

having been originated more than twenty years ago, by John Paton, Esq., now of New York, who succeeded in interesting in the subject of Indian female education first the Sabbath School of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, of which he was a member, and then a number of other schools connected with that branch of the Church; and who continued, during the whole of his residence in Canada, the efficient secretary-treasurer of the scheme. The work gradually extended itself, till the contributions amounted to over \$1000 per annum; some fifty orphans being supported simultaneously at the four Scottish Orphanages of Calcutta, Madras, Poona, and Sealkote, under the auspices of the Scottish Ladies' Association for promoting Female Education in India. In this way, it is not too much to calculate, that since the inception of the scheme upwards of two-hundred low-caste children have thus received in the orphanages, by its means, the blessings of a Christian education. A separate school for high-caste children, called the Canadian School, has also been for a good many years supported, or nearly so, by Canadian contributions. During the last two or three years, also, the operations of the scheme have been further enlarged, by the employment of a Zenana teacher, to carry the glad tidings of the gospel within the dreary wall of the Zenanas, or female households of the high-caste Hindoos, where the secluded inmates grow up in blank and total ignorance, intellectual and spiritual. Three Zenana schools have also been established, in connection with our Zenana Mission, at which a large number, probably considerably more than a hundred children, out of the Zenanas, are receiving a Christian education, the teachers being former pupils at the orphanages. Of these schools, from which we receive good accounts through Miss Pigot, of Calcutta, one at Dhoba-Parah, near Calcutta, is supported by a Montreal Juvenile Association. Another division of the same school of Dhoba-Parah is maintained by St. Gabriel Street Sabbath School, Montreal; and another at Badoor-Bagan, also a suburb of Calcutta, is partially maintained by the South Georgetown Sabbath School. We may thus count, in all, about 250 Hindoo children at present receiving Christian instruction, through the agency of this mission, besides the diligent work of the Zenana teacher, who visits the Zenanas themselves, and instructs their secluded inmates. The cost of maintaining an orphan at the orphanages is about \$20, and some of our schools maintain two, and even in one instance *three*. The maintenance of a Zenana school costs about \$70, and may be divided between two or three contributing schools.

Although the working of this Juvenile Mission scheme has been in the past limited to Indian Missions alone, there is no reason why its basis should not be enlarged to include efforts on behalf of the Mission to China, the French Mission, and others of our Foreign Mission efforts. Each school might choose the object in which its scholars felt most interest, and the Committee would probably be willing to arrange for receiving 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 mere amount of their weekly collections in pic-nics, prizes, etc. 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 to Christian self-