

to consider the curious point of the impositions of hands by elders in the ordination of a minister. One of the most important changes carried, independent of the question of union, was a Theological College. At present the pastors are also Professors, and having conflicting claims between the pulpit and the chair, they do not teach for more than seven weeks in the year, the shortest college session on record. It has now been carried to have a session of five months, to have five chairs with a minimum salary of \$2,500 attached to each, one of the chairs being Pastoral Theology, and to have Professors pure and simple. Some doubt is expressed about the willingness of Dr. Eadie and Dr. Cairns to resign the pastoral charge, but it is hoped, in the interests of the ministry and of sound theological knowledge, that the apprehension is unfounded.

The extreme jealousy of State interference came curiously out in the rejection of all aid from the government for the orphanage in India, and Bible wine had the first of apparently a series of field days, for it threatens to come up at each Assembly. The opposition to it was happily headed by Professor Calderwood, long a very ardent abstainer himself, and the temperateness thus infused into the debate was well sustained, though there were as many as 109, or one-third of those voting, to maintain that the matter should be left in charge of the separate sessions—in other words, let alone. Through the debate, however, it was apparent that abstinence is gaining rapidly in the Scottish churches; and even the Legislature is likely to take a stride forward this year, and revote for the principle of the Permissive Bill.

With respect to the Free Church Assembly, the late meetings were very largely devoted to the consideration of evangelistic work. Dr. Moody Stuart was Moderator, and his devout spirit had a good effect upon the Assembly. Five of its Moderators had been swept away by death since the last meeting—Fairbairn, Grierson, Henderson, MacCrie, and Buchanan—and the last two were buried only a few days before, Buchanan, as was fitting, with all the civic honor that Glasgow could bestow, and followed by all the churches in Scotland. The retiring Moderator, Dr. Stewart, of Leghorn, preached, and dealt in his sermon with Plymouthism, to which the revival has added fresh life; while the incoming Moderator reviewed the position assumed by the Church of Rome, and suggested a possible union between Ultramontaniam and Materialism.

THE Reformed Presbyterian Church, Scotland, is about to unite with the Free Church.

REV. WILLIAM ARNOT died in Edinburgh on the 3rd June. On the next day, Dr. A. MacEwan of Glasgow died. These were men of great power and influence—Arnot in the Free and MacEwan in the U. P. Church.

In the Established Church there was an admirable Report submitted by Dr. Charteris on Christian Life and Work. Arrangements were also made for facilitating the admission of ministers and probationers of other Churches.

THE Assembly of the Established Church gave due encouragement to the Union men on this side the Atlantic by bidding them God-speed.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The Treasurer of Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, acknowledges receipt of the following sums received since May 20th:

#### FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Lawrencetown.....	\$ 8 50
Prayer meeting of Dr. McCulloch's Church, in 1874.....	41 06
Souris and Bay Fortune.....	20 00
St. Ann's and North Shore.....	32 00
Tatamagouche.....	34 00
Sydney, C. B.....	10 00
Boularderie.....	17 30
Leitch's Creek.....	5 00
St. David's Church, St. John.....	70 00
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Amelia M. McEwen.....	9 94
Mary Bell.....	4 25
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	50 54

Acknowledged in last number subsequent to the closing of the accounts on May 20th..... 121 73

Total.....\$410 27

#### DAYSPRING AND TRINIDAD SCHOOLS.

Princeton, Martha Sutherland's card..	\$ 1 35
Young people of Richibucto.....	21 06
Springfield.....	5 42
St. Ann's, C. B.....	4 00
Sydney:	
Col. by Maggie McDonald ..	5 05
John Knox McLeod..	3 07
Mary McDonald .....	14 00
Bessie McKenzie.....	5 05
Annie McKenzie.....	3 69
Catherine McLeod..	4 64
	34 50
Boularderie.....	10 00