

REPORT

OF THE

GLASGOW

Missionary Society,

FOR

1825:

WITH

AN APPENDIX,

CONTAINING

A LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS, &c.

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1825.

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. D. MANUEL, and the Rev. GEORGE GREIG;—in *Liverpool*, by the Rev. Dr. STEWART;—and in *Manchester*, by the Rev. Dr. JACK.

ANNUAL MEETING.

GLASGOW, 13th April, 1825.

The THIRTIETH Annual Meeting of the Glasgow Missionary Society, was held this evening, at 7 o'clock, in the Trades' Hall, Glassford-Street.

The Rev. JOHN M'FARLANE, President of the Society, having taken the Chair, opened the Meeting with Prayer.

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

After which, the following Resolutions were severally moved, seconded, and unanimously adopted.

I. *On the motion of the Rev. MR. HEUGH, seconded by MR. A. ALLAN,*

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

II. *On the motion of the Rev. MR. PRINGLE, seconded by the Rev. MR. ELLIS,*

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

President,

REV. DR. LOCKHART.

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Dr. M'LEAN,
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Treasurer,

ROBERT WALKER, Esq. 33, Virginia-Street.

Secretaries,

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

III. *On the motion of the Rev. MR. FRENCH, seconded by MR. ALLAN,*

That the Society acknowledge with gratitude to the Father of mercies, the protection and success with which they have been favoured, and rejoicing in the establishment of a second Missionary Settlement in Kaffraria, they are encouraged to persevere.

IV. *On the motion of the Rev. MR. KIDSTON, seconded by JOHN ROBERTSON, Esq.*

That this Society cordially approve of the employment of Native Converts, as helps to their Missionaries, and under the good hand of God anticipate the success, and extension of the system.

V. *On the motion of the Rev. MR. CAMPBELL, seconded by MR. THOMAS LAWSON,*

That this Society desire still to cultivate that Catholic spirit which led to their union with the friends of the Scottish Missionary Society, in conducting the Monthly Meeting for Prayer, and would avowedly recognise their belief in the inseparable connexion betwixt abundant supplications, and the spread of the Gospel.

VI. *On the motion of the Rev. MR. STRUTHERS, seconded by MR. SWANSTON,*

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 are requested to accept of your grateful acknowledgments, cherishing as you do, the fullest conviction, that should the Great Head of the Church continue to bless your efforts, you will still continue to participate in their liberal support.

The Meeting was then concluded with prayer, by the Rev. MR. KIDSTON.

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.

THE Directors of the GLASGOW MISSIONARY SOCIETY, welcome, with gratitude to the Father of mercies, the opportunity of again presenting their Annual Report to their constituents. If the occurrences of the by-past year have not in them much to rouse, they are at least not destitute of matter to please. The temple of the Lord was originally built in silence, and though the sound of an axe or a hammer should not be heard in the rearing of a Gospel Church, we are not from this to infer, that the building has been arrested, and the workmen have ceased from their labour. Amid the calmness of regular and uninterrupted ministrations, the business of evangelizing the Heathen, is most effectually promoted.

The Report of your last year's Committee, concluded with the cheering intelligence, that Mr. and Mrs. Ross, after a prosperous, though in some respects harassing journey, had been received into the bosom of the Institution at the Chumie. Since that period, letters have been frequently received from your Missionaries, Messrs. Thomson, Bennie, and Ross, and up to the very latest intelligence, every thing wears an encouraging aspect.

Sojourning as they are amongst rude and warlike Kaffers, whose name you have hitherto been accustomed to associate with inroads and spoliations, committed upon the Colony of the Cape, you cannot but observe how, in their safety and protection hitherto secured, and in their gentle though powerful influence still continuing to increase, is remarkably

verified the Gospel promise:—"The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf, and the young lion, and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them."

Shielded from external danger, and hitherto without a breach in their number, they have been enabled to consecrate all their time and their strength to the work of the Lord. As they are now four in number, (including Mr. Brownlee, a native of Clydesdale, and a Catechist belonging to the London Missionary Society, who has hitherto kindly co-operated with them in all their undertakings,) they have wisely separated themselves into two bands. After a careful examination of the Country, that they might fix upon an eligible spot, two of them have removed within the territory of Botman, who had long been anxious for the coming of teachers, and who himself pointed out the place which they now occupy. It is upon the river Cetra, and in the centre of crowded kraals. It is sufficiently far from the Chumie to prevent all interference in the field of their labours, and yet not so distant, but that the Missionaries can easily hold communication with each other. It is called the INCEHRA; a house has been built, gardens laid out: and a place constructed purposely, for the public worship of God, is in immediate contemplation. At the Incehra, Messrs. Bennie and Ross, who are more especially your Missionaries, have taken up their abode, and are giving efficiency to the same plans of public and private instruction, which the Great Head of the Church has hitherto blessed beyond our hopes at the Chumie.

"You may perhaps desire," writes one of your Missionaries, "to hear how we are daily employed since the bustle of building is over. This might be done by a reference to some of the accounts of our dear brother Thomson, which you have by you, detailing the management of religious matters at the Chumie. But as there is a little difference arising from local circumstances, I may mention, that early on the morning of the Lord's day, there is a Prayer-Meeting with

all the people. Public worship commences betwixt 9 and 10 o'clock forenoon, and again betwixt 2 and 3 afternoon. During the interval, we converse with the strangers, who may be in the village, and have a meeting with the children. At 5 o'clock, we have a meeting with the candidates for baptism, and in the evening after sun-set, the people are generally catechised on what they have heard throughout the day. The Lord's day is also in part devoted to the visiting of the kraals at some distance. Every week-day morning at sun-rise, a greater or lesser portion of Scripture is explained, uniting along with it, praise and prayer. Shortly after sun-set, we catechise on what was said in the morning, prayer and praise also forming again part of the exercise. On the evening of the last Tuesday of the month, we unite with you, who, though unseen by us, are yet assembled around the same throne of grace in our behalf. The applicants for baptism have a Meeting among themselves for prayer every Wednesday evening. Every week-day morning, I assemble the females old and young, for instruction in reading, and Mr. Bennie meets the males old and young for the same purpose, about 3 o'clock afternoon."—Of a truth it may be said, a new Missionary Station in Kaffraria, is not to be thought of little importance. The seed is cast into the furrow in abundance, and may the Lord of the Harvest hasten and augment the increase.

The original Institution at the Chumie, from which the Gospel has sounded out to the kraals of Botman, is now left under the superintendence of Messrs. Thomson and Brownlee. Two very important measures have been carried into effect *there* during the last year, which promise to the eye of man the most ample success,—the erection of preaching places in the neighbourhood, and the employment of converted natives, to converse on religious subjects with their Pagan brethren. What is this, but Andrew going in search of his own brother Peter, that he may bring him to Christ?

On these topics, Mr. Thomson, writing to Dr. Love, pre-

vious to the establishment of the new Institution at the Incehra, says, "Our engagements among the kraals in the neighbourhood, have been numerous during the month. Almost every other day, two of us have gone out teaching and preaching in various directions. Though this part of our work, at this season of the year, is extremely fatiguing, on account of the heat, the encouragement which we have lately received, and our opening prospects of success, will not allow us to drop it. You are already acquainted with our former labours occasionally this way, and the opinion which we expressed (speaking after the manner of men,) of its probable utility and advantage. Now, that we are able to prosecute our designs more regularly and frequently, we are confirmed in our opinion, and encouraged to hope that God will bless these exertions, in the salvation of some who otherwise might not have heard the tidings of mercy.

"In our last monthly letter, I think Mr. Bennie mentioned the prospect which we had of the erection of a large *hut* for the familiar instruction of the natives, and the public worship of God. After several conferences with the people, they cheerfully acceded to the proposal, and in less than two days, a large *circular hut*, 24 feet in diameter, was completed, and ready for occupation. You will not so much wonder at the expedition, as you must be pleased with their unanimity and alacrity. Upwards of 150 individuals had a hand in the work: the situation is very eligible; it is situated about 5 miles off from the Chumie, and central to 8 kraals, which contain a population of at least 350 or 400 individuals.

"You will not, we dare say, imagine, that every individual of them is so far influenced as to attend to the means of instruction they now possess. The attendance however, we must say, is good, and such as encourages us to persevere: We impose it upon ourselves as a duty to visit this place at least twice if not thrice every week. On other days we send over one or two of our own people, whom we reckon pious and sensible, to pray and converse with them evening and

morning. When we wrote you some time ago respecting the employment of native teachers, we had little expectation that we should be called upon so soon to adopt the system. We have been led to it almost undesignedly by the establishment of this Kaffer kirk, and now the original plan is in full operation.

“Though this place has occupied much of our attention and some anxiety, we have also had a little time to devote to other places. Our plan embraces a circuit all round to the distance of nine or ten miles, which we may in some measure call our parish. In visiting, we are generally received and heard with attention, and often treated with Kaffer hospitality—a basket of thick fermented milk, and some parched Indian corn. It is with real gratitude and praise we have to inform you, that the plan which has been adopted at the fore-mentioned place, is likely to become general. We have now the expectation, that in two other situations, similar houses will be immediately erected. At one, it is already determined upon; and at the other, the people, who are unanimous in its favour, only wait the return of one of their principal persons from the Tambookie Country, to give his sanction to the undertaking. We entertain no doubt, from language which we have heard him use, of his giving the measure his countenance, when we expect it will be proceeded in without delay.”

At *both Stations*, the Missionaries still continue to devote much of their attention, to a humble and laborious, though at the same time, most useful part of their plan,—the conveyance of elementary education to the people in their neighbourhood. You are aware that the Kaffers had no books, nay, that their language had never been written before your Missionaries settled amongst them. Their exertions as Schoolmasters were at first greatly cramped, from a want of printed lessons for the Scholars, but the Printing-press, noticed as sent out in your last year's Report, has in a great measure remedied this evil. A little elementary Spelling-book, part of Brown's small Catechism, some

Hymns, &c., have already been thrown off, for the use of the Scholars. Mr. Bennie is at present busily engaged in preparing a larger Vocabulary, and in reducing to form and rule, this language, which hitherto floated in the wind, and was subject to constant variations, from the voice of man. As a mere literary undertaking his efforts are to be praised, but when you consider, that all this is preparatory to the introduction of the Gospel among the Kaffers, in their own language, which, in different dialects, is spoken over the greater part of Southern Africa, you will hail with gratitude the first rudiments of Kafferland literature.

With the design therefore of following up these efforts, and making them bear upon some practical religious purpose, Messrs. Thomson and Brownlee, have fixed the one on John, and the other on Matthew's Gospel, and are making progress in their translations into the language of Kaffraria. Aware of the importance of an accurate version, and of the difficulty of translating such a pure spiritual volume as the Bible, into the language of a people, conversant only about material objects, they have resolved to exercise the most vigilant caution, before they commit their version to the press. The work of one is examined separately and successively by them all. Errors, which otherwise might have escaped the eye of the most scrupulous, are thus corrected, useful discussions upon the language are promoted, and the translation, when it comes forth, will be stamped in the eye of the natives, and of the world, with the name and authority of the whole Institution.

In the mean time, the other outward and ordinary means of grace are carefully kept up. We have already detailed to you their commendable diligence in preaching the Gospel. In the Report of the last year's Committee, you were informed of the first observance of the Lord's Supper by the church in Kaffraria, on the 1st Sabbath of November, 1823. Of its second observance in March following, Mr. Thomson has given us a very interesting account.

"The Friday preceding the dispensation of the ordi-

nance was observed as a day of humiliation and of public worship. The instructions were in some measure directed by the solemn work which we had before us. On Saturday evening, we met with the Communicants for examination, exhortation, and prayer. Robert Balfour having been absent with Mr. Brownlee on his visit to Cape Town, when the Sacrament was last dispensed, was more particularly spoken to, on the present, as he had also been on other occasions. After a suitable address, he was received and acknowledged, by giving the right hand of fellowship, as a member of Christ's visible church. On the morning of Sabbath, Mr. Brownlee preached an appropriate Sermon. The interval was spent in public, and we doubt not, in much secret prayer, and in the afternoon, the celebration of the ordinance took place. Previous to which, I delivered an introductory discourse, and the services were concluded by a suitable address from Mr. Bennie in the evening. Throughout the whole, a becoming appearance of solemnity was observed by a comparatively numerous audience, among whom we observed many strangers. The native communicants appeared to be deeply affected, and we trust, to them, as well as to us, it was a season of great refreshing from God's presence. We have reason to conclude, that a greater degree of attention is excited among the people during some months past, and this perhaps, may in no small degree be promoted, by the occasional exhibition of the sacraments of our holy religion. We have generally observed on every occasion of that nature, that it is attended and succeeded by a greater sensibility and attention to public instruction."

During the year, no adult Kaffers have been baptized, but on the occasion of the Baptism of Mr. Ross's daughter, and of Robert Balfour's two children. Mr. Thomson also informs us, that four individuals "whom we had previously remarked in conversations among ourselves, as hopeful inquirers, came forward, intimating their desire to join the class of candidates for baptism. They apparently possess a tolerable knowledge of the outlines of the Gospel, and mani-

fest a becoming concern for the salvation of their souls. These things are peculiarly true of one of them—an old man—a stranger from a neighbouring Kraal, who has been about our place for a considerable time. It is common for our people, immediately after worship, to retire to the back of a fence, or any convenient spot for prayer; but we have found this old man, sometimes in the most retired part of a wood, where he was most unlikely to be under the observation of any one but God, earnestly supplicating at a throne of grace.—May he who seeth in secret, reward him openly.”

These things are certainly encouraging. There are now fourteen candidates for baptism at the Chumie, and seven at the Incehra, which is a considerable increase since the last Report of your Society was given. And what is of more importance, the conduct of the whole is, in a lesser or greater degree, consistent with their profession. So decidedly formed, does the Christian character appear in a considerable number, that your Missionaries, who value more the purity of a Church than its numbers, are on the eve of administering the ordinance of baptism to some of the candidates, both at the Chumie and Incehra. An instance is better than a general statement for illustrating their piety, and the holy jealousy which they exercise over the workings of their depraved hearts. During a journey, which Messrs. Thomson and Ross lately took into the interior, they were about to part, on the evening of the fifth day, from two Kaffers who had accompanied them thus far, and who were on a visit to some of their relations who lived in those distant parts. Just as they were about to separate, as their roads now lay in different directions, one of the young men unexpectedly addressed them,—“We have travelled till now, said he, with the people of God, but here we go out from the flock, among the people that know not God. Pray for us, while we are among them.—“Such a manner of farewell,” remarks one of the Missionaries, “was unexpected and moving. It was not a vain or a flattering acknowledgment. It proceeded from the heart—for, muffling up his head that nothing might be

seen, he wept. The young man is one of the candidates for baptism at the Chumie, and of a consistent behaviour."

As might be expected, the system of Gospel training carried on at the Chumie and Incehra, has even operated most favourably upon the outward manners of the Kaffers who dwell around the Institution. A softness of demeanour—an intelligence of countenance—and alertness of movement in their usual occupations—at once distinguish them from the untamed aspect of the strangers who are led from reports circulated over the Country to pay them a visit. The *School Kaffers* themselves, are sensible of this, and are not disposed to work in the presence of some of their most tyrannical and avaricious Chiefs, lest they should excite their cupidity, and be compelled by them to leave their Teachers, and work in their Gardens. This is particularly true, in reference to Geika. When he visits the Institution, his people stop work, put on their *Karosses*, and walk about as if they were merely on-lookers. How true, therefore, in a civil as well as in a religious acceptance, the language of the Prophet: "Instead of the thorn will come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name, and for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

The *School Kaffers*, indeed, are kind and obedient to their Teachers: and even the barbarous people, throughout the more distant parts of the country, continue to show to your Missionaries no little kindness. They have heard, indeed, of wars and rumours of wars, and of garments rolled in blood; and the Missionaries of other Societies stationed farther back in the country, have had their fears excited by the eruption of a savage tribe pressing on towards the frontier of the territory; but they hitherto are far removed from the scene of danger. To satisfy themselves of their safety, two of them, Messrs. Thomson and Ross, lately set out on an exploratory tour, that they might learn from personal inspection, if there were grounds for serious alarm. "Having received, writes Mr. Ross, some information as to

the direction in which the enemy lay, we proceeded forward, till about twenty miles from them. From the nearest Chief who was mustering his forces along with others, to give them battle, we gained a very circumstantial knowledge of the invasion. It does not appear to us, that we have ought to dread from these people. From their known manner of procedure, years may elapse, even though no opposition were made to them, before they come this length. We do not place our confidence in man, however, but in God. "The Lord is our fortress, our rock, and high tower; we will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, so shall we be saved from our enemies."

Your Committee desire to rejoice, that they have these things to record; and while with you we desire to be gratified for the measure of success which has hitherto crowned the labours of your Missionaries, and would take it as a token of the good things which the Lord has in store for his Church in Kaffraria, we would yet rejoice with fear and humility, lest we should have provoked the Lord to keep back his hand from doing still more mighty works, because of our unbelief, inattention, and sin. Had not He who keeps Israel, and neither slumbers nor sleeps, watched over his own cause, our feeble and defective superintendence would have proved in vain.

Your thanks are due first to God, who holds in his hand the hearts and property of all his creatures, and who hath hitherto provided ample means for the support of your Mission. Forget not also a tribute of acknowledgment to those Associations and annual Subscribers, who have kindly remembered you, as the treasury of the Lord, for good, with part of their substance.

Since the last Annual Meeting, the following Missionary Societies, and Religious Associations, have contributed to your funds, viz. :—

Brechin Society for Missions, Tracts, and Schools,	£6	0	0
Campbell-street Congregation, Messrs. Kidston & Brash, } Mr. Thompson,	10	0	0
Campsie Bible and Missionary Society, Mr. M'Farlan,	4	0	0
Dove-hill Relief Congregational Bible and Missionary Society, } Rev. Mr. Barr,	10	0	0
Dunfermline Missionary and Educational Society, Mr. J. } Alexander,	10	0	0
Dundee Missionary Society, Rev. G. Parker,	5	0	0
Dundee Juvenile Bible and Missionary Society, Mr. C. Y. Roger,	5	0	0
Eaglesham Society for Religious Purposes, Rev. Mr. Dickson,	4	0	0
Eastwood Bible, Missionary, and Educational Society, Mr. } Rev. Mr. Stewart,	10	0	0
Fenwick Female Association for Religious Purposes, Rev. } Mr. Boyd,	5	0	0
Falkirk 1st Associate Congregation, Rev. Dr. Belfrage,	10	0	0
Galston Auxiliary Bible and Missionary Society, Rev. } Mr. Blackwood,	10	0	0
Glasgow Female Auxiliary Society, Mrs. Muir,	85	16	5½
Glasgow Youths' Association, Mr. M'Donald,	10	8	1
Greenock Auxiliary Missionary Society,	10	0	0
Hamilton Bible and Missionary Society, Mr. Mather,	4	0	0
Irvine Male Auxiliary Missionary Society, Mr. John Miller,	5	0	0
Irvine Female Do. Do. Do.	5	0	0
Johnston Female Bible Society, (for Bibles),	5	0	0
Kirkintilloch Missionary Society, Mr. Baird,	3	0	0
Kilmarnock Female Missionary Association, Rev. Dr. } M'Kinlay,	3	3	0
Lochwinnoch Society for Religious Purposes, Rev. R. Smith,	5	0	0
Late Laurieston Sabbath School Library, Mr. Campbell,	1	0	0
Port-Glasgow Juvenile Missionary Society, Rev. Dr. Love,	5	0	0
Port-Glasgow Missionary Association, Mr. Johnston,	8	0	0
Rosskeen Religious Association, Rev. Mr. Carment,	10	0	0
Rev. Mr. Harvey's Sabbath Evening Class, Kilmarnock,	3	0	0
Sabbath School Children, Miss Wilson,	0	6	10
Saltcoats Female Bible Society,	5	0	0
Sorn and Catrine Association, Rev. Mr. Curry,	5	0	0
Society for Religious Purposes in the United Associate Con- } gregation, Cumnock, Rev. Robert Brown,	4	0	0
Stewarton Bible and Missionary Society,	5	0	0
Strathaven Bible and Missionary Society, Rev. J. French,	5	0	0
St. John's Parish Association, Mr. Falconer,	1	0	0
Trustees of the late Mr. Gibson, Stewarton, Rev. Mr. } Douglas,	20	0	0
Theological Missionary Society, College, Glasgow,	7	0	0

In the hands of your Treasurer there remained £284:4, at the last Annual Meeting. Since, he has received £408:13:6. His disbursements, during the year, have been £318:3, leaving a balance in his hands, according to the audited accounts, amounting to £374:17:3. Nearly £80 of this sum, however, can scarcely be said to belong to the balance in the hands of your Treasurer, as it is already due, and he is waiting every day the arrival of regular drafts, that he may discharge the debts. The expenses connected with the outfit and increase of the number of your Missionaries will, in all probability, greatly increase the outgivings of your Society, during the commencing year. We wish you, however, to cherish no suspicion, that your paths shall cease to drop with fatness, as you have yet to learn the history of any one Missionary enterprise which has failed from lack of funds. "Behold the fowls of the air, they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feedeth them: Are ye not much better than they?"

In no period of your history, since this Society was first instituted, have you been without the purse and the scrip; though there was a period, and its recollection should teach you what most to fear, when the operations of this Society were at a stand, because the Lord sent forth no labourers into his vineyard. The chastisement, we trust, was felt, and duly improved. Every year young men are now raised up, willing to devote themselves to the good work. Without referring to applications lately made, the young men mentioned in last Report, still continue to prosecute their studies. An addition might have been made, during the year, to the number of your Missionaries, were it not that your Committee deem a liberal education, and the full course of Theological studies, which are required of an individual in this country, before he can be proposed as a candidate for licence to preach the Gospel, as necessary for a Missionary abroad, as they can be for a Minister at home. They would not be understood as undervaluing piety and

the blessing of Christ; but neither would they be neglectful of the Apostolic precept, which the experience of eighteen hundred years has only tended to confirm, "Lay hands suddenly on no man." To your next Committee will, in all probability, belong the honour and the happiness of increasing the number of your labourers in the cause of Zion.

It will be recollected, that your Missionaries, in one of their letters formerly published, looked forward with pleasure and anxiety to the time when they would be able to increase the number of your labourers, even from amongst the native converts. It was their opinion, as well as that of your former Directors, that £5 annually might be allowed to some of them, so soon as they were thought sufficiently qualified to take a superintendence of their more ignorant countrymen. As you have heard already, the system is now in full operation, without fee or reward. It is well that it is so, as it puts the purity of their motives above suspicion. The labourer, however, is worthy of his reward; and your Committee again bring the subject before you, for your renewed approval, and to give an example of the most effectual manner of stamping it with your approving sanction. While your Committee believe that there is neither male nor female in Christ Jesus, they would yet record with pleasure, that as female benevolence ministered of old to Christ of its substance, so the same source has been the first to stretch forth its compassions to this excellent measure. After information had been prudently asked, and satisfactorily given, the Secretary of the Dunfermline Female Association writes to one of your Secretaries; "You may consider the Dunfermline Ladies' Association as charging themselves with the support of Robert Balfour, as a labourer amongst his benighted brethren, so soon as it is found expedient to employ him. I do most cordially join with you in the wish, that he may have a double portion of that Spirit which rested on him whose venerated name he bears. It is cheering to know that the work is the Lord's, and that it shall succeed. But I think it matter of deep regret, that so little

a sense of our entire insufficiency is felt among Christians, in general, and especially by those who have the direction at home of Missionaries abroad. Much is said about the necessity of Divine influence; but alas! the thin attendance given to Prayer-meetings, (at least in this place,) unequivocally proclaims, that the very essentials of genuine prayer are wanting. This straitening in ourselves must be removed, before that glorious period, when it shall be no more said, 'Know ye the Lord; but when all shall know him from the least to the greatest.'

These concluding sentiments we have ventured to extract, and submit to your notice, as the evil lamented, is as prevalent in Glasgow, as in the City of Edinburgh, from whence the letter is dated. The Prayer-meetings, according to the former Catholic union, are still kept up, on the last Tuesday of the month. Let the powerful appeal from the pen of a female, be heard and felt. "Prayer moves the hand that moves the world."

Friends and Brethren, remember that the Society, whose external and internal operations we are attempting to detail, is not ours, but yours. Carry it in your bosom, present it frequently and fervently at a throne of grace, support it by your contributions, and give it room to strike and spread its roots deep and wide in your Christian sympathies, that it may cover the mountains with its shadow, its boughs may go out to the sea, and its branches to the river. Welcome every other Association which has an evangelical bearing, as a kindred agent in the hands of him who has never yet given all his people to one party, nor all his converts from Paganism, to any one Missionary Society. There is room enough in a world lying in wickedness, for thousands of more labourers than yet have gone forth amongst its Heathen population.

Love to all, however, may be perfectly consistent with a preference to one, which recommends itself to you, as being bone of your bone, and flesh of your flesh. It was instituted in this city. Its Missionaries have gone from this neigh-

bourhood, and it carries along with it the type of those simple and venerable Institutions of religion, for which your fathers bled and died. Its labourers continue to look to this city as their cradle, and all their associations are towards the religious sympathies of a Scotsman's hearth, and the variegated scenery of their fathers' land. Did they but think that they had no share in your affections, and no interest in your prayers, it would come over their heart like the African blight, which, year after year, has blasted the hopes of your Countrymen settled in that strange land, where there is a lack of water, as well as of that dew, which refreshes and fructifies the soul of man.

Nay, Christ has set his own seal upon your work: He has given you a name and place among the religious Institutions of your Country, and of the world. If its beginnings were at first small, it is more like the handful of leaven hid in the meal. The influence of your Missionaries is gradually augmenting. After novelty has spent its force, their audiences, on Sabbath, are becoming more numerous; strangers from a distance, are more frequent in their visits. "Arise, shine, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee."

As one star, indeed, differeth from another star in glory, so will one religious Association surpass another. Repine not at your comparative effulgence, but rejoice that you are even permitted to shine in the bright Galaxy of Missionary Institutions, ushering in the perfect day. The universal diffusion of our religion by the preaching of the Gospel, may, perhaps, seem to you, rather a boundless expanse on which to suffer your thoughts to roam, than a future event of which you can form an accurate and well defined conception. This world evangelized! Shall the Papist, the Turk, and the Pagan, strip himself of his degrading superstition, deny his prophet, and forsake his images? Shall the savage and the civilized, the wild libertine, and the self-sufficient infidel, yet form one believing group around the cross of Jesus? And what should hinder? The preaching of Christ crucified, is the power of God, and the wis-

dom of God. The signs of the times are manifestly favourable. The Gospel, in its renovating influence, is penetrating into every country. Churches are forming, and clusters of saints are collecting in every clime. And when the time shall come, that a little one shall become a thousand; these cheering appearances shall greatly increase. Every religious station shall widen in the sphere of its influence, till the nearest unite. And every fresh junction of Church with Church, shall doubly augment its expansive power. Once a revolutionary spirit in religion fairly begins, it shall not be in the power of man to check its spread. It shall spread like fire, and like that subtle element, make the wickedness of man, the corruption of Churches, and the degrading superstition of religious orders, the wood, the hay, and the stubble, wherewith it shall augment its light, and increase its burning. As in the days of Luther, the vileness of idolatry shall become the weapons wherewith the servants of the Lord shall weaken its strength, and hasten its ruin. "In that day, saith the Lord, will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.—And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications; and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born.—And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they will call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people; and they shall say, It is my God.—And the Lord will be King over all the earth: in that day, shall there be one Lord, and his name one." Amen and Amen.

Subscriptions, Donations, &c.

TO THE

GLASGOW MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

From 21st May 1824, to 9th April 1825.

A Lady, per Dr. Love,	£1	0	0
A Friend near Crieff, per Dr. Love,	0	11	0
A Hearer in St. John's, per Rev. Mr. M'Farlan,	1	0	0
A Friend at Balshagrie, per Rev. Mr. Struthers,	0	10	6
Alston, John	1	1	0
Anderson, Matthew	1	1	0
Alexander, John, junr.	2	2	0
Anderson, Rev. Mr.	0	5	0
Dr. Belfrage,	0	10	6
Brechin Society, for Missions, Tracts and Schools, per Rev. David Blackadder,	6	0	0
Brown, Robert	2	2	0
Barclay, Matthew	0	10	0
Ballantine, Andrew	1	1	0
Barnhill, James	1	1	0
Buchanan, William	1	1	0
Buchanan, Allan	1	1	0
Burns, Rev. Dr.	1	1	0
Brown, William	2	2	0
Baird, Hugh, junr.	0	5	0
Blair Bryce, Kilmarnock, per Dr. M'Kinlay,	1	1	0
Collection at Public Meeting	5	3	6
Do. at Annual Sermon, Dr. Belfrage,	14	17	8
Do. at Prayer-meeting, Dr. Dick's,	0	18	4
Do. at Do. Tron Church,	0	10	10
Do. at Do. Dr. Dick's,	1	5	6
Do. at Do. Tron Church,	0	7	4
Do. at Do. Dr. Dick's,	0	11	10
Do. at Do. Tron Church,	1	4	7

Collection at Prayer-meeting, Dr. Dick's,	£1	8	9
Do. at Do. Tron Church,	1	13	2
Do. at Do. Dr. Dick's,	1	1	0
Do. at Do. Tron Church,	1	18	7
Campbell-street Congregation, Rev. Messrs. Kidston & Brash,	10	0	0
Campbell, William	1	1	0
Cogan, Hugh	1	1	0
Cogan, J. & R.	1	1	0
Cuthbertson, John	0	10	6
Christie, James	0	10	6
Campsie Bible, Missionary and School Society, & Mr. M'Farlan,	4	0	0
Craig, William	0	10	6
Chisholm, W. & J.	1	1	0
Curry, George	0	5	0
Cuthbert, Thomas	0	5	0
Drysdale, Walter	0	10	6
Dovehill Relief Congregational Auxiliary Bible and Missionary Society, per Rev. Mr. Barr,	10	0	0
Dunfermline Missionary & Education Society, & Jas. Alexander,	10	0	0
Dundee Missionary Society, per Rev. G. Parker,	5	0	0
Dundee Juvenile Bible & Missionary Society, per C. Y. Roger,	5	0	0
Dalgleish, Robert	1	1	0
Deakin, James	0	10	6
Eaglesham Society, for Religious purposes, & Rev. Mr. Dickson,	4	0	0
Eastwood Bible Missionary and Evangelical Society, per Rev. Mr. Stewart,	10	0	0
Fenwick Female Association, for Religious purposes, per Rev. Mr. Boyd,	5	0	0
Friends at Carnoustie, being a balance of Money collected in 1823, per Mr. Moncur,	0	7	0
Falconer, Patrick	1	1	0
Fullerton, Allan	1	1	0
Ferguson, William	1	1	0
Falkirk First Associate Congregation, per Rev. Dr. Belfrage,	10	0	0
The Glasgow Female Society, per Mrs. Muir,	85	16	5½
The Galston Auxiliary Bible and Missionary Society, per Rev. Mr. Blackwood,	10	0	0
Glasgow Youths' Association, per Mr. M'Donald,	10	8	1
Galloway, John & Charles	1	1	0
Gibson, John	1	1	0
Graham, Rev. Matthew	1	1	0
Greenock Auxiliary Missionary Society	10	0	0
George, John	0	5	0
Hollywood Society for Religious Purposes, per the Rev. Mr. Kirkwood, to Dr. Love,	5	0	0

Hamilton Bible and Missionary Association, per Mr. Mather,	4	0	0
Harvey's (Rev. Mr.) Sabbath Evening Class, Kilmarnock,	3	0	0
Hall, James	0	10	6
Henderson, John	1	1	0
Howie, Henry	0	5	0
Irvine Male Auxiliary Bible and Missionary Society, per Mr. John Miller,	5	0	0
Irvine Female Do. per Do.	5	0	0
Johnston Female Bible Society, (for Bibles,)	5	0	0
Johnston, David	1	1	0
Kirkintilloch Missionary Society, per Mr. Baird,	3	0	0
King, John	0	10	6
Kelly, William	1	1	0
Kelly, William, jun.	1	1	0
King, Andrew	0	10	6
Kidston, Rev. William	1	1	0
Kilmarnock Female Missionary Society, per Dr. M'Kinlay,	3	3	0
Late Laurieston Sabbath School Library, per Mr. Campbell,	1	0	0
Lochwinnoch Society for Religious Purposes, per Rev. R. Smith,	5	0	0
Letham, Patrick	1	1	0
Lawson, Thomas	1	1	0
Lockhart, Rev. Dr.	1	1	0
Love, Rev. Dr.	1	1	0
Leechman, William	0	10	6
Liddel, Alexander	0	2	6
Mirrilees, Peter	0	10	0
Middleton, William	1	1	0
Millar, Michael	0	10	6
Muir, John	0	10	6
Missionary Box,	0	6	1
M'Indoe, Miss	0	10	6
M'Kay, Alexander	1	1	0
M'Kay, Hugh	1	1	0
M'Intyre, John	0	10	6
M'Farlane, Robert, Distiller,	0	10	0
M'Laren, James	0	10	6
Port-Glasgow Juvenile Missionary Society, per Mr. F. Willas, to Dr. Love,	5	0	0
Playfair, Patrick	1	1	0
Port-Glasgow Missionary Association, per Mr. Johnston,	8	0	0
Playfair, James	1	1	0
Robertson, Basil	1	1	0
Roxburgh, John	1	1	0
Rosskeen Religious Association, per Rev. Mr. Carment,	10	0	0
Ranken, Rev. Dr.	1	1	0

Robertson, Andrew	1	1	0
Sorn and Catrine Association, per Rev. Mr. Curry,	5	0	0
Stewarton Bible and Missionary Society,	5	0	0
Society for Religious Purposes in the United Associate Congregation, Cumnock, per Rev. Robert Brown,	4	0	0
Strathaven Bible and Missionary Society, per Rev. Mr. French,	5	0	0
Stevenson, Nathan	1	1	0
Saltecoats Female Bible Society,	5	0	0
Shaw, Mrs. Widow, Gorbals, per Dr. Love,	1	0	0
Sabbath School Children, per Miss Wilson,	0	6	10
Sommerville, John	1	1	0
Sharp, William & John	1	1	0
Stewart, William	0	5	0
Stow, David	1	1	0
Simpson, Richard	0	2	6
St. John's Parish Association, per Mr. Falconer,	1	0	0
The Trustees of the late Mr. Gibson, Stewarton, per Rev. Mr. Douglas,	20	0	0
Theological Missionary Society, Glasgow College,	7	0	0
Thomson, Robert, Brewer,	0	2	6
Trenson, Richard	0	2	6
Wilson, John	1	1	0
Willis, Rev. Mr.	0	10	6
Watson, James, Surgeon,	1	1	0
Youths attending Gratis Sabbath School at Comrie,	0	17	0

N. B. Since the Accounts of the Treasurer were audited, he has received from the Rev. Mr. Turnbull's Congregation, Campbell-street, £8; from Glen-Lyon, per the Rev. John M'Alister, £2; from Leven Bible and Missionary Society, £7; and a Donation of £100 from Miss Isabella Nielson, per the Rev. Dr. Love. Notice was also given on the night of the Annual Meeting, that the Greenock Glasgow Auxiliary had £30 ready for transmission. The Collector of the Society is at present engaged in uplifting the Annual Subscriptions in Glasgow and neighbourhood. The names and contributions of those who have not yet been called on, will appear in next Annual statement.

ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE GLASGOW MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

FROM 31st MAY 1824, TO 11th APRIL 1825.

RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS.		
To Cash in Glasgow Bank,.....	£270	0 0	By Cash paid James Ranken, Student,	£ 31	18 6
- — in the hand of the Treasurer,.....	14	4 0	- — James M'Lachlan, do.	40	10 0
- Collections at the Annual Sermon and Prayer } Meetings, &c.....	31	6 2	- — William Chambers, do.	40	6 0
- To Cash received from Sundry Societies,	304	14 4	- John Ross, Missionary,.....	60	0 0
- Donations and Annual Subscriptions,	72	13 0	- John Bennie, do.	59	0 0
			- Dr. Thom, Caledon,.....	24	0 0
			- Expense at the New Settlement,.....	20	0 0
			- Paper and Printing,.....	27	17 4
			- Expense at Annual Meeting, and Prayer Meetings,	6	1 8
			- Postages, and Advertising,.....	3	6 9
			- Glasgow Bank,	365	0 0
			- Cash in the Treasurer's hand,.....	9	17 3
			- Rent.....	5	0 0
	£692	17 6		692	17 6

GLASGOW, 11th APRIL, 1825.—We, a Committee of the Directors of the Glasgow Missionary Society, having examined the Treasurer's Account, from the 29th May, 1824, to this date, find the same to be correct, and that there is in the Glasgow Bank, Three Hundred and Sixty-five Pounds, Sterling, and in the hand of the Treasurer, Nine Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Threepence: in all, Three Hundred and Seventy-four Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Threepence, Sterling.

HENRY KNOX.
JOHN ROBERTSON.

APPENDIX.

SINCE the Report went to Press, two Letters have been received from Kaffria. The following Excerpts may not be uninteresting.

From Mr. BENNIE, dated "Incehra, Kaffraria, 20th Dec. 1824.

"Two uncommonly promising young men were lately baptized at the Chumie. The number of Candidates there, I believe, is fourteen. All those formerly admitted into the Church continue to conduct themselves suitably to their profession.—I have been for some time employed in putting our Vocabulary into a systematic form, but I find this work requires greater labour, and more time than I had contemplated. I hope, however, to see it finished, a supplement excepted, in a few months. A Grammar must be our next task, for which we have a considerable quantity of materials."

From the Rev. Mr. ROSS, dated "Incehra, 25th Dec. 1824.

"Some time ago, Mr. Bennie and I drew on you for £20, on account of the erection of this place. It may still be necessary to draw for a little more, when we feel encouraged to erect a larger place of meeting. The house is so constructed as to serve two small families; and, by a little alteration, even our brethren, on their arrival, may have a temporary but comfortable dwelling. One or two rooms are always necessary for Colonial visitors. At the Moravian Institution, Gnadenthal, there are six apartments allotted to this purpose. There is a garden to the front and sides of the houses—that on the north side stretches towards the river. We have had a good supply of vegetables for the first season. The greater part of the seeds which I brought from home have not done well. Every year or two we would require a supply of fresh seeds, as many kinds degenerate. And as there is no good timber near, it might be proper to plant some young forest trees. At Gnadenthal, where there were none thirty years ago, there are now at least half-a-million, though I think Mr. Halbeck said there were a million oaks.—On Monday last (20th Inst.) there was a most observable annular eclipse of the sun. It lasted about two hours. The darkness was little less than that of a clear moonshine night. We had previously told the Kaffers of it, and some came next day to inquire if there were to be any more darkness. The children and cattle who were in the field were, in general, sent for by the Kaffers. Many, we have likewise heard, ran and took in such a supply of water as might serve them for some time."