

tonness. Overcome this last temptation and you are safe forever in God's affirming grace, by which you shall become a partaker of the Divine nature. All hazards seek and obtain this name by daily prayer and habitual obedience to God's Word. Then truly the Lord is with you, and will make your works to prosper evermore."

COLONIAL REPORT.

Mr. R. H. Muir, Dalmeny, gave in the report of the Colonial Committee, of which the following is an abstract:—The committee had charge of extensive operations in all the great dependencies of the British Empire, as well as to some extent foreign countries. On the European continent the committee continued to aid the support of Presbyterian ordinances at Paris and Dresden. The Assembly's commendation by the deliverance on the committee's report, that the Presbyterian Church in India should co-operate with the Church of Scotland in providing for the spiritual wants of Presbyteries not Government employment scattered abroad throughout all the Presidencies, had been responded to from Bombay. Work was being done by agents of the committee at Meerut, Lahore, Mussoorie, and Coorg, and at Galle, Dimbula, Matla, and Jaffna, in Ceylon. The committee had an agent in Western Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales, and it had made a grant of £200 to the Presbyterian Church of Queensland, especially for promoting the work of training young men for the ministry. In Tasmania and New Zealand ministers connected with the Church of Scotland were conducting mission and stated services. In the Dominion of Canada £100 had been granted to aid church building in Nicola Valley and Comox. As to the Ontario, Quebec, and the maritime provinces, the committee had continued, with a due regard to efficient harmony of action, to co-operate in the work of evangelisation with the Presbyterian Churches there; but the committee had to consider, first, whether the continuance of pecuniary aid from the Church of Scotland was necessary; and, second, whether the attempt to aid the work of evangelisation was possible in the divided state of Presbyterianism in

Canada, without the risk of aggravating the existing state of things. In the face of existing division, the committee continued to maintain with persistent firmness, with all parties in Canada as in the other colonies, that it was alone with the Christian work of the Churches in their pastoral and evangelistic efforts that the committee had anything whatever to do. As to every other question of ecclesiastical procedure, either as to the relations of the Colonial Churches to one another or as to their exercise of discipline within their own spheres, the committee had steadily resisted all attempts to force them, as representing the General Assembly, into the seat of judgment. As to all such questions of internal discipline and government, the committee had faithfully adhered to that strict neutrality which the General Assembly had so frequently enjoined. Ignoring all questions that ministered to strife, and firmly maintaining the determination to be helpful only in the Christian work of the churches, the committee believed they followed, in however great perplexity, the things that most directly make for peace in Canada. It was impossible, however, not to feel, and it might not be without advantage to say frankly, how easily efficient harmony in co-operation might be endangered and made impossible, and how necessarily, as a consequence, her policy that made for peace must result in the absolute withdrawal of the Church of Scotland from the attempt to co-operate where the aid given might be mistaken only for the supply of war material in an interecclésiastical conflict for mere denominational supremacy. The committee had given grants to Queen's College, Kingston, of £500 to assist in the training of a native ministry. Agents of the committee were at work in Jamaica, St Vincent, Grenada, and Demerara in the West Indies, in British Guiana, Buenos Ayres, in Natal, Mauritius. The income of the committee was £4413, 9s. 1d., while the funds on hand at December 1876 reached £7458, 13s. 10d.—total, £11,872, 2s. 11d. The expenditure included £1240, 1s. 4d. to missionaries and catechists in Canada, £832, 11s. 8d. to missionaries in British Columbia, £383, 13s. 4d. to missionaries in Ceylon, £187, 10s. to a minister in New Zealand, £766, 13s. 4d. to agents in We