

could be done with the view of forming a General Presbyterian Council, for the purpose of conferring together about matters of common interest. Action in this direction had been taken by the General Assembly of the American Presbyterian Church and by the General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church. Addresses were made by ministers from England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Switzerland, Canada, as well as by representatives of the different bodies of Presbyterians in the United States. A resolution moved by Dr. John Hall, was adopted, expressing approval of the movement, and a Committee was appointed to correspond with the various Presbyterian Churches, with a view to the carrying out of the object contemplated.

CASE OF REV. DR. WALLACE, EDINBURGH.—Dr. Wallace has given in answers to the deliverance of Presbytery, specifying as censurable certain passages published by him. He denies any rejection of the doctrine of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, declaring that he never dreamed of making any statement inconsistent with the language of the Confession of Faith. On other points, he declares that he has nothing to retract, although he admits that on some occasions his language had been hastily selected.

SUSTENTATION FUND IN AUSTRALIA.—A sustentation fund has been inaugurated in Australia. It was called forth by an Act of the Legislature, abolishing State-aid to religion. The object of the scheme is to raise the stipend of each Minister to £300. In the meantime certain restrictions have to be enforced. Each congregation must raise £200, although only a partial measure, it is expected that it will be productive of much good.

FRANCE.—It would appear as if France, having shaken off the invader and recovered somewhat from the exhaustion and humiliation of the war, is seeking to cast her influence in favor of ultramontane power, and to do what she can to crush Protestantism. A suit has been carried on to conviction, against two ministers who had been engaged in evangelistic services. With such men as Pressensee in the Assembly, it is to be hoped that such measures will be checked, and religious freedom secured.

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CALLS, &c.

Rev. A. Dawson, M. A., of Ashburn, has been called by the congregation of *Beamsville*; Rev. J. Laing, M. A., has accepted a call from the congregation of Knox's Church, *Dundas*; Rev. W. H. Simpson has been called by the congregation of *Simcoe*; a call addressed by *Cooke's Church, Toronto*, to Rev. T. Y. Killen, of Ireland, has been declined; Rev. Dr. Waters, of St. Mary's, is to be translated to *St. John, New Brunswick*.

DEATH OF MINISTERS.—We regret to notice the death of the Rev. D. G. McKay, who was ordained and settled at Port Elgin only a very few weeks before his death. It was hoped that he might have many days of usefulness in the field over which he was so recently ordained, but God saw best to order it otherwise. We have also to record the death of the Rev. J. Barron, M. A. A brief memoir of him will appear in next number.