

you a better idea of the great progress made, and of the wonderful strides taken, than anything I could write. This I will forward to you as soon as it is ready. It was admitted on all hands that this examination immeasurably surpassed the first. All the newspapers here spoke in the highest terms of it. The very natives themselves, who differ with us about *caste*, frankly admit this. A few of the most respectable of them sent some of our old pupils; and these of their own accord took their places in their old classes, for the day of the examination only. This will show you the feeling of some of the natives to us. It was the more gratifying, as the Pariahs were both present, who had caused their leaving the school. The Pariahs have not yet made their appearance since the school re-opened. I am rather sorry at this; though I do not think it my duty to seek them. The thing is so deeply laid, and the encouragements now so many, that, though there are secret trials, and some of them very heavy, there never was greater cause to be truly thankful to God."

Besides the Associations which were announced in last year's report as having been formed, both in aid of the general purposes of the mission, and especially for the advancement of female education in India, your Committee have, with great thankfulness, to notice the growth of zeal for missionary enterprise, where, under the Divine blessing, it may, in various ways, be eminently useful, among the students of divinity. In each of the Universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh, these students have formed themselves into a Missionary Association; and in each, they hope to be able to procure funds for the maintenance of one additional missionary.

In individual congregations, also there is reason to believe that a similar object is contemplated. May God himself prosper abundantly the liberal things which he enables his people to devise! In Edinburgh, a strong impulse has been given to these truly Christian purposes by a series of lectures which Dr. Duff has delivered there, on the subject of the missions, and by the publication of his admirable addresses on the occasion of Mr. Smith's ordination. This indefatigable advocate of the cause has since been pleading it in London, Manchester, and Liverpool, with much of present benefit, and with still richer prospects for the future. Your Committee are encouraged, by the present state of Dr. Duff's health, to hope that he will be able, before the close of another year, to return to the chosen scene of his labours at Calcutta. But he is a member of this Assembly; and your Committee gladly and gratefully leave it to himself to state his plans and purposes in the great enterprise to which his mind and heart are devoted.

Your Committee, in concluding the report, beg leave respectfully to suggest, that the time is now come, when, under such regulations as you may appoint, you may, with great advantage, bestow upon each of the Presbyterian bodies in India the power of ordaining such native preachers as they have found

to be trust-worthy, and zealous in the work of the Lord.

The friends of the cause in London have, with their usual liberality, contributed between £560 and £600 during the past year. The total amount of remittances by the London Presbytery, from the commencement, is £2315 9s. 2d.

Your committee subjoin a statement of their funds:—

Comparative view of the income of the General Assembly's Foreign Missions, as at 20th May, 1839.

Amount of receipts from 31st July, 1837, to 20th May, 1839,	£4689 18 2½
Ditto, from 31st July, 1838, to 20th May, 1839,	5437 9 10½
Increase,	£1347 11 8

Mr. CANDLISH, in rising to move the approval of the report, and thanks to the Convener, congratulated the House on their having arrived at a subject on which no difference of opinion could arise. The Rev. gentleman spoke at considerable length on the importance of this great scheme, and the aid it was likely to receive, as well as the other great objects of the Church, from the periodical details given in a work now in course of publication—The Missionary Record. Mr. Candlish concluded by moving that the report be approved, and that the thanks of the Assembly be given to the Committee, and to Dr. Brunton, the Convener.

Sir CHARLES FERGUSON seconded the motion, and strongly impressed on the House the propriety of congregations uniting and sending out missionaries, and of those who are friendly to the great object contributing permanently to its funds by annual subscriptions.

The Moderator.—Dr. Brunton, the honour of once more receiving the thanks of this venerable Court, for the manner in which you, as Convener of the India Committee, have promoted the welfare of that important mission, has been well earned by the judicious zeal you have evinced, and the unwearied attention you have paid in conducting its affairs. But highly as, I doubt not, you appreciate this distinction, a far nobler reward belongs to you, and those with whom you are associated. No more gratifying spectacle can be exhibited to the world than that of a Christian Church directing its energies to the extension of the Saviour's kingdom, and carrying the light of the Gospel, with its humanising influences and glorious hopes, into the dark places of the earth; and no more exalted office can be conferred on any individual than that of being a fellow-labourer with the great Head of the Church in so high an enterprise. This honour is yours. The wisdom and Christian spirit which the Committee have displayed, and the ability, the enlightened zeal, and the devotedness of the missionaries employed, have been evinced by the success with which this pious measure has already been attended, and the foundation which has been laid for the extensive and permanent estab-