

Synod again expressed their sense of the urgent claims of Vancouver's Island and British Columbia as a mission field, and directed the attention of the committee to this point.

With reference to the Juvenile India Mission, it was stated that the children of the schools in Canada had raised \$616 for the orphanage institutions in India, whereby 29 orphans were supported.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLIES IN THE UNITED STATES.

The General Assembly of the Old-School Presbyterian Church met on the 21st May, at Peoria, Illinois. The Rev. J. H. Morrison, of the Presbytery of Indiana, was elected Moderator. The various schemes of the church were reported as on the whole in a satisfactory state, any embarrassment in regard to missionary finances being occasioned chiefly by the high rate of exchange, \$26,500 more having been required for this purpose during the past year, above what was previously required. A spirit of strong attachment to the Union prevailed. The next meeting of the Assembly is appointed to take place at Trenton, N. J.

The New-School Assembly met in Philadelphia. The Assembly passed strong resolutions on the subject of the Union and of Slavery. The subject of Mansees was brought before the Assembly by Mr. J. M. Wilson, publisher of the Presbyterian Almanac, and a committee was appointed to report on this matter.

Both Assemblies passed resolutions for a friendly exchange of commissioners at the General Assemblies. Sentiments in favor of union were freely expressed, and it seems as if the time for reunion were rapidly approaching. Deputations from the United Presbyterian Church, and from the Reformed Dutch Church, were also received.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland met in the Assembly Hall on the third Tuesday of May. Lord Belhaven and Stenton was again Lord High Commissioner, and Dr. Eisset was succeeded in the moderatorship by Dr. Craik, of St. George's Church Glasgow.

The reports of the Colonial Committee and of the Committee on missions in India, &c., presented many features of interest. In British Guiana there are now ten ministers holding parochial charges, besides one ordained missionary. In Ceylon there are six ministers. Aid has been given to congregations in the Argentine Republic, and in other places. The amount raised for the schemes of the church was about £1,000, in excess of the contribution for 1861-2, the amount raised this year being £19,811 3s. 5d.

INNOVATIONS IN WORSHIP.—The Assembly had before it the subject of "Innovations in worship," brought up by an overture from the Presbytery of Aberdeen. Dr. Pirie seconded by Professor Crawford, proposed a motion condemning the innovations referred to, as likely to impair the peace and harmony of the church, and calling on ministers to remember their ordination vows, and in view of them to avoid even the appearance of evil. Dr. Bisset moved that the Assembly find that no case of innovation had arisen calling for interference, and that it be remitted to Presbytery to take order that no change in public worship be introduced inconsistent with the laws of the church, or subversion of the harmony of congregations. The Procurator of the church moved substantially that the subject be referred to a committee, who shall consider the whole matter in connection with the laws and usages of the church, and to refer to next Assembly whether any, or what legislature action may be necessary or expedient, and that ministers and congregations be earnestly recommended to refrain in the meantime from all innovations calculated to impair the peace and harmony of congregations.

Dr. Pirie's motion having been withdrawn, that by the Procurator was carried by a vote of 157 to 41.