

Principal McFarlane on Colonial Churches, men all belonging to the much abused, and much misrepresented party of Moderates, shows how well the position and duty of the church have been understood, and what sincere and earnest purposes have been conceived as regards missions. Much that has been attempted has failed, principally owing to barren and embittering controversies on the questions of Church Establishments and Lay Patronage. Now that we have peace, the prosperity of our Colonial Churches, the increased liberality to foreign missions and the immense efforts made to establish the parochial machinery in some parts of Scotland by means of the Endowment Scheme, show in marked characters a movement in the church in the work of evangelization.

A great obstacle meeting those engaged in such operations is the ignorance of the people on the state of missions generally, and also of the particular efforts and schemes of their own church. A want of interest and an indisposition to give are the inevitable consequences. To meet this evil, a literature is wanted, and all missionary societies and churches find it necessary to have publications. The quarterly publication mentioned above, has been for such reasons commenced, and the following advertisement and prospectus, which are transferred to these columns will show how far it is worthy of the support of the ladies of our church in these provinces.

THE "NEWS OF FEMALE MISSIONS"

Will be issued Quarterly. The object in view is to excite deeper interest in Female Missions. The Subscription for a year will be Sixpence. The Committee will feel obliged by Members of the Ladies' Associations kindly endeavoring to procure Subscribers, and intimating the number of copies, and to whom the parcel is to be sent, to the Secretary, MISS SANDERS, 132 George Street, Edinburgh, or to the Publishers.

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THE NEXT NUMBER OF THE "NEWS OF FEMALE MISSIONS"

WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE 1ST OCTOBER.

Terms of Subscription.—Single Copy, 1s. 6d. per annum. Twelve Copies, for distribution in Sabbath Schools, 1s.; 4s. per annum.

Postal Arrangements.—Four Copies may be sent by Post for 1d., Eight for 2d., and Sixteen for 4d.

The object of this little publication, which it is proposed at present to publish quarterly is to extend and circulate more widely than has hitherto been found possible, information regarding the Ladies' Associations in connection with the Church of Scotland for Female Education in India, and for the Education of Jewish Females. Notices of the work done by the Agents of these Societies, and extracts from their letters, are already given almost monthly in the *Record*; nor will these be discontinued. The intention of this little serial is to give more copious information regarding the working of these Societies, and to have this information more widely diffused than hitherto. The extremely moderate price at which it is issued, will, it is hoped, be the means of accomplishing the latter object; while every exertion will be made to secure the former, by giving interesting extracts from the several agents of the two Societies, varied by such information as can be gathered, or, as there may be found room for, regarding the labors of missionaries connected with other Churches. Everything that serves to widen the interest in missionary enterprise should be encouraged and supported by the friends of Christianity, as a means, however small, of promoting and extending the kingdom of Christ upon earth.

It is proposed that the Reports of the two Societies and their Subscription Lists shall be published in this Magazine—that for the India Society in the month of July, and for the Jewish Society in January. By this arrangement it is hoped that a double object will be secured—that the expense in publishing the Reports may be greatly lessened, or, if the publication be successful, perhaps altogether saved, while a much wider circulation will be given to them. To Him without whose help the smallest as well as the greatest efforts will be unavailing, we commend our little work. May his blessing rest upon it, and may it be the means of extending an interest in the cause, and of promoting His glory!

THE SABBATH SCHOOL OF THE FIRESIDE, AND THE SABBATH SCHOOL OF THE CONGREGATION, AS IT OUGHT TO BE.

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It is now a considerable time since Sabbath Schools have engaged the attention and secured the co-operation of the churches of Christ. Since the commencement of this system, it has, through its adaptation to the ritual wants of the young, and its indispensable necessity to the supply of a great and long-continued evil, established itself very firmly as one of the machinery of the church. In the Past