

thers and sisters,—as such, penetrating the dense masses of Hindoo society and diffusing the leaven of the Gospel, even in the harem of the Mussulman and in the Zenana of the lordly Baboo, who among us can foresee what grand results may be produced through such apparently feeble instrumentality?

Nor is this all. While the children of our Sabbath Schools are thus watering others, there is a gracious promise that they will also themselves be watered; and the indirect effects of missionary enterprise among them are perhaps not less important than those to which allusion has been made above.

Next to an outpouring of the Spirit upon our Churches and Sabbath Schools, nothing is more earnestly to be desired than a more entire consecration of the energies and wealth of the Church to the service of the Lord. The more that this spirit prevails in our midst, the more we shall see our beloved Zion flourishing, and lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes of her scattered folds. If the wealth of the Church is to be poured into the Treasury of the Lord, and if the energies of His professing people are to be devoted to His service, experience would seem to show that the lesson must be impressed upon the young—that it must be taught in our Sabbath Schools. Here, then, is a scheme appealing at once to the sympathies of the children, and making them feel a direct interest in Missionary work—a scheme, too, which they have taken hold of with youthful ardour and affection. In every Sabbath School which has adopted the plan, a lesson is being taught, which, under the Divine blessing, will bear good fruit in the future history of our Church. In Canada the Gospel must be supported and propagated by voluntary efforts; and when we have been removed from this earthly scene, the burden will fall upon those very children who are now being trained in our Sabbath Schools. Is it not then a duty, as well as a high privilege, to commence early the course of preparation for the work which lies before them?

In conclusion, the Treasurer respectfully begs to submit the Reports and Accounts; and to add the assurance, that if they meet with the approval of the Synod, and if he is continued in office for another year no exertion on his part will be spared to carry on the scheme which he has feebly endeavoured to commence. He begs further to express his deep obligations to the *Presbyterian*, and to the *Juvenile Presbyterian*, for the very valuable co-operation which they have afforded, and without which comparatively little could have been accomplished.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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Kingston, 15th May, 1857.