

Messrs. Duncan and Poleon, of the College, gave valuable assistance in the mission field—the former in the Boyne and Pembina Mountains region, the latter in Rockwood, etc. The Presbytery expects to employ them during the present summer. Possibly one of them may be sent along the line of the C. P. R. on contracts 14 and 15, already referred to.

Supply.—The Presbytery has been exceedingly short of laborers this year. The removal of Messrs. Fraser and Glendinning, and the receiving of only Mr. Borthwick in their place, has left one laborer less in the field than during the previous year. The consequence of this has been to give far less service to some points than they required, and to throw much labor, especially upon the Professors of the College. Fifteen services every four weeks have thus been thrown upon the supply to be obtained from Winnipeg. These services must be maintained either by the Professors of the College, or by the ministers of Kildonan and Knox Church, whose places the Professors then supply, with an occasional Sabbath from the Theological students of the College. The work in the College is continually increasing, and it is quite impossible to maintain for another winter the severe strain of the past; for it is to be remembered that the nearest of these points at which service is held is eleven miles distant from Winnipeg, and the furthest thirty-five to forty miles. The Presbytery would urgently request the Committee to take cognizance of these facts.

Needs of the Presbytery.—Unless our work would suffer seriously, we must have men for the following points, i.e., (not counting in Mr. McKellar and the students.)

1. Springfield, &c.,—One man.
2. High Bluff, &c.,—One man.
3. Battleford,—One man.
4. Prince Albert,—One man.
5. Boyne and Pembina Mountains.—One man, (second missionary.) This is simply for present wants; should several thousands of immigrants come, our demands will be greater still.

Our Juvenile Mission.

AMONG our Missions to the heathen, one of the oldest, and not the least interesting, is the Indian Orphanage and Juvenile Mission Scheme. Last year the Report tells us that over one thousand dollars were contributed by several of our

Sunday Schools to support orphans in institutions where they receive an education that fits them to be teachers to their countrymen. One of these orphans is supported by a lady in Halifax, and she has just received from Miss Pigot, the Superintendent of the Orphanage and of the Zenana Mission in Calcutta, a report of the little one's progress, and also a letter from the little one herself, which will be interesting to many of our Sunday School friends. Miss Pigot visited Scotland last year, and excited great interest in Orphanages and Zenana work. She is one of the most accomplished ladies in Calcutta, and is thoroughly to be depended on. Should any of our Schools wish to keep an orphan, they should remit \$20 to Miss Machar, Kingston, and ask her to allot one in their name. The little orphan, whose letter we give is called Seetah, and Miss Pigot writes, that she is clever and exemplary, and that in due time she hopes to be a teacher to her heathen people. Many of the orphans, like Seetah, long to be of use in this way to their own people, who are in darkness.

Let our young friends remember, in reading Seetah's letter, that English is a foreign language to her, and that very few of them could write as accurately in French or Latin, or Hindostani, or Bengali:—

SCOTTISH ORPHANAGE, March 3, 1877.

St. Andrew's Church S. School, Ottawa.

DEAR FRIENDS,—For a long time I have not written to you, and since then I have been promoted to the first class. There are eight girls in the first class. Five of them go out to teach the Zenanas and Day Schools, and three of us stay in the School to assist in teaching the youngest class by turns, each taking a week. One day two ladies came from some other Mission to visit our School. They were glad to see us, and also examined us in Scripture and Grammar, and were very pleased to hear our answers, and asked us what food we ate, and how we dressed when we go to church. My teacher told me to bring my veil, which we wear from the middle of our heads, falling on our shoulders and back. The ladies said it looked very pretty, and that their girls did not wear them. We showed some of our tiffin that we eat every day, called khoey,—a kind of dried rice, which one of the ladies tasted. Lady Lytton distributed the prizes to us yesterday, and also to the children of our other Schools: we were very glad to get them. A great number of people were present, and we sang three English and one Bengali hymn before them. Lady Lytton was very pleased with our singing, and said to us, "I will write a letter to Queen Victoria, and tell her about the Orphanage."

I am, yours gratefully,

CHRISTINA.