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**English Pres. Synod.** The English Presbyterian Synod met in Regent Square Church, London, the first week in May. The *Christian Leader* says that about 600 members were present, there being 291 elders out of 295 appointed. Such a full attendance of elders is probably unparalleled in the history of any previous Synod or Assembly. The new church building scheme involving the raising of £50,000 was approved of.

The question of removing the College from London to Cambridge, arising from an offer by Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Gibson of a site at the latter place, and £20,000 for a building was left for decision to the next Synod, the presbyteries in the meantime to be invited to give their opinion. On the one hand is the generous offer, on the other is the fear that the ritualism prevailing at Cambridge would affect the College, and that in London the students would be trained during their college course in a sphere of practical mission work to which they would have no access at Cambridge.

A resolution in condemnation of the sacerdotalism of the Church of England, led to a long discussion and at length passed almost unanimously. If the right of a Presbyterian Synod be questioned, the claim to such a right is based upon the fact that the Church of England is a state Church supported by the nation, and all the people have a right to demand that it keep within the lines along which it was established. Another motion along the same line in favor of the disestablishment of the Church of England was passed by a small majority.

A committee was appointed to communicate with the U. P., Free and Established Churches in Scotland, for the prevention of Scotchmen's lapsing from Presbyterianism when they settle in England. It was also agreed to send representatives to the joint committee of those three churches appointed to prepare a common hymn book.

The report regarding the directory of public worship was discussed. By one member it was characterized as a ritualistic production. It was finally sent back to the committee for further revision.

**Centenary of the L. M. S.** Ninety nine years ago, in Sept., 1765, was founded the London Missionary Society, by a number of Episcopalians, Presbyterians, and Congregationalists, but it is now largely the Society of the latter body; just as the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, though undenominational in its origin, and receiving much support from others, is largely a society of the Congregational Church. The present staff of the L. M. S. numbers 265, and on its roll of the past, over a thousand, besides the wives of missionaries, it numbers some of the great names in missionary annals, names such as John Williams, the martyr of Erromanga, Robert Moffat, David Livingstone, Robert Morrison the first Protestant missionary to China and others familiar to students of missions.

Its work is thus summed up in the *Chronicle*, the organ of the Society:—

The Society has achieved signal success in Polynesia, where through the blessing of God, it has won groups of islands from cannibalism or savage heathenism to Christian civilization, and thousands of islanders to newness of life; in Madagascar, where the leading tribe numbering a million, and a second tribe of a quarter of a million, are now nominally Christian; in South Africa, where the Bechuana and other tribes have taken the Word of God as their guide; in the West Indies where thousands of free slaves have been made free indeed; in Travancore where there are 50000 nominally Christian; in South India, especially among the Telugus, where whole villages are embracing Christianity; in Amoy, South China, where there are over sixty churches and preaching stations, and a Christian community of 3000 souls; in Hankow and its outstations with 1300 church members; and in New Guinea, where during the last twenty years a marvellous transformation has been effected among naked savages and cannibals, chiefs and their followers.

Next year will be the centenary of the Society, and arrangements are making for its celebration on a grand scale, by missionary gatherings throughout Britain, by a great "Forward movement," and the adding, if possible, of 100 missionaries to the staff before the close of 1895, by a special centenary offering, the striking of a centenary medal, the publication of a centenary hymn book, and a history of the Society.

**World's Students' Conference.** The ninth annual conference of this series will be held at Northfield, Mass., June 30—July 10, 1894. It is under Mr. Moody's care, and a number of leading clergymen have been secured as speakers. This conference will be largely given to devotional and practical Bible study, and to it "Moody invites again the students of America and of the world." For particulars regarding the conference, travel, boarding, etc., write Mr. Percy C. Leslie, 40, E. 23rd St., N. Y. City.