

this arrangement, and be disposed to grudge the preference which has been shown to that city. we would answer in the words of the Convener of the General Assembly's Sub-Committee, when laying the proposed plan of operations before the Presbytery of Glasgow, on Wednesday 10th ult.

"It was not I any confidently say, because they thought that nothing should be done, or because they meant to do nothing, to extend Christian ordinances, and to promote gospel influences among the fallen sections of the people in our large towns.—No one will allege, in regard to our evangelistic operations in India, that the Church is of the mind that nothing should be done for the general population of Bengal, because she has been concentrating her efforts upon Calcutta. On the contrary, it is acknowledged that, in that vast metropolis, she is laying the foundations of a work which, by the blessing of God, must contribute to place the gospel on a vantage ground for giving deadly blows to the superstitions that prevail in Bengal and Hindustan. In like manner we hold that a concentrated movement upon Glasgow is fraught, if the Lord see good to own it, with life and revival which will extend to many in all parts of the country. The seeds of a terrible disease have long been sown in the constitution of the body-politic of the Scottish people; and now we see that it has reached the stage at which it threatens to produce ruin and dissolution. Is there any remedy for that disease? There is a remedy—one grand specific and only one. We know not what sort of future Providence has ordained for a land so sinful; but a remedy there is, and it is our duty—it is the duty of all the Churches of Christ—prayerfully and zealously to apply it. And where is it that the main force of the remedy should be brought to bear? Where should it be but on the seat of the disease—on the spot in which it exists in greatest virulence and power? Therefore has our Assembly fixed on Glasgow, with its teeming myriads of non-church-goers, as the sphere of peculiar evangelistic exertions and appliances. Glasgow which has quintupled its inhabitants since the beginning of the century, while the inhabitants of Scotland at large have scarcely been doubled—Glasgow, which now contains one-eighth of our whole population, while fifty years ago it had only a twentieth, and which has probably a fourth within a radius of twenty miles round it—Glasgow is the seat of the disease. Nowhere, in all our native country, have the means of grace been left so far behind by the increase of the people.—No where have such masses been congregated without the leaven of religion as in and around this great city, once so exalted by its privileges and its piety, and which, we may well say, is highly distinguished for them still, if the state of one-half its population could be overlooked! The evil to

be dealt with is widely spread; it exists in every town of any size; but its seat and stronghold are mainly here. And, if the healing virtue of the gospel of Jesus did but gain the ascendancy in the alleys and wynds of Glasgow, with its crowded and far-reaching suburbs, so that Glasgow rose from its spiritual decline, and flourished again by the preaching of the Word, what an impulse might thereby be given to the work of recovering the ignorant and careless in all our large towns! One remark more. Our sub-committee has been appointed, and the collection for Glasgow has been recommended, because the Church, while not relaxing her efforts, but, on the contrary, increasing them, for other parts of the country, thinks it right to try what can be done through exertions that are concentrated upon a particular locality. It is plainly her duty to adopt every likely expedient in the prosecution of the work set before her. And the idea now is, that, instead of leaving Glasgow to itself, or of leaving it to come in for its share of attention with the rest of our populous manufacturing districts, we should resort to the expedient of taking it separately in hand, and bringing down upon it, for a season, the gathered energies and united action of the whole Church. The idea, in fact, is to proclaim a crusade—not a military crusade—as of old, but a true, peaceful, missionary crusade—against the infidelity, and ignorance, and ungodliness, that have entrenched themselves in Glasgow. Yes, and it is a crusade in which all the churches of Christ, ought to join. There is need of them all. Let our own, and every other denomination of evangelical Christians, arise with the cry of the Psalmist—"Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom? Wilt not thou, O God! who hadst cast us off? And wilt not thou, O God! go forth with our hosts?"

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Extract Letter—Rev. Mr. Anderson—20th Oct.
Efficiency of the Native Preachers—Afflictions and Mercies—Preachings and Discussions—Numbers in attendance at the Schools.

Our great help, under God, has been our three native preachers, Rajahgopaul, Venkataramiah, and Ettirajiloo. They have laid themselves out nobly, both in teaching and preaching in the native languages and English. We hope the Lord may give us strength to ordain them shortly; for, unless we give them a standing, should anything befall us, our great work could hardly fail to suffer loss. May the Lord strengthen and direct us!

This has been a year of special and sore affliction, both personal, and in the mission, as regards its inward working, and yet, we have had many special and very tender mercies. Six souls, since May last, seem hopefully added to our little band, two of