

...instrumentality of men properly qualified for the work, whose ministrations, based on the authority of that blessed book, were to be received as faithful and trustworthy expositions of divine truth.— So in like manner, while the Psalms of David, are the patterns of excellence as models of devotion intended to show forth, in acceptable words, the praises of Jehovah, they yet do not exclude, but rather invite, whatever is kindred in spirit and congenial in sentiment.

With respect to the grant of £.60 referred to in last year's Report as being voted to the support of a Chapel in some district, where religious destitution prevails, your Committee have now to state, that after long and anxious deliberation it, was finally agreed by the Association that it should be devoted to the maintenance of Buccleuch Street Chapel in this city, as, on the whole, best answering the required conditions.

In conjunction with the Kirk-session of St. Cuthbert's Church, the Association appointed the Rev. Alexander M' Laren, M. A. late, assistant at Selkirk as pastor of the district.

Your Committee are delighted to think that this scheme has succeeded beyond their most sanguine anticipations. Mr. M' Laren has now officiated in the Chapel for nearly six months, and has collected a numerous congregation. Energetic measures are being taken for the permanent endowment of the church and erection of the district into a separate parish; and as the sum required for this purpose is now comparatively trifling, the Association have the satisfactory prospect of soon seeing the Chapel in a position to maintain itself, while but for their interference, it is improbable that the ordinances of religion could have been provided for it at all.

In the meantime, however, your Committee would beg to remind the members of the Association that, in order to complete the success of the undertaking, their zealous co-operation with Mr. M' Laren, as district visitors and Sabbath-school teachers, is both expected and required, and they trust that they have only to make this statement, in order to a full and hearty response.

**Kelso Parochial Missionary Association.**

The Second Annual Meeting of the Kelso Parochial Missionary Association was held in the Parish Church, on Monday the 3d November 1856. In the absence, from indisposition of the Rev. Mr. Smith, James S. Darling Esq., Chief Magistrate of Kelso, occupied the chair. The following statement shows how the Association have distributed their funds:

Balance in Bank.	£2	2	11
Interest,	0	7	8
Amount, as per Collectors Books,	41	9	10
Church door (Evening) Collections,	8	18	2
	£73	18	7

*Remitted to Edinburgh.*

India,	£7	11	0
Colonial,	7	5	2
Education,	7	10	0
Home,	7	10	0
Endowment,	7	10	0
Jews,	7	12	0
Mr J. H. Rutherford's Account	2	8	3
Mr Elliot's Account for Printing, &c.,	1	18	0
Cash in Bank,	18	7	4
Cash on hand,	5	15	0
Church Officer,	0	12	0
	£73	18	7

**Our Mission in India.**

It will be interesting and instructive to give a short account of the Missions of the Church of Scotland in India at the present time. We shall include not only the General Assembly's mission, but those of the Ladies' Association for the Advancement of Female Education in India, and of St. Stephen's Church, Edinburgh. We are indeed doing little—so little, that we have all cause to bury our heads in shame—but we are doing more than many of our friends suppose.

It is hardly necessary, then, to say, that in the year of our unhappy differences, 1843, all our missionaries in India acceded from the Church, with the single exception, we believe, of the Lady Superintendent of the Orphanage at Calcutta. Not only so, but an attempt was made to carry over the mission premises to the newly-formed Free Church. Owing to these interruptions, the institutions were not re-opened in connection with the Church of Scotland, till 1845. Though the Church had been carrying on her mission work for fifteen years previously, yet the results of it were lost to us ecclesiastically; and the present mission may be said practically to date from that year. The General Assembly's Mission occupies three stations,—Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay. At each of these places the centre of operations is a large school or college, where education is given in English, free to all children that are admitted. We are not aware that any applicant is refused admission. Besides these central institutions, the missionaries employ such spare time and strength as they have, after teaching for five or six hours a-day in preaching to the natives, sometimes in the vernacular, and sometimes in English. At Calcutta, we have, at present, two missionaries (Mr. Anderson has just resigned,) 20 assistant teachers, and about 1300 scholars enrolled. The Ladies' Association have in Calcutta and the neighbourhood, 5 schools, 8 teachers, and 190 scholars. The Goppara Mission has 2 teachers, and (we believe) about 90 scholars. In all, 2 missionaries, 6 schools, 30 teachers, 1580 scholars. In 1851, we had also 70 native Christians.

At Madras, the Assembly's Mission has 2 missionaries. (Mr. Sheriff has lately left for Bombay.) and about 580 scholars. The Ladies Association has 2 schools, 16 teachers, and 399 scholars. In all, 2 missionaries, 3 schools, probably about 20 assistant teachers, and 979 scholars.

At Bombay, the state of affairs has long been very unfortunate. For many years a single missionary has been all the permanent staff of our mission there. For a few months together, we have occasionally had two; but one has always been necessarily removed, and the changes have been incessant. Let us hope better things are in store for poor Bombay. At present, Mr. Sheriff is our only missionary there, Mr. Hunter having lately left. But for months they have done "yeoman service;" we understand the mission is flourishing, and has about 500 scholars. The Ladies' Association have 6 schools, 7 teachers, and 159 scholars. In all, 1 missionary, 7 schools, probably about 17 assistant teachers, and 659 scholars.

In the Punjab, we have now 1 missionary, and two native catechists. Nusrullah and Mahomet, late converts from Mohammedanism at Bombay (These have just left for their new sphere of labour, and have hardly entered on their work.)

In Ceylon, the Ladies' Association have 3 schools, 5 teachers, and 164 scholars.

The Church of Scotland Mission in India, as a whole, have a staff of 8 missionaries, 20 schools, about 76 teachers, and 3362 scholars under tuition. Last year, the amount spent in India, amounted altogether to about £5469. It is not pretended that the above account is minutely accurate, but it may be taken as a pretty fair approximation to the truth. And we think, the friends of the Church will feel it to be so far cheering, while they acknowledge many discouragements, and still more short-comings and sins. May the Lord pour out

**THE CHURCH AT HOME.**

**Edinburgh University Missionary Association.**

The Missionary Association of the University of Edinburgh, as the following extract from their Report for 1855-6 will show, takes an increasing interest in that portion of the mission field which is within the reach and inspection of its members.

Considering that many of those who annually take the chief part in the proceedings of this Association, are ultimately to act as ministers of the Church of Scotland, there seems a peculiar propriety in apportioning their funds in such a manner as will early secure their interest in the Education and Home Mission fields. Had they more funds, we have no doubt that they would gladly widen their operations, so as to give decided assistance to every one of the Church Schemes but the report exhibits the praiseworthy tendency on the part of the Association to do that which they undertake to do, thoroughly and well.

Referring to the active measures of the Association during the last year, your Committee entertain the full conviction that the grants to Madras and Bombay are at present as productive of beneficial results as at any former period.

Your Committee have much pleasure in reporting the continued prosperity of the School at Tarbert. It was visited during the summer by a deputation of two members of Committee, who found it, in every respect, conducted in an efficient and satisfactory manner. The following is an abstract of their report,—"We have much pleasure in giving our opinion of the manner in which Tarbert School is conducted by Mr. M'Dougal. Every branch is admirably taught, and the pupils respect very great credit on their teacher. They seem to have passed no lesson without mastering it, and to be thoroughly acquainted with every step of their previous progress. Their knowledge is not however, confined to the mere details of their tasks, but when questions of a more general nature are asked, the answers show that Mr. M' Dougal has discharged the teacher's highest duty. We would congratulate the Association on the success of their scheme, and thank them for their kindness in sending us on a mission which has been productive of so much pleasure."

Your Committee regret that since the foregoing Report was written, the Association has been deprived of the services of Mr. M' Dougal, the late teacher, under whose able management the school has been productive of such beneficial results, but they have every reason to hope that Mr. Stewart, the gentleman whom you have just elected to the vacant office, will prove himself in every way qualified to sustain its credit