

FEMALE MISSIONS IN INDIA.



PUPIL-TEACHER is maintained by St. Andrew's Sabbath School, New Glasgow, in the Calcutta Training Institution, at a cost of \$30 per annum. There are parts of India where the cost of support is about half the above sum.

The following letter has been received from St. Andrew's Pupil-Teacher :—

"MY DEAR FRIENDS,—It is very kind of you to have asked us to write to you. We shall always write; as our chief pleasure is to please you all, because you all are always trying to do us good, both for our body and our soul. Now I shall give you a short account of myself and what I do. It is seven years now that I am in the Mission. I have learned both Bengali and English pretty well—still I study both. Every morning I attend pundit's class (Bengali), and every Monday and Wednesday evening English, which is taught by Misses Reid and Niven in turn. I attend Sunday School, too; Mrs. Smith teaches me in English.

"We are very thankful to God for the good and kind lady friends He has sent us. They can teach and speak Bengali very nicely. Our present lady Superintendent is learning our language very fast. Her writing and reading are very good. We hope in a short time we shall be able to converse with her in our own tongue.

"I teach in Bag Bazaar School, which is a good distance from our Mission. I feel quite tired whilst in the Ghany. There are 152 girls on the roll. The daily attendance is from 122 to 125. The pupils are divided into four classes, of which I teach the first. The girls love to hear Bible stories and to learn Bible texts. I am very sorry for my elder girls, they have all left and are married. Hindu girls are never allowed to attend school after their marriage. Sometimes girls from 5 to 10 years of age are allowed. In the Sunday School I teach an Infant Class. Those dear little girls do love to hear about Jesus—some of them do love Him. We are very sorry that Miss Reid is going away from us. We will all miss her very much. We are very anxious to see you, and hope that some time or other you will come and see us and our country, as we are unable to go to you.

"I again thank God for the kind friends He has given us. It is quite true that God is the fountain of all good; "he that trusteth in Him shall want nothing."

"HEMONTS BANERJEE."

DEAR EDITOR,—We ask you kindly to publish the above letter, chiefly to show how our Sunday Schools can aid in Mission work. The Church of Scotland is doing a great work for the girls of India, and would do a great deal more if Christian Churches would help more

liberally. Let the children of our Sunday Schools remember that there are many millions of little boys and girls in India who are our fellow-subjects, governed by our beloved Queen, who know nothing of the love of God in Christ, and have but few to tell them of the Saviour who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not." We ask them to think of this, because most of our Sunday School scholars are able to help Mission work. All can pray, and perhaps all by trying hard could give something too. The gift that God will accept is the one that is hard for us to give. If we only give for the support of God's cause at home and abroad what we can spare without feeling it, let us not think that God delights in that kind of giving. Learn as children to deny yourselves for the sake of others, above all for Christ's sake:—to earn and to save that you may have something to give towards upholding and extending Christ's kingdom at home and abroad.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Presbytery of the Church of Scotland in British Columbia has come to the following decision regarding the proposals of Union lately brought before them :—

Extract from Letter from Rev. Robert Stephen, Victoria, Clerk to Presbytery of British Columbia, dated 30th April, 1886.

On the 14th inst. we had our regular meeting of Presbytery. At this meeting * * * there were laid on the table and read (1) Copy of letter of Rev. A. Williamson to Rev. D. M. Gordon, of date 14th December, 1885; (2) Letter from Rev. D. M. Gordon to Rev. R. Stephen, of date 6th January, 1886; (3) Copy of Rev. Mr. Gordon's Minutes of a private conference he had on the 11th March, 1886, with Messrs. Stephen, Christie, and Dunn. Whereupon, after full consideration of these documents, and the circumstances of their different Churches, the Presbytery unanimously resolved—"That they take no action in the matter of union further than to affirm that they choose to remain in the meantime in connection with the Church of Scotland."—*Col. Com. Report.*

BIBLE QUESTIONS

FOR SABBATH SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES.

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1. Where was Abraham's brother Haran born?
2. In what land did Job live?