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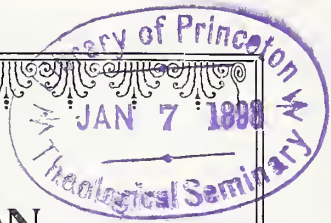
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# THE LIVINGSTONIA MISSION.

## ❧ A MARVELLOUS SUMMARY. ❧

### **The Twenty Years' History**

of this Mission has been one continuous effort, in which many noble workers have laid down their lives, to bring the Gospel to the tribes on the west side and north end of Lake Nyassa, and on the adjoining highlands. The one station of 1875 has become *seven* stations, manned by European missionaries, each having numerous out-stations, and commanding a range of 500 miles in length.

### **Native Christian Congregations**

have been formed at five stations, the largest at Bandawe, with 128 communicants; and classes for natives anxious to make a profession of faith in baptism are formed and taught regularly at all the stations. Some of these classes have 200 members. The Women's Bible Class at Bandawe numbers over 700, and the Men's Bible Class 240.

**Seven Languages** have been reduced to writing; books in them have been prepared and printed at the Mission Press by native printers. The whole of the NEW TESTAMENT and part of the OLD have been translated and printed in one, and the GOSPEL OF ST. MARK in other three languages.

**Forty Schools** are now open, taught by 150 native teachers, at which over 7,000 children are taught to read, and instructed in the Christian faith.

**Evangelistic Work** is done by over 100 native preachers, some of whom travel ten miles to conduct services in the villages.

**Slave-Hunting, Tribal Raids, and the Poison Ordeal** have been almost abolished within a great part of the sphere of the Mission, and the dying prayer of Livingstone has been answered for this part of Africa.

**Our Perplexity.** The seed sown in tears and watered by the blood of many martyrs has yielded an almost unhoped-for harvest. Scarcely any mission has such a record of blessing as this LIVINGSTONIA MISSION of the Free Church of Scotland. Its success calls for profound gratitude to God, and for increased efforts for the extension of His kingdom. Our very success has become our perplexity. The Livingstonia Mission does not share in the ordinary mission funds of the Church, and has from the beginning

been supported by special contributions. These have averaged about £4,000 a-year, a sum which was amply sufficient in its earlier years, but which is now wholly inadequate. The development of the Mission urgently demands an INSTITUTION, on the model of Lovedale, where preachers, teachers, and artisans can be taught. Dr. Laws is at present actively engaged in carrying this out at Kondowi. If the Mission is to be maintained, its income cannot be estimated at less than £7,000.

We trust and pray that all those who have the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom at heart will contribute something for this splendid Mission, which is entirely dependent on special contributions, and gets no help from the General Foreign Mission Fund of our Church.

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## THE LIVINGSTONIA MISSION.

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SEVENTY-FOUR YEARS have passed away since David Livingstone died on his knees at Ilala, near Lake Bangweolo. While his body was brought home by loving hands and laid to rest among the mighty dead in Westminster Abbey, his heart rests near the spot where, in suffering, he spent the last night of his life, among the people he loved so well.

His death rung the great bell for the evangelisation of the Dark Continent, and the Livingstonia Mission, advocated by Dr. Stewart, of Lovedale, Livingstone's fellow-traveller, was founded in 1874, and stands to-day a nobler monument to the great missionary than crumbling marble.

The following year the *Ilala* steamed into Lake Nyasa, bearing a company of pioneer missionaries, headed by Dr. Laws, who, for a quarter of a century, has ably directed the Livingstonia Mission. During all these years a battle has been steadily waged of

Light against Darkness ;

The Gospel against Heathenism ;

Liberty against Slavery ;

Civilisation against Barbarism ;

Righteousness and Truth against Vice, Cruelty, and Superstition.

The noble band engaged in this fight, giving up home, friends, and comforts, have gladly endured privations and difficulties for Christ's sake. They have battled against deadly fevers and ague, and many, alas ! have fallen at their post, and we have to lament the loss of twenty devoted lives—but they have taken possession of Nyasaland for Christ, and fresh volunteers have ever been ready to take up the torch that fell from their hands.

By God's good hand upon us the small band of 1875 now numbers—

28 Scottish Missionaries, and

112 Native Evangelists,

while there has been formed a Native Church, with 7 congregations, 12 elders and deacons, and 291 members.

There are now 85 schools, with 354 native teachers and monitors, and with a daily attendance of 11,510 pupils.

The great purpose of the Livingstonia Mission is, along with other fellow-labourers in the vast field, to win Central Africa for Christ. The work is carried on on four great lines, with the Gospel as the motive power in each :—

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| 1. Evangelisation.       |  | 3. Education.       |
| 2. Medical Mission work. |  | 4. Industrial work. |

1. **Evangelisation** by the direct proclamation of the



ROBERT LAWS, M.D., D.D.

Gospel at the various Mission centres. At Bandawe the attendance at church on Sabbath numbers upwards of 1000, and from each centre native evangelists go out every Sabbath with the Gospel message to surrounding villages, some as much as ten miles distant. The church building has become too small, and the Session and congregation have petitioned for help to build a new church, seated for 1400, to which they are to contribute £200.

Not only the adults are reached, but the children are specially cared for and taught in Sunday Schools out of God's

Word, with the help of such books as Harry's "Catechism" and the "Pilgrim's Progress," in their own tongue. They have a great talent for music, and delight in the hymns which are on the lips and hearts of our bairns at home.

The printing and circulation of the Bible in the native dialects has greatly helped the work, and the people are gladly paying for the Word of God and Christian literature, which are now spreading through the country, greatly helped by the force of public opinion, which has made it the fashion



W. A. ELMSLIE, M.B., C.M.

for old as well as young to be able to read, and we see men and women of all ages sitting alongside of the children—and so the good seed is being scattered.

**2. Medical Missions.**—As in all lands, so in Africa, this work has arrested and won the people, and given them, perhaps, their first idea of what Christianity is. That men better, wiser, stronger than they should come, not to destroy or rob them, but to heal and help, is a mystery beyond their comprehension; and when they saw men and women healed and cured, and learned that the God of Love, who lived and

died on the earth to save them, had bid them come on this errand of mercy and love, is it to be wondered that their confidence and then their hearts were won by the devoted men and women who lived among them, and, like their Master, went about doing good, and healing all that were diseased. At Bandawe alone, more than 10,000 cases have been treated in the past year. Patients come from afar to get healing, and go back cured, carrying with them the praises of the skill and kindness of the white man; but, better still, with some message of the Gospel of God's grace to bless his own heart, and those to whom he tells it.

**3. Education.**—No thoughtful or observant man now questions the policy of educating the natives, for in the march of civilisation and commerce, for which the Missions have opened the way, the demand is steadily on the increase for trained and intelligent natives, and the daily attendance at the eighty-five schools is very large, and the days have long gone past when we had to reward the children for coming to school. There are a large number at the elementary stages, but many, especially at the Institute, are in the V. and VI. Standards. The diversity of tongues—nine different languages being spoken in Nyasaland—greatly increases the difficulty of school work and the supply of books for the different stations. We are feeling more and more the desirability of having a uniform language, and are trying, not only among ourselves but among other labourers in the Protectorate, to adopt the Nyanja language, enriched by such other words as may be adapted from others.

**4. Industrial Work.**—The experience gained and success achieved at Lovedale under the able guiding hand of Dr. James Stewart, satisfied us at the outset of the Mission that we must seek not only to take the Gospel of Christ to the people of Nyasaland by direct preaching and medical missions, but also to educate them—not only in ordinary school instruction, but to train them in industrial pursuits—so that some occupation might be given which would take the place of their one occupation, warfare, and also prove beneficial to the people by training them in the arts of peace. We, therefore, at all our stations, have more or less

given instruction by Christian tradesmen in carpentry, brickmaking, agriculture, building, and latterly, printing, telegraphy, and tailoring, as well as elementary ambulance work. As an evidence that the work is well done, we may mention that the Report herewith is printed at Livingstonia, chiefly by natives, and that a part of the printing of the administration is done by our boys.

As, however, the work prospered, we found that it was indispensable to establish a Central Training Institute, so that while we carried on elementary instruction in school work and industries at each station, we could draft to it the more promising pupils, and, with a well-equipped staff, bring them on so as to turn out not only teachers and evangelists, but tradesmen who would do much to make the country.

Already we find that the boys first trained by us are filling important positions, not only in the undertakings, such as coffee planting, being established, but also in the service of the administration, and those in charge, as well as Mr. Rhodes of the British Central Africa Company, have gladly acknowledged the service thus done by the Livingstonia Mission.

We have, through the kind sympathy of Mr. Rhodes, who is keenly alive to the value of such work, received a grant from the British South Africa Company of a large tract of land, nearly 100 square miles, at Kondowi, near Mount Waller, in a healthy upland, and there we have already established an Institute with its various branches, Dr. Robert Laws, our valued missionary in chief, being at the head. We have at present a staff consisting of—

- Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Laws ;
- Rev. James Henderson ;
- Miss Stewart, teacher ;
- Messrs. Murray and MacGregor, carpenters ;
- Mr. M. Moffat, agriculturist ;
- Mr. W. Thomson, printer, with his wife ;
- and 137 boarders.

The demand for admission from all the stations is three times as great as we can meet, our accommodation, staff, and funds limiting the number we can receive.

The call comes to us again and again to send out female workers to win and train girls for Christ, so that we may have Christian homes in Nyasaland. In addition to the splendid

service given by Mrs. Laws, Mrs. Elmslie, and the wives of our missionaries, we have sent out Miss Stewart, and this summer Miss Jackson and Miss M'Callum, trained as teachers and nurses, to reinforce the band of labourers. Dr. Roby Fletcher, B.Sc., has just sailed as an additional medical missionary.

The work of the Livingstonia Mission is changing the country and people. Slave-raiding, with its horrors, is almost a thing of the past. Poison drinking is ceasing. Superstition is dying out. Fields are planted with coffee, wheat, and potatoes. Gardens with vegetables are to be seen. New fruit and timber trees are being planted. Cattle are being tended; at the Institution there is now a large flock for produce and draught. Superstition is giving way to faith and enlightenment. All this has been wrought by God through the Gospel, through the labours of our noble band of workers. But Africa is to be won by her own sons and daughters, and for this end we are labouring. We are seeking to lead them to Christ and to build them up in character and training. When we tell you that within the last six months God has so blessed the work that 285 men and women have confessed their faith by baptism, you will rejoice with us. The field is great, and there are openings around us, such as the great Awemba tribe, which, for lack of men and money, we cannot yet touch, but they are calling us to come.

We require our staff increased, not only to overtake the work which God is so greatly blessing, but to provide reliefs for our missionaries who come home on furlough. We have been receiving from a limited number of subscribers about £5000 a-year. We need £7000, and we receive nothing from the Foreign Missions Fund of the Church. We plead for a great many small subscriptions as well as large ones. We are arranging for a representative in each congregation, who will interest subscribers and to whom we shall gladly send a collecting book and missionary box. You have called us to this work. You will surely help. We earnestly pray that the story which through God's goodness these pages tell, may move some who read to go, many to give, more still to pray, remembering that the Master in the days of His flesh had Africa in His heart when He said: "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice."

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*“Except the Lord build the house they labour in vain that build it.”*



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## REPORT OF THE LIVINGSTONIA MISSION.



During the year now closing the characteristic of the work of the Livingstonia Mission has been steady progress. Native disturbances at the south end of the Lake, required the interposition of Government and the putting an end by armed force to the raiding of the Ngoni under the successor of Chikusi. Further north, in the neighbourhood of Mvera, there was disquietude for a time, and it was considered prudent to remove, for a time, the ladies of the Dutch section of the mission to Bandawe.

The early part of the year was darkened by the death of Mrs. Vlok at Livlezi ere she had been a year in the country. This, with the illness of other Europeans at that station led to their removal from Livlezi to the highlands on the N. W. and the occupation of Livlezi by native agents.

Mr. W. G. Robertson and Mr. A. Scott have returned home after completing their term of service in the Mission. Dr. Cross after completing his second term of service resigned his connection with the Mission and returned home. Mrs. Cross and their child, on account of health, had to return home earlier in the year.

Rev. A. G. MacAlpine has gone home on furlough and in the Dutch section of the Mission Mr. and Mrs. Blake have returned to South Africa for the same reason.

In the field Mr. and Mrs. McCallum have been transferred from Hora to Mwenzo, Mr. Stuart from Njuyu to Ekwendeni, and Mr. MacGregor from Bandawe to the Institution.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Ramsay arrived in September, and has gone to take up the work at Karonga. At the same time Mr. J. M. Henderson arrived, and after rendering valued help in building at Livingstonia will go on to Karonga.

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### INSTITUTION REPORT.

Rev. Robert Laws, M.A., M.D., D.D., F.R.G.S., and Mrs. Laws;

Rev. James Henderson, M.A. ; Miss L. A. Stewart, Teacher ; Messrs. W. Murray and W. Duff MacGregor, Carpenters ; M. Moffat, Agriculturist ; and W. Thomson, Printer, and Mrs. Thomson.

The different departments of work connected with our Livingstonia Missionary Institution have all the one main end in view of seeking to lead pupil and worker alike to the Lord Jesus Christ as the personal Saviour of the individual sinner. So while we may and do describe some methods of work as more directly Evangelistic, it would be utterly wrong to suppose that the others are not so likewise.

On the station every Sabbath forenoon a native service has been held, addressed by a European. This is followed by classes for native women and children held by Mrs. Laws and Miss Stewart. At 2 p.m. the girls' Sabbath School begins, and at 3 the boys' Sabbath School, and at the same time a class for native women conducted by Mrs. Thomson, and a Hearers' class for grown up Ngoni workers who wished to be taught more about Jesus. At 4.30 there is another vernacular service conducted by the native Christians, and an English service in the evening attended by the pupils of the Institution, who give evidence by their questions afterwards of being able to follow and understand much of what is said.

Many of the pupils and workers have shown a deepening interest in spiritual things, and the closing Sabbath of the year saw nine young men and one woman receive the sacrament of baptism. In the afternoon 8 Europeans and 49 natives sat down at the Lord's Table.

Since our new school was opened these services can be held with much more comfort to the worshippers than formerly.

During the week, morning prayers are regularly led by a native Christian and an afternoon address to the workers is given by a European.

Classes for male and female catechumens are held on Thursdays and our preachers' class on Friday afternoon. On the Sabbaths these native preachers, by leaving on Saturday, reach villages 10 miles and more distant. During the school recess several went itinerating among villages too far distant for them to reach at other times. At not a few of these villages, people are enquiring about the truths they hear and asking for more instruction. Some also near the station are enquiring about the way of Life,

The Church collections (European and native) for 1896 amounted to £32, 11s. 5½d. From Europeans, the sum of £18 was received for the support of pupils in the Institution, and £19 in donations to different departments of its work.

As will be seen from the Statistics, the work of the Medical Department is being increasingly appreciated.

## BOYS' SCHOOL.

Rev. Jas. Henderson writes:—

At the close of the year, the boys attending the Day Schools of the Institution numbered 127. Of these 117 were boarders, the rest being either in partial employment on the Station or belonging to the neighbouring villages. The Roll of 1895 was enlarged at different periods during the year by the admission of new pupils to the extent of 90. As the Roll now stands the Stations of the Mission are represented as follows:—

	UPPER SCHOOL.			LOWER SCHOOL.		
Bandawe, ...	...	...	14	...	...	26
Ngoniland,	...	...	6	...	...	17
Karonga, ...	...	...	0	...	...	13
Mwenzu, ...	...	...	0	...	...	0
Unattached,	...	...	0	...	...	41

According to tribes the pupils are distributed in this way:—Tonga, 42; Henga, 20; Nyanja, 10; Ngoni, 8; Tumbuka, 8; Senga, 7; Khonde, 6; Wemba, 4; Wanda, 4; Wiwa, 1; Nyika, 2; Gunda, 1; Tweya, 1; Sukuma, 1; Yao (*?*), 1. In the case of four of the above, it is impossible to be quite certain what their tribe was, as they were carried away from their native places in slave gangs when very young. Another bright little fellow can give no account of father or mother or tribe. His farthest back memory is of Mr. R. Crawshay at Deep Bay. He belonged to a slave gang which the Vice Consul intercepted on its way to the Lake ferry. A comparison of this list with the locations of the tribes, as shewn in any recent map of the country, will shew how widely extended the sweep of the work is. The reader will see that all the peoples, along the western shores of Lake Nyasa, and upwards towards the shores of Tanganyika, are more or less represented.

That the tribes are less fully represented than is aimed at, arises from the restraint which the narrowness of accommodation, and the difficulty of procuring food at this early stage of the Institution's existence, have imposed

upon the authorities, not from any scarcity of applicants. Since soon after its first opening young men and boys have come flocking every term eagerly seeking admission; but these circumstances have rendered the curtailing of increase so imperative that barely one out of three of the candidates has been admitted. While in all cases, the shutting of the door of education in the face of those who wish to learn is to be regretted, it is specially so in such cases as were some of these, when lads have shewn ~~so~~ great anxiety as to have come two or more days' journey in the hope of admission. However, in those who have been received, there is at least a nucleus for all the tribes among whom the work lies; and in its existence the way is made clear for further extension. The present number is a comparatively small one; but the hope of being able to send out even one half of these within the next four years as pastors or teachers with some measure of special training for their work to operate among the tribes which they represent, is, we may venture to think, not discreditable to the 27th month of the Institution's history, and contains in it the promise of greater things when better means are available.

In the month of August, the hand of death appeared in our midst. A fine young fellow in the Upper School was suddenly cut off. He had shewn striking capacity for learning; and his steady sterling Christian character had marked him for the native ministry. His place in the hearts of all who knew him was a very warm one; and the memory of him will not soon fade.

As has been shewn in the Quarterly Reports the various departments of work are gradually taking shape, the spheres of pastors, teachers, storekeepers, printers and telegraphists being set before chosen pupils and their training directed accordingly. As it is, however, in the present state of education, the future pastors are also receiving the full training as teachers so as to be able to supervise and help on the school work in their districts. The special lines of theology are also being proceeded with as the pupils emerge from elementary work and obtain facility in the use of English. Twelve pupils of the Upper School are receiving practical instruction in teaching, four are being trained to printing, two are working at telegraphy, one is carrying on store and book keeping, and one is practising surgical dressing and dispensing. In the Lower School, where the majority of

the boys have not formed plans for the future, what is aimed at is to provide them with the foundation of a sound elementary education, special attention being of course devoted to the formation of good character, and to the acquisition of as thorough a knowledge of the Scriptures as possible in view of what the training is expected to lead up to. Manual instruction is given to these pupils daily, but rather with a view to training eye and hand than to preparing as yet for any trade or occupation. The instruction in pastoral theology is provided in what is at present called the "Preachers' Class," and its practice is found in the services which are carried on from week to week in the surrounding villages. In both Schools the classification is according to the revised Code issued by the recent Council, which may be roughly described as occupying an intermediate place between that of South Africa and that of Scotland.

Difficulties in the way of such work as this are not far to seek. When it is realized that the languages, spoken by the tribes which the pupils represent, are in some cases, such as Ngoni and Tonga, quite distinct, and in all cases possess such striking points of difference as to place them practically outside the pale of dialects, it will be seen how veritably a Babel the Station is; and it will be possible to appreciate the scope there is for endless trouble and failure. As a matter of fact, however, things have turned out in this respect better than could have been looked for. Tribal jealousy has scarcely made any appearance. Difference of tribes has rather proved an aid to healthy emulation than a hindrance in any way. Then, too, experience has shewn the Nyanja language to be a true *lingua franca* in which the teacher can make himself sufficiently intelligible to all his pupils. Nyanja is indeed not spoken purely nor regularly, nor is any other language. The African proves a born linguist. It cannot be said that he has two or three spare languages up his sleeve because he generally has not got a sleeve; but even a Chidiwo's Poka from the edge of the old world forest on the verge of the Nyika Plateau has one or two hid with his snuff in some corner of his oiled and ochred loin cloth. When a boy is talking with his neighbours, he is so courteous as to think it necessary to make some use of their speech, and so, laying the foundation in his own tongue, he culls largely from the private vocabularies of his hearers as he goes along. The writer has actually heard sentences in which each word belonged to a

separate language. There is certainly much of a unique interest in this. One does not need extraordinary penetration to see that the strife of tongues which will soon be raging all over the country has already begun here, and that something, how much it is hard to say, is being done towards the evolution of that composite language which, like as our own English did with the slower pace of earlier days, will spring out of the many tongues of the various tribes when the common British rule and good internal communication have begun to fuse them into unity. But meanwhile this confusion of tongues places a somewhat serious barrier in the way of effective teaching. Another source of difficulty and possible failure is found in the disparity of ages between members of the same class. Small, almost toddling, children, some of them, it is pleasant to see, the second generation of educated natives, sit side by side with well grown lads. Were the African as free from pride, as we are at first inclined to take him, this circumstance might not be so much of an evil, but we find to our cost that he is not; and it takes a teacher some time to gage, in any right way, the *vis inertiae* in this shape which he has to take into account, while he requires to exercise no small amount of skill, if he is to prevent it injuring his work, not to speak of his being able to make it an aid. Paralleling this disparity is a great difference in attainment, as might be expected from pupils gathered from so many separate centres. The action of the Code, however, will tend to produce uniformity, and, it is hoped, speedily minimise the evil. Temporary difficulty arises from the nature of the buildings in which the work is at present carried on, but that will be removed as the final school-rooms are put up.

Counterbalancing these evils, which are none of them very serious, there stands on the other side such a great and steady thirst for knowledge as can hardly be anywhere surpassed. The stimulus of it makes the teacher forget everything else. When it is found that the communication of fresh information on any subject, and not less the correction of any false impressions or inaccuracies, are received as favours by the pupils, he can hardly wish for more encouragement. The pupils can scarcely be satisfied. Were the writer to allow it, his room would be filled night by night with a crowd of eager opening minds each bringing some new question or difficulty to be solved. This eagerness, too, comes not of the novelty of the situation

It has been going on since the schools were first opened. Of actual accomplishment less can be said. The stage is rather that of the blossom than of the fruit. A certain quickening of the intelligence, a widening of the intellectual horizon with a better sense of the relative importance of things are appearing, but as tokens of what is to come.

If there is any harvesting it is in English speaking and music. There is already noticeable a gratifying facility in writing and speaking English, which is a fair, rather more than fair, return for the labour which has been expended upon it. As has been said, The African is a born linguist. He is also a born musician. The Greek ideal of the place of music in school work can be worked towards here without inflicting upon the teacher a chorus of frogs or crows. Every one has some sort of "voice" and "ear"; and the sense of time has been really splendidly developed by the village dances and the marching songs. The natural scale is different from the European, and at least two notes in it are discordant in European ears; but these can be remedied with less effort than might be expected. Probably no branch of the work is entered into with more enthusiasm than the practisings of the choir.

Evidence of the quickening of thought is to be found most strikingly in the nature of the Scriptural questions which are brought before the teachers. They are neither open to the charge of shallowness nor captiousness. Within the last fortnight such matters as these were submitted for private discussion:—Our Lord's teaching on the subject of Divine punishment in the story of the man without the wedding garment, the ironical remark on the "eternal mansions" of the mammon of unrighteousness in the story of the dishonest steward, the subject of the canon arising out of the closing verses of Revelation, and the sin which is "unto death."

Occasionally there have appeared grounds for anxiety as to the effect of the school work upon the spiritual life of the pupils. Now and then there has seemed to be less of the over-flowing than might be considered normal to spiritual health. This, however, has been due rather to the growth of reserve with regard to religious feelings which usually accompanies better education than to any real chilling of fire or enthusiasm. An excellent field of work is provided for the senior pupils in influencing the fresh boys joining the schools and still more in seeking to evangelize the neighbouring villages. This they are doing in such a

way as no stranger European could; and while it bears testimony to the vitality of their faith it carries with it the guarantee of its health and growth. A practical spirit of Christian idealism is very noticeable, regulating conduct. Discipline is easily maintained.

As to the future, the outlook is bright enough; and, when we look back upon the past, we have nothing but thankfulness for the Hand of God which has guided us and made plain the path.

An Evening School for apprentices and other workers has been carried on throughout the year. The attendance in December came to 33. The spirit and the work of the pupils are creditable. Books are being bought by occasional workers to take to their homes. There they are teaching one another, and bringing in the leaven of education among themselves as the senior pupils are bringing the leavening influence of the Gospel. When the Station is in a position to plant schools in the inhabited country around it, the effort will be assisted by the existence of at least an interest in and some appreciation of education on the part of the more enterprising young men.

#### GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Miss Stewart writes:—

The Girls' School opened in November 1895 with ten boarders, all from Bandawe. Two of these came to take up the special work of cooking for both boys and girls, the others for general training. Most of this band were rather old to fall in readily with our ways, and the younger ones were influenced by their elders. All of them had attended school for several years and were much in advance of many of their friends and neighbours. In their villages therefore, they were looked up to as those who did 'the work of the School' and were exempt from some of the common daily duties of village life. Accordingly when they came to Livingstonia they showed that they preferred being served to serving. Our aim here, however, is to teach each one to help herself and also to be ready to stretch out a helping hand to her neighbour, so when the girls came to see that on and all had to share in the 'common round,' they worked heartily and were very useful to us and to themselves at the beginning of things. We sought to show them that the work was not ours but God's and that it was their privilege to take part in it, as it was also their duty to seek to enlighten their own people.



In April last, the girls' school was supplemented by four pupils from the Manchewe district. The new comers were all much younger than the first boarders, and, accordingly, adapted themselves more readily to school life and rule. When school re-opened in June, we welcomed our first pupils from Ngoniland—two girls came from Njuyu, and later on two more from Ekwendeni. The elder of the first two is engaged to one of the more advanced Institution pupils. The young man paid a visit to his home during the May recess, and so exerted his influence that his betrothed and her companion agreed to give Livingstonia a trial. About the middle of the term, the father of the younger girl paid us a visit. He seemed much interested in all that he saw, and was satisfied with his daughter's appearance. Previous to his visit, he sent a message to the effect that he was coming to assure himself that his child had enough to eat! A goat was sent to Dr. Laws by the other girl's father as an expression of his satisfaction. Of the two Ekwendeni girls, one is the betrothed of the senior native teacher there, while the other is the sister of another teacher. It is encouraging to see the young men seeking to further the education of their intended wives, thus enabling them to take their places as the companions—not the cooks merely—of their husbands.

The new dining hall was opened with the June term. Up till then, there was but one large table in the back verandah-room, where the boys sat down in relays, while the girls had their meals in their class-room. The new arrangement gives much more satisfaction. The meal is placed on the tables at the hour, and the pupils sit down together so that it can readily be seen that every one has his portion and that he takes it in an orderly way, the head of each table being responsible for the others. All conversation must be in English. Anyone breaking this rule is required to stand during the meal, and, from time to time, not a few rise to the occasion. The verandah table is still used by the younger boys with a senior in charge. When a meal is over and the pupils dismissed, the girls in turn clear the tables and wash the dishes.

With the increased number of boarders, the cooking is now on a large scale. Four women are constantly employed at this work, and, besides these, each of the senior girls in turn gives her assistance in the morning for a week at a time. The boys bring firewood, dig the potatoes and carry the maize from the garden, while the girls bring water,

prepare the potatoes and pound the maize. Thus, there is division of labour, and all are taught to do something for their bread.

This session, Mrs. Laws opened a tailoring class for boys. They used the sewing machine and were greatly interested in it. The girls took in hand the button holes and general finishing of these machine-made garments, with the result that, when the school closed in October, they had made four suits, one jacket, and fifty-two school-boy garments.

Most of the girls went home for a short holiday in October. The Manchewe pupils who live near, went to their homes for ten days, but out of these spent two Sabbaths here! They evidently prefer school to village life. The Bandawe girls had to wait for a steamer, and, on 12th October, seven of them left. Then the four Ngoni went home for a fortnight and returned bringing eleven more for the new session. On the 1st December, school was re-opened with a mixture of tribes and tongues—3 Tonga, 4 Henga, 5 Nyanja, and 15 Ngoni. We have made a good beginning and are looking forward to a happy and profitable session.

#### PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

The delay through scarcity of carriers in transferring the printing and other plant from Florence Bay to the Station, prevented the erection of our little Albion Press till the last week of January. Sundry jobs that had been ordered some months previously, were proceeded with. The experience at Bandawe had prepared us, though perhaps not adequately, for the wet season here. Only a printer who has wrought with glycerine rollers in a humid atmosphere similar to what is at Livingstonia during the months of February, March and April can have any conception of the difficulty in attaining passable impressions of letterpress work. The difficulty of printing these first jobs was increased by our printing-office reed walls permitting the too frequent fogs to drift right through our working space.

On 16th May, the last part of the cylinder printing machine was safely brought by Mr. Moffat with a large number of natives to its destination. Two days after, it was lifted to its place and the first revolutions of the completed machine were made.

Another part of new plant—the stereotyping apparatus—was brought into work last November, when a brick

"lean to" was built by Mr. J. M. Henderson. Besides the apparatus being valuable for the Mission publications, the vent and hot slab have been so arranged as to keep our roller cabinet dry and prevent a recurrence of roller troubles.

Besides the sundry small jobs, we have completed the following books for Mission work :—“Mkweri Wang'ono” new edition, “Pang'ono Pang'ono” new edition, “Luka,” “Yohane,” “Sumu za Tshitonga,” “Ndwimbo zya Mulungu,” “Kantini Kantini.” St. Matthew's Gospel and Harry's Catechism in Konde are awaiting return of proofs to permit of their completion.

The departure of the apprentices and the journeyman to Bandawe the previous year, made work more trying. One apprentice who had not completed his first year, returned in April, and two others who had completed their second year, recommenced work in September. The apprentice who was in his first year had to be dismissed in September, and another lad was drafted from the school in October to take his place. Another lad drafted from the school wrought six months on trial, and will be apprenticed in January.

Five school lads have been taught elementary book-work. Eight boys have come for a few months to clean the machinery and to receive the first lessons of a printing office. These all come two or three hours daily.

#### BUILDING AND CARPENTRY DEPARTMENT.

In the early part of the year, fittings for the brick house erected last season were provided, and six wattle and daub houses for native pupils and apprentices erected.

As the carpentry work at Bandawe was drawing near completion, several of the native workers were sent on here, and, in November, Mr MacGregor brought up the others with him, thus completing the transference of the industrial departments from Bandawe to Livingstonia.

Mr. John Henderson arriving from home rendered valuable help in building, ere going on to Karonga where he is likely to be stationed.

The dry season is the time during which as much as possible of our brick-making and building must be done, and brings with it the pressure of out door work.

Brick-making was begun in June with clay near the station, but the clay was far from homogenous and with the unequal shrinkage arising from this, and several

unexpected heavy showers, out of 164,000 bricks moulded, not 100,000 were fit for building. In October, when native labourers became numerous, brick-making was transferred to a place about one mile distant, where superior clay was found, and 191,000 bricks moulded. About 20,000 of these are in stock for the work of next year. A hand brick press sent from home, made the bricks put through it, not only of better and more equal shape, but more dense and durable for the exposed surfaces of walls. We found about 2,000 per day could be pressed by the natives employed. In all, 355,420 bricks were moulded. Several of the native moulders were able each to turn out 1,000 bricks in nine hours.

In view of the increase of our staff and of the pupils of the Institution a wattle and daub cottage 40 feet by 18 feet, containing two rooms and having the back and end verandahs closed in as stores, was erected.

A brick kitchen 29 feet by 18 feet, with a corrugated iron roof, was put up for the boarding department.

A brick cottage, 41 feet by 30 feet, containing three rooms, kitchen and store-room, was erected and roofed with corrugated iron.

A brick building, 180 feet by 22 feet 6 inches, divided into a school-room of 80 feet, with class-room of 20 feet opening from it, and other five rooms for stores, dormitories, &c., was erected. This has a thatched roof. The school part was ready for the opening of our new session, but the completion of the remainder was not accomplished till rains had begun. Much hearty, useful help was given by some of the elder school pupils in the brick building, while they, at the same time, acquired useful technical knowledge. Fittings for these different buildings have still to be made.

In the work-shop, there have been made 4 wheel-barrows, 14 pannelled and 5 glass doors and frames, 4 windows and frames, 8 shop benches, 7 tables, 3 school desks, 3 easels, and 4 black-boards.

There are at the close of the year, in the Carpentry Department, 1 journeyman and 13 apprentice carpenters, 2 journeyman sawyers and 8 beginners. These are apart from out-door workers.

#### AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

In the several branches of this Department, the progress made during the year is on the whole fairly satisfactory. No great results can be shewn, nor record figures quoted;

but a good foundation has been laid for future work in the turning over and preparation of much new soil, and our hopes for considerable returns in the days to come for all the labour of the year do not appear to be without foundation.

Our crop of wheat, though comparatively small, gives us the assurance that from the culture of this grain we may rely upon good returns in the future. Some 1400 lb. was safely harvested in August last, and, in October, another 100 lb. was secured from a small patch which was grown, as an experiment, during the dry months by means of irrigation. The greater part of our crop we have reserved for seed, and trust, if all goes well, to reap an abundant harvest from a field of some five acres in the Manchewe Valley, which is ready prepared for the receipt of the seed in March, and which, if found necessary, can be irrigated. Oats, also, we intend trying this season—thanks to the generosity of two friends who have supplied the wherewithal to secure seed.

The cultivation of European potatoes, too, has been very satisfactory. Over 3,000 lb. have been dug out during the year. These, though not of a very large size, have been of fairly good quality, and give promise of improving considerably as our soil becomes better worked.

Of European vegetables, we have managed to grow a good many varieties. Carrots, turnips and beet have thriven best. With cabbages, cauliflowers and such like, we have not succeeded. The flies and grubs having proved themselves rather too fond of them.

Of native products, we have not put out as much as might be expected. Beyond a little maize, 1,500 lb. of beans and a good crop of sweet potatoes, we have done nothing, but trust to do a great deal more in this line during the present year.

In our small nursery, we have managed to bring on a good number of seedlings. Blue gums have thriven very well. Some 396 have been planted out in avenue form along the sides of our roads. Some of these have grown as much as 30 feet in half as many months. The North End rubber tree has also taken good root, 280 of which have been planted out along with 135 mishunguti trees. It has been most gratifying to see how the *Cupressus Lawsoniana* has shewn its adaptability to this clime and locality. We have only 20 of them, all of which are doing famously. In the nursery beds we have at present:—1,524 Mlanje

cedar, 580 pride of India, 500 blue gum, 3,000 two-year-old msuku, and 130 laburnum trees. These are all ready for planting out. For the Mlanje cedar, we have to thank Mr. Whyte of Zomba, who kindly gave us the seed on his visit to us lately. The young trees have come on in grand style, and we hope, ere long, to see many of our hill slopes bedecked with cedars from Mlanje. The great difficulty which we see facing us in forestry work is the grass fires. The danger, however, of losing young trees by fire is greatly diminished by the number of roads which have been made round about the station and in the locality.

Of fruit trees, we have as yet very few—plenty of lemon trees, a few orange seedlings, half a dozen healthy young loquat trees, as many peach, about a score of young quince, a few plum, guava and fig trees, and one pear tree. These are all quite young, none of them having as yet blossomed.

It seems as if no one can exist in B. C. A. without developing into a coffee planter. We must add our name to the huge list of inexperienced hands who have turned their attention to the cultivation of coffee. We have only just over 1,000 young plants safely lodged in their pits and another 1,000 patiently waiting in their nursery beds until such time as accommodation can be prepared for them elsewhere.

Turning to the pastoral branch, we find we have—thanks to Dr. Elmslie's assistance in purchasing 194 head of cattle. Of these, 79 are oxen, 39 cows, and the rest heifers and a few bulls. We have found it advisable to shift most of our stock to the Lake shore, where, both at Chiweta and Chitimba, kraals have been built. The pasture up here does not seem to suit the cattle during the winter and rainy months. Only the milk cows and oxen are kept on the station. Of the latter we have now 20 broken-in for work. They are of immense service in ploughing and harrowing. During the year, we hope to break-in a good many more.

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**NGONILAND.**

EKWENDENI.—Dr. W. A. Elmslie, M.B., C.M., F.R.G.S., and Mrs. Elmslie; Mr. Charles Stuart.

NJUYU.—Mawelera Tembo.

HORA.—Jonathan Chilwa.

ELANGENI.—Makara Tembo.

MZIMBA.—Elija Marongo Chavula, John Mtafu.

The chief events of the year's work which may be specially noted, are the changes in the staff and an extension to a new district. Mr. Stuart was transferred from Njuyu to Ekwendeni, and that station was put in charge of Mawelera Tembo our senior teacher there. Later on the transfer of Mr. McCallum to Mwenzo in September, and Hora Station being put in charge of a native teacher, marked a further move towards replacing Europeans by natives trained in the district, and evidence progress along approved lines. The European staff is now two fewer in number than has been considered its normal strength for some years past; and two stations, which were formerly under white men, are now under natives. We have thus, to some extent, attained the object which has been our aim at the various stations in giving special attention to the training of teachers and evangelists; and we thank God for His blessing given in the conversion and consecration of several who are fitted to work under our supervision and hold responsible positions.

The extension of our work to the MZIMBA DISTRICT, to the south of Hora, is one which was called for several years ago, but various circumstances prevented our carrying it out till now. It is a populous district—a veritable seat of Satan on account of its being a newly opened country and the beer-grain crops being grown in extra abundance. Two schools have been opened some distance apart, in communities which formerly resided near Njuyu Station, and where we have church members and scholars. We have thus a nucleus of Christian life and influence; and, while keeping hold of our own people, we have a wide and, hitherto, untouched district at our hand. The first quarter of the work shows a great interest on the part of the people. Being long resident near a station, they felt the want of the services and longed for them. They were not without the worship of God, however, for we know that there was reading of the Word and prayer among themselves. They have built two

small schools themselves and assisted in the erection of houses for the teachers who reside among them.

At ELANGENI, another station manned by a native, the first fruits have just been gathered, when twelve men and youths were admitted as catechumens on profession of their faith in Christ. The natives there contributed more than half the cost of erecting a brick school—and so the work is on a satisfactory footing.

The crown of our work, however, is, as we would expect, at NJUYU. One's heart warms there. The place is consecrated by the early struggles and by the work of James Sutherland, William Koyi and Dr. Steele, who have gone to rest, and of Mr. Stuart and myself who are spared to behold the desert blossoming as the rose. Mawelera Tembo carries on the work of the station and its out-schools. On a visit there last week, I had a meeting with the Christians on the Sabbath evening. There were over a hundred present—members and catechumens. There is the utmost harmony and devotion manifested. Much respect is shown to Mawelera, a youth brought up in the district, by church members and outsiders alike—and the position of the work is satisfactory.

The usual work at EKWENDENI has been carried on without anything calling for special note. The station has now its complement of buildings, stores and outhouses having been built, and the temporary school rebuilt and enlarged. During the last half year, 51 catechumens were admitted at Hora, Elangeni and Ekwendeni; but there have been no sacraments dispensed for over a year, and, therefore, no baptisms can be recorded. One case under suspension from last half-year, has been restored, and no case requiring discipline has occurred.

It is now ten years since the first school was opened with twenty-two scholars. This may be said to be the time when work was first freely permitted among the Ngoni. The nature of the work varies little or none at all from year to year. We have the joy of seeing the work of grace advancing in the lives of our eldest converts, and the dawn of a new life in not a few. But we are not without instances revealing the perpetual need of the Spirit's presence in the work, as hopes and expectations are blasted by some who, after showing some advance, turn aside unable to shake off their former habits. We make frequent reference to schools, but our schools are centres of evangelistic work, so that to say we have opened a new



school is to indicate that the young are being taught to read the Word of God for themselves, and among old and young the Gospel is preached. Each teacher in charge of a school or district is a baptized Christian and he is both teacher and evangelist. Ability to read the Word and a love for it is the minimum of attainment arrived at in all our schools ; and while we do not neglect the old and have a blessing on work for them, we have the young growing up around our schools with their minds saturated with divine truth, which experience shows is potent in destroying the superstition and heathen abominations of the communities. With fifteen hundred such children in Ngoniland, the influence of the Gospel cannot now be restrained.

The circulation of the Word of God is again an important feature of the work. Counting the number of Bibles, Testaments and Gospels *bought* by the people there is found to be a fair proportion of our scholars who attain to the ability to read and possess themselves of a copy. It is read and studied and there is more fruit I believe in setting a copy of the Scriptures afloat in the community than in an ordinary village service.

The position of the Christians is not one of ease in the world. In the attitude of the heathen towards them they realise the meaning of much of Christ's speech with the twelve, and it is pleasing to see a unity and mutual sympathy, and helpfulness among them which mark them off very distinctly from the heathen and give them power with the enemy. Mention was made last year of the fight against being compelled to marry heathen which was being waged by our Christian young women. During the year two of the valiant have been victorious and have married Christian husbands. The question of giving up polygamous connections has also been settled by several doing so, and we may therefore say that in this great national yet evil custom, the force of the Church has been felt and for the Church the question has been for ever settled.

During the year, 133 catechumens were admitted. The adult church members number 48 men and 13 women. We have no special class of evangelists ; but every church member is a light in the darkness, and all the baptized teachers have district work as preachers in the heathen villages, while some of the female members engage in Sunday school and other Christian work. Catechumens assist in the praise in village services.

The opening of the Training Institution has an important

bearing on the work of evangelising Ngoniland, and, after twelve years in the work, I would express my views on the subject.

In the first place, it will enable us to save largely without curtailing the work at all; but, instead, enabling us to overtake a wider area than we have been able hitherto to accomplish. There have been in the past three centres manned by Europeans. The wisdom of giving a good strong staff in the early days, is now visible in that we have a sufficient number of natives trained in the district to be able to maintain all aggressive work in our present districts, with the exception of carrying prospective teachers through the higher standards and otherwise instructing them in method, discipline, and other necessary acquirements. Instead, therefore, of having a European at each station for the sake of, say twenty teachers under training, the other work being provided for, we may now send all to the Institution, where they will be trained by qualified instructors—such work being a speciality for which we have neither the time nor the appliances. Thus, what was mainly the work of three men here, may now be better done by one at Livingstonia.

In the next place, our being relieved from this, in one way confined sphere, which bound one too closely to his station, we are free to move about to superintend more thoroughly the work at out stations and to do more the work of an evangelist. The pastoral care of an ever growing church, and the necessity for frequently meeting candidates for baptism, and supporting and supplementing the instruction of these by the native teachers at the various stations in a district so wide as Ngoniland, supply abundant work for one man. Notwithstanding that even a moderately equipped native is far ahead of those among whom he labours, the hundreds of readers now emerging from our schools form a field of great importance which must be the care of a European, while all the more humble departments of work may be left to natives under supervision.

But perhaps the most important feature of the case is this:—Are we to evangelise Ngoniland by Europeans or by natives? In the early years of the work, when a new district was entered, we were compelled to locate a white teacher. First, because the pride of the chiefs and people, and their inability to understand the real object of our presence among them, would not allow them to accept the message through a native; and the state of the country was such

that natives did not pass freely from one district to another. Second, we had no converted teacher of ability or character to send. Now, however, our influence has extended to a greater or less degree throughout the whole tribe, and the nature of our work is known, so that we are able to extend it by means of native agents. Instead, therefore, of settling two Europeans, whose presence at Njuyu and Hora is no longer required, at two points in the as yet wide unoccupied country, we may, with far less expense, place fifty native teachers at as many points, each having a district of over 20 square miles. Even that, according to a computation the result of general observation, would scarcely cover the country. It is impossible to say what population such an arrangement would reach, but it would be, at least, a thousand in each square. Where work has been carried on, we have every reason to praise God for the results reaped; but we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that, at this date, we have not really reached more than a third of the people with the Gospel. The success attending the preaching of the Gospel and teaching the young in our present sphere, has increased our responsibility to those yet in darkness. We cannot evangelise the people by an occasional visit to them. We must organise and persist in attacking the kingdom of darkness. Real light on the problem comes with the opening of the Institution. We have already sent there some of our senior teachers, contriving to work without them meantime, in order to begin this work of extension as soon as possible, and with as well equipped agents as we can command. We have also looked to the future to continue the regular supply of well-trained teachers, and have sent some younger, chosen as much on account of character as attainments. We must not be discouraged if all we send for training do not turn out satisfactorily. Some have unformed characters, being young, so we need a goodly number from whom to select; and our friends at the Institution have our warmest sympathy in their work, which is being done for us here, and our daily prayer is that men strong in Christian character and zeal, as well as educated, may be the outcome of their labours among those we send. The number we have sent for training at this date is 23 boys and 16 girls.

Fifty teachers for new districts in Ngoniland seems a large number, but not too large. Their wages could be paid by the salaries of two European workers, while the expense of bringing the latter from home will more than erect houses

for the fifty, and no European houses will be required. We trust the Institution will be so equipped as to have an open door for those whom we require to send in preparation for carrying out this scheme, which is the only practicable one, in my view, for giving the Gospel to the people in this generation.

At the close of another term of service, the heart rises to God in praise for all His tender care and mercy, forbearance and help, and for all that we have seen of His doings, which are marvellous in our eyes. The future is full of hope and promise.

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## BANDAWE.

The Rev. Alex. MacAlpine on furlough (from November); George Prentice, L.R.C.P., & S.E.; Mr. W. Duff MacGregor (till November); Mr. R. D. McMinn, Teacher.

The past year has been a busy one in all departments of work carried on here, a year of progress and of much blessing.

### CHURCH AND EVANGELISTIC.

We have now a church roll of 166 members, of whom 76 were admitted by baptism during the year covered by this report, and the names of 422 candidates for full communion. 30 children of Christian parents were also baptized. The various services have been well attended throughout. At the Sabbath morning one, for instance, the congregation is seldom under 650; at the mid-day one the attendance varies from 500 to about 700; and on special occasions, as at baptismal, communion and Christmas services, we have had audiences of from 1,600 to 2,000 souls.

A gathering of about 2,000 people in the open air while the minister, standing in the kindly shade of some tree, whose leaves, moving in the slight breeze which blows off the lake, are mirrored in the silver baptismal font, administers to men and women, as they come forward and publicly confess their faith in Christ, the sacred rite of baptism, is a sight which once witnessed, cannot soon pass from the memory. Such a sight it has been our joy and privilege to witness here. Would that some of the members of Committee and other friends and helpers of our Mission could

have the joy of looking on or taking part on such an occasion! It would prove an ample reward for all the trouble they have taken and all the help they have given towards forwarding the cause and Kingdom of our Lord and Master in this dark land.

The petition got up here and forwarded to the Mission Council asking for a large new Church is already in the hands of the Committee.\*

The natives, who are extremely poor, are helping in what ways they can, and have already made and stored 124,556 bricks for the new church buildings besides money subscriptions amounting during the year to £29, 12s. 1d.

#### EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The year 1896 has been one of progress in our school work. The schools were open two sessions—one of four months, January to April, and one of three months, July to September. During these months the attendance gradually increased until we had a daily average of 4,600, of whom 408 males and 88 females got the length of reading the Word of God. One of the most pleasing features of the work is the increasing number of adults in almost all the schools. These people are anxious to be able to read the New Testament for themselves; and it is gratifying to know that not a few have attained their object, while others are doing well in the lower classes.

The school at Karali was re-opened, and is now a great success. The children turn out well, and the old chief is

\* The Livingstonia Mission Committee at their meeting on 27th August, 1896, minuted as follows:—

“The Convener read the petition presented to the Mission Council held at Mwenzo by Rev. A. G. MacAlpine, moderator of the Kirk-session of the “Ekklesia laku Bandawe” and Noah Chiporoporo, the Session-Clerk, dated “2 la May,” 1896, and laid the original in the Chitonga language on the table. Read also minute of the Mission Council approving the petition, which is for the grant of £500, in addition to £200 locally promised in cash, produce, and labour, to build a brick church, with roof of corrugated iron, so as to accommodate 1,400 native hearers, with vestry and session-house, equivalent to a Scottish church for 800 sitters.

The Livingstonia Mission Committee unite in thanksgiving to God for the great spiritual work at Bandawe, of which this petition is the result, and resolve to sanction the immediate building of the church as recommended by the Mission Council.” Subscriptions from friends at home will be received by the Treasurer, A Ellison Ross, Esq, The Mound, Edinburgh.

now very friendly and is ever ready to assist the teachers in any way. Ten new schools were opened. One, a school for adults, is held on the station. There were sixty on the roll; many of them old men and women. It was interesting to see how earnestly and patiently they set themselves to their lessons. At the end of the school-year, of these adults, some fifteen men and one woman were reading the Testament, and some of the old women were reading the first reading book. The schools at Toto, Chisangawi and Nkhata were begun as a result of an evangelistic tour taken by Mr. MacAlpine early in the year. Good work has been done at all three places. At Ushishya, where work was commenced in 1895, there are two classes reading the Word of God, and we have received three boys as boarders on the Station.

With the increase of scholars, a corresponding increase of staff was of course necessary. During the year 48 boys and 20 girls were added to the staff, which now consists of 55 teachers and 79 monitors, of whom 47 teachers and 8 monitors are church members, while almost all the others are either catechumens or hearers. Over 20 teachers and monitors were sent to Livingstonia for further training there.

During the 7 months 48 boys and girls were boarded on the station, including one blind boy and two blind girls. Twenty of the boarders were appointed monitors in the course of the year.

#### AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

There is not much of interest to report about outside work. White ants have destroyed a lot of trees, and the locusts have eaten up our crop of maize.

A lot of lemon, fig, and mlomba trees have been planted on the station. Seeds of various kinds have been tried with little success.

A large portion of the Mission ground has been divided into plots and given out to the people as gardens. In return for the gardens the people have brought in 340 trees for planting, and have made a new road down to the beach.

#### INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr. MacGregor, who was in charge of this department, left in November for Livingstonia. Among other things done, the large new school at Chifira was completed;

the old Mission house was taken down and a brick wall joining the school and old printing office (now a girls' school) built along in front of where it stood. This wall affords a splendid protection from the strong south-east wind which frequently blows off the lake, and which readily induces fever in Europeans exposed to it for any length of time. A brick wall was also built enclosing the new Mission house garden on three sides, and extending along in front of the other two dwelling-houses. The fences we have hitherto had round the station were no sooner up than they were attacked by white ants; and it is hoped the wall, although more expensive in the first place, will, in the end, be cheaper than the fences.

Schools were built at the following outstations:—Nkunga, Karali, Kampambari, Dwangwa, and at Mzenga. At Mzenga, our farthest inland station, we are within six hours' march—a small connecting link in a Central African chain—of Kamplingu's village in Dr. Elmslie's "parish."

Several articles of furniture were made to the order of private individuals, as well as some school furnishings, dispensary fittings, etc.

We now employ two native carpenters and two sawyers. The jobs they have thus far turned out reflect great credit upon their former instructor and show the excellent training they have received under Mr. MacGregor.

#### MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Cases—Medical, 6,256 ; Surgical, 2,325.

These statistics merely show the number of consultations at the dispensary: they do not evidence the medical work done. As a rule one can, in two hours time, dispense the necessary pills and powders for 40 or 50 ordinary dispensary cases. In a native hut, or under some improvised shade in the villages, the most serious cases have had to be tackled. When chloroform was necessary, it was generally administered by some European member of the staff. In fact, chloroforming, when any one of my colleagues was at hand to administer the drug, never cost me an anxious thought. What a help this has been can be best understood by those who, with no one within hail who had ever administered that drug or seen it administered, have had to undertake a case in which such an anaesthetic was necessary. We have had no accident under chloroform, which has been administered in about 40 cases here during the year. The people have no dread of the drug, never

refuse it when told it is necessary they should have it, and are easily anaesthetised.

During the night of the 16th of December, some men arrived from Kotakota carrying a boy whose right arm had been so badly crushed by a crocodile that gangrene had set in. On the morning of the 17th we amputated the arm. The patient, although very weak at the time, stood the operation well, and gets along nicely now. Several cysts and small tumours were excised. There is fine scope here for the physician; but as Bandawe is at present staffed it is impossible to do justice to the surgical side of one's work, as operations run away with too much time. When our trained native pastors and teachers return from the Livingstonia Institution, the medical man stationed here, having more time to devote to his own special sphere, should find this a most interesting field, provided the population continue as large as it is at present.

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## KARONGA.

Rev D. Kerr-Cross, M.B., C.M., F.R.G.S., till October; and Rev. J. C. Ramsay, L.R.C.P., & S.E.

The report for the year 1896 of the North End branch of the Livingstonia Mission must be practically barren of statistics, owing largely to my late arrival in Karonga, but more especially to the fact that no statistics were left by my predecessor. This being so I must confine myself to what I have observed since my arrival on the 17th Sept., 1896. The work is being carried on in exactly the same lines as I found it. It is carried on of course under the usual difficulties where one knows practically nothing of the language spoken by the people; but I trust these difficulties will soon be things of the past.

The work divides itself into three departments—Evangelistic, Educational, and Medical, or in other words Preaching, Teaching, and Healing, all of which have the one aim, that of reaching the hearts of the people who come under their influence and ultimately leading them to the feet of the Great Physician.

### EVANGELISTIC.

The week is commenced in Karonga with a prayer-



meeting which meets every Sabbath morning at 9 o'clock for an hour in the verandah of my dwelling house. It is held specially for the teachers and others employed by the Mission, but invariably there is quite a number of outsiders also present. This gathering as a rule numbers from 50 to 60 every morning. They come with such marked regularity and appear to be so devotional during the time we are met together that one can come only to the one conclusion, that these people must experience something of the pleasure of meeting with God in prayer. And I'm sure if the Church in Scotland could but witness this little gathering some morning and compare it with the life round about from which these people have come she would leave cheered, and stimulated, giving thanks to God for having been blessed with such a noble work of rescue to do.

Immediately after this meeting is over, the teachers go off to the surrounding villages to invite the people to the principal meeting which is held at 11 a.m. in the school room. The numbers that turn out to this meeting fluctuate considerably. Sometimes there will be only about 90 present and at other times there will be fully 200. The lowest numbers were in the month of December. This is to be attributed to December being a great hoeing month, together with the fact that Sunday and Monday are still very much alike in Karonga. I always give a short address in a mixture of English and Kinkonde, English predominating of course yet. When I am finished one of the baptized teachers, Simeon, goes over the same address in pure Kinkonde thus making it clearer to the audience. These addresses are listened to with marked attention and I believe the seed that is being sown will spring up in God's own appointed time and bring forth fruit to His eternal glory. In the afternoon, services are held by the baptized teachers in several villages every Sunday. These meetings are, as a rule, very well attended.

#### EDUCATIONAL.

From last year's report I see my predecessor does not deem the system of opening a number of junior schools without an efficient staff of teachers a wise one. This is also my opinion, and I agree with all that has been said in the report on this question. Unfortunately, however, this is the most apparent weak point in this department. At present there are nine schools with an average daily attendance of 1243, taught by 41 teachers and monitors, of whom 70 per cent at

least can do little more than teach the A B C and syllables. Now, these, I am convinced are far too few to do full justice to the work even although they all were of a much higher standard—in fact I am of opinion the work is suffering considerably from this state of affairs: and so, as no better teachers can be had here at present, I am purposing perhaps in a month or two, to close one or two of the schools and work the others more thoroughly till some of the scholars are far enough advanced to take up the work of teaching. There is such a demand for teaching shown by the interest the children and grown up people are taking in learning that I will be very sorry, indeed, in one sense at least, to close any of the schools. For this reason I am delaying doing so for some time.

#### MEDICAL.

The dispensary is open daily except Sunday. During the three months I have been here there has been an average daily attendance of 18 (approx). Over and above these I have had several odd cases to attend to on the Sunday. These odd cases either come from a considerable distance and could not be sent away without treatment, or they were cases requiring immediate attention. I have also made several visits to villages medically, but these are somewhat rare. One of these visits was paid to a village fully a mile distant in the small hours of the morning to see a woman who had taken suddenly but as I found not seriously ill. I was called out another night about 12 o'clock by the Administration Agent to see a man about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles off who had been stabbed over the region of the right kidney by an Arab follower. The injured man was removed to the hospital, which is but a small native hut at present, where he made a speedy recovery, and the man who inflicted the injury was removed and put in chains at once.

Several small operations have been performed in the short time I have been here, as—Amputation of great toe and head of metatarsal bone, amputation of mid finger, excision of mutilated snider bullet from calf of leg, excision of 2 tumours—one fatty and the other fibrous (simple), and several other minor operations all of which have done well.

I'm sorry to say owing to press of work etc., I have not been able to do any bacteriological work, but I am hoping to get a start made soon. Skin diseases as far as I can see should prove a very good field for this work.

**MWENZO.**

Rev. Alexander Dewar, and Mrs. Dewar; Mr. Peter McCallum, and Mrs. McCallum, since September.

Time has not been idly spent, but on looking back and summing up the results one cannot chronicle much. The Sabbath services have been conducted as usual, the attendance being much the same as stated in previous report. The want of buildings at Fife and Ntinde does not induce the people to attend, especially now when the rains are on. We enjoyed having Dr. Prentice with us for a few months who very kindly helped us while here. We were pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. McCallum who joined us towards end of September. Since Mr. McCallum's arrival he has conducted a morning service for the Ngoni workers, and although a number of them have returned to their homes the service is still continued for those who remain.

## EDUCATIONAL.

The schools which had been going on all the year with but a slight break were closed early in October to enable us to make use of the children for our industrial work.

The attendances have not been what we would have liked, the average for Mwenzo being 53, and for Fife 74. Education as yet being such a new thing in the district the parents are not very willing to let their children attend school thinking apparently they could be better employed.

## INDUSTRIAL.

The dry season kept us busy preparing material for brick dwelling house for Mr. McCallum. It was with much satisfaction we noted the speed with which this went up. Notwithstanding the draw backs we had to contend with, it was entered within two months of laying the foundation. Of course it will take some months ere the building is really completed. The above with houses for workers and boarders and a few out-houses completed our industrial work. Labour in this part is very scarce, the people being very conservative and unenterprising in every way. It has been extremely difficult to get them to work at all. A number of Ngoni arrived and did most of the required work. Without them we should have been very badly off.

Unexpected and heavy rain fell in October and spoiled many bricks,

## AGRICULTURE.

The same difficulty that affects the industrial department makes itself felt here. All our supplies come from Unyika country, the natives around barely growing enough for their own wants. We would like this year to grow enough ourselves so as to make us independent of outside supplies. Wheat and oats did extremely well. The mortality among sheep and goats in the district has been great. Two oxen have been broken in for work.

The rain fall up till end of year having been very slight the seeds planted have to a great extent been rendered useless. The locusts too have been threatening but as yet have done no serious mischief.

## JOURNEY.

For long I had felt more should be known of the surrounding country, and, with that in view, set out from Mwenzo about the middle of November after experiencing great difficulty in procuring carriers because of my intention to cross the Chambezi. Slow progress was made, the men greatly fearing any approach towards the Wemba country, which I specially wished to visit. After a week's ulendo, we were only 60 miles from home and about two days from the Chambezi. All this time the carriers were constantly threatening to desert, some indeed having already done so. Now they absolutely refused to proceed, saying they would meet with certain death from their much and long dreaded enemy, the Wemba.

After considering things, I saw it was useless to attempt forcing matters, and, although greatly disappointed, I determined to return. I was within two days of the burial place of the Wemba chiefs. The village—Mwaluli—within which is this cemetery, is on this side of the Chambezi, and seems to have been specially built to guard this royal burial place. The graves are in the centre of the village and are surrounded by the "Mangaluwi" (a tall and handsome tree the same as those growing at the Mission, Blantyre).

When a head chief dies, an ox is killed and the corpse tied up in the fresh hide. Slaves are told off to stay by the body and hold the hands lest the remains should be spirited away. When the bones alone remain, another ox is killed, in the hide of which these are placed previous to burial. At the time of my journey, it was reported all the chiefs had assembled to take part in the funeral ceremonies of the

late Chitimkuru. I have since been told the remains are not yet removed to their final resting place at Mwaluli. Messengers recently came in from the Wemba to Mr. McKinnon, the new British South Africa Company's resident official expressing their wish to be friendly with the Europeans, and Mwamba—the chief apparent—saying he wishes a white medicine man at his capital, who can cure their ills and heal their “zironda.” *If this is genuine, it is a golden opportunity.*

Although I failed in the definite object for which I set out I gained valuable information. There is a much larger population round about than I had imagined. The people of Wiwa speak the same language as the Winamwanga, which enabled me to have interesting and encouraging times in many of their villages. In conversation with the head chief, he said he would be greatly pleased if we could place teachers in his country, and, should we build a school at his own village, he himself would be one of the first to attend. At all the services we held, the people listened most attentively and showed what a field there is for itinerating; but meanwhile other work comes first.

## HEALTH.

During the past year good health on the whole has again been ours. Since last report a new “wee” woman has come to Mwenzo—a missionary in prospect, we trust, but just now more of a work than a worker.

## Livingstonia Mission Medical Department.

Return of cases for 1896.

STATION.	MEN.		WOMEN.		CHILDREN.		TOTAL.	
	MED.	SUR.	MED.	SUR.	MED.	SUR.	MED.	SUR.
Livingstonia,	1148	2412	188	248	112	211	1448	2871
Ngoniland,	157	113	175	217	645	283	977	613
Bandawe,	...	...	...	...	...	...	6256	2325
Karonga,*	...	...	...	...	...	...	7644	M. & S.

\* For six months only.

# LIVINGSTONIA MISSION EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Return of Schools July to December, 1896.

SCHOOL.	V. OR A. V.	HIGHEST NUMBER OF SCHOLARS PRESENT ON ONE DAY.	AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE.			NUMBER OF TEACHERS & MONITORS AT EACH STATION.	
			BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.	CHRISTIAN.	UNBAPTIZED.
Livingstonia, .. .. .	5 A. V.	202	138	41	179	9	2
Bandawe, .. .. .	29 V. & 1 A. V.	5006	2352.4	2008.8	4361.2	47	87
Ngonifland, .. .. .	21 & 1 A. V.	1647	669	574	1378.7	35	31
Karonga, .. .. .	9	1367			1243	6	41
Mwenzo, .. .. .	2 V.				127	1	
Dutch Section, .. .. .	16				1520		

V., Vernacular Schools. A. V., English and Vernacular Schools.

# SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS, 1896-97.

## No. I.—SYNOD OF LOTHIAN AND TWEEDDALE.

*Superintendent*—Rev. A. BELL, Dean Church, Edinburgh.

### 1. Presbytery of Edinburgh.

#### EDINBURGH.

Barclay—			
A former Member, . . . . .	£10	0	0
Miss Forman, . . . . .	0	10	0
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Buccleuch, . . . . .	2	0	0
Miss Bruce, . . . . .	2	0	0
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Grange, . . . . .	1	15	0
Mrs Bonar, . . . . .	1	0	0
R. S. Waugh, Esq. ( <i>for</i> <i>Bandawe Church</i> ), . . . . .	2	2	0
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Mayfield, . . . . .	1	0	0
Prof. W. G. Blaikie, D.D., . . . . .	5	0	0
Rev. J. Selkirk, . . . . .	5	0	0
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Morningside—			
Rev. Dr Andrew			
Melville, . . . . .	2	10	0
R. A. Lockhart, Esq., . . . . .	10	0	0
T. Fairbairn, Esq., . . . . .	0	5	0
Mrs Williamson, . . . . .	1	0	0
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New North—Miss Rainy, . . . . .	5	0	0
Pilrig—A Member, . . . . .	25	0	0
Queen Street, . . . . .	1	15	0
St Andrew's, . . . . .	300	0	0
Dr John Moir, . . . . .	25	0	0
Frank J. Usher, Esq., . . . . .	50	0	0
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St Bernard's, . . . . .	0	1	0
St George's—			
Mrs Barrett, . . . . .	20	0	0
Miss Mary Barrett, . . . . .	1	5	2
Mrs Nelson, . . . . .	1	0	0
Mrs Mackintosh, . . . . .	1	0	0
Miss Mackintosh, . . . . .	1	0	0
Miss Carnegie, . . . . .	20	0	0
Prof. A. R. Simpson, . . . . .	50	0	0
George Smith, Esq., LL.D., . . . . .	3	0	0
Misses Bell, . . . . .	1	0	0
Mrs Black, . . . . .	5	0	0
	<hr/>		103 5 2
Carry forward, . . . . .			£554 3 2

Brought forward, . . . . .	£554	3	2
St John's—Ladies' Work Party, . . . . .		3	0 0
Stockbridge—Chas. J. Guthrie, Esq., . . . . .		5	0 0
Viewforth—Y.W.C.A., . . . . .		6	0 0
Warrender Park—Rev. R. B. Blyth, . . . . .		5	0 0
West Port, . . . . .		0	10 0
Edinburgh—			
Canongate Christian Insti- tute Y.W.B.C., . . . . .	£3	0	0
Misses E. and M. Campbell ( <i>for Bandawe Church</i> ), . . . . .		5	0 0
Miss Mouat, . . . . .		20	0 0
Miss Ritchie, . . . . .		1	0 0
Anonymous, . . . . .		0	5 0
A Friend, . . . . .		5	0 0
In Memoriam, . . . . .		30	0 0
		64	5 0
			£637 18 2

## 2. Presbytery of Linlithgow.

Blackridge, . . . . .		0	5 0
Falkirk, Bainsford, . . . . .		1	7 0
Kirkliston, . . . . .		28	12 4
John Usher, Esq., . . . . .		150	0 0
Laurieston—W. B. Hunter, Esq., . . . . .		0	5 0
			180 9 4

## 3. Presbytery of Biggar and Peebles.

Broughton—Mrs. Barclay, . . . . .		15	0 0
Peebles, . . . . .		5	17 4
			20 17 4

## 4. Presbytery of Dalkeith.

Penicuik—			
A Friend ( <i>for Bandawe Church</i> ), . . . . .		0	5 0
Sir John Cowan, Bart., . . . . .		50	0 0
Do. ( <i>for Institution</i> ), . . . . .		250	0 0
			300 5 0

## 5. Presbytery of Haddington and Dunbar.

Dunbar—Anonymous, . . . . .		1	0 0
North Berwick—Mrs Bruce, . . . . .		1	10 0
Pencaitland, . . . . .		0	7 0
			2 17 0
			£1142 6 10

## No. II.—SYNOD OF MERSE AND TEVIOTDALE.

## 6. Presbytery of Duns and Chirnside.

Duns—Mrs Wilson, . . . . .		1	0 0
Grant's House—Miss Coulson, . . . . .		1	0 0
			2 0 0
Carry forward, . . . . .			£2 0 0



Brought forward, . . . . . £2 0 0

**7. Presbytery of Kelso.**

Kelso—The “Ormiston Trust,” . . . . . 10 0 0

**8. Presbytery of Jedburgh.**

Crailing, . . . . . £1 1 0  
 Hawick—  
 J. H., . . . . . 100 0 0  
 Woman's Missionary Association, . . . . . 5 0 0  
 ————— 106 1 0

**9. Presbytery of Selkirk.**

————— £118 1 0

**No. III.—SYNOD OF DUMFRIES.**

**10. Presbytery of Lockerbie.**

Annan—Ladies' Work Party, . . . . . 5 0 0  
 Canonbie, . . . . . 0 10 3  
 Lochmaben—Miss Mary Telfer, . . . . . 0 6 0  
 ————— 5 16 3

**11. Presbytery of Dumfries.**

**12. Presbytery of Penpont.**

————— £5 16 3

**No. IV.—SYNOD OF GALLOWAY.**

**13. Presbytery of Stranraer.**

Kirkmaiden—Mrs Alex. Galloway, . . . . . 1 0 0

**14. Presbytery of Wigtown.**

Carry forward, . . . . . £1 0 0

Brought forward, . . . . . £1 0 0

15. Presbytery of Kirkcudbright.

Castle-Douglas—			
James Craig, Esq., . . . . .	£1	0	0
Mrs Paterson, . . . . .	1	0	0
Kirkcudbright—			
Miss Paul, . . . . .	1	0	0
Mrs Robertson, . . . . .	0	5	0
			<u>3 5 0</u>
			<u>£4 5 0</u>

No. V.—SYNOD OF GLASGOW AND AYR.

*Superintendent*—Rev. J. FAIRLEY DALY, B.D., Renwick Church, Glasgow.

16. Presbytery of Ayr.

Colmonell—Rev. D. Davie, . . . . . 4 0 0

17. Presbytery of Irvine.

*Convener*—Rev. HUGH M'LUSKIE, Fullarton, Irvine.

Darvel—Easton Memorial—			
J. H., . . . . .	£1	0	0
In Memory of a Beloved			
Pastor, . . . . .	1	0	0
			<u>2 0 0</u>
Kilmarnock—Grange—			
Y.P.S.C.E., . . . . .	8	10	0
Minister's Bible-Class, . . . . .	0	15	0
			<u>9 5 0</u>
Perceton—Misses Mure, . . . . .	40	0	0
			<u>51 5 0</u>

18. Presbytery of Ardrossan.

Fairlie—Miss Darroch ( <i>for Bandawe</i>			
<i>Church</i> ), . . . . .	1	0	0
Kilbirnie, West, . . . . .	7	0	0
Largs—			
Jas. Stevenson, Esq., . . . . .	440	0	0
Do. ( <i>for Institution</i> ), . . . . .	1000	0	0
			<u>1440 0 0</u>
Saltcoats—			
W. Johnstone, Esq., . . . . .	1	0	0
Gaelic, . . . . .	0	10	0
			<u>1 10 0</u>
West Kilbride, . . . . .	15	0	0
A Friend of Missions, . . . . .	0	10	0
J. S. Napier, Esq., . . . . .	300	0	0
			<u>315 10 0</u>
			<u>1765 0 0</u>
Carry forward, . . . . .	£1820	5	0

Brought forward, . . . . . £1820 5 0

### 19. Presbytery of Paisley.

*Convener*—Rev. ROBERT HILL, M.A., Renfrew.

Paisley—			
Middle, . . . . .	£1	6	6
Sherwood—Ladies' Sewing-Meeting, . . . . .	2	0	0
Pollokshaws—West, . . . . .	3	0	6
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### 20. Presbytery of Greenock.

*Convener*—Rev. ANDREW SYMINGTON, Greenock.

Cunbrae—Miss Miller, . . . . . 1 0 0

Greenock—Middle—

Sabbath Morning Meeting, £2 10 0			
Arcade Mission Men's			
Bible-Class, . . . . .	0	10	0
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			3 0 0

West, . . . . . 5 0 0

X., . . . . . 10 0 0

Mrs. Cumming, . . . . . 0 8 0

Kilmalcolm (*Collector* — FRED. L. M.

MOIR, Esq., Barclaven)—

Work Meeting, . . . . . 5 0 0

Balance of Collection—

  Limelight Exhibition, . . . . . 0 15 6

James Barr, Esq., . . . . . 0 10 0

Miss Beith, . . . . . 0 10 0

Colonel Fullerton (*for*

*Institution*), . . . . . 1 0 0

Rev. T. Gregory, . . . . . 1 0 0

Miss Gregory, . . . . . 0 2 6

Mrs Greenlees, . . . . . 0 2 0

Dr Henderson, . . . . . 0 10 0

Wm. Howie, Esq. (*for*

*Institution*), . . . . . 1 0 0

Miss King, . . . . . 0 2 6

Miss Lochhead, . . . . . 0 2 6

A. M. (*for Institution*), . . . . . 0 10 0

Fred. L. M. Moir, Esq., . . . . . 10 0 0

  Do. (*for Institution*), 20 0 0

Mrs M'Nab, . . . . . 0 2 6

Mrs Erskine Orr, . . . . . 0 5 0

James Parker, Esq., . . . . . 0 2 6

W. P. Stewart, Esq., . . . . . 1 1 0

  Do. (*for Institution*), 2 2 0

Miss Thomson (*for Institu-*

*tion*), . . . . . 0 2 6

A Friend, . . . . . 0 1 0

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Carry forward, . . . . . £1891 1 6

Brought forward, . . . . . £1891 1 6

### 21. Presbytery of Hamilton.

*Convener*—Dr. JAS. LOUDON, Linwood, Hamilton.

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Hamilton—St John's—		
Dr and Mrs Loudon, . . . . .	£212 10 0	
St John's and West, . . . . .	20 0 0	
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Larkhall, . . . . .		6 0 0
Motherwell—Clason Memorial Taber- nacle, . . . . .		1 0 0
Uddingston—		
A Member, . . . . .	10 0 0	
Y.P.S.C.E., . . . . .	0 17 0	
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### 22. Presbytery of Lanark.

*Convener*—HUGH DAVIDSON, Esq., Lanark.

Carlukc—Fellowship Association, . . . . .	1 12 0	
Crossford, . . . . .	0 5 0	
Douglas, . . . . .	0 5 3	
Lanark, . . . . .	2 8 3	
Mr Leiper, . . . . .	0 10 0	
M. S., . . . . .	0 10 0	
Miss N., . . . . .	3 0 0	
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### 23. Presbytery of Dumbarton.

Dumbarton—

Right Hon. Lord Overtoun, . . . . .	856 1 0	
Miss L. A. M'Clure, . . . . .	0 15 0	
Miss Gracie M'Clure, . . . . .	0 2 6	
Miss Eileen M'Clure, . . . . .	0 1 0	
Master George B. M'Clure, . . . . .	0 2 6	
Master Francis M'Clure, . . . . .	0 1 0	
Duntocher—Young Men's Meeting, . . . . .	0 10 0	
Helensburgh West—Miss Colquhoun, . . . . .	0 5 0	
Renton—K. Frazer, Esq., . . . . .	1 0 0	
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### 24. Presbytery of Glasgow.

*Convener*—Rev. J. FAIRLEY DALY, B.D., Glasgow.

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Miss Craigie, . . . . .	1 0 0	
Chryston—Bible-Class, . . . . .	2 0 0	

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Blochairn, . . . . .	0 5 0	
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Carry forward, . . . . .	£4 6 0	£3009 17 0

Brought forward, . . . £4 6 0 £3009 17 0

College (*Collector*—Mrs W. A. CAMP-  
BELL, 9 Woodlands Terrace)—

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D.D., . . . . .	£5	0	0
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George Macfarlane, Esq., . . . . .	2	0	0
Mrs Blackwater, . . . . .	0	10	0
M. P. Campbell, Esq., . . . . .	5	0	0
W. A. Campbell, Esq., . . . . .	10	10	0
Miss Collins, . . . . .	1	0	0
Miss Grace Collins, . . . . .	1	0	0
Misses Fraser, . . . . .	0	5	0
The Misses Grant, . . . . .	0	5	0
Mrs Macgregor, . . . . .	0	5	0
T. D. Mackenzie, Esq., . . . . .	0	5	0
Mrs Rait, . . . . .	0	5	0
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Miss Johnstone, . . . . .	0	10	0
Miss Jones, . . . . .	1	1	0
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Mrs M'Luckie, . . . . .	0	2	0
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Esq., . . . . .	0	7	6
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Mrs Young, . . . . .	0	5	0
A Friend, . . . . .	0	10	0
A Friend, . . . . .	0	5	0
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John L. Tindal, Esq.,	. 0 5 0		
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Jas. Templeton, Esq.,	. 10 0 0		
J. A. Roxburgh, Esq.,	. 10 10 0		
Mr and Mrs Jas. Thomson,	1 0 0		
Mrs I. Walker,	. 0 10 0		
Anonymous,	. 0 2 0		
Anonymous,	. 0 5 0		
Anonymous,	. 40 0 0		
In Memoriam,	. 2 0 0		
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sions Endeavour Society,	0 10 0		
M. S. Tait, Esq.,	. 5 0 0		
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Esq., 8 Gordon Street)—			
Mission Workers,	. 2 0 0		
A. K. Foote, Esq.,	. 0 10 0		
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Jas. Miller, Esq.,	. 5 0 0		
Geo. E. Philip, Esq.,	. 0 10 0		
Robt. Russell, Esq.,	. 0 10 0		
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St Peter's—			
Hugh Brown, Esq.,	. 10 0 0		
In Memoriam,	. 8 0 0		
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Trinity—Y.M.C.A. Missionary Meet-			
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Union—			
James Ferrie, Esq.,	. 3 0 0		
James Ferrie, Esq. ( <i>for</i>			
<i>Bandawe Church</i> ),	. 2 0 0		
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Westbourne ( <i>Collector</i> —R. D. M'EWAN,			
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Thos. Balmain, Esq.,	. 2 0 0		
Gilbert Beith, Esq.,	. 40 0 0		
Gilbert Beith, Esq. ( <i>for</i>			
<i>Bandawe Church</i> ),	. 10 0 0		
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Miss Mary D. Clarke,	. 2 0 0		
Miss Rebecca G. Clarke,	. 2 0 0		
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Carry forward,	. £58 0 0	£480 6 9	£3009 17 0



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John Currie, Esq., . . . . .	. 1 0 0		
Wm. M. Dick, Esq., . . . . .	. 0 10 0		
Walter Duncan, Esq., . . . . .	. 20 0 0		
A. A. Ferguson, Esq., . . . . .	. 7 10 0		
Wm. Greig, Esq., . . . . .	. 0 10 0		
Thos. Henderson, Esq., . . . . .	. 4 4 0		
Miss Hill, . . . . .	. 1 0 0		
M. Honeyman, Esq., . . . . .	. 1 0 0		
Mrs Kerr, . . . . .	. 1 0 0		
John Knox, Esq., . . . . .	. 1 0 0		
R. D. M'Ewan, Esq., . . . . .	. 2 2 0		
J. M. Mackinlay, Esq., . . . . .	. 5 0 0		
Mr and Mrs Donald Mac-			
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J. B. Mirrlees, Esq., . . . . .	. 5 0 0		
W. Mowat, Esq., . . . . .	. 0 5 0		
Thos. M. Welsh, Esq., . . . . .	. 1 0 0		
Matthew G. Wilson, Esq., . . . . .	. 6 6 0		
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Wynd, . . . . .		140 0 0	
Glasgow —			
In Memory of Dr Steele,			
( <i>for Institution</i> ), . . . . .	. 20 0 0		
Mrs Bennie, . . . . .	. 2 0 0		
Boys' Brigade — Glasgow			
Battalion, . . . . .	. 2 6 7		
Thos. M. Campbell, Esq., . . . . .	. 0 5 0		
Daniel Cowan, Esq., . . . . .	. 5 0 0		
Doncaster Street Young			
Men's Sabbath Forenoon			
Meeting, . . . . .	. 1 18 6		
Foundry Boys' Religious			
Society, . . . . .	. 12 10 0		
Mrs Lyle, . . . . .	. 2 0 0		
Neil MacMichael, Esq., . . . . .	. 10 0 0		
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Bible-Class, . . . . .	. 1 0 0		
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Robt. Vannan, Esq., . . . . .	. 2 0 0		
W. A. Vérel, Esq., . . . . .	. 20 0 0		
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A Friend, . . . . .	. 50 0 0		
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Society, . . . . .		1 1 0	
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Jas. Fleming, Esq., . . . . .	. 25 0 0		
Thos. M. Rodger's Young			
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## 25. Presbytery of Dunoon.

Rothesay—

West—Rev. R. Forgan, . . . . .	£1 0 0	
Faith Mission, . . . . .	0 16 6	
		£1 16 6

## 26. Presbytery of Inveraray.

## 27. Presbytery of Kintyre.

## 28. Presbytery of Islay.

## 29. Presbytery of Lorn.

Oban—Argyle Square, . . . . .	0 16 4
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## 30. Presbytery of Mull.

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## No. VII.—SYNOD OF PERTH AND STIRLING.

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## 31. Presbytery of Stirling.

Alloa—M., . . . . .	3 10 0	
Dollar—Two Friends, . . . . .	1 5 0	
Stirling—		
South—Y.W.C.A., . . . . .	2 10 0	
North—Misses Buchan, . . . . .	1 0 0	
Rev. Ebenezer M'Lean, . . . . .	20 0 0	
Do. (for Bandawe Church), . . . . .	10 0 0	
Mrs Milne, . . . . .	1 0 0	
Y.M.C.A. Mission Band, . . . . .	0 8 9	
Mrs Still, Bonnybridge, . . . . .	10 0 0	
Do., do. (Legacy), . . . . .	270 0 0	
		319 13 9
Carry forward, . . . . .		£319 13 9

Brought forward, . . . . . £319 13 9

32. Presbytery of Dunblane.

Bridge of Allan—W. G. Robertson, Esq., £1 8 0  
 Tillicoultry—J. Wilson, Esq., . . . . . 5 0 0  
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33. Presbytery of Dunkeld.

34. Presbytery of Breadalbane.

Logierait—Rev. D. R. C. MacLagan, . . . . . 0 5 0

35. Presbytery of Perth.

Logiealmond, . . . . . 0 2 6  
 Perth—  
 St Leonard's—Miss Howie, £1 0 0  
 Miss M. Stewart (*for*  
*Bandawe Church*), . . . . . 0 10 0  
 A Friend (*for Bandawe*  
*Church*), . . . . . 1 0 0  
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36. Presbytery of Auchterarder.

Aberuthven, . . . . . 0 13 7  
 ————— £329 12 10

No. VIII.—SYNOD OF FIFE.

37. Presbytery of Dunfermline.

Aberdour—Friends, . . . . . 1 0 0

38. Presbytery of Kinross.

39. Presbytery of Kirkcaldy.

40. Presbytery of Cupar.

Cupar, . . . . . 7 13 8  
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 Carry forward, . . . . . £8 13 8

Brought forward, . . . . . £8 13 8

**41. Presbytery of St Andrews.**

Carnbee, . . . . .	£0 5 0		
Newport—			
The Soul-Winning and			
Prayer Union, . . . . .	£5 0 0		
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Miss F., . . . . .	0 3 0		
Mrs W. C. Leng, . . . . .	1 1 0		
Mrs Mathewson, . . . . .	0 10 0		
Miss Jemima Peddie, . . . . .	0 2 0		
J. M. Scott, Esq., . . . . .	1 1 0		
Dr Stewart, . . . . .	1 1 0		
Mrs Stewart, . . . . .	1 1 0		
Y.W.C.A.—Two Members			
of Missionary Trading			
Club, Tayport, . . . . .	0 10 0		
		11 9 0	
Pitlessie—Miss Hardie, . . . . .	0 2 6		
			11 16 6
			<u>£20 10 2</u>

**No. IX.—SYNOD OF ANGUS AND MEARNS.**

*Superintendent*—P. F. HUSBAND, Esq., Dundee.

**42. Presbytery of Meigle.**

Alyth—Rev. John Ross, . . . . .	1 0 0		
Blairgowrie—Miss M'Lellan, . . . . .	0 10 0		
			1 10 0

**43. Presbytery of Forfar.**

Forfar—Mrs Wedderspoon, . . . . .	0 10 0		
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**44. Presbytery of Dundee.**

Broughty-Ferry—			
Mrs Dott, . . . . .	0 2 6		
East—			
P. J. Duncan, Esq., . . . . .	0 5 0		
Misses Duncan, . . . . .	0 5 0		
P. W. Duncan, Esq., . . . . .	0 5 0		
West—J. H. Milne, Esq., . . . . .	1 0 0		
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DUNDEE.

M'Cheyne—			
J. Dickson Dodds, Esq., . . . . .	1 0 0		
Alex. Henderson, Esq., . . . . .	3 0 0		
Wm. Henderson, Esq., . . . . .	0 10 0		
Miss Frances Low, . . . . .	2 0 0		
B. L. Nairn, Esq., . . . . .	0 10 0		
A. H. Stephen, Esq., . . . . .	5 0 0		
James Thomson, Esq., . . . . .	0 5 0		
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Carry forward, . . . . .	£14 2 6	£2 0 0	

Brought forward, . . . .	£14 2 6	£2 0 0	
St Andrew's—			
Public Meeting, . . . .	£6 11 0		
N. A., . . . .	0 2 6		
M. A., . . . .	0 2 6		
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St Peter's, . . . .	4 1 5		
Bible-Class, . . . .	1 5 8		
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St John's ( <i>Collector</i> , P. F. HUSBAND, Esq.)—			
George H. Gibb, Esq., . . . .	0 2 6		
Dr Laing, . . . .	0 5 0		
Miss Robertson, . . . .	1 0 0		
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G. D. Forbes, Esq., . . . .	1 0 0		
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E. G. Gibb, Esq., . . . .	0 2 6		
Miss Owen, . . . .	0 4 0		
John Robertson, Esq., . . . .	1 0 0		
Two Friends, . . . .	1 0 0		
A Friend ( <i>In Memoriam</i> , W. A. H., Florida), . . . .	20 0 0		
A Friend, . . . .	0 3 0		
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Longforgan, . . . .	11 2 6		
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## 45. Presbytery of Brechin.

Brechin—			
West—Miss Milne, . . . .	5 0 0		
Miss M. Anderson, . . . .	0 10 0		
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## 46. Presbytery of Arbroath.

## 47. Presbytery of Fordoun.

Auchinblae Working Party, . . . .	0 10 0		
	<hr/>		£71 10 1

## No. X.—SYNOD OF ABERDEEN.

*Superintendent*—Prof. JAS. ROBERTSON, D.D., Free College, Aberdeen.

## 48. Presbytery of Aberdeen.

## ABERDEEN.

East—Thos. Ogilvie, Esq., . . . .	5 0 0		
Carry forward, . . . .	£5 0 0		

Brought forward, . . . . .	£5 0 0	
Ferryhill—		
Sir Wm. Henderson, . . . . .	£40 0 0	
Work Party, . . . . .	0 10 0	
	<hr/>	40 10 0
Queen's Cross, . . . . .	1 0 0	
Work Party, . . . . .	3 10 0	
	<hr/>	4 10 0
South—Work Party, . . . . .	3 0 0	
West, . . . . .	0 0 6	
Miss Smith, . . . . .	0 0 6	
Work Party, . . . . .	10 0 0	
	<hr/>	10 1 0
Aberdeen—		
Presbytery Meeting, . . . . .	5 8 10	
Y.M.C.A. Afternoon B.C., . . . . .	1 0 0	
Peacock's Close Cottage		
Meeting ( <i>for Bandawe</i>		
<i>Church</i> ), . . . . .	0 8 6	
Mrs John Brown, . . . . .	5 0 0	
John Cook, Esq., . . . . .	1 0 0	
Wm. Falconer, Esq., . . . . .	2 0 0	
John Fleming, Esq., . . . . .	1 0 0	
Miss Fleming, . . . . .	1 0 0	
Wm. Fraser, Esq., . . . . .	0 10 6	
Do. ( <i>for Institution</i> ), . . . . .	0 10 6	
Misses Fullerton, . . . . .	5 0 0	
Wm. Hunter, Esq., . . . . .	1 0 0	
John Macdonald, Esq., . . . . .	1 0 0	
Adam Maitland, Esq., . . . . .	2 0 0	
David Mitchell, Esq., . . . . .	2 0 0	
Stodart J. Mitchell, Esq., . . . . .	1 0 0	
Misses Rust, . . . . .	0 5 0	
Mrs Sangster, . . . . .	2 5 0	
J. Skinner, Esq., . . . . .	1 0 0	
James Stephen, Esq., R.N., . . . . .	20 0 0	
Do. ( <i>for Institution</i> ), . . . . .	5 0 0	
Miss Stephen, . . . . .	0 5 0	
Mrs S. ( <i>for Bandawe</i>		
<i>Church</i> ), . . . . .	0 2 6	
Miss Warrack, . . . . .	55 0 0	
A Birthday Memory ( <i>for</i>		
<i>Institution</i> ), . . . . .	0 15 0	
Anonymous, . . . . .	1 0 0	
A Lady, . . . . .	5 0 6	
	<hr/>	120 11 4
Bourtree Bush, . . . . .	1 0 0	
Drumoak—Miss Stephen, . . . . .	0 5 0	
	<hr/>	184 17 4

## 49. Presbytery of Kincardine O'Neil.

Ballater—Missionary Union, . . . . .	1 0 0	
Strachan, . . . . .	0 10 0	
	<hr/>	1 10 0
Carry forward, . . . . .	£186 7 4	

Brought forward, . . . . . £186 7 4

50. Presbytery of Alford.

Kennethmont, . . . . . 0 10 0

51. Presbytery of Garrioch.

Inverurie—Mrs F., . . . . . 1 5 0

52. Presbytery of Ellon.

53. Presbytery of Deer.

Boddam—A. Gordon, Esq., . . . . . 1 0 0

54. Presbytery of Turriff.

55. Presbytery of Fordyce.

*Aberdeenshire.*

Culsh—M. Anderson, Esq., . . . . . £0 2 6

Old Porthill S.S., . . . . . 4 0 0

4 2 6

£193 4 10

No. XI.—SYNOD OF MORAY.

56. Presbytery of Strathbogie.

57. Presbytery of Abernethy.

58. Presbytery of Aberlour.

## 59. Presbytery of Elgin.

Lossiemouth, . . . . .	£1	0	0	
M. S., . . . . .	1	0	0	
	<hr/>			£2 0 0
Fochabers—				
Dr Robert Smith, . . . . .		2	0	0
	<hr/>			£4 0 0

## 60. Presbytery of Forres.

## 61. Presbytery of Inverness.

Inverness—				
J. Robertson, Esq., . . . . .		0	11	0
W. Taylor Rule, Esq., . . . . .		1	0	0
Geo. H. Duncan, Esq., . . . . .		0	10	6
A. A. Middleton, Esq., . . . . .		0	10	0
George Walker, Esq., . . . . .		0	10	0
Rev. Dr Black, . . . . .		0	7	0
W. J. Duncan, Esq., . . . . .		0	5	0
Alex. Fraser, Esq., . . . . .		0	5	0
Duncan Macpherson, Esq., . . . . .		0	5	0
Kenneth Gillanders, Esq., . . . . .		0	5	0
T. D. Campbell, Esq., . . . . .		0	5	0
Henry Munro, Esq., . . . . .		0	5	0
Robert Cook, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
Dr Macnee, . . . . .		0	2	6
David Young, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
John Mackenzie, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
D. Forbes, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
J. T. Melven, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
W. J. Maclean, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
A. J. Stewart, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
F. Urquhart, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
George Black, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
James Barron, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
J. Young, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
Wm. Ferguson, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
P. D. Mactavish, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
F. A. Black, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
M. Elliot, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
Wm. Douglas, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
Messrs MacDonal & Mackintosh, . . . . .		0	2	6
John Macdonald, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
Arthur D. Ross, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
Lewis Macleod, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
Wm. Corner, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
John Forbes, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
A. B. C., . . . . .		0	2	6
R. Grant, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
Thos. Kerr, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
John Cran, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
R. J. Macbeth, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
H. S. Fraser, Esq., . . . . .		0	2	6
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Carry forward, . . . . .	£8	11	0	£4 0 0



Brought forward, . . .	£8 11 0	£4 0 0
Lewis S. Bell, Esq., . . .	0 2 6	
John A. Mackenzie, Esq., . . .	0 2 6	
Alex. Fraser Westwood, Esq., . . .	0 2 6	
Donald Beaton, Esq., . . .	0 2 6	
Wm. Dingwall, Esq., . . .	0 2 6	
W. Garrow, Esq., . . .	0 2 6	
John Fraser, Esq., . . .	0 2 6	
Alex. Macpherson, Esq., . . .	0 2 6	
W. G. Dick, Esq., . . .	0 2 6	
Alex. Lindsay, Esq., . . .	0 2 6	
Wm. Mackay, Esq., . . .	0 2 6	
D. Cargill, Esq., . . .	0 2 0	
J. Fraser, Esq., . . .	0 2 0	
W. Munro, Esq., . . .	0 2 0	
Hugh Fraser, Esq., . . .	0 2 0	
Alex. Cameron, Esq., . . .	0 2 0	
Rodk. Noble, Esq., . . .	0 2 0	
Robt. Black, Esq., . . .	0 2 0	
"Lazarus," . . .	0 2 0	
John Noble, Esq., . . .	0 1 0	
D. Macgregor, Esq., . . .	0 1 0	
Chas. Freeman, Esq., . . .	0 1 0	
C. Cameron, Esq., . . .	0 1 0	
W. Mackenzie, Esq., . . .	0 1 0	
James Dow, Esq., . . .	0 1 0	
Alex. Asher, Esq., . . .	0 1 0	
	<hr/>	11 1 6

## 62. Presbytery of Nairn.

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£15 1 6

## No. XII.—SYNOD OF ROSS.

## 63. Presbytery of Chanonry.

## 64. Presbytery of Dingwall.

Strathpeffer—Mrs. Kennedy, . . . . . 1 0 0

## 65. Presbytery of Tain.

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£1 0 0

## No. XIII.—SYNOD OF SUTHERLAND AND CAITHNESS.

## 66. Presbytery of Dornoch.

Assynt, . . . . .	£0 4 0
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## 67. Presbytery of Tongue.

## 68. Presbytery of Caithness.

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£0 4 0

## No. XIV.—SYNOD OF GLENELG.

## 69. Presbytery of Lochcarron.

## 70. Presbytery of Abertarf.

Fort-William—

James Miller, Esq., . . . . .	£0 7 6
Thankoffering for many mercies, . . . . .	0 10 0

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0 17 6

## 71. Presbytery of Skye.

## 72. Presbytery of Uist.

## 73. Presbytery of Lewis.

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£0 17 6

## No. XV.—SYNOD OF ORKNEY.

## 74. Presbytery of Orkney.

Kirkwall—D. B. Miller, Esq., . . . . .	0 10 0
Sanday, . . . . .	0 6 2
Sanday Station, . . . . .	0 15 0

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£1 11 2

## No. XVI.—SYNOD OF SHETLAND.

## 75. Presbytery of Shetland.

Dunrossness—Friends, . . . . .	£0 10 0	
Unst—Uyasound, . . . . .	0 9 0	
Weisdale, . . . . .	0 9 0	
	<hr/>	£1 8 0

## SUNDRIES.

Miss Dickson, . . . . .	0 4 6
Miss Ella Fleming, . . . . .	0 10 0
Dr A. G. Millar, per Dr Sargood Fry, . . . . .	1 0 0
A. M. Young, Esq., . . . . .	0 5 0
Right Hon. Lord Kinnaird, . . . . .	25 0 0
M. J. Philip, Esq. ( <i>for Girls' Institution</i> ), . . . . .	1 0 0
Miss M. J. Philip, do., . . . . .	1 0 0
"G. C. Fines," . . . . .	0 1 0
Per George Aitken, Esq., . . . . .	3 6 0
Readers of <i>The Christian</i> , . . . . .	4 1 3
The Trustees of the late Miss A. J. Brown, . . . . .	50 0 0
Proceeds of Stamp Bureau, per W. Lochhead, Esq., Alexandria, . . . . .	25 0 0
Proceeds of Stamp Bureau, per W. Lochhead, Esq., Alexandria ( <i>for Bandawe Church</i> ), . . . . .	5 0 0
Two Friends, do., . . . . .	5 0 0
Sympathiser, do., . . . . .	1 0 0
In Memory of Rev. P. R., of Dailly ( <i>for Bandawe Church</i> ), . . . . .	20 0 0
In Memory of J. S. ( <i>for Bandawe Church</i> ), . . . . .	5 0 0
In Memoriam, . . . . .	3 0 0
A Worker, . . . . .	0 15 2
"It is more blessed to give than to receive," . . . . .	2 0 0
Two Friends, . . . . .	75 0 0
A Friend, . . . . .	1 0 0
"Earn," . . . . .	1 0 0
"The Missionary Bridge," . . . . .	1 1 0
Anonymous, . . . . .	10 0 0
A Thankoffering for a life preserved, . . . . .	0 10 0
"If the Lord will," . . . . .	0 0 6
A Friend, . . . . .	0 10 0
2 Tim. ii. 4, . . . . .	3 0 0
Matt. xxviii. 19, . . . . .	7 10 0
Logie, &c., . . . . .	0 10 0
Interested Hearer of Rev. J. Henderson's Letter, . . . . .	0 10 0
Thankoffering, . . . . .	0 10 0
Two Friends, . . . . .	5 0 0
A Servant, . . . . .	1 0 0
"Arthur," . . . . .	5 0 0
A Friend, . . . . .	0 10 0
A Friend of Christianity, . . . . .	0 10 0
A Friend, . . . . .	0 10 0
"God loveth a cheerful Giver," . . . . .	1 2 0
New Year's Gift, 1897, . . . . .	5 0 0
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Carry forward, . . . . .	£272 16 5

Brought forward, . . . . .		£272	16	5	
"Charisma," . . . . .			3	0	0
"Freely ye have received, freely give," . . . . .			4	0	0
In Memoriam, . . . . .			3	0	0
A Friend of the Mission, . . . . .			0	5	0
A North Country Lawyer, . . . . .			50	0	0
M. and J., a Thankoffering, . . . . .			10	0	0
M. M., in Memory of Dr Geo. Steele, . . . . .			10	0	0
J. H. C. ( <i>for Bandawe Church</i> ), . . . . .			5	0	0
M. and H., do., . . . . .			1	0	0
J. M., . . . . .			20	0	0
D. O. L., . . . . .			5	0	0
S. B. and J. G., . . . . .			0	10	0
L. M <sup>d</sup> L. W., . . . . .			3	3	0
E. and M. C., . . . . .			20	0	0
G. S. L., . . . . .			25	0	0
M. J. W., . . . . .			1	0	0
S. M., . . . . .			10	0	0
M. G., . . . . .			1	0	0
J. A. S., . . . . .			0	10	0
L. S., . . . . .			0	10	0
W., . . . . .			5	0	0
O. A. C., . . . . .			25	0	0
W. F., . . . . .			1	0	0
G. A. E., . . . . .			0	10	0
Z. L., . . . . .			5	0	0
J. D. M <sup>d</sup> K., . . . . .			0	3	0
M., . . . . .			5	0	0
W. A., . . . . .			2	0	0
M., . . . . .			100	0	0
A. B., . . . . .			0	5	0
J. B. W., . . . . .			10	0	0
J. M. S., . . . . .			0	10	0
M., . . . . .			5	0	0
G. A. G., . . . . .			0	10	0
E. P., . . . . .			0	2	0
J. N. A., . . . . .			0	5	0
W. J. S., . . . . .			1	0	0
C. V., . . . . .			0	10	0
E. G., . . . . .			1	0	0
Sundries—Books sold, &c., . . . . .			10	17	0
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			£619	6	5
Interest on Investments, General Account, . . . . .	£139	0	3		
Interest on Investments, Institution Account, . . . . .	135	6	8		
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			274	6	11
Income Tax recovered, . . . . .			5	2	3
Juvenile Offerings, . . . . .			395	6	11
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			£1294	2	6

## UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

Dundee — Ryehill Church, collected by Miss Batchelor, . . . . .	£1 8 0	
Glasgow—		
Wellington Church, The Misses Harvie, . . . . .	£10 0 0	
Belhaven Church, . . . . .	5 0 0	
Mrs Simpson and Friends, . . . . .	5 0 0	
	<hr/>	20 0 0
Edinburgh—Trustees of the late Geo. Laing, Esq.,	330 0 0	
Cambridge—Mrs Lewis, . . . . .	5 0 0	
Aberdeen—		
J. M., . . . . .	10 0 0	
W. and J. S., 23rd October, . . . . .	1 0 0	
“One Friendly,” . . . . .	1 0 0	
	<hr/>	12 0 0
West Cults (Aberdeenshire)—Miss Euphemia R. Cameron, . . . . .	12 0 0	
Stirling—Anonymous, . . . . .	0 8 0	
An Aged Minister, . . . . .	0 10 0	
“Endeavour” (for Bandawe Church), . . . . .	0 5 0	
A Reader of the <i>U.P. Missionary Record</i> (for Bandawe Church), . . . . .	1 0 0	
Bridge-of-Allan—A Friend (for Bandawe Church), . . . . .	1 5 6	
Lenzie Union Church, . . . . .	10 0 0	
	<hr/>	£393 16 6

## CONTINENT AND COLONIES.

Madeira — Mrs A. Stewart and The Misses Macfarlane, . . . . .	3 0 0	
Canes—		
Miss Paton, . . . . .	1 0 0	
J. E. S., . . . . .	20 0 0	
	<hr/>	21 0 0
Nice—Scotch Church, . . . . .	2 6 0	
Paris—Miss Howard, . . . . .	1 0 0	
Pau—Rev. G. Brown, . . . . .	5 0 0	
Naples—Congregation, . . . . .	11 2 0	
Livingstonia—Mr and Mrs Thomson, . . . . .	10 0 0	
Toronto—Per Hamilton Cassels, Esq., . . . . .	0 12 2	
Onchunga (Auckland, N.Z.)—Presbyterian Church Y.P.S.C.E., . . . . .	0 10 0	
	<hr/>	£54 10 2

## ENGLAND AND IRELAND.

Tunbridge Wells—		
Mrs Comrie, . . . . .	0 15 0	
J. P. Payne, Esq., . . . . .	0 10 0	
	<hr/>	1 5 0
Wimborne—Mrs Monteith, . . . . .	2 0 0	
Carry forward, . . . . .	£3 5 0	

Brought forward, . . . . .	£3	5	0
London—			
Miss Lilius Graham, . . . . .	£10	0	0
Rotherhithe Mothers' Meeting, . . . . .	2	0	0
Highbury Park, Harvey Street (Hoxton) Mission, . . . . .	5	0	0
Andrew Williamson, Esq., . . . . .	50	0	0
		67	0
Liverpool—			
Miss Fanny Guthrie, . . . . .	4	0	0
Miss Wallace, . . . . .	1	0	0
		5	0
Aldenham Institute, . . . . .		2	0
Dublin—A. Cubie, Esq., . . . . .		0	12
The Ladies' Negro Friend Society, <i>per</i> Mrs Cadbury, . . . . .		5	0
			6
			<u>£82 17 6</u>

## SUMMARY FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1897.

## SYNODS.

Lothian and Tweeddale, . . . . .	£1142	6	10
Merse and Teviotdale, . . . . .	118	1	0
Dumfries, . . . . .	5	16	3
Galloway, . . . . .	4	5	0
Glasgow and Ayr, . . . . .	3938	3	4
Argyll, . . . . .	2	12	10
Perth and Stirling, . . . . .	329	12	10
Fife, . . . . .	20	10	2
Angus and Mearns, . . . . .	71	10	1
Aberdeen, . . . . .	193	4	10
Moray, . . . . .	15	1	6
Ross, . . . . .	1	0	0
Sutherland and Caithness, . . . . .	0	4	0
Glenelg, . . . . .	0	17	6
Orkney, . . . . .	1	11	2
Shetland, . . . . .	1	8	0
Sundries—			
General, . . . . .	1294	2	6
England and Ireland, . . . . .	82	17	6
Continent and Colonies, . . . . .	54	10	2
United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, . . . . .	393	16	6
			<u>£7671 12 0</u>

## PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

General Account, . . . . .	£6147	6	10
Building and Institution Fund, . . . . .	1436	6	8
Bandawe Church, . . . . .	87	18	6
			<u>£7671 12 0</u>

## RECEIVED FROM 31st MARCH TO 31st JULY, 1897.

Aberdeen—Miss Ogilvie, . . . . .	£1 0 0	
Miss Collie, . . . . .	0 5 0	
	<hr/>	£1 5 0
Mrs Dodds, Hants, . . . . .		1 0 0
Miss Warrack, Queen's Cross, Aberdeen, . . . . .		5 0 0
Mrs Wilson, Duns, . . . . .		1 0 0
"X," . . . . .		10 0 0
"W. J. S."—a Birthday Memory, . . . . .		1 0 0
Dr and Mrs Loudon, Hamilton, . . . . .	£25 0 0	
Do., do., do. ( <i>for Missionary</i> ), . . . . .	125 0 0	
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Miss Lucy M'Clure, Overtoun, . . . . .		0 5 0
Edinburgh—Barclay—A Member, . . . . .		5 0 0
Mrs Wedderspoon, Fife, . . . . .		0 10 0
A Friend, Newtyle, . . . . .		0 10 0
Liff—Rev. J. Kennedy, . . . . .	£1 1 0	
Mrs Kennedy, . . . . .	1 1 0	
	<hr/>	2 2 0
Liverpool—Gleaners of Trinity Church, . . . . .		1 5 0
Aberdeen—West—Miss Smith, . . . . .		0 0 6
Mrs Williamson, Edinburgh, . . . . .		1 0 0
John Grant, Esq., Edinburgh, . . . . .		1 1 0
Alexander Waddell, Esq. ( <i>towards Salary of Medical Missionary</i> ), . . . . .		20 0 0
Glasgow—Free Church Students' Missionary Society ( <i>for Muenzo</i> ), . . . . .		220 0 0
Wick Woman's Missionary Association—Proceeds of Sale of Work, . . . . .		22 6 0
"S. A.," . . . . .		20 0 0
A Friend, . . . . .		3 7 4
Cambridge—Mrs Lewis, . . . . .		5 0 0
Glasgow—Great Hamilton Street Congregation, . . . . .		6 0 0
Miss Beith, Free St George's, Edinburgh, . . . . .		2 0 0
Mrs Scott, Aberdeen, . . . . .		1 0 0
Share of Residue of Estate of the late Miss Isabella Macfarlane, Perth, . . . . .		38 0 0
Miss Coulson, Houndwood, . . . . .		1 0 0
A Friend, Free St George's, Edinburgh ( <i>for Nurse</i> ), . . . . .		195 0 0
Messrs W. Strang & Son, Glasgow, . . . . .		100 0 0
Dundee—Martyrs' Young Women's Club, . . . . .		0 16 0
Anonymous, . . . . .		5 0 0
Gatehouse—U.P. Church, . . . . .		1 5 0
Uddingston—A Member, . . . . .		5 0 0
Kilmarnock—Grange C. E. Society, . . . . .	£5 1 8	
Do., Junior C. E. Society, . . . . .	3 8 4	
	<hr/>	8 10 0
"M.," Alloa, . . . . .		3 10 0
"Two Friends," Free St Andrew's, Edinburgh ( <i>for Teacher and Nurse</i> ), . . . . .		195 0 0
Kilmalcolm—Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, . . . . .		5 0 0
Kirkintilloch—St Andrew's Zenana Society, . . . . .		1 1 0
Glasgow—St Matthew's—David MacLean, Esq., . . . . .		50 0 0
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Carry forward, . . . . .	£1089 13 10	

Brought forward, . . . . .	£1089	13	10
Rev. D. Davie, Girvan, . . . . .	2	0	0
Rev. E. MacLean, Stirling, . . . . .	25	0	0
Fordoun—Working Party, . . . . .	1	0	0
Miss Carnegy, Trinity, . . . . .	20	0	0
Miss Jane M. Fleming, Aberdeen, . . . . .	1	0	0
Rev. A. Walker, Millport, . . . . .	1	0	0
"A Thankoffering," . . . . .	0	5	0
Rev. E. MacLean ( <i>for Medical Missionary</i> ), . . . . .	25	0	0
Mrs Galloway, Drumore, . . . . .	1	0	0
Edinburgh—Viewforth Y.W.C.A., . . . . .	5	0	0
"J. E. S.," . . . . .	20	0	0
Miss Euphemia R. Cameron, West Cults, . . . . .	6	0	0
"Amicus," . . . . .	2	0	0
Malta—St Andrew's Missionary Union, . . . . .	1	0	0
Joseph Russell, Esq., Port-Glasgow ( <i>for additional Medical Missionary</i> ), . . . . .	5	0	0
John Birkmyre, Esq., Port-Glasgow, . . . . .	10	0	0
Ex-Provost Moncur, Dundee . . . . .	5	0	0
Mrs Christie, Newport, . . . . .	1	0	0
Dr Moir, Edinburgh, . . . . .	5	0	0
Friends in Dunrossness, . . . . .	0	10	0
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