

contribute, that no further delay can be made. Every minister will be expected to make the necessary arrangements in his congregation.

A. MACLEAN, *Convener*.

P. S. Contributions may be forwarded to the Rev. G. M. Grant, J. J. Bremner, Esq., Treasurer, or to James Thompson, Esq.

REV. C. M. GRANT, EN ROUTE FOR INDIA.

JUDGING from the date of his departure from London, the Rev. Charles M. Grant probably arrived a month ago at Calcutta, where he is to labour in connection with the Church of Scotland's institution; though no intelligence has been received from him later than January 10th, when he had reached Alexandria on his way to his destination. Dr. MacLeod had detained him in Scotland to address the Divinity students at Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow; and at each of those Universities he was most kindly received, and his addresses listened to with great interest. There was a farewell meeting in Sandyford Church (Dr. MacDuff's), Glasgow, where he was bidden God-speed by an immense congregation of Christian friends. Writing from the steamer which is carrying him to India, he says: "There are several very intelligent passengers, old Indians, on board, and I am getting all the information from them that they can give, and their opinions on the state of matters. I find a general hopefulness in the way they speak of Missionary prospects that I scarcely expected to find. Yet the utmost admitted is, that we are beginning to see light through the question. That is much. Twenty years ago, the same men would have pool-pool'd the whole thing. One of the least hopeful among them—a well read speculative fellow—acknowledged that he could scarcely gauge the strides taken by the native mind during the last few years. He had been absent for five years, and last year had gone back, and was amazed at the revolution that was silently taking place. Who shall say that the East is necessarily stationary? Bring a lever long and strong enough, and you'll raise the greatest weight. The weight of Hindooism must be raised, and the lever that will do it is Faith and Work."

We have one question to ask our readers. Is the Faith and Work to come from him alone—the feeble Missionary, or is he to be sustained and helped on by our Faith and prayers to God for him, and by our Work, too,—for surely the time is coming when we shall stretch out a hand of help to him? How many of his old congregation, of his old friends, have prayed the prayers of faith for him since he went from us to his great and difficult work?

MEMOIR OF THE LATE JOHN DUNCAN.

ON Sunday evening, January 31st, the city of St. John lost one of its oldest and worthiest citizens, and the Church of Scotland one of its truest friends and supporters. It is only at long intervals that a community like this is called upon to mourn the loss of a man who, for forty-five years, identifies himself with every object that tends to promote the moral, political and social interests of a people, and who, at death, gathers round him the tenderest marks of sympathy and respect from men of every creed and class.

Mr. Duncan was born on the 9th day of January, 1797. The little town of Meldrum, better known as "Auld Meldrum," a town of 1000 people, and about 17 miles from Aberdeen, was his birth-place. Here he spent the earliest years of life, and received that noblest outfit for usefulness in the world—a parish school education. He came to the northern part of this Province in the year 1821, and, after three years' sojourn there, removed to St. John in 1824, where he continued to reside till his death—a period of forty-four years and four months.