

report on FOREIGN MISSIONS was presented by the Rev. Arthur Mitchell, the chairman. There are now 184 ordained American missionaries, with 77 ordained native missionaries and 84 licentiates. In the schools there are 167 American teachers, 160 of these being women, and 391 native teachers. These labourers are working at 240 different points in heathen and Papal lands. There are about 7,000 communicants and 12,000 pupils. The amount asked by the Board was \$545,000; but the actual receipts have been \$7,000 less than last year, or, including the special subscription for cancelling the debt last year, the shortcoming was \$165,000. The report was received, and resolutions were passed with a view to increasing the interest in Foreign Missions; one being that the Board should endeavour to find some one member in each Presbytery who would freely act as the special friend of the Foreign Mission cause within his Presbytery. There was much discussion on the subject of intercourse with the Southern Church. For the present the negotiations seem to be at an end. Among the delegates from other Churches Professor McLaren appeared as the representative of the Canadian Presbyterian Church.

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY met at Wooster, O. Rev. Dr. Barr, of Philadelphia, was Moderator. President Taylor, of Wooster University, appeared as the delegate of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. In replying to him, the Moderator referred to the deep interest which their Church had felt in the case conducted by Professor Patton at Chicago. The Assembly was harmonious, and the business was transacted in a satisfactory manner.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SOUTHERN CHURCH met at St. Louis, Mo. The attendance was larger than usual, there being 68 ministers and 65 elders. The Foreign Mission Committee closed the year with a debt of \$15,000. The Foreign Mission Committee and the Sustentation Committee were removed from Columbia, S.C., to Baltimore, Md. The affairs of the Columbia Theological Seminary occupied the attention of the Assembly, and some changes were made in the staff. Dr. Hoge, Moderator of the Assembly, Dr. Levevre of Baltimore, and Dr. Stuart Robinson were appointed delegates to the Council of the Presbyterian Confederation to meet in London on 20th July.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland met at the usual time in Londonderry. The Rev. Dr. Porter was unanimously elected Moderator. We note a few of the principal subjects which occupied the attention of the Assembly. SACRAMENTAL WINE QUESTION.—The question of the kind of wine which should be used at the communion was the subject of an earnest and somewhat keen discussion. Some congregations had been agitated on the subject, it being held by some that unfermented wine alone should be used, as being unintoxicating. A motion by Dr. Watts was carried, to the effect that the Assembly issue a pastoral letter on the subject, setting forth authoritatively the views of the Church on the question. Dr. Watts, in a long and exhaustive speech, discussed the subject, taking the ground that ordinary wine was to be used in the communion. Dr. Wallace seconded