

Examinations at Madras.

These took place early in December last in presence of a large assemblage, and the proceedings were most interesting. In addition to the orphans, the children attending the church of Scotland Ladies Association day school were also present, making in all 420 girls, all under the admirable management of Miss Anderson, who, by her zeal, tact, and energy, has secured the confidence and hearty co-operation of the 15 teachers, and who has also gained the respect and affection of the pupils. During the past year the attendance has increased until the buildings are quite full, and among other pleasing statements is noticed a large organization of Mahomedan girls, a class formerly very difficult to gain over for christian education.

Religious instruction forms an important part of the course, but in addition to this the girls are taught all that can render them useful members of society. They are taught to make, mend, and take care of their clothes, and also to perform household duties of every kind, such as cooking, washing, &c., &c. Among these 420 girls, many will doubtless become Christian teachers, and the wives of Christian missionaries and Catechists. The others will be scattered throughout the city and district, diffusing among thousands of their heathen countrymen and countrywomen, the christian education and useful knowledge which they have acquired.

Dear young readers, this is good news from distant India. God has blessed and extended the work of Female education. Let us remember in our prayers Miss Anderson and her 420 girls, and trust that many of these daughters of India may be early brought to the Saviour.

LYING IDOL PRIESTS IN INDIA.

You have heard much about the idols of India, but you have not heard, perhaps, how the people support their temples and their religion. One way is this: When the priests want money, they use deceitful acts to get it from the people. Sometimes they put fetters of iron on their Idol gods, and bind them hand and foot. In this condition they carry them round the villages, while the priests declare that their gods are in debt, and money must be given to redeem them. As soon as the people see the state of their idols, they bring their gold to the priests, and then the chains are struck off.