

the Bible. I took the English Bible which they had, and read to them a chapter in the Gospel of St. John. They were so touched that they followed me into another house where there was a sick woman, whom I visited sometimes. There were 10 or 12 persons gathered there in the little log-house around the bed of the sick woman. I read to them the Gospel and explained the portion we had read, showing them the necessity of making haste to repent. I prayed with them beside the sick and all knelt down. After I was done I asked the mother of the sick person, aged 85, if she had understood my prayer. Oh! yes, she said, it has done me good. Addressing myself to the sick woman, I asked her, if the Lord should call her away, was she ready to leave the world. She replied that she committed herself to God, that all would be well and she had no fear. Whether it be that these people are wanting in seriousness to look into the future, whether they do not know the gravity of sin, or whether they have an infantile trust in the loving kindness of God, it is the case that they go on without troubling themselves about their latter end, and one would suppose them reconciled to God. I have seen several instances of this kind, and this has surprised me the more that they have scarcely heard of the pardon which God accords to sinners in the love of His dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. I am humbled at having so little to report. I will report hereafter my visits to the Roman Catholics more fully, and will hope to have something encouraging to place before the sight of the friends of our work among the Canadians.

I am, Sir,

Very sincerely yours,
LOUIS BARON.

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

CLERICAL APPOINTMENT.—The Revd. George Sturrock, missionary, North Parish, Aberdeen, who is a native of the parish of Kirkcubbin, Forfarshire, has been unanimously appointed minister of the Established Church, Corsock, Dumfriesshire.

MONUMENT IN MEMORY OF THE LATE PRINCIPAL MACFARLAN.—A monument has just been erected in the Necropolis, a little to the south of John Knox's monument, to the memory of the late Rev. Principal Macfarlan. It has been erected by public subscription and is a very elegant structure in the old Scottish style. The design is richly ornate but chaste and effective, and the monument presents a fine appearance from its commanding position and the bold yet graceful outlines of its parts. It is composed of a beautiful white freestone of a very fine quality, which renders the edifice still more attractive. Its height from the surface of the ground to the top is 49 feet and the base is 11 feet square. It was designed by J. A. Bell, Esq., R.S.A., architect, Edinburgh, brother of Mr. Sheriff Bell of our city, and the workmanship was executed by Mr. James Shanks, sculptor, Glasgow, who has performed his part with uncommon merit. A bronze medallion portrait of the Principal in bas-relief, designed and executed by Wm. Brodie, Esq.,

R.S.A., Edinburgh, will be placed on the front of the pedestal, and beneath will be the following inscription in bronze letters,—"In Memory of the Very Rev. Duncan Macfarlan, D.D., born 1771, died 1857, succeeded his Father as Minister of Drymen in 1792, became Principal of Glasgow College in 1823, and became Minister of St. Mungo, the original parish of Glasgow, 1824. Erected 1861." The following inscription is cut in the stone on the east side:—"Principal Macfarlan, as a minister of the Gospel, was faithful and diligent; as a member of the Church of Scotland, his knowledge of its constitution and history, his zeal for its stability and extension, and his sound judgment and sagacious counsel in circumstances of difficulty, obtained for him the confidence and respect of his brethren and the singular honor of having twice filled the chair of the General Assembly. In the University he strenuously upheld its privileges and judiciously watched over its interests. He enjoyed the friendship of his colleagues and the respect of the students. In the management of the public institutions of the city his great sagacity and good sense, joined to an extensive experience and a singular aptitude for business, made his services valuable, while his firm adherence to principle and his dignified yet courteous demeanor secured for him the esteem of all who had intercourse with him. To erect this memorial of his honored and useful life all classes of the community cordially contributed."

[From the H. & F. Miss. Record for September.]

BOMBAY.—In connexion with the return of the Rev. James Sheriff to the field of his missionary labours in Bombay, we have great pleasure in intimating a special contribution by the friends and supporters of the Church of Scotland's Mission at that presidency, of Rs. 1000, to aid in defraying the expenses of outfit and passage for Mr. Sheriff and another missionary, should the Home Committee have felt themselves justified in appointing one to cooperate with Mr. Sheriff in his very important and arduous labours. The above contribution is stated to be "in addition to the ordinary missionary auxiliary annual subscriptions" in Bombay. It affords pleasing evidence both of the high estimation in which Mr. Sheriff is held in Bombay as a missionary and of the missionary zeal of the friends of the Church of Scotland at that presidency.

It is difficult for those who have not themselves resided in India to realize the value of the above noticed contribution from our friends and countrymen in Bombay; because they cannot well conceive the multitude of claims for religious and other purposes constantly pressing on the European communities at the Indian presidencies. In this point of view the liberality and zeal of our friends in Bombay will not, we trust, be without effect in stirring up the members of the Church at Home to liberality in the Mission cause. In Bombay the supporters of our Church's missionary operations have seldom exceeded the number of an ordinary town congregation in Scotland; yet, when the Assembly's Institution has been in operation there, the ordinary auxiliary annual contributions have generally ranged from L.150 to L.200 or L.250.—Communicated.

CALCUTTA.—It will be gratifying to the friends of the Indian Mission to peruse the following extracts from the Eighth Annual Report of the Missionary Association in connexion with St. Andrew's Church, Calcutta:—

The work of the Society has been very much the same as that of last year. The agent of the Association has laboured assiduously in the different departments of his work, and the Kirk-Session are satisfied of his diligence and zeal. He thus reports his own work:—

My dear Christian Friends.—Permit me to commence this brief statement by expressing my grateful thanksgiving to the Father of all mercies, who hath spared me to see the close of another session of our beloved Association.

My labours as your agent during the past year are very much the same as I have reported on former occasions. Every day I am engaged in the General Assembly's Institution from 10 till 4; three times every week I have preached in our own Mission Chapel; not unfrequently also in the Chapels of other denominations, and occasionally in the public streets.

On the first Lord's day of every month I have conducted Divine service in your Orphanage.

The editorship of the *Auroorodoy* is still in my hands. I trust that this paper is conducted in a satisfactory manner and that, through the Divine blessing, it may prove useful to its numerous readers.

The two enquirers whom I mentioned in my last report have, I grieve to say, both of them turned their backs to the Truth. One promised to come for baptism, and went away to bring his wife along with him; but he has never since shown his face to me. The other is a teacher in the Institution, and he changed his views at the death of his wife.

I do trust, however, that some of the pupils at present in the Institution are in a hopeful state.

I am happy to inform you that there is a young man, Kangali Churn Sing, who is now a candidate for baptism. He has been living for some months in our mission premises, and continues to give every satisfaction. I hope that in a short time he will be admitted a member of Christ's visible Church.

Oh! when will that day come when thousands and tens of thousands will come to Him who bore our iniquity and suffered on the cross to redeem us from everlasting death. Assuredly the day will come when "at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord—to the glory of God the Father."

May God bless you all and prosper the labor of your hands. Pray for me; and pray for the conversion of this benighted land.—Your faithful servant in the Lord,

DIPHO CHURN CHUCKERBUTTY.

The Kirk-Session feel that the Association will sympathize with their agent, and, while they give thanks to God for him who is seeking the Lord, and is soon to be baptized into the holy name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, they hope that they will bear on their hearts the disappointments of their agent in regard to those who seemed to have turned their faces towards the Lord, but have since turned back again to their idolatry. It is our duty, shall we say rather our privilege, to share the sorrows as well as the joys of our agent, and to bear them to that ear to which they are never told in vain.

It will be remembered that in their last report the Kirk-Session stated that they contemplated in due time an extension of the operations of the Association by employing an agent to labour at Gyah under the superintendence of the Rev. Mr. Clark. They have accordingly communicated with Mr. Clark and authorized him to engage an agent. In reference to this Mr. Clark writes:—

I am truly delighted at the idea of being joined ere long by a native catechist; Dr. Craik is also hopeful that in a short time the Committee may be able to appoint a European colleague for me. Thus, I trust, we shall soon see an agency here somewhat commensurate with the extreme spiritual destitution of the place.

I need hardly say how grateful I feel to St.