

"4th. That copies of these resolutions be sent to the members of Her Majesty's Government, to the Scotch members of the House of Commons, and such other members as the Committee on Public Questions may deem fit, and that no petition be sent at all."

The Committee on the Better Support of the Ministry reported that, of 256 congregations who were addressed, forty-one had met, and resolved without extraneous aid to advance the stipends of their ministers. Eleven of these have attained to £150, one to £140, twenty to £120, and the others have added £10 to their former stipend. In all, the sum of £700 is being added to their stipends by these forty-one congregations. Regarding Liquidation of Debt, it was reported that £1235 had been allocated by the Committee, which, by stimulating local efforts, would have the effect of paying off £5017 of debt. The debt pressing on the Church was believed to amount to about £140,000.

Some progress was made towards maturing a scheme for providing annuities for incapacitated ministers, and the matter was remitted to the Committee. The consideration of publishing a Summary of Principles was delayed till next Synod. It was stated that a letter had been received from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in America desiring closer union with the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland. M. Frederick Monod, of Paris, was prevented, by illness, from addressing the Synod; but M. Audebez spoke on the state of Protestantism in France. The Committee on Scholarships was instructed to endeavour to raise a Capital £10,000. The Committee on Home Missions reported that during the year, aid had been given to 95 congregations in supplement of stipend, and 13 have received grants. The number of members in the 72 congregations is 1072, who have raised among themselves for religious purposes £5944, 5s. 1½d. or, 16s. 6d. for each member.

The substance of the very interesting Report on Foreign Missions we gave in a former number.

The number of Students attending the Divinity Hall was reported to be 208. During the year 322 volumes had been purchased for the Library, and 30 had been presented. The Committee on Ministers' Libraries reported that there are now 107 such Libraries in existence containing 1391 volumes. It was agreed that Students attending Owens' College, Manchester, or New College, St. John's Wood, London, should be placed on the same footing with those attending the Universities of Scotland.

## ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES.

### VAUGHAN.

The new U. P. Church here was opened on Sabbath, 18th June, by the Rev. D. Coutts, of Chinguacony, and the Rev. H. Gordon, of Gananoque, moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. The services were appropriate and excellent, and the audiences large and attentive. Within twelve months, the congregation have built a very commodious church and manse, and we hope will soon have a stated pastor settled amongst them.

### PICKERING.

The Church just erected by the U. P. congregation here, was opened by the

Rev. John Jennings, on the 28th of May. It is a handsome frame building, having accommodation for 250 persons.

### ST. MARY'S AND DOWNIE.

The U. P. congregation of these places, have lately presented their pastor, the Rev. Mr. Cavan, with a horse, saddle, and bridle, as an expression of their gratitude and esteem.

### ST. GEORGE.

The U. P. congregation here, have given a unanimous call to Mr. W. C. Young, formerly called to Newton and Newcastle.