

Mission Committee, and to the weakened state of several of the Missions in consequence of the death of Mr. Hyslop, and the failing health of some of the missionaries. The report stated that the progress of the work in Caffraria was most encouraging, while at the several stations in India decided progress had been made. In regard to female education, the progress is very striking. In the matter of funds there was a deficiency of about £2325, the income for 1863-64 being £12,493 8s 9d. The adoption of the report was moved by Dr. Murray Mitchell, and seconded by Mr. Brown Douglass.

REPORT OF THE UNION COMMITTEES.—The report of the Committee on Union was given in by the Rev. Dr. Buchanan. A motion was prepared by Dr. Candlish, adopting the Report and re-appointing the Committee for the purpose of continuing the conferences. An amendment was prepared by Dr. Julius Wood to the effect that any further conferences should be for other purposes than drawing up articles of an incorporating union. After discussion, this amendment was withdrawn, and the motion by Dr. Candlish was carried with acclamation. It is in the following terms:—"The General Assembly approve of the diligence of the Committee, and continuing to cherish unabated interest in the great subject of union among the Churches of Christ, re-appoint the Committee with its former instruction—to aim at the accomplishment of the object contemplated, by all suitable means consistent with the principles of this Church."

THE FINANCES OF THE CHURCH.—The following is an abstract of the funds raised by the Church during the year :

Building Funds	£ 50,296 3 5
Sustentation Fund	124,694 10 5
Congregational Funds	107,396 18 0
Education	15,800 19 2
College	7,122 15 0
Home and Foreign Missions	37,787 15 2
General Trustees	35 7 7

Total £343,134 8 9

Showing an increase on the total of last year of £1095 19s 2d.

EDUCATION SCHEME.—The Report on Education was given in by the Rev. Mr. Nixon. The report stated that there were in all 589 schools in the Free Church scheme, 610 teachers, and 61,019 scholars. The receipts for the year had been £15,787 0s 7d, being a decrease of £488 5s 11d as compared with last year. In the congregational collections there was an increase of £145 3s 1d.

APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSOR AT GLASGOW.—The Rev. Dr. Islay Burns was, by a vote of 292 to 215 elected colleague and successor to Dr. Hetherington in the new College. The Rev. Dr. Forbes of Glasgow was the other candidate proposed.

SUSTENTATION FUND.—The Rev. Dr. R. Buchanan gave in the Report on the Sustentation Fund, showing that during the year the receipts had amounted to £116,324 3s 5d, being the largest sum yet raised for this fund, giving to each minister £138. Dr. Buchanan expressed his conviction that the fund had not yet nearly reached the point which it is desirable to obtain. The Report was received, and the cordial thanks of the Assembly were tendered to the Congregation.

COLLEGE.—The College Report stated that the income for the past year had been £4206 and the expenditure £3726. The debt on the new College building remains as before, £3206. The number of students in attendance last session in Edinburgh was 119; at Aberdeen 22; and at Glasgow 55. It is proposed by Dr. Candlish that £80,000 should be raised for the endowment of the three colleges connected with the Church.

POPERY.—Dr. Begg presented the report on Popery, and in doing so referred