

Ministers in the colonies' and Scotchmen abroad, should lose no opportunity of bringing before the Church here whatever facts come under their observation, showing unfairness to the Church of Scotland, as an Established Church of the Empire, having equal rights with the Church of England, on the common ground of the Colonial Empire. If Scotchmen abroad had only been all true to the religion of their country, and had vowed this vow—"the Lord forbid it me that I should give up this inheritance of my fathers"—there is scarcely a colony which would not have acknowledged as its chief spiritual power the leaven of Scotch Christianity.

I rejoice to believe that a new day has dawned upon all the foreign schemes of the Church. Professor Mitchell, of St. Andrews, Convener of the Jewish Mission, has gone or is going out to the East this autumn, to see the state of our new missions there, and to consolidate and extend them. It is likewise his intention to visit a number of the towns in Syria and Turkey, where there are Scotch merchants and residents, with the view of organising Scotch Churches. Urgent applications have come, I believe, from Beyrout and other places, asking ministers; and, as the climate is perfection, and the field of labour perhaps the most interesting in the World, I have no doubt they will be easily obtained. The Indian Mission will be in a critical state until order is restored in Bengal, and a new order of things begun; but Christians of all denominations appear sanguine that God will overrule the present disaster for the extension of the Gospel of his Son. It is probable that, after the rebellion is suppressed, the mode of conducting missions in the East will be somewhat changed, and more vigorous efforts put forth than ever have been yet. It is believed that the present convulsion will tend in various ways to the breaking-down of the system of the caste, which has been the great obstacle to the progress of the Gospel.

### Nineteenth Annual Report of the Scottish Ladies' Association

FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF FEMALE EDUCATION IN INDIA, UNDER THE SUPERINTENDENCE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS—1857.

Your Committee, in this their Nineteenth Annual Report, will lay before you an account of their proceedings since the last Annual Meeting of the Association, and the progress which has been made in the great work undertaken by you; and whatever success has attended their efforts, your Committee ascribe to God alone.

From Calcutta, the communications received from Miss Hebron, and from the Rev. Mr. Herdman (whose kindly interest in your schools cannot be too highly spoken of), from time to time, throughout the past year, have rejoiced the hearts of your Committee. Your Committee, in being directed to choose Miss Hebron as the successor of Mr. and Mrs. Yule in the Orphanage, have great reason to be thankful to our heavenly Father. Miss Hebron's assiduous attention to all the children placed under her care, and her intimate knowledge of the native female character, acquired by her long residence in India, and the experience she had in the management of native schools under the late Rev. Dr. Weitbrecht, at Burdwan, have fully justified your Committee in appointing her as your agent in Calcutta.

The Day-schools have maintained their

average attendance of children throughout the past year, the number usually in attendance was one hundred and twenty-five. The "Mixed School," which was instituted by Mr. Yule, was given up in August last, in consequence of another school, "The Calcutta Girls' School," having been opened in the immediate neighbourhood of the place where your "Mixed School" used to be held, and for the very class intended to derive benefit from that school. Your school was, therefore, no longer needed.

Your Committee regret that, from an epidemic and other causes, the number of children in the Orphanage is less than for some years past; and that, in consequence, they have been unable to supply the increasing demand, from Sabbath-schools and private individuals, for these children as the objects of their charity. Your Committee hope, however, that the means suggested by them, for refilling your Orphanage with children of the class designed by your Association, may prove successful, and that those kind friends who have offered to maintain children there, and who have not, as yet, had children appropriated to them, may soon have their patience rewarded. The number of girls in the Orphanage, on 7th March 1857, was forty-five.

From Madras, your Committee continue to receive the most encouraging accounts. According to Mr. Walker's Report of your Schools, it appears that the numbers in attendance have increased during the past year,—the majority of those attending being caste girls; and that two of your former pupils (*Lydia* and *Ruth*) are teachers in the Institution. Other two of your former pupils (*Paulina* and *Naomi*) continue to act as teachers in the schools at Poodonpett and Nungumbankum, supported by the St. Andrew's Church Association, Madras. At the examination of your Schools on 30th December 1856, the numbers on the roll were reported to be four hundred and fourteen.

The Normal Class, composed of girls who live in the Mission-house, and who are being trained for the important work of teaching, amounts now to ten in number. They are under the especial and immediate charge of Mr. and Mrs. Walker; and they are all appropriated to parties who have kindly intimated their desire to maintain them upon the terms stated in last year's Report. So many parties have applied for *protégées* from this class, that your Committee intend for the future to give a preference to Sabbath schools, in their appropriation of these girls.

From Donny the accounts are equally gratifying. Miss Young continues to give her anxious attention to the children of the Orphanage (seven in number) placed under her charge by your Committee; and though Mr. Domingo A. D'Almeida, the Inspector of your Day-schools in Bombay under Miss Young's superintendence, reports a decrease in the numbers attending on the Schools under his inspection, owing to one of these Schools having been closed temporarily since November last, yet the number reported by Miss Buchanan, as attending her School in Lohar Chawl Street, reduces that decrease to eight under the number in attendance last year. The average number in daily attendance on the four Day-schools superintended by Miss Young, is seventy nine, and in the School taught by Miss Buchanan, is thirty-three. Your Committee feel called upon to express their gratitude to the Father of Mercies for His kindness to the Association in restoring the health of your amiable Inspector, Mr. D'Almeida, for

indeed he was nigh unto death. All your children in the Orphanage are appropriated to Sabbath schools in Canada.

From Ceylon the accounts which your Committee have received, though indicating a diminution in the numbers attending your Schools, yet are so far satisfactory that they report very favourably of the efficiency of the teachers and the good conduct of the scholars. The number of children on the rolls of your three Schools is one hundred and fifty-four.

Your Committee engaged Mr. Yule, formerly your Superintendent at Calcutta to visit your auxiliaries and other places in Scotland, last autumn, on behalf of the Association. Mr. Yule was kindly received at the various places he visited, and ample testimony has been given to the zealous and able addresses delivered by him. It is trusted that the impressions made on those who heard his addresses, may not be evanescent. He addressed upwards of forty meetings.

The Income of the Association, for the year 1856-57, amounts to	£1758 19 3
The Expenditure for the same period amounts to	1381 15 6

Leaving an excess of Income of	£377 3 7
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For this excess of income, your Committee thank God and take courage. Your Committee wish to be found faithful to the trust confided to them. They feel their great responsibility, and in all things they desire to be guided by that wisdom which cometh from above. Moreover, they entreat that while you supply them with the means of carrying out the objects of the Association, you will also pray with them, that the Holy Spirit may take of the things of Christ, and shew them unto the souls of the sin smitten daughters of India, that those who now sit in darkness may see a great light, and that they, like Job, may know that their Redeemer liveth.

Your Committee have gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of a legacy of £30 from the late Miss Margaret M'Ewen, Manse, Kirkmichael, Ayrshire.

Your Committee would again take the liberty of urging the claims of this Association upon the Ministers of the Church of Scotland. Many parishes are contributing through their Sabbath-schools, or the juvenile members of their churches, by supporting an orphan at one of the Orphanages of the Association, and some are having collections made in their churches, for behoof of the Association; but a great many of the parishes in Scotland are still non-contributing.

The zeal displayed by its supporters, in Canada, of your Association, is worthy not only of all praise, but also of imitation. Not content with maintaining twenty-two of your children at Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay, your Canadian friends, at the suggestion of Alexander Morris, Esq., of Montreal, are making collections for sending out a library to the children at the Orphanage, Calcutta. This work of love having been intimated to your Committee, they not only highly approved of it, but, through the columns of that excellent monthly publication, *The Juvenile Missionary Record of the Church of Scotland*, they recommended its being taken up by the Sabbath school children of Scotland. Your Committee are glad to say that this provocation to love and good works by their Canadian brothers and sisters, has been accepted; and that in many Sabbath-schools, collections are now