

of the Synod of Nova Scotia having taken a deep interest in the Indian Orphanage and Juvenile Mission, and several respected ministers of the Synod having kindly expressed their approval of the effort, I trust I may be pardoned for venturing to submit a very brief statement of its present position and operations. I am the more anxious to do this, as the committee of the Scottish Ladies' Association for Female Education in India have requested me to become the channel of communication with schools in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, which duty for the past few months I have been endeavoring, though very imperfectly, to discharge.

The following amounts have been received during the past year, from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, on account of this scheme :

From the Rev. Mr. Herdman's Sabbath School, Pictou, N. S., for the support of Rhoda, \$16.00

From St. James' Sabbath School, Charlottetown, P.E.I., for the support of Rachel, and to present her with a Bible, 23.00

From the Sabbath School Missionary Association, St. John, N.B., for the support of Alpee (now Catherine Donald)—and in addition to the half sovereign sent to India to purchase a Bible, &c., 29.20

From St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School at Fredericton, N. B., for the support of Janet Brooke—also to purchase a Bible, 22.00

From the Sabbath School at Newcastle, Miramichi, for support of Mingie, and to purchase a Bible for her—the name to be changed, and "Henderson" added, 24.00

Total for year ending May, 1862, \$114.20

The total income of the Juvenile Mission since its commencement, has been as follows :

For year ending May, 1856, \$117.50

" " 1857, 392.70

" " 1858, 542.00

" " 1859, 477.53

" " 1860, 427.75

" " 1861, 505.22

" " 1862, 759.33

Add balance in Treasurer's hands, 184.70

Total, \$3,406.73

The above affords pleasing evidence of the deep root which this scheme has taken in our Sabbath Schools, and of the interest felt in it by our youth. The fact that an orphan has been specially placed under their care, and is dependent upon them for support, at once arrests children's attention, and gives them an object for their missionary exertions. Occasional letters to and from India, reports as to conduct and progress of the little proteges, photographic likenesses, specimens of needlework, &c., all aid to keep up the interest thus formed. And who can properly es-

timate the value of the influences thus brought to bear? In distant India they are felt far beyond the Orphanages, because from there are now being sent forth numbers of christian females, trained for the work of instruction, and most of them imbued with the spirit and principles of the religion of Jesus Christ. As the wives of native catechists, as teachers, as governesses in the families of the wealthier natives, these once neglected orphans are now accomplishing a great work among the people of Hindustan, and especially among the long down-trodden females of that vast country, who have hitherto been shut out from all christian influences.

There are now four Orphanages maintained by the Ladies' Association, under the auspices of the General Assembly's Indian Mission Committee, viz.: at Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, and Sealkote—from all of which, interesting accounts have been received. Many schools being unable to collect the sum of \$20 required for the support of an orphan, and it having sometimes been found that applications for orphans could not be met without delays, a new effort was commenced at Calcutta by opening a native school under the same arrangement as the Orphanages. This has been very successful, there being over 50 children in attendance, and the number could easily be doubled did the funds permit. It has been arranged to divide the school into classes of four or five in each, and to call these classes by appropriate names, selected by the schools or individuals who may undertake their support,—the annual cost of which is fixed at \$10. Three such classes have now been thus taken up, and several more are still unappropriated. In addition to the regular work of teaching, in which he is aided by his wife, the teacher of this school also does valuable missionary work in his own neighbourhood, devoting much of his spare time to this labour of love.

The *Juvenile Presbyterian*, published by John Lovell, publisher, Montreal, and of which the annual cost is only \$1 for five copies, is the regular channel for information respecting the orphans—all reports, letters, &c., being inserted by me in this little paper. To such Sabbath Schools, therefore, as take an interest in the juvenile mission, I beg very strongly to recommend the *Juvenile Presbyterian*.

In conclusion, I have only to add the earnest hope that this humble effort to interest the youth of the Church of Scotland in these Provinces in the cause of missions, may be approved and recommended by the Synod of Nova Scotia. Those who are thus early taught to take an interest in the Redeemer's cause, and to contribute to its advancement, may be expected in future years to be not the least useful or liberal members of our Church.

Should the plan meet with the approval of the Synod, I would very respectfully suggest the expediency of appointing, within its own