

THE ARTICLES OF THE FAITH.

RECEPTION BY THE LORD MAYOR.

The same evening, on the Synod resuming its deliberations in Regent-square church, a most cordial reception was accorded Rev. J. T. Wigner (the President), and Rev. Richard Glover, who appeared as a deputation from the Baptist Union.

The names of Rev. John Bogue, Rev. W. Rogerson and Mr. Leggat, being withdrawn, Rev. J. T. McGaw, of Sale, was elected General Secretary of the Church, as successor to Rev. John Black, at a salary of £500 a year. Dr. Fraser in presenting the Sustentation Fund Report, expressed the hope that the annual ministerial equal dividend would ere long be raised from £200 to £250. In presenting the treasurership report, Mr. George Duncan intimated that a gentleman had offered to contribute three-fourths of the £10,000 of debt upon churches in the Darlington Presbytery, provided the remaining £2,500 was raised by the end of the year. Sir George Bruce stated that ten years ago the value of the property of the entire Church was one million sterling, whereas it was now a million and a-half. Within the same period the aggregate debt had decreased from £121,000 to £94,000. A fraternal letter from the Irish Assembly was read, containing

bring the matter before his Church. The Synod appointed a committee consisting of the Moderator, Dr. Dykes and Dr. Fraser, to consider whether it was expedient to reply further and more fully to the Archbishop's letter.

A missionary-evangelist, named Mr. W. F. Holt, has gathered a large congregation at Nechells, Birmingham, who are provided with a spacious building recently opened. Minister and people applied for admission into the Presbyterian Church on condition that Mr. Holt should be retained as their pastor. A committee of Synod, who conferred with Mr. Holt, finding he had not received a college training, recommended that if received, he should undertake a prescribed course of study. This Mr. Holt declined to do. The Committee therefore regretfully recommended that minister and people be not received. This led to a stirring debate, in which some speakers contended that there should be room in the Church for the class of ministers to which Mr. Holt belonged. In the end it was decided to instruct the Birmingham Presbytery to receive Mr. Holt and his congregation. It was resolved that the Synod meet next year in Liverpool. The business being concluded, the Moderator delivered a brief closing address, and the proceedings closed with devotional exercises.—*Christian World Report*.

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