

more extensive scale than Mr. Hunter could have attempted, single-handed. Thus, in this case, as in many others, do we see, that when "the heathen raged," it was "vain things," that they imagined, for the stead of one, there are now two, to contend in faithful witness-bearing, even unto blood, for the blessed truth, which Satan hates, and to quench whose light, he stirs up his slaves. Both Mr. Taylor and Mr. Patterson were fellow-students of ours in Glasgow university, some years ago, and we knew them to be men of the proper stamp, and when sent to the Punjab, to be "the right men in the right place." In his letter to me, Mr. Patterson, like most Scotchmen, includes Nova Scotia in Canada, but we must put up with it, until the time that we make for ourselves a more indubitable mark. He writes:—

"I trust you are enjoying good health, and are spending it happily in the service of our Master. I am anxious to hear from you soon, about yourself, and all the other Canadians, McGregor, McMillar, and Cameron. You will, no doubt, have seen something about us, and the Sealkote Mission, in the *Record* occasionally. Thank God, we all enjoy good health; though Mrs. Taylor has suffered a little from the heat. She is now at the Hills, to avoid the hot weather; Mr. Taylor has also gone there. I have acquired a fluent use of the language, and preach nearly every day. The great difficulty is that we require to be acquainted not only with the Undee or Hindustani, but also have some knowledge of the Hindee and Punjabee. The Persian and Arabic are also indispensable, if we would exert much influence upon the higher and more educated classes. The Urdee, Hindee, and Punjabee, I read daily, and have just commenced the Persian.

I doubt not, you continue to take a deep interest in our India Mission. I sometimes wonder whether you may not yet join us at Sealkote, as the representative in the mission field of the Canadian Church. Of course, there is much work to be done at home, but God blesses those most, who seek to bless others. It is as true of the Church, as of the individual. 'It is more blessed to give, than to receive.' But you will expect me to say something about our mission. In few words, here is our staff:—

2 Catechists, 3 Teachers of Bahar School, which numbers more than 90 children, 1 Teacher Orphan Boys' School, (13 orphans), 1 Teacher Girls' Orphanage, (11 girls), 1 Colporteur. All our operations, with the exception of the Girls' Orphanage, which is connected with the Ladies' Association, Edinburgh, are carried on by subscriptions, raised directly or indirectly, by our own efforts. All that the Committee have ever done for us, has been, buying Tents and a School-house. Our expenses, last month, ranged somewhere about £40 or £50. We should like much, if you

could assume the support of a Catechist. We have every prospect of extending our operations soon. We are just now forming a Mission Library. You will be glad to learn that we baptised an interesting young man the other day. He has witnessed a good confession.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT PATTERSON.

To the Editor of the Monthly Record.

MR. EDITOR:

Dear Sir,—In looking over the statistics published in the October number of our *Record*, I notice an error respecting our Sabbath Schools in Halifax. It is there stated that St. Matthew's Church has three Sabbath Schools, and St. Andrew's Church, one. Now that statement should be that each Church has a congregational school, and that there are two district or mission schools—(one at the N. W. Arm and another at Richmond)—taught and superintended over by members of the S. S. Association, formed out of the two Churches before named. This Association was organized in 1859, at the suggestion of Rev. T. Jardine, and has worked most harmoniously ever since. The teachers, or rather members, meet weekly, and the evening is spent in devotional exercises and studying the lessons for the coming Sabbath.

Again, Mr. Editor, let me notice that in the November No. of the *Record*, a statement is made by your correspondent "G" to this effect: "That St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, takes more credit to itself than it deserves, for it had certainly nothing to do with the collecting of the money for the Young Men's Scheme." Now, although he says he writes "from book," this shows that all books are not to be relied upon. For in both years, '61 and '62, two persons, one from each congregation, went round together and made collections for the scheme before alluded to; and the proceeds of both years, if not already forwarded, will in due time be transmitted to the treasurer. X. Y. Z.

Halifax, N. S., Nov., 1862.

COTTON-SPINNERS.—A sermon was preached by Mr. Duncan in St. James' Church, Charlottetown, P.E.I., on the 17th ult., in aid of the starving cotton-spinners of Great Britain. We are happy to learn that the collection taken up on the occasion amounted to £21 11s. 2d.

The Sabbath School also collected 27s. for the same purpose.—*Com.*