

Mr. Angus Bethune, Catechist,	
Lochlomond	2 10 0
Circulars	2 0 0

61 17 6

Receipts	61 15 4
Expenditures	61 17 6

Balance against the Fund 2 2

ALEXANDER FORRESTER,
Convener.

FREE PRESBYTERY OF HALL-FAX.

This court held its ordinary meeting here on the 2d current.

Professor Lyall laid before the Presbytery the account current of the congregation of Free St. Andrew's in St John's, Newfoundland, with the Treasurer for last year. While the Presbytery received this as the financial statement for the last year, they observed that, in reference to the matters about which the Synod had issued a special instruction to Presbyteries, it did not give sufficient information as to the general means available for the support of the ministry, nor as to any effort made in behalf of the Professorial Fund. Mr. Lyall in consequence, was instructed to communicate again with the clerk-bearers of the congregation, and to call their attention to these omissions.

Professor King, as interim Moderator of the Kirk-Session at Dartmouth, gave in a financial statement from that congregation for last year.

Supplies were appointed for the different stations, of which the following remain still to be fulfilled:

March 27th.	Dartmouth, Mr. King
" "	St. John's, Mr. Lyall
April 3rd.	Dartmouth, Mr. King
" "	St. John's, Mr. Forrester
" "	Goodwood, Mr. Lyall
" "	Sackville, Mr. Munro
" 10th.	Dartmouth, Mr. King
" "	St. John's, vacant, as the Lord's Supper is to be dispensed on that day in 'Chalmers' Church
" 17th	Dartmouth, Mr. Lyall
" "	St. John's, Mr. King
" 24th.	Dartmouth, Mr. King
" "	St. John's, Mr. Lyall.

The Presbytery appointed their next ordinary meeting to be held here on the last Wednesday of April.

(From the *Missionary Record of the Free Church of Scotland.*)

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

SATTARA.

Rev. James Aitken.

'This is one of our missionary stations concerning which little has yet been laid before the public. It is right, however, that every department of our Church's operations should be brought distinctly under the eye of her people, whether to draw forth their larger interest in the cause, or enlist their sympathies and prayers on behalf of the labourers.

Sattara is a hill fort situated about fifty miles south of Poona, in the presidency of Bombay. Its political revolutions are well known to those acquainted with the recent history of British India, or the debates in the British Parliament. Though it by no means holds a first rank among Indian cities, Sattara has been deemed an important point for missionary operations, and the Rev. James Aitken, one of the missionaries from the Free Church, has laboured there since his return to India, a few years ago.—For a length of time his labours were much curtailed as to extent, but not intensity, by the very limited accommodation which he could obtain for an institution. Hindu prejudice was strong, Brahminical influence was high, and our missionary had to labour for years in a building which could ill accommodate 200 youths, in an atmosphere always oppressive and often stifling, for the thermometer sometimes stood at 115°. So low was the roof that Mr. Aitken's head well nigh touched the tiles; and altogether the place was such as to deter rather than encourage attendance.

In that crowded place the missionary laboured on. Applications have been made for baptism, but the applications have in the meantime been declined. As if to reward his steadfastness, Mr. Aitken has lately seen many of the difficulties of his position removed. A truly wide and effectual door is opened up. Intellectual conversions are rife. Hindus are thoroughly Europeanized; they appear to be perfectly sincere in their contempt and detestation of the manners, customs, religion of their own people and their preference for ours; but the missionary waits and prays for some tokens of a change of heart and nature, and we trust that thousands will pray that he may not wait in vain.

Meanwhile, external prosperity is granted. The annual examination took place in August last, and among others also who were present was Rajadnya, a youth whom the late Rajah of Sattara wished to adopt as his heir. He attended the examination in great state, attended with a host of followers, and the Commissioner of the British Government subsequently proposed that the adopted youth should attend Mr. Aitken's