

churches, and a station at Anhui, embracing in all 355 church members, the accessions during the year being about 70. The want of additional missionaries was greatly felt. One of the missionaries, Mr. Grant, is no longer available in consequence of a change of view on the subject of baptism. The income of the year was £2,500, including contributions from children and Sabbath Schools to the amount of £270. The Report was unanimously adopted.

The Report of the Committee on union with the United Presbyterian Church was given in by Dr. Hamilton. It referred to the means adopted for the promotion of union, especially several non-official meetings of office-bearers of the two churches, and the administration of the communion to members of the two churches. The Report was adopted and the Committee reappointed. A deputation from the United Presbyterian Church was introduced and received with applause. The deputation consisted of Drs. Robson and Lindsay of Glasgow, Dr. Thomson of Edinburgh, with Messrs. Scott of Manchester and Stitt of Liverpool. These deputies addressed the Synod on the desirableness and importance of union, and on motion of Dr. McCrie a resolution was adopted warmly reciprocating the friendly sentiments which they had expressed.

The College Report was given in by Mr. A. T. Ritchie. The Report was on the whole encouraging, but strongly urged the importance of two things, viz: an endowment, and a more abundant supply of students. The Report was adopted and the thanks of the Synod voted to Mr. Ferguson for his exertions in connection with the endowment fund, which amounted now to £2,335.

The subject of the St. Bartholomew Bicentenary occupied the attention of Synod. It was introduced by an overture from Dr. McCrie. The Synod adopted the following motion as their decision on this subject:

"That the Synod, approving of the overture, would express their sympathies with the leading principles held, as well as with the spirit displayed by the 2,000 ministers ejected on the 24th of August, 1662; and, without intending to pronounce any judgment upon others, they cannot but admire, and admiring record to the praise of Divine grace, the conduct of our Presbyterian fathers, who were enabled to bear such a noble testimony to the power of Christian principle, and who chose rather to suffer affliction for their Nonconformity than to forfeit the inestimable privilege of having a conscience void of offence towards God and man; and the Synod recommend that steps be taken by the ministers of this Church to bring before their people—from the pulpit or otherwise—that memorable example of love and loyalty to the Divine Head of the Church, 'notwithstanding whatever tribulation and persecution may arise'—an example which has had so important a bearing on the social and religious interests of these lands."

Several deputations from other churches addressed the Synod besides that from the United Presbyterian Church, viz: one from the Free Church of Scotland and one from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Dr. M. D'Aubigne and Dr. Kevel were also present and were warmly received.

The Report on Statistics stated that,

"The number of congregations had in the last seventeen years increased from 73 to 99, whilst a new Presbytery (Birmingham) had in the same period been called into existence. There were 10 vacancies in process of being filled. Several ministers having failed to fill up and transmit the schedules issued by the Synod, a complete and accurate return could not be furnished in this report; but, making allowance for the defaulting congregations, there were about 450 elders and 350 deacons in the Church, with a considerable number, probably 50, managers in place of deacons. The communicants were between 19,000 and 20,000; and the sittings occupied from Sabbath to Sabbath 30,000. There were 1,500 Sabbath School teachers, and 14,000 scholars. The existing churches could contain 51,000 sitters, and new ones are being built. Church