

being made for the "Calcutta Orphanage Library."

Your Committee renew the expressions of their thanks to the Corresponding Boards at Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay, and to the Branch Association at Colombo, Ceylon; to John Paton, Esq., Kingston, and Alexander Morris, Esq., Montreal, Canada West, and to Mrs. Ralph, Liverpool, for their attentions to the interests of the Association abroad; and to the Ministers and Collectors in Scotland, for their exertions on its behalf at home. Lists of the sums collected in Madras, Canada, Liverpool, and at home, will be given in the Appendix.

REV. MR. CAIRD OF ERROL PREACHING BEFORE HER MAJESTY.—On Sabbath last Mr. Caird preached in Crathie Church. Her Majesty the Queen, the Prince Consort, the Princess Royal, the Earl of Clarendon, the Royal suite, the Duchess of Kent and suite, and other persons of rank were present. The church was crammed, hundreds standing—so much so that her Majesty had to give directions to open the windows, for the purpose of ventilation. The crowd seemed to form a drawback to the Queen's enjoyment of the service. The rev. preacher adopted part of the Church of England service in his first prayer. The text was 1st Cor. iii. 22d and part of 23d verse. The discourse is described by an auditor to have been 'most magnificent.' Mr. Caird did not even use notes. Some rain fell during the service, but the day, on the whole was not unfavourable.—*Dundee Advertiser*.

THE REV. JOHN STUART—FAREWELL SERMON.—On Sunday the East Church, Stirling, was crowded to excess by parties of all denominations, in order to hear the Rev. J. Stuart—who has been appointed to the collegiate charge of St. Andrew's church and parish in Edinburgh—deliver his farewell discourse. The rev. gentleman chose his text from Luke vii. 1, and in a most eloquent discourse magnified Christ as a preacher. Towards the conclusion of the discourse, he, in an affecting valedictory address, bade farewell to the East Church congregation, and stated that during his ministry the people of Stirling had made his paths those of unmingled pleasantness and peace. The Rev. Mr. Stuart preaches on Sabbath first before her Majesty at Crathie Church, and his induction to St. Andrew's Church in Edinburgh takes place on Thursday.—*Stirling Journal*.

The Rev. John Stuart's Sermon before the Queen.

We are rejoiced to learn that the ministerial services of this rev. gentleman, who last Sabbath officiated in Crathie Church, have met with the most marked commendation of her Majesty. On Monday Mr. Stuart received a communication from the Hon. Colonel Phipps, intimating that the Queen and the Prince Consort had listened to "his beautiful discourse" with the deepest admiration. Colonel Phipps further communicated her Majesty's request that Mr. Stuart would transmit a copy of the discourse to Balmoral. The Queen gave instructions that the rev. gentleman should be driven to Perth in one of the royal carriages.—*Stirling Observer*.

MUNIFICENT GIFT BY HER MAJESTY TO THE ENDOWMENT SCHEME.—Her Majesty the Queen has contributed the sum of £500 towards the Endowment Scheme of the Established Church.—*Montrose Standard*.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' SCHEME.—Upwards of L.18,000 has been raised by the United Presbyterian Church, for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Scheme, L.15,993 of which has been subscribed by private members of the Church, and L.2113 by 256 ministers.

JUBILEE DINNER.—On Wednesday week, the Rev. Dr. William Lamb of Carmichael, was entertained at a jubilee dinner in the Clydesdale Arms Inn, Lanark, in celebration of the fiftieth year of his ministry. About ninety sat down to dinner, the chairman being Sir Wyndham Carmichael Anstruther, Bart., supported on the right by Dr. Lamb, and on the left by Mr. Bailie Cochrane of Lamington. Mr. Scott of Castlemains, officiated as croupier, and among those present were Mr. Bertram of Carswell, Mr. Lithgow of Stanmore, Rev. Dr. McNaughton of Lesmahagow, Rev. Mr. McGlashan of Lanark, Rev. Mr. Watson of Covington, and the brethren of the Lanark Presbytery.

THE VERY REV. PRINCIPAL MACFARLAN.—We learn with sincere pleasure that the venerable Principal is progressing favourably, though somewhat slowly, towards recovery from the effects of the unfortunate accident, which befall him lately at Helensburgh, and that he is expected in Glasgow in the course of a few days, where his appearance will be hailed by numberless attached friends.—*Glasgow Gazette*.

ENDOWMENT SCHEME OF THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—Our columns of this week contain reports of two public meetings held in the North in connection with the Endowment Scheme of the Church of Scotland. The Marquis of Stafford presided at Golspie, and the Earl of Seafield took the chair at Inverness. On each occasion the attendance included not only adherents of the Established Church, of which we believe these noble lords are members, but also a number of influential noblemen and gentlemen friendly to the cause, connected with other religious bodies. The object of the Endowment Scheme was fully explained by the Rev. Dr. Robertson of Edinburgh, who has labored with indefatigable zeal and ability to unite all ranks in the movement, and already made wonderful progress towards the full accomplishment of the scheme. About £300,000 have already been subscribed, of this £90,000 is on account of the Provincial Fund, and we understand that only £110,000 is required to ensure the commencement of a hundred churches in addition to the fifty that are already either erected into parishes, or provided with the necessary funds. There is now a stated fund of L.3000 to L.4000 annually obtained from collections and other sources for carrying on this scheme from year to year.—*Inverness Courier*.

BURGH AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLMASTERS OF SCOTLAND.—On Friday the annual meeting of this body, in connection with their Widows' Fund, was held in the Hall of the High School of Edinburgh. Mr. Carmichael, one of the classical masters in the High School, was elected preses, in room of the Rev. Mr. Thomson, schoolmaster of Inverarity, whose term of office had expired. Mr. Knox, schoolmaster of St. Niman's, was re-elected cashier; and Messrs. J. & J. Turnbull were re-elected

clerks. From the report and accounts submitted to the meeting, it appeared that the capital of the fund now amounts to upwards of L.80,000; that the increase of this capital within the last year exceeds L.2000; and that the whole sum annually paid to the widows and orphans of schoolmasters, is about L.6000.

CHURCH IN THE COLONIES.

Synod of Canada.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE FUND.

This humble effort to interest the youth of our Church in the advancement of Christ's kingdom among the heathen—and especially in the efforts now being put forth by the Church of Scotland on behalf of the natives of British India—has met with a generous response during the past year; and it is with mingled feelings of joy and thankfulness that the Treasurer respectfully submits the following brief statement.

At the Orphanages at Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay, under the care of the Scottish Ladies' Association for Female Education in India, twenty-two orphan girls are now being supported and educated by the youth of our Canadian Church. On behalf of these there has been contributed during the past year, per annexed statement . . . £92 10 0
Add special contribution from Fergus Ladies' Association, . . . 3 0 0
Special contribution from Sabbath Schools to purchase Libraries for the Orphanages . . . 11 0 9

Making the total receipts, since April, 1855 . . . £106 10 9

A statement is appended to this report with full particulars as to the parties by whom the above was contributed, the names of the orphans, and the balance in the Treasurer's hands. The special contribution to provide Libraries for the orphanages was remitted direct by the Editor of the *Juvenile Presbyterian*, and therefore does not appear in the annexed statement.

The last annual Report of the Scottish Ladies' Association for Female Education in India, is also respectfully submitted.

Such are the simple statistics of the first year's operations in connexion with this scheme, since it obtained the sanction of the Synod, and it is perhaps hardly necessary to dwell upon the effects produced, or which may be anticipated. Need we point to twenty-two of India's daughters rescued from vice, and from the darkness of heathenism, who are now the inmates of comfortable homes, and deriving the unspeakable advantages of a christian education. India, as a province of our Queen's dominions, has the strongest claims upon our sympathies. For years all Missionary operations in that country have been confined to the male population; the females, from their peculiar position in society, seeming to be beyond the sound of the Gospel. Under circumstances such as these the hand of Providence appeared to indicate a scheme for female education as a grand means for christianizing the millions of India. Hundreds of orphan girls are now being trained for missionary work in the institutions and schools of the Scottish Ladies' Association for Female Education in India.