

ministers of our church, the duty of frequently urging on their people's attention, the connexion between earnest prayer and the success of every Christian effort. The labours which formed the subject of earnest and persevering prayer in the church were invariably crowned with success. Such labours cannot fail. The word of the living and true God is pledged for it, that this cannot be. He hath promised, and He will make that promise good. It is no presumption to ask and confidently to hope for large and rich blessings on our public efforts. It is no presumption to cherish the confident assurance that we shall receive all that our Lord promised to bestow. This is real humility, and simply the belief that God is true, and that His word is worthy of confidence. Your committee would express the hope that the God of all grace will make this, which is our first missionary effort, a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord to the whole body of our church, and mark forever on its history the beginning of a new era, which shall be distinguished by thorough earnestness in the work of Christ, shewing ministers and people alike sharing in the one noble feeling, that the great object of life is to work for Him and extend the glory of His name. Why should not the gospel which has rescued thousands of the most degraded from the lowest depths of vice, and transformed them into living epistles of Christ, known and read of all men, be not sufficient to revive and quicken, and adorn with every grace and excellence, the multitudes who compose our Christian communities? Shall we be satisfied with forms and mere profession, which confer no benefit in life nor any hope in death, while even the loathsome cannibal reclaimed by its power is found rejoicing in the hopes of the Gospel? While we pray for the perishing heathen, we need as earnestly to pray for ourselves, and for the saving success of the Gospel in our midst. Let us labour with all our diligence to bring within the Kingdom of Heaven the poor blinded idolator, but let us labour with still more earnest diligence to make sure of it, that we ourselves may not be excluded.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. MACLEAN, *Convener.*

APPENDIX F.

REPORT ON INDIAN ORPHANAGE SCHEME.

I beg to report that I have, since the first of January last, remitted to the Treasurer of the Indian Orphanage, at Edinburgh, the following sums, viz:

St. Paul's Church Sabbath School, Fredericton, for Janet Brooke, at Madras £4 stg.

St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, Chatham, for Susannah, at Madras. . . . 4 "

£8

I have also remitted to the Treasurer of the Gyah Orphanage, at Glasgow, the sum of £6 8s. sterling, for two years' collection at Woodstock and Northampton Sabbath Schools, no remittance having been made last year.

I regret to find, from the Rev. Mr. Wilkins' letter enclosing this sum, that although collections will continue to be made in aid of the scheme, the Woodstock and Northampton schools will be unable to raise sufficient for the support of the orphan that was allocated to them, and they request that she may be transferred to the first one making application to have an orphan assigned. The collection made at St. James' Church, Newcastle, for Rebecca, at Poonah, was transmitted through the Treasurer, at Kingston, Ontario.

Respectfully submitted by

DANIEL FERGUSON, *Treasurer.*