conquest. But was this all? No. It shed a flood of
over the whole Eastern continent, causing the
stupor and rallies to smile with life, joy and
happiness, and the barren sands and bleak
hills to bloom and blossom as the rose.

It committed to the Saracens the priceless
treasures of Grecian civilization to be preserved
from the Vandalism of the North and the
corruption of the Middle Ages. It bequeathed
to Alexandria a legacy, that was in after times
to make glad in after times the kindred
hearts of millions, and to lie yet in man a

gratitude which time could never efface.

And how can we estimate the benefit of this
single man, this part of the race, to Christianity
however paradoxical it may appear?

For how could Christianity diffused itself
so widely, and taken such deep root,
had not Alexander engrafted the Greek
language into the Eastern world. His
career had the beneficial influence of
civilizing their barbarism, and preparing
them for the reception of the glorious