

will take this matter up earnestly. It will not interfere with the support of their Orphans. Our young readers have much to be thankful for, they have many privileges, and here is an opportunity of practically evincing their gratitude for these and their interest in the benighted children of India. Think of this proposal, young reader, and do what you can to further it. We shall acknowledge all sums however small, and we will be much mistaken, if the Canadian children's subscription falls far behind that of the Scottish children for the Madras Library. We ask the aid of our friends. Let it be given cheerfully.

### THE ORPHANS IN INDIA.

Our young friends who are now supporting orphans in India will rejoice to learn that most pleasing accounts have been received by St. Andrews Church Sabbath School at Portsmouth, near Kingston, from their little protégée at Calcutta, Ruth Iona. This Little Hindoo girl was picked up in the streets of Calcutta by the police, and brought to the Orphanage, where, by the liberality of her young Canadian friends, she has found a comfortable Christian home. She is said to be a most industrious hardworking girl, making herself most useful in the house, but as yet rather backward in learning. Her age is only 13, so that, with God's blessing, upon the labours of her teachers, there is yet time for improvement.

We have just seen a most interesting little letter, which has been received by the Portsmouth Sabbath school, from Ruth Jona, thanking them for the kind present of a Bible sent by them to her sometime since. This letter is written in Bengali characters, which of course we cannot print, and therefore we give the following translation written by one of the older girls, Ruth being unable to write in English.

My DEAREST FRIENDS,

I write to you these few lines, to tell you that I am very grateful for the money which you all so kindly sent me for the Bible, and I am also grateful, because God has put it in your hearts to send money and support me. And now I conclude my letter.

I remain, yours faithfully,

Jona Ruth.

This is a short letter, but we hope ere long that Ruth will be better able to write. She feels much gratitude for the kindness which has been extended towards her, and will we doubt not, if spared, become a good and useful girl.