

Newfoundland.

WE are happy to hear such good news from St. John's, Newfoundland. The congregation of St. Andrew's seems to have taken a fresh start under the able and energetic ministry of the Rev. James D. Patterson. On the occasion of the re-opening communion (referred to elsewhere) there were fourteen names added to the Communion Roll. May the good work go on and prosper. The ladies have maintained their reputation for zeal, energy and promptness in forwarding the good work of the congregation; and while the gentleman referred to in another page was giving the pulpit robes to their minister, they provided him with a comfortable chair for the study.

Upper Provinces.

Juvenile Indian Mission.

Owing to an accidental oversight, one of the Standing Committees appointed by the General Assembly on the second day of its sederunt last June, has been omitted in the minutes of the Assembly; and as the work of this Committee—that of the Juvenile Mission of the branch in connection with the Church of Scotland—has been of some importance in the past, it seems desirable, in view of the omission, to draw special attention to its history and working. It is the oldest *Foreign* missionary effort connected with our Church, 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 zealous and efficient Secretary and Treasurer of the scheme. The work gradually extended itself till the contributions amounted to more than \$1000.00 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. By this means, 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 aid, the blessing 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 walls 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. The 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 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 education 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