

about £4,000 to endow a parish. It is expected that in one year or two at most 150 new parishes shall have been added to the parochial establishments, and Dr. Robertson's original aim accomplished. Of course the scheme will never be dropt; as it must always remain a duty resting upon the Church to remove its Chapels from an anomalous position. The attainment of the endowment of 150 will afford an opportunity of looking back and blessing God for his favor and abundant goodness. The Education Scheme has received an income of £6,259, being a considerable increase upon last year. Thus the contributions of the Church of Scotland for her general schemes exclusive of special parochial efforts are £53,385, during the past year. There are many features of interest in the Assembly proceedings besides the increase of income, which cannot be noticed here and which can only be obtained from our *Home Record*, or by a large transfer of its contents to the pages of our own magazine.

The Assemblies of other Presbyterian Churches have shown religious features of great interest to the pious mind. The question of Union has been discussed in the old and new school Assemblies of the States, and resolutions in its favour carried by large majorities. The Basis is under the consideration of Presbyteries. In the Free Church Assembly, Dr. Buchanan's motion in favor of continuing the negotiations on union was carried by 427 to 105, so that there are four times as many for union as against it. The opponents are, however firm and determined. Their cry seems to be "no surrender." It is thought that their attitude will delay union for some considerable time, but that it will come at length. The Free Church contributions in aid of Foreign Missions from all home sources have been about £18,000 sterling. The circulation of the *Missionary Record* is 33,500 copies a month. The U. P. Synod has 597 congregations and 176,391 members, 623 ministers, 72 probationers, 136 students of divinity, an income from all sources of £265,561. A resolution in favor of continued conferences on union was unanimously agreed to. The Presbyterians in England are to negotiate a separate union among themselves. The circulation of the *U. P. Record* is 50,000 copies a month, much greater than that of the Free Church, though the latter is about twice as large in the number of its adherents. This indicates, on the part of the U. Presbyterians, much general intelligence and organization.

In the Canada Presbyterian Church Synod the organ question seems to have been all-absorbing, and to have occupied no less than three days. It is much to be regretted consuetudinary, though not statute law, should cause so much time to be taken up with questions of this nature, when so much real work is to be done. The parties for and against

were so evenly balanced and fierce, that Dr. Jennings moved at last simply that the overtures "do lie on the table;" a most expressive way of declining to give a decision. This, of course, leaves the matter to the option of individual congregations, and places all Presbyterians in Ontario and Quebec, on a similar footing on this matter. A more important aspect of this subject of praise is *first* the use of hymns, secondly the kind of tunes and thirdly the means of cultivating congregational singing. These topics involve considerations of great importance, and in some respects difficult of decision. Are we to sing all kinds of tunes? Is the old historical music, are the current tunes of the Church of Scotland, dear to the people's memories, and sung from the reformation down, through all periods of her checkered history to be abandoned? Of course they will never die. Genuine music will claim earnest admirers in every age, and enjoy a perennial popularity only interrupted by the ephemeral corruptions of a depraved taste. But the half of us may be dead before the revival comes.

The letters of Mr. Martin from Trinidad are extremely interesting. He really seems to have a fine field of missionary labour. The "Coolies" are Hindoot and he labors in a little India in the West Indies. Dr. Geddie's annual report is, as usual, calm, solid, cautious and comprehensive. Now that we are to enter seriously on this mission, its statements deserve careful consideration on the part of our ministers and people. It should appear in our *Record*. The "Day-spring" seems the most active missionary. How many of our Church are doing anything for her support. A. P.

The Rev. Mr. Brodie has intimated his acceptance of a call to become pastor of Gairloch congregation. Before being inducted to his future charge he is to visit Cape North, and if circumstances permit will dispense the sacrament of the Lord's Supper there.

As the Medical College to which our Missionary elect for the Foreign Mission has been recommended for a few months study, will not be in operation until about the middle of October, he will continue his labours in his present charge until the latter end of September.

The minutes of Synod will not be ready for publication until next issue. The present No. has been delayed a week in the hope of having them for this issue.

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Extracts from Report of Colonial Committee for Year Ending May, 1868.

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Arrangements have been in progress, and are probably by this time completed, for the union of the two Synods of the Church of Scotland in the maritime provinces of the