

from Egypt by a former pupil of his and mine : " His memory will always be for me a great inspiration, and his many kindnesses I shall ever remember with great gratitude. Having known him and studied with him, I feel that I have known and studied under the great scholars of the nineteenth century, from whom he learnt and whose accuracy and enthusiasm he so faithfully reflected."

R. A. NICHOLSON.

Dr. Robert Halliday

Born at Fauldhouse, a small village in West Lothian, on 28th March, 1864, Robert Halliday died at Maulmain, Burma, on 1st July, 1933. He had been a member of our Society since 1909. The son of a miner, he went as a very young lad into the coalpit, but continued his education in his spare time for a number of years, during which he acquired a knowledge of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew, with a view to the mission field. Having thus and otherwise qualified, he arrived in Burma as a duly accredited missionary towards the end of 1892, spent more than seventeen years in that capacity at Ye, then twelve more at Phrapathom, Siam, and finally returned to Burma to continue his missionary work at Maulmain. In course of time he had become well versed in Burmese and Siamese and had also acquired a considerable knowledge of Pali. But his actual missionary work, both in Burma and Siam, was among the Mons, and in their language he was *facile princeps*. His Mon-English dictionary, published in 1922, is the only one and in later years he added many words and phrases in his own interleaved copy, which may serve some day as the nucleus of a supplement. Besides a number of contributions to the *Journal* of the Burma Research Society, he produced in 1917 a monograph on the Mons under the title *The Talaings*, edited several Mon texts and inscriptions, and translated the whole of the Old Testament into the language. In 1932 the University of Rangoon

conferred on him the honorary degree of D.Litt. in recognition of his scholarly work.

To me he had been an intimate friend and highly valued consultant and collaborator for a quarter of a century; and I am deeply in his debt for the ungrudging help which he never failed to give when I referred to him, as I often did, some obscure point in the Mon inscriptions of Burma which I was engaged in editing. I endeavoured to pay an instalment of my obligations by giving him such assistance as I could when he was editing the Mon inscriptions of Siam, which appeared in 1930 in the *Bulletin de l'Ecole Française d'Extrême-Orient*. But in this connection I could do but little; and for many acts of kindness and hospitality received at his hands, and from his family, I must needs remain a debtor. I do not think he would have wished it to be otherwise, for I never met a more unselfish man.

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