

of the Established Church of Upper Canada;" and moreover, to address a pastoral letter to the members of this Church, cautioning them, however much they may feel themselves aggrieved by the conduct of Government, to continue to maintain those principles of loyalty and obedience which have always characterized them, and which are enjoined in the word of God.

3. To continue more energetically their correspondence with the General Assembly and other friends in Britain, and with other Presbyteries and Synods in other British Colonies, inviting them to co-operate for the vindication of a great national right, based on a treaty, the fundamental principles of which, cannot be infringed without subverting the Constitution of the British Monarchy, viz.—the right of our countrymen, throughout the Colonies, to an equal participation with the people of England, of all civil and ecclesiastical privileges and advantages.

4. To instruct specially the Commission of Synod and the Moderators of Presbyteries, to give all diligence in the performance of the duties involved in the preceding resolutions—to endeavour to disseminate as widely as possible in this country and in Great Britain right views of these questions—and to prepare petitions, if necessary, for both the Colonial and Imperial Legislatures.

Congratulatory Addresses to their Excellencies the Governor General and Lieutenant Governor were prepared, and deputations of Synod appointed to present them.

On Tuesday afternoon the Synod was closed, after receiving an impressive address from the Moderator. The next meeting was appointed to be held at Kingston, on the first Thursday of July, 1839.

ECCLIASTICAL INTELLIGENCE.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

THURSDAY, MAY 21.

REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE FOR PROPAGATING THE GOSPEL IN INDIA.—Dr. HUNTER said he would not detain the Assembly with any preliminary remarks, but at once proceed to read from the Report, which he would do as shortly as was consistent with the greatness of the subject, and from its nature he was satisfied it could not be without interest to all who listened to it. (The Reverend Gentleman then proceeded to read a long and deeply interesting Report from which we select a few passages.)

"On no former occasion have your Committee brought their Report before you, with deeper feelings of thankfulness to Almighty God for the success which He hath been pleased to bestow upon your

great undertaking, or with better prospects of wide-spreading usefulness.

"At each of the three Presidencies of British India, your scheme is now in effective and most vigorous operation.

"I. Calcutta.—In Calcutta, your establishment has assumed an appearance of permanence greater than before, by the completion of the buildings for its accommodation; of which the commencement was announced in the Committee's Report to last Assembly. The seventh examination of your institution was held within the new building, on the 12th January last. The attendance both of the European and of the influential native population, appears to have been more numerous than on any former occasion; and the approbation expressed to have been increasing and unmingled. One of the most striking and most encouraging features in every such exhibition, is the perfect quiescence—to say the very least—with which Hindoo parents witness the examination of their children on the history and the doctrines of the Bible. This is avowedly and unshrinkingly made a conspicuous feature in the exercises of each class, from the most elementary to the most advanced; and the public exhibition of it neither excites any mark of disapprobation from the audience, nor diminishes the number of pupils who crowd for admission at the next enrolment. On the contrary, every room in the new buildings is already filled; and there are above 200 petitions for admission, which cannot be granted. The number, however, which is actually on the roll, is nearly 800; a number which, your Committee doubt not, you will consider as sufficient for the superintendence which can be exercised under one roof. All of these children of the heathen are daily trained in the reading of the Word of God, and in exercises which insure their full understanding of its import. In aid of this—the highest and holiest teaching which they can receive, blessed be we have reason for hoping, in many of them, to a thorough change of mind and heart—all of them have the advantage of a training in European science, which entirely destroys the influence of the native superstition. The doctrines of European science are utterly irreconcilable with the fables of Hindoo mythology. Before the light of the one, the shadows of the other must necessarily fade, and thus, even in those who may have resisted the direct influence of what is Christian in their teaching, is there introduced into the mind an element in which the fables of the native creed find it utterly impossible to retain their power. Fraud and force may alike be employed by the Hindoo parent, to destroy in his children the effects of what was directly Christian in their education. But here is an element, of whose power he is unconscious, against whose impression he seeks no safeguard; yet which is of incalculable power for the pulling down of strongholds, and for the preparing of the millions of India for the utter