

knowledges in another place their handsome contribution of \$140. The Rev. J. Black and the Rev. J. Sieveright addressed a meeting at Beauharnois, in the same interest, on the evening of the 3d ult. and we gratefully acknowledge the subscription of our people there, who are not numerous and are at present engaged in undertakings which are pecuniarily heavy. Such results satisfy us that wherever the scheme is fairly presented it will meet with sympathy and support. After some years of humble effort and no small anxiety, much can now be confidently said in its behalf, and the time has come for soliciting opportunities of saying it. Impressed with this, arrangements are made whereby the Convener and the Rev. T. G. Smith of Melbourne, are visiting a number of the Western Congregations, and we hope to have good news to report of their tour in our next.

By appointment of Synod the public collection for the current year in aid of the Mission Fund falls to be made on the first Sabbath of next month. Circulars will be issued in due season and it is hoped that each Congregation, weighing well the importance of a united and cordial effort at the present stage in the history of the mission, and receiving an opportunity to contribute of their means, will embrace it in a liberal spirit.

REPORT ON THE INDIAN ORPHANAGE SCHEME AND JUVENILE MISSION.

The Treasurer has much satisfaction in again submitting to the Synod a statement of his accounts for the past year, and also a brief report upon the position and prospects of this humble, though, it is hoped, useful scheme.

Since last report the receipts have been as follows:—

For the support of orphans.....	\$479 20
Canadian or Calcutta school,.....	127 15
Further towards Miss Hebron's present,.....	5 00
For the Scottish Ladies' Association,.....	5 00

\$616 35

The receipts of the scheme since its commencement may be stated as follows:—

For year ending May 1856,.....	\$117 50
" " " 7,.....	392 70
" " " 8,.....	542 00
" " " 9,.....	477 53
" " " 1860,.....	427 75
" " " 1,.....	505 22
" " " 2,.....	759 33
" " " April 3,.....	616 35

Total receipts since commencement, \$3838 38

The income of the scheme this year shows some little diminution, which however cannot be said to result from falling off either in point

of interest or of support. Several of the Sabbath schools of our Church in New Brunswick have found it more convenient to remit their contributions to Edinburgh instead of to the Treasurer here, which will account for a portion of the deficiency; and it may be added that the accounts are necessarily closed this year a month earlier than usual, leaving a few contributions unpaid.

ORPHANAGES.—These are now four in number. Sealkote in the Punjab having been lately added to the list. The institutions are all supported by the Ladies' Association for Female Education in India, which enjoys the full confidence of our India Mission Committee as well as of the whole Church. At each of the stations, the superintendence of the Church of Scotland missionaries and chaplains is kindly given to the orphanages. The number of orphans supported in connection with this scheme now amounts to 29, of whom 2 are boys, and the stated reports and accounts of these are almost uniformly satisfactory and pleasing. A few years since the plan of educating healthy children in this manner was an untried experiment, and was even regarded with great doubt by many warm friends of missions. Such is no longer the case. From these institutions are now being drawn female teachers, whose aid is found to be invaluable, and who have ready access to classes of the native population, especially of their own sex, who hitherto had never been reached by the gospel or its missionaries. Not a few of our own schools have the exceeding pleasure of knowing that orphan girls, supported by them, are now labouring with diligence and success in the great work of evangelizing India. Thus is the influence of Sabbath school children in distant Canada brought to bear upon the millions of their brethren fellow subjects.

CANADIAN SCHOOL.—Under the care of Miss Hebron, at Calcutta, this interesting school continues to prosper. Boyhonto has proved a valuable teacher, and his wife Jessie is most successful in gaining the attention of the younger children. It is pleasing to learn that the attendance at our school is only limited by the capacity of the building. Could we afford a larger school and an increased staff of teachers there would be no lack of scholars. Many of our Sabbath schools being unable to afford the \$5 required for the support of an orphan, they are invited to unite with others in the support of this school. In order to fix the interest of Sabbath scholars upon individuals, the Canadian school has been divided into classes of 4 or 5, and one of these classes can be appropriated to any Sabbath school contributing \$10.

THE JUVENILE PRESBYTERIAN.—Through the kindness of the Lay Association of Montreal this interesting little paper continues to render a valuable aid to the mission, and to afford a channel for communicating to the great majority of our Sabbath schools all the information from India or elsewhere which the Treasurer receives.

CONCLUSION.—The Treasurer begs to convey his heartfelt thanks to the many