

still with them and before them. He gave facts as to the vast increase of the Romish machinery in the leading towns of the United Kingdom.

Dr. Leyburn from the United States addressed the House, expressing his deep interest in their proceedings, and in the history and church of Scotland. He gave some statistics of Presbyterianism in America.

Mr. G. H. Stewart of Philadelphia expressed his pleasure at being present in the Assembly, on such an occasion.

Dr. Burns of Toronto directed remarks on the state of Popery in the Colonies, and the efforts necessary to cope with it.

The Assembly appointed Thursday the 20th of December, the tricentenary of the First General Assembly, as a day of thanksgiving for the great blessing of Reformation and enjoined ministers to bring the subject before their people on that day.

For part of the above we are indebted to the abstract of the proceedings of the Assembly, given in the *Notes of the Church*. Several items of business of minor importance we have not noticed. In concluding the business of the Court, the Moderator addressed the Assembly in eloquent and appropriate terms, saying it had been his fortune to be present at many Assemblies, but unless it were the memorable one of 1843, he knew not that he had ever witnessed an Assembly where there was more to be thankful for, and less to regret. The next meeting of the General Assembly was appointed to be held on Thursday 23rd May, 1861.

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The Supreme Court of the Church of Scotland met at Edinburgh on the 17th May, Lord Belhaven being again the Lord High Commissioner. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Dr. John Cook. He was succeeded in the Moderator's chair by Dr. Maitland, of Kells.

The usual reports were given in on Home Missions,—India Missions,—Education, &c., and it appeared that, on the whole, the various Ecclesiastical Schemes were in a prosperous state. The income for Home Missions was £5,022. In India there are at present six European missionaries, and there was the prospect of other three being soon engaged in the work. For the Jewish Mission the amount collected was £2,260. Missionary operations are carried on among the Jews in Germany, Turkey, and Egypt.

The subject of Revivals occupied the attention of the Assembly. Several leading men took part in the discussion, among whom we may mention Principal Dewar, Drs. Lee and Robertson, Honorable Major Baillie, &c. It was agreed to recommend to all Ministers and Elders of the Church

special watchfulness and prayer in regard to the progress of vital religion,—watchfulness lest that which is holy should be abused, and prayer that God may be pleased still further to revive his own work in the midst of years, and to grant unto this Church and the world a yet fuller out-pouring of His Holy Spirit.

The Tricentenary of the Reformation was another subject which engaged the notice of the Assembly. A report was given in recommending that special reference be made to the doctrines of the Reformation in the devotional exercises appointed by the General Assembly on the Sabbath evenings during the sittings of the Assembly. It was also recommended that the 20th December, the anniversary of the first General Assembly in Scotland, should be observed by the Ministers and Congregations of the Church in showing their gratitude to God for the events of the Reformation.

These recommendations were, on the motion of Principal Tulloch, adopted. Dr. Hill referred to the coming together of all Protestants to take part in the celebration, and expressed a hope that all minor differences would be thrown aside, and that all would unite in displaying a true Christian spirit in all the proceedings connected with the celebration.

On a motion for the repeal of Lord Aberdeen's Bill, which at present regulates the proceedings in calling and inducting ministers, 31 voted for an application to Parliament for the repeal or alteration of the Act, and 60 for a motion in favour of taking no steps in the matter.

On the subject of Ministerial Communion a motion by Dr. Lee in opposition to the relaxation of the Act of 1799 which closed the doors of the pulpits in the Church of Scotland against all but their own licentiates, was lost by a vote of 91 to 161.

In the Seconie case, which was a case of disputed settlement, the appeal was sustained and the decision of the inferior courts reversed, the effect of which is to reject a Presentee, who was unacceptable to the majority of the congregation.

#### MEETING OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (SCOTLAND.)

This Synod met at Edinburgh on the 14th of May. The Rev. Dr. Harper, of Leith, succeeded Dr. Boyd of Campbelltown, the retiring Moderator. It appeared from the returns laid before the Synod, that the entire number of Congregations under the care of the Synod amounted to 537. The aggregate income for strictly congregational purposes had been £145,932, and the income for missionary and benevolent pur-

poses £44,119, making a total of £190,052 the average payment of each Church member being £1 3s. 5d.

The annual missionary meeting was held in the Music Hall, on the 16th May. The Church carries on missions in India, Africa, the West Indies, and among the Jews at Algiers, Altona, Hamburg, and Aleppo.

As in the other Ecclesiastical Assemblies, the celebration of the Tricentenary of the Reformation occupied a prominent place in the proceedings of the Synod.

#### MONEYS RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE OF THE AGENT, UP TO 30th JUNE

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##### KNOX COLLEGE.

A Friend, per Mr. Lutz, Galt.....	2 00
Lancaster .....	4 09
Streetsville .....	41 26
Ashburn .....	5 00
Sarnia, collected by A. Vidal, Esq....	11 00
Lochiel, additional.....	2 00
Quebec .....	209 00
Buxton .....	6 00
Galt .....	206 00
Sarnia .....	60 00
Southampton and Arran West.....	18 50
Brucefield.....	40 00
Binbrook, Saltfleet and Seneca.....	37 40
Wellesley .....	15 17
Kincaidine .....	15 00
King .....	16 00

##### WIDOWS' FUND.

Perth.....	5 00
Galt.....	34 06
Lobo 4 75. Carradoc 00 55.....	6 30
Lancaster 1 47. Dalhousie Mills 1 02.	3 39
McNab St., Hamilton.....	30 00
Noval .. .. .	10 20
Zorra .. .. .	14 00
S. Gower 2 52. Moun ain 1 68 ..	4 20
Hamilton, Knox Church .. .. .	20 00
Ayr, additional .. .. .	1 00
Wellesley .. .. .	4 00
Kincaidine .. .. .	4 00
Peterboro' .. .. .	17 70

sub. of late Mr J. Stothert.

Moore .. .. .	4 00
West Postlinch, .. .. .	4 00
With rates from Rev. J. McKay, Rev. R. Lre, Rev. H. McMeekin.	

##### SYNOD FUND AND BUXTON MISSION.

Galt .. .. .	29 11
" Sabbath School.....	14 50
A Friend, per Mr. Lutz, Galt .....	4 00
Sarnia, collected by A. Vidal, Esq.....	6 00
Do. ....	11 00
Wellesley .. .. .	4 00
Kincaidine.....	64

##### FRENCH CANADIAN MISSION.

Mrs. Gates, Spencerville.....	2 00
McNab Street, Hamilton.....	48 00
Wellesley .. .. .	4 00

##### FOREIGN MISSION.

A Friend, per Mr. Lutz, Galt.....	1 00
Lancaster 0 90, Dalhousie Mills 1 11.	3 02
McNab Street, Hamilton.....	23 51
Zorra .. .. .	14 00
Ottawa .. .. .	24 00
Hamilton Knox Church.....	32 00
Wellesley .. .. .	4 00
King .. .. .	2 60