

greater part of Wednesday in discussing the subject of subscription by elders. Dr. Story supported an overture on the subject from the Presbytery of Dumbarton, and moved the transmission for the consideration of Presbyteries of a new formula acknowledging the Scriptures as the Word of God and rule of faith and manners, and professing approbation of the Confession of Faith as the public and avowed confession of the Church. The previous question was moved by Dr. Scott, and after an animated debate, in which Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, Sir R. Anstruther, Sir James Ferguson, Lord Polwarth, Principal Tulloch, Professor Charteris, and Principal Pirie took part, the latter motion was carried on a division by 178 votes to 104. In the evening the Assembly, after disposing of the report of the Colonial Committee, took up the New Deer settlement case. After hearing parties, the Assembly resolved to the effect that Mr. Bruce was legally appointed to the parish; that the Presbytery's proceedings were irregular, in respect that they were grounded on the assumption that the *jusdevolutum* had occurred, which was not the case; and that the appointment of Mr. Philip to the charge was therefore invalid.

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## EXTRACTS FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ESTABLISHED ASSEMBLY.

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### REORGANIZATION OF SCHEMES OF ESTABLISHED CHURCH.

A Committee of the Assembly of the Church of Scotland was appointed last year anent the rearrangement of the Schemes of the Church so as to bring them into harmony with the altered circumstances and sympathies of the people. The committee have drawn up a lengthy and important report. Among the general suggestions offered is a proposal to reduce the number of members of Committees having charge of the schemes, and that the travelling expenses of the members in attending meetings be paid. A change of the Convener of Committee every fourth or fifth year is also proposed as a likely gain of efficiency. The special recommendations for the organ-

ization of the Schemes are to the following effect:—

**HOME MISSION.**—That the department, 'Encouragement of the Young Men to undertake the Office of the Ministry,' be brought into operation. This does not necessarily imply beginning to give grants of money.

**ENDOWMENTS.**—That 3000 be, where practicable, the maximum population of a new parish; and that grants should be withheld where there exists any private obligation or promise of repayment.

**EDUCATION.**—That the committee be continued to superintend Normal Schools &c., but that no church-door collections for its funds be authorized; and that the Education Committee of the Sabbath School Committee confer and report on future plans for the religious education of the young.

**FOREIGN MISSION.**—That missionaries be connected with the Institution in a Presidency town before going to the scene of their future labors; that some Scottish ministers be deputed from time to time to preach to the English-speaking population of India, British and native; that ministers point out in public and private to promising young men the claims of the Foreign Mission field; that means be taken, both at home and abroad, to promote intelligent interest in the work of foreign missionaries; that Zenana and other special work be connected with the general work of a fully-equipped mission station.

**JEWISH MISSION.**—That the present mode of operation among Jews be continued where the present stations are; that Alexandria and Beyrout be not regarded as exclusively Jewish Mission stations; that a new station among other than Spanish Jews be sought for; that the stations be visited; and that the possibility of having an Industrial Home be considered.