

The numerous letters passing between our Sabbath Schools and their proteges in India, the little presents and tokens of regard frequently exchanged, and the constant anxiety to obtain tidings from the Mission field, all give evidence even more pleasing than mere money contributions, that the Scheme has taken hold of the affections of our youth, and that seeds which may bear richer fruit have been implanted in their hearts.

The experiment of a Canadian School at Calcutta for *High caste* girls, a class hitherto never reached by Missionary instruction, has proved a success. At first it was found necessary to provide conveyances to and from School for these girls, the prejudices of their parents being too strong to permit of their appearing on the streets, unattended, or on foot. So great, however, was the interest which they took in the school that, when the carriages were withdrawn, the attendance continued undiminished, and for the first time the daughters of the most exclusive caste in India have been drawn out of their Zenanas to walk through the streets of Calcutta to a Christian School.

No department of Missionary labour in India is regarded with deeper interest at present than that of sending female Scripture readers, and teachers into the Zenanas of the higher classes, where the women and children spend their time in strict seclusion, idleness, and ignorance. It would extend this report too much to write at length of the wonderful success which has attended such efforts, and of the power with which the Gospel has taken hold of the hearts thus opened to it. A Missionary of great experience and high standing thus writes—"Much connected with the future prospects of Christianity in India is in the hands of women. Soon they will contribute far, very far more than the men could, to the downfall of superstition and the ruin of Hinduism. After nearly twenty-five years of work in India, I find that very little permanent impression can be made on the masses, unless woman's influence is brought to bear. The power of native mothers on the boy of five and the man of fifty recalls the remark of a Jesuit in Europe, when it was said that few men attended the churches: 'Oh! we do not care, we have the women, and through them we work both on men and children.'"

Acting upon the strong advice of many friends in India and at home, and also impressed with the favourable views of Drs. Macleod and Watson, the late deputation to India, the Committee decided to try the interesting experiment of supporting a Zenana Teacher, and have made all the necessary arrangements for that purpose. The expense will not exceed \$80 per annum, for the present, and it is confidently believed that our schools will readily provide the means for carrying on the work, especially after the monthly reports from the Zenana Teacher begin to be circulated and read.

In view of the noble effort for Queen's College, now meeting with such gratifying success, the Committee decided to establish a Juvenile Mission Bursary, for the support and education of a Divinity Student. So soon as the number of Students attending College exceeds the resources of the Bursary Committee, it is believed that our Sabbath Schools will do their part in aiding this useful scheme.

For fourteen years past the "Juvenile Presbyterian" has done much good among our Sabbath Schools, more especially in diffusing intelligence as the organ of the Juvenile Mission. The present circulation of the paper (3000) being however too limited to enable it to compete in appearance or price with the many other excellent Sabbath School papers now extensively published, the Juvenile Presbyterian will probably be discontinued at the end of the year, and our Missionary intelligence circulated more widely in a cheaper form.

At the end of the year for our Sabbath School scheme, as well as for the scheme for the Committee.

The Committee School Superintendents in their work. Sanders, Secretary, India, for her superintendents of the bay, the Rev. J. aiding to maintain connected with a duty difficult and enquiring labour of love.

The youth of the attention a place in his rendering an active Church's labour therefore add to our youth, that into His visible zeal sown in the and the extension.

All which is required.

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