

and that liberal things may be devised for this part of the mission field of our beloved Church.

Yours truly in the Lord Jesus.

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General Religious Intelligence.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

In a former number we referred to the meeting of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, and to the result of the discussion on report on union with the Free Church. The following are the precise terms of the motion which, ultimately, was unanimously carried: "The Synod expresses its great satisfaction at the Christian courtesy and kindly feeling which have distinguished the conferences of the first committees, and its unabated sense of the importance of the object, and without giving any deliverance on the articles submitted in the Report, re-appoint the Committee, and re-commit the report with instructions to continue the conferences in terms of the original appointment."

The other proceedings of the Synod were in many respects interesting.

HOME MISSIONS.—At the Missionary meeting of the Synod, the Rev. H. M. MacGill gave in the report on Home Missions, which stated that the congregations receiving missionary supplements during the year had been 104, the average supplement being £39, and the whole amount thus given £4147. They have contributed for congregational purposes £1029 7s 3d. The congregations receiving pastoral supplement had been 44 in number. The average supplement was £18 and the total amount £763. They had contributed for congregational purposes £5652 9s 8d, and for missions &c. £635, in all £6287 16s 8d. The total income for Home Missions was £8794 7s.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—The report was given in by Dr. Somerville, and gave an interesting account of the several Foreign Missions. The income was £19,624 14s 10d.

FINANCE.—The Treasurer, J. Peddie, W. S., stated that during the past year the income for Foreign Missions had been £19,624, and for Home Missions, including the support of the Gospel ministry, £8794, in all £28,418. This was somewhat less than the amount reported for the preceding year, in consequence of a deficiency from legacies, &c.

THEOLOGICAL TRAINING.—A report on Theological Training was approved of, suggesting, 1. That the Synod requires each Professor, in addition to the oral examination of his students, to examine them every week by written papers that the answers be valued, and that these papers and the results as valued be put into the hands of the Theological Committee, or of a Board of Examiners appointed by the Synod for this purpose. 2. That in the Senior Hall the homily at present required from students of that year be discontinued, and that an essay, to be given to the Professor be substituted in its place.

The Committee further recommended to the Synod to accept the certificate of a student's having passed the examination for M.A., in any particular branch of study, as equivalent to examination in the same branch by the Synod's Board. The report concluded with a scheme of resolutions for the institution of a Board of Examination for admission to Divinity Hall.

The Synod was closed with an excellent address from the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. King.

Interesting reports were presented on Sabbath Schools, Psalmody, &c. A deputation appeared from the English Presbyterian Church consisting of the Rev. W. Chalmers, and the Rev. J. C. Paterson, and met with a most cordial reception.