

ORPHANS IN INDIA.

In consequence of changes lately made at the orphanage in Calcutta, the usual half yearly reports have not been so regularly received as could have been wished. Steps are now being taken to remedy the omission, but in the meantime we now give a copy of the report received some weeks since, as to Ruth Iona, whose interesting little letter appeared in our last number.

REPORT.

Ruth Iona, aged 13; supported at the Calcutta Orphanage by St. Andrew's Church Sabbath school at Portsmouth near Kingston.

STUDIES.—Third Bengali classbook, Mother and Daughter's Catechism, Scripture texts, is also instructed in writing and sewing.

Ruth is backward in learning, but is hard-working, cheerful and willing.

We trust that Sabbath Schools who have not yet received their reports will wait a little longer, bearing in mind that Calcutta is many thousand miles distant, and also that the orphanage is now under another Superintendent

"THY KINGDOM COME.

At Damascus, at one gate of the *Great Mosque*, is a spacious ancient doorway. Over the door is a cross, with the following verse in good Greek letters:—

*"Thy Kingdom, O Christ, is an everlasting Kingdom,
And thy dominion endureth throughout all generations."*

In the very heart of a city, wholly given to Mohammedanism, there is thus a testimony, and has been for twelve hundred years, ever since the Mahomedans seized the city, aye, over the portal of a mosque within which no foot of Christian dare enter.

Well may the Christian traveller who discovered this inscription ask, "Is it intended to humble the Christian now? or is it intended to inspire him with hope?" For there is a day approaching when "the burden of the word of the Lord shall rest on Damascus," and at the time "the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel, shall be towards the Lord." (Zech. ix. 1.) Christ, who arrested a soul so near that place, shall arrest his tens of thousands; and not only one Eliezer of Damascus, but thousands such, shall be blessed in Abraham's seed.