

and transmitting their contributions, by which means we should see how much could be done for the cause of missions by the *children* of the Church alone. In this way a good deal of additional aid might be drawn into the treasury of the Church which is now lost to it, for too many of our schools have as yet taken no active interest in missions, but spend the whole amount of their weekly collections in pic-nics, prizes, &c. If they can be brought, instead, to bring their *own* little savings *willingly* as a gift to the Lord, it will undoubtedly be of the greatest benefit to themselves in the first place as a training in Christian self-sacrifice, besides enlisting their sympathies early in the cause of missions. The Juvenile Mission Committee, as appointed by the General Assembly, consists of the former Board with the addition of the Rev. Prof. Mowat, of Queen's College, G. M. Macdonell, Esq., and Miss Machar, Kingston, Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary has already sent the annual report to most, if not all, of the acting ministers of the united Church, and will be happy to furnish any further information which may at any time be desired.

REPORT OF THE INDIAN ORPHANAGE
AND JUVENILE MISSION SCHEME,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, '75.

The Committee thankfully report a well sustained interest in this important Scheme, and a widening circle of contributors to its funds. Owing to the regretted removal from the Orphanages of five of the orphans supported by our Sabbath Schools, and to the marriage of another, six of the schools have been deprived of their *protegees*, and from some unexplained cause it has not been found practicable to supply their places by other orphans.* However, a new field of usefulness has been opened, not less interesting and promising, in the proposal that several of the schools, thus left without orphans to support, should unite to carry on High caste or Zenana Schools. One of these is already maintained by the Montreal Juvenile Association, and at last accounts was

attended by fifty or sixty high caste children, who were receiving with much interest spiritual instruction, together with the elements of an ordinary education. The last *News of Female Missions* contains an interesting account of a reunion of five of these high caste schools at Calcutta—that supported by the Montreal Association among them—numbering in all 249 children. At this meeting, at which prizes were bestowed by ladies present, addresses given and hymns sung, Professor Wilson made the following reference to the work which these schools are expected to do:—"We hope that the homes over which these little creatures will one day preside, will not be exactly like the homes of the past. We hope to take away all ground for that excuse which is so commonly heard from the lips of educated native gentlemen. They say, 'We see the folly of all these superstitious observances;' but we are obliged to conform to them for the sake of our females, who are still attached for want of the education that we have received, to these traditions of our forefathers, and who are opposed to all that Christ teaches, because they really do not know what it is." When, in addition to this, we are told that thousands of educated Christian young men in India, married to heathen wives, are obliged to live a solitary life because their wives have deserted them on account of their conversion, it will be seen of how great importance is the work of giving to as many high caste girls as can be reached a Christian education.

Thirty-five orphans of the low caste children are still supported at the Orphanages by our Sabbath Schools, in addition to the three Zenana or High caste Schools, which we hope soon to have in operation, one of these being entirely maintained by the Sabbath School of St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal. From the orphans good accounts have been received during the year, and a few letters and photographs exchanged, though the Secretary regrets that so few schools have as yet responded to the earnest appeals for letters that come from the little ones in India. The Canadian School still receives its share of our contributions, and a Zenana visitor or teacher is also employed, who is working among the female households

* NOTE.—Since writing the above, a list of five children to be supported by our Schools has been sent by Miss Johns our Canadian Missionary at Madras.