

they are raised from their degraded condition, they enjoy a degree of culture and refinement that did not exist before, and they are now a civilized people, whereas many of them were savages before. Schools are everywhere introduced, and are a mighty power for the improvement of the natives. Schools are erected beside the Churches and they often precede the Church. The English Church Missionary Society have 1449, the London Missionary Society 1708, the Wesleyan Society have 2522; and the American Church have under their care 653, besides the large number in the Sandwich Islands. Thus four of the 70 Societies have 6381 Schools. In all the 70 Societies there are no less than between 11,000 and 12,000 Schools attended by 450,000 children and others, there are also many higher institutions of learning called colleges, and that resembles those among us. In one of the East Indian universities 1621 students graduated between 1862 and 1872 after having passed a very creditable examination.

In the South Sea Islands, the London Missionary Society have 590 and the Wesleyan Society 1617 day schools with about 76,000 scholars. In these schools the children of the native tribes manifest wonderful aptitude at learning and compete favourably with the children of European missionaries. Many natives are preparing in these schools to become ministers of the Gospel. In India there are now more than 400 native ministers regularly ordained and about 4,000 teachers who are not ordained catechists. In the South Sea Islands the Lon-

don and the Wesleyan Societies have 324 ordained and 1180 unordained native helpers. In Madagascar more than 3,000 natives are active in promoting Christianity

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The Rev. George McIrvine of Mauritius makes a strong appeal for a Missionary for that colony to labour among the natives of India who have migrated to that place and who number 250,000 in a total population of 350,000. The Church of England has a staff of missionaries in the field, but not nearly sufficient to occupy the whole ground. The government gives liberal grants in aid of missionary work. Through the labours of a Catechist in connection with the Church of Scotland 69 souls have been gathered in "from the abominations of heathenism and that in less than two years," Mr. Irvine says "Do you think the Foreign Mission Committee could be induced to take an interest in the work? If so would it be too much to ask you to move in our behalf in enlightening their sympathy and help. I am satisfied the work is of God and must stand and therefore I am thus bold. The support of one or two Catechists to work among the Madras and Calcutta Indians would greatly help and encourage us, and the Government would allow one half. A Catechists pay is about 30 rupees per month. I am satisfied there is no unbroken or broken ground in all India better with the attention of the Church of Scotland than Mauritius."

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THE HOME MISSION COLLECTIONS of the Canada Presbyterian Church amounted last year to \$35,000. The expenditure on the mission to Trinidad and the New Hebrides amounts to \$14,000 a year.