

British and Foreign.

THE SCOTCH ASSEMBLIES.

THE FREE CHURCH. (Continued.)

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

DURING the adjourned debate on Religion and Morals, Mr. J. Campbell White, the Glasgow millionaire, who is so enthusiastic in the support of all evangelistic agencies, found himself at variance with the views of some of his hearers.

When Rev. W. Ross Taylor arose to propose Dr. Marcus Dods for the chair of New Testament Exegesis, at Edinburgh, he was greeted with prolonged applause.

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ELECTION OF SUSTENTATION FUND SECRETARY.

In moving that Dr. Melville be appointed to the secretaryship of the Sustentation Fund, Dr. Adam said there was an idea that a layman should be elected to the office; but though in committee he had been of that opinion, too, it would be difficult to get a professional man with the qualifications required at a salary which the Church could afford to give.

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT.

in which it was stated that in ten years the number of natives baptized, and of young men and women evangelized in colleges and schools, had more than doubled.

DISCUSSION ON THE CONFESSION.

The long anticipated debate on the Confession was opened in a crowded house by Rev. Wm. Balfour, who moved that the Assembly refuse to entertain the overtures which had been sent up so far as they suggested any change in the doctrinal standards of the Church.

Rev. A. Inglis, of Dundee, seconded, and suggested that if a committee were appointed it ought to embrace all sections of the Church, so that the coming conflicts should be carried on as much as possible within the committee itself.

In proposing the appointment of a committee to consider the whole question, Principal Brown said he was afraid a number of their good ministers and excellent elders had subscribed to the Confession of Faith, as he himself did, sixty-three years ago, as if it were little else than an extension of the Shorter Catechism.

Dr. Adam, in seconding, remarked that the motion was truly a conservative motion. To oppose all change, reasonable and unreasonable alike; to shut their eyes to the signs and to close their ears to the calls of the times in which they lived; to take up a position in every respect of non postumum when every proposal was made, he said, that was not truly conservative.

Rev. A. Forbes proposed that the prayers of the Overtures should not be granted until the Church was informed what was the precise nature of the modifications desired, and Rev. J. Smith moved that the Overtures be remitted to the Presbyteries from which they emanated for that purpose.

Towards the close of the debate Dr. Walter C. Smith said the Confession would be greatly improved as an ecclesiastical symbol if a great deal of its contents were omitted. They ought to drop what was unnecessary, and formulate their theology on the Word of God.

When the vote came to be taken, all the motions made were withdrawn, save those of Rev. W. Balfour and Principal Brown. Of these the latter was supported by 413 members and the former by 130.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Rev. William Ross submitted this report on Friday morning. It declared that the advantages already accruing from early closing in towns under 50,000 population were such as must necessarily foster and would strengthen the demand for early closing over the whole of Scotland, while the conviction might now be said to be national.

UNION WITH THE UNITED PRESBYTERIANS.

Rev. James Wells proposed a motion calling on the Assembly to invite all ministers and members of the Free Church to consider the whole subject, and also to promote local and general co-operation between their Church and the United Presbyterian.

After Professor T. Smith had seconded the motion, Rev. J. A. Fletcher remarked that he was at present arranging with the United Presbyterian minister in his parish for carrying on a united Sabbath-school. He would have liked that something had been proposed in the way of co-operation with the Established as well as with the United Presbyterian Church. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

DR. DODS AND HIS OPPONENTS.

A private meeting of constitutionalist ministers and elders took place in the evening, at which about thirty were present. It is reported that in the general conversation the opinion was expressed that the appointment of Dr. Dods is indicative of a tendency in the Free Church towards heterodoxy.

The closing sittings of the Assembly took place on Tuesday. In the afternoon Dr. W. C. Smith moved a resolution deploring the increase of the armaments of European nations, and urging the Church to join with other Churches in petitioning Parliament on the matter.

a returning wave of barbarism, once more taking them back to the condition when every citizen was a fighting man. The motion was seconded by Professor Simpson, and carried. At the evening sitting the Moderator (Dr. Laird) delivered his closing address, in which he dwelt with the present position and prospects of the Church.

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