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One feature of the late meeting of Synod was the large number who took part in the work. To give names in connection with an account of the work would be reproducing, on a not very minute scale, the Synod Roll.

Rev. John Jamieson, missionary in Formosa with Dr. Mackay has been for some time in very feeble health through lung disease. Writing to Dr. Wardrope, Mrs. Jamieson says: "We hope for the best, but it is well that you, as well as we, should at the same time be prepared for the worst."

Mr. Henry stated in his report to Synod that there were 63 congregations of our Synod, whose young people gave no collection last year for the Dayspring and Mission Schools Fund. If the church of a score of years hence is to be an active, working, giving church, the children of to-day must be trained to take an interest and do their part in sending the gospel to the heathen.

An interesting account of a tour in Erromanga, "blood-stained Erromanga"—the "Martyr isle" is given on another page. We have frequently given lengthy and most interesting accounts by our missionary, Mr. Robertson, of his work there; and the progress that it has made. Mr. McDonald, one of the younger missionaries accompanied him on a tour that he recently made through the island, and has kindly sent us a report of it for which on our own behalf and that of our readers we are deeply thankful. There are two other articles to follow.

The Convener of the Home Mission Committee spoke as follows at the late meeting of Synod, and we commend his words to the prayerful consideration of a Christian people. "Our great difficulty is lack of men. A number of laymen are likely to be employed. Elders ought to go out to stations within their reach, especially during the winter months. There are only three good probationers in the field. We need at least fifteen. Why have we not more men?—More for the Home Mission—more for the Foreign Mission. Ministers do not preach enough about the duty of devoting the young to the ministry. Parents should devote their boys to this work. Last spring ten young men graduated from Pine Hill; within six weeks of their graduation the ten were settled or nearly so,"

It is not their Roman Catholic friends and neighbors and fellow citizens of whom men are so often constrained to make complaints but that ecclesiastics—political system, the Papacy which Father McGlynn calls "the machine." What might be expected if the papacy had the power, is seen in the fact stated by *The Christian World* of London, that the Pope recently convened the secret consistory, to denounce, as an outrage upon the Papacy, the action of the Italian Government in erecting a statute to Giordano Bruno on the spot where in 1600 he was burned as a heretic. He was a grand man of noble character and brilliant powers, but upon some obscure questions he held opinions which the Papacy did not approve, and he was burned simply for holding what they regarded as heretical. And now the papacy endorses the act of centuries ago, showing that in its attitude towards religious liberty and human progress, it is still the same. The *London Standard* which does not often touch upon such matters is moved to say: "The legitimate inference is that, if they had the power, they would again pile up the faggots and thrust in the torch as a punishment for the holding of opinions on certain abstract points in which they themselves do not happen to participate."