

**PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY: UNITED STATES.**—This Assembly, the largest and most influential of all, met at St. Louis. The brethren had the satisfaction of consummating a Union with the Synod of Kentucky which had broken off in consequence of the late war. Faithful testimony was given in favour of Temperance, Sabbath Observance, and Christian Union. Six Hundred Thousand Dollars are to be raised for Foreign Missions, and \$400,000 for Home Missions.

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.**—Dr. Trail, of Aberdeen, was elected Moderator. The principal matter before the Assembly was the proposed abolition of Patronage. Rev. Dr. Cook, and a few other very thorough-going "Moderates" of the old type, strongly opposed the reform; but every resolution in favour of abolition was carried. The only material change was that the call should be from the *Communicants* of the Parish, instead of the *Male Communicants* as in the Bill before the House of Lords. Thus the Church of Scotland has adopted the good old Presbyterian plan of giving votes to women as well as to men in Church matters. The sum of £278,000 was raised for Religious, Educational and Charitable purposes, exclusive of the Baird Trust: this is £23,000 in advance of last year.

**FREE CHURCH.**—Dr. Stewart of Leghorn, Italy, was chosen Moderator. Dr. Adam has been appointed Home Mission Secretary, salary £500. Dr. Rainy was elected Principal of the new College. The Assembly pronounced against Church Establishments is now Constituted. They also declared that the abolition of Patronage would not remove the causes of the disruption of 1843. The Sustentation Fund showed an advance of £15,789 on last year. The year's income amounted to £511,684.

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### Austria.

The Austrian Empire has at last broken with the Pope, annulled the old *Concordat*, and proclaimed equal rights to the people whatever be their faith. The Austrian Legislature has enacted laws closely resembling those established in Germany. There is now no country in Europe in which the Pope holds so much sway as he does in the Province of Quebec: there is no city in Europe in which he is so autocratic as he is in the old city of Quebec. Even Rome is not so servile to him as some of our cities. What a summons to us to exert ourselves on behalf of Acadian Missions! Nothing but the Gospel can liberate

our fellow-countrymen. When we see all Europe throwing off her shackles should we not be stirred up to free our own land?

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### NOTICES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

#### RAILWAY TRAVEL TO SYNOD.

Ministers and Elders, coming to Synod over the Windsor and Annapolis Railway, can return free by kindness of Mr. P. Innes, Manager, on presenting certificates of attendance at Synod meetings, signed by the Clerk. The return privilege to be limited to the second week of July.

On the Intercolonial Railway and Pictou Road, by kindness of Mr. Carvell, Superintendent, Excursion return tickets to Halifax, will be granted for one first class fare to Elders coming to Synod, their attendance to be certified by Synod Clerk to make the ticket available in returning. This privilege also to be limited by the 2nd week in July.

Ministers travelling by the Intercolonial should be particular to ask for a Ministers' ticket.

The Elders Excursion ticket will be procurable on Tuesday and Wednesday.

P. G. MCGREGOR, *Synod Clerk.*

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### THE HUNTER PRIZES FOR JANUARY, 1875.

#### SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION.

*In Greek.*—The Gospels of Luke and John, and from beginning of first Epistle to Tim., to the end of Epistle to Hebrews.

*In Divinity.*—Hodge's Systematic Theology, vol. II, from page 454 to the end.

For Students of the first year, one prize of \$40, and the Examination to be confined to Greek as above.

For Students of the second and third years, two prizes of \$50, and of \$30, the Examinations for these to include the Greek and Theology as above.

By order of the Board,

P. G. MCGREGOR, *Secy.*

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### ERRATA.

In the obituary noticed of the late Seth Burgess, Esq., of Lakeville, in last *Record*, page 164, line seventh, for Burgess *Estate* read "the Burgess Bequests."