

JOHN WATSON McCRINDLE, LL.D.

DR. McCRINDLE, who was a member of this Society for fully twenty years (1881–1902), and served during part of that time as a member of the Council, died at Westcliff-on-Sea on July 16 last. He was born near Maybole, Ayrshire, on February 16, 1825, and was educated at Maybole and Edinburgh University. In 1854 he graduated there with distinction in classics, and served as classical master in various Edinburgh schools till 1859, when he went out to Calcutta as Principal of the then Doveton College, in succession to Dr. George Smith. In 1866 he entered the Bengal Educational Service, and after acting as Professor at Krishnagar College he was appointed the first Principal of the Patna College. He held this appointment until his retirement in 1880. Whilst at Patna he founded, with the help of his wife, the first high school there for native girls. He was a Fellow of the Calcutta University, and frequently appointed an examiner for it in history, logic, and political economy.

Knowing his classical scholarship, the writer applied to him for translations of the classical works referring to India, for publication in the *Indian Antiquary*. In response he contributed to that journal in 1876 the *Indica* of Arrian; and in the volume for 1877 the fragments of Megasthenes, collected by Dr. Schwanbeck; in 1879 the *Periplus Maris Erythraei*; in 1881–2 the *Indica* of Ktésias the Knidian, with Lassen's review of the same, and extracts from Kosmas Indicopleustes; and in 1884 Ptolemy's *Geography of India and Ariana*, with a considerable commentary, etc. These works were reprinted from the text of the *Indian Antiquary* in four volumes, small 8vo (1877–85). After retiring from India, Dr. McCrindle prepared two more volumes on the classical literature relating to India, viz. (1) *The Invasion of India by Alexander the Great*, as described by Arrian,

Q. Curtius, Diodoros, Plutarch, and Justin (London, 1893—see *Journal*, 1893, p. 406), and (2) *Ancient India*, as described in classical literature collected from numerous other Greek and Latin texts, such as Herodotus, Strabo, Pliny, etc., published in 1901. These works comprise a very complete and valuable translation and collection of the notices relating to India in Greek and Latin literature. In 1897 he also prepared for the Hakluyt Society a complete translation of the *Christian Topography* of Cosmas, the Egyptian monk, which he edited with notes and introduction.

The Edinburgh University in 1898 conferred upon him the honorary degree of LL.D. in recognition of his services in the preparation of these works.

On his return from India he settled for two or three years in London, but afterwards removed to Edinburgh, where he was an original Fellow of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society, and was regularly for sixteen years on the Council. He also attended at the Hellenic Society, then presided over by Professor Blackie, and consisting of such scholars as Dr. J. Hutchison Stirling, Professor Butcher, Dr. Walter Smith, etc.

In 1902 Dr. McCrindle removed to stay with friends in England, and for the last eight or nine years, suffering from loss of sight, he resided with them at Westcliff-on-Sea, where he died in his 89th year.

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HARRY CAMPBELL NORMAN

(1878-1913).

ON opening the *Oxford University Gazette* one morning last spring I received a great shock as my eye caught sight of the notice that H. C. Norman, M.A., of Trinity College, had died suddenly at Benares on April 11. Never before had the news of the death of