

of the high caste Hindoos. Schools, desiring to unite in supporting Zenana Schools, can unite in clusters of three or more, and will receive regular reports of the progress of their schools. It is hoped that any schools which may still be waiting for orphans will, in these circumstances, take up, instead, so important and interesting a work.

The wonderful and rapid success which has blessed the efforts for the Christianization of India is such as may well encourage us in the carrying on of this Mission, and lead us to thank God for having enabled us to bear even a small part in the work. The fact that the Christian membership of India now numbers 75,000—that, while sixteen years ago there were only 1300 Schools and Zenana-classes, including 2000 female pupils, there are now 26,611 women or girls under Christian instruction—and that 567 former pupils of Female Schools and Orphanages are now themselves female teachers, spreading on all hands the blessings they have themselves received—will show something of the magnificence of the results which have blessed Indian Missions, and the rapidity with which the great country of India is being won for Christ. In this work we may be thankful for the privilege of having our share, however humble that share may be, and we have a stimulus for increasing, rather than relaxing, our efforts, in humble dependence on “the God of all power.”

Thankfully acknowledging the interest manifested in the work in the past, the Committee once more commend it to the attention and prayerful care of the Church, feeling that success in the past should act as the best incentive to effort in the future.

All which is respectfully submitted

AGNES M. MACHAR,

Secretary.

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Scotland.

### The Presbyteries of Glasgow.

The Established and Free Church Presbyteries held their monthly meetings on Wednesday, Sept. 1st. At the former, Dr. Marshall Lang read a petition from the Glasgow Drapers' Early Closing Association, asking the members

of presbytery to persuade their congregations to do their shopping within reasonable hours on Saturday evenings. Dr. Lang, in making a motion expressing sympathy with the objects of the petitioners, spoke strongly regarding the injurious effects, both morally and physically, of late hours upon employees in warehouses and shops. The motion—which was to the effect that the presbytery should join in an appeal to the employers, and that each member should bring the question home to their own congregation—was unanimously adopted. In the Free Presbytery, the early closing movement was discussed, and a motion similar to that passed by the Established Presbytery was adopted.

More cooperation between our friends of the Church of Scotland and the Free Church in the mother land, in the face of many of the questions which are presenting themselves, would be productive of incalculable good. If the great Churches of Scotland face the late hour, or any other of the evils of the day—face them shoulder to shoulder—we promise the victory to the Churches.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—The Presbytery of Glasgow has inducted the Rev. Mr. Laidlaw to the pastorate of St. George's-in-the-Fields, vacant by the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Stewart to the Chair of Biblical Criticism in the University of Glasgow. Professor Dickson, Moderator, preached and presided.

THE BAIRD TRUST FUND have granted \$2000 in aid of the *quoad sacra* Parish of Birsay, Orkney.

NEWTON-ON-AYR.—The Rev. David S. Peters, M.A., has been ordained and inducted to the pastorate of the above Parish, noted for the number of able and influential men who have been in its ministry.

THE Rev. D. S. Maxwell, of Monimail, has gone to Australia, to which charge the Rev. D. L. Adams, formerly of St. David's, Edinburgh, has been appointed.

A colleague and successor to the Rev. Dr. McCulloch of the West Parish, Greenock, has been appointed in the person of the Rev. John Barclay, of the Free Church, Edinburgh.