

It represents a Church that we may be proud to call ours; for it has sprung from the same ancestry and has far eclipsed in size the parent trunk. Year by year we are sure to come into closer connection with it, and it may be that before long there shall be a confederation of all the Presbyterian Churches in America. And why should we rest at that point? For the Lutheran Church and the Dutch-Reformed are essentially Presbyterian; and if united with them, we would form the largest Protestant Church on the Continent. From a letter just received from Chicago, dated May 30, we learn that the Rev. Dr. Jenkins and James Croil, Esq., had been received by the Assembly as delegates from our Synod in Canada; and also that the Assembly has appointed as delegates to the Synod in St. John, N. B., the Rev. Jas. B. Dunn, of Boston, (with Rev. C. S. Durfee, Newburyport, as alternate) and R. Crooke, Esq., of Boston, as Elder. The Assembly has also appointed the Rev. Dr. T. L. Cuyler and Rev. Mr. Dunn to represent the American Church to the Scottish Assemblies next May. We give this as good news, and we are sure that the gentlemen who come to us in St. John will receive a cordial Christian welcome from the brethren in Synod, and the hospitable city on the Bay of Fundy.

Since the above was written, the English Mail has come in, and with it the Scotch papers up to May 20th. The Church news is given at great length, for, though the Assemblies met on the 18th, the Courts of the small denominations always meet a few days earlier, and besides, preparatory to the Assemblies, Committees, Conferences, &c., are summoned, and a vast amount of work is got into shape. Infinitely more of Scottish national life and feeling is expressed through the Church Courts than through either the press or Parliament. Two positive reasons of this are, that the national religious life is both sincere and homogeneous, and that the constitutional forms of Presbytery just meet the wants of a free and intelligent people.

The Reformed Presbyterian Synod has met in Glasgow. This is the smallest of the three Churches now negotiating for union, and it seems more ready

for it than either of the others. Dr. Gould submitted the Report of the Committee on Union, and stated that every Presbytery had declared in favour of it. A series of resolutions in favour was carried by a vote of 50 to 3; the little minority objecting on a great variety of grounds, such as, that the Basis of Union did not distinctly condemn millenarianism, nor condemn the singing of hymns and paraphrases, nor uphold the high claims of Presbytery, as the only form of church government, of divine right and origin.

In the U. P. Synod which meets next, and also comes next in point of importance, a resolution was carried affirming that their Committee on Union had expressed fairly the mind of the Church in the 'Articles of Agreement' drawn up by them and the F. C. Committee; here, too, a minority, neither insignificant in talent nor numbers, for it is headed by men like Hutton, of Paisley, Renton, of Kelso, &c., and is estimated at from 40 to 60, offered a formidable opposition on the ground that the 'Articles of Agreement' had slurred over Voluntaryism—the distinctive position of their church. This is a bad sign for Union in Scotland; for there is now, for the first time, a U. P. minority and majority, as well as the old Free Kirk majority and minority.

The 'Dalkeith heresy case' was settled by a Committee of Synod. It was found that Mr. Ferguson was reasonably sound in the faith, and Mr. Dods, the elder, who had so keen a scent for heresy, was a rude, coarse-minded, vain-glorious creature, who ought to have been snuffed out at his first appearance.

The Rev. Dr. Edmond, of London, was the Moderator of the U. P. Synod, for this church includes, as an integral part, nearly a hundred congregations in England, and thus is not like the F. C. or the Church of Scotland, exclusively Scottish. The financial statistics presented to the Synod show a healthy increase for the past year.

In the F. C. Assembly, the Rev. Mr. Elder, a man far inferior to most of his predecessors, was elected Moderator.

We may say the same of Rev. R. H. Stevenson, the Moderator of the Church of Scotland Assembly. The Earl of Stair is the Lord High Commissioner.