negotiations, the Synod discharge their Union Committee in its present form; but, retaining unabated the conviction not merely of the desirableness but of the duty of union, appoint a committee to watch over the interes.s of this important question, and to embrace every opportunity which Providence may afford for attaining the union originally contemplated and already approved of by this Church, on the basis of the common standards, and in harmony with the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ to universal Headship, nowhere more clearly set forth than in the common principles drawn up by the joint-committee and accepted by vast majorities in all the Churches. 4. In ignorance of the future, especially how long the blessed movement for union may be interrupted, the Synod feel themselves meanwhile called on to express in very cordial terms their sense of the uniform courtesy with which their committee has been treated in the union conferences of the last ten years, their respect for the Churches with which they have been in negotiation, and the fervent desire they cherish for their spiritual welfare and progress."

The Synod contributed £340 towards the " Dayspring."

The Synod of the United Original Seceders met in Victoria Terrace Church, Edinburgh, May 5th. Rev. John Robertson, Ayr, Moderator. This Church collected during the year the sum of £1220 19s. 9½d., being £185 13s. 11d., more than last year. It was agreed to unite with the Irish Secession Synod.

At the last meeting of the Presbytery of Edinburgh, a petition was presented by Mr. John King, a Divinity Student of the Free Church, to be admitted to the connection of the Church of Scotland. In his petition, he states that he had "come to believe the Disruption a mistake," and that he had all along held " the Establishment principle."

There is a note on " Circulation" in the May number of the Home *Record*, in which it is stated that, during the year, the increase has already amounted to 2,000 copies, thus giving a total issue of 18,000, a circulation far below the mark. It is said, by way of apology,

that other *Records*, which circulate more largely, have an *artificial* circulation, " maintained by special agencies." This is just the reason why they circulate more largely; and, we think, in the proper quarters, a few valuable lessons might be learnt, and agents should be appointed in every parish. We were struck forcibly, in this matter, by the fact that, out of five congregations, abstracts of whose reports are published in the same issue of the *Record*, and headed thus, "THRIVING CONGREGATIONS," in only one instance, that of St. John's Parish, Glasgow, is the circulation of the *Record* taken into account. We cannot see how a parish can be "thriving," in the true sense, in which there is no *Record* circulation. It is true, it may be largely circulated and no notice taken of the fact in the reports; but, if so, the fact should be mentioned.

The Rev. John Marshall Lang, formerly of Morningside, Edinburgh, and who was lately appointed to succeed the lamented Dr. Norman McLeod in the Barony Parish of Glasgow, has received the degree of Doctor in Divinity from the University of Glasgow, in acknowledgment of his Biblical scholarship, and his earnest and successful ministrations as a preacher of the Gospel. Dr. Dickson, professor of Biblical Criticism in that University, has been appointed to the chair of Divinity, vacant by the translation of Dr. John Caird to the Principalship.

Pere Hyacinthe does not find a place for himself and his people. He and they are excommunicated, but he wants to be called a Roman Catholic. He now denounces the confessional and practices marriage, so that by precept and example he is out of all sympathy with the Romish priesthood. The " Old Catholics" will have to become " New Protestants." There is no half-way house for them.

NEW YORK.—New York claims 356 Protestant and 62 non-Protestant Sabbath schools, has 10,000 ignorant, homeless, uncared-for street children, 315 religious and charitable societies, and employs 266 city missionaries.