

attended by 6072 scholars, and that in the shape of Privy Council grants, they receive more than £4 for every pound paid by the Synod.—The income of the Home Mission Committee was £907. The Rev. Mr. Steel, of Cheltenham, referring to the small stipends of some ministers, said “their Clerk had once remarked to him that a good many of their congregations had the mark of the beast. They forbade their ministers to marry, or if they did marry, they compelled them to abstain from meats.” The Rev. Mr. Alexander, of Chelsea, said he “did not quite agree with all that had been said in regard to the small salaries of the ministers. He thought that a good deal depended on the ministers themselves; and if a minister who was now in a place with £100 a-year, was worth double that, he (Mr. Alexander) would soon find a place for him with £200. For his own part, he rather liked these small stipends, for they were a capital discipline on young ministers. He remembered that the first time he heard Dr. Hamilton was in a small country church which he might almost carry on his back, with his sermon in one hand and a candle in the other. He believed that in these small retired places ministers were fitted for higher posts; and he feared that, with reference to the raising of the stipends, they were putting the cart before the horse. They proposed first to raise the stipends and then to raise the men, but they ought first to raise the men and then the stipends themselves would rise.” The Foreign Mission Committee reported that they had nine missionaries in the field, and that the income for the year, including a balance from last year, was £282s.—The Report of the Temperance Committee set forth the necessity of continued and increased effort. Several members spoke of having been for a considerable time on the Continent without seeing one intoxicated person.—The College Committee reported that fourteen students were in attendance—9 English, 3 Scotch, 2 Irish.—The College income was £960. The Presbytery of London was directed to proceed with the licensing of Students.—An overture on the subject of Slavery was introduced, and Dr. McCrie suggested that a remonstrance might be addressed to the Old School Presbyterians in America, but nothing was done beyond giving expression to opinion.—The Committee on the State of Religion reported, and the subject occupied attention for a consideration time. References were made to some remarkable movements in various quarters, and it was agreed that the ministers be enjoined to preach on the Revival of religion on the second Sabbath of June, and to call the attention of their congregations to the duty of earnest prayer for the Spirit of God; and that the Moderator be requested to prepare a Pastoral Address to be circulated over the Church.—A deputation from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland was introduced and gave an account of the revivals in Ulster.—A deputation from the Free Church of Scotland was introduced, and Princi, and Cunningham and others delivered interesting addresses.—Dr. McCrie read the report of the Committee on Union with other Churches. The portion relating to the U.P. Church, Scotland, was to the following effect: “During the past year the Committee have been in correspondence with several ministers and members of the U. P. Church, in reference to the prospects of union with the brethren in England connected with that body. The committee regret to say that no great progress has yet been made, so far as that correspondence goes, towards actual union. There are still difficulties in the way of this desirable object, chiefly arising from our proximity to the Churches in Scotland, with which we are respectively connected—difficulties in regard, not merely to pecuniary support, but to ecclesiastical intercourse, which, so long as the Scottish Churches remain separate, present serious obstacles in the way of incorporation. On both sides there is a natural reluctance to give up all prospect of ecclesiastical intercourse with what many regard as their mother Church; and so long as the congregations in England look to Scotland for ministerial supplies, it is difficult to see how the relations between the two Churches can be so adjusted as to admit of their full incorporation. As to the desire for union, the committee do not think it necessary to conceal that there may be individuals in both bodies who manifest more or less indisposition to the proposal; but they consider themselves warranted to affirm that on both sides there