

SOUTH SEA MISSIONARY CHURCHES.

We have sent deputations to all the tribes periodically—the two churches (Mare, South Seas) taking it alternately. Sometimes those deputations have been favourably received, and then again their lives have been in danger, and we have been forbidden to send further to them ; however, we have paid little attention to these commands, knowing the fickle native character. We have increased, indeed, our exertions to visit weekly ; the Sabbath is thus explained to them, and this day they greatly fear. I have no doubt but these weekly visitations keep them back in many of their projected acts of cruelty ; the way, however, is very long and rough. I deeply feel for the poor natives who, after a week's hard work, walk out in some instances not less than thirty miles, returning the same distance ; the roads, too, in some places are such as could not be found in England.—*Missionary Chronicle.*

SCOTTISH LADIES' ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF FEMALE EDUCATION IN INDIA.

The Secretary has received an interesting letter from the Rev. A. Walker, Madras, dated June 23, 1857, from which the following are excerpts :—

“You will be glad to hear that I had the privilege of admitting Martha and Paulina (Naiagum) into the Church, on Sunday the 14th instant. They have since been married to two of the young men who have lived with us in the Mission house for some time, and we have been able to make such arrangements as were necessary to enable them to live still in the Mission premises ; so that we have daily opportunities of seeing them. They are not now in school, but I hope that by and bye each of them will be able to take charge of a class....

“I have also to tell you that Lydia, too, is now off our class list. Last month, her sister, lately one of our first class pupils, was married ; and, as her mother was thus left without any one to look after the younger children, Lydia was persuaded to go home, and fill her younger sister's place. I called the other day at her mother's house, which is in the heart of the most densely crowded parts of Black Town ; and you will be glad to hear that I found Lydia, sitting on her mat, reading her Bible. I had a long conversation with her ; and I hope that, though exposed to many