

The Board of Foreign Missions report—
 that the Receipts for Foreign Mis-
 sion purposes amounted to \$454,836.88.
 Expenditure amounted to..... 552,775 31
 Previous debt amounting to.... 30,757.70
 Total balance against the Board \$128,696.13

In a country which boasts so much of its wealth and liberality, this sum will not be permitted to assume dimensions beyond the present.

Total income of the Church for the year, \$1,500,000; apportioned in round numbers as follows: to foreign missions, \$600,000; home missions, \$52,500; publication, \$75,500; sustentation, \$82,500; education, \$105,000; freedmen, \$75,000; church erection, \$120,000; ministerial relief, \$90,000.

It is now generally anticipated that the Union movement between the Free Church and the U. P. Church in Scotland, after another "ten years' conflict," will, at the ensuing General Assembly, be suspended. The Anti-Unionists have succeeded in arousing the Free Church into opposition, and therefore the movement must come to an end as it deserved. It was from first, we are persuaded, political in its aims, intended to effect the disestablishment of the Church of Scotland, else how was it that she, by far the most numerous, wealthy and influential of the Presbyterian Churches of the land, was ignored in the Union movement?

THE U. P. Synod in Scotland met in Queen St. Hall, Edinburgh, on the 12th of May. Dr. Cairns was succeeded in the Chair of Moderator by Dr. Joseph Brown of Glasgow, by a majority of votes over Dr. Andrew Thomson of Edinburgh. The "Manifesto" published during the year, declaring themselves against Establishments and Establishment principles, was accepted. This brings them into collision with the Free Church, as well as the Established Church, for both Churches hold State Church principles, and Union will now be made more difficult than ever thereby.

The Report of the Committee on statistics shows many important things. In 1871 the number of congregations was 608; in 1872, 611; increase, 3 congregations for 1872, an increase far beneath what the vigour of the U. P.'s and their

field of operations should warrant. Number of baptisms in 1872, 11,762; decrease from 1871 of 88. In Sunday Schools, Teachers and Scholars have shown an increase; while, in advanced or Bible Classes, there is a decrease. The average membership per congregation is 299. In Theological students there is a decrease of 15 compared with last year; Probationers, decrease of 4. The finance of the Church shows an increase over last year, in contributions for congregational purposes. The Report gives £244,847 1s. 1d., and for missionary and benevolent purposes, £69,897 12s. 7d., the former an average of £400, and the latter an average of £114, to each congregation. Total income of the church, £314,744, 15s. 8d.

THE Reformed Presbyterian Synod, Scotland, met in Edinburgh. The Rev. Dr. Goold is Moderator for the current year. The Church numbers 6940 members, showing decrease of 29 from last year. Sum raised during the year was £10,965 18s. 10d. Average contribution per member £1 11s. 7d. On union the following was agreed to:

"1. That the Synod receive and adopt the report of the Committee on Union, and, specially approving of the embodiment in a common report by the joint-committee of the results of the negotiations for union during the last ten years, unite in an expression of thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church that an amount of unity has been ascertained to exist among the negotiating Churches warranting their complete amalgamation, and beyond what was supposed to exist at the commencement of the negotiations. 2. As regards the proposed Scheme of Mutual Eligibility, the Synod adhere to the opinion expressed last year, deprecating such an arrangement if it were to be regarded as a settlement of the whole question, and approving of it as a step towards incorporating union; but, seeing that it has not yet been fully considered by all the Churches interested, defer in the meantime a final conclusion on this question. 3. Inasmuch as it appears from the report of the joint-committee that the Free Church may at the next meeting of its Supreme Court find it expedient to withdraw, for a time at least, from these