

The motion of Dr. Pirie then passed (Dr. Cook and Lord Selkirk dissenting), and a committee was appointed to consider the instructions to be given to the committee to communicate with Government. Very important modifications in the Government scheme were proposed, one being the admission of female communicants to the exercise of voting in the calling of a minister. The Home Mission Report was given in by Dr. Phin. The income had been £10,649, being an increase of £1152 over the income of the previous year. The committee had voted £3,450 to 83 mission stations. The committee had undertaken to assist in the erection of 23 churches, which would give accommodation to 11,000 people.

MEETING OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

This Synod met in Edinburgh on the 11th May. Rev. Dr. Andrew Thomson succeeded Dr. Joseph Brown in the Moderator's chair. The question of union between the English Presbyterian Church and the branch of the United Presbyterian Church in England, occupied the attention of the Synod and called forth much interest. The result was that a motion against union in the meantime was carried by a majority of 7. The matter of the reorganizing of the Theological Hall was also before the Synod. The scheme contemplated the extending the course over three years, having five Professors with salaries of not less than £500 each, to give themselves entirely to the work of their respective professorships. After discussion, the Report of the Committee was sent down for the consideration of Presbyteries and Sessions, and the Committee reappointed to bring up a matured report at next meeting of Synod. A motion in favour of the disestablishment and disendowment of the Established Churches in England and Scotland was agreed to by acclamation. There was a conference on the present religious movement. There was first a conference in private for two hours, and afterwards the subject was discussed in public. Various members of the Synod spoke, bearing very decided testimony to the genuineness of the work which had been going on in Edinburgh, Glasgow, and other places, and the Synod recommended to Presbyteries to hold daily conference on the subject, and consider the expediency of holding Evangelistic Services in connection with the various congregations. From the Report on General Statistics, it appeared that there were 615 congregations on the roll of the Synod, being an increase of 4; Sabbath School teachers, 10,963; and scholars, 84,754, there being in each case a very decided increase; Bible classes, 735, with 23,000 pupils; 184,033 members in full communion, against 182,810 the previous year; average attendance at public worship, 209,131; there were 123 students enrolled, a decrease of 13; probationers, 61; Elders, 4,952; income for congregational purposes, £244,441, giving an average of £397 to each congregation; missionary and benevolent institutions, £76,287, 0s. 4d.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland met in Belfast on the first Monday of June. The Rev. W. Johnston, who has for two years occupied the Moderator's chair, was succeeded by the Rev. W. Magill of Cork. The business, so far as the reports have reached us, has been transacted in an admirable manner, and the various departments of Church work appear to be in a prosperous and progressive state. The total income of the Church for the past year was £136,149 7s. 11d., being an increase of £10,729 upon the preceding year. The total number of families returned was 78,427; communicants, 109,395. The average