

R E P O R T
OF THE
G L A S G O W
Missionary Society,

FOR
1824:
WITH
AN APPENDIX,

CONTAINING
A LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS, &c.

Glasgow,

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1824.

SUBSCRIPTIONS and DONATIONS, in aid of the Society, will be received in *Glasgow*, by the Treasurer, the Secretaries, the Directors, and at the Religious and Charitable Institution House, 3, South Frederick-street, by Mr. NASMITH;—in *Edinburgh*, by the Rev. Dr. PEDDIE;—in *London*, by the Rev. Dr. WAUGH, the Rev. Dr. MANUEL, and the Rev. GEORGE GREIG;—in *Liverpool*, by the Rev. Dr. STEWART;—and in *Manchester*, by the Rev. Dr. JACK.

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Extract from the Minutes of the TWENTY-NINTH Annual Meeting of the Glasgow Missionary Society, held in the Trades' Hall, Glasgow, on the 8th June, 1824.

The Meeting being opened with prayer by the Rev. MR. RODGERS from Ireland, the Rev. DR. MITCHELL, President of the Society, took the Chair.

The Rev. MR. M'FARLANE was chosen President for the ensuing year, and took the Chair accordingly.

The Report of the Committee of Directors, since the last Annual Meeting, was read by the Rev. MR. KIDSTON, one of the Secretaries.

After which, it was moved by the Rev. MR. ALMOND, and seconded by JOHN ROBERTSON, Esq. and

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That the Report now read be adopted, printed, and circulated, under the superintendence of the Committee of Management.

It was next moved by the Rev. MR. WILSON, of Greenock, and seconded by HENRY KNOX, Esq. and

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That the Committee of Management shall consist of the following persons :

President,

REV. JOHN M'FARLANE.

Directors,

Rev. Dr. BURNS,	Messrs. PATRICK FALCONER,
Dr. M'LEAN,	JAMES HALL,
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Messrs. JOHN SWANSTON,	JAMES M'LAREN,
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Treasurer,

ROBERT WALKER, Esq. 33, Virginia-street.

Secretaries.

REV. DR. LOVE, REV. MR. KIDSTON, and REV. MR. BENNIE.

On the Motion of the Rev. MR. RODGERS, from Ireland, seconded by PATRICK FALCONER, Esq.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That this Society acknowledge, with gratitude, the success with which their Mission to Caffraria has been attended; that they rejoice in the formation of a Christian Church in that region; and that while they feel themselves bound by the law and the love of Christ, they are encouraged by the blessing of God on their humble labours, to persevere in this good work, and to entreat the continued countenance and co-operation of their Christian brethren.

It was then moved by the Rev. MR. CAMPBELL, and seconded by ROBERT WALKER, Esq. and

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That this Society rejoice in the widely extended operations of the Scottish Missionary Society, with which, under another name, they have been united in labours of love to the Heathen,—that the union of the friends of both Societies, in conducting the Monthly Missionary Meeting for Prayer in this City, is cordially approved, as a public testimony of affection and co-operation,—and that they earnestly solicit the union of all the friends of Missions to the dark places of the earth, in supplication to God for his blessing on this good work.

On the Motion of the Rev. MR. STRUTHERS, seconded by the Rev. MR. KIDSTON,
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That this Society contemplate with the deepest interest, the recent disastrous events, connected with the Missionary cause in the Colony of Demerara; and feel it their duty to express their sympathy with the London Missionary Society, under the injuries which they have sustained, in the prosecution and the death of the Rev. JOHN SMITH,—their approbation of the measures which have been adopted by the Directors of that Society, for preserving the life, and vindicating the reputation, of their unoffending Missionary,—their readiness to concur in using the proper means to obtain a full investigation of the case,—and to secure Missionaries in future, from similar injuries,—and their hope, that what has befallen MR. SMITH, will, under the direction of Him who is wise in counsel, and excellent in working, turn out rather to the furtherance of the Gospel.

On the Motion of the Rev. MR. BENNIE, seconded by MR. JAMES HALL,
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That the thanks of this Society are due to its Auxiliaries, and to all the Societies and Associations who have contributed to its funds; and that they be requested to accept of your grateful acknowledgments; and, at the same time, to continue their liberal contribution, for the purpose of enabling you to extend your operations in that field of Missionary exertion, which, by your instrumentality, the Lord has watered, and has blessed abundantly.

The business of the Meeting was concluded with prayer, by the Rev. MR. INGLIS.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

OF THE SOCIETY.

- I. That said Society shall be called **THE GLASGOW MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**
- II. That the propagation of the pure and unadulterated Gospel of Christ, in the dark places of the earth, shall be the sole object of the Society, and the only subject of discussion at their meetings.
- III. That by meeting together for friendly and Christian conference, by prayer to God for his blessing, and by collections, contributions, and subscriptions, they will, to the utmost of their power, promote evangelical Missions to those quarters of the world, where the Gospel is yet unknown.
- IV. That this Society will cheerfully correspond and co-operate with other Societies and individuals, who have the same grand object in view, and will engage in Missions to the Heathen, either separately, or in conjunction with other Societies, as shall be found expedient; and that they will be ready to give to other Societies that pecuniary assistance which may be needed, and of which their circumstances will admit.
- V. That a Public Meeting of the Society shall be held annually, in the month of May, on a day to be previously fixed by the Directors, when a Sermon shall be preached, and a Collection made for the benefit of the Institution; the Report of the Directors for the past year shall be received, Office-bearers for the ensuing year elected, and the other public business of the Society transacted.

- VI. That the Committee of Management shall consist of the President, Secretaries, and Treasurer of the Society, and of twenty-four Directors, the one half of the clergy, and the other of the laity, and of such other persons as shall be chosen at the Annual Meeting;—that the Directors shall meet on the first Tuesday of each month, or at such times as shall be found necessary, and that they shall have power to supply vacancies in their number, as occasion may require.
- VII. That each person contributing Five Guineas, or subscribing Half-a-Guinea yearly, or collecting to the amount of one Shilling per week; the ministers of Congregations which contribute by collection; and the Preses and Secretary of Associations for Religious purposes, from whose funds a donation shall be given to this Institution,—shall be Members of the Society.
- VIII. That a Public Meeting for Prayer shall be held on the last Tuesday of every month, or on such other day as shall be found more convenient, in such places of worship as shall be appointed by the Directors, and that at these meetings an Address shall be delivered, and such intelligence concerning Missions to the Heathen communicated, as, by the blessing of God, may provoke to zeal in this good work.
- IX. That, if business shall occur which renders an extraordinary meeting of the Society necessary, the Directors shall be at liberty to call a meeting for the purpose.

Form of Legacy.

I GIVE and bequeath unto the Treasurer or Treasurers, for the time being, of the GLASGOW MISSIONARY SOCIETY, for the purposes of said Society, the sum of _____ for which the receipt of such Treasurer or Treasurers shall be a sufficient discharge.

REPORT, &c.

IN the Report presented to the GLASGOW MISSIONARY SOCIETY, at the last Annual Meeting, you were called to give thanks to God for the honour conferred on you, by giving you a name and a place among those Institutions which were actively employed in communicating the knowledge of salvation by Jesus Christ to the Heathen world; for the good which you had been instrumental to accomplish, and for the more abundant success with which you were encouraged to hope your labours would be crowned. The Committee on whom you devolved the direction of your affairs, during the year which is now concluded, rejoice with you, and invite you to renew your thanksgivings to the God of all grace, because you still occupy the same honourable station, and because your hope has been fully realized. Your Missionaries in Caffraria have been preserved in life; they have enjoyed good health; they continue to labour with diligence and fidelity, and they have not laboured in vain; their colleague, whom last year you sent to their help, has been conducted in safety to that distant country; and the additional advantages which they now enjoy, have, in the mean time, gladdened their hearts, and will, we trust, render their future exertions more profitable.

Although the good news which your Committee received from Caffraria, have been communicated to the public, it is proper, that at the completion of another year, they should present to you a statement of your operations in that land

of darkness, which your Missionaries are labouring to enlighten.

In the last year's Report, you were informed, that four men and three women were candidates for baptism; that some years had elapsed, since the first serious impressions were made on their minds; that, for a considerable time, they had enjoyed the advantages of a regular course of Christian instruction; and that their profiting was such, as to encourage the hope, that God had begun in them that good work, which he will perform, until the day of Jesus Christ. After mature deliberation, and frequent prayer for Divine direction, it was agreed, that five of them, three men and two women, should receive the sign of baptism, a seal of the faith of which they appeared to be partakers; and accordingly, on the 29th of June, last year, a day on which the death of the Lord Jesus is commemorated by many of their friends in this city, they were received into the Church of Christ by the administration of that holy ordinance. From both of your Missionaries, your Committee received an account of the solemn transaction. Mr. Thomson's letter was written on the evening of the day on which, for the first time, baptism was administered in that part of Africa, to which Missionaries from this city have been directed by the wise providence of God. Next day, Mr. Bennie wrote on the same subject. The transaction which they record, must to them have been interesting and affecting, beyond what we can conceive. We must be placed in similar circumstances, before we can enter fully into their feelings. While both breathe the same spirit; there is in the accounts which they give, that variety which cannot fail to be interesting. Mr. Bennie's letter was not sent off until the 21st of July; and it contains additional information, in reference to the baptism of seven children on the 20th of that month. The transactions which they record, are highly interesting to Kafferland, and are worthy to be remembered by all who take an inter-

est in the extension of the kingdom of righteousness and peace, and particularly, by the friends of this Society. Of these, the most impressive and the most interesting statement will be found in the letters from your Missionaries.

Mr. THOMSON writes to Dr. LOVE, as follows:—

“CHUMIE, *Kafferland*,
“*Sabbath-night, 29th June, 1823.*

“MY RESPECTED FATHER,

“I HOPE to stand acquitted of a misapplication of this holy day, in devoting a little portion at the close of it, to communicate the transactions which have just taken place among us.

“You will perhaps, before this time, have anticipated some information respecting the individuals whom we have repeatedly spoken of, as candidates for Baptism. Some circumstances occurred to delay the administration of this ordinance, which it is at present unnecessary to state. Agreeably to previous arrangement, this day was set apart for the solemn work of receiving into the visible church, by the administration of this holy sacrament, the three men and two women formerly referred to, whom we have good reason to believe are united to Christ by a living faith. As it may be interesting to you and our other friends to know the order of our proceedings, I shall briefly state it.—An hour in the morning was spent in devotional exercises, imploring the presence and blessing of the Great Head of the Church throughout the day. At Eleven, a large congregation assembled, when we had public worship, conducted in the usual manner. Brother Brownlee preached from Matth. xxviii. 19; “Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations,” &c. At the conclusion, our Interpreter engaged in prayer. The candidates then standing up, I proposed to them, in the Kaffer language, a short confession of faith, vows of devotedness to God, and an unreserved surrender of themselves to Him; which being answered in the affirmative, I then proceeded to dispense to them this outward seal of the New Covenant, pronouncing upon them, individually, our Saviour’s form of words, in their own language, with the sprinkling

of water: "Diakubapta," &c. The Interpreter again prayed. We then dismissed, after singing in Kaffers the Doxology, "To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," &c. In the afternoon, we met as usual for public worship, when Brother Bennie addressed the people; and in the evening, I spoke to them from John iii. 18—21. We of course made both the discourses, applicable to the transactions of the day."

"I was induced to prepare a translation of the Confession of Faith, &c. and to address it to them without the aid of the Interpreter, from a fear lest he should misinterpret some important part; which, in going on with the translation, I found would certainly have been the case. I calculated also, that it might interest the people; and I am satisfied to find that I spoke intelligibly. You will observe that we have introduced the original word BAPTΩ , giving it the Kaffer form of BAPTA , the most simple state of the verb—the radix, which it retains throughout all its inflexions. The native word "Pëhlelëla," which hitherto has been used, would lead to erroneous views of the nature of Baptism, as it is originally applied to the initiatory ceremonies of the Witch doctors."

"The services of this day will, I trust, long be remembered among us. The expressions of deep solemnity on the part of the men, and of keen feeling on the part of the women, were such as could not be repressed—such as we have never before witnessed among them. But of all, as might be expected, the candidates themselves appeared to be the most deeply affected, though they evidently endeavoured to suppress the outward exhibition of their feelings, as much as possible. The poor earthen vessels seemed to be too weak; and I was afraid some would not have been able to support themselves until the service was over, their whole frame was agitated to such an uncommon degree. Who would not have wept with them from Christian sympathy?—I could almost wish, that the Christian public at home might actually have beheld these acknowledgments of Divine favour upon their benevolence, and particularly those who have hitherto but partially supported the cause of Missions. Let them look to such fruits of Christian zeal, and say, whether they are not worthy of the utmost exertions."

"We would cherish a hope, that the Spirit of God has this day been working upon the hearts of some in our assembly. We have

some reason for hope. At the usual meeting, this afternoon, for catechising the second class of candidates who offered themselves a short time ago, four women came forward, desiring to be admitted. This class now consists of thirteen, including two from the first class. We cannot speak so favourably of them as of the others, but we have reason to think that many of them are awakened to a sense of their misery, and their need of a Saviour. I trust they are all under the tuition of the Holy Spirit.—If I were to indulge in expressing my feelings under our present circumstances, I might mislead you: our hopes may perhaps, in some measure, be influenced by our wishes. While we continue to work, we will rather wait patiently and pray earnestly for the almighty operations of Divine Grace, which, when they are manifest, it will always afford us delight to record. The present display of the mercy and love of God to this Heathen land will, in the mean time, communicate joy, and be the subject of thanksgiving by you, and every friend of our blessed Redeemer. You will also pray for us. Our duties are now becoming daily more important; at least, we feel them so. May we have grace to be faithful in the discharge of them.—We have now, a few of the young of Christ's precious flock, placed under our charge; and for my own part, I must confess, that I have not till now felt so much the responsibility of Ministers, as the *spiritual shepherds* of Christ's flock. May we have much of the Spirit of the Great Shepherd."

"I have much to say to you, but time will not permit me at present. This must be sent to frontier post, by day-light to-morrow."

MR. BENNIE'S Letter is addressed to MR. KIDSTON and JOHN SWANSTON, Esq.

"CHUMIE, *Caffraria*, 30th June, 1823."

"GENTLEMEN,

"YOUR welcome letter, of the 2d December, has given me much pleasure; the instruction it contains is various, and to me of great importance. I return you my sincere acknowledgments, for this additional token of your parental kindness and regard, while I pray, that the Lord may enable me to attend to the counsels of wisdom and experience."

"Yesterday was a great day at the Chumie.—The sun had just looked over the hills in unclouded majesty, when our bell summoned the people to morning prayer. After breakfast, it was again rung, and in a few minutes, our Kaffer Church was crowded. The floor was entirely covered; the men and boys sitting on their little stools in the one end of the house, the women and girls in the other. Opposite to the door stood a form, which we (my brethren, sisters, and myself) occupied. Before us stood a table, covered with a white cloth, on which lay a Bible: under the table, stood a bason of water. Fronting us, between the door and the table, sat five individuals, three men and two women, the latter having on European dresses. Every eye in the assembly was directed towards them. They were about to be received into the church of Christ, by baptism.—Mr. Brownlee began the service by singing a hymn, and praying in the Dutch language. He then read, and discoursed from the 19th verse of the twenty-eighth chapter of Matthew's Gospel: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them," &c. A most interesting scene followed,—but I will not pretend to describe it. After a few questions, drawn up for the occasion, were asked by Mr. Thomson, and answered by the candidates, they, amid cries and tears, received the sign of admission into the church of Christ. Their names are,—Robert Balfour, John Love, Elizabeth Love, Mary Ann, and Charles Henry. Charles Henry are the christian names of his Excellency, our worthy Governor."

"Now, then, the foundation of a church is laid in Caffraria; and O that Zion's God would give strength to go forward in the erection of a noble edifice on it, which may endure as long as the sun, and be a glory and a desire, to the tribes on our north! May He watch over this infant church, feeding and defending it, by his grace and power! May it be one of his jewels, in which He has pleasure, and which He will honour! And, Gentlemen, may you, and all who hear of its existence, bear it on your spirits at a throne of grace! Hold it up to God for his daily blessing. Seek its prosperity, its comfort, its peace, its unity, durability, and extension: and the Lord will hear, and be gracious, and abundantly bless and establish the works of our hands upon us, and after us."

"Gentlemen,—The above lines have lain by me till this morning,

(21st July,) and as our post-boy is preparing to go off, I will add a few words, and send them with him.—Yesterday, my dear brother, Mr. Thomson, baptized seven children, six boys and one girl; three of them belonging to John and Elizabeth Love, three to Charles Henry, and one to Mary Ann; all under or about two years of age. The girl's name is Harriet, the christian name of Mrs. Newell; and the names of the boys are, Lockhart, Kidston, Campbell, Swanston, Falconer, and Knox. Robert Balfour has gone with Mr. Brownlee to Cape-Town; but when he returns, two infants of his will be baptized."

To Mr. Bennie you are indebted for a letter from the three male members of their infant church, which he wrote from their own mouth, and to which he subjoins a free translation. This is the first instance, so far as we know, in which the natives of Caffraria have corresponded with the inhabitants of Great Britain. The original may be regarded as a literary curiosity. Your Committee might have yielded to the solicitations of some who wished to give it publicity, were it not that a printing-press is now at work in that distant region, and we hope ere long to be able to present to the public eye, in a more perfect form, a specimen of that strange language in which, by your instrumentality, Christ crucified is preached unto the Gentiles. The translation of this first epistle from Caffraria is worthy of your attention, on account of the piety and gratitude of our Kaffer brethren, of which it is full, and which they express in that simple style which corresponds with their circumstances.

"CHUMIE, *Caffraria*, June, 1823.

"GREAT BENEFACTORS,

"The day has arrived, when we can address you in our own language, through one of our Teachers. We sincerely acknowledge your kindness, in sending us Teachers to instruct us; as without them we must have remained ignorant of the Son of God; we must have remained ignorant of God, of His word, and

of eternal life in heaven; we could never have heard of the love of God. Good is the word of the Lord; it improves the people, it directs the soul, it strengthens the understanding, it is a rule of life, and it imparts a living peace to the conscience. We sincerely thank you for sending us the word of God. Wonderful is the death of Christ, who died for us great sinners; great was his love: He is now exalted at the right hand of God; if we believe in Him, we shall inherit eternal life; if we are washed in His blood, we shall live in the heaven of rest and purity. O that all our friends may come there! We beseech you to consider our nation. Our people are in darkness; they know not God; they know not eternal life. Their souls are asleep, because they are ignorant of God; of that God, who entreats all; of Him who says, "I am near, I am not far off;" of Him who says, "I know the thoughts of the people, I know their works, I will judge the heathen." Great Friends! pray for, and have pity on the poor Kaffers, who are ignorant of Him who created the universe, of Him who formed our bodies. Ye are a highly favoured people, (literally, Ye know all things). Oh continue to think on us! We were wandering children, but the word of God has found us, a word which our fathers knew not. You sent us this word; you have shewn us great kindness. O Friends! we now know the word which leads to life; but, ah! we were formerly on the great mountain of sin. We desire to thank God for His grace in enabling you to send Teachers into Kafferland; they lead us on to the enjoyment of a happiness which is superlatively great, great without a comparison. Consider, O Friends! how heavy it is to die ignorant of God, to die destitute of the only hope which can cheer and support the soul. Go on, O Friends! the word of the Lord shall grow like a tree; it shall spread over the whole earth. Believers here are not numerous; but we trust the great work shall go forward; it will extend over the country. When the rain descends, when God pours out His Spirit, then the true religion will flourish, it will grow around us like the grass. God has said, that His knowledge shall cover the whole earth.—Great Friends,

"We are Your Servants,

"UHANISI, UMATSHAIA, ENOI,—*Kaffers*."

Of the seven candidates for baptism, this ordinance was administered to five only. In reference to one man and one woman, your Missionaries were in doubt, and therefore their admission was deferred. This measure, it is obvious, must have been unpleasant to all concerned. It often happens, that in such cases pride takes the alarm, and that delay is fully justified by the future conduct of the persons whose desire of admission into the church is not granted. Blessed be God, because in other cases, fidelity on the part of those to whom the keys of the kingdom of heaven are committed is abundantly recompensed; and what must be painful for the present, is afterwards rendered profitable. The prudent conduct of your Missionaries, in reference to the two who did not give the same satisfying evidence of their faith, has proved of advantage to them. "I told you," says Mr. Thomson, (Sept. 13th, 1823,) "in a former letter, that not being altogether satisfied with two of the candidates, we delayed their admission. This we trust has been useful to them. We are gratified to observe in them a greater degree of watchfulness and humility, and an increasing desire of knowledge." There is good reason to hope that, with the approbation of their Teachers and of their God, they will soon be added to the church.

The persons to whom baptism has been administered, are the objects of watchful care to those who have been the instruments of bringing them to the knowledge of the truth; and it must give joy to your hearts, to hear that they are growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and that their conversation is as it becometh the Gospel of Christ. To their christian deportment Mr. Thomson bears the most explicit testimony. (Sept. 13th, 1823.) "My last related to the baptism of five adults. I am happy to say, that since that solemn occasion, their walk and conversation is very encouraging. They are anxiously diligent in the pursuit of Divine truth, and their progress gives us reason to think that

" they are under the teaching of the Holy Spirit. Their
 " religious knowledge is not speculative merely. It is ex-
 " perimental. Their answers to some practical questions
 " shew that their hearts are deeply affected; particularly
 " with the love of the Saviour. But indeed it is difficult
 " to obtain a full answer on such a subject as this. Their
 " warmth of feeling often deprives them of utterance;
 " and at the conclusion of our examination-meeting, when
 " one of them engages in prayer, it often happens that
 " *Amen* is pronounced amidst their sobbings. Some may
 " ridicule these scenes, and attribute such displays of feel-
 " ing to other causes; but knowing the people as I do, and
 " observing the propriety of their daily conduct, I cannot
 " hesitate to ascribe them to the love of God shed abroad
 " in their hearts."

Mr. Bennie writes on the same subject, and while he
 confirms the preceding statement, he gives a very pleasing
 illustration of the prudence of your Missionaries in their
 intercourse with the people among whom they labour. It
 may not be improper to mention, that what follows is quot-
 ed from a private letter to one of the Directors. (Oct. 18th,
 1823.) " You will be pleased to hear that those who have
 " been baptized continue to shew that they are not un-
 " worthy of the privilege conferred on them. There is one
 " feature in their character which is particularly worthy of
 " notice. It is one which I take delight to observe, and
 " one, which, from what I have heard of many Hottentots
 " in the Colony, after being baptized, I was afraid would
 " not have been so prominent. It is humility. In no way
 " that we have observed do they distinguish themselves
 " from others, but by the attention which they give to our
 " instructions, and by their fervent desire that all their
 " countrymen may be saved. And although we watch over
 " them as parents over children, and cannot fail to think of
 " them more highly than of others, still we study to shew
 " as little of this as possible, fearing the one or the other

“of two consequences. For if we were to give them any
 “obvious preference, they might be tempted to think too
 “highly of themselves, or improper characters might press
 “forward to attain the same privilege, that they might en-
 “joy the same distinction.”

From the time in which the foundation of a Christian church was laid in Caffraria, your Missionaries have looked forward to the season when, over the symbols of the body and the blood of the Lord Jesus, their union to Him and to their Kaffer brethren would be solemnly recognised. In reference to this matter, they have manifested that prudence which cannot fail to secure your approbation. “Since
 “their baptism,” Mr. Thomson writes, (Sept. 15th, 1823,) “we have continued the usual course of instruction, with
 “a view to our more intimate union in the fellowship of
 “the Gospel. Not knowing the practice of other churches
 “in similar circumstances, and having no explicit rule delivered in the sacred oracles, we have followed the dic-
 “tates of prudence and propriety, in delaying their admis-
 “sion to the Lord’s table. We have been so much satisfied
 “with their knowledge of the Gospel, and their christian
 “deportment, that we intended in a short time to have
 “commemorated the death of our exalted Redeemer. But
 “hearing of brother Ross’s arrival at the Cape, we have
 “postponed our arrangements, that we may have an oppor-
 “tunity of profiting by his counsel, and of uniting with him
 “in this Gospel feast.” Mr. Ross, as will afterwards be stated more particularly, did not arrive in Caffraria so soon as they had anticipated; and without waiting for him, it was resolved that the Lord’s Supper should be celebrated on the first Sabbath of November, a day which, from their earliest years, must have been associated with this holy ordinance, and which could not fail to revive many pleasant recollections. They looked forward with delightful anticipation to the day on which, for the first time, they would sit down at the communion table with those who are the

first-fruits of their labours in that region. "I anticipate," says Mr. Bennie, (Oct. 18th, 1823,) "a time of refreshing "from the presence of the Lord on the ensuing solemn "occasion; and I trust that it will be attended with blessed "effects, not only to those who shall be communicants, but "to some who are beginning to stir in the business of religion, and to others also who are sleepy and indifferent. "O that the Lord may have mercy on such, and exert "his power to save them."

The diligence which has been employed to prepare their little flock to meet their God in this ordinance, is highly commendable. "We have," says Mr. Bennie, (Oct. 18th, 1823,) "and, I trust, under the direction of the Great Head "of the Church, agreed to admit them to the Lord's table "on the first Sabbath of November. We have conversed "with them frequently, together and separately, on the nature of this ordinance; and although their knowledge of "the subject is not so extensive as we could wish, still we "judge that their views are correct, and that by the blessing of God on the means which he has appointed, they "will grow in the knowledge and the experience of the "truth as it is in Jesus."

Mr. Thomson gives a very interesting statement of questions proposed, and of answers returned, at a meeting for examination in the month of September last, which enables you to judge for yourselves of the religious attainments of these converts, and bears testimony to the fidelity of your Missionaries, and to the success of their labours. It may be proper to preface what follows by reminding you, that these are the persons on whose minds the first serious impressions were made some years ago, by the late Mr. Williams, and that their knowledge of the Gospel is the result of a course of daily instruction, since they came to reside at the Chumie:—

"That you may be able to judge of their qualifications, I here subjoin a few answers and questions on occasion of our last meeting:— (September 15th, 1823). What are your thoughts now concerning

the Sacrament of the Supper appointed by Christ? It is a great thing, and ought to be observed. But may all men be admitted to it? No; only the believing in Christ. What is it that the believer does in attending on this Sacrament? He meets with other believers to hold fellowship together in remembering the love and the death of Christ. He also makes an open profession of his faith, and gives honour to the Son of God. Does the believer receive any benefit by observing this ordinance? Yes; he will be strengthened in all his Christian feelings, (graces,) and get nourishment to his soul. What do you understand concerning the bread used? It is the body of Christ. Do you mean his real body? No; it is a mark, token, (or symbol,) of his body which was crucified. And the wine? It is a symbol of his blood shed for our sins. When you eat and drink at the Lord's Table, what ought you to think of? We should think of his love to us, and of his death for us. When we eat the bread by faith, we eat the bread of life which came down from heaven, and when we drink the wine, we think of Christ's blood by which we must be cleansed from our sins. Do believers meet with Christ at his table? Yes. How can they know this? By their heart. If they feel more love to Christ, stronger trust in him, greater hatred of sin, *then*, they may know that Christ has been with them. Do you think this is like the enjoyment of heaven? Yes; and when I feel so, (said he,) it makes me forget every thing in this world except sin, which gives me heart-pain, and makes me long to be there. What is the duty of those who profess and believe the Gospel while they are in this world? They should hold by Christ, forsake sin, fight against it, and endeavour to bring others to the Saviour. Has the believer strength to do all this? No; but he must hold on daily in prayer to God, who will give him strength. In this specimen, (the remarks made after the answers are omitted,) I have not been able to give you in English the peculiar phraseology, which is lost by the double translation. Such as it is, we think we are warranted to give the right hand of fellowship to such candidates for this holy ordinance."

The conclusion at which he arrives is one, in which, from this specimen of their knowledge of the Gospel, the im-

pression which it appears to have made on their hearts, and the tenor of their conduct, you will cheerfully acquiesce. Them that are such, you would most willingly recognise as your brethren in Christ, by sitting down with them at the Lord's Table. Would to God that all who are admitted to this holy ordinance, were equally ready to give a reason of the hope which they profess.

Agreeably to the previous arrangement, the Lord's Supper was celebrated at the Chumie, on the 1st Sabbath of November last. The example of the Churches with which your Missionaries were connected in their native country, was followed to a considerable extent, and their hope of enjoying fellowship with the Saviour was not disappointed. "We sat down last Sabbath," says Mr. Bennie, (Nov. 8th, 1823,) "at the Communion Table with our dear Kaffer brethren. It has, I trust, proved a time of refreshing to all of us. On the Thursday preceding, we had sermon; and on Saturday, we met with the Communicants for prayer."

The general progress of the Mission presents powerful encouragements to perseverance. The administration of Baptism made a deep impression on not a few of the spectators. On that day, application was made by four females, to be received into the number of candidates for this ordinance. In the month of September last, they amounted to fifteen; and appearances with respect to them, are on the whole favourable. "It gives me great pleasure," says Mr. Thomson, (Sept. 15th, 1823,) "to be the herald of the increase of Messiah's subjects in this country. I have now to communicate that, on the day on which the others were baptized, several additional candidates offered themselves, and since that time, some more; so that, including the two left from the former class, we have fifteen under a course of regular instruction, among whom are the wives of two of the men who were baptized. On the whole, we cannot speak so favourably of this class as of the former. Most

“ of them, however, are promising. With some, we are well satisfied. Others are much in the dark, but even these discover an earnest desire to be taught the things which concern their eternal peace. It is with gratitude I add, that for some time past, there appears among this people generally, a greater degree of seriousness, and a more full and regular attendance is given at our daily meetings for instruction.”

The Schools both male and female are well attended, the progress of the children is encouraging; and for a considerable time, previous to Mr. Ross's arrival, it required hard labour on the part of the Teachers, to prepare lessons for the Scholars. The printing-press which he carried with him has already diminished their labour, and has opened before them a scene of more extensive usefulness. Although rumours of war in their neighbourhood have reached this country, and although they have not uniformly been without cause of alarm, God has continued to give them peace in all their borders, and, without interruption, they have proceeded in their benevolent labours. From the Chiefs of different tribes, they have received warm invitations to become the instructors of their subjects; and as soon as matters are matured for extending the Mission, they rest assured, that they will receive not only the permission, but the continued countenance of his Excellency, Lord C. H. Somerset, of whom they uniformly speak in terms the most respectful and affectionate. In the region of Caffraria, a door has been opened for teaching and preaching Christ crucified; and many considerations encourage you to hope that it will be great and effectual.

Your Missionaries are deeply impressed with the necessity of Divine agency to give effect to their exertions, and while they earnestly solicit an interest in the prayers of their Christian friends, they express their hope, that to the intercessions presented for them, a gracious answer will be returned. The gratitude and the love of those who, by

your instrumentality, have been turned from darkness to light, loudly call on you to continue instant in prayer for a liberal communication of that Spirit whom God has poured out on them. "O my dear Sir," (Mr. Bennie, Oct. 18th, 1823,) "God has already in part answered such requests, and rewarded your labours of love. One of my Kaffer brethren, who is, at this moment, working at my side, has just now said, Remember me to my friends beyond the sea. I did not know in my youth that I had such friends. But now I know that I have. Tell them that I love them, for by their instrumentality I am happy."

In the same letter, he informs us that one of the candidates for baptism has gone the way of all the earth, and mentions particulars, which correspond with the favourable opinion of some of them, which Mr. Thomson expresses. "One of them lately died of a wound which in his youth he received from a Buffalo. On the Sabbath preceding his death, we met with the other candidates at his house, as he was not able to come out. He listened most attentively to the questions proposed, and the explanations given; and when asked if the saints in heaven are completely happy? he replied with emphasis, Yes; and they are free from pain. He was at that moment suffering excruciating pain from the wound on his lungs. The last words which he spake, while my Brother and I were sitting by him, were these: I desire to have Jesus Christ for my Saviour: All my hopes of salvation centre in him. He then drew his Karross over his face and died, I believe, in the act of commending his spirit to the exalted Redeemer, of whom I trust he has found mercy."

The continued kindness of Providence to your Missionaries, and the people among whom they labour, it is your duty gratefully to acknowledge. There is one instance which demands particular notice. The excessive rains which have proved so destructive in some parts of Africa, and from which other Missionary stations have suffered

severely, though alarming at the Chumie, have not occasioned any considerable damage. The Kat river was swollen beyond all precedent, and from the cultivated fields, the seed was completely washed. But it pleased that God who comprehendeth the waters in the hollow of his hand, to bind up the bottles of heaven, before the season for sowing a second time had elapsed; and the cheerfulness with which the labours of seed-time were resumed, illustrates the happy influence of christian instruction in promoting civilization, and forming habits of industry. (Mr. Thomson, Nov. 14, 1823,) "Such torrents of rain have seldom been witnessed by the oldest of the natives. Every footpath in the fields became a rivulet, the small streams were swollen into impassable rivers, and these, when united in their common channel, made up a flood which carried along with it destruction to every obstacle. In one part of the Kat river, where I had an opportunity of accurately ascertaining the fact, the water had risen upwards of 20 feet above the usual level. Much damage has been sustained in Graham's Town, and other places, by the falling of houses. At Theopolis, one of the London Society's Stations, a very large and elegant School room, lately finished, has fallen to the ground. Our poor people, as well as other Kaffers, suffered a little, not in their houses, but in their crops. As they in general cultivate their corn along the slopes of kloofs or valleys, the grain lately sown in such situations was speedily washed off. Providentially it was not too late to renew the crop after the rain ceased, and it was highly gratifying to observe them resuming their field labours with the greatest alacrity."

The designation of the Rev. John Ross, as a Missionary to Caffraria, was transacted before many witnesses, and was stated in last year's report. Your Committee have now to inform you, that he and Mrs. Ross have reached the

place of their destination. The most remarkable particular in the voyage to Africa, is the deliverance which the Lord wrought for all who were with him in the ship, a few days after they sailed from England. The kind interposition of Providence on their behalf, he gratefully records in a letter to his Father, whose sudden death before its arrival, calls upon you to sympathise with the afflicted widow, to whom we are indebted for the following extract.

“A South American Insurgent Vessel, if not a Pirate, was seen bearing down upon us. The Captain, very prudently, did not make public his suspicions. At 10 o'clock, public worship was begun upon deck. The enemy (as she afterwards appeared) was coming fast upon the larboard tack. When my discourse was about half finished, she displayed her colours, and fired a gun. I went on with my sermon, while our Captain ordered the British Flag to be hoisted. Another gun was fired to bring us to. The discourse being finished, it was thought proper to conclude the service by prayer only, and the blessing. It was now a little after 11 o'clock. All prepared for battle. We had but two guns, and twelve muskets with bayonets for the seamen. The passengers armed themselves with fowling-pieces, pistols, and swords. Our decks were soon covered with men thus armed. I was appointed to assist the Surgeon. The foe was not above half a mile off, close upon the larboard: I could perceive the bustle upon her deck. Our men were firm without a motion. The enemy began to shorten sail. She put about, and crossed our stern for her old course.—Though fear was visible in some faces, yet these persons had not the grace to impute our preservation to the proper cause.—To what are we to impute it? Think of the enemy; a first-rate sailing Vessel, as allowed by all, of 14 guns, and full of men. She could have lain at a distance, and sent us to the bottom. If men were not blind, the finger of God might have been seen. In the evening, there was thanksgiving upon deck for our deliverance. The conduct of the Captain was praiseworthy; he behaved with the greatest coolness, throughout the whole scene.”

The Lord was pleased to give them a prosperous voyage to the Cape of Good Hope, where they arrived on the

4th Sept. 1823. They were received with all the kindness which your former Missionaries experienced. Dr. Thom had prepared his Excellency the Governor for their arrival, and his permission to proceed to Kafferland, was most readily granted. Mr. ~~William~~ Brownlee, Missionary-cate-*John*chist at the Chumie, whose friendly communications formed part of last year's Report, had been sick nigh unto death. But it pleased the Lord to have mercy on him, and he was, at that time, in Cape Town, a journey to that place having been recommended for the restoration of his health. Instead of taking ship to Algoa Bay, as Messrs. Thomson and Bennie had done, it was thought more eligible by Dr. Thom, Messrs. Beck, your agents at Cape Town, and other christian friends, that Mr. and Mrs. Ross should travel by land along with Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee. The journey, though tedious and fatiguing, was performed with safety; and they arrived at the Institution in the middle of December last. The hearts of the Brethren at the Chumie were gladdened, when the letters from their friends, which Mr. Ross forwarded from the Cape, announced to them the welcome tidings, that a fellow-labourer had reached the shores of Africa; and they were still more delighted when they met him on the way, and accompanied him to their common home. On these subjects you will find it most agreeable to hear them speak for themselves.

MR. THOMSON, to MR. KIDSTON, 14th November, 1823.

" Your letter to us, was forwarded by our dear Brother Mr. Ross, immediately on his arrival at Cape Town, with many others from our friends, which greatly refreshed our minds. It was a source of gratitude to us to find, that our fellow-labourer and his partner had been so far conducted in safety, by the kind Providence of God.—What delighted us all, was the notice of the Printing-press which he was bringing along with him. If my voice could reach them, I would thank every contributor to the Glasgow Missionary Society, for enabling its Directors to send out this valuable appen-

dage to their Mission. It is impossible to calculate the advantages which may result from it.—The study of Providence has been, of late years, in a particular manner, forced upon my attention, by the chain of events which has attended my own obscure life; and even in this Printing-press, I would recognise the directing hand of Infinite Wisdom. It appears to me to be sent exactly at the right time. By having it sooner, we would probably have set its stamp upon many errors; and if later, our exertions must have been considerably cramped, from the difficulty of multiplying written lessons.—I think it may now very prudently, become a subject of discussion with the Directors, whether, and how far, they will encourage and support native Teachers, under the direction of your Missionaries. The system, I think, would prove a powerful auxiliary to your other exertions. From five to eight Pounds would be amply sufficient for each, and would enable them to appear respectable among their countrymen. If these Salaries could not be afforded from the general funds of the Society, it might be made a separate object.—The plan is here peculiarly necessary, for so long as the people continue to live in small parties of from 50 to 100 in a kraal, some system of local instruction must be pursued. At present there is no difficulty here in finding a field of labour. All the principal chiefs in Cafferland have repeatedly requested to have ministers to instruct their people, and they are still waiting, and crying more earnestly, “Come over and help us.”

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MR. BENNIE, to DR. LOVE, 20th December, 1823.

“I have purposed writing you a few lines this evening, to inform you, that Mr. and Mrs. Ross, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee, arrived here in health and safety, on the 16th instant. In vain might I attempt to describe the joy I felt at seeing them. It was not an every-day joy. Being a little indisposed for some time, I once thought I would not have seen them till they reached the Chumie; but having rode down to Graham's Town, to purchase a few articles, I saw a letter from Mr. R. and a waggon load of his goods. Concluding he must be near, I went forward, and on the 11th, at sun-rise, I met the waggon 22 miles from the Town. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson met us 15

miles from the Institution, with a body of the people mounted on pack oxen. On our reaching the Institution, we assembled in Mr. Brownlee's house, and thanked our God for the mercy and goodness he had manifested toward us. I trust our gratitude was sincere, and that the assistance we asked, and daily ask in the prosecution of the work committed to us, will be graciously given.

On the 17th, we got our Press in order; on the 18th the alphabet was set up; and yesterday we threw off 50 copies. Rejoice, Rev. Sir: Rejoice, thou dear Society; Through your instrumentality a new era has commenced in the history of the Kaffer nation. Follow, O follow your noble gift to this interesting people, with your affectionate prayers. The day dawns. The star of hope is above the horizon. May its cheering light usher in the rays of our better sun.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross left Cape Town on the 25th September, and proceeded to Caledon, where they spent some weeks under Dr. Thom's roof. Of the journey from thence to Caffraria, Mr. Ross gives a circumstantial account in a letter of the 10th of January last, a part of which shall be quoted for your information.

MR. ROSS, to DR. LOVE.

"Chumie Institution, 10th January, 1824.

"It is with some degree of gratitude to our God and Saviour, that I write you from this place. I hope that you will have learned by a letter from Mr. Bennie, that Mrs. Ross and I arrived here on Tuesday, 16th Dec. 1823. Again and again by *sea*, and now by *land*, we have been made to see that the Mediator is well styled Wonderful. Jehovah is wonderful in Counsel; and excellent in working. With all our turnings and windings, I suppose we have not travelled less than a thousand miles, and yet we are both sound and well. When I think of Mrs. Ross, the jolting and twisting of a wagon, the roads and want of roads, the very hot sunshine, the damp and cold nights; I say there is a good and very gracious God, and hope that it is according to his promise that no evil has befallen us."

Leaving the Caledon Institution, we might now be said to enter upon our journey. After travelling one day, we entered a Karoe,

and journeyed alongst it seven days, without seeing any of our species, save four families. A few deer and ostriches were the only living creatures above the size of small birds which met our view. There was a scarcity of water at times, and during some whole days, we saw not a blade of grass. On the 20th, we entered a very fine valley, known by the name of Loughkloof, or Long Glen—the name of which is characteristic. We travelled in it other seven days, three of which were along the Crombe, or Crooked river. I know not how often we crossed or recrossed it. If elsewhere we found the ascent and descent of the mountains dangerous, here also we were not without our fears: one wrong step of the oxen might have thrown us over our shelving path.”

“ Leaving Uitenhage on the 6th Dec. we reached the Moravian Settlement on Witte-Rivier, on Sabbath. Before setting out on our journey, I had determined not to travel on Sabbath, except required by necessity or mercy, or to reach a Missionary Settlement early on that sacred day. I must say that we were necessitated twice, besides the present instance, to travel on this day of rest. The excuses made in this country for travelling on Sabbath are many. Often it is done with the view of shortening a long journey; but that reason seems to me altogether nugatory. In a great measure do I impute our getting on so well, to our resting upon the Lord's Day. On these days we had Prayer meetings with Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee, who were our companions from Cape Town. Besides the ordinary worship with the servants, we had also what might be called public worship: every Sabbath but one, Mr. Brownlee had opportunities of speaking at the neighbouring farm-houses.”

“ Half-way betwixt Enon and Graham's Town, I was met by my dear old friend Mr. Bennie. His coming was more than a gratification of christian feeling. For several days we had been travelling in hourly expectation of being compelled to halt or return. We now went boldly on from Graham's Town. We might have had a party of soldiers to accompany us; but, trusting in Him who had hitherto allowed no evil to befall us, we advanced forward without human protection. If when we *out spanned* on Friday night, we had our fears; on Saturday they were increased, so that on Sabbath I acquiesced in the advice of my brother, and went on in our journey, instead of tarrying and exposing ourselves to lions, elephants,

and wild Kaffers. As we approached the district of the Institution, the Rev. Mr. Thomson and his Lady met us. Many Kaffers then gathered around us; though armed, they were perfectly inoffensive. Now and then a few from the School joined us, some on foot, others on oxen. Their affectionate sympathy towards their old teacher and myself, tended to relieve me from the burden of those feelings, which the present, though not new thoughts, had excited. After expecting a peep of the Institution from many a ridge, we obtained it from the last but one, and a few minutes brought us to it from the top of the last. We entered it about mid-day. With the external appearance I was pleased, and had good testimony of an appearance of a more important kind among some of its people. In one of its inhabitants who accompanied us from Dr. Thom's, I observed the most orderly conduct: he was a pattern to the two other drivers: I hope he will not disgrace the name which he bears *Robert Balfour*. While in Cape Town with Mr. Brownlee, he gave answers in a most satisfying manner, to questions put to him in a public assembly. His humility and diligence promise much."

By the good hand of our God upon us, we now have in Caffraria, another Missionary, whose piety and zeal give us good cause to be confident, that he will not be negligent in the work of the Lord. May their hands be strengthened, and their hearts encouraged, to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Thus shall their experience illustrate and confirm the words of the Spirit of God by Solomon, "Two are better than one, and a threefold cord is not quickly broken." All your anticipations in reference to their new auxiliary, the Printing-press, have been realized, as far as was possible, in the short space of thirty-six days. It is already employed in the service of Christ, and who can calculate the benefits which it may confer on the myriads of our fellow-creatures, by whom the language of Caffraria is spoken or understood.

As soon as it shall be judged expedient, Messrs. Ross and Bennie will endeavour to select a new Missionary Station, and you will be happy to embrace the earliest

convenient season of sending others "to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty," in that land which has long been covered with the darkness of death.

There is one proposal made by your Missionaries, which is worthy of serious and immediate attention. Among a population composed of small villages or kraals, and scattered over an extensive country, little good can be effected without teaching and preaching as Itinerants. The example and the success of the Baptists in India, probably suggested and powerfully recommend the measure, which they propose, of employing native teachers. The expense it appears will be very moderate, and the advantages which may be derived from this method of instruction, who can calculate? Your Committee cordially approve of employing native teachers, under the superintendence of your Missionaries, as soon as they shall find persons properly qualified, and they do not contemplate the necessity of having recourse to the formation of a separate fund for this object. But if donations shall be given for this purpose, they will be faithfully applied, according to the intention of the Donors. By contributing a few Pounds annually, a pious individual may soon, we hope, have the satisfaction of knowing that he supports a native of Caffraria, in teaching the knowledge of Christ to his countrymen. This method of blessing the inhabitants of that extensive moral wilderness is recommended more earnestly, because there is at present one of themselves, whose name has long been familiar to our ears, and will continue to be remembered with veneration, who without much delay may be employed in this service. Mr. Ross informs us, that when at Cape Town with Mr. Brownlee, he gave very satisfactory evidence of his acquaintance with the Gospel, his good conduct bearing testimony to the sincerity of his profession; and Mr. Thomson regards him as one whom the God of nature and of grace is preparing for the work of imparting to his countrymen the knowledge of salvation by Jesus

Christ. "This is a most promising character, (Mr. Thomson, Sept. 15, 1823,) and if spared, he will, I trust, not only adorn the profession which he has made, but, from his great attainments in Divine knowledge and his singular gifts, prove a useful member of the church. I sometimes think I see in him a rising Teacher." The glorified spirit of the venerable man whose name he bears, will rejoice to hear that a native of Africa, another *Robert Balfour*, is honoured to promote the cause of which he was a zealous and an efficient friend, the cause which employed his thoughts and his time, at the moment when his labours were terminated.

Your Committee continue to watch over the Students, who under your patronage are receiving that education, which, by the blessing of God, may prepare them for the service of Christ among the Heathen. Their studies are superintended by a Committee, who report as to their progress at stated periods. From these reports, it appears that they are prosecuting the study of Divinity with approbation. Another young man, to whom assistance has been given, continues to prove himself worthy of encouragement. A number of the Directors statedly meet with these Missionary Students for prayer and religious conference, an exercise which they find to be at once pleasant and profitable to themselves, and which is happily calculated to promote the improvement of our young friends, over whom you have appointed them to watch.

The Monthly meetings for prayer to the God of all grace, for that blessing on which the success of the Gospel depends, are continued; and your Committee earnestly solicit a more general attendance of the members of this Society, and of all whose hearts are interested in the diffusion of the Gospel throughout the world. Of the recent arrangements for conducting the worship of God on these occasions, your approbation is confidently anticipated. Not

a few of the warm friends of Missions in this city, are connected with the Glasgow Auxiliary to the Scottish Missionary Society. To that Society, you must feel yourselves united by the strongest ties; in the extent and the success of their operations you greatly rejoice; and with them, you have all along been disposed to cultivate the most friendly intercourse. You have not, till now, had an opportunity to express your obligations to the Rev. David Dickson, one of their Secretaries, who preached your last annual sermon, and with powerful eloquence pleaded your cause. After due deliberation, your Committee agreed to unite with the Directors of their Auxiliary, in conducting the devotional exercises of those who publicly assemble to make supplication to the God of all grace, for the success of the Gospel in the dark places of the earth. Many are the channels in which the benevolence and the liberality of Christians flow forth to refresh and to fructify the waste places of the earth; but it is God who giveth the increase. To what Societies soever our contributions may be entrusted, concerning the necessity of dependence on God for his blessing, and of earnest and united prayer for the Holy Spirit, whom he has promised to pour out on all flesh in these last days, they who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity, are perfectly agreed. When, with one mouth, we pour out our hearts unto him that heareth prayer, we feel that in Christ Jesus we are all one, our love to one another becomes more fervent, and our zeal for the salvation of the Heathen is inflamed. According to previous arrangement, the prayer meetings have been held, and will continue to be held, alternately, in Grey Friar's Chapel, Albion-street, and the Tron Church; and the services will be conducted by ministers, connected with the Glasgow Auxiliary to the Scottish Missionary Society, and with the Glasgow Missionary Society, and by others, who may find it convenient to take part in this good work. For the reason now mentioned, the MONTHLY MEETING OF THE GLASGOW MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR

PRAYER, has given place to a more general name, which includes both Societies, and all who are united with them in the benevolent object of their labours. Your Committee earnestly request the friends of these Societies in particular, and the Christian public in general, to remember that *the evening of the last Tuesday of the Month, is the time fixed for the MONTHLY MISSIONARY MEETING FOR PRAYER* in Glasgow. Meetings of other Religious Associations, and even of those most closely connected with this Society, have inadvertently been held so as to deprive their members of an opportunity of assembling at the time above specified, in the place where prayer is wont to be made for the success of the Gospel throughout the world, and especially in the dark places of the earth, which are full of the habitations of cruelty.

The thanks of your Committee are due to the annual Subscribers, and to those who have kindly exerted themselves to procure Subscriptions; and you have gratefully to acknowledge the liberality of your Auxiliaries, and of the other religious Societies and Associations who have encouraged you to carry forward and to extend your Missionary labours in Caffraria. While you request them to accept of your thanks, and tender to them the gratitude of our brethren in that distant land who have received the love of the truth to the saving of their souls, and of others to whom your Missionaries will, we trust, prove the savour of life unto life, you humbly but confidently solicit their continued support, and you pledge yourselves, that the silver and the gold which they shall be pleased to place at your disposal, shall be faithfully and economically applied to the great object of your Association,—the conversion of the Heathen to the faith of Christ.

Since your last Annual Meeting, you have received from your Auxiliaries, and from other Societies, the following sums:—

Blantyre Works Religious Association, P Rev. Mr. Nichol,	£ 4	4	0
Burntshields Missionary Society, P Rev. Mr. Hay,	2	12	0
Campsie Bible, Missionary, and School Society, P Patrick } Falconer, Esq.	5	0	0
Cupar Auxiliary Missionary Society, P Rev. Mr. Willis,	5	0	0
Calton Association for Religious Purposes, P Mr. Clugston,	20	0	0
Dumfries and Maxwellton Penny-a-week Bible and Mission- } ary Society, P Rev. Robert Kirkwood,	15	0	0
Dundee Missionary Society, P Rev. Mr. Parker,	10	0	0
Eaglesham Society for Religious Purposes, P Rev. James } Dickson,	6	0	0
Fenwick Female Association for Religious Purposes, P } Mr. Bain,	2	0	0
Galston Bible and Missionary Society, P Rev. Jas. Blackwood,	10	0	0
Glasgow Association of Theological Students of the University,	7	7	0
———— Female Auxiliary Society,	90	7	6
———— Campbell-street Congregation, P Rev. Messrs. } Kidston & Brash,	10	0	0
———— Dovehill Relief Church Bible and Missionary So- } ciety,	10	0	0
———— Youths' Association,	31	0	0
Greenock Association in aid of the Glasgow Missionary } Society, P Mr. Simpson,	50	0	0
Holywood Religious Association, P Rev. Robert Kirkwood,	5	0	0
Hamilton Bible and Missionary Society, P Mr. Mather,	5	0	0
Kirkintilloch Missionary Society, P Mr. James Baird,	3	0	0
Kilmore Parish, P Rev. A. McMillan, Arran,	3	0	0
Kilmarnock—a few Female Friends, P Rev. Dr. McKinlay,	3	0	0
Leven Bible and Missionary Society,	7	0	0
Montrose Society for Missions, Schools, and Tracts, P J. } Dow, Esq.	5	0	0
Old Monkland Society for Religious Purposes, P Rev. Mr. } Thomson,	5	0	0
Paisley Youths' Society for Do. P Do.	10	0	0
Port-Glasgow Missionary Association, P Mr. W. Johnston,	10	0	0
Rosskeen Religious Association, P Rev. D. Carment,	10	0	0
Stewarton Auxiliary Society, P Mr. D. McFarlane,	12	0	0
Saltcoats Female Association, P Mr. W. Slater,	5	0	0
St. John's Parish Association for Religious Purposes,	2	15	9
Stewart, (Rev. Dr.) Liverpool, being part of money left at } his disposal for pious purposes, P Rev. Wm. Kidston, }	5	0	0

The balance in the hands of your Treasurers at the last Annual Meeting, was £177:11:1. The passage-money for Mr. and Mrs. Ross, with several other sums which were

disbursed before the Report was printed, (see note, page 25 of that Report,) amounted to £160, leaving your treasury almost exhausted. The hope which you expressed, by adopting the Report of your Committee, "That as your labours increased, you would receive more liberal encouragement," has not been disappointed. It is not wonderful that the years during which your only employment was to solicit contributions, and to distribute among other Missionary Societies the funds with which you were intrusted, should have diverted the liberality of your friends into other channels. You were forgotten as a dead man out of mind. Now that it has pleased God to give you a little reviving, and to open before the Society, to which this City gave birth more than twenty-eight years ago, a field of active exertion, and to crown your labours with success more early and more abundant than you could reasonably have anticipated, you have received that encouragement to which you are entitled; and you may be confident of this very thing, that while you have an opportunity to be actively and efficiently employed in the good work of evangelizing the Heathen, while God graciously smiles on your undertaking, this encouragement will not be withheld. By your last Report, and by subsequent intelligence from Caffraria, the hearts of many have been made glad; and by their contributions they address you, not in word, but in deed and in truth, saying, "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed; How long are ye slack to go to possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers hath given to the Son for his inheritance; Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way, but let it rather be healed; Let not thine hands be slack, and let not thine heart faint." Go on and prosper, in the pious labour of sending the knowledge of salvation to the tribes of Africa. Though your expenditure during the past year has been considerable, the state of your funds is

more promising than at the last Annual Meeting. The balance in the hands of your Treasurer, according to the audited state of accounts, is £279 : 4. But it is proper to state, that the expenditure of the ensuing year will be increased by the salary of another Missionary in Caffraria, probably by the support of native Teachers; and that these objects, with the maintenance and education of your Students, though conducted with the strictest economy, render it necessary that the liberality of your friends, instead of being diminished, shall be more abundant; that their exertions to furnish you with the means of rendering Glasgow a blessing to Caffraria, instead of being slackened, shall be more efficient.

Since the institution of the Glasgow Missionary Society, more than twenty-eight years have elapsed. These years form a most important era in the history of the church of the living God, and of the world which lieth in wickedness. The boundaries of Messiah's kingdom have been extended, while the kingdoms of this world have been shaken and desolated by wars and revolutions. The claims of the Heathen nations on the compassion of those to whom the word of God has come, are acknowledged by the churches of the Reformation, and even by not a few in Popish countries. In Europe, and in America, and in Asia, and in Africa itself, Associations have been formed for the noble, the benevolent purpose of giving light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide their feet into the way of peace. In the variety, the extent, and the success of the exertions of these Societies you cordially rejoice, and in all their afflictions you are afflicted. The London, the Scottish, (formerly the Edinburgh,) the Baptist, and the Moravian Missionary Societies, are the four to whom, in former times, you have been an Auxiliary, and in whom you must feel a special interest. The first of these has at present a strong claim to your sympathy, and to the encouragement which will be derived from the public expression of your senti-

ments and feelings in reference to the persecution of their unoffending Missionary in Demerara. The proceedings of the court-martial, which pronounced sentence of death against the Rev. John Smith, are now before the public; and mutilated though the official statements be, they fully prove that he was more than innocent of the crimes imputed to him; that he was a loyal subject and a faithful minister of Jesus Christ. They laid to his charge things which he knew not. The fatal sentence was indeed pronounced. Though it was suspended by Him who has the hearts of all men in his hand, and reversed by his Majesty's Ministers, Mr. Smith died the first martyr to the cause of Missions in modern times. The Master whom he served, set him free from oppression, by calling him home to his Father's house. Having learned of Him who gave commandment, saying, "Bless them who curse you, and pray for them that despitefully use and persecute you;" we will shed over his enemies the tears of compassion, and we will present to God our prayers on their behalf, in the words of the King of martyrs, and of the first of his followers on whom the crown of martyrdom was placed: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do;" "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." The temperate and respectful, but firm and decided measures which have been adopted by the Directors of the London Missionary Society, first to preserve his life, and next to vindicate his reputation, are worthy of your warmest approbation; and will, we trust, not only accomplish the last of these objects, but secure to Missionaries in future the full protection of the laws of Great Britain, while they faithfully discharge the duties of their station.

Your Committee request your earnest attention to the present circumstances, compared with the former condition, of this Society. The contrast cannot fail to inspire you with gratitude to God, while it presents powerful encouragement

to perseverance in the work of the Lord. Your first days were distinguished by zeal, and activity, and hope. The Supreme Disposer of events was pleased to visit you with disappointments, on which it would be painful to dwell, and for many years your operations were confined to the aiding of other Societies. After a considerable interval of comparative inactivity, and in a form which strikingly displays the agency of God, you were directed to send forth labourers into the wilderness of Africa. The special object of your care, is a small spot of that immense desert. But the Lord has made your work to prosper: there the good seed has been sown by your instrumentality; and already it has grown up and has brought forth fruit. During a long period you were called to exercise the patience of hope, and now it appears you have not waited in vain. The history of Missions with which you are most fully acquainted, seems to warrant the conclusion, that delay and disappointment are in general the preparation for future success. The early labours of the Baptists in India, and of the London Missionary Society in the Islands of the South Sea, viewed in connexion with the abundant harvest which has rewarded their perseverance, illustrate and establish this observation, "Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase." We would be far from awakening or encouraging ideas which are extravagant and visionary. But we know, that from beginnings very inconsiderable, the most magnificent effects have resulted. The weakness of the means proclaims the glory of that grace, to which the success of the Gospel must be ascribed: "God hath chosen the foolish things of this world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world, to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised hath God chosen: yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are, that no flesh should glory in his presence." Although your Missionaries had laboured for many years, without being able to

say, that even one sinner had been turned unto God, your obligations to persevere in this good work would not have been weakened. The salvation of five sinners, is an object of infinite importance, and although the good already done should be the amount of what for years you may accomplish, your labours of love will be richly recompensed. There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over the repenting sinners in Caffraria; and there can be no presumption in praying and hoping, that in reference to that land God will accomplish his promise, which has been gloriously fulfilled in circumstances not less unpromising; "There shall be a handful of corn in the earth, upon the tops of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like the grass of the earth." If the fathers have been turned unto God, (and of the happy change wrought in them, there is no reason to entertain any doubt,) it is impossible that with the present generation the cause can expire. "The living, the living, he shall praise thee: the father to the children shall declare thy truth. A seed shall serve him; It shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this." These words are true and faithful. We are warranted to look forward with the hope of better and brighter days in that dreary region. The church which has been formed in Caffraria, shall be "in the midst of many people as a dew from the Lord," and trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, shall, we trust, be multiplied, and shall flourish in succession to the latest ages. It is not impossible that by the instrumentality of your Missionaries, the sacred oracles may be translated into a language spoken or understood by hundreds of thousands of our fellow-men, and an opportunity may be furnished to that noble Institution the British and Foreign Bible Society, of adding another strange tongue to the many trophies of their zeal, to enrich with

the treasure of eternal life, them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

Brethren, the time is short; we must therefore "work the work of God while it is day, seeing the night cometh in which no man can work. Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave, whither thou goest." The favour which God has extended to other Societies, you cannot, you do not envy; but to be partakers of their honour, is a lawful, a laudable ambition. With the portions of the field which they cultivate, you will not interfere, except to forward their operations as God shall give opportunity; and as you go by, to say, "The blessing of the Lord be upon you; we bless you in the name of the Lord." Let your contributions for the support and the extension of your Mission in Kafferland, and for similar objects, correspond with your ability. See that you honour the Lord with your substance, by giving with a willing mind. For the Lord loveth a cheerful giver. Let your prayers in secret, in your families, and in public, accompany your gifts; and thus shall they come up for a memorial before God. "The harvest truly is great, and the labourers are few; pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest," and that the Spirit may be poured from on high on those places into which labourers have entered. Then shall the wilderness be a fruitful field. Whether we shall, or shall not put our hand to the work of the Lord, it is certain, that "many shall run to and fro, and that knowledge shall be increased, until the whole earth shall be full of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." If indeed we have known the terror of the Lord, and have tasted that the Lord is gracious, shall not love to the Saviour, and gratitude for the grace bestowed on us, and compassion for the wretched condition of more than six hundred Millions of immortal beings, having no hope, and without God in the world, animate us to do what we can for imparting to

them the knowledge of salvation by Jesus Christ? The words of Mordecai to Esther, the Queen of Persia, sound an alarm in the ears of every man and every woman who refuses to take part in the good work of evangelizing the heathen. "If thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed." The vengeance of Heaven, under which, for nearly 1800 years, the seed of Abraham according to the flesh have groaned, bears testimony to the wickedness of opposing the propagation of the Gospel. It was this which consummated the wickedness of the Jews, who both killed the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and persecuted the Apostles. It was this which brought on them swift and complete destruction. "They please not God," is the record of their crime and their calamity, in the words which the Spirit of God has dictated—"They please not God, and are contrary to all men; forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles, that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for, the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost." With such wicked men, God grant that none of us may have his portion. "O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour be not thou united." In many places of the oracles of God, we hear a voice from heaven, saying, "Come out from among them my people, that ye be not partakers of their sins, and that ye receive not of their plagues." Let us in the spirit, and in the words of the prayer of Moses, the man of God, pour forth our hearts in supplications, for ourselves, individually and as a Society, for the dark places of the earth, for the spots on which, by the exertions of Christian benevolence, the light has dawned; and in particular, for that part of Africa, where, by the labours of your Missionaries, God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, "has shined into the hearts of a small remnant to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ;"

and let our exertions in this good cause, give evidence of the sincerity of our prayers. "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. O satisfy us early with thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Let thy work and power appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; the work of our hands establish thou it." AMEN and AMEN.

Subscriptions, Donations, &c.

TO THE

GLASGOW MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

From 5th May, 1823—to 31st May, 1824.

A Lady, unknown—per Rev. Dr. Love	£5	5	0
A Highland Friend.....	0	10	0
Alston, John—Glassford-street.....	1	1	0
Anderson, Matthew, Baker	1	1	0
Alexander, John—Duke-street	2	2	0
Alexander, Miss—George Square	1	1	0
A Friend—per Rev. Mr. Muir, St. James's	15	0	0
A Friend to Missions, New Lanark—per Rev. Mr. Harper	0	11	6
Do. Do. per J. Sword, Esq.	0	10	6
Anderson, Rev. William	0	10	6
Alexander, Mrs. William—George's Square.....	0	5	0
Association of Theological Students of the University of Glasgow, in aid of Missions	7	7	0
A Tradesman's Missionary Box—per Mr. Nasmith.....	0	8	8
Brown, Robert—Miller-street	2	2	0
Bennet, James—12, Stirling-street	1	1	0
Burns, James—George-street	1	1	0
Buchanan, William—36, Candleriggs	1	1	0
Buchanan, Allan, Callenderer	1	1	0
Burns, Rev. Dr.	1	1	0
Bartholomew, John—St. Andrew's Square	1	1	0
Ballantine, Andrew—Brunswick-street	1	1	0
Barnhill, James—Spoutmouth	1	1	0
Brown, William—103, Trongate	1	1	0
Brown, Hugh, & Co.—Virginia Place.....	1	1	0
Barclay, Matthew—Bath-street	0	10	0
Balfour, William—Virginia-street	0	10	6
Beverage, Robert—Excise Office	0	5	0
Black, Thomas—Do.	0	5	0
Brodie, David—North Frederick-street	0	5	0
Blantyre Works Religious Association—per Rev. Mr. Nichol ...	4	4	0
Burntshields Missionary Society—per Rev. Mr. Hay.....	2	12	0
Balmanno-street Association—per Mr. Wilson	1	0	0
Collins, William, Bookseller	1	1	0
Collections at Prayer Meetings	20	5	3

Collection at the Annual Sermon, preached by the Rev. David

Dickson, of St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh	39	17	4
Campsie Bible, Missionary, and School Society—per Mr. Falconer	5	0	0
Campbell-street Congregation—per Rev. Messrs. Kidston & Brash	10	0	0
Calton Association for Religious Purposes—per Mr. Clugston ...	20	0	0
Couper Auxiliary Society—per Rev. Mr. Willis	5	0	0
Chalmers, Rev. Dr.	1	0	0
Cogan, Hugh—St. Andrew's Square	1	1	0
Cogan, J. & R.—Montrose-street	1	1	0
Craig, William—Candleriggs	1	1	0
Clark, Rev. Robert—Barony Place	1	1	0
Chisholm, J. & W.—Brunswick-street	1	1	0
Campbell, William—Candleriggs	1	1	0
Cuthbertson, John—Gorbals	0	10	6
Cuthbert, Thomas—Excise Office	0	5	0
Comrie, George—Do.	0	5	0
Christie, James—Nelson-street	0	10	6

Dumfries and Maxwellton Penny-a-week Bible & Missionary Society—per Rev. Robt. Kirkwood of Holywood, £5 & £10,	15	0	0
Dovehill Relief Church Youths' Bible & Missionary Society	10	0	0
Dundee Missionary Society—per Rev. Mr. Parker	10	0	0
Dalgliesh, Robert—Ingram-street	1	1	0
Deakin, James—Trongate	0	10	6
Dempster, Rev. Mr.—Denny	1	1	0
Drysdale, Walter—Regent-street	0	10	6
Doig, David—St. Andrew's Square	0	10	6

Eaglesham Society for Religious Purposes—per Rev. Mr. Dickson	6	0	0
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Fenwick Female Association for Religious Purposes—per Rev.

Mr. Bain	2	0	0
Friends in Carnoustie—per Mr. James Moncur	2	0	0
Ferguson, Mrs.—Charlotte-street	2	2	0
Ferguson, William—Albion-street	1	1	0
Fullarton, Allan—Brunswick Place	1	1	0
Falconer, Patrick—Ingram-street	2	2	0
Fleming, Peter—Argyle-street	0	10	6
Fisher, John—Book-binder	0	5	0

Glasgow Female Auxiliary Society, per Mrs. Muir	90	7	6
Glasgow Youths' Association	31	0	0
Greenock Association in aid of the Glasgow Missionary Society... ..	50	0	0
Galston Bible and Missionary Society—per Rev. Mr. Blackwood	10	0	0
Galloway, John & Charles—Trongate	1	1	0
Graham, Rev. Mathew	1	1	0
Gibson, John—Virginia-street	1	1	0
Graham, John—St. Andrew's Square	0	5	0

Hollywood Parish Religious Association—per Rev. R. Kirkwood	5	0	0
Hamilton Bible and Missionary Society, per Mr. J. Mather	5	0	0
Hutcheson-street Sabbath School Association, per Miss E. Sands, Treasurer	1	0	0
Hood, Robert—Candleriggs	1	1	0
Henderson, John—South Frederick-street	2	2	0

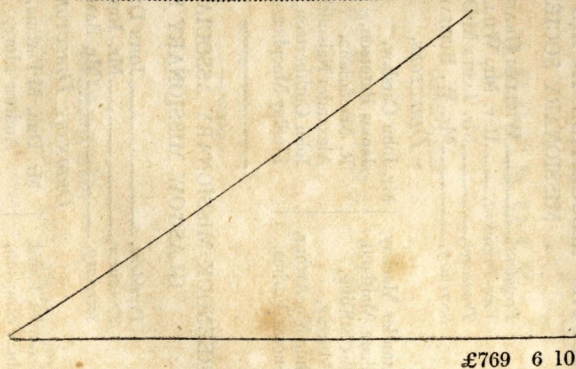
Henderson, James—Excise Office	0	5	0
Hall, James, Upholsterer	0	10	6
Kirkintilloch Missionary Society—per Mr. Baird	3	0	0
Johnston, Miss—North Hanover-street	1	0	0
Johnston, David—Trongate	0	10	6
Kilmore Parish—per Rev. Angus Macmillan, Arran	3	0	0
Kilmarnock, a few Female Friends at—per Rev. Dr. Mackinlay	3	0	0
Kidston, Rev. William—Belgrove Place	1	1	0
Kelly, William—Virginia-street	1	1	0
King, John—St. Andrew's Square	0	10	6
King, Andrew—North Albion-street	0	10	6
Leven Bible and Missionary Society	7	0	0
Laurieston Sabbath School, under Mr. Reid	1	0	0
Love, Rev. Dr.—Allan Place	1	1	0
Lockhart, Rev. Dr.—Germiston	1	1	0
Lawson, Thomas—Brunswick-street	1	0	0
Letham, Patrick—Virginia-street	1	1	0
Leechman, Wm. Ironmonger—Brunswick-street	0	10	6
Liddle, Alexander—Excise Officer	0	2	6
Montrose Society for Missions, Schools, and Tracts—per Mr. James Dow	5	0	0
Mitchell, Rev. Dr.—Newton Hill	1	1	0
Middleton, Wm.—Middleton & Tennent	1	1	0
Milliken, J. & A.—Spoutmouth	1	1	0
Miller, Michael—Candleriggs	0	10	6
Mirrilees, Peter—Saddler	0	10	6
Monro, Robert—Tailor	0	10	6
Moir, John—Upholsterer	0	10	6
Main, William—Excise Office	0	5	0
Melville, James—Do.	0	2	6
Muir, Rev. John—St. James's	0	10	6
MacCallum, Malcom—Trongate	1	1	0
MacEwing, William—Gallowgate	1	1	0
MacLean, Mr.	1	1	0
MacKay, Alexander—210, High-street	1	1	0
MacKay, Hugh—Tennant's Brewery	1	1	0
MacFie, Dugald—Candleriggs	1	1	0
MacLean, Rev. Dr.—Gorbals	0	10	6
MacLaren, James—Barony Place	0	10	6
MacFarlane, Rev. John—Great Hamilton-street	0	10	6
MacFarlane, Robert—Port-Dundas	0	10	6
MacIntyre, Jonn—Cross	0	10	6
MacIndoe, Miss—per Rev. Dr. Burns	0	10	6
Neilson, Miss—Grahamston	1	1	0
Nasmith, David—Institution House	0	10	6
Old Monkland Society for Religious Purposes—per Rev. Mr. Thomson	5	0	0
Orr, John	0	2	6

Paisley Youths' Society for Religious Purposes—per Mr. Symington	10	0	0
Port-Glasgow Missionary Association—per Mr. Wm. Johnston	10	0	0
Port-Glasgow Juvenile Missionary Society, per Mr. Wallace	5	0	0
Paterson, James	1	1	0
Playfair, James—South Albion-street	1	11	6
Rosskeen Religious Association—per Rev. Mr. Carment	10	0	0
Rankin, Rev. Dr.—Montrose-street	1	1	0
Robertson, Rev. John—Cambuslang	1	2	0
Robertson, John—Bell-street	1	1	0
Robertson, Andrew—Do.	1	1	0
Ronald, John—Candleriggs	1	1	0
Roxburgh, John—Tanner	1	1	0
Roxburgh, John	1	1	0
Renny, Dr.—Montrose-street	1	1	0
Roberton, Basil—Virginia-street	1	1	0
Roger, Peter—Excise Office	0	7	6
Rose, William—Do.	0	5	0
Stewarton Auxiliary Society—per Mr. D. Macfarlane	5	0	0
Strathaven Aux. Bible & Missionary Society—per Mr. J. Cochrane	12	0	0
Saltcoats Female Association—per Mr. Stalker	5	0	0
St. John's Association for Religious Purposes—per Mr. Falconer	2	15	9
Stewart, Rev. Dr. Liverpool—part of money left at his disposal for pious purposes—per Rev. William Kidston	5	0	0
Sommerville, John—St. Andrew's Square	1	1	0
Sommerville, James—Do.	1	1	0
Smyth, Rev. John—Garnet Hill	1	1	0
Sandford, Daniel K. Professor—College	1	1	0
Struthers, Rev. Gavin—Hope-street, Anderston	1	1	0
Swanston, John—Buchanan-street	1	2	0
Stevenson, Nathan—Hutcheson-street	1	1	0
Stow, David—Trongate	1	1	0
Sharp, William & John—Glassford-street	1	1	0
Sommerville, Rev. Mr.—Belgrove Place	0	10	6
Stewart, William	0	5	0
Thomson, John—Royal Bank	1	1	0
Turner, James—High-street	0	5	0
Wingate, James	10	0	0
Whitehaven Female Missionary Society—per Rev. Mr. Fairley,	5	0	0
Walker, Robert—Virginia-street	1	1	0
Walker, William—Do.	1	1	0
Watson, James, Surgeon—Horn's Court	1	1	0
Wright, John, junr.—Miller-street	1	1	0
Wilson, John—Saracen's Lane	1	1	0
Willis, Rev. Michael—Garden-street	1	1	0
Wilson, John—115, Trongate	1	1	0
Walker, Gabriel—Montrose-street	0	10	6
Young, Andrew—150, Trongate	0	10	6

**ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE GLASGOW MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
FROM 31st MAY 1823, TO 31st MAY 1824.**

RECEIPTS.

To balance on hand,	£177	11	1
- Associations & Societies for Religious Purposes, &c.	382	14	11
- Collections at Annual Sermon, and at Prayer Meetings	60	2	7
- Subscriptions and Donations	146	13	6
- Interest	2	4	9



£769	6	10
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DISBURSEMENTS.

By Mr. Rankin	£58	6	5
- Mr. MacLachlan	56	1	2
- Mr. Chambers	23	17	0
		138	4 7
- Mr. Ross's passage-money, and part of outfit	119	13	1
- Do. expense at the Cape of Good Hope, travelling } to his destination, and the purchase of a waggon } and 12 oxen, the property of the Society }	121	14	0
- Mr. Bennie, in part of salary	28	0	0
- Rent of Religious Institution Rooms, 1½ years	15	0	0
- Postages, Advertising, Collecting Subscriptions, } Door-keeper, Gas Light, Stationary, &c. &c. }	15	16	7
- Print ^r s Report, Intelligence from Caffraria, Circulars, &c.	36	16	11
- Insurance	6	16	6
- Scottish Missionary Society, one half of Collection } since January last	3	1	2
- The Glasgow Bank	270	0	0
- Balance on hand	14	4	0
		£769	6 10

GLASGOW, 31st MAY, 1824.—Examined and found correct.

(Signed) { ANDREW ROBERTSON,
 { JOHN ALSTON.

Office-Bearers

OF

*The different Associations in connexion with, and Auxiliary to, the
Glasgow Missionary Society.*

I.—GLASGOW FEMALE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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Miss Watson,	Miss McDougal,	Mrs. Dinwiddie,
Mrs. Murdoch,	Mrs. Frazer,	Mrs. Robert Brown,
Miss Balderstone,	Miss Hope Pattison,	Miss Boyd,
Miss Cuthbertson,	Miss Leslie,	Miss Agnes Ross,
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Miss Innes	Miss Barnhill,	Mrs. McDonald,
Mrs. Steele	Miss Knox,	Miss Dewar,
Mrs. McCall,		

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Vice-President,.....Rev. Mr. Willis.

Treasurer,.....Mr. James McDonald.

Secretary,.....Mr. W. Buchanan.

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D. Murray,	Alexander Naismith,	William McMurphy,
Arthur MacArthur,	John Cuthbertson,	Peter Macfarlane,
Ebenezer Forbes,	Findlay Macpherson,	Alexander Munroe.

III.—GREENOCK MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION, IN AID OF THE GLASGOW MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President,.....John Denniston, Esq.

Treasurer,.....Mr. John McLeod.

Secretary,.....Mr. Samuel Rodger.

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Alan Ker, junr.	Andrew Lindsay,	John Buchanan,
Robert Hamilton,	John Simpson, jun.	John McFarlane.