

ferent schemes of the Church, together with the expenses incurred in their general management, are likely to come under review in both Assemblies. Retrenchment in every department is necessarily and properly the order of the day, when funds are falling. Among the many friends and contributors to the culture and comfort of our Scottish people, must be reckoned Mr. Carnegie, and now Mrs. Carnegie joins him in his kind acts. The foundation stone of the new Citizen's Library in Edinburgh will be laid this summer by the husband, and a bust of Sir Walter Scott is under preparation by Mr. D. W. Stevenson, R.S.A., Edinburgh, as a gift from the bride. There is a hint of Mr. Carnegie probably having a home on this side the water, and it may be of representing some Scottish borough! Mere talk as yet. Your Assembly moves West this year I see. May it carry much blessing with it to the Church of the new land.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES met as usual in Edinburgh on the 18th of May. The Earl of Hopetown was the Lord High Commissioner to the Church of Scotland, and Dr. George Hutchison, of Banchory-Ternan, Moderator. Principal Cunningham, of St. Andrew's, preached the opening sermon. The Ven. Dr. A. N. Sommerville, the retiring Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland, preached and presided at the opening services of the Assembly in the Free Church Hall. Principal Rainy was elected Moderator, and led off with a long oration. Dr. Story, of Rossneath, and Dr. Cunningham, of Crieff, have both resigned their pastoral charges in consequence of their appointment respectively to Chairs in the Universities of Glasgow and St. Andrew's.

CANADA.—The Montreal Conference of the Methodist Church, met in Kingston, 25th May. Professor W. I. Shaw of Montreal, was elected president. A message of fraternal greeting was received from the church of England. The college Federation scheme, to which the church is pledged, implies,—(1) The removal of Victoria college from Cobourg to Toronto. (2) Affiliation with the Provincial University, *qua* the Arts department. (3) The holding in abeyance its degree-granting powers. The removal means an outlay of at least \$450,000 for buildings and endowment. Rev. E. Robson was elected first president of the new Conference of Columbia, which met in Victoria, B.C., on May 11th. Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge of the Reformed Episcopal church, and Rev. Donald Fraser of the Presbyterian church, were introduced to the Conference. The Methodist membership in British Columbia is 1975, ministers 22, local preachers 45. The new conference approves of the total prohibition of intoxicating liquors. The congregational Union met in Toronto on the 8th of June. The Rev. F.H. Marlin of New York, has accepted the pastorate of Emmanuel church, Montreal. Rev.

Dr. Barbour of Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, has been appointed principal of the Congregational College of B.N.A., at Montreal. Mr. Barnes of Boston, has been appointed to the charge of the congregational church at Sherbrooke, Que. There are now at least seven ex-Canadian ministers holding prominent positions in London, England.—Dr. Donald Fraser, Dr. J. Munro Gibson, Rev. R. M. Thornton—Presbyterians; and Dr. Stevenson, Messrs. Foster, Williams and MacKay—Congregational.

UNITED STATES.—The *ninety-ninth* General Assembly, North, met at Omaha on the 19th of May. Dr. Joseph T. Smith of Baltimore, Moderator. Fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Southern Presbyterian church, which met at the same time in St. Louis, Missouri, Dr. G. B. Stickler of Atlanta, Moderator. Delegates to the Presbyterian Council, named by a committee, were appointed. It was resolved, that, hereafter, no member of the Assembly be required to serve on more than one committee: even Dr. John Hall must not be member of both the Home and Foreign Mission Boards! The report of the committee on the consolidated monthly missionary periodical—*The Church at Home and Abroad*—was adopted and the editor's salary fixed at \$4000 a year. The magazine commences with about 26,000 paying subscribers. Dr. Mutchmore editor of the *Philadelphia Presbyterian* is off on a trip round the world. He is to take stock of missionary work in the countries he shall visit, and to give the readers of that excellent magazine the benefit of his observations. The proposal to erect a monument to Calvin at Washington, has been abandoned. The overture on the elder-moderatorship has been defeated by the elders themselves—thereby repudiating their claim to be *Presbyters*. Dr. McCosh reports that in 92 institutions heard from, 1525 students have signed a declaration that they were willing and desirous, God permitting, to become foreign missionaries, 1200 of these were young men and 300 young women, and it is said that there are 500 more to follow. This is surely the grandest thing in connection with missions since the days of Pentecost! The Assembly of the United Presbyterian church met in Philadelphia. This church has now 706 ministers, 46 licentiates, 3,515 ruling elders and 83,617 S. S. Scholars. An excited discussion took place as to whether fermented or unfermented wine should be used at the communion. The Synod of the Reformed church, after discussing the question of National reform, and the acknowledgment of God in the constitution, went into "the tobacco question," and resolved that no student should be licensed to the ministry, or installed as pastor, who used tobacco in any form. The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions meets this year at Springfield, Massachusetts, on the 5th of October.