

of setting apart one Sabbath in the month especially for missionary purposes, the principal business of that day being to address the young people on this department of duty and to take up a collection for the specified object. The first day of our missionary year was the last Sabbath of August, 1855. Our first collection, obtained from about sixty juvenile contributors, amounted to 14s. 3d. cy. This we regard as a good indication of the children's appreciation of the effort and of their cordial sympathy. From that time we have continued the monthly address and collection. During the cold and stormy days of winter, when our attendance was considerably smaller than it is during the summer, our collections came down considerably. Several times they were not over 6s. 6d. Yet we soon ascertained that we could engage for an orphan. We accordingly communicated with Mr. Paton of Kingston, to whose Christian zeal the Church is greatly indebted in this excellent enterprise. We remitted him £4, and had it intimated that a *protégé* would be assigned us, connected with the Madras Orphanage. Subsequently we sent a donation of 10s. for the purchase of a Bible and other good books to be presented from the children to their young Indian sister. As we have since increased in numbers, we hope to do no worse in the future than we have done in the past. The first missionary year having been completed, the Sabbath scholars, together with most of the teachers, assembled at "the Manse" to celebrate their first anniversary. After singing a few lines of a hymn in supplication for the blessing of our Father, a simple refreshment was served to the company under the shade of the trees on the ground. When this was accomplished, the 23rd Psalm was sung, the precentor, Mr. McIntyre, leading, and the Rev. G. Macdonnell, who presided, led in prayer, and then spoke on various topics associated with Sabbath school and Missionary exertions to a very interesting and interested audience. Subsequently all listened with much pleasure to some excellent remarks and reflections from A. D. Fordyce, Esq., to whom the school is indebted in the highest degree. Mr. Gilbert Todd followed Mr. Fordyce in a brief and very appropriate address. It was intimated that a balance of £1 1s. 8d. of the year's collections remained in the hands of Mr. Fordyce, the whole amount realized by the school during the year being £5 11s. 8d. After being suggested it was moved by Mr. James Watt, seconded by James MacDounell, and unanimously agreed to, the whole company standing up, that the balance should be offered to the Treasurer of the Committee lately appointed by the Synod with a view to send a missionary to Jerusalem. The 11th Scripture Paraphrase was then sung and the benediction