

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### MAJOR-GENERAL D. M. STRONG.

#### OBITUARY.

With deep regret we learn of the death of Major-General D. M. Strong, retired from the British army. In the year 1900 the editor of *The Open Court* had the privilege of meeting the General personally and being a guest for several days at his congenial home at Edinburgh. It was truly a pleasure to stay at the fireside of the worthy old soldier in the circle of his family, all of them interested in music, art, religion, and science.

General Strong was a thinker and a scholar. He had studied Pâli and took considerable interest in Buddhism. His writings in this line were so successful that he gained an honorable place among the Pâli scholars of the world. We must specially mention his translation of the *Udana*, or *The Solemn Utterances of the Buddha*, which was published by Luzac & Co., London, 1902.

We had still in hand an unpublished manuscript of his entitled *The Goal*, which he wrote in contemplation of Chapter XLI. of *The Gospel of Buddha*, and we propose to publish it in the present number.

We express our deepest sympathy with Mrs. Strong, her sons and her daughters, all of whom are now adult and have grown up to be a just pride of the gallant General, who knew so well how to combine soldierly vigor with a noble gentleness.

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#### “THE GOAL.”<sup>1</sup>

BY D. M. STRONG.

Why thus so long by Karma tied ?  
O Bikshus, listen ! you and I  
The four great truths have set aside,  
Not understanding ; that is why—

Through rock and plant and heating things  
Migrate the wandering souls of each,  
Till they, beyond imaginings  
The perfect light of Buddha reach.

Karma inexorable reigns !  
E'en though you fly from star to star,

<sup>1</sup> Chapter XLI., *Gospel of Buddha*.