

The Rev. William Bain, of Perth, writes to the Treasurer a letter from which we make the ensuing extract:—

“I have the melancholy yet pleasing duty of requesting your acceptance of the enclosed gold dollar, on account of the Hindoo children in our orphanages in India.

“This coin is the gift of Emi. ———, who sweetly fell asleep in Jesus on the evening of the 14th January, in the fifteenth year of her age, after a protracted illness from an affection of the heart, which she bore with the most patient, uncomplaining resignation to the will of her Heavenly Father.

“Studious, intelligent, and thoughtful in many respects beyond her years, her character at the same time manifested a child-like simplicity, an artless confiding affection; presenting a combination of mental and moral qualities, which rendered her not only an object of fond affection to her father and family, but which also endeared her to all who knew her. Devotedly attached to her father and friends, she was yet willing to die, and tranquil and cheerful in prospect of death.

“She knew, for some time previously to her death, what the termination of her illness must be. In view of this she requested her eldest sister—who during her illness had rendered to her the affectionate offices of mother and sister combined—to send her love and thanks to relatives and friends, and to the family physician, whose kindness and sympathy she much appreciated.

“During the night before her death, she called her sister to her, and reminding her of the sum of money she had in her purse, expressed a desire to give it to me, to be sent to the children in India. On the following forenoon when I called, after having conversed with her, and prayed with and for her, as about to enter into the presence of her Judge; when prayer was ended, she took her purse from under her pillow, where she had placed it in expectation of my calling, and with the greatest composure of feeling, and distinctness and appropriateness of expression, gave it to me for the purpose for which I now send it to you, in the presence of her father and other relatives and friends; not one of whom could witness the scene with the composure with which she went through it, although now conscious of being in a dying state, and in point of fact within a few hours of her death.

“This sum, therefore, in my estimation, possesses a moral