

well to observe that even Professor Gibson spoke in terms of warm commendation of the union in Canada and Nova Scotia.

The whole forenoon of Tuesday was devoted to a private conference on the state of religion, and to devotional exercises. In the afternoon Dr. Wood reported on the state of religion and several ministers from different parts of the country made statements relative to revivals in their districts.

FUNDS.—The total amount of the Sustentation Fund for the past year was £112,093 5s.—being an increase of £2,833 7s. 1d. over the previous year. The number of ministers on Presbytery rolls was 839, and of these 730 share in the equal dividend which amounts to £138. The Home Mission Fund amounted to upwards of £6000. All the other funds of the Church were in a healthy condition. That for Ministers' Widows is nearly £90,000.

The Report of the College Committee showed the number of Students in the New College Edinburgh to be 108; Glasgow 45; Aberdeen 43. It recommended immediate and vigorous efforts for the endowment of the Edinburgh Professorships. Rev. Mr. Dunns of Torphichen is to be Lecturer on Natural Science in the Edinburgh College, and Mr Kedie in the Glasgow College.

The Report on *Education* was given in by Dr Candlish. 455 Congregational; 129 industrial; 29 missionary; 4 Grammar; and 2 Normal Schools are supported by the Schen e. The number of teachers is 643. In the Normal Colleges there are upwards of 2000 students.

The Report of *Sabbath Schools* was presented by Mr. W. Dickson. There are 868 congregational Sabbath Schools, and 863 missionary schools. 1631 in all. The teachers numbered 9973, being 5545 male and 4128 female; and the scholars comprised 53,912 boys, 55,201 girls; 109,113 in all.

The *Foreign Mission* Report was submitted by Principal Cunningham. The total amount raised for the object last year was £24,952 3s. 4d., showing an increase over last year of £1161 17s. 6d.

In **MADRAS** there are 8 Stations, 6 ordained European Missionaries, 1 native pastor 2 ordained native missionaries, 3 licensed native preachers, 1 European teacher 1 medical missionary, 18 evangelists and Christian teachers, and 4 students of divinity.

In **BENGAL** there are 9 stations, 6 ordained European missionaries, 3 ordained native missionaries, 1 licensed native missionary, 1 European teacher, 8 native catechists, 6 candidates for the office of catechist, and twelve native christian teachers.

At **NAGPORE** there are 3 Stations with a staff of 12 christian labourers, and 45 native communicants.

At **POONAH** there is one station with 3 ordained European missionaries, 5 other labourers, and 50 communicants.

BOMBAY has 3 stations with 23 labourers, 3 of whom are ordained European missionaries, and 87 native communicants.

In **CAFFRARIA** the Church maintains 33 labourers,* of whom 5 are ordained European missionaries. There are here 577 native communicants.

A *New Mission* has been proposed and is likely to be carried into effect. A Free Church minister and a student of the New College who has nearly completed his theological course propose to commence a mission in Africa, somewhere in the countries laid open by the genius and enterprise of Dr. Livingston. A correspondence has been opened with Livingston through the Foreign Office in London on the subject. The Rev. James Stewart is about to proceed to Africa at the expense of private friends, to inform himself as to the best location for the enterprise, and to gather other needed information.