“NARRATIVE HISTORY” AMOUNTS TO FABULATION,
THE REAL STUFF BEING MERE CHRONOLOGY
November 12, Friday: Monier Williams was born in Bombay, a son of Colonel Monier Williams, surveyor-general in the Bombay presidency.

As an example of the distress being caused by the Panic of 1819, on this day J. Joseph Henry II wrote to William Henry III and mentioned that “I have not sold one Rifle for each these nine months.”

Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley gave birth to Percy Florence Shelley.
Horace Hayman Wilson took the Boden Chair of Sanskrit at Oxford University and started the University’s collection of Sanskrit manuscripts.
In this year the British government disassociated the East India Company from obligations into which it had entered, to maintain the temples of India. Forget your promises, that’s an order!

The Reverend William Adam abandoned India and joined his family in the United States. He would further journey from Boston to London, to attend the initial meeting of an antislavery group, the British India Society.


Monier Williams matriculated at King’s College School, Balliol College of Oxford University.

At the end of the journal entries for this year, Waldo Emerson listed his readings in Oriental materials during the period: “Hermes Trismegistus; Synesius; Proclus; Thomas Taylor; Institutes of Menu; Sir William Jones, Translations of Asiatic Poetry; Buddha. Zoroaster; Confucius.”

Again Emerson copied extracts from the Confucian canon into his journals, extracts such as “Action, such as Confucius describes the speech of God.”

Life is lived forward but understood backward?
— No, that’s giving too much to the historian’s stories.
Life isn’t to be understood either forward or backward.
Monier Williams transited from King’s College School, Balliol College of Oxford University to the East India Company College.

THE FUTURE IS MOST READILY PREDICTED IN RETROSPECT

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Monier Williams

A Scottish physician working in India, Dr. W.B. O’Shaughnessy, introduced cannabis to Western medicine.
At the Bicetre in Tours, Dr. Jacques-Joseph Moreau used hashish in treatment of mental patients.

Monier Williams transited from the East India Company College to University College, Oxford.

THE FUTURE CAN BE EASILY PREDICTED IN RETROSPECT

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From this year into 1848, in continuation of James Mill’s 1818 *The History of British India*, Horace Hayman Wilson would be preparing a *History of British India* from 1805 to 1835.

Monier Williams graduated from University College, Oxford and began to teach Asian languages at the East India Company College.

**Do I have your attention? Good.**
Monier Williams got married.
Monier Williams translated Kalidasa’s *SAKOONTALA, OR THE LOST RING*. 1

The initial academic account of Theravada Buddhism, written with hostility to discount it as not a major religion but a mere error of materialism and agnosticism, the Reverend Robert Spence Hardy’s *A MANUAL OF BUDDHISM, IN ITS MODERN DEVELOPMENT; TRANSLATED FROM SINGHALESE MSS. BY R. SPENCE HARDY, AUTHOR OF “EASTERN MONACHISM,” “DÉWA-DHARMA-DARPANAYA,” ETC.* (London: Partridge and Oakey, 34, Paternoster Row; and 70, Edgware Road. Sold by J. Mason, Paternoster Row and City Road).

Copies of this would be found in the personal libraries of Bronson Alcott and of Henry Thoreau (although it would seem clear that these would be two of the last persons in the world to be tainted by its invidious missionary-position propaganda).

*A MANUAL OF BUDDHISM*

**A WEEK:** It is necessary not to be Christian to appreciate the beauty and significance of the life of Christ. I know that some will have hard thoughts of me, when they hear their Christ named beside my Buddha, yet I am sure that I am willing they should love their Christ more than my Buddha, for the love is the main thing, and I like him too. “God is the letter Ku, as well as Khu.” Why need Christians be still intolerant and superstitious?

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1. Thoreau had already been studying this play in 1850, in the 1789 Sir William Jones translation available from the Harvard Library.
Publication, in an exceedingly elaborate and over-the-top edition, of Monier Williams’s re-translation of Kalidasa’s *Sakuntala*, or the Lost Ring: An Indian Drama, Translated into English Prose and Verse, from the Sanskrit of Kalidasa, by M. Williams (Hertford: S. Austin):

(This happens to be one of the volumes which Thomas Cholmondeley would send to Henry Thoreau from England in his magnificent gift box of books. Thoreau had been studying the play in 1850 in the 1789 Sir William Jones translation available from the Harvard Library, when Cholmondeley had visited him in Concord.)

The Reverend Charles Henry Appleton Dall applied to the American Unitarian Association to create a Unitarian mission in Calcutta, and despite his physical condition he was hired. He was tasked to investigate
the Hindu Brahma Samaj or “Society of Vedantists,” and to visit a Unitarian congregation Charles T. Brooks had discovered in Madras. He was instructed to provide religious education but avoid controversy or polemic. His wife Caroline Wells Healey Dall, 10-year-old son William Healey Dall, and 6-year-old daughter Sarah Keene Healey Dall remained in America. In the port of arrival after this exhaustingly long voyage, the reverend needed to be carried ashore in a litter, but in Calcutta he would quickly recover his strength. Within the month he would be founding among a congregation made up of British and American residents of Calcutta a “Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in India.” He would report that “Some Hindoos of education, and a few of the Society of Rammohun Roy, attend, and also meet me during the week for conversation.” To the Hindus who visited he gave books by the Reverends William Ellery Channing, William Greenleaf Eliot, James Freeman Clarke, and other Unitarian luminaries.

WHAT I’M WRITING IS TRUE BUT NEVER MIND
YOU CAN ALWAYS LIE TO YOURSELF
In India, as a result of a dangerous rebellion, the British government finally dissolved the British East India company and the Moghul Empire and began to rule India directly. Subsequent to the mutiny, Monier Williams would no longer be able to teach Asian languages at the East India Company College.

The Reverend Charles Henry Appleton Dall’s *A Lecture on True Patriotism in Bengal, or, The Bengali as He Is, and as He May Be.*

Thomas De Quincey completed his articles on the Sepoy Mutiny for *The Titan.*

Having taken over the opium trade as of 1833, in order to increase revenues the British government of India inaugurated a period of “mad expansion” of opium cultivation. Except for land and salt, opium revenues would become its largest source of income. In Britain, meanwhile, proposals were increasingly being made to abolish the opium trade. The medical profession disagreed over the extent of damage caused by opium. Due to lower import duties, an opium high became cheaper than getting drunk on alcohol. The Pharmacy Act of 1868, one of the first laws restricting the sale of such substances, dictated that opiates could only be sold by registered chemists or druggists, but patent medicines are specifically excluded.

The Anglo-Chinese war or Opium War that began in 1856 wound toward an end, with the Treaties of Tientsin. Karl Marx, writing from London for the New-York Tribune, marveled at the opium war, that the “civilized nations of the world” were giving their de-facto blessing to the invasion of China, “a peaceful country, without
previous declaration of war, for an alleged infringement of the fanciful code of diplomatic etiquette.”

The infringements in question were that:

1.) the ambassadors of the outer barbarians had been denied permission to establish a foreign compound within the city limits of the Chinese capital, Beijing,

and
2.) in a Chinese port, a ship had been searched by Chinese authorities for the presence of opium, and that ship had at that time been flying the British “rice flag.”

It is estimated that by 1900 roughly 90,000,000 people in China would have become addicted to the substance in question.

The official translator for the French at negotiations in Tientsin, a father Delamarre, took it upon himself to insert a few words into the Chinese version of the Sino-American, Sino-Russian, Sino-British, and Sino-French treaty being signed on his own behalf, and granted to his Catholics the privilege of purchasing or leasing land in the interior of China. Evidently, nobody noticed that he had added this.

This was Hong Kong strait in this year, depicted from Kowloon side on the Chinese mainland with Victoria Island in the background, per The Illustrated London News:

CHANGE IS ETERNITY, STASIS A FIGMENT
James Robert Ballantyne assisted in the preparation of a translation of the first three chapters of *Genesis* into Sanskrit, with a commentary, under the title *The Bible for the Pandits*.

When the Reverend Charles Henry Appleton Dall founded in Calcutta a “School of Useful Arts,” in its initial year it had only 7 students (a year later there would be nearly 300, and the Reverend would come also to manage the Rover’s School for Poor Boys, the American Unitarian Association’s Hindu Girl’s School, and the Hayward School for Girls). During this decade he would be affiliating himself closely with a new leader of the Brahmo Samaj in Calcutta, Keshub Chandra Sen, a person influenced by the writings of the Reverends William Ellery Channing and Theodore Parker.

At about this point Professor Horace Hayman Wilson’s Boden Chair of Sanskrit at Oxford University was inherited by Monier Williams.
Monier Williams was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law at Oxford University. Publication of his INDIAN WISDOM, an anthology from Sanskrit literature.

The Reverend Charles Henry Appleton Dall returned from Calcutta, India to America a 3d time and visited his wife Caroline Wells Healey Dall (during his 31-year ministry in India he would visit her but 5 times, which is to say, approximately every 5th or 6th year).
Monier Williams received the honorary degree of LL.D. at Calcutta. He changed his name to Monier Monier-Williams.

The Prince of Wales was in India hunting tigers from the back of an elephant at significant risk to his person. A sport fit for kings! He would boast to his son Georgie that one day he killed six, some of them “very savage.” Bones and rags discovered in the vicinity of a tiger corpse led to a presumption that it had been a “man eater.” (One is reminded that at a 4-day house party in Leicestershire, Dirty Bertie had once upon a time shot a total of 8,463 pheasants.)
The Brahmo Samaj of India split yet again because, to the shock of the Reverend Charles Henry Appleton Dall, Keshub Chandra Sen arranged for his underage daughter to marry the Maharajah of Kuch Behar. The departing group formed the Sadharan Brahmo Samaj while the group that remained with Keshub renamed itself the Church of the New Dispensation.
Monier Williams was made a Fellow of Balliol College of Oxford University.
Professor Monier Williams founded Oxford University’s Indian Institute as a training ground for the Indian Civil Service. (The Institute would shut its doors upon Indian independence in 1947.)

The Reverend Charles Henry Appleton Dall’s pamphlet What Is Christianity? Sonship to God. Keshub Chandra Sen remarked that Unitarianism’s “representative in Calcutta” (to wit the Reverend Dall) had “made it ridiculous here.”
Richard Francis Burton was knighted.

Professor Monier Williams, D.C.L, Boden Professor of Sanskrit in the University of Oxford, received the honor of knighthood in recognition of his services in the field of Oriental languages and literature.
Sir Monier Williams was made a Knight Commander of the Indian Empire and changed his name to Monier Monier-Williams.
Sir Monier Monier-Williams’s Buddhism, in its connexion with Brahmanism and Hinduism, and in its contrast with Christianity.
Sir Monier Monier-Williams became Vice-President of the Royal Asiatic Society.
Sir Monier Monier-Williams was made an Honorary Fellow of University College, Oxford.
Sir Monier Monier-Williams’s SANSKRIT-ENGLISH DICTIONARY was published at Oxford. This would become the basis for the Cologne Digital Sanskrit Lexicon and is now available on CD-ROM.

April 11, Tuesday: Monier Monier-Williams died at Cannes.
General Marshall sponsored an ambitious plan to rebuild Europe from its devastation of war.

As India achieved independence, Oxford University’s Indian Institute shut its doors. The new Indian government inaugurated a policy to totally prohibit within one decade all opium production except for medical and scientific use.

During the late 1940s a “bohemian” drug subculture developed in Sweden which made nonmedical oral use of black-market amphetamine.

“MAGISTERIAL HISTORY” IS FANTASIZING, HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY
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“It’s all now you see. Yesterday won’t be over until tomorrow and tomorrow began ten thousand years ago.”

- Remark by character “Garin Stevens” in William Faulkner’s INTRUDER IN THE DUST

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