

in the year 1843-44. But the giving of the first year has increased many fold in recent years. Last year, the Home contributions for India and Africa were £29,914; while, in addition, the Ladies' Society for Female Education raised £7547; and the whole income, from Home, and from India, and Africa, has been £58,884. But even this large sum is not all. A large amount of money—upwards of £40,000—has recently been subscribed for the Mission Buildings. Owing to the lengthened illness of Mr. Braidwood, only £2258 of this sum came in last year. But this contribution must be added to the other contributions of the year, so that last year's income was £61,142.

The fields of mission labour are in India and Africa.

In India ground was broken in 1830 by the now veteran missionary, Dr. Duff. In spite of almost every conceivable opposition, he commenced a system of education hitherto untried in India. He sought to impart the highest forms of knowledge, including Christian instruction, through the means of the English language. His efforts were followed by a success that amazed even Dr. Duff himself.

A LETTER from the Rev. Mr. Jolly, Walls, was submitted at a meeting of the Shetland Free Presbytery, tendering resignation of his charge, and intimating his intention of accepting the call addressed by the Dunnet parish congregation and of joining the Established Church. His reasons for taking this step were, he stated, that it implied no abandonment of principle or of duty; that the line of policy pursued by the majority of the Free Church had gradually diminished his attachment to it; and that he discerned a leading of Providence in this call which he dared not disregard. The Presbytery adopted a reply, asserting that there is the same distinction of principles between the Churches there ever was; and with regard to the last reason, expressing regret that the leading of Providence should have seemed to Mr. Jolly to be in a line very different from what they regarded to be the line of duty of a Free Church minister.

THE Free Synod of Fife resolved to memorialize the General Assembly to take steps to vindicate the principles of the Church both against the attacks of adversaries from without and the unfaithful within.

AFTER the presentation of £355 by the congregation of the North Free Church, Inverness, to their minister, the Rev. G. Mackay, a presentation of £40 was made by the same congregation to the Rev. Dr.

Kennedy of Dingwall, in recognition of his services to the church.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN.—The Rev. Geo. F. James has received a unanimous call to be assistant and successor to Rev. Dr. Peddie, Bristo Street Church, Edinburgh. and Rev. J. S. Rae has accepted a call to Sunderland. The Rev. W. Thomson, of Greenock, has accepted a call to the new congregation being formed at Belhaven Church, Great Western Road, Glasgow. His departure from Greenock, where he has ministered for fully twelve years, will be regretted by a large and devoted congregation and by the community of that town. The twentieth anniversary of the ordination of Rev. W. Blair, of Dunblane, has been marked by a handsome presentation from his people. The congregation of Erskine Church, Stirling, has offered a retiring allowance of \$700 to their minister, Rev. J. Steedman, who is in poor health. It appears this church had not been "preached vacant" for over 140 years. Jubilee services were held lately in Elgin St. Church, Glasgow, to commemorate the fiftieth year of the ministry of Rev. David McRae. Mr. McRae, who was born in 1796, is still vigorous and healthy.

IRELAND.

In the ten years immediately following the auspicious period, when, under the leadership of the illustrious Cooke, orthodoxy was restored to its lost supremacy, the growth of the Church was greater than it had been during the century preceding. From 1729 to 1829, the Synod added only about seventy-three to the number of its congregations; from 1830 to 1840, no less than *eighty-three* congregations were erected, while during nearly the same period, about \$535,000 was expended in the erection and repairing of their places of worship by one hundred and seventy-three of the 264 congregations then on the roll of the Synod.

The church's return to the practice of unqualified subscription to our grand old Symbol, the Westminster Confession, was followed by still more gratifying results.

In 1835, the act of the mother Church of Scotland, passed in 1799, excluding Irish Presbyterian ministers from the pulpits of the establishment was rescinded, and the excluded brethren were cordially readmitted to ministerial fellowship. Five years afterwards, another, and a still closer ecclesiastical alliance was formed. In 1840, the Synod of Ulster and the Secession Synod were united into the present General Assembly, and the Church was ushered into a new era of quickened life and energy.