

the blessings of the one, and can manifest the other in its noblest forms. By Hindooism, woman is treated as the slave of a man's necessities or his passions; made to undergo the heaviest toils, or outraged by the most injurious suspicions; by Christianity women are made free, respected and influential—enlightened and happy themselves, and, what may often be more prized still, enabled to impart light and happiness to others. To know Christianity is to discern its divine origin and mission.

In conclusion, your Committee desire to tender their most sincere thanks to all members of auxiliary associations, congregations, and Sabbath-schools; to all collectors, and subscribers and donors in India, Canada, and at home, who afford their kind and most valuable assistance in carrying on this great work. And as it has been shown that the fields of labor are so rapidly extending, the prospects of success so cheering, and the calls for increased effort so urgent, they are encouraged to solicit and expect increased support.

And they beg, most earnestly and respectfully, to request all who have not hitherto taken any interest in this enterprise, to give the subject their serious and prayerful consideration. Surely few undertakings can be more deserving of hearty support than one which has for its object the promotion of the welfare, temporal and eternal, of nearly 100 millions of immortal beings who are now perishing in darkness and helplessness. "Freely ye have received, freely give," is said to every Christian now, as emphatically as it was said to those who were first sent forth, into a world sunk in selfishness, on their Master's work of divine compassion and beneficence; and it must be the duty and privilege of every one, to whom God has given means and opportunities of thus glorifying Him, to listen to these words of the Saviour, and in His name, and for His dear sake, to do all in their power to promote the education of, and and diffuse an elevating, purifying, and saving knowledge of the true God among, the unhappy daughters of India.

JAMES SHERIFF, *Hon. Sec.*

The Record.

THE present number completes the ninth volume of the *Record*, and we would take the opportunity of pressing upon the ministers and members of our various congregations the duty of making an earnest effort to increase its circulation, and consequently its usefulness for the coming year. It is hoped that the arrangements, which have been entered into for its future management, will ensure for it a greater amount of variety and interest than it has hitherto possessed. We shall leave the next number to speak for itself as to the plan and spirit of the new regime. After a service of four years, the present editor desires to be relieved from the responsibility and labour of the editorial chair, but hopes still to continue an occasional contributor to the pages of this periodical. For the future, the *Monthly Record* will be conducted by a committee of clergymen who have undertaken the responsibility, and are in every way qualified for the task. Under these circumstances, we trust that a new era of prosperity is about to open on our little periodical, and that it will find its way into every family.

Communications of a business character may be addressed, as formerly, to Mr. Jack—those intended for publication, must be sent, "To the Office of the *Monthly Record*, Pictou"—if possible, not later than the 15th of the month.

The Convener of the Statistical Committee requests that those ministers and missionaries, who have not yet sent in their Statistics, would do so without delay, that the papers may be printed in the *Record* as early as possible.

Rev. Mr. Pollok will preach at Barney's River on the third Sabbath in December, and Rev. Mr. Stewart will supply Lochaber on the same day.

The Presbytery of Pictou will meet for Presbyterial Visitation at Roger's Hill, on 10th Dec.; New Glasgow, 4th January; Pictou, 18th January.

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Pictou, Dec. 3rd, 1863.

W. GORDON, Treasurer.