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After which, a collection was taken up, amounting to \$12.16; subscriptions paid in, \$26.05; subscriptions not paid in, \$22.25. [*See Treasurer's Account.*]

The attendance at this meeting was good, and interest manifested encouraging.

The meeting was closed by singing the Doxology, and pronouncing the Benediction.

J. I. PORTER, *Secretary.*

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

Of all the enterprises that are being carried forward in the world, that of Foreign Missions stands first. It is the echo of the work of redemption by Jesus Christ—of the spirit of that compassion which moved Heaven toward the sin-cursed earth. It has to do with the highest good of our fellow-men—with time and eternity. God, in his providence, has given us an interest in this enterprise. We are "workers together with Him," and with our brethren of other lands, in order to the accomplishing of the object in view—the salvation of souls. And while we regard this as an exalted privilege, we are also gratified with the assurance that our labour is not in vain.

On other similar occasions we have referred to glorious results of Mission work among the heathen; and in this, another annual communication, we can report progress.

The last annual report from our Foreign Mission field in India—and which was published through the Mission press at Midnapore—is full of cheering words, and references to interesting incidents, and wonderful successes in the Missionary work. One has said that it is one of the most interesting reports ever received. It is true, there has been no wonderful overwhelming flood of light upon the Mission field, nor upon any one part of it; but all departments of the Missionary work have been prosecuted steadily and earnestly, with a good degree of success.

Dr. and Mrs. Bachelor were compelled, on account of poor health, to leave the field, and return to America, which was an apparent drawback, but others seemed to put on more energy and zeal to make up the deficiency. The Secretary of the India Report says, that the most cheering fact of the year is the increasing prominence of the native agency in the Mission work. He says, "Not only the native preachers, but also the lay element in the Church, are taking hold of the work in hearty earnest."

We find that from the children taken in hand by the Missionaries during the fearful famine of 1866, and trained in the schools, some have become teachers in other village schools, some have engaged in the Zenana work, and some have married, and have founded a christian settlement.

The Zenana work seems to be extending in breadth and increasing in influence. One very encouraging feature is that on every hand there is increasing interest in the education of the women. They, themselves, are panting for light, liberty, and all the privileges of the Gospel; and the men are becoming more willing for them to enjoy those blessings. The native women and girls who have received the Gospel, are exerting a wonderful influence among those of their own sex.

The preaching tours have been unusually extensive the last year, both on the part of the Missionaries and native preachers, and the results have also been very encouraging.

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