

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

This Assembly met in the usual place on the 19th May. The Rev. Dr. Pirie, of Aberdeen, was elected Moderator.

Among the matters which engaged the attention of the Assembly, was the Bill introduced into the House of Lords by the Duke of Buccleuch for the purpose of removing the disabilities affecting the Bishops and Clergy of the Scottish Episcopal Church. Dr. Bisset warned the Assembly against being actuated by little jealousies in this matter, and expressed the opinion that much advantage would be derived by those for whom it was intended, by amalgamating them with the "great, generous, and liberal Church of England."

UNIFORMITY OF WORSHIP.—Dr. Hill presented the Report of the Committee appointed last year to consider and report on the administration throughout the Church. The report stated that there was remarkable uniformity there being only one solitary instance in the metropolis, and one or two in the Provinces where differences existed.

MISSION TO THE JEWS.—Professor Mitchell gave in the report of the Committee on the conversion of the Jews. The address was received, and addresses were afterwards delivered by Rev. Mr. Yule, missionary from Alexandria, and the Rev. Mr. Spittler, secretary to the Pilgrim Mission at St. Chrischona near Basle.

FOREIGN MISSION.—In the absence of Dr. Robertson, Dr. Craik gave in the report on Foreign Missions. The income had amounted to £4300, while the expenditure had been about £1000 more than the receipts. The Committee were desirous of extending their missionary work, but an income of about £7000 a year would be required for this.

MINISTERIAL COMMUNION.—After a discussion of some length the Assembly adopted a motion to the effect that the Act of 1799, the object of which was to prohibit ministers of the Church from admitting to their pulpits ministers not qualified to receive a presentation to a parish, be repealed.

HOME MISSIONS.—The Report on Home Missions states that the income for the past year had been £4,616 16s. 4d, and the expenditure £4,423. Adding the local supplements and the expenditure on chapels, it was computed that the total outlay for Home Missions was alone £30,000.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.—It was agreed to receive the Rev. Mr. Brown and the Rev. G. Johnston, both formerly of the Free Church, into the Church as ministers, to receive the Rev. A. Begg in six months probation, and to reject the application of the Rev. W. Wright.

Various other matters of greater or less interest occupied the attention of the assembly, and the meeting was closed with an address from Dr. Pirie, the Moderator.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FREE CHURCH.

The following brief notice was prepared for last month's *Record*. We now insert it although somewhat late.—[EDITOR.]

The Assembly began its annual meeting on Thursday 19th May. The Rev. Dr. Fairbairn, Principal of the Free Church College at Glasgow, succeeded Dr. McLeod in the moderator's chair.

The report on the Jewish Mission was given in by the Rev. R. Moody Stuart. The income for the year had been £4135, and the expenditure £4765, showing a balance of £630 against the Mission. In consequence of the discouraging state of the funds, the station at Haskjoy had been given up. In other places the Mission had been successful, although the converts were chiefly from among the class of Gentile Jews.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—The Foreign Mission Report, laid on the table by Dr. Sandilish, referred at some length to the retirement of Dr. Duff from the active work of the Mission in India, and his appointment as Convener of the Foreign