

souls; with most earnest and forcible appeals for the co-operation and prayers of all those who, living under the blessings of Gospel privileges, should thankfully shew forth their Christian gratitude by voluntary offerings in aid of Missionary operations. The proceedings throughout were of a solemn and impressive nature, and in strict consonance with that Catholic spirit which distinguishes the efforts of the Christian Ministry in the furtherance of their Lord's work in the Missionary field. The subscriptions and collection, exceeded, we understand, the sum of eighty dollars.

MONTHLY SUMMARY.

THE FREE CHURCH COMMISSION.—The commission of the General Assembly met on the 5th ult. The following are the most interesting items of proceedings:—

The Moderator intimated that Dr. Webster had given two munificent donations to the Free Church College, in a manner which he thought merited the thankful recognition of the Church. The first donation was a sum of £5000, yielding an income of £300 a-year, which was to be formed into two scholarships, to be termed "The Cunningham Scholarship," and to be held by two students who had passed through their last year's course, to enable them to prosecute their studies. The second was a sum of £2000, yielding £100 a-year, to be devoted to a "Cunningham Lecture-ship," similar to the Bampton Lecture-ship and others of the kind in England.

On the motion of Dr. Buchanan, the Commission agreed to record their thanks to Dr. Webster for his munificent donations.

The Moderator announced that the collection made on behalf of the missions of American Churches amounted to upwards of £1000, and the committee were considering what arrangements should be made for its distribution among the various Churches.

A proposal was submitted to the Commission by Dr. Candlish for a Memorial of Dr. Cunningham—the Memorial to consist of a bust of the learned Principal which would cost about £100; and his Library valued at £477, to be kept in a separate room in the College. The proposals were cordially agreed to, and £700 are to be raised to accomplish the object.

THE BIBLE IN RUSSIA.—The Scriptures will shortly be translated into the Modern Russ the vernacular of more

than 50,000,000 of the inhabitants of that empire. Through the influence of the Emperor, the Holy Synod has taken hold of this great work, which ought to have been done long ago. A Russian Princess, most intimately connected with the Imperial Family, writes thus to Dr. Baird: "We are very busy, just now, preparing for a journey to Germany and Switzerland, and leave soon. I was very much pleased to hear that both yourself and family were quite well, and trust that you continue so. *The translation of the Bible into the Russian language is progressing. Many copies of the New Testament have been published and sold, but the Old Testament has not come out yet.*"

MADAGASCAR.—A letter received by the directors of the London Missionary Society from the Rev. William Ellis, dated Mauritius, Jan. 4th, will afford great pleasure to the friends of Christian Missions in Madagascar. It adds, indeed, but little to the intelligence already published, but it disproves many sinister statements which have been circulated. "The following facts," say the directors, "are now clearly ascertained:—The number of native Christians has not been exaggerated in the representations of their friends, but actually exceeds their largest calculation. Those who were imprisoned for their Christianity are all set free. They have returned to their homes, and, under the auspices of the new Government, enjoy unrestricted religious liberty.—They are now eagerly looking for the visit of Mr. Ellis to the capital, and, through him, they entreat the society to send missionaries and teachers forthwith. With equal urgency they beg for Bibles and other books from which they may acquire Scriptural and