

to the various modes in which Romanists were seeking to extend their system in Scotland, and to the apathy with which Papal aggression is regarded by many of those possessed of influence and power. He referred to the rumoured intention of the Pope to appoint an Archbishop of Edinburgh, stating that the brother of a Peer, himself a nobleman, was indicated to be the person selected for this office. The report was received.

COLONIAL AND CONTINENTAL REPORT.—The Report was given in by the Rev. L. H. Irving. The Report began by advertng to the lamented death of Dr. John Bonar the former Convener. It adverted to the progress of Presbyterianism in the British American Colonies, the West Indies, Madeira, Honduras, &c., and to the union of the various Presbyterian Churches in New South Wales. It referred too, to the differences which had originated in New Zealand at the very time when it was thought a union was about to be cemented, but stated that the matters in dispute were so trivial that it was hoped that the difficulties would soon be taken out of the way.

The Continental part of the report described the progress made during the year at Leghorn, Florence and other places.

The report was adopted. Mr. Irving and Professor Lunsden were appointed joint Conveners of the Committee until the next meeting of the Assembly.

STATE OF RELIGION.—Dr. Wood submitted the report on the State of Religion and morals. It related chiefly to the results of the late revival. It was stated that there were permanent fruits of the revival in the districts where its influence was felt, although the number of converts did not bear a very large proportion to the whole body of professing Christians. In not a very few instances the good effects of the revival appeared from the increased contributions of the people to religious objects.

After a suitable address by the Moderator, the Assembly adjourned to meet on the 18th May, 1865.

ITEMS OF INTELLIGENCE.

ASSISTANT TO REV. DR. CAIRNS.—The congregation of the Rev. Dr. Cairns of Berwick have arranged to provide a preacher as missionary to assist in visiting the congregation. and supply the pulpit when necessary.

DEATH OF A MISSIONARY.—The United Presbyterian Record notices the death of the Rev. Jno. Baillie, a young, gifted, and devoted missionary who had recently returned from Old Calabar on account of the state of his health.

MISSIONS IN BORNEO.—The Bishop of Labuan reports that during the past year 143 heathen have been baptized at the stations held by missionaries of the Propagation Society at Borneo. The Jarebus Dyaks, the most powerful people in the country are desirous of having a missionary.

THE GOSPEL IN LIBERIA.—In Liberia there are about 50 Churches, embracing five different denominations, viz., Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, and Congregationalists, there being but one church of the last mentioned denomination. With a very few exceptions the missionaries and Church members are all coloured persons.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The place of meeting of the General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church has been changed from Dublin to Belfast, in consequence of the church in which the Assembly was to meet not being ready. The Rev. J. Rogers was re-elected moderator. We shall in next number notice the proceedings of the Assembly.

SCOTTISH ECCLESIASTICAL STATISTICS.—The Rev. R. Stark of Glasgow gives, on data which he considers satisfactory, the following estimate of the number connected with the several Churches in Scotland, viz., Established