

were 11,607 teachers, showing an increase of 12. There were 537 schools, and the increase over the number of last year was 38. The number of volumes in the libraries was 155,946, which gave an increase of 19,125; there were thus 155 volumes for every 135 scholars.

The report was cordially approved of, and after several of the members had expressed their satisfaction at the present state of Sabbath schools, and remarked upon their usefulness, the proceedings of the day were closed by prayer.

SATURDAY.

A LETTER AND ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY.

Dr. Paul read the answer to Her Majesty's letter sending a subscription of £2,000, and an address of condolence to Her Majesty on the death of the Duchess of Kent.

The letter and address were adopted.

THE SYNOD OF AUSTRALIA.

The Clerk read a letter from this Synod. It acknowledged the receipt of the affectionate and cheering letter addressed to them by the Church of Scotland. It referred to the untoward circumstances by which they were surrounded—the political commotions, the spiritual carelessness, and the divisions amongst the various churches. The letter, it stated, would have the most salutary effect upon the congregations.

INDIAN CHURCHES.

Dr. Bryce read the annual report on Indian churches, in which it was stated that at Allahabad Mr. Williamson was laboring with increasing usefulness and comfort amongst the Presbyterian soldiers there, that a petition signed by 150 residents, had been sent to the Lieutenant Governor, asking that the services of Mr. Williamson be made available permanently at the station of Allahabad, providing, of course, that these services be afforded at Benares, Lucknow, and Cawnpore; that no action had been taken in the matter by the Government up to March last; that at Meerut, Mr. Thomson was discharging his duties with success and acceptability; that Mr. Dawson was at Umballa; that Mr. Bell had a congregation of 500 at Secunderabad, and had ordained a body of elders and constituted a church session; that that congregation had organised a native pastorate, and had engaged a native convert as a Scripture reader; that at Bellary the Rev. Mr. Walker was acting as a chaplain to a Scotch regiment, to the great satisfaction of all; that at Bombay and Poonah the chaplains had been laboring amongst the soldiers, and that a native agency had also been organised.

Principal Tulloch expressed his satisfaction at the report, and moved its adoption.

Professor C. Swinton seconded the motion, which was adopted.

ARMY AND NAVY CHAPLAINS.

Dr. Cook, of St. Andrews, read the report of the Committee on Army and Navy Chap-

lains. It stated that the number of chaplains was much below what was required, and not in proportion to those belonging to the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church; that there should be at least one chaplain for each Scotch regiment.

Dr. Nisbet, Edinburgh, moved the adoption of the report.

Dr. Irvine, of Blair Atholl, seconded the motion.

The report was adopted.

HOME MISSION.

Dr. Crawford read the report of the Home Mission Committee. It stated that the income had increased considerably; that last year the collections were £3,865; that the number of contributing congregations had increased to 994; that grants had been made to Kelvinhaugh, in the Barony Parish, to the extent of £300, and to Springfield, in Cupar, to the extent of 150, and that the former of these churches had been built.

Dr. Pirie moved the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

The report on the Conversion of the Jews was held over because of the lateness of the hour and the few members who were present.

The proceedings were concluded by prayer.

MONDAY.

REPORT OF COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

Dr. Fowler, in the absence of Dr. Stevenson, read the report of the Colonial Committee, which gave a detailed statement of the committee's operations in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, British Guiana, Jamaica, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, Buenos Ayres, and British Columbia, and concluded by imploring that a special effort should be made to replenish the reserve fund, which had been seriously encroached upon. The whole ordinary income of the committee for the year to 15th April was £3,264 3s. 10d., being £301 10s. 6d., more than the income of the previous year; and the whole expenditure of the committee for the same period had been £3,876 15s. 11d., being £45 19s. 8d. more than for the previous year. The committee had to commence the year with a balance due to the bank of £326 17s. 8d., and without the prospect of any further general collection for the period of the next ten months.

After some conversation, the report was, on the motion of Dr. Cock, St. Andrew's, unanimously adopted.

THURSDAY.

THE SCOONIE CASE.

Dr. Anderson of Newburgh, spoke on behalf of the Synod of Fife.

Mr. Miller, for the presentee, left the case on the sermons, and upon the defence of these sermons so ably presented by his learned friend.

Mr. Gifford, content with what Mr. Lorri-