

insurance for the future of becoming conduct, the above condition having been fulfilled, the Commission do now remove the suspension after he has been suitably admonished by the Moderator.

It was then moved in amendment by Dr. Machar, and seconded by Mr. MacLennan: That the Commission, while they regard with satisfaction the general tenor of Mr. Whyte's application, while they would hail with joy every token of his repentance, and while they have listened with pleasure to the testimony borne in Mr. Whyte's favour by members of this Commission who have held intercourse with him, yet, inasmuch as sufficient time has not yet elapsed for Mr. Whyte's giving proof of the sincerity of his repentance and so regaining the confidence of the Christian community, consider that it would not be for edification to remove the sentence of suspension in this case for the present.

It was next moved by Mr. McKerras, and seconded by Mr. Bain: That the Commission, having heard read a letter from Mr. Whyte, making application to have the decision come to at last meeting of Synod (in his case) removed, and having also received a favourable statement of the manner in which he has conducted himself during the past summer from several ministers living in proximity to the place of his temporary residence, yet upon a calm and conjunct view of the circumstances of the case deem it inexpedient at present to remove the sentence of suspension.

The vote was then taken on the amendments of Dr. Machar and Mr. McKerras, when, Dr. Machar's having been carried by a large majority, that of Mr. McKerras was declared to be lost.

The vote was next taken on Dr. Machar's amendment and Mr. Burnet's motion, when Dr. Machar's was carried by a majority of nine to three, and the Commission decerned in terms thereof.

It was then moved by Professor George, and seconded by Mr. Burnet: That the Commission hold an adjourned meeting in Toronto on the third Tuesday of February at four o'clock P. M. with a view of taking further action in the case of Mr. Whyte, if deemed advisable, and of taking up all other competent business.

It was also moved in amendment by Judge Malloch, and seconded by Mr. Mowat, Elder: That, inasmuch as there is no further business before this Commission, it do now adjourn sine die.

The vote being taken, Professor George's motion carried by a majority, and accordingly the Commission adjourned to meet in Toronto on the third Tuesday of February at four o'clock P. M.

THE CALCUTTA ORPHANAGE AND ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOL, HAMILTON.

We have much pleasure in inserting the ensuing letter. We are gratified that this interesting work has been engaged in,

and we trust that many of our Schools will take part in the effort. We know of no means more likely to awaken in the minds of the young a zeal for the cause of Missions than thus linking their sympathies with the education and progress of a young orphan in India's distant land. We learn that the name "Mary Hamilton" has been bestowed upon the little *protégée* by the children of St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School in lieu of her heathen name "Soua." We trust to hear of her mental and spiritual progress, and that many of our schools will emulate this example.

SCOTTISH LADIES' ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF FEMALE EDUCATION IN INDIA.

THE REV. ROBERT BURNET, HAMILTON, CANADA WEST.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—Mr. John Paton, Kingston, has written, informing me that the children attending your Sabbath-school have resolved to support an orphan at our Orphan Refuge, Calcutta. This is very good news, coming from the Far West, and reaching unto the distant East. The Gospel knows no latitude. I would recommend to the appropriation and prayers of my young friends little "Soua" in the Orphanage; and, if they will send me a Christian name to be given to her, I will forward it to the Superintendent at Calcutta.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN WRIGHT,

Secretary.

Edinburgh, 25th August, 1855.

CONGREGATION OF KITLEY.

An examination of the Sabbath-school at Ross's Corner, Kitley, took place on Sabbath, the 21st October. It has been in operation about 6 months. The progress made by the children in general far surpassed my expectation, and was highly creditable to the teachers. They recited portions of the Scriptures and of the paraphrases approved of by the Church of Scotland, thus storing the mind with religious and useful knowledge, which time can never efface or entirely obliterate.

I have for more than 40 years witnessed the operations and permanent advantage of such schools; and I can say from long experience that I know no institution in the circle of Christian enterprise, in my judgement, better adapted for advancing the Kingdom of Christ than by training the rising generation in our Sabbath-schools.

It seems to me, under Divine Providence, to be the surest way of guarding the young against Sabbath desecration, infidelity, and the many unhallowed scenes of folly and dissipation which prevail especially in those parts where a standing Gospel Ministry has not been established. But store the mind of our youth with Gospel truth, and you have them well equipped to defend themselves against the various attacks of the enemy, having "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." But

those, ignorant of the law and testimony, are subject to error in principle, and to be "carried about with every wind of doctrine."

It is my most earnest desire that all professing Christians, of whatever denomination they may be, would duly appreciate the advantage of Sabbath-school instruction.

D. EVANS, Minister.

DEATH OF THE HONORABLE THOMAS MCKAY.

We have this month to record the death of the Honorable Thomas McKay. This melancholy event took place at Rideau Hall, his late residence, near the City of Ottawa on Tuesday 9th October. He was born at Perth in Scotland on the 1st September, 1792; and his age consequently was 63 years and 39 days.

Mr. McKay's remains were followed to the tomb by a numerous body of all classes and of all denominations of Christians, and on the following Sabbath a funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. Alex. Spence in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa City, of which Mr. McKay was an Elder and Trustee. We give the following extract from that sermon:

"We have doubtless at the present time a call for consideration. A breach has taken place among the office-bearers of this church, and shall we not lay it to heart? If there is joy in Heaven at the sinner's first turning unto God, doubtless there is more exceeding joy when the righteous is admitted to the heavenly mansions; and, if interest is manifested in Heaven when a righteous man dies, shall we, the members of this congregation, cherish apathy or unbelief? Shall we lay ourselves open to that charge which was brought against the men of Israel of old, when the prophet said of them—"The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart."

"It is very true that it has not been our practice in this place to attempt a delineation of the character of those who from time to time are removed from amongst us to an eternal world. But it is to be borne in mind that an Elder is public property; and, this being the case, surely we may be excused for endeavouring to pay some tribute of respect to the memory of one whose history as an office-bearer in this church is to be identified with the history of the congregation itself. It is now nearly 25 years since he, who died in the Lord on Tuesday last, was set apart to the holy office of the eldership, being ordained the 9th of January, 1834; and his memory must ever be connected in the minds of the members of this congregation with the most deeply interesting of their associations. Nor was the deceased connected with this congregation only as an Elder. As a trustee and manager, he was led to take a part in regulating its temporal affairs. And we might safely