

were read by Rev. D. Cairns, "On the last phase of German unbelief." Dr. McCosh, "On the Present Tendency of Religious Thought in Great Britain and Ireland;" and P. Bayne, A. M., "On General aspects of the Infidel Controversy."

The annual report stated that there had been a considerable increase in the membership of the Alliance during the year, many having joined who had formerly been opposed to the Alliance. The Report referred also to the losses sustained by the Alliance in the removal of several friends, including T. Gurney, Esq., A. G. Ellis, Esq., G. Hitchcock, Esq., Rev. P. La Trobe, and Rev. R. H. Herschell. Reference was also made to the death of the Rev. F. Monod, D.D., and Pastor Homer of Stockholm. The funds were reported to be in a very satisfactory state, the total receipts being £1710 16 5, and the expenditure £1728 9 3. The balance now in hand being £251 18 10. It referred to the liberation of the Spanish brethren, and to several cases of persecution in which the Council of the Alliance had interfered.

Home Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—This Presbytery met in Ottawa on 2nd August. The following is a synopsis of the business transacted.

1. Mr. McEwan having accepted of the call from Pembroke, his induction was appointed for the 3rd Wednesday in October. Mr. Joseph White to preach and preside, Mr. Fraser to address the pastor, and Mr. T. Wardrope the people,

2. The Presbytery agreed to petition Parliament against Sabbath work on Canals and Railroads.

3. Church extension in Ottawa. This subject engaged the earnest consideration of the Presbytery for a long time. Efforts are being made to establish a new congregation; the present church is crowded. A committee was appointed to take the management of this important movement.

4. Mr. McKinnon gave notice of his intention to demit the Ashton part of his charge at next ordinary meeting.

5. Mr. Wardrope, of Ottawa, was appointed to moderate in a call in Cumberland, on 30th of August.

6. The Circular from the Committee on Arrears engaged serious attention. All the congregations are to be visited in connection with this matter.

7. Students were examined and certificates granted.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.—This Presbytery met at Cobourg on the 9th of August.

The Rev. W. J. McKenzie was appointed Moderator for the next six months. Committees were appointed to examine the Records of the several sessions. Messrs. Waters, Laing, and McKenzie, with Messrs. Brodie and Lyall elders, appointed a committee to examine students.

Mr. McWilliam was appointed to preach at Perrytown on the last Sabbath of September; and Mr. Duncan in the first Sabbath of October. The missionary at Warsaw to supply for them on these Sabbaths. Mr. Roger to preach at Warsaw on the second Sabbath of October.

Deputations were appointed to visit the congregations in arrears with stipends.

A report was read from Mr. John Becket of his labours at Kinmount; and also a letter from Mr. William McKelvie stating that the frame of a church had been raised at Minden.

Mr. Blain made a verbal report of his visit to the mission field last winter. Mr. Andrews was appointed to spend two Sabbaths in the mission field.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—This Presbytery met at Quebec on the 3rd August, in Chalmers' Church. There was not a large attendance of members. Mr. McConehy was appointed moderator. The following were the chief items of business: