

recognised as a Presbytery in connection with the parent church. The Synod earnestly recommended the three parties, into which the Synod of Victoria had been split, to overlook and forget past differences, to form themselves into a Synod, and maintain Christian and ministerial fellowship with the church at home. The Synod next took into consideration an overture from the Presbytery of Kilmarnock that a Jewish branch should be added to the missionary organisation. The Scottish Society for the Conversion of Israel being chiefly supported by the U. P. Church, it was agreed that a Committee should be appointed to communicate with the Committee of that society, with the view of carrying out the object of the overture. A report on Statistics was given in from which it appeared that the membership of the church was 153,245, congregational expenditure £124,565, of which £68,000 was paid in stipends, and for missionary and benevolent purposes £34,565. Each member contributed on an average £1 0s. 10½d. There were 843 Sabbath schools with 62,697 scholars, 600 advanced classes taught by ministers or elders, and 90 day-schools. Mr. David Anderson, Glasgow, gave in the report respecting the liquidation of Debt. The amount due by 243 congregations was £114,626, and it was proposed to raise during this and next year £8000 to aid in its removal. A proposal was brought forward from the Presbytery of Glasgow that there should be a Home Mission Secretary appointed. The schemes of the church were now too extensive for one individual, and the health of the present indefatigable Secretary had given way from excess of labour. A Committee was appointed on the business, and the election delayed till next year. The Rev. Dr. Andw. Thomson read a very interesting report from the Committee of Correspondence with Foreign Churches, and the Rev. M. Monod, Rev. M. Filhol, Rev. Professor La Harpe, and Rev. M. De Leifde addressed the Synod, and a Committee of Correspondence was again appointed. On Friday, Dr. Robertson of Glasgow reported that about 60 students attending the University had competed for scholarships, and that 25 had obtained £10 each. About £500 had been received from England for this fund, and £1000 from the Ferguson Bequest. Dr. McMichael stated that he had, that morning received £500 for the Aged Ministers scheme from the same Bequest. The Committee on Psalmody gave a very satisfactory report, and bestowed high commendation on Curwen's Tonic Sol Fa system which was creating a revolution in church music. They were anxious to employ steadily at least six Teachers, of whom, Mr. Henderson, of Park, was willing to maintain one. The Committee on Dr. Brown's Jubilee Fund recommended the Rev. H. Thomson, D. D., of Penrith, aged eighty four, and in the fifty eighth year of his ministry as the first annuitant which was unanimously agreed to. The Rev. Dr. Somerville stated that he had just received, from an anonymous person, the sum of £900 of which £500 was for the Synod's Missions, £150 for the Evangelical Union in France, £150 for the Belgian Mission Churches, £50 for the Evangelical Society of Geneva, and £50 for M. De Leifde of Amsterdam. An overture from the Presbytery of Glasgow was read, proposing the appointment of a Synodical Board to examine Students before admission to the Hall. A Committee was appointed to report on it at next meeting of Synod. Afterwards some pieces of routine business were transacted. The Moderator then briefly addressed the Synod, remarking that all would agree that this had been one of the most pleasant and prosperous meetings they had ever had. After devotional exercises the meeting adjourned till first Monday of May 1858.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS OF THE U. P. CHURCH—JULY TO SEPTEMBER, 1857.

Names of Preachers.	July—4 Sabbaths.	August—5 Sabbaths.	September—4 Sabbaths.
Rev. John James...	G 1, 2, 3, 4.	T 1, 2, 3; W 4, 5.	F 1, 2; B 3, 4.
“ John M. King	C. E 1, 2; D 3, 4.	F 1, 2; B 3, 4, 5.	B 1; L 2, 3, 4.
“ Alex. McFaul	T 1, 2; W 3, 4.	G 1, 2, 3, 4; W 5.	W 1, 2; T 3, 4.
“ R. C. Moffat..	B 1, 2; L 3, 4.	L 1, 2, 3; D 4, 5.	D 1, 2; C. E 3, 4.
“ Walter Scott..	L 1, 2, 3, 4.	L 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.	L 1, 2; G 3, 4.