

the prospects of the India Mission, the Committee have the hope of obtaining two efficient ordained missionaries, while three long known and tried native missionaries have been accepted, and will probably be ordained when the deputation are in Calcutta. Lastly the Committee have, as advised by their Corresponding Board, considerably raised the salaries of their Bombay missionaries, and guaranteed £3000 for the purchase of a dwelling-house. It is almost certain that the salaries of all our missionaries will have to be increased.

V. THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR INDIA MISSION

Collections and contributions for 1865-66. £4756, 18s. 3d. To keep up, much more to extend, the mission, these must be largely increased above their present low average. Yet last year there was a considerable decrease as compared with the previous year!

The contributing congregations have given, on an average, less than 1s. 6d. weekly; very many not one-third of that sum. Is it conceivable that any system of regular contributions by subscriptions could produce so low a result as this? But 230 congregations have given nothing! The poor female members of our native mission church in Madras contribute each their handful of rice at every meal in aid of our India Mission; while there are 230 ministers, with their office-bearers and congregations, belonging to the national Church of Scotland, who altogether have not given equal to one handful of rice during the year for the spread of the Gospel throughout the whole heathen world!

VI. THE DEPUTATION TO INDIA.

The Church of Scotland has sent two deputations, consisting each of three ministers, to visit the congregations in communion with her in British North America. She has sent a deputation of two ministers to visit her Jewish Missions; and one also of two ministers to British Guiana. Moreover, six deputations from different missionary societies have visited their respective stations in India, but this is the first proposed by our Church to be sent to that great country in which she has several congregations, and in which her missionaries have been labouring for about forty years.

The request for a deputation came from India, and has been cordially responded to by the Foreign Mission Committee and the General Assembly of the Church. The Convener of the Indian Committee and Dr. Watson have accepted of the call given to them, and that too with the hearty consent of their respective presbyteries and kirk-sessions. £1000 was generously guaranteed by Mr. David Johnstone of Greenock, a member of committee, to meet expenses.

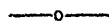
The deputation go to visit their missionaries, to see and understand their work; and in the name of the Church of Scotland, and in the presence of the heathen and of the

Christian Church at home and abroad, to acknowledge and encourage them, thank and advise them. They go, also, as far as time and circumstances will admit, to preach to their countrymen in India; to visit as brethren the missions of other bodies, to obtain information respecting their labours of love; and they hope, on their return, to make some use of the knowledge thus acquired for the good of the Church at home. The deputation intends to sail from Marseilles for Bombay on November 6, and to proceed from thence by rail via Nagpore and Allahabad to Sealkote, returning by the Ganges Valley Railway to Gyah and Calcutta, visiting Madras on their way home. They expect to be able to give in their report to the ensuing General Assembly.

The Committee beg to commend the deputation to the sympathies and earnest prayers of the Church, that God may enable them successfully to discharge their very difficult and most responsible duties, for the good of the Church of Scotland and her missions, for the glory of Jesus Christ, and for the advancement of His kingdom.

The result of the Collection this year will afford some index as to the interest taken by the Church in her India Mission at this crisis of its history, and it is therefore anticipated with more than ordinary anxiety.

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COLONIAL MISSIONS.

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NEW ZEALAND.

The Rev. P. Barclay, having been appointed as Commissioner to represent the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand in this country, has for some months been engaged in pressing the claims of that colony upon all the Presbyterian Churches in Scotland and Ireland.

In pursuance of his mission, Mr. Barclay delivered an interesting address in the Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church, from which we make the following extracts:—

I cannot help being struck with the ignorance prevailing in reference to New Zealand and all its concerns, even among ministers, elders, and others, who might naturally be expected to be better informed at least as to its ecclesiastical wants and necessities. This statement refers to Scotland as well as to Ireland; and until this ignorance be dispelled, it is not likely that much will be done for the evangelization of that distant land. Permit me to remark that lectures, illustrated with pictures and maps, might be given in Sunday schools; and thus the young people would grow up with a better understanding of the work God has committed to His Church. Might it not also be well that the Colonial reports were read and commented