

characteristic words: "We must not only look at our financial balance-sheets; there are items in the National power that cannot be counted in pounds sterling—cannot be represented in millions of treasure, but which are precious treasure all the same. They consist in the attachment of our Colonies, in the determination of our Colonies to assist us in maintaining the interests of this United Empire." I think those few words expressed very concisely what was the attitude of Lord Goschen towards the great Imperial questions of the day. The Council of the Institute, at their meeting this afternoon, passed a resolution of condolence with the family, and I feel sure you will heartily endorse it. I have now the pleasure of introducing Sir Donald Robertson, who, I am proud to say, is an old friend of mine. We met in India, but his service there was a good deal longer and more important than mine. He has served both in the military and civil branches of the public service, and his last appointment in India was the important one of Resident in Mysore. Now a Political Officer (and a Resident, as you know, belongs to what is called the Political Department in India) requires a combination of the qualities of a diplomatist and administrator, and you will recognise at once that the effective combination of these qualities must be very rare indeed. I will only say that, to the best of my knowledge, Sir Donald Robertson, notwithstanding the many difficult circumstances in which his duties necessarily placed him, never made an enemy during the whole of the long time he was in India—a matter of something like forty years, while I do know for certain that he made many friends. Few men, therefore, are better qualified than he is to speak with authority on those Indian questions which are steadily attracting more and more interest and attention in this country, and concerning which it is so important that we should be rightly informed.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Donald Robertson, K.C.S.I., then read his Paper on

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I CHOSE the title of "Some Reflections on Modern India" because no lecturer can pretend to do more than touch lightly upon a few questions in such a vast field as that of the Indian Administration. It would be almost as easy to lecture comprehensively upon Europe as to deal satisfactorily at one sitting with all the important problems with which we are confronted in Hindustan. I stand before you an ex-official of thirty-eight years' service in the military, civil, and