

decide whether the present educational system was to be improved, or whether a new system was to be adopted, in which every administrative quibble would be made use of to save the public purse. On this system were expended £2,000,000—700,000 from government, 800,000 from local subscriptions, and 500,000 from the school-pence of the poor. He hoped that the time would not come, when Parliament would become jealous of the educational department of the Government, which at the present enjoyed a higher degree of confidence than any other department." In last war they expended £100,000,000; in the next, they might expend another £100,000,000; on their military establishments they were expending £20,000,000 a year; on crime and its repression £9,000,000; on pauperism £6,000,000; on beer, spirits, and tobacco £60,000,000, and were they to grudge £700,000, or twice and three times that sum for the redemption of the British people?

#### THE LONDON SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIANITY AMONG THE JEWS.

The 51st anniversary was held on the 6th May, in Exeter Hall. Fifty-three Jews have been under Christian instruction in Britain during the year. Every town in the Amsterdam district has been visited during the past year. The income for the past year is £38,760. The Bishop of Carlisle, the Reverends E. Bickersteth, J. B. Lowe, J. Scot, were the speakers.

#### BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE PROPOGATION OF THE GOSPEL AMONG THE JEWS.

This society held its annual meeting at Freemason Hall. Its operations have been in London, Manchester, Birmingham, Hull, Danubian Provinces, France, Cologne, Breslau, Königsberg, Frankfurt and North Africa. These are "more hopeful than at any other period." The income for this year is £6,202.

#### SYNOD OF THE FREE CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.

This court met in June, in Halifax. Dr. McLeod was elected Moderator. The Rev. Wm. Murray reported that he had visited New Brunswick in connection with the mission to Turkey. The brethren there were favorable to co-operation as two Synods, but not to incorporation as one Synod. Professor King reported, that during last session, he had eleven students; Professor Lyall reported that he had 19 in his philosophical classes, and 11 in Latin and Greek classes. Mr. McKnight had 12 students in Hebrew, Mr. A. Sutherland reported satisfactory progress in the Temperance cause in P. E. Island. The Rev. John Stewart read the report on the

labors of Mr. Constantinides. Great difficulty had to be encountered by the missionary. The income last year was £314, which with previous years balance makes £546 in hand. Professor Lyall reported that very small additions had been made to the College Library. The entire amount collected for the Professional Fund since last meeting, was £227. The current expenses are now in debt £240. The entire amount collected from first, is £9,695. The whole sum invested is £7,072. Of this sum £6,264 is available. The Synod resolved to apply for aid to its Foreign Mission Schemes, to New Brunswick and Canada, and the Turkish Mission Aid Society. A report was given in on the sustentation of the Ministry. The Rev. George Sutherland reported on Popery; in which he proved that the Roman Catholics with their priests are distinguished for great zeal, and that Protestants have been able to gain decided advantages over them. He has discovered that "the priesthood have been grievously disappointed." The report also says that, "it is right to make it known that Protestant Alliances and combinations seek not to deprive Romanists of a single element of political rights." Mr. Sutherland was able to convey the gratifying intelligence, that he thought we were now beholding the last struggles of a system that feels its doom." The Rev. Professor King was appointed delegate to the Tercentenary celebration, to be held in Edinburgh next summer. Professor Lyall and King, Messrs. McKnight, Duff, Murray, and Steel were appointed a committee to take steps in conjunction with other denominations, for the celebration of the Tercentenary in this Province. Professor King read minutes of Committee on Union and extracts of Acts of Legislature incorporating the College Boards of the two churches. The most appropriate name occurring was "The Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces." The Synod Fund was £66; the amount of the Home Mission Fund was £173; the sum granted by the Colonial Committee was ordered to be distributed among the poorer charges. The resolutions on Union were unanimous. The basis was adopted, and ordered to be sent sent down to Presbyteries and Kirk sessions. A formula is to be proposed which is a precise copy of that adopted by the Australian Churches. In consequence of Dr. Keir's death, it was resolved to invite the sister Synod to send their Theological Students to Halifax College. A deputation was appointed to wait on the Presbyterian Synod in New Glasgow on the following week.

#### PRESBYTERIAN UNION IN CANADA.

In the Free Church Synod of Canada, the question of union having been discussed, and a motion made in favor of it, it was carried by a majority of 99 against 20. The basis adopted by the U. P. Synod was next adopted.