

was well received, as was also Dr. Cochran's, at the farewell meeting in moving the votes of thanks. Dr. Warden showed his usual business capacity as convener of the committee on the Reception of Churches.

Professor MacLaren took an active and useful part in the discussions on Foreign Missions. Chief Justice Taylor made a good president one of the evenings, and on another evening, your correspondent and the moderator of the Welsh Calvinistic Church shared the honors of the chair between us. On that evening Dr. John Hall, of New York, and the Rev. John McNeil, of Edinburgh, gave two of the most effective addresses of the series. Mr. McNeil is a plain-looking young man, son of a mechanic—himself, originally, we understand, a subordinate employee on a railway, who has lately sprung into the foremost rank as a speaker to the masses. He ministers in Roxborough Presbyterian church, Edinburgh, of which the late lamented Dr. Topp was once pastor. There is talk of erecting a tabernacle for him to hold 3,000. He is also spoken of for London. In his address of half an hour last Wednesday evening he held his audience enchained. He showed a good deal of the Gough and Moody power. It was a plain, practical, but most pointed and intensely earnest talk to young men, interspersed with most graphic word pictures and vivid illustrations. There were excrescences (as was the case at first with Spurgeon) which time and taste will lop off, but Mr. McNeil is plainly one of the coming men.

"Co-operation in Foreign Missions" has been all along a subject to which much of the attention of the Council has been directed. The reports submitted by Dr. Murray Mitchell for the European, and by Dr. W. R. Taylor for the American (or as it was resolved henceforth to call them, the Eastern and Western sections), were highly satisfactory. The work of unifying is in progress and there is an understanding among the Churches as to the selection of the fields and the distribution of the forces such as never existed before. In several cases union is already an accomplished fact, and accomplished, we may truly say, with the happiest results. (1) In Amoy the English Presbyterian Mission and that of the Reformed (Dutch) Church have been united in one church since the year 1863. (2) In the Island of