

MEETING OF SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

This Synod met this year in Kingston. The Rev. Mr. Dobie was elected Moderator. Various subjects of importance engaged the attention of Synod. There was an unusually large attendance of ministers and laymen. In the course of the proceedings of Synod, a handsome testimonial was presented to Mr. Croil for his valuable services in connexion with the various schemes of the church. It was agreed to sustain the endowment scheme, extending its operations to Home Missionaries as well as the pastors of charges. A feeling was expressed in favor of the affiliation of Queen's College with the Provincial University on its original basis. During the sittings of the Synod there was a pleasant interchange of christian courtesies with the Wesleyan Conference, through deputations mutually sent. It is pleasing to find indications of increased christian sympathy and unity.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ESTABLISHED CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The Assembly met at the usual time, in Edinburgh, the Earl of Haddington being Lord High Commissioner. The Rev. Dr. Barty, of Bendochy, was elected Moderator. There was a discussion on the subject of the Irish Establishment, and a motion in favor of the Irish Church as it is was carried by a vote of 211 to 81.

The Patronage question was discussed at some length. Dr. Pirie, of Aberdeen, moved for the appointment of a committee, with the view of having the law of patronage repealed, and securing to the male communicants of full age a voice in the appointment of ministers. This was opposed by an amendment by Dr. Biset, of Bourtie, who did not think that there was any sufficient ground shown for any alteration in the law of patronage, but which was afterwards withdrawn in favour of a modified motion by Principal Tulloch, who moved for a committee to consider whether any modifications of the law of patronage are called for, or can be made. Principal Tulloch's motion was carried over Dr. Pirie's by a vote of 154 to 150.

Dr. N. McLeod in an able address described the visit made by him and Dr. Watson, of Dundee, to the churches and mission stations in India. The Assembly Hall was crowded in all parts, and deep interest was felt in the address of Dr. McLeod.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IRELAND.

This Assembly met on the 1st of June. The Rev. C. L. Morrell, of Dungan-non, was elected Moderator.

The question of instrumental music in public worship was before the Assembly. It was disposed of by a motion proposed by Dr. Cook, to the effect that the common law of the church excludes the use of instrumental music in the public worship of God; and that Presbyteries be instructed to see that congregations conform to this law. This was carried by a large majority over a motion to appoint a commission to examine the whole question and report to next Assembly.

The endowment and Regium Donum question occupied a considerable share of the Assembly's attention. A motion was adopted in favor of religious endowments against an amendment by a vote of 210 to 180.

From the report of statistics it appeared that there was an increase during the year of 80 families, 119 Sabbath school teachers, and 2,200 scholars, but a decrease of 116,329 communicants, and 376 stipend-payers. Some remarks were made as to the decrease of communicants. It appears that the reason was that in the year previously there were a great many communicants added by the revival. The ordinary funds appeared to be in a satisfactory state, there being an increase on the aggregate of about £10,488 over the preceding year.

The missionary reports referring to their operations, both at home and in the