

their Uncle and Aunt. They pity them, as you and I ought to do. The man who is most guilty is named *Rangi*, and he does not belong to Erromanga, but is a Hindu or a Malayan. Let us pray for the poor people of Erromanga, that God may open their minds to the knowledge of the truth and fill their hearts with love to it. The children in England and Scotland are doing a great deal for the cause of Christ. Do you follow their example.—The money that you spend in useless toys and in “*sweeties*,” would do a great deal of good if you were to give it to the Missions of the Church. You will be better in every respect, if you never spend money in any of the trashy and hurtful things which children and boys and girls and too often grown-up people use such as *sweeties*, tobacco, snuff and so forth. What others waste on foolish vanities, do you my dear children, devote to the cause of Christ and great will be your reward in Heaven. First give yourselves and then all you have to Jesus, and He will give you all that is good for you in this life and eternal bliss hereafter.

Good bye,

Glasgow, July 11th, 1862.

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REPORTS OF SYNODICAL COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD—JUNE, 1862.

In presenting their second annual report, the Board of Home Missions have the satisfaction of stating, that the number of probationers at their disposal is sufficient, or very nearly sufficient, to meet the requirements of the several Presbyteries. An exception must be admitted, however, to this statement, with reference to the Gaelic-speaking probationers—the number of such being inadequate, and likely to continue so. Two causes contribute to this result. One is the unsatisfactory provision too often made, in Gaelic-speaking districts, for the support of the ministry;—naturally tempting the Gaelic preacher either to abandon the use of his mother tongue or to seek employment for it in Canada. The other cause is a marked decrease in the number of Gaelic-speaking students. But looking to the English-speaking part of the Church, we cannot now complain of any great scarcity of probationers. The number of agents at present under the immediate superintendence of the Board is 11—of whom 4 are ministers, 6 probationers, and 1 a Gaelic-speaking student of divinity.

The ordinary course of labour pursued by a Home Missionary does not need description, and presents few romantic incidents to excite the imagination and thus secure the interest of the less thoughtful part of the christian community. Yet who is there entitled to the name of christian, but must feel that it is a blessed work to carry the glad tidings of salvation, and all the ordinances of the Gospel, to the remotest homes and hamlets of our land? The quiet agricultural settlement, the cluster of fishermen's dwellings on our rugged shore, and the busy haunt of the gold miner, are in turn frequented by our 11 evangelists. To secure the maintenance of this missionary band, implies an expenditure on the part of the Church, which may seem, in the aggregate, considerable, though in reality it is very small in proportion to the amount of work accomplished, and the number of those who are benefited by missionary labour.

The severe storms of last winter, interfered very considerably with the operations of our missionaries—exposing them to toil and hardship, sometimes rendering the accomplishment of their journeys impossible, and in va-