

which interferes with the natural and social rights of his neighbor. Within this limit we would have the conscience of every man left free, and would neither persecute nor allow persecution, but would maintain complete toleration for all. The system hitherto has been, *deference to idolatry and indifference to Christianity*. We plead for the reversal of this system, and we call upon all the friends of Christ and His cause in India, to support us in our just demand. Let all Christians persevere in this truly righteous course, until every vestige of this unholy and God-dishonoring alliance between a Government professedly Christian, and heathen idolatry and caste, is entirely removed. We are deeply convinced of the very great importance of this, as connected with the evangelization of India."

This document, the whole of which deserves careful perusal even by those who may hesitate in adopting every view which it contains, concludes with a stirring appeal to the Churches of Europe and America, and enforces the earnest entreaty, "THAT THE PRESENT NUMBER OF MISSIONARIES IN INDIA MAY BE DOUBLED DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS." It closes with these words, to which the special attention of our students and preachers is directed:—

We appeal, then, to all young men whose hearts the Lord has touched with compassion for the perishing millions in India, and we call upon them to give this work their most earnest and prayerful consideration. We ask them to look at it in the light of eternity, and in its relation to the great plan of human redemption, and to make their decision at the foot of that cross on which the Son of God poured out His life for the salvation of a lost world.

On behalf of the Conference.

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#### PROSPECT OF ADDITIONAL MISSIONARIES.

Let it be the fervent desire of the ministers and members of the Church of Scotland, that we may contribute our share to this great work of increasing the number of missionaries to India. In the midst of some circumstances producing no small measure of discouragement and anxiety, it is very gratifying to be able to communicate the cheering intelligence contained in the following extract from a minute of the Acting Committee, of date Nov. 30, 1858:

The Convener introduced to the Committee five students of divinity, at the University of Glasgow, . . . all of them, with the exception of one who is a student of the second year, at present in the third year of their course, so that, according to the usual practice, they require only to attend a partial session after this, before obtaining licence. The Convener mentioned that these students, of whose

character and attainments he had received most favorable accounts, had expressed to him their desire to be employed as missionaries in India, in connection with the Church of Scotland. The Committee were highly gratified at this intelligence, Dr. McLeod, of the Barony, having, from personal knowledge, spoken strongly in commendation of these students; the Committee agreed, at his suggestion, to offer up their humble thankfulness to Almighty God for the token of His favor bestowed on the mission, in having put into the hearts of these young men to form the resolution of devoting themselves to missionary labor in connection with the Church of Scotland; and, at the request of the Committee, the Rev. Dr. Hill offered up an impressive prayer. The Convener was requested to communicate to the Church, through the *Missionary Record*, the resolution intimated by these five students: and it was also resolved that an extract from the minute should be sent to the other Universities of Scotland, along with a letter from the Convener, in the expectation that among the more advanced students some would be found also ready to place their services as missionaries at the disposal of the Committee.

May not the hope be entertained that a similar spirit of devotedness to missionary enterprise will glow within other hearts, and that, from the sister Universities, students of equal promise may speedily form the resolution of devoting their lives to the glorious work, for the accomplishment of which the Church of Scotland now asks their services!

#### MADRAS.

It was recently intimated in the *Record*, that one of the chaplaincies at Madras, had become vacant by the resignation of the Rev. R. K. Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton is succeeded as senior chaplain by the Rev. J. R. McFarlane; and the Rev. Stewart Wright of St. George's-in-the-Fields, Glasgow, has, we learn, been appointed Mr. McFarlane's successor. Mr. Wright has officiated for several years, with much acceptance, in the Chapel of St. George's-in-the-Fields, and labored assiduously in the district. He has won cordial respect and regard from a wide circle of friends to whom he is intimately known, and leaves a large and flourishing congregation. It may be anticipated from his ability, energy, and missionary zeal, that he will take a deep interest in the mission at Madras, and contribute, along with others, at least indirectly, to its continued efficiency.

#### PRESBYTERY OF CUPAR.

A meeting of this reverend Court was held in the vestry of the Parish Church on Thursday last—the Rev. Mr. Campbell, moderator. The Clerk read letter and also minutes from Mr. Snodgrass, Presbytery Clerk of the Church of Scotland, Montreal, with reference to application made to that Presbytery by the Rev.