

men, and we rejoice to know that the work is extending and spreading, and that it is bearing fruit in the salvation of many.

We are glad to know that many friends have expressed to our secretary their pleasure that the International Missionary Union has been formed. We hope they will correspond with Mrs. Mathews, and through the medium of the *Quarterly Register*—the organ of the Alliance—bring their fields and plans of work before their sister societies. It is only in this way that we can know what is being done in the various parts of the world, and fully sympathise with the workers. The experience of older missionaries and the methods they have found most useful would be invaluable to the younger women who are now beginning work.

I have been asked to be this year the mouthpiece of the sisters in Scotland who, through the agencies of the Women's Missionary Societies of the three larger Presbyterian Churches, are seeking to spread the Gospel in many lands, and so reserve for another occasion the work of our sisters elsewhere. We rejoice to tell you that in every department of work during the past year there has been encouragement and blessing.

From the Church of Scotland seven ladies have gone out to India, two of these being doctors. In Madras, the foundation of a new boarding school has been laid, also of a school at Sholinghur. At Darjeeling, fresh zenanas have been opened to receive the missionary ladies; one of these is now visited at the request of the Babu, who a few years ago refused to admit the Bible and its teacher. From the Free Church, seven ladies have been sent out, three to Africa and four to India. One of those sent to India is a medical missionary and another a fully qualified nurse. The need for a Woman's Hospital at Nagpore has been for some time much felt, but the want of means to erect it stood in the way. Mission workers will understand the joy and thankfulness felt when two generous sisters undertook the whole cost, viz.,