

AN admirable article from the pen of Mr. Cumming, in the *Home and Foreign Missionary Record*, proves that the official accounts of our Church at Home give a most unfair view of her contributions to missionary objects. We notice here only one point. The official accounts of the three great Presbyterian bodies are: Church of Scotland, £76,233; Free Church, £69,812; U. P. Church, £50,690. Mr. Cumming, after a long calculation, in which he makes every reasonable deduction and omits a vast number of such local efforts as are comprised in the statistical statements of Dissenting bodies, states the proportions as follows:—Church of Scotland, £113,160; Free Church, £69,812; U. P. Church, £50,690. Thus the Church compares favorably with other denominations, but how infinitely short are her efforts of what they ought to be! And why does the General Assembly not institute some practical scheme by which statistics could be taken of all missionary and benevolent contributions? The Committees of our Church Schemes are singularly tenacious of old plans, whether good or bad.

THERE is a most earnest discussion going on in Ireland, owing to the efforts of the Ultramontane party of the Roman Catholic Church to overturn the system of unsectarian Colleges in Ireland. They propose to give the Episcopalians Trinity College, Dublin, the Presbyterians Queen's College, Belfast, and to affiliate all the rest of the Queen's Colleges with the Catholic University. Thus would they control the collegiate education of nearly the whole of Ireland. The most serious part of the matter is, that Lord Russell expresses himself as at least not unfavorable to such an arrangement.

OUR General Assembly will now be sitting in Scotland, and the Synod of our sister Church in Canada. The most interesting topics before the Home Church will be, motions to repeal the "Innovations" Act, an overture anent Fast days, another on Patronage, and another on the prevalence of views contrary to the Confession of Faith. The Presbytery of Edinburgh have almost unanimously overtured an inquiry with a view to its modification. The anti-innovators now admit that there was no law against the innovations in question, and the point now is: whether, where there is no law, sessions have the power to introduce changes or not. The innovators say, yes! the anti-innovators say, no! This would appear to be the simple point upon which there will be an array of church authorities.

THE Senate of Queen's College, Canada, have performed a very graceful act in conferring the degree of D. D. upon the Rev. John Geddie—an act which will be hailed with satisfaction in many parts of the world beside Nova Scotia.

IN the Canadian Court of Error and Ap-

peal, the decision in favor of Professor Wier has been reversed, and his complaint against the Trustees of Queen's College dismissed with costs. The *Presbyterian* says: "We understand that an Appeal will be taken to the Privy Council in England, so that another year will pass away before we can have a final decision of this long pending suit."

OUR Synod meets on the last Tuesday of this month, in St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow, at half-past 7 in the evening. A large attendance is very desirable, as matters of much importance are expected to come up for consideration. Members will be informed where they are to stay when they arrive.

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