

was spending a short time in a country district in Scotland where he was wont to preach. On the last occasion Dr. Ker of Glasgow, a United Presbyterian minister, preached; Dr. Guthrie prayed, and a minister of the Established Church was preacher. This quoted as an example of "practical Union."

The number of communicants in the United Presbyterian Church is 179,652, showing an increase of the year of 1,229, and the average attendance at public worship on the Lord's day is 205,000. The preachers—or probationers—have payment provided for them. The minimum stipend for preachers is £1 1s. to £3 3s. for each Lord's day service, with board and lodging for a week in case of vacancies.

Besides the regular ministers of the churches, there are 195 missionaries, Bible women, and catechists, paid by the various congregations. The amount contributed for the year 1870 was £215,866, and in addition to this, there has been raised for missionary and other purposes, making the total amount raised by congregations \$284,611. Other donations were received to \$18,531. The total income for the year 1870 was £303,537, which was an increase over the previous by £13,575, and the average was £1 11s. 8d. per member.

Several churches connected with the Established Church have lately introduced organs to assist in leading the singing of the congregations.

The Archbishop of York and the Bishop of Winchester (Dr. Wilberforce) have recently officiated in Scottish Presbyterian Churches to the intense disgust of their High Church brethren. It is a matter of small importance, but as it has been published and talked about, we may note it: Three members of the Royal family recently worshipped in the Parish Church at Crathie, near Balmoral; and some members of the same family have recently worshipped in a Free Church.

On the second Sabbath of each month special prayer is offered up in all the United Presbyterian congregations on behalf of Missions.—Missionaries are still wanted by the United Presbyterian Committee for

Trinidad, India, and China. Four Missionaries and a medical missionary are required for Old Calabar. This branch of the Presbyterian family increased in England from 72 congregations in 1860, to 105 in 1870.

The most friendly and intimate relations now exist between the Calvinistic Methodists of Wales and the Presbyterian Church of England. An early union of the two bodies is not at all improbable.

There are 120 inhabited islands around the "Highlands" of Scotland. The Highlands and Islands contain about 430,000 Gaelic speaking people. The Free Church is in the whole of this region "the Church of the people." Successful evangelistic efforts have been conducted among the destitute islanders during the summer.

The following lamentable statement, too true of other churches, is from the Foreign Mission Report of the Church of Scotland:

"Another great cause of anxiety is the want of missionaries. There is no want of preachers in the Church, as each vacant parish, chapel, or mission station testifies; nor if testimonials are to be credited, are these preachers defective in any gift or grace which could disqualify them from being efficient missionaries abroad as well as at home; nor are the salaries allowed insufficient, as they are as large as those, and much larger than most, enjoyed by the missionaries of any Church; nor are the terms of service severe, as they are permitted, at the expense of the Mission, to return home to recruit at the end of seven years, and may also return, on the same terms, at the end of five years, if they find the work unsuitable. Yet so it is, that so dead apparently has the missionary spirit become in a field of labour so grand as India—requiring comparatively so few sacrifices, and presenting so many advantages in every respect—that four Scotch divinity halls have failed to supply more than three ordained missionaries for the whole heathen world, the oldest of whom has been but six years in India, and not one having been sent out for the last three years!"

The *Edinburgh Presbyterian* says:—

"Our readers will have observed with thankfulness that as Dr. Duff expresses it, "after a long dearth as regards the higher spiritual fruit in our Indian mission fields, we have lately to rejoice in a somewhat goodly produce;—Bombay, Puna, Nagpore, and Calcutta all contributing their share." This appearance of life abroad seems to be: