

tion previous to its being brought before the Assembly.

Rev. Dr. Dill, of Dublin, rose and said,—Moderator, I think you are prepared for the communication I am about to make,—I refer to the bequest left to this Church by the late Mrs. Magee. (Hear, hear.) This lady has left to our missions in India the sum of £25,000, invested in Indian securities. This money was accumulated by her brother, an officer who had acquired his fortune in that country, and she thought that the best and most appropriate way she (Mrs. Magee) could bestow that money, would be for the purpose of extending the gospel in connection with our Church in the country where the money was made. She has left, besides, £5000 to our missions in foreign countries, to be expended in general purposes, not confined to our India mission,—I mean by this the annual interest of the money, which amounts to between £900 and £1000 a year, for the India mission. She has also bequeathed £5000 for our Home Mission, the interest only to be expended. She has left, also, £20,000 for the building and endowment of a Presbyterian College. (Hear.) Perhaps I may state, that it is chiefly through her munificence we are erecting at this moment in Dublin one of the handsomest Presbyterian Churches in Ireland; and that she has left the reversion of £5000 to the Female Orphan School in connection with that Church. She has altogether left about £64,000, for purposes in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

The Moderator.—I am sure I express not merely the sentiments of one, but of every member of this Assembly, when I say that we do, indeed, respond to the observations just made, and to the spirit in which they have been expressed.—Would it not be proper in this Assembly to appoint a Committee to take this case under consideration, and, after very mature deliberation, to propose what they would recommend as the proper expression of their sentiments and feelings on such an occasion?

A Committee was then named to carry out the purpose recommended by the Moderator, consisting of the Moderator himself, Mr. Dill, and Dr. Hanna.

REPORT OF THE COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

The Moderator said, that before entering upon a subject of such vital importance to the Church, he felt it his duty to suggest that they should call upon Almighty God for the direction of His Divine wisdom in this matter. He then called upon Dr. Carlisle to offer up a prayer suitable to the solemn occasion.

Dr. Carlisle having accordingly engaged the Assembly in a prayer of much beauty and appropriate feeling, the report was read by Mr. Park, and a discussion ensued, extending over several days; the principal questions being whether the Assembly providing merely for theological education, should avail itself of the new government colleges, for the literary and scientific education of candidates for the Ministry, religion being wholly excluded from these institutions, or whether the entire course of education should be provided by the Church. It was ultimately agreed, on the motion of Dr. Barnett, that a deputation be sent to Government, to ask a Presbyterian College for Ulster, the Episcopalians having Trinity College, Dublin, and the Roman Catholics, Maynooth. If this be refused, the Assembly will have its own College complete. At the evening sederunt of Wednesday, the deputation from the Free Church of Scotland was received, and addressed the Assembly, after which,

Dr. Stewart said—I beg, without any preparatory remarks or accompanying observations, to move the following resolution:—“Resolved—That our hearts are greatly delighted and our spirits cheered, by the visit of our highly respected brethren, David Maitland Makgill Crichton and James Bridges, Esqrs., elders of the Free Church of Scotland, and a deputation from its General Assembly. Closely connected as we are by affinity in the doctrines of truth and discipline prescribed by the Word of truth, with the Free Church of Scotland, we are refreshed and encouraged by every communication, and every deputation which we receive from that Church. We are particularly delighted by the accounts which we have now received of the blessings which Al-

mighty God has continued to pour out upon our brethren in Scotland, in the increase of churches, satisfactory state of their Sustentation and other funds, the enlargement of her ecclesiastical operations, and the increase of her missionary efforts. We are thankful for her expressions of sympathy and generous offer of co-operation with us, in the enlightenment of Roman Catholic Ireland, and we direct our Moderator to express to our brethren of the deputation these our sentiments and feelings, and to return to them our heartfelt thanks for their visit, and the delight which their spirit-stirring addresses has so largely afforded us.”

The Moderator addressed the deputation in very suitable terms.

The deputation from the English Presbyterian Church was then introduced to the Assembly.

Dr. Stewart proceeded to read a draft of a letter to the American Church, in reply to that sent to the Assembly. He stated that it only bore on one part of the letter that which referred to slavery. They endeavoured, he said, in drawing up the letter, to express themselves as strongly and as indignantly as possible on the subject of slavery, as existing in many places of the world, but especially in America, as they possibly could, consistent with any degree of courtesy. They did not think they should cut off all intercourse with the American Churches, as in the present condition they were better enabled to use persuasion with them on that subject. Besides, they were not in the position of positive fellowship, for they would not invite to their sittings any who were advocates for slavery, or proprietors of slaves. He then read the copy of the letter.

Dr. Carlisle said, there was a great deal in the letter which he approved of, but he considered it not sufficiently definite in expressing their disapprobation. He had been appointed in the Committee to draw up the letter, but he had misread it. However, he had drawn up a letter, which he would read instead of making a speech. The reverend Doctor then read his letter of reply.

After a long conversation on the subject of these letters, in which it appeared to be the unanimous opinion of the house that the very strongest expressions should be used to mark the abhorrence in which slavery was held by the Assembly, it was finally resolved that both letters should be referred to the Committee to be incorporated together.

This having concluded the business of the Assembly, the Moderator engaged in singing the 122d Psalm, and in prayer, taking occasion to refer to the very happy and peaceful termination of the proceedings of this Assembly.

The Committee of Overtures met for an hour after the conclusion of the Assembly.

SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ENGLAND.

It is only quite recently that we have received a full account of the proceedings of the Synod of this Church at their last meeting. These are fully reported in the May and June Nos. of “The English Presbyterian Messenger,” an ably conducted monthly paper, issued under the auspices of the Synod. We have read the report with great satisfaction—and our readers will, we think, be well pleased to learn some particulars of a body with which we have so much in common, not only as to our standards of doctrine, government and worship,—but as to our special testimony for the supremacy of Christ in His Church, our ecclesiastical history and position, and our relations to other branches of the Presbyterian Church.—After the disruption of the Church of Scotland the English Synod almost unanimously determined to withdraw from connection with the party which remained in the Erastianised Establishment, and maintaining their own independence, entered into a close and friendly alliance with the Free Church of Scotland and the Irish Presbyterian Church.—Since that period they have made rapid progress in extending the ministrations of the Gospel and Pres-

byterian institutions in England. Like ourselves, being greatly hindered in this good work by the want of preachers and ministers, they have strenuously set themselves to found a Seminary for theological education. Two able ministers of the body, viz: the Rev. Messrs. Lotimer & Campbell, have been appointed to conduct the departments of Biblical criticism and Hebrew, and of Ecclesiastical History in the Institution. Dr. Henderson of Glasgow and Mr. Hannah of Skirling conducted the department of Systematic Theology at the request of the College Committee, and with the cordial sanction of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland. The following extracts will shew the state of this interesting institution.

“The classes were opened, as in the former Session, at the beginning of November, and the number of students who joined then, and in the course of the Session, amounted to 33; of these, however, 6 were compelled to discontinue their attendance soon after commencing it, from finding that it was inconsistent with the duties they owed to certain religious Societies in London, whose agents they were. The number was thus reduced to 27, of whom 16 attended the Theological Classes, and 11 the Preliminary Class for the study of Greek and Latin. Of these 27, again, 3 were unprofessional students, though in regular attendance, and 6 belong at present to other religious denominations, deducting both of which numbers, there remain 18 students—12 in the Theological department, and 6 in the Preliminary, who may be considered available for the future ministry of our Church in England. This number, when swelled still further by the accessions which may confidently be expected in future Sessions, will bear a very adequate proportion to the rate at which our Church may be expected, looking to her resources in other respects, to extend herself in England, and also to the average annual number of vacancies which may be expected to occur. Of the whole 27 students, 16 joined for the first time this last Session, and of the 13 students, in whom we are principally interested, the gratifying number of 10 were new students.

“The Preliminary Class was conducted, during the last Session, by Mr. William Hamilton, A.M., the senior student of the Institution, and a superior scholar and experienced classical teacher; and the Committee advert with much satisfaction to the case of several students who have lately joined this Class, in circumstances which give the best evidence of their devotion to the cause of Christ, and of their attachment to this Church, and who, but for the provision of this class, might have been lost to our ministry.

“With regard to the Theological Classes, the Committee are unanimously of opinion, that it is highly important and desirable that a permanent Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology should be appointed without delay, and they have agreed to include a recommendation to the Synod to that effect in this Report.”

THE TREASURERS OF THE COLLEGE FUND.

	Dr.	£	s.	d.
To balance in hand per last audit....	March 31st, 1845.	561	13	0
To Amount received during the year from—				
Outstanding and sums not reported 1844-45.....		153	8	0
Donations		145	14	9
Congregational Collections.....		335	12	9
Annual Subscriptions.....		413	12	5
		1099	7	11
To Amount from Students' Fees....		45	13	6
“ Introductory Lecture Tickets....		5	2	0
To Interest received on Balance.....		10	15	8
		£1721	12	1

“Regulations for the admission of Students into the Theological Classes, and for the Superintendence of their studies during the vacation throughout their curriculum.

“1. That as it is of the last importance, so every effort shall be used to secure, that all parties