

of the young men. This is much, but more is to be desired.


"On the last Sunday in February I endeavoured to unfold the solemn truths contained in Isaiah, chap. liii. My words were heard with rapt attention, and at the close one warm-hearted youth said: 'But do not you, our teacher, by your noble words, also in a real sense take away our sins, and therefore deserve our homage?' My answer to this was, 'No—the feeling which prompts such a suggestion is a natural one, and priests in all ages (those of India included) have been only too willing to encourage it. But I am a sinner myself, and need my own sins taken away. If my teaching proves helpful to you it is simply because I try to speak the words of God; to Him therefore is the glory due, and not to me. If you let me see that you are grateful to me, it is enough.' The young men did not need to speak their gratitude that day. Their eyes were filled with it as, one by one, they bade me farewell.

"During last week I continued to enforce the claims of Christ. At last on Friday I was favoured with the largest attendance I had ever had during the session, and I took full advantage of the opportunity. The subjects considered were—Was Christ divine? and Why should the Hindus prefer Christianity to their own religion? I received the very best attention, but I was particularly struck with the manner of one member of this class. His eye never left me for one moment. I had previously learned indirectly that he entertained for me personally feelings of the warmest affection. On this day, however, he was evidently deeply touched. When he reached his lodgings he was seized with a strong desire to come and lay bare to me the whole state of his heart, but a companion dissuaded him. I saw him again on Sunday evening (last night), and he waited with me two hours after the other members of the class had gone. He is an adherent of the Brahma Somaj, and has many difficulties in the way of belief, so I went over them one by one, dwelling especially on redemption by Jesus Christ. To-day I learn that he accepts Jesus as divine, and likes to think of Him as the Redeemer. He has received the by-name "Father" at the hands of his fellows, in imitation of the style of the Roman Catholic Church. Another of the students of the same class is from the same lodging, and rejoices in the by-name of "David." I am very hopeful that the two may prove to be as David and Jonathan in friendship and in adherence to the truth. They intend to be missionaries in

any case, and I trust will not be allowed to stop short of becoming Christian missionaries. Meanwhile there is an adverse influence at work in the domineering influence of an older student in the lodgings. "David" looks upon this as a persecution, and is determined to resist it at all hazards, but he fears it may prove too much for his friend. In accord with the desire of the latter they retire each day to their closet, and each prays in turn for more light and guidance. Will we not all pray with them, that they may enjoy the full light of God in peace?

Mr. Edwards has been good enough to write this out for me, as I have been engaged for two hours this afternoon in meeting the religious difficulties of the young men, and have been unable to overtake all my correspondence.—*Kirk Mission Record*.

LETTER FROM SCOTLAND AND INDIA.

OUR readers will peruse with pleasure the following letters from our friend Mrs. Robert J. Cameron. They represent the interest taken in our Foreign Missions, and may inspire many others to engage in the good work of endeavoring to spread the knowledge of God's love among those who are at present far beyond the control of Christian influences:

4 MANOR PLACE, EDINBURGH, May 17.

DEAR MR. MELVILLE,—I enclose a letter which I received from Hemonto Banerje, a native teacher in Calcutta, who is supported by St. Andrew's S. School, New Glasgow. I thought by sending it to you to insert in the RECORD it would be generally read and perhaps stimulate other Sunday Schools to take a deeper interest in the foreign field. I also send you a copy of *News of Female Missions*. There is an interesting article in it on a "Conversazione of Christian Workers," at which I was present, and it was a delightful and most enthusiastic meeting.

The General Assembly meets in two days (19th May). It will be a public holiday, as the Queen's Birthday is to be observed on that day. Our weather is charming, quite summer-like, and has been so for two or three weeks.

We receive the MONTHLY RECORD regularly, and enjoy it much. The last number was particularly interesting.

With kind regards to Mrs. Melville and yourself, in which my sister unites,

Yours sincerely,
S. CAMERON.