

of the Loukouga forms a kind of delta of sand, where the water flows in several small streams which unite about a mile from the lake to form a river; this flows between banks of soft sandy earth, 50 to 100 feet high. The mountains, which are lower to the north of the river, increase in height near Ouvia, to the northwest of the lake; they reach a height which Mr. Fergusson estimated to be 8,000. These mountains form a range parallel to those of the north-eastern side, whose height is also quite considerable. From Lake Tanganyika Messrs. More and Fergusson proceeded to Lake Kivu, which was first seen in 1894 by the German Lieutenant Von Goetzon. Mr. Sharpe and the German Doctor Kandt, who have recently explored that region, say that the position of Lake Kivu is very badly laid out on the maps. The present explorers climbed the volcano of Karounga, which is in activity; it lies on the north bank of the lake. They proceeded then to Lake Albert Edward, and arrived about the middle of February at Fort Gerry, having decided to make the ascension of Mount Rouenzori, which has an altitude of 17,600 feet. It is the principal peak of the mountainous region which rises between Lakes Albert and Albert Edward.

Sparks from Other Anvils.

Herald and Presbyter: Out from Christian homes go the influences that are for the upbuilding of the Church and the reclamation of the world. May these centers be guarded most jealously, even as we guard well our hearts, for out of them are the issues of life.

United Presbyterian: It is said that wisdom abides with the many. It is an old maxim that the voice of the people is the voice of God. To a very limited extent this is true. A multitude is easily swayed. Passion is easily stirred and sweeps all before it. Notably large assemblies are not safe deliberative bodies.

Presbyterian Banner: There is a spirit appropriate to every place, and for the Lord's house this is surely silence, seriousness, reverence. A light and flippant air, noisy behavior, whispering, talking laughing, are out of place and painful in the sanctuary. Worship is a state of heart that forbids and excludes such a spirit. In the presence of God while in communion with Him we should grow quiet and serious and reverent.

Sunday School Times: There is nothing in us, unless it be our exceeding need, that commends us to Christ. Not even our utmost love for him as the Saviour, but his exceeding love for us as sinners, brings us within the sweep of his salvation, and gives us hope forevermore.

"O Saviour, I have nought to plead
In earth beneath or heaven above,
But just my own exceeding need,
And thy exceeding love."

Canadian Baptist: The statistics of membership in Baptist churches do not correctly represent the full strength of Baptist sentiment. No one can secure admission to a Baptist church who does not reject infant baptism and hold to believer's immersion. On the other hand, there are multitudes of people who adopt our belief who still continue their membership in pedobaptist churches. There are also many who have been members of Baptist churches, who, from other reasons than a change of belief, unite with churches of other bodies. In this way the comparative statistics of ourselves and pedobaptist bodies are doubly unfavorable to us.

The United Free Church of Scotland.

"A Great Day for Presbyterianism."

Edinburgh, October 31st.

The long-contemplated Union of the Free Church of Scotland and the United Presbyterian Church was consummated to day in a specially constructed hall in the Waverley Market, Edinburgh. Early in the day each of these hitherto separate bodies held their last meeting as such in their respective halls in the city, whence, after short religious exercises, they marched two deep in a down-pour of rain to the foot of the Mound, where they united, and, filing in four abreast, proceeded to the Union Assembly Hall. Notwithstanding the particularly unfavourable weather for witnessing a procession, thousands of people lined the route, the traffic thereon being stopped in the meantime. Admission to the hall, which was capable of seating 6,300 people, was by ticket, and crowds of interested persons were greatly disappointed on discovering that, for want of this passport, they were denied the coveted pleasure and undoubted privilege of being spectators of a scene which will be historic in the annals of Scotland, and especially of that which is best in Scotland—its Presbyterianism.

The Meeting of Assembly.

Punctually at 11.30 the voice of the usher was heard in the back regions of the platform shouting at the pitch of his voice, "Moderators." The great assemblage rose and received the official heads. Dr. Walter Ross Taylor, preceded by the Free Church usher, led the way, followed by Dr. Mair, preceded likewise by the usher of the United Presbyterian Hall. The Clerks followed. Dr. Kenned and Dr. Melville sat at one table and Dr. Henderson and Dr. Blair at another. The proceedings opened with the singing of the 133rd Psalm. Dr. Ross Taylor offered prayer. Dr. Mair then took the chair and read a passage of Scripture, he also offered up prayer, in which he expressed a hope that they might look back upon that Assembly as a season when God was with them in a truth, and that out of the fountain of that meeting there might be given streams of blessing to all countries throughout the world.

Free and U. P. No More

Dr. Ross Taylor then rising, asked if it was the will of the Assembly to adopt the Act. The whole vast assemblage stood up and applauded. Then, addressing the House Dr. Taylor said—"In presence of our Divine Head, the King and Head of the Church, and with the concurrence of my brother Moderator, I declare the Act of Union officially adopted, and that the Free Church of Scotland and that the United Presbyterian Church are now one Church in Christ Jesus, under the designation of the United Free Church of Scotland." The Assembly then sang a few verses of the 72nd Psalm, after which Dr. Mair and Dr. Ross Taylor, as the Moderators of the dead Churches, gave each other the right hand of fellowship. The ceremony was received with loud cheers. One Moderator then said—"May the Three One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, richly bless the United Free Church of Scotland" and the other added, "and make it a blessing to Scotland and the world, and a glory of our Lord and King. Amen."

Adopting The Uniting Act.

The Rev. Dr. Murray Mitchell, the oldest minister in the Free Church present, moved the adoption of the Uniting Act. Union,

he said, was supposed to be strength, and undoubtedly the sister Churches, when united, would be much stronger than they were when apart. Further unions, they trusted, would ere long come. He believed they all desired that the day would speedily arrive when all the Presbyterians in our land would be gathered into one fold. In the meantime that incorporation was not possible, and so long as it might not be possible there ought to be much co-operation, and he would go further and say there ought to be an alliance, a confederation. Numerical strength was nothing; it might even become a delusion and a snare if it were not accompanied by moral and spiritual strength. There had been several unions throughout the world, and the blessing of Heaven had descended upon them, and they prayed and hoped that the smile of Heaven would also be granted to the latest union of them all, but not, they hoped, the last. Believing that this union would be a blessing to Scotland, and through Scotland to the world, he had the honor and the joy of moving that the Act be passed. (Cheers.)

Dr. Andrew Henderson, the oldest minister in the United Presbyterian Church, seconded the motion.

The Act was then laid on the Moderator's table, and Dr. Ross Taylor and Dr. Mair appended their signatures to it. Dr. Ross Taylor then announced that the Assembly of the United Free Church would be constituted. Dr. Taylor offered thanks to God, saying that what many righteous minds desired to see and laboured to effect, He had given them to see, and now in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ they constituted themselves as a General Assembly of the United Free Church.

Election of The First Moderator.

Dr. Mair then nominated Dr. Rainy as the first Moderator of the first General Assembly of the United Free Church of Scotland. The occasion, said Dr. Mair, was unique; it was of historical importance, and it claimed for the chair a man of the highest distinction. Only one name has been made in connection with the office, either on the Free Church side or on the United Presbyterian side, and they had now the joy of giving expression to this unanimous feeling by nominating the Rev. Dr. Rainy.

At the conclusion of the speech, the audience rose en masse, and cheered and waved handkerchiefs. It was announced that owing to the absence, through ill-health, of the Earl of Moray, the nomination would be seconded by Lord Overton. Lord Overton in doing so, said that to know Dr. Rainy was to love him, and the reason why some people did not love him was because they did not know him. While he was speaking, the Earl of Rosebury entered and took a seat on the left of the chair. Amid ringing cheers Dr. Rainy was then ushered into the hall, and took the chair, Dr. Ross Taylor shaking him by the hand, and saying—It gives me inexpressible pleasure to welcome to this chair of the first General Assembly of the United Free Church the man who has so wisely fought, earnestly laboured, and devoutly prayed to bring about the result we to-day witness. The venerable Principal bowed to the House, and seated himself for a minute prior to delivering his address.

The First Moderator's Address.

The Rev. Principal Rainy, who was cordially received, in the course of his address said—Fathers and brethren, I thank you with all my heart for the honour you have