

to appoint a Committee to examine and report at an early day. Upwards of 2000 volumes of religious books, about 1,300 copies of the scriptures, and 20,000 pages of tracts, with a large quantity of other religious reading matter, have thus been put in circulation. The accounts were received; and Revs. A. Cameron and D. McNeill were appointed a committee to examine and report on them. On motion, it was agreed that as many of the members of Presbytery as can attend, be directed to meet for conference with the Church of Scotland Presbytery to meet next day.

At a meeting held on Thursday morning, the supplement to weak congregations were generally recommended as formerly. In reference to the proposed Rules and Forms of Procedure, it was agreed to recommend to Committee to add a rule for the guidance of Presbyteries in effecting the union of congregations, or in dividing them. Rev. J. G. Cameron was appointed to preach in the different sections of the West Point congregation during the third week of June. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of Synod to be held in Charlottetown.

R. LAIRD, Clerk.

Conference of Presbyteries.

At St. James' Church, Charlottetown, on the 19th May, a conference was held by mutual agreement between the Presbytery of the Church of Scotland and that of the Church of the Lower Provinces. There were present the Rev. Messrs. Munro, Murray, R. Laird, Frame, Cameron, Duncan, Stewart, McWilliam, ministers; and the Hon. Col. Gray, Messrs. John Simpson, D. Laird, Isaac Thompson, Bell and Charles Kennedy, Elders.

On motion to that effect the Rev. Mr. Munro was unanimously appointed Chairman, and Mr. McWilliam, Clerk. The Chairman stated that the object of the conference was to consider the subject of education in so far as it referred to the question of separate schools, and to determine what united action should be taken by the two bodies in this matter. The subject was fully considered, and it was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed, to appoint a committee on the subject of education, authorizing them to take such steps, as in their wisdom may seem best calculated to bring the subject prominently before the minds of the Presbyterian population of the Island. The committee to consist of the following members: The Hon. Col. Gray, Convener; the Rev. Messrs. Duncan, R. Laird, J. Allan, A. McLean, (Belfast,) the Hon. Mr. Henderson, and Messrs. John Simpson and Isaac Thompson.

ALEX. MCWILLIAM, Clerk.

Religious Intelligence.

SCOTLAND.—The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church was held at Edinburgh early in May. The Foreign Mission work of the Church was regarded as in a favourable and encouraging condition. The policy of union with the Free and United Presbyterian Church was approved by a vote of 55 to 4.—No tidings have yet reached us of the meetings of the other Scottish Supreme courts. The proceedings of the Free Church Assembly are looked for with much anxiety. The opponents of the proposed union have organized a Defence Association, and have held public meetings and put forth great exertions to stop the negotiations. Drs. Begg, H. Bonar, Gibson, Forbes and other estimable men are at the head of this opposition. Overtures proposed by the friends of union have been sent up by most of the Presbyteries to the Assembly. The policy proposed by Dr. Candlish and the friends of union, and which is likely to be adopted by the Assembly, is to send the Report of the Union Committee down to Presbyteries and thus submit the matter to the Church. The Basis of Union is to be the Standards pure and simple.

The United Presbyterians are ripe for the Union.

The Established Church has made no progress towards getting rid of Patronage. A bad broad-schoolism is developing in some parts of the Church that will require to be lopped off if the Church is to maintain her position as an Evangelical institution. Dr. Wallace, successor of Dr. Robert Lee, indulges in exceedingly "broad" and neological speculations.

Dr. James Buchanan, late Professor of Theology in the New College, died on the 19th April. He was ordained in the year 1828 to the parish of Roslin, and in the same year he accepted a call to North Leith. During his ministry in North Leith, Dr. Buchanan published his popular works on "Comfort in Affliction, and the Improvement of Affliction," and on "The Holy Ghost." In the year 1840 he was translated to the High Church, Edinburgh, his colleague being the late Dr. Gordon. In 1843 both cast in their lot with the Free Church without a moment's hesitation.—Dr. Buchanan then became the minister of Free St. Stephen's church, until his appointment to the chair in the New College, rendered vacant by the death of Dr. Chalmers in 1847. For a period of twenty-one years Dr. Buchanan faithfully and ably discharged the duties of Professor, first of Apologetics, and then of Systematic Divin-