

MEN OF THE DAY. No. 730.

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THE BISHOP-DESIGNATE OF CALCUTTA.

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**J**AMES EDWARD COWELL WELLDON was born rather more than four-and-forty years ago and has made his mark with uncompromising youth. His father was the Senior Master of Tonbridge School; whence, curiously enough, is chosen his successor at Harrow. But he did a good deal of work before he was made Head Master of that School which he is now about to leave. First he was a Foundation Scholar at Eton College; where also he won the Newcastle Scholarship and played a good game at football; and, although he was too fond of work to get into the Cricket Eleven, he is said to have been a good debater in "Pop." At King's College (Cambridge) he achieved a brilliant career, which he ended as Senior Classic, Senior Chancellor's Medallist, and a Fellow of his College. Then he went back to Eton as a Master; but was presently elected Head Master of Dulwich, and two years later was improved into Head Master of Harrow. As a master he has done excellent work; for though he has faults—such as a spirit of opposition to the teaching of the classics (which yet helped to make himself)—he is full of manly vigour and common sense. He has travelled a good deal, his mind is bigger than some people suppose, and he has wonderful power over languages. He is a very good preacher who is never at a loss for a word; and his short sermons at Harrow are as good as his long ones at Westminster or St. Paul's. He is a broad-minded Churchman whose career has made him autocratic: but this may not serve him ill as Metropolitan of Calcutta, which he will presently be. His friends think him a possible Primate; and he was so young a Head Master at Harrow that he is the only one who ever played football against Eton, his old school. In congenial company he can enjoy a joke; and altogether he is a friendly, paternal, hospitable bachelor who is a better schoolmaster than he looks.

He has published an excellent translation of Aristotle, and he thinks that he can ride. He ought to make a good Bishop.