

to distribute the books. The best mode of transmission, we are informed, is through the Post Office. If any prefer a different mode, we beg they will have the goodness to let us know, without delay.

To prevent disappointment, we may add, that the list, which has been sent us, does not contain the names of two or three ministers recently settled.

Gleanings.

U. P. CHURCH, SCOTLAND.

The following is part of a short article in the *U. P. Magazine* (Edinburgh), on the late meeting of Synod in Scotland:—

The discussion on the Organ question was all that could be wished—thorough and able, candid and well-tempered, as became a meeting of christian ministers and elders seeking the order and peace of the house of God; and will, it is to be hoped, postpone the reconsideration of the subject for many a long year. The most telling speech against the use of instrumental music was that of Professor Lindsay, to which his brother professor, Dr. Eadie, replied. The motion of Mr. McGill was carried, in a crowded house, by an overwhelming majority, probably three to one. It would have been well, for the sake of giving additional weight out of doors to the decision finally arrived at, if the votes had been counted and the exact result formally announced.

Did our space permit, we could have liked to dwell on two points suggested by the review of this meeting of Synod—the ever-growing missions of our Church (especially the new Mission to India), and the countenance to be given to the presbytery with which we are now so closely associated in Ireland. The former is a noble undertaking, and the promises of pecuniary support, already tendered, speak volumes in behalf of the liberal spirit that is to be found animating the members of our Church. How full Dr. Somerville's hands must be now! and how necessary an additional Secretary, more especially when we consider that the latter will have to direct attention to congregations across the Channel, and endeavour to bring them into such a condition that they will be capable of being used more and more as an instrument of good to the sister isle.

There were a few *side* meetings, of no small interest and importance, held during the sitting of Synod, and composed chiefly of its members. One was in connection with the Society for the liberation of religion from state control; another was in behalf of the Temperance Reformation; and a third was a meeting of the elders of the United Presbyterian Church. The last was a very delightful one. James Peddie, Esq., presided, and upwards of 150 elders were present, including several connected with the Free Church, who had expressed a wish to attend. It is chiefly on this account that we select it for notice. Sir George Sinclair, Bart., Professor Miller, Mr. Maurice Lothian, the Procurator-Fiscal for Edinburgh, and Mr. Dalziel, were amongst those representing the Free Church. All these are well-known influential Free Churchmen, and their presence on the occasion is a happy omen of good days to come. Sir George is eminently entitled to our commendation. A man of rank and intellect, he is no less a man of piety, and emphatically a lover of good men, to whatever denomination they belong. We have the greatest pleasure in recording the following passages which occur in the admirable speech he delivered:—

“For my own part, the longer I live, and the more deeply I consider the entire subject, the greater is the importance I attach to the points on which all the churches are agreed; and the more do the questions in which they differ seem comparatively valueless and insignificant. I myself have been throughout a long life a consistent admirer of Presbyterian Church order, and an adherent of Calvinistic doctrine. As soon as I discerned more clearly the paramount importance of