

At present there are more than 400 in connexion, I believe, and quite a number are wealthy merchants, bankers, lawyers, doctors, etc., etc. A minister was hired some eight or nine months ago, at the enormous salary, for that size and wealth, of \$1600. There was an extensive revival a year ago, when some 70 were added to the Church, as the phrase goes. At the beginning of the year, as is the custom, the pews were auctioned, and, from some cause or other, failed to go as smartly as heretofore, and now the talk is that they cannot afford to pay such a salary, unless a man is got that will fill up the pews and have them all let. There is an example of financial policy, which I recommend to friends in Nova Scotia. The truth is, the congregation is *run*, as the youngsters say, by a banking firm, who could well afford to pay the salary themselves, and hardly miss it, but the head of the firm contents himself with paying \$50 or so for a pew. The collections to the mission schemes do not average over \$30 or \$40.

While saying that such a state of things as this exists in some places, as I said before, I am not to be understood as affirming that it is the general rule. I only say that the laxness of the application of Presbyterian order allows such a caricature of finance and of the running of a congregation to go on, and in some places the people are mean enough to take advantage of it. In the case last referred to, it is well known that a clique guides the helm, and their guidance has resulted in breaking the congregation both spiritually and financially. Much stress is laid on the winter's revival; and if that fails, the standing of the minister is endangered.

LEUMAS.

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INDIA.—The Rev. James P. Lang, brother of the Rev. Gavin Lang, of St. Andrew's, Montreal, and a college friend of many of our younger ministers who studied in Glasgow, has been promoted from the position of missionary to that of chaplain in the Madras Presidency. He was inducted to the office according to the forms of the Church, by the Presbytery of Edinburgh.

## Foreign Missions.

### Letters from Miss Johns.

THE two following letters have been received from Miss Johns, and, though specially intended for friends in St. Matthew's Congregation and the Sunday School, are sent to the *Record* with the hope that many in the Church will remember her and her work in their prayers. In a private letter she says, "I hope that I have not given you a very discouraging account of Mission work here. I do not mean to do so, but to tell honestly my impressions. One thing I fail to see the advantage of, and that is, so many separate missions. Why are we all separate and looking askance at each other, afraid lest others should see our weak points, or learn anything from us, and so advance beyond us?" Alas, why? If this strikes a stranger, how much must it strike the heathen around? She also says, "Rev. Mr. Douglas, (Vicar of all Saints, Derby, England), is at present here. He is making an evangelistic tour through India. Special services and prayer meetings are now being held in the church and at the Mission House, and Christ Church House. I have been at both, and can honestly pray for their success, and feel that any awakening among the European or East Indian people will benefit the heathen around. I was glad to hear Mr. Douglas say one or two things about the heathen servants, and the conduct of Christian people toward them, that had impressed myself." Let us not forget our missionary in Madras:—

MADRAS, Dec. 30th, 1874.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—

I had thought of waiting until I could speak more definitely and experimentally of the work here; but on second thoughts determined to send you a few lines, which may perhaps give you some