

The MODERATOR then tendered the thanks of the House to the Very Rev. Principal and to Dr. Arnot, the vice-convenor, for their successful labours in the cause of Colonial Missions.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON, CANADA WEST.—On the motion of Dr. SIMPSON, supported by Professor Campbell, who explained the circumstances under which the application was made for the grant of a piece of ground adjoining the college, belonging to the Board of Ordinance Department of the Home Government.

The Assembly having had brought under its consideration an application from the trustees of the University of Queen's College, Kingston, Canada West, to her Majesty's Government, for a grant to said trustees of a piece of land adjoining the buildings of said college, unanimously agreed to recommend said application to the favourable consideration of her Majesty's Government.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON POPERY.—The Rev. JAS. C. FOWLER, of Ratho, Convenor of the Assembly's Committee on Popery, gave in and read the report on that subject.

A lengthened discussion ensued, in the course of which Dr. Hill moved that the General Assembly approve of the report of the Committee on Popery, record their thanks to the Committee, and especially to the Convenor, and of the diligence and zeal with which they have prosecuted the matter to which they were directed and authorised to attend, and extend their exertions so far as circumstances permit and render admissible.

Dr. GRANT then introduced to the notice of the House the Rev. Dr. Blakeney of Birkenhead, Liverpool, Honorary Secretary to the Protestant Reformation Society, and proposed that the Assembly should hear a statement by that gentleman.

The Rev. Dr. BLAKENEY then addressed the House, stating that he would not at that late hour detain them, and, after a brief introduction said—I thank you for the privilege you have afforded to me of appearing at the bar of your venerable House. I thank you especially for the good will which it indicates towards a sister Church, and I hope that the proceedings of this day will give evidence to the world at large that, there are churchmen on both sides of the Tweed who can strive together with one heart and one mind for the faith of the Gospel. We have great principles in common, not only as Christian Churches, but as national establishments of the United Kingdom. We have common interests and common foes, and I trust that we shall likewise have, through the blessing of God, a common, a vigorous, and successful action for the maintenance and extension of the Kingdom of our God. May God bless the Churches of this realm, and enable them, in harmony with each other, to contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints.

I rejoice that the Scottish Churchman and English Churchman can now shake hands, across the borders, evidencing to the world, that, while each retains his own polity, they are one in heart and soul, determined to stand together for the common faith. This co-operation will be most important, as offering a check to the extreme party to which I have referred. It will be seen that true sons of the Church

of Scotland and true sons of the Church of England can combine for good. And, let it not be supposed that, in giving utterance to these sentiments, I am diverging from those of the Church of England. I rejoice that the Church of which I am a minister gives no sanction to the views of the Romanizers, who endeavour to find shelter under certain ambiguities in the prayer-book, but who cannot fairly evade the force of the plain, decided statements of our dogmatic formularies.

I well remember the first meeting which I attended in Edinburgh. A number of the Church of Scotland opened the meeting with a prayer, in which he invoked a blessing upon the churches of England, Scotland and Ireland. After the meeting, I expressed my satisfaction to him, and I told him that the 55th canon directs the clergy of the English Church to call upon the people to pray for Christ's Holy Catholic Church—"that is," says the canon, "for the whole congregation of Christian people dispersed throughout the world, and especially for the churches of England, Scotland, and Ireland." Mark—"especially for the churches of England, Scotland, and Ireland." This is the canon law of the Church of England. This canon was drawn up in 1603, when the Church of Scotland was Presbyterian. I rejoice, therefore, that the church of which I am a minister, does not exclude herself from but takes a position among the reformed churches. Away, then, with the human sentiment, that no church is a church of Christ which does not possess a particular kind of hierarchical succession. I rejoice, that northern churchmen and southern churchmen are now about to co-operate, and in that sentiment I am joined by a large body of clergy in England. We love the Church of Scotland—we love her evangelical formularies—we love her for the truth's sake—we sympathise with her in all her struggles, and are ready to labour for her in her efforts—to weep with her when she weeps, and to rejoice with her when she rejoices. And our earnest prayer on behalf of Scotland, as well as England, is,—“peace be within her walls and salvation within her bulwarks.”

Dr. BISSSET, in moving the thanks of the Assembly to Dr. Blakeney for his interesting address, said that his fame was in all the Churches, and that no members of that House could be ignorant of his high character and attainments—"not to know him was to argue one's self unknown."

The MODERATOR (Dr. Grant) then in a beautiful and eloquent address tendered the thanks of the Assembly to Dr. Blakeney.

To be concluded.

Kelso Parochial Association.

It had long been the earnest desire of some members of the Kelso Parish Church, to form a missionary association for the purpose of endeavouring to increase the parochial contributions for the support of the Schemes of the Church of Scotland. This desire was at length realised in November 1854, when the minister and kirk-session, together with a number of the members of the congregation, met, and formed themselves into an association for the above purpose. A number of the young members of the Church volunteered their services as collectors, and to each was assigned a district. The collectors in their first round of calls were generally received with great kindness, and met with much en-

couragement and success, and have gone on till this time with untiring zeal, and with uniform success. Some discouragement met them occasionally from those who are lukewarm in the cause, and who decline supporting such schemes, but on the whole they have reason to be thankful that their unselfish efforts have been so far encouraging.

It has been thought necessary to circulate missionary information among all classes, and, for this purpose, the collectors are provided each with several copies of the *Missionary Record*, to circulate among their contributors. By this means they hope to awaken an increased interest in the minds of their fellow-Christians in the spiritual and eternal welfare of those who are destitute of the privileges they themselves enjoy; and thus, being induced to subscribe more liberally, be the means of spreading far and wide the knowledge of the kingdom of Christ.

At a meeting of the Directors lately held, it was unanimously agreed to forward to the treasurer of the schemes, the amount of money at present on hand; so that the sum now sent is the result of five monthly collections, and though (£22, 11s. 9d.) not very large, yet we entertain great hopes that during the coming year, the exertions of the collectors will enable the association to forward a much larger amount next year. This contribution is of course quite independent of the church door collections, but our experience has been too short to enable us to form a judgement as to the operation of the association upon these collections. In one or two of these, for the schemes which have taken place since the formation of the association, the amount has been much the same as usual.

Presbytery of Edinburgh.

The annual public meeting of the Presbytery of Edinburgh, in behalf of the schemes of the Church, took place in St Andrew's Church on Wednesday—the Rev. DAVID BROWN, Moderator of the Presbytery, presiding, after devotional exercises, the Rev. Henry Duff, Presbytery Clerk, read an abstract statement of the contributions of the different congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery for the five schemes of the Church and of the additional sums raised for educational and benevolent purposes, the total sum being £9,499 16s. The Rev. C. Fowler, Ratho, remarked that the report was of the most gratifying kind, and showed an increase, as compared with the previous year, of £2904 in the contributions within the Presbytery towards the different objects promoted by the Church. While there has been in the whole this increase, there has been a deficiency in the contributions of every one of the schemes proper for the General Assembly. It was, therefore, hoped that, in future, while the Church was enlarging her liberality towards educational and benevolent purposes, she would keep up, if not increase, her contributions towards the six schemes. It was also