

THE CALCUTTA ORPHANAGE.

The Secretary has received the following interesting letter from Miss Hebron, Calcutta, dated 7th February, 1857:—

"I just write a few lines to enclose a note and a collar from Mary Fendall for Mrs. Bell, her supporter. Mary is going to be married to a native Christian doctor, at Kishnaghur, in government employ. I can bear testimony to her good conduct ever since I took charge of the Orphanage; she has made herself generally useful, and I was training her as a teacher; but if she has been brought to a knowledge of the truth, as I sincerely hope she has, then she may still be useful where she is going. The missionary residing there I am well acquainted with; and I have asked him and his wife to look after Mary, and put her in the way of doing good to her heathen country-women, so that the seed sown in the Orphanage may bring forth fruit elsewhere a hundred-fold: and to God be all the praise; and thanks to those dear friends who aid us with their prayers.

"I am not able yet to send a correct list of the children, as some have not returned from their holidays; but as soon as we have our full number, I hope to do so. We shall soon have an examination of the children, and I will send a programme of their studies. It is about a twelve-month now since I took charge of the Orphanage, and thank my heavenly Father that He has enabled me to go through my duties cheerfully,—kind Mr. Herdman assisting me through my little troubles: little they have been, compared with the immense responsibility. And I also thank those dear friends in Scotland, who have aided me by their prayers and encouraged me by their letters."—*Home Record, for May.*

MISSIONARY TIDINGS.

PUNJAB.—A FAR-OFF FIELD.

Mr. Hunter, whom we mentioned some time ago as having left Bombay for this distant quarter, has written a long and interesting letter, giving an account of his arrival there, accompanied by the convert Mahomet Ismail. They travelled constantly for about three months, and in that time passed over a distance from Bombay of nearly 1800 miles. Their way led them through wild perilous retreats, dark jungle forest, great solitudes of nature, and scenes wondrous in their beauty, but haunted by the shadows of idol-worship.