

has been lengthening her cords in many directions. The Foreign Mission Board has in its employment 159 American Missionaries and 225 native helpers, of whom 92 are ordained and 133 are licentiates. Its Churches embrace 18,656 communicants and in its mission schools there are 21,253 pupils. The total receipts for Home Missions last year were over \$500,000: for Foreign, \$648,383. The estimates for this year call for \$600,000 for the former and \$700,000 for the latter: This Church is also strengthening her stakes. A large portion of time was employed in revising its books of discipline and polity, in discussing the importance—the necessity, indeed, of fidelity to the time-honoured standards of the Church, and in making better provision for the support of her ministry. The Board of Publication has been doing a thriving business. Its receipts were \$281,124, and it ends the year with a balance in its favour of \$28,681. It was agreed to dispense with the rule for "one year's probation" in the case of ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada seeking admission—Very kind and complimentary to Canada, but really at present we have not the hair of a minister's head to spare, we are bordering upon a famine ourselves and feel like saying to good brother Jonathan,—“Come over and help us!”

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND met in Edinburgh on the 24th of May. The Earl of Aberdeen was present as Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner. Rev. Professor Milligan of Aberdeen, the retiring Moderator, preached the opening sermon, and Rev. John Rankine of Sorn was elected Moderator for the current year. The report of the Colonial Committee was submitted by Rev. Dr. Gray, the Convener, and seems to have created rather more interest than usual. Referring to British Columbia, the Committee recommended that it be left to the people themselves to determine whether they should connect themselves with the Presbyterian Church in Canada or continue their connection with the Church of Scotland. In either case the Committee recommended the continuance of such monetary assistance, for a time at least, as it may be in their power to give. They also regarded the claims of Manitoba and the North-West as worthy of their confidence and support. Dr. Snodgrass of Canonbie, Dr. Story of Roseneath, Rev. W. D. Armstrong of Ottawa and others having addressed the Assembly, the report was adopted. The Home and Foreign Missions of the Church were reported to be in a satisfactory condition. A marked improvement being observable in the contributions for Foreign Missions. It was discovered that by improved organization some of the Glasgow Sabbath-Schools were contributing more than

the congregations had formerly done. Dr. Phin and Dr. Story would have had the Church of Scotland to cease connection with the General Presbyterian Alliance, but wiser counsels prevailed and the venerable Mother Church will doubtless be well represented at the Belfast Council next year.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FREE CHURCH also met in Edinburgh on the Queen's Birthday. Dr. McDonald of North Leith, the retiring Moderator conducted the opening services. Dr. Horatius Bonar of Edinburgh, was elected Moderator. The report of the Sustentation Fund Committee shewed that the total contributions for the year amounted to £174,607, being an increase of £1715 as compared with last year. The equal dividend from the fund for the year was £160, with an additional dividend of £23 to all ministers whose congregational contributions reach a given amount. The report of the Foreign Mission Committee was given in by Col. A. C. Young. The past year had been one of increased missionary activity and liberality. The whole missionary revenue of the Church for missions to the heathen, to the Jews, to the Colonies and to the Continent had risen to £95,338. The staff of Scottish and native missionaries, consists at present of 86 male and 20 female missionaries. Details from the stations in Africa, India, the New Hebrides, &c., shewed development on every side. Dr. Rainy claimed attention to a memorial from the Ladies' Society for Female Education in India and South Africa, and the importance of strengthening the said Society by the formation of Presbyterian and Congregational Auxiliaries. Dr. Murray Mitchell gave a very interesting account of his recent travels in China, Japan and India. The question of instrumental music in churches was discussed at great length and resulted in the adoption by a large majority of a motion by Dr. Rainy, making instrumental music permissive on the part of congregations.

Our Own Church.

ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

KILSYTH ; Owen Sound :—Rev. Elias Mullan, formerly of North Augusta, was inducted on the 6th of June.

GLENALLAN AND HOLLIN : Guelph :—Rev. Harry Norris was inducted on the 29th of May.

DEMISSIONS :—Rev. Alexander Grant of Ashfield, Ont. Rev. Joseph Elliott of Cannington, Ont. Rev. B. J. Brown of Luther. Rev. John Lieper of Barrie. Rev. J. K. Henry of 1st West Guillimburg and Cookstown. Rev. Smith Hutcheson of Guthrie