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A most affecting appeal on behalf of a Native Girls' School at Rangoon, Burmah, has just been made (alas! without effect) to the S. P. G. This School, which has been established but one year, has been wonderfully blessed of God to the conversion of the heathen. Eighty native girls are now under daily Christian instruction, and help towards the salary and outfit of an assistant teacher was an absolute necessity, as otherwise the failing health of the principal teacher would necessitate the closing of the school. But the Rev. Secretary of the S. P. G. was obliged to reply—"I heartily wish the Society could support an assistant to Miss Cooke, but if you will only read the appeal prefixed to our annual report, you will see that for the present any new expenditure, whether in the way of salary or passage money is beyond our power."

In our late American exchanges we notice the organization of a new sect who style themselves "Anti-Missionary Baptists," because on principle they refuse to take any part in missionary enterprises. Our first mental query on making the newspaper acquaintance of this extraordinary sect was—where would their share of Christian knowledge have been if there had never been such a thing as missionary enterprise? Our next was—are these people the only Anti-Missionaries in America? Are there no Anti-Missionary Churchmen?

In the first place, our Church in Nova Scotia has no direct connexion with any missionary society except as a pensioner upon missionary funds. In this respect, among all the larger Protestant bodies in this Province we stand alone. Presbyterians, Baptists and Wesleyans stand alone in a different way, for they require no propping-up, no extraneous pecuniary assistance. No S. P. G. or D. C. S. have they in England to assist in the support of their missionaries,—no S. P. C. K. to supply them with religious books at an almost nominal price. No touching appeals are made for them to British philanthropy. This has its disadvantages, as their earnest and repeated appeals to their people for increased contributions, and the frequent and not always satisfactory changes of ministers, as well as some other religious and social indications would show. But as the country fills up and advances in wealth many of these difficulties will disappear. At all events they are not in the meantime at all discouraged by them. They have never fallen into the great mistake of supposing that the less their people subscribe towards religious operations outside of their own neighbourhoods the more they will give towards the support of the gospel at home. They have always—but especially of late years—acted upon and proved the truth of the exactly opposite principle. The Presbyterians of Nova Scotia have for years supported a very expensive mission among the