

past year was £18,000, an advance of about £4,000 over the receipts of the previous year; and it was nearly all expended in the year's work. The celebrated Dr. Duff is the convener or chairman of the committee. The committee are doing much in the way of education. Their "Institution" at Calcutta has 1,000 scholars; 100 in the college, and 900 in the lower departments. They have in all 143 schools and about 10,000 children and youth under instruction. The General Assembly of the Free Church, at its recent sittings, resolved also to commence a mission in the northern part of Syria, in connection with the Saleeby schools, which have been in operation in that region. This, they claim, will not interfere with any existing missions in Syria. Besides the above, the Free Church has given about £3,000 in aid of mission work on the Continent of Europe, and has altogether made for itself a good record in respect to the world's evangelization.

Statistics of the United Presbyterian Church.

The Statistical Report states that the number of Sabbath school teachers in 1868 was 9753; in 1869, 10,036; and in 1870, 10,490. The number of scholars in 1868 was 75,549; in 1869, 79,238; and in 1870, 82,440. On the 23rd, Dr. Scott submitted the report of the Synod's Board for Manse and Debt Liquidation. Six congregations had been promised grants for building from £50 to £300, five had obtained grants from £50 up to £280, and eight had obtained promises of additional grants. Since the manse fund had been instituted, £42,124 had been given in grants, and the congregations themselves had contributed for manse £72,246, and the total value of property acquired by the Church was £114,370. Grants to forty-four congregations for debt liquidation had been made, and the total debt extinguished was £20,500. Dr. Scott also gave in a report on evangelistic effort. The total expenditure on home evangelization in 1870 was £4494, and the income from all sources was £5069. Dr. R. S. Scott, Home Secretary, gave in the report on the general statistics of the Church, which showed that returns had been received from 601 congregations, or from 6 more than in any former year, while the number of congregations on the roll was 607, or an increase of seven since 1869. The baptisms last year were 11,671; there were 10,490 Sunday school teachers, and 82,440 scholars. The number of members in full communion with the Church was 179,652, being an increase of 1229, and the average attendance was 205,009 each Sunday. There were 195 Bible-

women, and 6 evangelistic agents. 508 congregational libraries had 139,833 volumes. There were 656 out-stations of the Church, and the total congregational income was £215,866, being an increase of £6183. £68,745 had been contributed for missionary and benevolent purposes, making a total amount collected in 1870 of £284,611. The amount received from legacies during the year was £18,531, and the total income of the Church for the year was £303,142, which exceeds the income for 1869 by £13,575. The amount of payments to ministers was £114,898. The "U. P. Missionary Magazine" for last month states that the amount of money raised by the Church for all purposes during the past ten years was £2,641,924. The following table affords a more definite idea of the progress of the Church:

For the year ending 31st Dec., 1870.	Increase in 10 y.-ars.	
Number of Congregations ..	307 ..	54
Number of Elders in these ..	4,750 ..	714
Members in full communion ..	179,659 ..	12,094
Average Sabbath attendance ..	205,009 ..	6,327
Number of Sabbath School teachers ..	10,490 ..	1,276
Do. Sabbath scholars ..	82,440 ..	10,805
Annual Income for Congregational purposes ..	£212,866 ..	£53,379
Annual Income for Missionary and Benevolent Purposes ..	83,276 ..	31,634
Annual income for all purposes ..	803,142 ..	85,013

The Educational Work in Syria

Is the topic of a Special Report by the Rev. W. W. Eddy, which gives an impressive exhibit of this important matter. The Report aims at brevity, and fairly struggles with its salient facts, all which go to show that education and Christian missions are indissolubly connected, and finally that the common schools need to be increased; their standard of education elevated in many instances; and that the seminaries at Abeih and Beirut, and also the college at the latter place, are suffering for enlargement and endowments.

Safesta

Is one of the northern outposts of the Syrian mission. Prof. Dodge describes it as lying a hard day's journey north of Tripoli, and as built upon three of the conical hills found at intervals on the lower slopes of the mountain ranges along the coast. Protestant missions first gained a foothold there in consequence of the oppressive exactions of the Greek Church upon its own