

the considerable sum of £5408, and that Home and other contributions amount to only £1700 per annum. Indeed, its proportions almost entitle it to be ranked as an additional scheme of the Church. There is a fact worthy of notice, for more reasons than one, and that is, the very handsome sum we have just mentioned is made up almost exclusively of very small individual sums, nearly three-fourths being one shilling a year, a penny a month, and the collectors being many, indeed in the generality of cases, of the highest rank in their respective parishes. The amount of labor must not be very considerable, but no great result is to be gained without labor, and we know of no occupation so feminine, so becoming, and so truly dignified and useful as the one to which we are now directing attention. It shows, besides, the wonderful efficacy of small sums; but it produces something else which does not appear immediately on the surface, and that is the living and universal interest it awakens, in the minds of the humblest, in the great principles of our holy religion, while it enlists their energies in a great and glorious work.

We present our readers with some extracts, &c., from the Report of last year.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SCOTTISH LADIES ASSOCIATION FOR
THE ADVANCEMENT OF FEMALE
EDUCATION IN INDIA.

Your Committee deem it unnecessary, on the present occasion, to make any lengthened report. The *News of Female Missions*, which, at the time of your last Annual Meeting, had just been commenced has been carried on with increasing success; and in its pages will be found, by all who take an interest in your operations, the intelligence received from India ever as it arrives. It is no longer necessary, therefore, that your Annual Report should contain that full information which it formerly did.

On the present occasion it will be sufficient to report merely as to the intelligence from India which has recently been received, that of an encouraging character.

From Calcutta Mr Herdman, to whom your Committee anew desire to express their deep obligations, in a letter written in March last, bears testimony to the unwearied zeal and increasing devotedness of your superintendent Miss Hebron. Miss Hillier, sent out by your Committee to assist her, arrived on the 1st of January last, and Mr. Herdman reports that "she has entered with much zeal, and with much promise of success, on her

class duties, that she is working hard at the study of Bengali, and is full of zeal to embrace every opening for labour in her Saviour's cause among the benighted daughters of India."

Of the Orphanage Mr. Herdman writes, that the Annual Examination, which had just taken place, was a searching and satisfactory one, in which Messrs. Henderson, Ogilvie, and Forbes, of our own Church, Mr. Sandys of the Church of England, and Mr. Sale a Baptist, took part. In October last three of the wards were baptized, and Mr. Herdman bears testimony that they walk consistently.

The number of children attending the day schools at Calcutta reported in last year would appear to be much the same as was then stated; but a fourth school has been opened since the New Year, and Miss Hebron, who visits it regularly, reports that the children in attendance number 40.

From Madras your Committee have been favoured with recent letters from the Senior Chaplain there, Mr. MacFarlane, who has taken a warm interest in your operations, and to whom, both for advice and assistance, they feel deeply indebted.

Your Institution there is now under new management, Mrs. Anderson having been appointed matron, and one of her daughters principal teacher. Of this arrangement Mr. MacFarlane reports most favourably. The attendance at the Institution, which was formerly from 120 to 130, has increased to 184, and the orphans have recently been increased by 14, their number now being from 20 to 30. During last year three of your wards were married, two to catechists of the London Mission, and one to a teacher connected with the American Mission.

Of the operations in Ceylon also favourable report had been received.

Your Committee beg to acknowledge, with deep gratitude, the warm interest felt and manifested in the work of Female Education in India, both among old and young, in Canada. During the last year there has been remitted to your treasurer from Canada £75. 10s., to be expended in support of orphans appropriated to various schools, and in support of the Canadian School at Calcutta.

In regard to Funds your Committee have to report, with gratitude to the unknown donor, an anonymous donation of £60, forwarded through Dr. Muir of St. Stephen's, the interest of which is to be applied at his discretion towards and educating at a Hindoo female.

In regard to their whole operations, they now heartily give in the appeal contained in a recent letter from Mr. Herdman of Calcutta, who says, "I do earnestly ask the intercession of God's people on behalf of the Orphanage. These are days when He who heareth prayer is answering, by even copious showers, the cry of those who unite in pleading with Him for the abundant influences of His Holy