

Thomas Babbington Macaulay.



Thomas Babbington Macaulay grew up in Clapham, near London, many years ago. You can see his statue in the picture on the left. His mother and father moved to Clapham to be near their friend William Wilberforce. Many of Wilberforce's friends came to live near him in Clapham. Together they worked to help people in need. They did this by making the

government understand that some things were wrong. At that time there were slaves in the West Indies. Slaves are people forced to work without pay or freedom. Britain governed the West Indies. Wilberforce and his friends got the slavery stopped.

Thomas was an unusual child. He learned to read when he was three years old. He read and read and read. He read very grown up books even though he was just a little boy. He used to lie down in front of the fire and read. While he read he used to eat bread and butter. He was able to remember what he read very clearly. Because he read so many grown up books he began to talk using long words like the ones he read in the books. This sounded very funny in a little boy of three or four.

When he was a little older, his mother and father sent Thomas to school. He did not like going. He wanted to

stay at home and read books while he ate bread and butter. When he was seven he wrote down the story of the world. It covered twenty-four pieces of paper. He also wrote stories and poems when he was little.

When he grew up he did not stop reading and writing. He wrote poems and he wrote history books. The government put him in charge of the whole country of India for many years. He did many good things in India which helped the Indian people.