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CONGREGATION OF SALT SPRINGS AND GAIRLOCH.

It is known to many of our people that a call has been numerously signed by this congregation, and forwarded to the Presbytery of Pictou, in favor of Mr. Mackay of Belfast. Mr. Mackay having expressed his willingness to accept this call, a short delay has been caused by the Presbytery of P. E. Island, which felt some difficulty as to the propriety of the translation in the circumstances. Commissioners were appointed by the Presbytery of Pictou to go to the Island and prosecute the matter. The Presbytery of P. E. Island, in consequence of their representations, having accepted of Mr. Mackay's resignation, the translation of Mr. McKay to Gairloch and Salt Springs is to be proceeded with immediately. The presence of this gentleman will be as welcome to the people in this county, in our present condition, as his removal has been contemplated with regret by the Presbytery and the Church of P. E. Island, and, on the part of the people, we understand, with peculiar sorrow. We can rejoice in the change, however, on our own account, without being chargeable with any selfish disregard of Belfast congregation—dear to many as the scene of the labors of the late amiable and accomplished minister, Mr. MacLennan; because it is confidently stated, that the congregation is already on terms for obtaining the services of another Gaelic minister, whose labors in this district have been abundant, and whose personal intercourse is esteemed. Gairloch and Salt Springs are a vast field of labor, and it would be sad to contemplate its continued spiritual destitution. It is to be hoped that these arrangements may proceed without delay.

The two subjoined communications have been sent for publication. It is hoped that they may be of such interest as to induce all our Sabbath Schools to support each an orphan in India.—[ED. MONTHLY RECORD.

ORPHANAGE CALCUTTA SABBATH-SCHOOL, PICTOU.

The following letter, with reference to the appropriation of an orphan in the institution at Calcutta to the St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, Pictou, has been deemed of sufficient interest to appear in the *Record*, and is therefore submitted for publication.

It may be right to explain that in the East, where females marry early, it becomes of consequence to have them educated on Christian

principles while young; and that when deprived of their parents, it becomes expedient to remove them to an institution where they will be maintained and trained; hence the propriety of an orphanage.

The one at Calcutta has been in operation for some time. It numbers pupils, a good proportion of whom are attached to Calcutta and the Lower Provinces, and all of whom we believe, are gratuitously supported by the Sabbath school at home or in the colony. Lately the building required enlargement, that more pupils were applied for than could be provided for. This circumstance accounted for "so many not yet appropriated." The Sabbath School had for one year previously contributed £4 to the scheme, when the cheering intelligence arrived of a girl set apart to their prayers and support. This is an additional motive for their exertion, and it is to be hoped will not be unimproved.

The following letter sufficiently speaks for itself. It is from the senior chaplain of the Scotch Church, Calcutta, to his brother here.

CALCUTTA, February 23rd, 1853

*My Dear Brother*.—I am glad to be able to report that from the 18th instant, a ward in our Orphanage has been allotted to St. Andrew's Church, Pictou. Her name is Margaret, her age about 6 years.

It was only at the beginning of this month the school moved into new and somewhat larger premises, where there is accommodation for an increased number of inmates; and this little girl has come under charge so recently, you cannot expect much to be known of her yet. She has a round face, and dark complexion. But of her family much may be told of a deeply interesting character.

Her father was Walayat Ali, originally a high Mussulman in Agra, but brought to Lord Jesus more than 20 years ago by the instrumentality of Colonel Wheeler, that zealous single-minded Christian officer. Previous to his conversion, an enthusiastic follower of a false prophet, he became, through grace, a noble and bold preacher of the true faith. Having joined the Baptist Society, he was in connection with it, stationed some years as a missionary at Delhi. It was a position to a man like him of no small trial and peril; but he counted not his life dear unto him, so that he might testify the blessed gospel. He was actually called to seal his testimony with blood.

His widow has furnished a narrative, from which I take the following facts:—On Monday, the 11th May, about 9 o'clock in the morning, as her husband was preparing to go out to preach, sounds of the mutiny and massacre reached them. To an entreaty to flee for his life, he replied: "This is no time to flee, except to God in prayer." And calling all his house to their knees, he thus made supplication: "O Lord, many of my people have been slain before this by the sword, and burnt in the fire for thy name's sake. Thou didst