

each contributor of \$10 and upwards, per annum; but the smallest contributions are thankfully received and acknowledged. The annual expense is about \$175, and the Treasurer regrets extremely to report that only \$100 have been received during the year. If the school is not now liberally supported it may be necessary to abandon the effort and close its doors.

LADIES' ASSOCIATION FOR FEMALE EDUCATION IN INDIA.

The last annual report of this widely extended association of ladies of the Church of Scotland, (a copy of which is enclosed), shows how deep an interest is felt in the evangelization of the females of British India. A widespread movement is now being felt in that vast province, and the gigantic system of idolatry and superstition, which has there for ages existed, is now shaking to its centre. So disgusted are the wealthier natives of the large cities with the horrid and often infamous rites of their religion, that numbers of them refuse to allow their wives and daughters to enter the heathen temples. Among such the orphan girls are eagerly sought for as governesses, and welcomed into their families. Let Christian influences be felt among the females of India, and the day when that land will shake off the fetters of idolatry cannot be far distant.

"The Scottish Ladies' Association for the Advancement of Female Education in India supports orphanages and Day-schools at Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, and Sealkote; and at Colombo in Ceylon. In the Orphanages there are upwards of 150 orphans. There are several day schools at each Presidency, numerous attended. At Madras alone there are nearly 600 girls receiving instruction in that knowledge which makes wise unto salvation, as well as that which will fit them for usefully occupying any position in which Providence may place them. Many of these girls are now Christian wives and mothers; some of them married to native Christians, and assisting their husbands in the schools, or visiting in the Zenanas of the wealthier Hindoos.

"It is gratifying to be able to report that their Orphanages and Day-schools were never at any period in a more prosperous state than at present; while there is an increasing desire on the part of the natives of all classes to secure education for their daughters."

The Juvenile Mission of the Canadian Church has attracted much and very favourable notice in Scotland, and its success has been instrumental in stimulating many Sabbath Schools there to engage in similar efforts.

The Treasurer again begs very respectfully and earnestly to commend this Scheme to the favourable consideration of the Members of Synod. It has been with him a labour in which his most heartfelt sympathies were enlisted, but at the same time which has entailed an amount of correspondence so great and necessary, that he would gladly resign into more competent hands the trust with which he has been honoured, engaging at the same time to afford all the assistance in his power to a new Treasurer, should the Synod select one willing to take charge of the Mission, and who may have more time to devote to so good a cause.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN PATON,

Treasurer.

Kingston, 31st May, 1864.

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