

applaud, and will cause to accomplish its purpose, the smallest sum given with a heart-felt desire towards the extension of His Kingdom. The feeling that they have but little to give, should deter none from doing what they can, but all should remember that a sacrifice is the best offering to lay upon the Lord's altar. Did Christians appreciate as they ought, the value of the gift bestowed, when He who was rich, for their sakes became poor, that they through His poverty might be made rich, they would not rest satisfied with giving merely what costs them nothing. They would deny themselves in all things, that the Lord's treasury might be increased. The Association, as will be seen from the Treasurer's accounts, has paid into the Home Mission Fund, as the fruits of its first year's exertions, the sum of £92 2d., besides raising a Bursary of £10 for the Presbyterian College, Toronto. Encouraging as this result has been, those exertions have been hitherto very much confined to a few, and it is much to be desired that many more, indeed all the female members of the congregation, should take part in the great work. The hope of being the honoured instruments of winning even a single soul to Christ, may well make all ambitious of being engaged in it, and how much more the expectation that by the blessing of God, earnestly sought for, and resting on the labours of the Association, many may by its means be turned from darkness unto light.—As a motive for renewed exertions on the part of those already connected with the Association, and an inducement to others to join it, it may be mentioned that the Association has resolved to take upon itself the entire support of a Missionary, and that the Rev. Messrs. BROWN, SOMERVILLE, and MACNAUGHTAN, in Scotland, have been requested to select a suitable person. It is fondly anticipated that from the circum-stance of having a Missionary of their own in the field, a new interest will be given to the meetings of the Association, and that an improvement will take place in the attendance. Those meetings, the object of which is chiefly prayer, and the communication of Missionary intelligence from the various stations within the bounds of the Presbytery of Hamilton, are held on the first Wednesday of every month.

The second object of the Association, the visitation of families and individuals in affliction, has not yet obtained from Members the degree of attention which it claims, but it is to be hoped that the many interesting openings for Christian usefulness which are thus presented, will be more adequately improved in the future progress of the Society. In a few cases of distress pecuniary relief has been afforded from the funds, and the beneficence of individual members has been attracted through the Visitors' reports to several cases of the same description.

It is gratifying to have to state with regard to the third object, that under the efficient and unwearied exertions of Mrs. MARSHALL, a flourishing Bible Class of young women and girls has been formed, which meets every Sabbath afternoon, immediately after divine service. Much good may be expected to flow from this source, and it is most desirable that the heads of families will do all in their power to afford youngwomen employed by them, an opportunity of profiting by such advantages.

May the Lord bless and prosper these feeble efforts to promote His cause, and enable His unworthy servants, unitedly and individually, to do all with a single eye to His glory.

TREASURERS ACCOUNT,—1845:  
RECEIPTS.

	£.	s.	d.
From Sales of Work.....	72	5	1½
Annual Contributions.....	7	15	0
Donations.....	2	15	0
Amount of Contribution Cards	14	6	11
	£97	2	½

DISBURSEMENTS.

	£.	s.	d.
Material purchased, Printing, &c.....	5	1	10½
Paid into Presbytery's Home Mission Fund.....	92	0	2
	£97	2	½

MARGARET GALE,  
Treasurer.

Foreign Missions.

LETTER—REV. DR. DUFF TO THE CONVENTION.  
Calcutta, December 6, 1846.

MY DEAR DR. GORDON.—Our institution may now be said to have fairly recovered the tremendous shock of May last. Our numbers are nearly as great as ever, and all operations are carried on with undiminished vigour. If we have had our severe trials, we have also had our songs of praise. To Him who has so graciously and marvellously overruled all, be the glory!

Sil's college still goes on, but in a languid state. The Hindu confederacy is not, in point of form, broken up, but its burst of energy has been succeeded by a reaction of comparative inertness. Meetings are still held, and resolutions still expressed, as to the founding of the joint institution; but the manner in which ours has weathered out the storm—the effects of the collapse which usually follows a violent paroxysm—the real internal disunion among the parties themselves—and the contempt or disapprobation manifested by many respectable Europeans—all these, and other influences, have conspired to damp their feelings, darken their prospects, and paralyze their energies.

In the meanwhile, they are labouring, in secret, to oppose Christianity, by all manner of slanders and calumnies. To counteract these, we are proceeding with the weekly publication of Anti-Infidel tracts. These have a very extensive circulation in Calcutta and its neighbourhood. We have found the means of freely introducing them among all the pupils in the Government and other institutions, which exclude religion from their course of instruction. The previous distribution of the wicked Infidel tracts has excited a curiosity to peruse those on the other side; and the contrast between the low and abominable style of the former and the pure and elevated style of the latter has, in many instances, created a new and more favorable disposition towards Christianity itself. Thus may it be found that here, as in other cases, good shall be evolved from the threatened evil. Altogether, the present is a remarkable period in our transitional state; and we increasingly feel our need of divine wisdom, guidance, and grace.

Some of our friends having spoken to the ex-aminee of Scinde, now resident about fifteen miles from Calcutta, as state pensioners, concerning our institution, they expressed a desire to see it. Accordingly, last Saturday four of them, with the Government officials, paid it a visit. They seemed highly gratified, as they had never seen an English institution before. The exercises of the two or three hundred boys in the gallery particularly arrested their attention. After inspecting all the classes, and witnessing some experiments, they went away highly delighted. The youngest of them, in particular, exhibited a great deal of intelligent curiosity; and it was hoped that an additional impulse would be given to his mind, in the way of studying our language and learning. In showing them our maps and globes, it was very natural and rather affecting, to note the earnestness with which they first of all asked to have Scinde pointed out to them—how they traced its distance from Calcutta, and the still greater distance of Great Britain from both. If the rays of true knowledge were ultimately to pierce the mind of any one of them, their fall might prove the greatest gain.

We have been delighted with the energy and liberality towards our mission cause manifested at Madras.—Your's, &c.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN INDIA.

MISSION SUBSCRIPTIONS.—There have been several reports in the Calcutta papers during the month relative to the amount subscribed this year for the Free Church Mission, and in these reports we are informed there are one or two unintentional mistakes. The truth we believe to be, that in the first year of the Mission's collections, from the 1st October 1843 to the 30th Sept. 1844, 27,000 rupees were collected for the Mission, besides all that was subscribed for the erection of a church, and several sums which were sent home for special purposes. In Madras more was collected for the Mission, but there they have not yet commenced building a church. In Bombay there was a very large collection for a church, and a considerable

sum for the Mission, but we do not know the precise amount.

The present financial year of the Free Church Mission in Bengal will extend to the end of 1845, and in it, besides all that has been drawn from Scotland, there has already been received by the Committee for general purposes of the Mission, about 16,000 rupees; 27,000 rupees have been received from a friend in America for the library; and upwards of 10,000 rupees for the converts' building from private friends in Calcutta,—principally in subscriptions of 500 rupees each; and about 100 rupees which were specially contributed just prior to the Disruption, for a Panchala have since been handed over with the express assent of the subscribers, to the Free Church for this purpose. Thus the total received in fourteen months in cash amounts to more than 32,000 rupees. A valuable piece of ground which belonged to Dr. Duff has been also made over to the Mission; and a large amount of valuable donations in the form of scientific apparatus and of books for the Institution has also been received.

In Madras we believe that, including the sum lately raised for building an institution, fully as much has been collected for the Mission in the same period. Considerable collections have also been made in Bombay and Nagpore. There have also been Sustainment Funds raised for the passage money and support of Free Church ministers of Bombay and Calcutta, and large additions have been made to the Church Building Funds in both places. This statement we have received on the best authority, and we give it with sincere pleasure, because we hope and believe that it will cheer and encourage the Lord's people wherever it is known.

RECENT ADMISSIONS TO THE CHURCH AT POONA.

—On the 14th of September, an aged Mussulman woman was baptized by the Rev. James Mitchell of the Free Church Mission at Poona. She had been brought to a knowledge of the truth chiefly through means of her daughter, who had been baptized at the same station upwards of two years ago. On the 18th of the same month, three other natives were baptized by Mr. Mitchell. One of these is an old man, a native of the poor asylum; and the other two are young women, wives of members of the Church. These all witnessed a good confession, and we pray that they may walk worthy of the vocation wherewith they are called.—*Dnyanodaya*, Nov. 1.

MADRAS.—We learn from the *Natives Herald* (Madras), the gratifying announcement that more than 18,000 rupees have been subscribed towards the erection of premises for the Free Church Institution at Madras. According to the estimate, 25,000 rupees were required for the building.

CHINA.—The correspondent of the *New York Journal of Commerce* at Canton, under date of November 27th, 1845, says:—"We heard from Dr. Macgowan a few days ago. The mission at Ningpo seems to be prosperous, though Mrs. Macgowan does not enjoy good health. Physicians at the North cater Chinese families, and have their practice much more than is permitted here. There had just been an insurrection in the neighbourhood of Ningpo—the people refusing to pay taxes. The military were called out, and in their efforts to quell the disorder, the commander-in-chief and a number of men were wounded. Hearing of Dr. Macgowan, they applied to him for healing, and are now doing well. They have heard the Gospel and with the mouth pronounced it good. Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of the Baptist Mission in Siam, are now at Macao, waiting for a passage home. Four families from other missions are also waiting at Macao or Hong Kong with the same object. Two of them are from the Sandwich Islands, Mr. Smith and Mr. Himes. There are also Dr. Hepburn, Mr. Doty, and Mr. Pohlman's children. It is said that Mr. and Mrs. Wood, and Miss Morse, who came out with Bishop Doane, will soon be obliged to return, perhaps this winter.

ORDINATION OF A MISSIONARY.—On Tuesday the 13th ultimo, the Rev. Alfred Eldersheim was ordained by the Presbytery of Edinburgh as missionary to the Jews. The Rev. Alexander M. Stuart preached and presided. The Rev. Dr. Duncan delivered the address.