

General Religious Intelligence.

SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

This Synod met in Ottawa in St. Andrew's Church, on the same day as that on which the General Assembly met, and continued in session till the forenoon of Thursday, 11th. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. Patterson, of Hemmingford, the retiring moderator. The Rev. J. Rannie, M.A., of Chatham, succeeded him in the moderator's chair. The reports of the various committees were highly encouraging, and the business of the Synod transacted in a satisfactory way. As with ourselves, the great work of the session was the union question. Without going into all the stages of the discussion, we may state that they were brought, with a gratifying measure of unanimity—the dissents offered being comparatively few—to the same ground as that on which we stand. The remit sent down by the Synod is the same as that which our Assembly sends down; and the Synod adjourned to meet at Toronto in the beginning of November, to receive the reports of Presbyteries, Sessions and Congregations on the basis of union, with accompanying resolutions.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The General Assembly of the Free Church met at Edinburgh on the 21st May, the opening sermon being preached by Rev. Dr. Duff. He was succeeded in the Moderator's chair by Rev. Dr. R. Stewart, of Leghorn. Dr. Rainy was unanimously appointed Principal of the new College. Many supported the claims of Dr. Duff, but ultimately he withdrew his name. The Report of the Foreign Mission Committee was given in by Dr. Duff. It stated that the income was larger than it had ever been before, with the exception of one year, the total home revenue being £19,959, which, with sums contributed abroad, brought up the revenue to £40,250. A missionary from India and one from Africa addressed the Assembly. The total contributions to the Sustentation Fund were £152,112, 8s. 4d., showing an increase over the preceding year of £15,789, 8s. 6d. The patronage question engaged no small share of the attention of the Assembly. A motion by Dr. Rainy, condemning the Government measure with reference to the Established Church, was carried against one by Mr. Nixon by a large majority. A committee was appointed on the subject of union with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, their action being confined to conference simply. A motion favourable to the proposed General Presbyterian Council was adopted, and a Committee appointed to correspond with other committees.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ESTABLISHED CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

This Assembly met at Edinburgh on the 21st May. The Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn was Her Majesty's Commissioner. Rev. Dr. Traill was appointed successor to Dr. Gillan in the Moderator's chair. The question of patronage was the prominent one engaging the attention of the Assembly. The discussion was prolonged. Dr. Cook moved an amendment to Dr. Pirie's motion in favour of the Government measure, seconded by the Earl of Selkirk, but seeing the feeling of the Assembly, subsequently withdrew it.