

the work. During the past year these gentlemen paid above \$3000 to our mission. The children are apt to learn; about 100 can now read the word of God. Religious instruction is given daily in the schools; several Sabbath schools are taught and the work amongst the young appears to be in a most prosperous condition.

In India, whilst the children of mission schools are largely gathered into orphanages and supported at the expense of the Church, here they live with their parents, and daily carry home the lessons of the cleanliness, truthfulness and kindness taught them, thus exercising a humanizing if not a christianizing influence at home, and preparing the way for the missionary to reach the parent. He here spoke of Mr. Jacob Crosby, a young Chinaman, 19 years of age, five years under instruction, a respectable English scholar, a teacher in one of the mission schools, as a young man of piety, and earnestly desirous of becoming a missionary to his countrymen in China. He recommended his case to the meeting, asking that he be taken to Galt and placed under instruction for two years at the Collegiate Institute, when the foreign mission board might then engage him. He went on to say that while the young were instructed in English, the Gospel was preached to the adults in Hindustani. He pointed out difficulties and discouragements, and indicated the need of prayer on our part for a people who know not how to pray for themselves; and yet spoke most hopefully, telling of souls converted who a few years ago had never heard the name of Jesus; spoke especially of the conversion of four catechists belonging to the highest castes—two Brahmin's and two Kshatriyas. The circumstances under which they embraced the truth, all indicate their thorough devotion to the cause of Christ.

In conclusion, Mr. Grant, spoke of the soul-yearning of many for something that they did not possess; true, it was a blind longing, yet the craving was a reality, and urged Christians to do their utmost to put them in possession of the only gift that can truly meet their wants.

At the close of the address, the practical question submitted, viz:—the education of the young Chinaman—was taken up, and after a few earnest remarks from the pastor of the congregation and several members of the Association, on motion of Mr. A. Henderson, seconded by Mr. E. Brown the following resolution was unanimously adopted—“That this Association take charge of Mr. Jacob Crosby and become responsible for the necessary expenses incurred in bringing him here and educating him for two years.

A subscription list was then prepared and a number of the fathers in the church, as well as members of the Association subscribed liberally to the object in view. And thus terminated an excellent meeting, from which Mr. Grant himself took great encouragement, and which was pre-*ved* with a missionary spirit of the right kind, that is of a *practical* kind.

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Recent tidings from India tell of various changes among the children supported by our schools. Jessie Vancouver had been removed by her mother who is a sick nurse, and is now able to support her. Let us hope that the Christian instruction she has received will remain with her and bless her mother also. Another orphan is learning to be an Ayah, in which calling she will have the means of teaching little children the blessed truths she has herself learned. Jane Urquhart has also been removed by her relatives. We may hope that the kind words and good advice not long ago sent her by her Cornwall friends will be a comfort and help to her in her new circumstances. Of several of the children, Pharos, Anna, Malted, Elizabeth, Bessie and others, good accounts have been received. Here is the translation of a letter recently sent by Elizabeth to her supporters who had sent her a letter and a present of money.

Sealkote, April 25, 1876.

My dear Supporters

The letter and present of money you sent me through Miss Sanders, my mistress read to me, which made me feel very happy. From the money my mistress has promised to get me a Bible and work-box. My mistress teaches me the Bible very nicely. For the money you have sent me, please accept my best thanks. My mistress is very kind to me and always treats me with great love and forbearance. Every Tuesday she hears us repeat texts, hymns and psalms. I always pray to God to bless you and to give you long life. This is the routine of our life. During the hot weather our school hours have been changed, so that the Moonshee takes from six to nine, a.m., and after breakfast we assemble again in the school-room by ten for work, but before the work is given out, our mistress has worship, which we always open with a hymn. Then she teaches us our catechism. We