

7. Every ten weeks the subscribers will be furnished gratuitously with a missionary paper, prepared expressly for them. The package will be sent to the "Receiver," who will distribute the paper to the "Gatherers," and they to the subscribers.

8. It is not designed that the system shall take the place of the annual or other collections in the Church, or the usual offerings in the Sabbath School; but it is something additional to these; the design being to engage the zealous members of our churches as co-workers with the pastors in increasing the interest and the contributions of their several parishes.

Dr. Duff.

Dr. Duff who has been suffering anew from severe illness, proposed to visit the missions in the different Presidencies in India, thereafter to return by the Cape of Good Hope visiting the Caffre missions, and reaching Britain, D. V., by midsummer next year. Recent accounts state that Dr. Duff has left India with his health so enfeebled, that he had to be carried on Board the vessel. It is said that the Bishop of Calcutta, Sir C. Trevelyan, and other friends and admirers of Dr. Duff are taking steps to obtain funds to raise a "Duff Testimonial Hall," as a suitable memorial of the great philanthropist. The *Times* Calcutta correspondent says:

A movement is now being set afoot all over India to raise a memorial to Dr. Duff, the great missionary, who, after a career of a third of a century, has been ordered to Scotland, by the doctors. Sir C. Trevelyan his coadjutor 30 years ago in the work of Hindoo enlightenment, and the Bishop of Calcutta, are at its head. As the present intellectual movement among the Hindoos was begun by Dr. Duff, and it has ever been the great feature of his work, that he has been shown how Christian faith may be harmoniously united and assist in intellectual progress, it is proposed to build a memorial hall bearing his name, in the place of educational buildings about to be erected by Government in the native city of Calcutta. The hall is to be a reproduction, in marble from Carrara, of the famous Maison Carree of Nîmes, and will be devoted to purposes and meetings of a Christian and cognate character. The Bengalese have held an enthusiastic meeting, under the presidency of the native judge, the Hon. Semlonath Pandit; and though it is not their habit to give for anything—not Lord Canning's statue has yet been subscribed for—the cotton millionaires of Bombay will doubtless exceed the Europeans in liberality; while Dr. Duff's admirers in Scotland, England, and America are to be asked to help. A sum of £15,000 will meet the expense. The well-known Schwartz had a

tomb erected over his remains by the Rajah of Tanjore; but this will probably be the first monument ever erected by the public to a Christian missionary.

Liberality of Christian Hindoos.

A communication from Dr. Wilson, of Bombay, in the *Free Church Missionary Record*, mentions some pleasing facts:

We have four extra calls for help before the public at present; this for the Native Church; one for the Boarding School; a more private one for Mrs. Hislop, so sorrowfully bereaved of her dear and honored husband at Nagpore (and for whom about £1,500 has been raised in India and £1,200 at home); and that of Mr. Narayan, for buildings at Indiapore. For the last-mentioned object the sum of 4,000 rupees, which I think sufficient for immediate wants, has been collected in Bombay during the last fortnight, one half of it having been contributed by native gentlemen on friendly terms with our mission, including 500 rupees from Mr. Mangaldas, 500 rupees from Mr. C. Fardunji, and 20 rupees from Dr. Bhau Daji, whom Dr. Smyttan will remember. From Sir Jemsetjee Jesjeebhoy (who was a fellow-passenger of Mr. Hislop to India in 1860), I have received 500 rupees for Mrs. Hislop. One native gentleman, Mr. Karsandas Madhavadas, has promised me 5,000 rupees for the enlargement of our Institution Library. He reckons Mr. Danjilbhai and myself among his best friends. He sent £1,000 lately to the Asiatic Strangers' Home in London, £500 in his own name, and £500 in the name of his cousins. Mr. Dadoba Pandurang is writing a commentary on the Gospels in Marathi. Oh, for the outpouring of the Spirit of God!

Power of Heathenism Waning.

The gospel is making wonderful progress in the province of Tinnevely, Southern India. There was not only a visible decline in the amount of idolatrous ceremony at the recent great idol feast at Trichendur, but an enlarged knowledge of Christianity, and an increasing conviction of the falsehood of heathenism and an unwillingness among the people to acknowledge themselves heathen. Many asserted that they came not to honor the idol, but merely to see the show. It was generally confessed that the idol was no god and that God is one: and if any one contradicted this, some of the bystanding heathen would reply to it. Tracts were readily received and read, and several repeated the contents of books they had formerly received.