

Moncreiff, at the recent Free Church Assembly. At one of the meetings a communication was read from the Established Assembly, expressing a hope that the ministers of the two churches would co-operate in Christian work, and a desire to consider the causes of the continued separation of the Presbyterian Churches in Scotland. A resolution was unanimously adopted signifying the desirability of the removal of all obstacles preventing the reunion of the sister Presbyterian Churches.

The famine in China, according to the latest reports, is still doing its deadly work. The Acting-Governor of Honan and Yuan Paohéng says:—"In the earlier period of distress the living fed upon the bodies of the dead; next, the strong devoured the weak; and now the general destitution has arrived at such a climax that men devour those of their own flesh and blood. History contains no record of so terrible and distressing a state of things, and if prompt measures of relief be not instituted the whole region must become depopulated."

The Wesleyan District returns have been published, and it appears that while in seventeen of the thirty-four districts there has been an increase of 1,850 members, in the other seventeen there is a decrease of 3,265, showing a net decrease of 1,415.

The Methodist New Connexion annual conference commenced its sittings on Monday, June 10, at Ashton-under-Lyne. The Rev. James Ogden was elected president. There is an increase of 570 members over the numbers reported last year, with 1,134 on trial.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Churches in Ireland has been in session at Belfast. Professor Witherow, of Magee College, Londonderry, was elected Moderator, the Rev. George Bellis retiring from the chair.

A gentleman at Bristol writes:—"For six years a decayed tooth prevented mastication on the side it was situated, as well as causing many sleepless nights; but having used Hunter's Nervine, I am not only relieved of the most troublesome of all pains, but can now use the tooth without the slightest inconvenience."

The "Prison Gate Mission" is doing excellent philanthropic work in Ireland. The annual meeting of the mission has been held at Belfast, Sir Thomas M'Clure presiding, and it appears from the report that about 2,200 women annually pass through the Antrim county prison. The society endeavours to reclaim females who are all but hopelessly sunk in crime and intemperance, and the efforts thus put forth have been in many instances rewarded by encouraging results.

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