

## SUMMARY.

The most important event which has marked the past month in these Colonies is the Union happily consummated between the Presbyterian (Free) Church in Canada and the United Presbyterian Church. The Union took place on Thursday, the 6th ult., at Montreal. The name of the united body is the CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. There were present upwards of three hundred between ministers and elders, and the proceedings were of the most satisfactory character. The Union was unanimous, with the single exception of a Mr. McPherson from the far west, who had not attended the previous meetings of Synod at which the subject was discussed. The arrangements connected with the consummation of the Union were similar to those adopted at Picton on the 4th October. Dr. Taylor of Montreal was elected Moderator. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Burns, Dr. Ormiston, Mr. Ure, &c.

The Old School Presbyterian Church in the United States has suffered greatly from the present war. Nearly two hundred thousand of its communicants, and seventeen hundred of its churches, were in the South. It is now more than probable that all these will break off! Other bodies have suffered in a similar manner, though not to the same extent.

The Old School Presbyterian Church has 75 ordained American missionaries in foreign countries—6 ordained natives; 210 lay teachers; 2837 communicants; 4644 scholars.—We take these Statistics from the last Report of the Board—a very valuable document published this month. The total expenditure of the Missions for twelve months was 211,080 dollars. The Domestic Missions of the same Church are summarized as follows:—The number of missionaries in commission March 1, 1860, was 499, to which have been added, to March 1, 1861, 298, making the whole number 797, and more by 106 than the year previous. The number of churches and missionary stations wholly or in part supplied, (as far as reported,) by our missionaries, is 1,239. The number of newly organized churches is 52. The number of admissions on examination is 2,429, and on certificate 1,683; making a total of admissions of 4,118. The number in communion with churches connected with the Board is 29,013. The number of Sabbath schools is 438; of teachers 3,712; and of scholars 23,208. The number of baptisms is 3,255. Of the 797 missionaries who have been in commission during the year, 251 have sent in no special report for the Assembly—a little less than one-third of the whole number; consequently we must increase all the returns one-third to make them correct.

**THE FINANCE OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.**—In the Assembly papers there was given the following general abstract, showing the whole sums raised for the various objects of the Free Church of Scotland, for the year from 31st March, 1860, to 30th March, 1861:—

1. Sustainment Fund,	£113,462 17 7
2. Building Fund,	36,539 8 1½
3. Congregational Fund,	100,134 6 1½
4. Missions and Education,	62,487 4 5
5. Miscellaneous,	16,759 6 11
<b>Total,</b>	<b>£329,383 3 11½</b>

**CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ENGLAND AND WALES.**—*Fund for Disabled Ministers.*—That project was started about two years ago by the venerable and now sainted Angell James, who handed over one thousand pounds, the produce of a jubilee testimonial present from his own people on completing his 50th year as their pastor. He made it a condition of his grant that ten thousand pounds should be raised by the churches, and just previous to his lamented death the stipulated sum was raised. And now it amounts to fifteen thousand pounds, one thousand pounds having been raised during the recent sittings of the union. The present intention is to raise for this purpose the sum of one hundred thousand pounds—and the work may be done.

**RELIGION IN EUROPE.**—In the motley and crumbling Empire of Austria there are indications for good. The downfall of the Hapsburg, which seems imminent, can hardly fail to turn out to the furtherance of the gospel. In Hungary the Protestant churches are active and earnest, and their members and piety exhibit a marked increase. In Bohemia, the land of the martyred Huss, the seed long buried in the dust seems springing to life, whole villages have abandoned the errors of Romanism, and organized Protestant churches. The cry of the martyrs from under the altar has been heard, and Bohemia bids fair to become a truly Christian country. Even in Austria proper there is a strong reaction against the intolerance and cruelty of the Concordat. At the last meeting of the Gustav. Adolf Verein, one hundred and nine evangelical churches in Austria proper were represented as beneficiaries.

**GERMANY.**—In Germany, the revival at Elberfeld is still the subject of comment. An inquiry has been instituted among the children of the Orphan Asylum, and on the side of the municipal council it is alleged that both boys and girls have confessed to feigning convulsions that they might escape for a time from the duties of school. On the other hand, the pastors of the town testify to a salutary change in the prevailing habits of the children as sufficient evidence of the reality of the Divine presence. And the district synod, composed of ministers and laymen elected by the churches, has with one dissentient voice, formally expressed "its profound sorrow that a religious movement, which must be considered essentially as a revival, should have been treated by the municipal authorities in such a manner, that its religious character has been disregarded, and the most important interests of the evangelical churches have been violated."