

**RECOLLECTIONS OF ALEXANDER  
DUFF, D.D., LL.D., AND OF THE  
MISSION COLLEGE WHICH HE  
FOUNDED IN CALCUTTA**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649687404

Recollections of Alexander Duff, D.D., LL.D., and of the Mission College Which He Founded in Calcutta by Lal Behari Day

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.  
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

[www.triestepublishing.com](http://www.triestepublishing.com)

**LAL BEHARI DAY**

**RECOLLECTIONS OF ALEXANDER  
DUFF, D.D., LL.D., AND OF THE  
MISSION COLLEGE WHICH HE  
FOUNDED IN CALCUTTA**



RECOLLECTIONS  
OF  
ALEXANDER DUFF, D.D., LL.D.,  
AND OF THE MISSION COLLEGE WHICH HE  
FOUNDED IN CALCUTTA.

*By the*  
**REV. LAL BEHARI DAY,**  
*Author of "Govinda Samanta;" Professor in Government College, Hooghly;  
Fellow of the University of Calcutta.*

LONDON:  
T. NELSON AND SONS, PATERNOSTER ROW;  
EDINBURGH; AND NEW YORK.

1879. ↓

LB

THE NEW YORK  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
**879032A**  
ASTOR, LENOX AND  
TILDEN FOUNDATIONS  
R 1987 L

WOMEN  
CLUB  
LIBRARY

## PREFACE.

---

**T**HIS little book does not profess to be a biography of Alexander Duff. It contains, as its title indicates, the personal recollections of the writer, who was enrolled as a pupil in Dr. Duff's Institution in Calcutta in the year 1834. His intercourse with the great missionary, as teacher and spiritual father, began in the year 1843, when he forsook the religion of his forefathers and embraced the Christian faith, and ended in the year 1863, when Duff finally quitted the shores of India, the intercourse being necessarily interrupted by that interval during which Dr. Duff went to his native Scotland to recruit a constitution shattered by incessant labours. To these personal recollections the writer has added a few chapters here and there, to make the book complete in itself. He has also, with a view to give to the people of

Scotland some idea of the inner life of Indian students, inserted a few chapters describing the encouragements and discouragements which he himself met with in the course of his school life. A full and elaborate biography of Dr. Duff will be written by some one of his numerous friends and admirers; but in the meantime this little volume, it is hoped, will be found interesting.

As the book is written in a language which is not the writer's mother tongue, it can scarcely be expected to have any literary merits. But it has this peculiar interest, that it is the life of a great Scottish Missionary, written by one of his own sons in the faith on the banks of the Ganges, and by one, too, who was wholly brought up in one of the Christian colleges established and maintained in India by the people of Scotland. As such, the book, the writer believes, will touch a chord in the heart of every true-born son of Old Caledonia.

HOOGLY COLLEGE.



## CONTENTS.

---

I. EARLY LIFE OF ALEXANDER DUFF, ... ..	9
II. THE OPENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INSTITUTION, ...	18
III. THE FIRST CONVENT, ... ..	27
IV. HOW A BENGALI BOY FROM THE VILLAGES GOT HIS FIRST SIGHT OF DUFF, ... ..	27
V. BATTLE BETWEEN THE ORIENTALISTS AND THE ANGLICISTS,	52
VI. THE INSTITUTION DURING DUFF'S ABSENCE, ... ..	53
VII. HOW A BENGALI BOY PURSUED KNOWLEDGE UNDER DIF- FICULTIES, ... ..	76
VIII. DR. DUFF IN SCOTLAND FROM 1835 TO 1839, ... ..	84
IX. THE INSTITUTION AFTER DUFF'S RETURN—TIFFIN HOUR—THE SYSTEM OF TEACHING—SCHOOL DISCIPLINE, ... ..	111
X. SATURDAY VISITORS AND SUNDAY LECTURES, ... ..	122
XI. LETTERS TO LORD AUCKLAND, ... ..	147
XII. THE YEAR OF THE DISRUPTION, ... ..	159
XIII. THE FREE CHURCH INSTITUTION, ... ..	177

XIV. IN MEMORIAM : JOHN MACDONALD, ... ..	190
XV. DUFF SURVEYS THE INDIAN FIELD OF MISSIONS, ... ..	196
XVI. DUFF IN CALCUTTA AGAIN, ... ..	207
XVII. IN MEMORIAM : DAVID EWART, ... ..	219
XVIII. IN MEMORIAM : WILLIAM SINCLAIR MACKAY, ... ..	225
XIX. THE LAST YEARS OF ALEXANDER DUFF, ... ..	232

RECOLLECTIONS  
OF  
ALEXANDER DUFF.

---

CHAPTER I.

EARLY LIFE OF ALEXANDER DUFF.

**I**N the highlands of Perthshire, in the parish of Moulin, not far from the confluence of the Tummel and the Garry, is situated the Pass of Killiecrankie, rendered memorable by the defeat which the troops of William III. sustained, on the 17th of July 1689, at the hands of Graham of Claverhouse, Viscount Dundee, who commanded the partizans of James II., but who fell in the moment of victory. At a short distance from this pass, lies the little village of Pitlochris. . About a mile from this village stood the old farm-house of Auchnahyle.