

and Nott being the first Missionaries. These devoted men were soon aided by others and within twenty years were able to report to the great Society by whom they were sustained that they had 30 schools under their care with upwards of 1700 scholars. When we remember the total darkness in which the work was commenced, this advance may well be deemed a wonderful one. "There is no doubt," wrote one of the Missionaries in 1852, "but the Hindoo girls are capable of a high degree of improvement in all the departments of knowledge which are appropriate to their station in life."

Since the above year the work has advanced. The Church of Scotland early entered into the field, and in 1839 an extraordinary degree of interest was excited in the native mind by the baptism at the Scottish Mission of two Parsee young men. Violent opposition was raised by the Parsee population, but in vain, and the agitation showed how deeply the conscience and hearts of the natives had been touched. Wealthy Hindoos and Parsees spent large sums of money in printing and circulating books and tracts in support of their idolatries, and several papers and magazines were commenced in opposition to Christianity. This mode of attack however was one which the Missionaries could well meet, and immediately the Mission press was put in active operation. The issues of the idolatrous and infidel press were met by vast editions of Christian publications in every form and in many languages, and soon the Missionaries were able to write home—"Now the sound of the Gospel has gone out into all the land. The people of the most distant villages have heard, at least, that there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we can be saved but the name of Jesus."

LETTER FROM BOMBAY.

After the above brief account of Bombay, our readers will peruse with interest the following extracts from a letter written at the "Crow's Nest," as the Orphanage is called. Miss Young promises that the children will soon write to their kind supporters.

SCOTTISH FEMALE ORPHANAGE.

LIFE AT THE CROW'S NEST.

Bombay, 26 Nov., 1860.

We get up very early in the morning here. The girls boil