

River, (Saturday!) Sabbath and Monday, (Communion); and probably St. Ann's Friday following (Communion). Then, returning to Sydney, preach in Mira on Sept. 5th, and work on by Loch Lomond to Port Hastings on the 12th, and River Inhabitants on the 14th; River Dennis on the 15th, and Malagawaleht on the 16th September."

He writes hopefully and cheerfully of the signs that the Lord is blessing his labors, referring, too, not so much to the money collections made at his meetings or to the increased general interest, but to definite personal results. At one place he says: "I trust I was privileged to lead a fine young man into peace in believing." He speaks of receiving a letter from a lady in Ontario who had long greatly desired to go to India as a missionary, and who had consulted Rev. Mr. Ried on the subject, who again had advised her to write to him. "What I wish to see," he says, "is the Church sending against the enemy not a feeble forlorn hope here and there, but an army at once." Again, he says:

"I venture to be confident that the Assembly will not be unfaithful to the Master, or so faint-hearted as to hesitate through fear or lack of funds, about accepting every suitable laborer who will offer. I feel sure that the people will give in proportion as there is need, and that should an hundred offer (which is more than I dare hope for immediately) the moral influence would be such that funds would be forth coming. But I rely not on mere probabilities of moral influence. If only the Church will trust its Head, and not through distrust interfere with His work, He will provide the means. It is well that those who by God's grace have been brought to feel most interest in the work, and most faith in the Lord regarding it, should be prepared, so that they may not be taken by surprise. . . . I think we may confidently expect a few young ladies as Zenana workers ready to go next fall, and others the year after. Young men, except Divinity students, will take longer before they can be ready to go, as their studies will occupy so many years.

"In talking over my proposed work to Mr. Muir, he suggested that in addition to whatever our Church may do in the way of establishing new stations in India, it might undertake a sort of general evangelistic mission, something like that of the Society which sent Rev Mr. Sommerville last winter, *i. e.*, send suitable men to preach the Gospel to English speaking natives all over the country: the converts

not to be formed into a separate Church, but united to the Churches already organized in connection with existing missions, at least where there are such Churches. Were this idea adopted, it would afford us an opportunity not only of strengthening the hands of the Zenana workers we already have, but of planting other wherever the door would be opened."

We have taken the liberty of making these extracts that the prayers of the Church may be called forth in behalf of Mr. Campbell, not only as preaching the Gospel and doing the work of an evangelist, but as looking forward to and preparing for work in India.

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## Articles Selected.

### The General Assembly, Church of Scotland.

The last General Assembly was a very busy and important, if not a very exciting Assembly. A great deal of work was done, and many questions of the highest moment to the Church discussed. Foremost of all may be considered the legislation arising out of the Act abolishing Patronage. The necessary legislation took two forms—(1) a series of Regulations as to the keeping of Communion-rolls; and (2) a series of Regulations for the election and appointment of ministers. The consideration of these regulations occupied much of the Assembly's time. Each regulation was examined, and in most cases debated by itself; all views were freely represented and discussed; and the result may be held to be satisfactory. The communicants and adherents of the Church are clearly and broadly defined in harmony with its national constitution, and the order and mode of electing ministers laid down in such a manner as is likely to prove, so far as the limited experience which has yet occurred can be a guide, highly workable and successful.\*

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\* The Acts as to the keeping Communion-rolls, and as to the election of ministers, have both been printed for circulation, and may be had of the publishers, Messrs. Blackwood. A copy was sent to every Presbytery clerk, and it would be well that all concerned in the election of ministers should possess them without delay.