoor, in the original Arabic, written by Uhmud bin Moohummud of Damascus Syria, generally known by the name of Ibnco Uri b She Collated with four Manuscript copies of the Work, and corrected for the Press, by Shuekh Uhmud cobuco Moohummudul U' Yoooh-Shirwanee, a Native of Arabia, now employed in the Arabic Department of the College of Fort William. Calcutta, printed at the Press of the Editor, in ■■■ Vol. 8vo. 1818.

RHETORIC.

✓ **المختصر** Ul-Mookhtusur, commonly called Mookhtusur col Muanee; or ■■ abbreviated Commentary ■■ the Rhetoric of the Arabs: comprising the Text of the Talkhees col Mistah, by Sul ul-ud-Deen Moohummud: together with the shorter of two Com-

mentaries ■ that celebrated Work, both written by Musood
w'noo OOm, 'oot-Tustazanee. Calcutta, printed at the Per-
■ Press, u the inspection of Muoluee Jan Ulee, now
employed in ■ Arabic Department of the College of Fort
William, in one Vol. 4to. 1813.

LOGIC

طوطي The () o'hee, ■ celebrated Treatise of Logic, written
by Qootb oot-Dia in the Arabic Language. Revised and pre-
pared for the Press, at the desire of M. Lumsden, LL. D.
Professor of the Arabic and Persian Languages in the College of
Fort William. Calcutta, printed at the Honorable Company's
Press, by T. Watley, in one Vol. 8vo. 1815.

LETTERS.

الخطبات Ul-Ujud-ool O'jab; ■ complete Introduction
to the ■ of I, ter-writing, being ■ collection of Letters,
upon varic ■ subjects, in the Arabic Language, compiled or
composed by ■ Ah Uhmud bin Moohummud al Yumunee Yoooh-
Shirwanee the patronage of the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council, at the recommendation of the
College of Fort William. Calcutta, printed by P. Pereira, at
the Hindo. Press, in one Vol. 8vo. 1813.

POETRY.

ديوان المتنوبى Deewan ool Mootunubbee, corrected and edit-
ed by Shuekh ■ d bin Moohummud Shirwanee ool Yumunee.
Calcutta, printed at his Arabic Press one Vol. 8vo. 1814.

مختار المتنوبى 'hut ool Yumun, ■ Arabic Miscellany of
Compositions in 'rose and Verse, selected or original, by
Shuekh Uhmud Shirwanee ool Yumunee. Published under the
patronage of the College of Fort William. Calcutta, printed at
the Hindoostanee Press, in one Vol. 4to. 1811.

قصيدة ابن زهير The Qameedu of Ibní Zor'hee, in the origin-
al Arabic, with a Commentary by Shuekh Uhmud, the learned
Editor of the Qamees, the History of Temoor and other works.

This Poem is one of the most celebrated in the Arabic Language and indispensably requires to be accompanied by a Commentary, without which it cannot be read by a foreigner and scarcely perhaps by very many of the Arabs. Printed at the Press of the Editor, ■ one Volume 8vo. containing 150 pages, 1818.

TRANSLATIONS FROM ARABIC.

مشكاة المصابيح The Mishkatool Murabbeeh, or ■ collection of the most authentic Traditions regarding the actions and sayings of Moohummud, exhibiting the origin of the Manners and Customs, the Civil, Religious and Military Policy of the Moosulmans, translated from the original Arabic into English, by Captain A. N. Matthews, Bengal Artillery. Calcutta, printed by T. Hubbard, at the Hindoostanee Press, in two Vols. Royal 4to. 1809.

CHINESE.

Elements of the Chinese Grammar, with a Preliminary Dissertation on the Characters, and the Colloquial Medium of the Chinese, and an Appendix containing the 'Ia Hye h of Confucius, with ■ translation by Rev. J. MARSHMAN, D. D. Serampore, printed at the Mission Press, 1814.

A Grammar of the Chinese Language, by the Rev. ROBERT MORRISON. Serampore, printed at the Mission Press, 1816.

ENGLISH.

An Elementary Analysis of the Laws and Regulations enacted by the Governor General in Council, at Fort William in Bengal, for the Civil Government of the British Territories under that Presidency. In six Parts. Vol. I. comprising General Legislative Provisions, and Rules for Civil and Criminal Justice, and the Police. Vol. II. comprising Rules for the Public Officers in Revenue Department; the Assessment and Collection of the Land Revenue and subjects immediately connected, including the Coinage.

comprising the following heads: Sayer Duties abolished; Market Duties; Town Duties; Customs, Feud on Salt and Iron on Stone Quarries; Stamp Duties; Law of Evidence; Tax on Pilgrims; Rights of Landholders; Revenue of the Peasants; Regulations of the British Government in relation of the Company; Trade on Sylhet Frontier of the Province; Salt Monopoly; Saltpetre Monopoly; and Miscellaneous; concluding with the College of Fort William. By John Herbert Harrington, President of the Council of the College of Fort William; and late Professor under that Institution of the Law and Regulations. Calcutta, printed at the Calcutta Gazette Press, in three Vols. small folio, 1817.

 No. III.

The Present Establishment of the College of Fort William; containing a list of the Names and Designations of the College Council, the Officers, Examiners, Professors, Native Teachers, &c.

 COUNCIL OF THE COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM.

JOHN HERBERT HARRINGTON, Esq. *President.*

JOHN FENDALL, Esq. *Member.*

WILLIAM EDWARD REES, Esq. *Member*

Captain ABRAHAM LOCKETT, *Secretary to the Council of the College, and Public Examiner.*

Captain THOMAS ROEBUCK, *Public Examiner*

JAMES ATKINSON, Esq. *Acting Examiner in his absence.*

 PROFESSORS.

MATTHEW LUMSDEN, LL. D. *Professor of the Persian and Arabic Languages.*

Major JOHN WILSON, *Assistant Professor of ditto ditto.*

Major JOHN WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Professor of the Hindocstane. Language.*

Captain

Captain THOMAS ROEBUCK, *Acting Assistant Professor of ditto.*

The Reverend WILLIAM CARRY, D.D. *Professor of Sanskrit and Teacher of Bengalee Language*

Lieutenant WILLIAM NICHOL, *Assistant Professor of Bengalee and Sanskrit and Teacher of Bruj Bhasha.*

Present Native Establishment of the College of Fort William.

**FIRST AND ARABIC DEPARTMENTS.
OF MOONSHIEE**

Muoluee Kurum Hoosien, May 1801.

SECOND MOONSHIEE.

Muoluee Ubdcor Ruheem, Oct. 1812.

Muoluee Jan Uche,	{ Employed in the Department only }	July 1808,
Muoluee Shih Uhmud, Native of Arabia,		
		Aug. 1813.

MOONSHIEES.

Muoluee Badur Ulee, May 1801,
 Muoluee Hosnen Ulee, Ditto,
 Tegh Ulee, Surishtadar, Ditto,
 Muoluee Hissar ood, Nov. 1806,

موراء علی

میرزا نور علی	Mirza Noor Ulee,	Oct	1801,
مولوی مولانا بخش	Muoluvce Muola Bukhsh,	Sept.	1802,
مولوی عباس علی	Muoluvce Ubbas Ulee,	Feb.	1804,
قربان علی	Qorban Ulee,	Nov.	1802,
نادر علی	Nadir Ulee,	Sept.	1808,
گنگا روشن	Gunga Bishun,	May	1801,
میرزا حسن علی	Mirza Husun Ulee,	Oct.	1802,
مولوی سعید کاظم علی	Muoluvce Sacyid Kazim Ulee,	April	1807,
مولوی فرحت علی	Muoluvce Furhut Ulee,	Aug.	1808,
مولوی محمد علی	Muoluvce Moohummud Ulee,	Dec.	1811,
کلب علی	Kulbi Ulee, Persian Writing Master,	Sept.	1801.

HINDOOSTANEE DEPARTMENT.

HEAD MOONSHER.

تاریخچری	Tarixechun Mitr,	May	1801.
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SECOND MOONSHER.

میر بخش علی	Meer Bukhshish Ulee,	Nov.	1802
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MOONSHERS.

مولوی محمد واجد	Muoluvce Moohummud Wajid,	Mar.	1802,
مورتزی خان	Moortuzā Khan	May	1801,
یوسف علی	Yooseof Ulee, Sur-rishtudar,	Sept.	1801,
مولوی عبد الصمد	Muoluvce Ubdossumud,	Oct.	1801,
مولوی نذر اللہ	Muoluvce Nuzr Oollah,	Apr'ly	1802,
	مولوی واجب الدین		

مولى واجب الدين Mooluvee Wajib ood- deen,	Nov. 1808,
مولى محمد موسى Mooluvee Moolhummud Wu,	Jan. 1805,
مولى باب الله Mooluvee Babollah,	Sept. 1801,
مولى لود الدين Mooluvee Loddeen,	Oct. 1801,
مولى ميرزا علي Mooluvee Mirza Ulee, Aug. 1806,	
مولى ميرزا حسين Mooluvee Meer Tu- sudeeq,	Nov. 1802,
مولى بهادر علي Mooluvee Buhador Ulee, Dec. 1807,	
مولى ميرزا نور علي Mooluvee Mirza Noor Ulee,	Feb. 1802,
مولى ميرزا سعيد علي Mooluvee Mirza Sa'id Ulee,	July 1807,
महानन्द Mahanand,	Feb. 1802.

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT.

FIRST PUNDIT.

दायनाथ नयारदासपाई Dhayanath Nyayadaspaie,	May 1801.
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SECOND PUNDIT.

रामजय तुर्कालकर Ramajay Turkalunkar, July 1816.	
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PUNDITS.

श्रीपति मूकपाथयार Shripati Mookhapaithayar,	May 1801,
कालीप्रसाद तुर्कसिद्धान्त Kaleeprasad, Tur- ku Siddhantu,	Sept. 1801,
पद्मलोचन चूडामणि Padmalochun, Choo- ramuni,	May 1801,

शिवचन्द्र

शिवचन्द्र उर्कालकार Shivu Chandru, Tur-	
kalunkar,	Sept. 1801,
रामकिशोर उर्कचूड़ागनि Ramukishoru,	
Turkuchooramuni,	Nov. 1805,
रामकूमर शिरोरामनि Ramukoomaru, Shiro-	
muni,	Sept. 1801,
गदाधर उर्कदागीश Gudadhuru, Turku-	
bageeshu,	Nov. 1805,
रामचन्द्र राय Ramuchundru Rae,	March 1803,
नरोत्तम बसू Nurottumu Bos,	March 1806,
कालीकूमर राय Kaleekoomaru Rae, <i>Ben-</i>	
<i>galee Writing Master, and Sur-riast-</i>	
<i>tudar,</i>	March 1809.

MURUHITA DEPARTMENT.

वैद्यनाथ पण्डित Vuedyuuathu Pundit,	Sept. 1807.
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BRUJ BHASHA DEPARTMENT.

श्रीबालकवि Shree Lal Kuvi,	Feb. 1802,
इन्द्रेश्वरपण्डित Indreshwur Pundit,	Jan. 1815.

HINDEE TRANSLATOR.

میر بہادر علی Meer Buhadoor Ulee, <i>for-</i>	
<i>merly Head Moonshce of the Hin-</i>	
<i>doostanee Department.</i>	Sept. 1801.

WRITERS IN THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Mr. John Ward,	Dec. 1814,
जगन्मोहन चट्टोपाध्याय Jugumohun, Chut-	
topadhyayu,	Nov. 1802,
	दाउदाय

दाताराम पाकराजी Dataram, Pakrasee, Sept. 1801,
 कालीचरण घोषाल Kaleschurun, Ghoshal, Aug. 1814.

NATIVE LIBRARIANS.

मोहनप्रसाद ठाकुर Mohunprasad Thakoor, Oct. 1807,
 مولوی اکرام علی Muoluee Ikram Ulee, Oct. 1816,
 منشی غلام حیدر Moonshee Ghulam Hue-
 dur, Sept. 1801.

COLLEGE OF FORT WILLIAM,
 1st June, 1818.



 No. IV.

A General List of the names and Offices of those Persons who have borne any part in the conduct of the Institution since its foundation in 1800.

 COUNCIL OF THE COLLEGE.

	<i>When Appointed</i>
The Reverend David Brown, Provost,	April 1801,
— Claudius Buchanan, Vice Provost,	Ditto,
The Honorable Henry Wellesley,	Ditto,
Sir George Hilaro Barlow, Bart.	Ditto,
Neil Benjamin Ed nonstone, Esq.	Ditto,
John Lamsden, Esq.	Jan. 1800
John Herbert Harington, Esq.	Mar. 1802,
Henry Thomas Colebrooke, Esq.	Ditto,
John Fombell, Esq.	Jan. 1807,
James Stuart, Esq.	Aug. 1810,
Robert Kea, Esq.	Mar. 1817,
John Fendall, Esq.	Nov. 1817,
William Edward Rees, Esq.	May 1818.

 SECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES TO
 THE COUNCIL OF THE COLLEGE.

Charles Rothman, Esq. Secretary April, 1801,
 Dr. William Hunter, Secretary 1st November, 1806.
 Lieutenant William Macdougall, officiated as Secretary, May,
 1807, during Dr. Hunter's absence on account of his health
 appointed Assistant Secretary 14th July, 1807.

Dr.

... succeed'd Lieutenant Macdougall, as Assist-
 ... 23d Nov. 1807.
 ... (now Genl.) Abraham Lockett, succeeded Dr.
 ... Assistant Secretary on the 22d February, 1805, and
 ... 11 Nov. 1811.
 ... Captain Galloway, acted as Secre-
 ... the absence of Dr. Hunter, from 9th May, 1811,
 ... 1819, as appointed Assistant Secretary, 1st
 ...
 ... (now Genl.) Thomas Koebuck,* acted as Assistant
 ... the absence of Lieutenant Lockett in Persia
 ... 1811, to the 22d June, 1812; on
 ... Assistant Secretary upon the
 ... appointed to
 ... of Captain Lockett
 ... 1815, to the 11th Oct. 1816, and
 ... from 8th January, 1817, to the
 ... Lockett's absence at Ceylon.
 ... as Assistant Secretary from the
 ... 1816.

PROFESSORS.

Genl. John Balfour, Professor of the Laws and
 ... British Government in India, April 1801,
 ... Professor of
 ... May 1801,
 ... succeeded Genl. B.
 ... Regulations
 ... May 1801,
 ... Esq. LL.D. & F.R.
 ... April 1801,
 ... Professor of the Persian Lan-
 ... Dr. Neil

* A ... of Assistant
 Secretary was ... of Directors on the 22d
 July 1812, by ... 1816, an order was received from the
 ... of Assistant Secretary, which
 had been originally ... the 11 July, '07.

- Will Benjamin Canons M. A., Prof. of the
 Persian Language, and Literature, April 1801
 Lieutenant (now Lieut. Colonel) John Baillie, Pro-
 fessor of the Arabic and Persian Languages, and of
 Mohammedan Law, Ditto,
 Rev. and Claudius Buchanan, Professor of Greek
 and Latin Cl. Div., Ditto,
 Matthew Lumsden, Esq. 1st Assistant Professor of
 the Persian Language in April 1801; acted as Pro-
 fessor from 28th Nov. 1805, until the 25th June
 1807, when he succeeded Capt. Baillie, as Pro-
 fessor of the Persian and Arabic Languages, who
 was appointed Resident at Lucknow,
 Reverend William Carey, D.D. Teacher of the Ben-
 galee and Sanskrit Languages, April 1801; ap-
 pointed Professor of the Bengalee and Sanskrit
 Languages on the 1st January, 1807,
 Reverend Mr. Pæzold, Teacher of the Tamool Lan-
 guage, Mar. 1801,
 Dr. James Dunwiddie, M. D. Teacher of Mathe-
 matics, April 1801,
 Monsieur Duplessy, Teacher of Malabar Languages, April 1801,
 Edward John Walker, Esq. 1st Assistant Pro-
 fessor of the Hindoostanee Language from June
 1801, to January 1802
 Insig. William Macdougall, Assistant Professor of
 the Hindoostanee Language, Nov. 1802,
 Captain (now Major) James Mouat, First Assistant
 Professor of the Hindoostanee Language, February
 1803, and afterwards succeeded Dr. Gilchrist as
 Hindoostanee Professor, 1st January 1806,
 Captain (now Major) Charles Stewart, Second As-
 sistant Professor in the Persian Language, March
 1803, acted as 1st Assistant from 6th Feb. 1806,
 to February, 1806,
 Captain (now Major) John William Taylor, succeeded Major
 Mouat as Professor of the Hindoostanee Language on the 22d
 February, 1808,
 Captain (now Major) John Weston, was appointed Assistant Pro-
 fessor

Professor of the Oriental Languages on the 1st October,
 1812, and during Dr. Lumsden's absence at
 the Cape of Hope, on the 31st December, 1812, to
 the 27th June, 1813, resigned his situation on the 2d July,
 1813, and went with the Corps on service to Ceylon.
 Captain James Wilson was appointed Assistant Professor of
 the Persian and Sanskrit Languages on the 1st October,
 1813.
 Captain (now Major) Russel Martin, was appointed Assis-
 tant Hindoostanee Professor on the 19th November, 1813;
 resigned his situation on the 21st December 1816, in order to return
 to England on account of his health.
 Major-General (now Colonel) Coult, was appointed to
 the office of Assistant Professor of Persian and Arabic while Major
 Wilson was absent, and continued Professor, during Dr. Lums-
 den's absence, from the 1st Dec. 1814, to the 27th Jan. 1816.
 Major-General Coult was appointed Assistant Persian and Arabic
 Professor on the 1st May, 1816, during Mr. Weston's absence at the Cape on ac-
 count of his health, until the 27th March, 1818.
 Captain Thomas Leake, was appointed in Dec. 1816 to officiate
 as Assistant Professor of the Hindoostanee Language, until the
 pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors was known
 regarding his office of Assistant Secretary, which had been
 abolished by their orders, as noticed in page 53, q. v.

**List of the Gentlemen who have performed
 the duties of Examiners in the College of
 Fort William shewing at the same time
 the Languages in which they have exam-
 ined.**

REGULAR EXAMINERS.

George Elliot Esq., in Persian and Hin- doostanee,	June 1801
Henry Thomas Gough Esq. in Persian, Hin- doostanee, Bengalee and Sanskrit,	June 1801, John

John Herbert Livingston, Esq. in Persian and Hindoostanee,	June 1801,
John William Lalnonstone, Esq. in Persian and Hindoostanee,	Ditto,
William Curtis Blaquiere, Esq. in Bengalee,	Ditto,
Dr. John Hunter, M. D. in Persian and Hindoostanee,	Dec. 1801,
Muhammad Nujn ool-deen Qazee ool Qozat, in Arabic, from 1801 to 1805.	
Muhammad Jinnah Huedar, in Arabic,	June 1801,
Muhammad Moohammed Mooshuruf, in Arabic,	Ditto,
Muhammad Shaj ool-deen, in Arabic,	Jan. 1805.

OCCASIONAL EXAMINERS.

Francis Gladwin, Esq. in Persian,	June 1801,
Burish Crisp, Esq. in Bengalee and Sanskrit,	Ditto,
Lieutenant Colonel David Thomas Richardson, in Persian and Hindoostanee,	Dec. 1801,
John Lamsden, Esq. in Persian,	Ditto,
Samuel Davis, Esq. in Persian and Hindoostanee,	Nov. 1801,
Andrew Macklew, Esq. in Persian,	Ditto,
John M. ool-deen, in Persian,	July 1802,
Dr. John Peter Wuk, in Persian and Hindoostanee,	July 1802,

PUBLIC EXAMINERS.

Lieutenant William Macdougall, in Hindoostanee and Persian,	31st Dec. 1806.
The Rev. Dr. William Carey has acted as Examiner in the Bengalee, Sanskrit, and Multatee languages since the Establishment of the College.	
Matthew Lamsden, Esq. in Persian and Arabic,	31st Dec. 1806.
Dr. William Hunter, in Hindoostanee, Persian and Arabic, succeeded M. Lamsden, Esq. as Public Examiner,	July 1807,
Dr. John Leyden, succeeded Lieutenant Macdougall, in Hindoostanee and Persian,	Sept 1807,
Lieutenant (now Captain) Abraham Lockart, succeeded Dr. Leyden in Persian, Arabic and Hindoostanee,	Feb. 1808,
Lieutenant	

Lieutenant (now Captain) Archibald Galloway, appointed on the 9th of January, 1811, to act as Public Examiner for Dr. Hunter, in Persian and Arabic.

Lieutenant (now Captain) Thomas Roebuck, was appointed on the 1st of March, 1811, to act as Public Examiner for Lieutenant Lockett, who had gone with the permission of Government to Persia (Arabia; Lieutenant Roebuck was afterwards permanently appointed as one of the Public Examiners on the 11th July 1817, upon the death of Dr. Hunter and the appointment of Lieutenant Galloway to another situation; in Persian, Arabic, Hindoostanee and Brj Bhasa.

James Wilson, Esq. acted as one of the Examiners, in Persian and Arabic, during the absence of Captain Lockett in Persia, from the 1st of January 1815 to October 1816; was appointed in Dec. 1816 to act as Examiner in the Hindoostanee to go on during the time that Captain Roebuck should continue to act as Assistant Hindoostanee Professor.

 No. V,

An Alphabetical List of the Students, Civil and Military, from the commencement of the Institution, to the 1st of June, 1818, shewing the Rank held by each in the scale of general Proficiency, at the time of leaving the College.

NAMES — CIVIL STUDENTS:	Date of Admission.	Date of Leaving College.	Rank when leaving College.	In what page or pages mentioned.	Remarks
Agar, Henry	Aug. 15, 1801	Mar. 30, 1809.	6th	{ 22, 25, 48, 45, 54.	{ Hon. n. Catabt.
Agnew, John Vans	Aug. 31, 1801	Feb. 5, 1802	—	{ 22, 24	
Ainslie, Montague	Oct. 5, 1810.	Aug. 7, 1811	1st	{ 272, 275, 277, 297, 295	
Alexander, Henry	Oct. 27, 1802	Feb. 0, 1817.	2d	{ 21, 6, 69, 71 75, 77, 92 91, 96, 11.	
Alexander, Robert	May 15, 1808	Feb. 27, 1808	6th	{ 144, 140, 148 177, 172, 279, 274,	
Anderson, Andrew	Dec. 10 '310	Aug. 7, 1811.	3d	{ 277, 293, 211, 295. 192, 347,	
Annesley, Hon } Henry Arthur }	Aug. 6, 1813	July 15, 1816	17th	{ 444, 449, 523, 525.	
Bagge, Edward	May 15, 1808	Feb. 27, 1808	8th	{ 172, 171, 175 183, 484,	
Barlow, John } Henry }	Oct. 11, 1813	July 15, 1816	24th	{ 187, 188, 500, 523, 524, 525. 111, 172,	
Barlow, Robert	Dec. 20, 1800.	Feb. 18, 1809	10th	{ 14, 218, 221.	
Barnett, Edward	July 26, 1802	Unknown.	—	{ 11, 50. 178, 219.	
Barwell, Arthur } Champion }	Aug. 3, 1807	Aug. 7, 1811	20th	{ 219, 221, 268, 269, 293, 296. 188, 110,	
Barwell, Ed- } ward Richard }	Sept. 23, 1805.	Feb. 27, 1808	7th	{ 148, 172, 179, 174, 175.	

Name	Date of Adm.	Dept. of Grad. in College.	Rank when leaving College.	In what page or pages mentioned	Remarks.
...	Sept 15, 1810	...	5th	{ 207, 183, 14, 14, 4, 217, 270.	
...	Sept 20, 1804	...	21th	{ 22, 21, 45, 71, 79.	
...	Unknown	Unknown	--	43	
...	Sept 15, 1810	...	1st	{ 23, 239, 2, 267, 269, 270	
...	Jan. 4, 1801	Jan. 40, 1804	1st	{ 9, 15, 16, 10, 21, 24 14, 23, 28, 30, 52 13, 220, 224, 27, 234, 25, 51, 267, 263, 11)	
...	Sept 15, 1810	...	3rd	{ 234, 25, 51, 267, 263, 11)	
...	Jan 20, 1808	Unknown	40		
...	Jan 7, 1808	Unknown	--	9	
...	Nov. 15, 1810	Sept 15, 1810.	1st	{ 219, 213, 238, 230, 211, 211, 27, 208, 270	
...	Aug. 3, 1808	Feb. 3, 1805	10th	{ 63, 71, 77, 81, 95, 99, 69, 72, 25,	
...	Sept. 6, 1803	Mar. 3, 1803	6th	{ 91, 96, 104, 109, 110, 116, 119.	
...	Aug. 12, 1811	Aug. 20, 1814	10th	{ 181, 409, 192, 111 117, 157, 453.	
...	Dec. 11, 1814	July 13, 1816.	13th	{ 1, 9, 323, 524, 529, 120	{ St. 110 College
Blackman, Thomas	...	...	...	557, 500,	
Blackman, Thomas	...	...	...	{ 558, 598, 569.	{ Still in College Returned to England
...	...	Nov 20, 1801.	...		
...	...	Sept 15, 1810	14th	{ 135, 141, 173, 218, 2, 226, 7, 267, 19, 5, 270	
...	...	June 20, 1814	6th	{ 105, 111, 132.	
...	...	July 25, 1815	17th	{ 110, 158, 131, 47, 1, 23	
...	...	...	...	{ 1, 1, 267,	

Name	Date of Adm.	Date of Leaving College.	Rank when leaving College	In what page or pages mentioned.	Remarks.
...	...	Feb. 27, 1803	9th	140, 172, 173	
...	...	Feb. 18, 1803	8th	{ 111, 173, 171, 218, 221.	
...	...	Mar. 3, 1806	11th	{ 45, 96, 101, 110, 119, 175	
...	...	Mar. 30, 1806	2d	{ 21, 23, 25, 31, 33, 34, 39, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 51, 58	{ Madras Estab.
...	...	Mar. 21, 1811		25, 526, 569	
...	...	Apr. 26, 1811	17th	{ 218, 31, 191, 382, 394	
...	...	June 1805			
...	...	Mar. 30, 1803	6th	{ 20, 92, 11 61, 71, 82, 83, 94, 102, 101, 108, 109, 110, 117, 111.	
...	...	Mar. 7, 1806	1st	{ 51, 597, 571, 593.	
...	...	Aug. 15, 1818	3d	{ 120, 122, 124, 193, 135, 136.	
...	...	Mar. 2, 1807	3d	{ 491, 499, 507, 524, 525.	
...	...	July 15, 1810	1st	588.	{ Still in College
...	...	June 30, 1817	7th	{ 481, 489, 523, 524, 526, 540	
...	...	Sept. 20, 1804	4th	{ 23, 34, 45, 49, 56, 77, 80.	{ Madras Estab.
...	...	June 20, 1814	13th	{ 340, 341, 381, 409, 432.	
...	...	Feb. 27, 1808	2d	{ 116, 124, 128, 136, 140, 147, 148, 172, 173, 174, 175.	
...	...	Mar. ...		99.	
...	...	July 15, 1816		{ 484, 485, 484, 485, 500, 527, 526.	
...	...	July 25, 1817	10th	{ 147, 483, 157, 153.	

Names of Civil Students.	Date of Admission.	Date of Leaving College.	Rank when leaving College.	In what page or pages mentioned.	Remarks.
Curtis, George	Oct. 27, 1801	Sept 20, 1804	20th	{ 48, 51, 73, 71, 70.	
Curtis, James	Aug. 20, 1808	Sept 10, 1810.	15th	{ 219, 267, 270.	
Cuthbert, Thomas Segeley	Dec. 16, 1805	Feb. 27, 1808	15th	{ 117, 134, 135, 174, 175	
Dashwood, Thomas John	Sept. 18, 1810	Aug. 7, 1811.	4th	{ 273, 274, 293, 295.	
Dave, David	Dec. 9, 1814	July 25, 1815	11th	{ 450, 487.	
Davieson, Charles Jackson	April 10, 1807	Jan --- 1810	9th	{ 173, 220, 263.	
Dawson, Charles	Aug. 18, 1804	May 1806.			
Dawson, Henry	Aug 2, 1802	Feb. 1808.		{ 46, 95, 117	
Dent, William	Jan. 22, 1816	June 30, 1817.	9th	{ 526, 546, 557, 558. 341, 433.	
Dewar, James	Oct. 22, 1811.	Aug. 15, 1818.	12th	{ 455, 484, 557. 432, 434, 437, 443, 450, 483, 487.	
Dick, Abercromby	Nov. 17, 1813	July 25, 1815.	2d	{ 340, 341, 358, 391, 392, 409, 192.	
Dick, James Charters	Oct. 3, 1810.	June 20, 1816	8th	{ 177, 578, 559.	{ St 1 in C. p 59
Dick, John	Mar. 28, 1818			{ 117, 123, 93 191, 191, 179, 171, 175.	
Dick, William	Sept. 0, 1805	Feb 27, 1813.	14th	{ 44, 46, 47, 50, 73, 74, 77, 79.	
Digby, John	April 27, 1801	Sept 20, 1804.	23d	{ 91, 95, 109, 104, 108, 116, 117, 118, 110, 120.	
Dixon, William	Dec. 7 1804	Mar. 3, 1808	2d	{ 380, 482, 381	
Dobson, John	Aug. 24, 1812	Sept. 20, 1813	18th	{ 528, 529, 546, 557, 558.	
Dodds, William	Sept 9, 1816	June 30, 1817.	1st	{ 219, 267, 298, 291, 298, 335, 340.	
Drew, John	Aug. 23, 1808.	Sept. 20, 1811	4th	{ 16, 21, 23, 25, 42, 44, 47, 52.	
Dunblatton, Henry	May 4, 1801	Mar. 30, 1803.	3d	{ 526, 557.	
Dunsmuir, John	Sept. 9, 1816	June 30, 1817.	16th		
Duntze, Samuel	Nov. 17, 1813.	July 25, 1815	5th	{ 398, 408, 450.	
Dunlop, Mary					

APPENDIX. (Civil Students.)

NAMES	CIVIL	Date of Admission.	Date of Leaving College	Rank when leaving College	In what page or pages mentioned	Remarks.
Elmer	John	Jan 18, 1814	July 15, 1816	8th	{ 483, 484, 487, 488, 429.	
Evans	George	Dec. 16, 1805	Feb. 27, 1806	12th	{ 117, 131, 135, 141, 172, 173, 175.	
Evans	John	Feb 9, 1802	1801.		{ 34, 41, 19, 99.	
Evans	William	May 6, 1801	1801.		19, 24, 44.	
Fisher	Henry	Sept. 16, 1805	May 2, 1807	5th	{ 104, 116, 120, 122, 124, 126, 199, 134, 156	
Fisher	John	April 27, 1801.	Sept. 20, 1804	7th	13, 45, 78.	
Fisher	Walter	Dec. 17, 1803.	Mar. 3, 1806.	3d	{ 285, 94, 6, 97, 98, 112, 103, 101, 108, 109, 116, 117, 120.	
Fisher	James	Feb. 14, 1804	Mar. 2, 1807	10th	{ 95, 116, 136	
Fisher	John	Aug. 18, 1804.	July 1806.		95, 117.	
Fisher	William	Aug. 24, 1803	Sept. 15, 1810	13th	{ 219, 267, 268, 270.	
Fisher	John	Dec. 10, 1810.	Jan. 2, 1811	7th	{ 272, 274, 298, 294, 295.	
Fisher	William	May 4, 1801.	Mar. 30, 1802.	1st	14, 47, 55.	
Fisher	Augustus	Sept. 30, 1816.	Aug. 1, 1819	7th	{ 571, 588, 589, 599.	
Fisher	Arthur	Aug. 18, 1805	Aug. 7, 1811		{ 219, 220, 268, 293	
Fisher	Nicholas				{ 173, 174, 178, 179, 180, 186, 198, 205, 218, 220, 221.	
Fisher	William	Aug. 2, 1807.	Feb. 18, 1809.	4th		
Fisher	George	Jan. 29, 1817.			577, 578.	{ of 1st College
Fisher	Alexander	Aug. 26, 1808	Jan 1810	8th	218, 261,	
Fisher	James	Dec. 24, 1808	Unknown		{ 174, 175, 219, 220.	
Fisher	John	July 3, 1808	Mar 22, 1817.		340, 381.	
Fisher	Henry	Dec 8, 1814	June 30, 1817.	10th	{ 524, 526, 546, 557, 558.	
Fisher	John	Feb. 2, 1807	Feb. 9, 1808	5th	{ 50, 67, 71, 74, 77, 91, 95, 98	

NAME OF CIVIL STUDENT.	Date of Admission.	Date of Leaving College	Rank when leaving College	In what page or pages mentioned.	Remarks.
Fraser, Charles	Sept. 9, 1816	Aug 11, 1818	1st	560, 561, 569, 570, 571, 612, 574, 588, 589, 590.	
French, George	May 2, 1801.	January 1802	2d	20, 22	
Furneaux, James	Aug. 6, 1807	Feb. 18, 1809	2d	173, 178, 179, 180, 181, 188, 218, 221.	
Gardner, Chas Wright	July 20, 1802	Feb 9, 1806	14th	73, 97, 99	
Gardner, Honorable Edward	July 20, 1802	Feb. 9 1806	9th	94, 97, 98, 99.	
Gardner, Rawson Boddam	Dec. 7, 1804	March 2, 1807	11th	95, 116, 133, 134, 136.	
Garrett, William Norris	Aug. 30, 1816			587, 588, 589.	{ Still in College
Gibson, John	May 11, 1809	May 1812.		268.	
Glyn, Richard Carr	Aug 24, 1812	Sept 20, 1813	1st	381, 382, 383.	
Glyn, Robert Thomas John	Sept 23, 1805	March 2, 1807	2d	116, 122, 124, 126, 133, 136, 432, 434, 483, 487, 490.	
Glass, Cudbert Thornhill	Dec. 22, 1813	July 25, 1816	10th	20, 21 22, 23, 24 25, 31, 33, 34, 39, 42, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52.	{ Estab.
Goodwin, Richard Thomas	April 27, 1801	Mar. 30, 1802	2d	102, 116, 119	
Gordon, Francis Dempster	Dec. 26, 1803	March 3, 1806	12th	85, 96, 104, 116, 117, 118, 120.	
Gordon, William Beckford	Sept. 5, 1802.	Mar. 3, 1806	14th	29, 45, 46, 48, 62, 65, 73, 74, 76, 78.	
Gorton, William	May 1, 1801	Sept. 20 1804	8th	23, 29, 47, 50, 55, 59, 62, 71, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77.	
Gowan, Clotworthy	April 27, 1801.	Sept 20, 1804.	4th	488, 507, 523, 525.	
Graham, Henry	Dec. 5, 1814.	July 15, 1816	9th	580.	{ Still in College
Gray, John	April 3, 1818				
Grant, James William	May 22, 1801	Feb 6, 1802.	17th	20, 26.	
Grant, Hew	Oct 31, 1814			424.	
Giddall, Richard	Aug. 9, 1812	Feb. 1804		46.	
Gidney, George	May 4, 1801	Feb. 6, 1802.	5th	15, 21, 25, 26.	
Hallid Chas	Oct. 27, 1815	Dec 4, 1816.		524, 526.	{ Ban- coolen Estab.

Name & (Civil or Military)	Date of Admission	Date of Leaving College	Rank when leaving College	In what pages or pages mentioned.	Remarks.
Mr. [Name]	2 1803	2 1807	8th	122, 133, 191	{ Madras Estab.
Hamilton, Ferrick	Apr 27 1801	1.30, 1803	1st	18 19 21 23 24 25 31 33 34 39 42 41 47, 48 50 51, 53 314, 349, 356 357, 381, 382, 383	
Harding, Charles	5. 1812	Sept 20, 1819	14th	411 173, 19 20, 222 411 419, 56 917, 312 381, 382 313.	
Harding, William	1809	18, 1809	17th	1 218, 267, 270	
Harding, John	1807	Sept 15, 1810	8th		
Hart, Michael	Aug 31 1801	U known.			Madras Estab.
Hart, George	May 4, 1801	Feb 6, 1802	9th	20, 22, 23, 21, 26.	{ Madras Estab.
Hayes, John	Oct. 27, 1801	Sept 20, 1804	11th	43, 60, 74, 78	
Hayes, Sir Thomas Paterson	Nov. 19, 1812	July 15, 1816	16th	482, 483, 487, 499, 493, 495.	
Higginson, Charles	May 2, 1802	May 30, 1807	10th	20, 28, 35, 54	
Hobhouse, Henry William	Aug 25, 1802	Sept. 30, 1813	2d	344, 349, 356, 357, 381, 382, 383	
Hodgson, Henry	May 2, 1802	Feb. 6, 1802	2d	15, 16, 20, 41, 28, 24, 25	{ Still in College
Hope, Hugh	Aug. 30, 1802	1809	7th	71, 84, 94, 96, 97, 98, 99.	
Hopner, Catharine	Dec. 2, 1802	U known.		94	
Hopner, Hamplet	Oct 11, 1811			626	
Hunter, Abraham	Oct 11, 1811			9, 10, 21, 24, 31, 34, 48, 49, 52.	
Hunter, John	Aug 1, 1802	1803		43, 46	{ Still in College
Hunter, John	Sept 9, 1816			558, 588, 589.	
Hunter, Richard	Sept 26 1808	Jan. 1810	6th	219, 269.	
Hunter, John	Dec. 11, 1810	Aug. 1811		4, 277, 294, 294, 295.	
Hyde, Charles	Aug. 22, 1811	Sept 20, 1813	8th	341 342 357 391 392 383.	

NAME ■ CIVIL STUDENTS.	Date of admission.	Date of leaving College	Rank at leaving College	In what page or pages mentioned	Remarks.
Jenkins, Richard	July 4, 1801.	Mar 30, 1804	1st	{ 10, 21, 24 24, 31, 43 31, 38, 49 44, 46, 48, 51, 61	{ Bomb. { Calcutta.
Jennings, W I Jennings, W I Jennings, W I	June 30, 1806	Sept. 15, 1810.	11th	{ 144, 177, 218, 245, 267, 270.	
Ingham, Thomas	Dec. 16, 1805	Feb 27, 1808.	17th	{ 117, 135, 173, 176.	
Jones, (3 = F. - Jones, (3 = F. - Jones, (3 = F. -	Nov. 6, 1812	January, 1810	10th	219, 269.	
Jones, Peter	Nov 2, 1808	Sept 20, 1804.	14th	{ 22, 43, 56, 73, 74, 79.	
Impey, Edward	Oct 26, 1801	Sept 20, 1804.	14th	{ 20, 22, 44, 55, 56, 60, 62, 71, 73	
Impey, Hastings	April 27, 1801	Sept 20, 1804.	12th	{ 74, 78, 82, 85, 48, 46, 47, 55, 60 62 65 72 74 76 77 79	{ Madras { Calcutta
Keene, Henry } Keene, George }	Oct. 24, 1801	Sept 20, 1804.	3d	{ 22, 25, 48, 46, 47, 55, 60 62 65 72 74 76 77 79	{ Madras { Calcutta
Kelso, Alexan- der Ham lton }	April 27, 1801	Unknown.		21, 23, 24, 25.	
Kennedy, Lang- ford }	Nov. 17, 1806	Aug. 7, 1811.	11th	{ 134, 135, 218, 220, 267, 268, 291, 293.	
Kerr, W I am } Kerr, Ditty }	Oct. 10, 1810	Sept 20 1811	6th	{ 11, 941, 956, 957, 951, 983.	
Kerr, Thomas } Kerr, Harper }	Apr 27, 1801.	Unknown.		20.	
Lang, Jol i } Lang, William }	May 1, 1801	Feb 6, 1802	6th	{ 20, 21, 23, 24 26.	
Lambert, Willi- am }	July 21, 1806	Feb 27, 1808	16th	{ 131, 145, 178, 176.	
Lance, William	Oct. 21, 1811			132, 133.	
Law, I wan }	Aug. 21, 1816	Aug. 15, 1818	14th	{ 557, 588, 589, 590.	
Law, George Ewan	Oct 20, 1814	July 15, 1816	6th	{ 484, 487, 494, 523.	
Law, Mathew } Lawrence, E. } Lawingham Calvert }	May 4, 1801	Feb. 6, 1802	11th	41, 23, 26.	
	Oct 24, 1801	Sept. 20, 1804	21st	22, 56, 74, 79.	
Lewis, Richard	Sept. 16, 1806.	Sept 30, 1812	6th	{ 267, 268, 274, 274, 298, 294, 300, 30, 22, 46, 58, 71, 74, 79.	
Liell, Thomas	May 1, 1801	Sept. 20, 1804.	19th	{ 450, 489, 487, 489.	
Land, Francis } Land, Alexander }	Aug. 8, 1814	July 25, 1811	16th	{ 450, 489, 487, 489.	

Name	Date of Admission	Date of Leaving College	Rank in Class	In what page or pages mentioned	Remarks
...	...	Sept 20, 1819	8d	381, 383.	
...	...	Nov. 3, 1818	18h	73, 95, 120.	
...	...	Feb. 22, 1813	...	433, 483, 500	
...	...	Feb. 27, 1808	8d	{ 134, 135 141, 148, 172, 173 171, 175	
...	...	Feb 11, 1805	9d	{ 73, 86, 94, 65, 97, 94	
...	...	Nov. 3, 1818	17th	{ 10, 10, 116 120.	
...	...	Mar. 30, 1811	6h	55.	{ Madras Lstabs.
...	...	Feb. 6, 1802	1st	{ 1, 10, 21, 21, 24, 29 31.	{ Honno. Lstabs.
...	
...	18th	{ 311, 311 342, 431	
...	19th	97, 120.	
...	{ 4, 9, 10, 1 11, 16, 19 21, 23, 21, 25.	
...	15h	{ 18, 55, 73, 79.	
...	9th	218, 221.	
...	3d	{ 820, 546, 537,	
...	5th	{ 28, 227, 269.	
...	6th	{ 271, 573, 174, 566, 590.	
...	12th	12, 90, 99	
...	72.	
...	173, 174.	
...	1st	{ 181, 190, 218, 226, 231, 239, 250, 261.	
...	11th	173, 221	
...	6th	{ 131, 145, 118, 175, 175.	
...	1st	{ 136, 437, 413, 150, 186, 423, 508, 609, 510, 511, 512, 548, 551.	

ভূমিকা।

পবিত্র ভারতভূমি যোগী, ঋষি, ধার্মিক, দার্শনিক ও পণ্ডিত-দিগের প্রসূতি। নৈতিক চরিত্র, আচার, আধ্যাত্মিক উৎকর্ষ সাধন, বিনয়, শিষ্টতা, নত্বাচা ■ ধর্মপ্রাপ্তা প্রভৃতি সদুৎপন্নানি ভারতের চিরভূষণ। ভারতবর্ষ হইতে প্রভিগুণে যোগী, ঋষি, ধার্মিক, দার্শনিক, কবি, পণ্ডিত, শাস্ত্রা—অগতঃকর আবির্ভূত হন বলিয়া সমগ্র পৃথিবীর নিকট ভারত চিরআদৃত—গৌরবাস্বিত ■ পূজ্য। বুদ্ধের পূর্ববর্তী ধর্মপ্রচাবকগণ যেইমত প্রচার করিয়া গিয়াছেন; তাহা চরম মুক্তিব সম্যক পস্থা নহে বলিয়া এবং তাঁহারা ক্রায্য কারণনীতির যে হেতু প্রদর্শন করিয়া গিয়াছেন, তাহাতে সম্যক পথ নির্দিষ্ট না হওয়ার তিন প্রতীত্য-সমুৎপাদ দেশনা করেন। আমরা জাতি সংক্ষেপে ইহার আলোচনা করিয়াছি। বিষাতে আমরা ইহার স্বেহৎ সংস্বরণ প্রকাশ করিবার চেষ্টা করিয়াছি। ইহাতে যদি দর্শন আলোচনা করীদের কিঞ্চিৎমাত্র উপকার হয় তাহা হইলে নিম্নকে ধন্য ও কৃতার্থ মনে করিব। এই সন্দর্ভের উপাদান অগ্র-মহাপণ্ডিত দার্শনিকপ্রবর লেডি ছায়াদ মহোদয়ের “প্রতীত্য-সমুৎপাদ দীপনী” নামক বৃহৎ গ্রন্থ হইতে অনেকটা সংগৃহীত হইয়াছে, নিজস্বও সামান্য কিছু আছে উক্ত ছায়াদ মহোদয়ের নিকট হইতে উপাদান সংগ্রহ করার ■ তাঁহার অনুমতি চাহিয়া আমরা পত্র লিখি; তিনিও আমাদের সঙ্গে অনুমতি দিয়া কৃতার্থ করিয়াছেন। সেইজন্য আমরা উক্ত মহাশয়ের নিকট অন্তবের কৃতজ্ঞতা জ্ঞাপন করিতেছি এবং তজ্জন্ত আমরা তাঁহার চরণে আঞ্জীবন কণী। ইহাতে যদি স্মধীবৃন্দের কিছু মাত্র ও উপকার হয় তাহা হইলে সেই গৌরব ও শ্রাধা ভাজন এই ক্ষুদ্র লেখক নহে, উক্ত মহাশয়ই ইহাতে কোন জটি, বিচুতি, ছল, জাতি হইয়া থাকিলে এই ক্ষুদ্র লেখক তাহারই অংশী।

কলিকাতা,

১০ই ভাদ্র ১৩২৫ মাল।

দীন “প্রসূকার”।

Name	Date of Ad- mission	Date of Ter- minating College	Rank when terminating College	High School Rank	Remarks
...	Oct 1, 1810	Aug. 7, 1811	13th	296.	
...	July 25, 1803	Mar. 3, 1806	5th	{ 71, 83, 94 101, 110, 112, 111	
...	May 7, 1801	Mar. 2, 1803	9th	{ 11, 13, 16, 17	
...	Oct. 15, 1805	Sept 15, 1810	12th	267-270.	
...	Aug 29, 1813			{ 22, 24, 25, 24	{ Sr Col
...	May 1, 1811	May 30, 1809	8th	{ 11, 0, 22, 21, 12, 3, 17, 13 20, 22, 15, 13, 40, 51	
...	May 1, 1811	Sept 22, 1811	5th	{ 1, 1, 1, 3, 1, 7	
...	Aug 31, 1801	Sept 22, 1801	11th	{ 1, 1, 1, 7, 1	{ Mac abt
...	May 1, 1808	Sept 30, 1812	19th	1	
...	Aug 6, 1814	July 15, 1816	10th	{ 18, 147, 11, 11 25	
...	Aug. 20, 1812	Sept 20, 1813	9th	{ 19, 251, 198	
...	Dec. 17, 1808			72	
...	May 4, 1801	Mar. 30, 1804	10th	{ 11, 20, 21, 34, 43, 45, 47, 53	
...	Oct 20, 1801	Sept 22, 1804	9th	{ 28, 47, 15, 49, 55, 56, 75, 77, 78	
...	Dec. 2, 1811	June 30, 1817		{ 11, 451 149, 147, 181, 103, 171, 174, 220, 229	
...	April 19, 1806	Feb 18, 1809	19th	{ 21, 225, 234, 239, 217, 210.	
...	Oct 26, 1809	Sept. 15, 1810	3d		
...	July 16, 1807	Unknown		151.	
...	May 4, 1801	Feb 6, 1802	7th	20, 23, 28.	
...	May 4, 1811	Jan. 1802		19, 20.	
...	Dec 11, 1810	Aug 7, 1811	14th	{ 271, 279, 217, 201, 201	
...	Oct 16, 1811	July 15, 1810	4th	{ 311, 341, 131, 53, 141, 401 112, 113,	

Name	Date of Adm.	Date of Dis.	Term	Credits	Remarks
R. J. ...	May 3, 1802	Sept 17, 1802	2d	2, 7, 208	
R. H. ...	1802	Sept 22, 1802	10	19, 55, 71, 78	
R. A. R. ...	May 4, 1801	1804	25th	29, 11, 97	
R. ...	Dec 12, 1816	June 30, 1817	31	19, 117	
R. ...	1819	July 15, 1816	7	11, 112, 147, 192, 193	
R. ...	1815	July 15, 1816	25th	10, 525	
R. ...	May 9, 1801	Jan. - 1802	23		
R. ...	July 18, 1803	May 9, 1806	15th	72, 110, 117, 119	
R. ...	Nov. 30, 1811	Sept 1812	7	340, 312, 335	
R. ...	Sept 1803	Mar. 3, 1806	7th	79, 77, 116, 117, 111	
R. ...	Oct 31, 1814	July 15, 1816	23d	184, 487, 19, 110	
R. ...	May 4, 1801	1801			
R. ...	1801	1801	11	9, 117, 111, 11, 11	
R. ...	1817	1817	11	51, 16, 5, 11, 13, 51, 11, 13, 13, 3, 69, 17	
R. ...	1806	1807	11	11, 13, 51, 11, 13, 13, 3, 69, 17	
R. ...	1812	1812			
R. ...	1813	1813			
R. ...	1819	July 15, 181	221	111, 191, 191, 164, 1, 5, 24, 21, 35, 11, 11, 11, 41, 18, 19, 50, 2, 51, 55, 5, 71, 81, 11, 21, 54, 16, 20, 2, 21, 2, 41, 31, 13, 11, 5, 17, 41, 50, 51, 53, 57, 58, 79, 75, 77, 81	
R. ...	1819	July 15, 181	221	111, 191, 191, 164, 1, 5, 24, 21, 35, 11, 11, 11, 41, 18, 19, 50, 2, 51, 55, 5, 71, 81, 11, 21, 54, 16, 20, 2, 21, 2, 41, 31, 13, 11, 5, 17, 41, 50, 51, 53, 57, 58, 79, 75, 77, 81	
R. ...	1811	1811	11	41, 18, 19, 50, 2, 51, 55, 5, 71, 81, 11, 21, 54, 16, 20, 2, 21, 2, 41, 31, 13, 11, 5, 17, 41, 50, 51, 53, 57, 58, 79, 75, 77, 81	Hon. L. C.
R. ...	1801	1802	11	11, 21, 54, 16, 20, 2, 21, 2, 41, 31, 13, 11, 5, 17, 41, 50, 51, 53, 57, 58, 79, 75, 77, 81	
R. ...	April 27, 1801	May 30, 1801	11	11, 21, 54, 16, 20, 2, 21, 2, 41, 31, 13, 11, 5, 17, 41, 50, 51, 53, 57, 58, 79, 75, 77, 81	Med. Inst.
R. ...	1801	1801			
R. ...	1801	1801			
R. ...	1814		21		Hon. L. C.
R. ...	1806		302		Hon. L. C.

Names of Students	Date of Admission.	Date of Leaving College.	Rank when leaving College	In what page or pages mentioned.	Remarks.
Russell, J	— 1811	Sept. 30, 1812.	1st	{ 298, 301, 302, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 313, 334, 340.	{ Madras Establt.
Salter, Sa	. 20, 1801	Unknown.		29, 46.	
Gander	. 31, 1801	Sept. 23, 1804	3d	{ 22, 47, 5b, 71, 73, 75, 80.	{ Madras Establt.
Gander, W John Eugene Wh	. 4, 1801.	Feb. 6, 1802	12th	{ 21, 22, 24, 26.	
	April 27, 1801.	Jan. — 1802		29.	
Sargont, Henry	No 10, 1806	Feb. 18, 1809	3d	{ 178, 179, 180, 218, 219, 220, 221.	
Saunders, Geo	July 21, 1803.	1804.		98, 99.	
Saunders, Rol saige, J. L.	F 23, 1811.	Sept. 30, 1812.	12th	203, 295.	
	Oct. 10, 1804.	Unknown,		9b.	
Smit, Dav	Aug. 22, 1808.	Sept. 30, 1812.	15th	{ 219, 220, 293, 295.	
Scott, Rich Hastings	Nor. 7, 1814.	June 30, 1817.	6th	481, 546.	
Scott, Th Chisholm	Ju. 20, 1802.	Feb. 9, 1805.	1st	{ 55, 56, 82, 84, 86, 94, 96, 98.	
Scott, W Dav	May 5, 1801	Feb. 6, 1802	9th	{ 20, 22, 23, 26.	
Shak ry	Aug. 2, 1802	Feb. 11, 1802	6th	{ 63, 73, 75, 84, 94, 98.	
	. 27, 1801	Unknown.		22, 45, 48.	
Sl	Aug. 31, 1801.	Do.		23, 14, 65.	{ Madras Establt.
	Aug. 31, 1801			10.	{ Madras Establt.
St. John abrose	Sept. 30, 1816.	June 30, 1817.	11th	557, 558.	
Shun, John	Aug 18, 1804.	May — 1806.		95, 117.	
Siddis, Ge Job	Sept. 6, 1803	Mar. 3, 1806	8th	{ 72, 95, 96, 116, 117, 119.	
Stinson, Thomas	. 17, 1806	Feb. 27, 1808	5th	{ 124, 134, 139, 140, 148, 172, 175.	
Sturton, J	. 09, 1818			559.	{ Still in College
Sturton, A	Nov. 11, 1807.	Aug 7, 1811	8th	{ 219, 267, 271, 293, 295.	
Smith, Char	. 23, 1805.	Aug. — 1805		134.	

Names of Civil Students	Date of Admission	Date of Termination	Rank when admitted	What part of year completed.	Remarks.
Smith, (Catho- pl. W. C.)	Nov 22, 1811	Jan 20, 1814	3d		
Smith, Edward	Mar 01, 1808	Sept 30, 1812	9th	{ 310	
Smith, David	Dec 7, 1814	July 25, 1815	7th	{ 17, 150, 447	
Smith, William	Apr 9 1812	June 10, 1814	13th	381, 101, 43.	
Smith, Henry	Nov. 6 1816			559, 699.	{ S. H. P. Co. P. Bo. b. Establ.
Smith, George	May 2, 1801	May 30, 1803	9th	15, 55.	
Smith, Francis C. Irwin	Aug. 12, 1807.	Aug. 7, 1811	17th	{ 173, 174, 219, 207, 296.	
Smith, Nathaniel	Jan. 3, 1815	July 25, 1816.	8th	447, 430, 438.	
Smyth, James	Aug. 31, 1801	Unknown.		93.	{ Madras Establ.
Smyth, William Henry Carmichael	Oct. 5, 1804	Mar. 2, 1807	6th	{ 116, 133, 135 136.	
				{ 141, 152, 168, 154, 172, 178, 179, 180, 194, 198, 199, 208, 219 221	{ Bomb. Establ.
Sothby, George	Sept 16, 1807	Feb. 18, 1809	1st	{ 118 226, 219, 207, 291, 201.	
Sothby, Harris	Aug. 19, 1808	Jan. — 1810	4th	{ 219, 207, 291, 201.	
Spains, James	Feb. 14, 1807	Aug 7, 1811.	16th	{ 219, 207, 291, 201.	
Sparrow, James Joseph	May 1, 1801	Mar. 30, 1803.	5th	{ 94 15, 61, 91	{ Bomb. Establ.
Sprot, James	Sept. 21, 1801	Sept 22 1804	19th	{ 17, 72,	
Sprynewode, H. G.	Aug 91, 1811	Sept 22, 1801.	5th	{ 71 81.	{ Madras Establ.
Stear, Charles William	Aug. 2, 1802	Feb. — 1803		15.	
Stirling, Andrew	Dec 19, 1814	June 20, 1814	1st	{ 399, 109, 401, 412, 191.	
Stirling, Edward	Aug. 24, 1816	June 30, 1817	18th	316, 547,	
Stockwell, George	July 29, 1809	Aug. 7, 1811	9th	{ 207, 268, 201, 204	
Stonhouse, Sir John Brooke	Dec 3, 1811	July 11, 1816	14th	{ 187, 199, 28, 597	
Stuart, Robert	Oct. 22, 1811	Sept 20 1814	7th	211 301, 489	
Stuart, Charles	Dec. 7, 1814	July 15, 1816	5th	{ 187 109, 7 25, 521	
Sullivan, John	Jan. 3, 1805	Unknown.		95	
Sutherland, James Charles Colesbrooke	Dec. 10, 1810	Aug 7, 1811.	2d	{ 272, 274, 275, 277, 219 91, 291.	

Name	VIL S.	Date of Admission.	Date of Leaving College.	Rank when leaving College	In what page or pages mentioned.	Remarks.
St my		Nov. 30, 1811.	Sept. 30, 1812	11th	{ 304, 308, 320, 335, 340. -	
With		April 27, 1801.	Unknown.		20, 22.	
John		Sept. 27, 1802	Sept. 22, 1801	1st	{ -14, 65, 57, 69, 62, 65, 71, 72, 74, 75, 76, 77. 492, 493, 450, 483, 487.	
Fyler, Benjamin		Nov. 17, 1813	July 25, 1815	6th	{ 492, 493, 450, 483, 487.	
Fyler		Nov. 17, 1813	July 25, 1815.	15th	{ 492, 493, 450, 483, 487.	
Taylor, H		Sept. 9, 1816.	June 30, 1817.	12th	557, 569.	
Taylor		Dec. 2, 1813.	July 15, 1816.	18th	{ 493, 494, 184, 499.	
		Feb. 21, 1818.			588, 589.	{ Still in College
		May 5, 1801.			{ 20, 22, 29, 26.	
Harington		Dec. 3, 1814.	July 15, 1816	2d	{ 109, 108, 523, 525.	
Thompson, W		Sept. 23, 1803	Feb. 27, 1808	18th	172, 176.	{ Madras Establ.
Thompson, Oliver		July 19, 1817.	Unknown.			
Thompson		Nov. 11, 1815	June 30, 1817.	13th	{ 523, 524, 525, 526, 546, 557.	
		Oct. 14, 1813.	July 18, 1816	19th	{ 489, 184, 489, 487, 499.	
		Sept. 26, 1803	Feb. 11, 1805	15th	72, 90.	
		April 27, 1801	Sept. 22, 1804	6th	{ 22, 41, 46, 56, 73, 78.	
Taylor, H		Oct. 21, 1801.	Sept. 22, 1804	18th	{ 20, 43, 45, 55, 56, 73, 79. 179, 179, 179, 180, 189, 198, 203, 204, 218, 221.	
		May 15, 1806	Feb. 18, 1809	5th		
		Oct. 3, 1810.	Unknown.			
		Sept 9, 1817			589.	{ Still in College
		Dec. 10, 1810	Aug. 7, 1811.	5th	{ 272, 274, 293, 295.	
Kroft, Melubald		Dec: 1, 1807	Sept. 15, 1810	6th	{ 219, 224, 267, 268, 270	
Kroft, Melubald		Oct. 29, 1806	Aug. 7, 1811.	10th	219, 267, 295.	

NAME OF CIVIL ENGINEER.	Date of Admission	Date of Termination	Rank	Subjects	Remarks
Trower, William	May 31, 1803	Feb 11, 1805	11th	55, 71, 83, 10, 91.	
Tucker, Charles	April 11, 1806	Feb 18, 1809	16th	125, 173, 174, 218, 220, 222.	
Tuohy, Robert Henry	Aug. 1, 1807	Feb. 18, 1809	6th	174, 178, 180, 181, 185, 179, 218, 220, 221.	
Turbull, M. -ogue Henry	July 20, 1802	Feb 11, 1805	2d	31, 43, 47, 49, 55, 65, 71, 73, 75, 82, 84, 86, 94, 95, 97, 98.	
Tunqunt, Wil- ham James	Dec. 27, 1813	June 30, 1817.	9th	316, 357, 518.	
Tyler, Alexan- der Fraser	Sep. 16, 1805	Feb 27, 1808	1st	117, 123, 124, 128, 139, 140, 147, 172, 175.	
Valpy, William Henry	Aug 4, 1812	Sept 30, 1813.	11th	314, 356, 457, 381, 384.	
Vansittart, Robert Vaughan, John	May 9, 1801. Aug — 1801	Feb. 6, 1802 Mar. — 1803	10th 41.	20, 23, 26.	
Vibrant, John Gowan	Aug. — 1813	July 15, 1816	12th	499, 431, 484, 487, 488, 492, 499, 503, 523.	
Wakeman, Henry	June 30, 1807	Unknown.	17th	19, 47, 49, 55, 50, 65, 71, 73, 77, 78.	
Walker, John	Aug 31, 1801	Sept. 22, 1804	3d	108, 433, 434, 454, 483, 484, 487, 571, 588, 540.	
Walker, Robert	Sept. 19, 1812	Aug 15, 1818	8th	433, 450, 483, 487, 72, 104.	
Walters, Henry	Nov. 17, 1813	July 25, 1815	14th	118, 118, 127.	
Walpole, Richard	July 25, 1803	Mar. 3, 1806	16th	117, 171, 175, 175.	
Ward, George	Aug. 12, 1805.	Feb. 27, 1806	13th	171, 175.	
Ward, John Petty	Oct. 3, 1810	Sept. 30, 1812	13th	214, 215, 253.	
Ward, Robert Arthur	Dec 19, 1810	July 25, 1815	18th	211, 311, 381, 471, 463, 467.	

APPENDIX. (Civil Students.)

Name	Date of Admission	Date of Leaving College	Rank when leaving college	In what page or pages mentioned.	Remarks
W. A. ...	Jan 8 1805	Mar. 2, 1807	12th	194, 193, 186	
W. ...	Jan 24, 1801	Sept. 22, 1804	13th	22, 43, 59, 79.	
W. ...	April 27, 1801	Sept. 22, 1804	2d	40, 23, 34, 42, 46, 47, 55, 58, 60, 62, 65, 71, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78.	
W. ...	Sept 13, 1806	Jan. 1810	7th	919, 29.	
W. ...	May 4 1801	Feb 6, 1802	18	260	
W. ...	Nov 21, 1801	Jan 18, 1802	12th	1, 2, 21, 26	
W. ...	Jan 18, 1801	Oct 10, 1818	1st	974, 918, 922	
W. ...	Jan 19, 1801	Jan 13, 1801	1st	941, 941, 942, 942	
W. ...	Sept 6, 1801	Mar 9, 1800	9th	981, 981	
W. ...	Jan. 28, 1818			11, 111, 115.	
W. ...	Aug. 24, 1806	Aug. 7, 1811	18th	588, 589.	
W. ...	Aug. 22, 1811	Nov. 1818		219, 268, 274, 293, 341, 382, 452, 454.	
Wood, Edward	April 27, 1801	Mar. 20, 1803	2d	16, 21, 24, 25, 28, 30, 32, 34, 46, 47, 48, 57, 58.	
Wright, William	Feb. 23, 1804	Mar. 9, 1807	7th	85, 116, 133, 136, 299, 304, 305, 306, 307, 320, 334, 340, 308, 309, 311, 312, 322, 332.	
Wycliff, Paul	Nov. 20, 1811	Sept. 20, 1819	1st	90, 92, 93, 94, 96.	
Wynn, Richd	May 4, 1801	Feb. 6, 1822	16th	371, 388, 390.	
Wuward, Richard	Oct. 7, 1817	Aug. 15, 1818	12th	272, 274, 295, 296.	
Wounge, John	Oct. 3d 1810	Aug. 7, 1811	12th		

Military Studies

Name of Military Student	Date of Admission	Date of Leaving College	In what page or pages mentioned	Remarks
Agnew, Ensign (now Lieut.) James Alexander	July 11, 1813	Jan 10, 1814	{ 34, 347, 351, 387	{ Honorary Medal of Merit in Bengal, Degree of Honour in Hindoostanee
Ragnold, Ensign (now Lieut.) John Henry	July 19, 1814	Feb 1, 1815	{ 415, 416; 485, 486.	{ Medal of Merit in Bengal, Degree of Honour in Hindoostanee
Beckett, Ensign John Charles	July 9, 1814	Jan 11, 1815	{ 445, 446, 485, 486.	{ Medal of Merit in Bengal, Degree of Honour in Hindoostanee
Bedford, Ensign (now Lieut.)	July 9, 1814	Jan 11, 1815	{ 117, 431.	{ Medal of Merit in Bengal, Degree of Honour in Hindoostanee
Bevan, Ensign (now Lieut.) James Kesteven	May 2, 1814	Dec 5, 1815	{ 117, 180, 181.	{ Medal of Merit in Bengal, Degree of Honour in Hindoostanee
Baker, Ensign (now Lieut.)	May 28, 1814	Feb 6, 1815	{ 409, 433, 445, 485, 486.	{ Medal of Merit in Bengal, Degree of Honour in Hindoostanee
Greaves, Cadet (now Lieut.)	Nov. — 1813	Nov. — 1814	{ 101, 419, 431, 432, 485.	{ Medal of Merit in Bengal, Degree of Honour in Hindoostanee
...	July — 1813	Jan 15, 1814		

... succeeded Major Weston, as Assistant Professor of the ... and ... on the 7th August 1818.
 ... Lieutenant Col Richard was appointed to act as Assistant ... of the ... and ... Languages: see page ...

