

as also that of the Rev. A. P. Marshall to the Presbytery of Kingston. These are encouraging instances of the interest taken in our welfare by the Colonial Committee, who are earning the gratitude of Colonists by their zeal, judgement and liberality. We have indeed reason to rejoice and take courage that laborers are forthcoming to the harvest.

#### WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND

The Managers of this Fund request the attention of Presbyteries to the injunction, laid upon them by the Synod in 1856, to furnish the Board with a statement of the date of ordination or induction of all ministers now on the roll of the Synod. They are also requested to comply with the directions of Synod, in 1856 and 1857, to communicate to the Board the date of every ordination or induction within one month thereafter. These particulars are necessary to enable the Board to fix the annuity in case of a demise, and non-observance of them may lead to delay and hardship in individual cases.

Another very important regulation, which is often neglected, is the obligation laid upon Presbyteries, "At the meeting next succeeding the decease of any one of the members, to communicate the event to the Secretary, accompanied by such information as may enable the Board to place the widow on the Fund." Without official information the Board cannot act with promptitude or confidence, and Presbyteries are earnestly requested to make it a duty to comply with regulations, the strict observance of which is especially necessary to the satisfactory working of this very important Fund.

ALEX. MORRIS,

Secretary.

Montreal, 15th Sept., 1857.

#### THE CANADIAN JEWISH AND FOREIGN MISSION.

We insert in this issue the Report of the Committee on the Jewish and Foreign Mission of our Church, and to which we direct the attention of our readers. The matter it treats of is one of deep interest. We hold strong views as to the duty of every church to do what it can in the Mission work, Home and Foreign. We are, moreover, firmly persuaded that God blesses such efforts, when undertaken and prosecuted in a right spirit, and we are confident that the reflex influence for good upon the Church at home, resulting from a Foreign Mission, is very great. We understand that the Committee are taking steps to endeavour to secure the services of a Missionary of a right stamp, a man of scholarly attainments, calm judgment and earnest piety, and earnestly trust that such an instrument will be raised up for the work.

Meanwhile we recommend the effort

to the sympathies and prayers of our people, and trust that every minister will give their congregation an opportunity of contributing to this excellent Missionary work. Its claims need not conflict with those of the French Mission, which we have lately urged.

The support of each is alike a duty and a privilege, and we feel sure that our people will rejoice to devote a portion of their means to the support of such excellent objects. Our country is prosperous—let then all rejoice to own that this prosperity is a blessing from the Lord, and regard it as a privilege and a sacred duty to give out of their abundance to the service of their Master, and to work themselves in a corner of His vineyard. If Christians but fully understood their duty, and gave, laboured and prayed, each as in the sight of the Lord, how wonderfully might not the Church advance to take possession of the world! So may it be.

We only add that collections may be forwarded to Alexander Morris, Esq., Montreal, the Treasurer to the Committee.

#### SAD ENDING OF THE PUNJAB MISSION.—THE MURDER OF MR. HUNTER, A SCOTTISH MISSIONARY &c.

We have very painful intelligence to communicate from India. Those of our readers, who have perused the missionary intelligence with which we from time to time supply them, will be familiar with the name of Rev. T. Hunter. This devoted missionary was sent some two years ago to India, to institute a new mission of the Church of Scotland in the Punjab. The mission at Bombay being weak-handed, he remained there some time learning the native language, but in October last, much to the regret of his fellow missionaries, he left for his new field of labour, accompanied by a young convert, Mahomet Ismail, who was training for the Ministry. They travelled constantly from Bombay for three months, some 1800 miles, till they reached their destination, Sealkote, where they found three American Missionaries.

Mr. Hunter immediately commenced his labours with much fidelity, as will be seen from a letter of his which will be found in the *Presbyterian* for August, page 122. He opened two Schools, one for girls, another for boys—a weekly Hindustani service for adults, theological training of the convert, and Presbyterian services among the European officers and men. In this letter he breathes the fervent prayer, "Oh, that the Holy Spirit may direct all our ways and enable us to glorify our Heavenly Father in the conversion of these young creatures." He little thought how soon he would be made to glorify his Master by dying the Martyr's death. Full of promise was the beginning of this earnest Missionary's labours; very soon to our eyes and very sad has been the ending, for, alas, we learn that in the recent mutiny of a

regiment at Sealkote Mr. Hunter, his wife and child, who had not sought shelter at the fort, were cruelly murdered by those whose highest good they sought.

Truly the position of India is such as to call forth fervent prayer that the craftiness of the wicked and the superstition of the idolater may be brought to naught, and that the Truth may soon mightily prevail in all its benighted borders. We have no tidings either of the convert or of the American Missionaries, but trust they may have been preserved.

#### ANOTHER LETTER FROM CALCUTTA.

THE STATE OF INDIA—THE ORPHANAGE—THE CANADIAN SCHOOL.

We have again the pleasure of inserting a second deeply interesting letter from Miss Hebron, written in view of danger and peril the most terrible, and giving an account of the position of the Orphanage at Calcutta, and also bringing down our intelligence from India to the 20th of July. We trust that all our readers will respond to her earnest request for our prayers, and that all our congregations will unitedly offer up their petitions for peace to India. We augur nappy results from the opening of a correspondence with Calcutta, and hope soon to be able to announce the completion of arrangements for the opening of the "Canadian School." Meanwhile, we would say, "Pray for poor benighted India." "Pray for us." This is indeed a time for earnest prayer on behalf of India. Are our young readers bearing in mind Miss Hebron's appeal? They have given liberal donations on behalf of missions—are they now giving their prayers also? The hand of an overruling Providence alone can protect the British population of India in midst of thousands, nay millions, who are thirsting for their blood. Let us pray then in our closets, at our family altar, in our Churches and Sabbath schools—for never was there a time in the history of Missions, as well as in the history of our Colonies, when this was more urgently called for.

SCOTTISH ORPHANAGE,

10, Lower Circular Road,

Calcutta, 17th July, 1857.

To JOHN PATON, Esq.,  
Kingston, Canada.

My Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in forwarding five half-yearly Reports of the girls in the Orphanage, supported by the Canadian Churches. We are in your debt three children, which I have not been able to make up yet, owing to the great mortality we had here for a few months. I will bear the three names in mind, and, as soon as we have some unappropriated, your list shall be filled up.

I hope my answer to your last has reached you, as I was not quite sure how to direct. Our Orphanage, I am thankful to say, is getting on very satisfactorily. In the early part