

before orphans could be appropriated to them. The fatal ravages of famine have effected a sad change, and surely such an appeal cannot be listened to without a response from Christian hearts. It comes from a land to which Great Britain is indebted for much of her wealth, and without which she could not now fill her proud position in the world. It comes from those who are now our fellow-subjects, and whose spiritual welfare was too long sacrificed to wealth and power by a mercenary company. With greater force than ever therefore does this scheme commend itself to the youth of our Church. By their contributions much good has already been done in India, and the way is now open under God's blessing to accomplish even greater things. The influence of such an effort cannot fail to react with beneficial effects upon our rising generation, training them to liberality and self-denial before the love of the world or the pursuit of gain can have hardened their young hearts, and preparing them for the generous support in after life of our own church and her various schemes. Such an effort as this, humble in itself, may therefore be of vast importance in its future results, and in reliance on the Divine blessing it is again commended to the countenance and support of the Synod.

A full financial statement is appended, and the whole respectfully submitted.

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*Treasurer to the Synod.*

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