

tor then alluded to the native superstition taking refuge as if in a strong hold in the great antiquity of their chronicles—that they have remained for three thousand years unchanged, while all other sects have been changing and springing up. They beheld the Brahmins rising up with those fantastic regions of the past, which exclude things present. But the Bible had declared that all kindreds and families of the earth should yet come and bow down before the Word. This ought to inspire the Church with confidence to go forward among the mighty fabrics of superstition in the East, and sound simultaneously the trumpet of true religion. With regard to the home duties of those attached to the India Mission, as a member of this House, he might talk with a fearlessness and freedom he would not otherwise presume to do. He thought that there was one grand delusion at home, and it was in reference to what was called the effect of public meetings. They would easily get a thousand men congregated together if they got an eloquent man to address them, in the same way as they could attract a multitude by the exhibition of a Polar bear; a few who can cause the walls of a building to ring with their eloquence, must call forth the sympathies of those they address. Now, the delusion was that the people went away in raptures, and in the idea that those feelings are actually transmigrated through the country, whereas it was very likely that in Edinburgh, for instance, and other large towns, there were many thousands who knew nothing of the exciting cause. He really thought that all this was a delusion, and that they must go deeper than this if they would have this or any other scheme of the Church to prosper. He confessed that he never had been present at such meetings without being painfully impressed with the truth of what he described; indeed the feeling called forth at these meetings, and its actual effect, reminded him of the description in a Latin poet in regard to a rocky mountain casting forth glowing embers, which fell on ice and snow, and were speedily extinguished—so the enthusiasm of those meetings is dissolved, and extends not to the mass; and it was at the mass they ought to reach, both as regarded the Missionary and the Church Extension Scheme. He had, however, found in his progress through Scotland that Christian ladies could do a great deal. One had accosted him full of love for the scheme, and said, "I know quarters in which I can secure you £500;" and in the north, two ladies had come forward and said to him, we will not allow England to outdo Scotland; we shall endeavour to get the double for you here." They had accordingly set about an agency on the principle of centrifugal force until it spread over the kingdom, and the circle after it had extended and widened from the agitated centre, at length began to contract, and £500 was tossed into our funds. There was nothing like active exertion—words were totally unavailing without it. When coming to this insular land, he had been told at the Cape of Good Hope that a creature of that part had carried off an infant. What did the mother do? Did she run distracted among

her neighbours, asking them how they would advise her to attempt the recovery of her child, and thus lose the precious moments in vain words? No, she flew after the creature to the mountains, reached its den, and there she found her darling child unhurt and uninjured. The next day when she looked at the rocks, and chasms, and dangers she had passed, her soul was dismayed at the thought she could not believe that she had surmounted such obstacles. But what would not a mother brave for her offspring? and in like manner should be the Christian love of this Church for the Brahmins—it should go fearlessly forward in devising schemes for the advantage of this glorious cause. One point more; there was a topic much agitated, and that was, devising books for the children. Some one said, "Give me the songs of a country, and I will let any one else make the laws;" and another said, "Give me the school-books, and I will give you both the songs and the laws." But he said, give him the schoolmaster, and he had no objection to allow others to make the laws, the sciences, literature, songs, and all. Alexander said he had been prompted to his great exploits by reading the Iliad in his youth, and Gustavus Adolphus had been, in like manner, filled with emulation. People were apt to think such men *sui generis*, but it was no such thing, they were only specimens of their class, as the stupendous Alps were of the same remarkable features in other parts of the globe. Was it not the boast of Scotland that she had sent forth renowned warriors and statesmen, and the most intrepid adventurers, into distant and barbarous regions? But could Scotland not send forth a race of men nobler than even these illusory men, and who would land down the name of Scotland to immortality—a race of men that would be most dreaded in the halls of Pandemonium, but the most loved in the halls of Heaven—a race of godly, self-denying missionaries? There was another channel through which it was thought that the cause might be advanced, and that was through the pulpit. No doubt that was a legitimate field. (Hear.) They might cry hear, and happy would be if they would hear. At present missionaries were in a great measure excluded from the pulpits. Was not the preaching of the Gospel the very object for which the Word was created? Did not Christ come and die that his saving name and death might be made known unto all nations? The pulpit ought to be the channel for teaching this, and yet the scheme of missions was rarely taught. He knew that he was treading on delicate ground. They might set him down as an enthusiast, but none but would give him credit for his honesty; no one could say that he was doing anything contrary to the spirit of Christianity. In his trial for the Church he would yield to no man. The Reverend Doctor again in the most impressive and eloquent manner enjoined on the Assembly the all-important and parting command of the Saviour—to go unto all nations, and preach the Gospel to every creature. We have heard it said this day that the knell