

calculate that there were on the rolls last year not less than 103,000 children in the Sabbath Schools in connection with the Church of Scotland, with nearly 8600 teachers. Is not this indeed encouraging? Said we not well that our Sabbath schools form part of a mighty army, but not of an army trained to deeds of earthly warfare. The Sabbath school is indeed an important institution of the Church—teachers hold a responsible position, and pupils enjoy many privileges. It is hopeful that so many are thus being familiarized with the holy Scriptures. May the truths taught, therein, take deep root in their hearts, and may teachers and taught, proving worthy soldiers of the Cross, be enrolled in the army of the Lord of Hosts, and, when their earthly warfare is ended, receive the victors' crown.



LETTER TO OUR READERS.

ORPHAN REFUGE, CALCUTTA.

THE many young readers of the "Juvenile Presbyterian," who collect money to support children in the Orphanage for female orphans in Calcutta, will be delighted to read the following letter, from a kind correspondent in Calcutta, addressed to the Children of Scotland, which has arrived from India, and which we extract from the "Juvenile Record of the Church of Scotland." It will encourage their hearts.

"My dear Children,—I was at the opening of the new Orphanage here on Tuesday the 11th of February, and I thought while there, how delighted some of the children of Scotland would have been if they could have witnessed the whole scene. Now I would like to interest you in the children of India, and I am going to give you a little sketch of our Tuesday's meeting:—

"The house, which was the Orphanage before, was sold lately and Mr. and Mrs. Yule were obliged to look out for another; they got one not far from the old one, and, after they got all settled, it was proposed to have a meeting of the friends of female education here in the new school. We assembled in the hall, and one side was arranged for the girls. Between fifty and sixty were there, all sitting with bright happy faces clothed in the native costume, with a white chudoh over their