

God. They had every reason to believe that the church of Scotland was increasing much more rapidly than the general population of the country. Their contributions to missionary objects had been steadily increasing year by year, and that, notwithstanding the commercial depression—of which mention had been made to-night—which had fallen so severely upon the country. It was but right to say, however, that they had only felt the depression for a small portion of the last financial year. They had 150 Home Mission Stations, which were supported mostly from local sources, but a general contribution was also taken up in their behalf. The sum collected last year was £18,000. After their Home Mission Fund came their Endowment Scheme. It was some thirty years since this scheme was introduced, and during that time no less than 327 new parishes had been endowed in Scotland. Last year the number of parishes endowed was ten. They had established a journal called *The Parish Magazine*, for general circulation. A blank page was left which the parish minister might fill up, and thus gave the journal a greater local interest. They expected that this magazine would become a powerful agency for good throughout the country. The Colonial Mission field was next taken up. They had a vast field in Canada, but it was like a drop in the bucket compared with what the Colonial Committee, of the Church of Scotland had charge of. They had all the colonies of the British Empire, and about one-half of the world outside. They knew something of what they (the Church of Scotland) had tried to do on this continent. In British Columbia they had spent a good deal of money, to which kind reference had been made that evening. They had a presbytery in South America, where a number of Scotch farmers and merchants had settled, to which aid had been given by the committee. There was a Presbytery in British Guiana, to which they contributed. They had clergymen in Jamaica, and one had recently been sent to St. Vincent. In Australia and New Zealand they had churches which were assisted by money grants, and by the sending out of ministers, students and evangelists. Then they had clergymen in Ceylon, Mauritius and In-

dia. Canada was a large country, but if they looked on the map they would find that India was not a small place. (Laughter.) They had a clergyman at Cyprus for the benefit of the Scotch soldiers, and also had stations at various places on the continent of Europe. Many American and Canadian Presbyterians travelling on the Continent of Europe had availed themselves of their services. They also seemed gratified and uncommonly glad to find a Scotch church and a Scotch clergyman on the spot. (Applause.) In England the Colonial Committee had also to provide religious ordinances for the soldiers and sailors who were not provided for by the government church. This he thought was all their colonial field, and if they did not do as much for them in Canada as they would like they must remember what they had to do elsewhere. (Applause.) They had high expectations of the possibilities before the Church in Canada, and hoped that it would soon be able to come and help them, especially in the mission, work among the Heathen. (Applause.) Then as to their foreign work, they had a Jewish mission, all the missionaries being in the Turkish Empire. There were five stations. He next referred to the mission work in India, saying that the church had been richly blessed in its Indian missionaries.

They never had any difficulty in getting missionaries for India from among their students. Their best men at the present day, their most distinguished students, were ready to volunteer for the missionary work in India. They had started an industrial mission in East Africa. It was said that Africa would have been settled long ere this were it not for the discovery of America, and this fact might perhaps lead them (the Canadians) to take an interest in the work. They had also a mission in China, and had sent out a clergyman with several colporteurs. This was a brief review of the missionary operations of the church of Scotland. They would see that they had a good deal on hand, as much as they were able to accomplish, and a good deal more. As he had said, their contributions to this scheme were increasing year by year, though very far short of what they ought