

dained at one of the meetings of the Assembly. It was proposed that Dr. Glasgow who has lately returned, after upwards of 20 years of missionary service, should give lectures on missionary work in India, in the Presbyterian College.

HOME MISSIONS.—The Home Mission Report was given in by Mr. McNaughton, who resigned the Convenership. He had found it £1000 in debt, he now left it £1000 in hand.

STATE OF RELIGION.—Dr. Kirkpatrick read a very satisfactory report on the State of Religion. Reference was made to the earnestness and zeal of the colporteurs connected with the Church. The open-air mission, begun by the late Dr. Johnston, had been prosecuted with unabated vigour. More of a missionary spirit was now cultivated among the people, and there was a higher standard of Christian liberality.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF REGIUM DONUM.—The report of the Committee on this subject was first considered in *interloquitur*. In the Assembly the moderator gave a statement of the negotiations carried on, and of the result. The report was received and the thanks of the Assembly tendered to the Committee, and especially to the Moderator. The committee was re-appointed and the instructions of last year renewed. Several members of the Assembly differed in opinion on this subject from the majority, but the motion was carried, *nem. con.*

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCH.—The number of families reported as connected with the Church is 84,112 against 78,302 last year; communicants, 121,132 against 117,849 last year; the amount paid to ministers were £29,929 against £28,561 paid last year; 210 manse was reported instead of 200 last year; the missionary collections amounted to £9627 instead of £9788 last year; the whole sum raised for all purposes was £81,859 15s, less than last year by £700.

COLONIAL MISSION.—In connexion with this report, which was presented by Rev. W. McClure, Convener, and which reviewed the operations of the Church in sending ministers and missionaries to the several colonies. The Rev. W. Johnston, who lately visited New Brunswick and Canada, delivered an able address giving an account of his journeys and labours in the New World. We regret that our space will not allow us to give the whole of his interesting report. After referring to his labours in New Brunswick, he goes on to describe his tour in Canada.

“On the 1st of April I passed from New Brunswick to Canada, where my course was opened up by the Rev. William Reid, the Clerk of the Synod, and the secretary of the Home Mission Committee. Owing to the season of the year and the breaking up of the roads, I was not able to travel over all the vast mission-field of the Church in Canada as I wished, but I did the best I could, visiting specially those brethren who had been sent out by our Colonial Mission. With most of these I met, and officiated in their respective congregations.

“From the vast extent of the Canadas the Home Mission work of the Church is carried on in sections by the respective Presbyteries of the bounds; the Home Mission simply allocating the licentiates and students to their spheres of labour and administering the funds committed to its care. From the comparative weakness of many of the Presbyteries this central committee is essential to the proper cultivation of the whole field.

“In Lower Canada the Presbytery of Montreal embraces an area of from 500 to 600 miles. Within its bounds three congregations have received aid from this General Assembly, and three ministers from this Church are placed over them, the members being principally from the North of Ireland.

“1. The congregation of St. Sylvester, which is under the charge of the Rev. Wm. Scott, who has four stations and 61 families contributing £15 a year.

“2. The congregations of Kennebec Road, where the Rev. James Hume is now ministering, having 3 stations and 40 families contributing £43 a year.