

**MEETINGS OF CHURCH COURTS, 1897-8.**

- 1002. AUSTRIA.  
General Synod of the Reformed Church..VIENNA.
- 1898. AUSTRIA—HUNGARY.  
Superintendential Conventus of Reformed Church.  
BUDAPEST.
- 1898. BELGIUM.  
July. Synod of Union of Evangelical Churches.  
BRUSSELS.
- " 5 Synod of Christian Missionary Church.....COUR-  
CELLES.
- 1899. FRANCE.  
Synode officieux of the Reformed Churches of  
France.....VALENCE, DROME.
- 1897. Oct.21 Synod of the Free Evangelical Churches of France.  
NIMES.
- 1897. GERMANY.  
Aug. 24 Reformed Bund.....DETMOLD.  
Synod of the Reformed Church of Hanover.
- 1897. HOLLAND.  
Re-union of Walloon Churches.....DELFT.  
General Synod of Reformed Church of Holland.  
LA HAYE.  
Synod of the Reformed Churches of the Netherlands.
- 1897. ITALY.  
Sept. 7 Synod of the Waldensian Church. ... ..LA TOUR.  
Oct. 21 General Assembly, Evangelical Church..FLORENCE
- 1898. SWITZERLAND.  
April Synod of Free Presbyterian Church, Geneva...GEN-  
EVA.  
June. Synod of Evangelical Church, Canton Neuchatel.  
NEUCHATEL.  
May. Synod of Free Evangelical Church, Canton de Vaud.  
Sept. General Assembly of the Swiss Evangelical Union.  
GENEVA.
- 1898. GREAT BRITAIN :—ENGLAND.  
April 25 Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England.  
LIVERPOOL.  
May 4 Synod of the Church of Scotland in England.  
LIVERPOOL.
- 1898. IRELAND.  
May Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Ire-  
land.....BELFAST.  
June 6 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in  
Ireland.....BELFAST.  
July Synod of the Secession Church of Ireland "  
July Synod of the Eastern Reformed Presbyterian Church,  
Ireland.....BELFAST.
- 1898. SCOTLAND.  
May 2 Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, Scotland.  
EDINBURGH.  
May 9 Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scot-  
land.....GLASGOW.  
May 16 Synod of the United Original Secession Church, Scot-  
land ... ..EDINBURGH.  
May 19 General Assembly of the Church of Scotland "  
May 19 General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland.  
EDINBURGH.
- 1898. WALES.  
June 14 Synod of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church.  
NEWPORT, MON.
- 1898. CANADA.  
June 8 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in  
Canada... ..MONTREAL
- 1898. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.  
May General Synod of the Reformed Presby. Church of  
America.  
May General Assembly, Cumberland Presbyterian Church,  
Coloured.  
May 19 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in  
the U. S. A.....WINONA, IND.  
May 19 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the  
U. S.....NEW ORLEANS, LA.  
May 19 General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian  
Church.....MARSHALL, TENN.  
May 27 General Assembly, United Presbyterian Church, North  
America.....OMAHA.  
June 1 Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church,  
U. S. A.....WALTON, N. S.  
June General Synod of the Reformed Church in America...  
ASBURY PARK.

- Synod of the Christian Reformed Church in America.  
Oct. Synod of the Associate Reformed Church of the  
South.
- 1899. Synod of the Welsh Presby. Church..MINNE-  
APOLIS, MINN.
- May 27 General Synod of the Reformed Church, U. S. A.  
DAYTON, OHIO.
- 1898. SOUTH AMERICA.  
Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil.  
Waldensian Presbyterian Church of Uruguay.
- 1898. WEST INDIA ISLANDS.  
Jan. 23 Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Jamaica.  
KINGSTON.
- 1897. SOUTH AFRICA.  
Conference of S. African Presbyteries.  
Sept. Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Basuto  
Land ..... MORIJA.  
Synod of Dutch Reformed Church of Cape Colony.  
CAPETOWN.  
Synod of Dutch Reformed Church, O.F.S..BLOOM-  
FONTEIN.  
Nov. Synod of the Holland Protestant Reformed Church,  
Z. A. R.....PRETORIA.
- 1897. PERSIA.  
Nov. 3 Synod of Syrian Evangelical Church..OROOMIAH.
- 1897. CHINA.  
Synod of Chang-chew and Chin-chew.....AMOY.
- 1897. JAPAN.  
Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Japan..OSAKA.  
Presbytery of Church of Tainan, Formosa.  
TAIWANFOO.
- 1897. AUSTRALASIA.  
General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church,  
N. S. W.....SYDNEY;  
Mar. General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of S.  
Australia.....ADELAIDE.  
Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Tasmania.  
LAUNCESTON.  
General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of  
Queensland,.. ..BRISBANE.  
Federal General Assembly of the Australasian  
Churches .....MELBOURNE.  
Nov. 10 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of  
Victoria.....MELBOURNE.
- 1898. NEW ZEALAND.  
Feb. General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of  
New Zealand.....CHRISTCHURCH.  
Oct. Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Otago and  
Southland .....DUNEDIN.
- 1898. NEW HEBRIDES.  
Mission Synod of the New Hebrides...ANEITYUM.
- 1899. SEVENTH GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ALLIANCE.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., U. S. A.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA.**

I.—EXTERNAL FACTS.  
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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SINCE 1837.  
When Queen Victoria ascended the throne, the Presbyterian Church of the colony of Victoria had not begun to be. There were a few Presbyterians in the small population resident about Port Phillip; and it is likely that at the earliest meetings for worship, when ministers of other Protestant churches preached, they would be present, for church-going was one of their best traditions. Disposed, as some of them might be, to think, and perhaps to say, then as now, in the words of the old ballad,  
"There's nae in the right but we  
Of the auld Scottish nation."  
they never regarded other evangelical churches with hostility, nor put forward sacerdotal claims for their clergy, or imagined that they were "dissenters" from the main doctrines of the other churches, because they believed in their own free and yet effective ecclesiastical government.

EARLY MINISTERS.

The first Presbyterian minister who came to these shores was the Rev. James Clow. He arrived in December, 1837, and when he began to preach a num-