

kept ever in remembrance, "Be kindly affectioned to one another, in honor preferring one another."

At the close of the service the business proceedings of the Assembly began by the

ELECTION OF THE MODERATOR.

With a few appropriate and complimentary remarks, the retiring moderator proposed the Rev. Dr. Pirie as his successor. The nomination was unanimously approved. The Queen's commission, appointing Lord Galloway to represent her Royal person in the Assembly was then read by the Clerk (Principal Tulloch), as was also Her Majesty's letter to the reverend Court. The Lord High Commissioner then addressed the Assembly, referring to the exciting circumstances of the religious world, expressing the Queen's sense of the support of the Church of Scotland, and her resolve to maintain Presbyterian government in Scotland; and announcing also the continuance of the Queen's bounty of £2,000 to be applied to the propagation of Christian knowledge in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. A suitable address was delivered by the moderator, several committees were appointed, and other formal matters disposed of, and the Assembly adjourned.

THE SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

were mostly of a miscellaneous nature. After devotional exercises the Assembly first took up the report of the Endowment Committee, which stated that eighteen new churches had been endowed during the past year, and in regard to which a deliverance was adopted, pledging the Church to prosecute the scheme launched by the late Dr. Smith last year for the endowment of another hundred churches. A committee was at the same time appointed to confer as to the selection of a convenor in room of Dr. Smith, and as to the future management of the Endowment Scheme. The reports on Indian Churches and army and navy chaplains were briefly disposed of; and in connection with the former matter a committee appointed by last Assembly tabled a proposal for the orderly constitution of Presbyterian Bodies in India, with a view to the carrying out of which the committee were authorized to draft an Act of Assembly. A committee, with Mr. T. G. Murray as convenor, was appointed to revise the regulations attendant the election and settlement of ministers. The Assembly did not sit in the evening, but the Hall was occupied by the Lay Association for Promoting the Schemes of the Church.

THIRD DAY.

On the opening of the Assembly on Saturday a number of minor matters were disposed of. There was then laid on the table a report on the schemes of the Church, proposing a variety of changes in their future management. In reply to Dr. Scott, Dr. Pirie stated that the document

was so produced in order to call attention to its importance; and that it was not intended to affect the reports on the schemes now forthcoming, but would remain for subsequent consideration, perhaps not to be finally dealt with this year. Parties were then heard in the Strathbungo case, in which Mr. M. Corquodale, minister of the Queen's Park *quoad sacra* Parish, Glasgow, appealed against a deliverance of the Presbytery of Glasgow defining the boundaries of a proposed new *quoad sacra* parish of Strathbungo, in which a portion of the Queen's Park district was to be included. After the Assembly had repelled an objection argued from the bar against their exercising jurisdiction in such a case, the merits were duly discussed, and the House found that no sufficient grounds had been established by documents produced for interference with the discretion of the Presbytery. A petition of the Rev. James Mackie, craving the interposition of the Assembly in regard to his relations with the Presbytery of Dumfries, was entertained to the effect of the Presbytery being cited to appear on a future day to give account of their action in the matter. There was afterwards submitted a report on statistics of Christian liberality, which showed that 1,246 cases had been reported out of a total of 1,334, and that the amount raised in these was £384,106 15s. 2d.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND HOME MISSION, ETC.

The two principle pieces of business before the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland at its day sedgrent on Tuesday were the report of the Home Mission Committee, and the report on Christian Life and Work. With reference to both, some discussion took place; but though some hostile remarks were made by Dr. Story in connection with the Home Mission report, motions approving of what had been done by the committees were carried by acclamation. Parties in the Portlethen case having again been called to the bar, the Assembly considered the question as to the punishment to be imposed on Mr. Bruce. After two divisions, it was resolved to suspend the reverend gentleman for a year from the discharge of his duties as a minister. In the evening the House had before it two disputed settlement cases. In regard to the one first taken up—that known as the Tain case—a motion by the Procurator, sustaining the appeal and remitting to the Presbytery of Tain to proceed with the settlement of Mr. MacLachlan, was unanimously adopted. The consideration of the other, the Canonbie case, occupied the Assembly till an early hour the next morning. It was remitted to a committee to consider the questions raised by the appeal.

CONFESSION OF FAITH.

The Assembly was occupied during