

PRESBYTERIANISM.

In Britain.

A union is being formed of the Presbyterian C. E. Societies in Ireland.

The Free Church of Scotland has 223 missionaries in the Foreign Field.

Rev. Geo. Stewart Burns D.D., for 30 years minister in Glasgow Cathedral, died 25 Jan., aged 65 years.

Rev. Wm. Miller, Principal of the Madras College, has accepted the nomination for Moderator of the next Free Ch. General Assembly.

An old minister indeed, is Rev. James Smith D.D. of Cathcart, Scotland, who recently celebrated the 68th anniversary of his ordination.

The second five years "truce" on the instrumental music question in Ireland expires in June next, and the controversy, it is expected, will be revived.

The Presbytery of Kirkcaldy have passed a resolution against the granting of further public funds, either imperial or local, to denominational schools which are not subject to public control.

Rev. Dr. Snodgrass, formerly Principal of Queen's University, Kingston, now minister of Canobie, Scotland, is to have an assistant and successor, in consequence of the increasing infirmities of age.

The Free Church of Scotland Missionary Monthly has attained its jubilee. When it was first launched the total expenditure on foreign missions was £6,608, as contrasted with about £60,000 at the present time.

Two of the leading Free Churches of Edinburgh, Free St. George's and the Free High, have had recent settlements, in the former, Rev. Hugh Black, late of Paisley; in the latter, Rev. R. S. Simpson, late of Turriff.

Presbyterianism in England, had, in 1877, 264 congregations, as against over 300 at the present date. During the same period the membership has increased from 46,540 to about 70,000, and the annual income from £137,088 to £234,000.

Ian McLaren (Rev. John Watson) has received D.D., from the University of St. Andrews. He is to deliver the Yale "Lectures on Preaching" next session, and will come out for this purpose in September. He will afterwards make a tour of the United States and perhaps of Canada.

Dr. Johnstone, Professor of Biblical Criticism in the University of Aberdeen, is an opponent of the newer destructive criticism. The students, it is said, are, with one exception, in its favor. When one of them recently stated his views in class, the Professor asked him how it was possible for him with such decided unbelief to preach the Gospel to the people. The student rushed into print, and the Senate is considering the matter. The *Christian Leader* remarks that the conduct of the students in class, especially on the day of his closing lecture, has been such such as to stamp them as thoroughly unfitted for the Christian ministry.

In Australasia.

The thirty-first annual meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, New South Wales, was held in Sydney, 5 March.

There are about half a million Presbyterians in the South African communities, and an effort is now being made to federate the different churches for practical work.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, met in Melbourne at the end of the year. The place of Prof. Rentoul, retiring moderator, was filled by the choice of Rev. J. Robertson of Yarrowonga.

Rev. Wm. Watt, of Tanna, has served his Church, New Zealand North, faithfully for 27 years as their missionary on Tanna, New Hebrides; and this year as he is visiting New Zealand, he has been chosen as moderator of their Synod.

The total Presbyterian population of Cape Colony is 329,597. Of these, the Dutch Reformed number 292,501, viz., 228,667 whites, and 63,834 colored, while the British Presbyterian is 37,096, viz., 12,684 white and 24,412 colored. Of the whole white population the Presbyterians number 61.02 per cent.

The Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Australia, has 410 ministers in charges and 226 in all, with 669 congregations, 613 elders, £61,747 paid in stipends, and a total income of 103,051. There are also 50 home missionaries. Total number of adherents 166,911, or about a seventh of the entire population. More than 70,000 attend the churches. Every congregation has a Sunday-school, in all, 35,669 scholars and 3707 teachers.

In the United States.

The Presbyterians of Texas are moving to establish a great Presbyterian University in that State.

A life-size statue of Dr. McCosh in red sandstone is about completed, to be placed in Alexander Hall, Princeton.

A great loss has been sustained by the Presbyterians of the far West, by the burning, at Los Angeles, a few weeks since, of their only college on the Pacific slope.

The jubilee of Rev. Dr. William Henry Green, as Professor in Princeton Theological Seminary, will be fittingly honored 5 May, and the hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Princeton College will be celebrated in October next. After that date it will be known as Princeton University.

In the United States, not including Alaska, there are nearly a quarter of a million Indians. The exact number is given as 248,253. To 23,785 of these the government furnishes food and clothing. The Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., has 21 schools and 140 teachers among them, and 31 tribes are being taught.

The Brooklyn Tabernacle, Dr. Talmage's, was, a few weeks since, formally dissolved by the Presbytery of Brooklyn to which it belonged. It had at one time a membership of over three thousand, the largest we believe of any Presbyterian Church in the world, but it did little work and gave little for missions, Home or Foreign. It was a gathering of listeners rather than of workers, and as soon as the preacher removed they scattered. Dr. Talmage is now co-paster with Rev. Dr. Sutherland in the First Pres. Ch., Washington.