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This gentleman, whose great learning and his zealous labours for the benefit of the native population of India during half a century have often been acknowledged, died some days ago at his residence in London, nearly eighty-three years of age.

Mr. John Clark Marshman was the son of Dr. Marshman, a well-known Baptist Missionary at Serampore, in Bengal. He was educated there, and was very early introduced to the business management of religious missionary agencies in India; but soon turned his attention to secular works of social improvement in that country, and became an active journalist. He established the first newspaper in the Bengalee language, and the *Friend of India*, which was the first English weekly paper in India. He compiled a history of Bengal, and at a later period wrote the history of British India. He was also the author of a series of useful law-books for the Indian public. He held, during ten years, the laborious post of official translator, but spent the whole of its salary, with £30,000 of his private fortune, or the profits of his literary and business undertakings, in building and maintaining a College for the higher education of the natives. In 1852 he came home to live in England, but continued his researches, and produced several historical and biographical works of standard value. He was a candidate for a seat in Parliament at several elections, but did not succeed in that object. The affairs of the East India Railway Company still afforded him useful occupation. The order of the Star of India was conferred upon Mr. Marshman by Lord Lawrence as a recognition of his services to our Eastern Empire.