

standards of the church should not be compromised, but this rider was subsequently withdrawn. The reports on Foreign and Jewish Missions, and the operations of the Colonial Committee, were interesting. Dr. Duff returns from India to undertake the Conventership of the Foreign Mission Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Taylor, of Montreal, addressed the Assembly, in connexion with the Report of the Colonial Committee.

SYNOD OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

This Synod held its usual annual meeting in Edinburgh on the 11th May and following days. The business transacted was varied and important. The Rev. Mr. Young, of Logie Almond, the oldest officiating minister in Scotland, was called to preside as Moderator.

From the report on General Statistics for the past year, it appears that there are in the church: ministers, 577 (being an increase of 4 during the year), elders, 4,236, probationers, 103, students of divinity, 161, congregations, 577; communicants, 168,245, *being an increase of 687 during the year.*

The entire income of the church in 1862 was £202,875, being a decrease of £2,291, as compared with the preceding year, but an increase over other years. The average sum contributed per member was £1 4s. 1½d.

PROVINCIAL SYNOD IN ENGLAND.—On the report of the committee appointed last year, the Synod sanctioned the constitution of an English Synod, to be, however, subordinate to the General Synod in Scotland, appeals from Presbyteries coming before the General Synod.

MANSE SCHEME.—It was reported that nearly one half of the proposed amount of £45,000 for the Central Fund had been raised, the amount subscribed being £22,670 10s. from 370 subscribers.

THEOLOGICAL HALL, LIBRARY, &c — Satisfactory reports were presented on the Theological Hall, Library, &c. The scheme adopted last year for the superintendence of students had wrought well, and large numbers of students had entered the classes opened by ministers for them. The Hall Library was in a good state, and there was at its credit the sum of £298 6s. 5d.

UNION WITH THE FREE CHURCH.—The subject of union with the Free Church and other non-established bodies was brought up by several overtures from Presbyteries and congregations. A very able and interesting discussion followed—the Rev. Mr. Kerr, of Dunse, Dr. Cairns, of Berwick, Dr. King, of London, and other leading men, delivering able speeches in favour of union. A motion having been proposed by Dr. King, to appoint a committee in relation to this subject, and especially to confer with the Free Church, if they should appoint a committee. Mr. Renton moved in amendment that the overtures in the meantime lie on the table. Another amendment was proposed by Mr. Gunion, of Strathaven, to the effect that “any union must have in its basis no compromise of this Synod’s distinctive testimony with regard to the civil magistrate’s power in matters of religion.” After full discussion a vote was taken, when there voted for Dr. King’s motion 198, for Mr. Renton’s 14, and for Mr. Gunion’s 3.

Interesting reports were given with reference to the Missions of the church.

The important subject of theological training occupied a large share of attention.

We may observe that the Rev. Dr. W. Taylor, of Montreal, received a warm welcome from the Synod.

SYNOD OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The annual meeting of this Synod was held in St. Andrew’s Church, Montreal. Principal Leitch was succeeded in the Moderatorship by the Rev. J. Campbell, M.A., of Nottawasaga.

The report on the subject of Queen’s College was presented by Principal Leitch. The students in arts, last session, were 37; in theology, 21; in medicine, 81; in law, 5, in the Arts Faculty, studying for the ministry, 18. The subject of theological education was discussed, and referred again to a committee.

It was stated that a student had offered himself for foreign mission service. The