

missionaries, including one from our own Church, were numbered among the slain. Truly in that land the Gospel seed has been sown in tears; but, if the blood of the martyrs has in former ages been made the seed of the Church, we may look for a glorious harvest after such a dark night of weeping.

In these days of universal information among young and old, events such as have taken place in India could not escape the attention even of the youngest in our Sabbath Schools, and deep has been the interest which they have manifested. To this increased interest, under the Divine blessing, may in part be attributed the enlargement of the Scheme, and its extension among the schools during the year. But, while thus out of evil good has been made to arise in Canada, missionary operations in India have been sadly retarded—nay, in many instances arrested altogether. Great cause have we for thankfulness to Him who can cause the wrath of men to praise Him, that the hand of the ruthless destroyer has been averted from the schools connected with the scheme. Calcutta, at one time, was in imminent danger; human strength could not have arrested the storm which was ready to burst upon that city; and Miss Hebron, in some of her interesting letters from the Orphanage, wrote of the awful state of suspense which existed for some weeks. An Almighty hand was their protector, and the dark clouds were made to pass away.

The chief difficulty now experienced is the impossibility of appropriating orphans to the schools and individuals who have applied for them while such a state of matters exists. No less than eighteen applications are thus unanswered, the schools in most instances waiting with great patience until their desire can be satisfied by the appropriation of an orphan. It is hoped that ere long tranquility will be restored, and the supply be again found equal to the demand.

Among the orphans actually on the list are many of great promise, and of whom deeply interesting reports have been received from time to time, and published in *The Juvenile Presbyterian*. These girls are generally rescued from the cruel destruction to which the fanatical zeal of their parents had devoted them, or from a life of infamy as attendants at the horrid temple rites. Brought into the Orphanages before their minds have been debased, the girls are placed in circumstances of comfort, and enjoy the unspeakable advantages of Christian education. What a change is this for the long degraded females of India! After a few years of such training most of them become either the wives of native catechists, or teachers and monitresses in our schools, and thus snatched as brands from the burning, they become instrumental in turning many of the perishing heathen from darkness to light. Many interesting cases might be described among the orphans supported by our schools, but full details are beyond the limits of this report. One however may be noticed, who is a monitress in a Marathi school at Bombay, and supported by St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, Montreal. In Miss Hebron's Report for January, 1858, there occurs the following passage:—

“It is pleasant and delightful to inform you about Chundrie, she is getting on remarkably well, both with her studies and needle-work, and she is now able to give assistance in instructing others.”

An entirely new feature has been given to this scheme by the