

The Foreign Missions of the Church are more than ordinarily prosperous this year.

#### REPORT OF COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

Dr. Bonar laid the report of the Colonial Committee on the table of the Assembly. He said it would be gratifying to the Assembly to know that over every part of the colonial field the work had been increasing; and they had been greatly encouraged by symptoms of God's blessing upon the Churches in Nova Scotia, Canada, the West Indies, and in Victoria, New South Wales and elsewhere. Last year, one minister was sent to Africa, and now there are applications for other two—one from Port Elizabeth and the other from the capital of British Caffraria—and which the committee were unable to respond to. Dr. Bonar then referred to the tendency to united action on the part of Presbyterians all over the colonies—Canada being now about to follow the example of Victoria and Nova Scotia, had asked that a representative of this Church should be present at the marriage of the Free and United Presbyterian Churches there, to be consummated on 6th June. Further, they found a spirit of revival or deepened religious feeling prevailing very generally over the Presbyterian Churches in the colonies, leading to an increased missionary spirit in Nova Scotia, and in Australia, where missions to the Chinese and among the aborigines are being promoted. Turning to the state of the Continent, Dr. Bonar read a letter he had received from the Rev. F. Monod, which stated that the visit to Paris of Mr. Radcliffe had created a strong sensation there among old and young, rich and poor. About forty public meetings had taken place, and between 200 and 300 had come forward to profess their faith in Christ. With reference to Italy, he believed that during the year not less than 50,000 copies of the Scriptures had been circulated in the Northern parts of it; the book stores are crowded too, and religious books openly advertised on the walls.

A Friend of Missions made the munificent donation of £2,000 to the Foreign Missions of the Free Church.

The Assembly before its close engaged in humble prayer to God, in behalf of the United States of America, and adopted a very tender resolution in reference to the great crisis through which they are passing at present.

The next meeting of the General Assembly is to be held at Edinburgh on the 23rd day of May, 1862.

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#### SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

This Court met at Chalmers' Church, Halifax, on Wednesday, the 26th of June, 11 o'clock, P. M. The Rev. Professor King, Moderator, preached from Psalms lxxix. 9: "For the zeal of thy house hath eaten me up, and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me." After sermon the Synod was constituted, and the roll called. Since last meeting of Synod it appeared that the following changes had taken place in the roll: In the Presbytery of Pictou, the Rev. A. P. Miller was loosed from his charge at Merigomish; and the Rev. Hector McKay was inducted into the pastoral charge of the River John congregation. In the Halifax Presbytery, the Rev. Messrs. Steele, Hunter, James A. Murray and A. W. McKay had demitted their charges, and the Rev. Hugh McMillan had been ordained over the congregation of Barrington and Clyde River. In the Presbytery of Victoria, the Rev. A. McDonald had been ordained over the Mabou congregation. In the Presbytery of Truro, the Rev. James Byers had been in-