

but we trust to be able to do so in a future number. The following extract of a letter from one of our missionaries, giving an account of the licensing of two native preachers, will be perused with interest:

#### THE LICENSING.

At our last Presbytery meeting (Wednesday, the 13th June,) we licensed Daniel Jacob and Joseph David, the two senior catechists in the Mission, to be preachers of the Gospel. At former meetings we examined them upon their knowledge of Moral and Mental Philosophy, Natural Philosophy, Greek, Divinity, Hebrew, and Church History; and although the examinations they passed were not so satisfactory as we could have wished, their backwardness arising greatly from the adverse circumstances in which they have been for some time placed, having no European missionaries to conduct their studies, yet the knowledge they displayed of Church History and Divinity was most commendable, and met with the approbation of all the members of Presbytery. On Wednesday they read the discourses which were presented to them—two in English and two in Tamil. They were sustained, and thereupon they were licensed to preach the word—Mr. McFarlane, the Moderator of Presbytery, giving them a very earnest and faithful address.

These two evangelists are of the respective ages of 36 and 32; and of course the Mission Board will have forthwith to determine how and where they are henceforth to be employed. Anxiously shall we watch their progress, and increasing shall be our prayers that they may be honest and fervent laborers, and that the pleasure of the Lord may prosper in their hands.

By next mail, or by that following, I hope to be able to write you an account of a movement that is at present taking place in Southern India, and which is "marvellous in our eyes." When you read the extracts from our missionaries' letters, which I trust to send you, you will joyfully see that the Spirit of the Lord is in the midst of us reviving His work. Let me here simply quote a sentence from a letter I have received from the Secretary of the "Church Mission Society," who is in continual communication with the missionaries of that Society, almost all of whom are stationed in the south. "There can be no doubt," he says, "but that the work is indeed of the Lord. In more than 150 cases of nominal Christians, and in the cases of a few heathens, the fruits of the Spirit have been shewn in a thorough change of life, an earnestness in making known Christ where before lips hardly opened to His name; the whole movement characterized by a depth of feeling and sobriety which only the Spirit could bring about."

I will now for the present close, simply

pleading upon my friends at home not only to sympathise with us, not only to pray for us, but to give liberally of the gifts which God hath bestowed upon them towards the support of their Indian Scheme. As we are thus employing new agents, and opening new stations, and striving to do more work for the sake of God, we of course require more means at our disposal. Where else, for the present, can we look for aid but to the members of the Church at home. Therefore it must be extended to us with a willing heart and open hand, if ever the Church of Scotland is to do its work nobly in India, commanding the blessing of God and the approval of men.

I remain, &c.,

STEWART WRIGHT.

#### LETTERS TO THE MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

We have much pleasure in publishing the letters given below, written in answer to the kind and sympathising communication received some time ago by the various Synods in British America from the Parent Church. To that church we owe much, and it is with feelings of no ordinary kind that we observe that the interest in our welfare is as strong and fresh as ever, and our trust and prayer will be that those kind and Christian feelings may ever be felt and ever reciprocated. These excellent letters betoken a long continuance of that close and trusting connection which now exists between us, and we hope that as we grow in strength so will grow in our affection to the church of our fathers—and that her efforts in the cause of Christ in all parts of the world may at length rouse us to an humble, but earnest imitation of her good works. The letters appended are from the respective Moderators of the Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; the Rev. A. McLean of Belfast, P. E. I., and the Rev. Dr. Brooke of Frederickton, N. B.

*Manse, Belfast, P. E. Island,  
January 23, 1860.*

DEAR SIR,—As Moderator of the Synod of Nova Scotia, it affords me sincere pleasure to acknowledge the joy with which we received from you the communication from the General Assembly of our beloved Church, addressed to us in common with the others synods and churches scattered over the wide and distant colonies of our empire.

Many and strong are the ties which bind our affections to the Church of our fatherland. As the Church of our fathers, we were early trained to regard her with unfeigned veneration and love. Within her sanctuaries, our dear departed friends, whose names and virtues we cherish in fond remembrance, were wont to join in the praises of God. There they received the instruction and the training by means of which, we trust, they were fitted to enter the inheritance of the saints, and mingle with the pure and holy in the realms of bliss.