

## A PRESENT FROM CALCUTTA.

In Miss Hebron's last letter was enclosed a beautiful little worked collar, sent here by one of the elder orphans—a pretty token of affectionate remembrance.

The collar is we think knitted, at least so say some of our ladies, who are judges of such matters, and is of the rose leaf pattern. Miss Hebron writes that it was done in a hurry, but no signs of this appear.

Mr. Paton is quite at a loss to know to whom this collar belongs, as it was sent to our children. He will therefore hand it over to any of our schools who will send a handsome donation to carry on the Canadian School at Calcutta.

Though some may regard such a present as trifling, we cannot look upon it in such a light. It is rather an evidence of the good work being accomplished among the long degraded females of India. For ages they have been treated as slaves, fit only to serve their lords and masters. Now we see them brought into civilized and christian society, their tastes and pursuits refined, their minds elevated and instructed. When we reflect upon the powerful influence for good, which your much-loved mothers and sisters exist in this happy christian land, we are encouraged to labor and to pray that a similar blessing may yet be in store for the dwellers in British India.

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NEWS FROM INDIA.

We are in receipt of a copy of another letter addressed to the Treasurer by Miss Hebron, from which we make the following interesting extract:—

SCOTTISH ORPHANAGE,  
Calcutta, 7th January, 1858.

I have pleasure in forwarding reports of four of our orphans for their kind supporters, and trust they will be satisfactory, for we must not expect too much from these poor little ones who have been nursed in idolatry; but by the grace of God, and the aid of their kind supporters, we may hope for better things from them as they grow older, and are longer at the institution. I have also much pleasure in sending a crotchet collar done by one of the elder orphans. It is done in a hurry, but I hope to send something better, bye and bye.