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## British and Foreign.

THE SCOTTISH ASSEMBLIES. THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH,

THURSDAY, May 24th, witnessed the opening of the General Assemblies of the Established and Free Churches of Scotland. The former, as of old, met in "Edina! Scotta's darling seat;" the latter in the capital of the Highlands. Glorious weather served to set off to perfection the pageantry of the timehonoured procession of the Lord High Giles' cathedral. All along the route large crowds were gathered as usual, although Glasgow Exhibition seems to have proved a strong counter attraction to the ecclesiastical show.

### THE SERVICE IN ST. CILES

was conducted by Dr. Hutchison, the was presented by Rev. A. Williamson tettring Moderator, before a congregation not so large as in previous years. hall and await the opening of proceedsincerely held. Ministers should appeal to and raise the spiritual intelli- thickly populated districts religious might fairly be called public demonstrations in honour of the living God.

### IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL

At the conclusion of the services in St. Giles, the procession wended its way to the Assembly hall, where, after the usual salutations had been exchanged between the house and the throne, the General Assembly was constituted with prayer. In a brief address Dr. Hutchison resigned his position as Moderator, and proposed as his successor Dr. W. H. Gray, of Liberton, who at once advanced to the vacated chair. Her Majesty's Commission, appointing the Earl of Hopetoun as her representative, having been read, the Lord High Commissioner, in a brief address, referred to the loss the Church had sustained by the death of Dr. Phin and to Her Majesty's " firm determination to maintain the Presbyterian form of government in Scotland." In reply the Moderator assured the Earl of Hopetoun that his appointment had given the greatest satisfaction, not only to the Assembly, but also to the general community.

THE EDINBURGH TOWN COUNCILLORS. created great laughter by temarking that the fifteen councillors who opposed the election of the elders were present at the leve at Holyrood that morning, had shown the Lord High Commissioner the way to St. Giles, and some of them were gracing the Assembly with their presence. Principal Cunningham, in seconding Mr. Menzier tion of those who declared that the motion that the commissions of these enterprise was useless and hopeless. councils be sustained, remarked that it was a very regretable incident that the of the country, and the great seat of mission in Beyrout, because it was con-ilaw, should, for the first time in more ducted in such a huckster kind of a than two hundred years, have refused Geo do its simple duty in returning representatives to that venerable house.

## DR. PHIN'S SUCCESSOR.

On the motion of Mr. T. G. Murray, conded by Dr. Donald McLeod, Dr. Archibald Scott, of Edinburgh, was nanimously elected convener of the tal fund now stood at £24,137. Lord late Dr. Phin. Dr. Story remarked had been one of continued prosperity, o in St. Giles, Rev. Robert Thomremarked that after the improper in which the service had been coned in St. Giles that day, he would Earl of Hopetoun entertained a

NSCUSSION ON "GRAVEN IMAGES." resuming its sittings on Friday ing the Assembly was treated to a dissertation on the images which ste St. Gilgs.cathedral from Rev. Primmer. A petition from over penmittee on Bills, but Mr. Primopeared at the bar of the Assem-Melbourne that it did not mat- fold in a grand celebration of the

posing Mr Primmer's appeal, stated that | adjourned. - The Christian World. the petition was alibel on the Edinburgh Presbytery, and asked whether Mr. Primmer and his fellow petitioners reatly believed that any person out of Bedlam, except themselves, could regard the statuettes complained of as idolatrous. This remark brought Rev. R. Thomson to his feet with an indig-Commissioner of the Established nant protest against Dr. Storey's Church from Holyrood Palace to St. "offensive language." Subsequently, however, Mr. Thomson, in continuing the discussion, used such language as caused him to be called to order. The vote of the Assembly was in favour of leaving the " images " unmolested.

### THE COLONIAL REPORT

who stated that the income for the year had been £4 859. The importance of Creek, Ont. Many members of the Assembly had the scheme was increasing as the tide preferred to gather in the Assembly of emigration still rolled on to various parts of the colonial empire. Mr. Wilings there. Taking for his text Psalm liamson referred to the various schemes xciii. 5, "Holiness becometh Thine of emigration now being originated, and remarked that the people who were house, O Lord, for ever." Dr. Hutch-ison, referring to the methods of availing themselves of these schemes church worship, condemned the preach. should have their religious wants suping of notions simply because they were old, but at the same time were not of practical infidelity. Rev. J. McAra, sincerely held. Ministers should apordinances were well supplied; the gence of their hearers. Their great ordinances were well supplied; the object should be to have services which Gospel had not been brought in any systematic way into the newer portions of the Australasian field.

## CONTINENTAL DELEGATES.

Dr. Prochet, in a brief address, con veyed expressions of goodwill from the Church of the Waldenses to the Assembly. He stated that next year the Waldensian Church would celebrate its bi-centenary. He also asserted that the Roman Catholic Church was losing in ferce in the peninsula. M. Vernier, of the Evangelical Society of Geneva. told the Assembly that they had now in France nearly seven hundred Protestant churches. Dr. Donald McLeod remarked that it would be a great pity if they allowed all their help to flow towards such missions as the McAli mission in Paris rather than to the more efficient and patient methods of carrying on the work practised by the Protestant Church in France.

The first business on Saturday morning was to receive the

## REPORT OF JEWISH MISSIONS,

which was presented by Dr. Alison. It stated that the number of baptisms during two years had been four, and that much difficulty was experienced in As might have been expected the securing the attendance of Jewish boys first opportunity that offered was cager. at the mission schools, because of the ly seized upon by the law agent of the fear lest they should been anything of the fear lest they should been anything for as to make our offer to all who are out of ly seized upon by the law agent of the fear lest they should been anything for as to make our offer to all who are out of for the tomake our offer to all who are out of for as to make our offer to all who are out of for as to make our offer to all who are out of for as to make our offer to all who are out of for as to make our offer to all who are out of for as to make our offer to all who are out of for as to make our offer to all who are out of for as to make our offer to all who are out of for as to make our offer to all who are out of for as to make our offer to all who are out of for as to make our offer to all who are out of for as to make our offer to all who are out of formation and the formation and for as to make our offer to all who are out of formation and the formation and for all who are out of formation and for as to make our offer to all who are out of formation and format were elected by minorities. Those of Aberdeen and Montrose, who are old offenders, were passed by with scant Amid sympathetic cheers Dr. Alison notice; but Mr. Menzies commented at expressed his regret at their being unconsiderable length on the action of able to invite Dr. Somerville to address the Edinburgh town council. He them on Jewish missions because the three one cent stamps for postage. Send at created great laughter by temarking them. Dr. Norman McLeod. in Inverness. Dr. Norman McLeod, in moving the adoption of the report, defended the Jewish mission from those who were wont sneeringly to count the cost per head of each convert. He told of what he had seen of the mission's work at Alexandria as a refuta-tion of those who declared that the Sir Daniel Sanford in the Greek chair Rev. T. Young said that many travellers in the Holy Land did not know town council of Edinburgh, the capital that there was a Church of Scotland place. Lord Balfour submitted the report of the

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND, which showed that the Church had contributed to this fund £2,737. The number of parishes contributing had increased from 788 to 836. The capisiness Committee in succession to Balfour remarked that though the year at it would have been a pleasure to matters might be considerably im-we proposed Mh Menzies for the proved. Rev. J. Robertson remarked lice if he had been a minister. In that if the fall in the fiars prices went fice if he had been a minister. In that if the fall in the fiars prices went injection with the appointment of the on much longer, the disendowment of mmittee to arrange for public wor- the Church would not require the interposition of Parliament, and the teinds would lose their value as a political

At the morning sederant on Monday, see some members belonging to the Assembly was occupied receiving old conservative and true Presby- the report of the Education Committee, an party in the Church. After the after which a lengthy discussion enembly adjourned. In the evening appeal to the Assembly to cancel the sentence of disposition passed upon him company to dinner, and the by a commission of the Assembly last nees afterwards held an "at November. To the astonishment of not a few this sentence was recalled in face of the opposition of the Procura

BI-CENTENARY OF THE REVOLUTION. In the evening Dr. Hutchison submitted the report of the committee appointed to deal with this matter, and moved that it be continued to prepare s removed had been dismissed by a statement on the subject to be sent down to ministers and kirk sessions. He said that in these easy-going times appeal against this decision. In it was of immense importance that they in tones he saked the Church to should direct the attention of their peoitself from the unclean thing im ple to those dark days of suffering and light ere worse dangers beful it. Sir'A. M. Machenzie suggested hearly laughter Mr. Primmer related that the leaders of the state Churches and his heavers that Dr. Lees had should be approached and asked to

ter to him it they cleared the whole striumph of Protestanism in 1688. After thing out, and that therefore they had a passage at arms between Dr. Milligan Dr. Lec's consent in the matter. It and Principal Cunningham, the Assemwould be a grand thing if the Assembly bly unanimously adopted Dr. Hutchiwere just to march down and have the son's motion. After dealing with whole place cleated. Dr. Story, in op-

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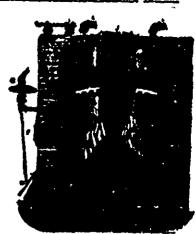
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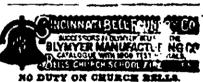
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