

appropriated to other purposes till a convenient season occurred of establishing a mission. It now amounts to about £1500; and, as from recent enquiries instituted by the Committee we have the gratifying prospect of being able at no distant period to accomplish this truly benevolent and Christian enterprise to the Seiks, not only with security, but under God's blessing, with success, it is respectfully proposed that, under the authority of the General Assembly, the work may now be begun."

Mr. Hunter has accordingly been ordained to this interesting mission. He is a young minister, in regard to whom the Report says:—

"Your Committee desire to express their confidence in his piety and talents, and missionary zeal. It is further intended that in occupying his ultimate sphere of labour at Lahore, or in its neighbourhood, another missionary may be associated with him, that he may not be alone on this very remote territory; and that, to give due time for the maturing of this plan, he proceed immediately to Bombay, where further information may be acquired, and the necessary arrangements duly made. During the next ten months or a year after leaving the Committee propose associating Mr. Hunter with Mr. Wallace at the mission, by the expiry of which period they hope to have suitable colleagues provided for each."

We are sure we can promise Mr. Hunter and the Seik Mission a very large share in the earnest sympathy, and prayers, and liberal support of the Church. And all the more sure are we of that sympathy and support because of the evidently enlarging views of missionary duty which present providences are opening up to the minds of the Christian men of our day. Referring to these providences, our Indian Mission Committee's Report closed with the following stirring sentences. It was with no ordinary interest we heard them read in the General Assembly. Let it be our determination that it shall *not* be for want of all the encouragement we can give them if the Indian Mission Committee do not take advantage of every opening they can get.

"In Turkey, as in other regions, war may be doing its work as the pioneer of the Gospel; and still must Christians, who would obey the mandate of their risen Lord, hold themselves in readiness to follow the leadings of Providence, while they improve its events. In this attitude, then, would the Committee on Foreign Missions now present themselves to the notice of the Church. Should they receive encouragement, they will not be slow in taking advantage of such openings as may offer, and as may be prudently occupied for the extension of