

a very able and appropriate sermon, which has been published. During the year four ministers had been removed by death; four had demitted their charges; six had been translated; and twenty had been ordained. The Rev. Professor Eadie was unanimously elected Moderator. Professor La Harpe, Geneva; M. F. Monod, Paris; M. De Leifde, Amsterdam; and M. Filhol, of the Belgian Evangelical Church, were invited to take their seats as Corresponding Members. After the devotional exercises of Tuesday forenoon, the whole of that day was occupied with matters of little public interest. On Wednesday the report was given in respecting the contemplated Union between the U. P. Church and the Associate Presbytery of Ireland. It appeared that Sessions and Presbyteries were divided in opinion as to the expediency of the measure at present. The Rev. Mr. McIntyre and Rev. Dr. Bryce, representatives of the Presbytery, addressed the Synod, and the matter was referred to a Committee which reported favourably, and a Deputation was appointed to visit the Churches of the Presbytery. Professor McMichael reported respecting the Fund for Aged and Infirm ministers amounting to £17,014, of which £2,057 had been contributed by ministers. It was highly satisfactory that so large a sum had been raised during the year. Reference was made also to Dr. Brown's Jubilee Fund, which had been doubled by contributions from the families of the late Rev. Dr. Heugh, Glasgow, and of the late Rev. Mr. Leckie, Peebles. In the evening the Annual Synodical Missionary meeting was held in the Music Hall, the Moderator in the chair. The Rev. Dr. Somerville, Mission Secretary, read the Report. The Home Committee had supplemented the stipends of 184 congregations. These contained an aggregate membership of 17,376. There had been in them 1676 accessions, and 1271 removals, giving an increase of 405. The average contribution of each member was between 17 and 18 shillings sterling. The report on Foreign Missions related—to Canada with 60 ministers and about 100 congregations—to Jamaica with 24 congregations and an Academy having 2 Professors, 60 Public Scholars, and 12 Students in Divinity and Philosophy—to Trinidad with 2 congregations—to Old Calabar with 4 stations, 5 ordained missionaries, 1 medical missionary, 2 male and 6 female teachers, a carpenter, and a printing press—to Australia, where discord and division prevailed among the ministers—and to South India, where the Synod's educational agent had circulated 5000 school maps and 200,000 books and tracts during the year. Reference was made also to Continental Evangelisation, the Mission Board having granted £500 to the Union of Evangelical Churches in France, and £250 to the Evangelical Society of Geneva. The Board had also during 1856 given £2,236 to aid the cause of Christ in Holland, Belgium, France and Piedmont. This sum consisted of collections by congregations, donations by individuals and funds raised by theological students. There are eight mission churches in Glasgow, to which have been admitted within the last four years 750 persons formerly living in neglect of Divine ordinances. These churches have 780 Sabbath scholars, 304 in ministers' classes, 230 week-day scholars, and 340 attending prayer meetings. Last year they raised £812. James Peddie, Esq., Synod Treasurer, read the financial Report, from which it appeared that £5,875 had been contributed for Home and £14,131 for Foreign Missions. He expressed the high satisfaction he felt in reflecting that whereas he had, when first appointed Treasurer, to report a fund of only £1,500, that fund now exceeded £20,000. Very eloquent and effective speeches were afterwards delivered by the Rev. Dr. Paterson of Kirkwall, W. Duncan, Esq., Chairman of the Mission Board, Professor La Harpe, and M. Monod. Next day the Synod granted indemnity to the Presbytery of Dundee, which, at the request of the Board of Missions, had licensed and ordained Mr. Whitecross as a missionary to the Grand Caymanas, without his having passed through the Hall, but at the same time declared that this should not be viewed as a precedent. The Synod agreed that an application from the missionaries at Calabar to be formed into a Presbytery should lie on the table. The difficulty was to forming a Presbytery without Ruling Elders. The Synod some time ago made very stringent regulations respecting the admission of slaveholders to church fellowship at Calabar, and with reference to this, it was agreed that the missionaries there should be requested to furnish information as to the operations of that kind in regard to the admission of native members. A Petition was presented from two Ministers and two Elders in Australia setting forth that they had deemed it necessary to separate from the U. P. Synod of Victoria and praying that they might be