

welfare by the Colonial Committee. It will be noticed that the Committee are not only desirous of sending out Missionaries, and maintaining them till settled, but also of aiding in the erection of churches and assisting weak congregations to support their ministers.

It will be noticed that the allowance by the Committee to the missionary of £150 per annum closes on his taking a charge. This should act as an incentive to vacant congregations to offer a respectable income to their ministers, at least equal to the stipend secured by the Committee. There is now every prospect of our receiving a good supply of labourers; let our people show their gratitude for this seasonable help by liberality. The memoranda are as follow:

COLONIAL CHURCHES.

The attention of intending candidates for Colonial appointments is directed to the following statement:—

MEMORANDA.

1. The Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland allow their missionaries in British America £150 sterling per annum.
2. The allowance for Outfit, in addition to Passage-money, is £25.
3. The missionaries appointed are directed to labour under and within the bounds of some Presbytery, and are requested to send to the Committee certificates from the Presbytery, within whose bounds they are employed, previously to drawing their half-year's salary.
4. In the event of missionaries receiving a call to any fixed charge in the colonies, the arrangement made with the Committee terminates.
5. The appointments made to other parts of the world are in all cases to fixed charges. These appointments, when vacant, are advertised. The Outfit allowance* to the West Indies is £30; to Australia and Ceylon, £35.
6. Licentiates and Ministers, desirous of devoting themselves to missionary work, must send in their applications, with Presbyterial certificate and other testimonials, to the Secretary, General Assembly's Colonial Committee, 22 Queen Street Edinburgh.

GRANTS IN AID OF SALARY.

The Committee are prepared to consider applications from any Colonial Congregation *unable from its own resources to provide a sufficient stipend for its minister*, provided these applications be approved of and strongly recommended by the Presbytery of the bounds.

BUILDING GRANTS.

The Colonial Committee are prepared to consider applications for aid in erecting suitable places of worship in the Colonies. But these grants are in no instance made—1. Until the Presbytery of the bounds certify the necessity of the case. 2. Till such a sum *be contributed* by the people themselves as, with the donation granted by the Committee, will leave the edifice entirely free of debt. 3. Until a certified copy of the title-deeds, inalienably attaching the building to the Church of Scotland, be transmitted to the Committee.

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THE FRENCH MISSION.

In the present number we insert the Report of the Committee on the French

* The Outfit allowance is in all cases understood to cover expenses incurred in travelling to the port from which the vessel sails.

Mission as submitted to the last meeting of the Synod, together with the Synod's deliverance upon it. We do so in the hope that the statements contained therein may meet with the attention they deserve. The Mission is a most important and interesting one; the Church is pledged, solemnly and repeatedly pledged, to its prosecution. At present it may be said to be in a state of incipient resuscitation, having had to struggle in its past history with difficulties and reverses that had well nigh threatened its utter extinction from among the Christian enterprises of our Church. The Committee have formed new plans and are making new experiments, in the carrying out of which they study anxiously and prayerfully so to act as to command the fullest approbation of their Christian brethren; they are prepared—past experience has taught them to prepare—to work and to wait patiently, being fully aware of the strong opposition which from the very nature of the Mission must be encountered, yet confident that the Lord will own by ultimately blessing the labours of such as are faithfully engaged in promoting it. Their chief anxiety arises, it is mortifying to confess, from the backwardness which exists throughout the Church to supply them with the necessary funds; they have come under an obligation of £60 to Mr. Leger for his services as Catechist during the summer months; yet this small expenditure they will be unable to meet unless a more general support be given them. By act of Synod an annual collection is appointed to be made for this Mission on the first Sabbath of June. That day is long past for the present year, and all that has been received, as will be seen by the Treasurer's acknowledgments in this number, is £21. 1s. 3d. The Church has approved of the plans of the Committee; yet the Church is leaving the Committee to incur pecuniary obligations with the paltriest promise of aid. Present efforts will be fruitless unless they can be continued without interruption; the interruption most to be lamented is at present an empty treasury. Mr. Leger returns to College at the commencement of the ensuing session. Is the Mission to come to a stand-still then? The Committee are seeking the assistance of a new labourer; they have received good testimony in favour of one whose services are immediately available; but what promise can they give of anything like support? Congregations that have made no collection or contribution, are most earnestly implored to do so; and there should be no delay in forwarding any sums that may be raised. Do not say it is a good cause and leave the Committee without the means of prosecuting it; let not Ministers in Synod give their approval of the Committee's operations and views, and out of Synod give no opportunity to their congregations of doing something to further them.

LETTER FROM INDIA.—THE CALCUTTA ORPHANAGE.—PLEADING FOR PRAYER.—APPEAL TO OPEN A SCHOOL.

While all eyes are looking eagerly towards India, the ensuing letter from Calcutta, with which we have been favoured, will be read with deep interest, and we trust that many will respond earnestly to the appeal with which the letter closes, "Pray for us." The struggle seems to be indeed between light and darkness. Old customs are falling, idolatry is shaken to its base, and is putting forth a desperate effort to regain supremacy. We doubt not it will be frustrated, for we know that in His own good time "the idols He shall utterly abolish."

We direct particular attention to the appeal for aid to open a "Canadian School," so pointedly urged by Miss Hebron.

One of our wealthier congregations could easily spare £30 per annum for that purpose, or several could unite, and thus easily overtake it. We will gladly receive contributions for this object, no matter however small in amount, or parties feeling interested may correspond with Mr. Paton, Kingston, who would have pleasure in arranging the manner of supporting it. Meanwhile, now that so many of our children have their hearts knit to the cause of Indian Missions, there is the more urgent call upon us to pray for the missionaries in India and to be instant in supplication to the Father of Mercies that He would bring light out of darkness, and restore peace to that benighted land.

SCOTTISH ORPHANAGE,

10 LOWER CIRCULAR ROAD

CALCUTTA, 17th June, 1857.

MY DEAR SIR,—It gave me great pleasure to receive your letter of the 4th of April, and, as thereby an opening has been made of direct communication between the Orphanage and Canada, I beg to offer my thanks and kind Christian regards to yourself, and the several Churches, for the warm interest they have taken in this Institution. It will indeed give me great pleasure to correspond with you from time to time. On looking over your list, I find we have only 6 names out of the 18, two are no more—but I write to Mr. Wright by the last mail that I had got another child in the stead of Mary Hamilton (deceased), called by the same name, for the Hamilton School children, and, as Mr. Wright said you wished for a promising child, as you wished her to be brought up as a teacher, I have appropriated this one to Canada as she is quick and lively. Most of the Indian children are slow and apathetic, but there are exceptions, and these I endeavour to bring up as teachers. We have a Normal class, and, when they are a little advanced in their studies we place them there. As soon as I have another unappropriated child, I shall put her in the place of Catherine Mathieson, as we are trying to fill up the old list before making over a few names.

We have lost 9 children since November, 1856. Some died of Small Pox, and others from the effects of the disease. I am thankful to say they are all in good health at present, 48 in number. You ask in your letter whether there is an opening for a teacher or catechist; we shall indeed be thankful if you will support a teacher. Besides the Orphanage I have three