

of £40 5s. 1d. In the amount of Legacies received during the year there is an increase of £106 17s. 3d. over the sum received during the former year; in the contributions from individuals a decrease of £36 1s. 8d. The whole ordinary income for the year to 15th April last, exclusive of the contribution from the Lay Association, was £2829, 4s. 3d, being £163 7s. 7d, more than the income for the previous year; and the whole expenditure for the same period, £3830, 16s. 3d, being £143, 13s. 5d, less than for the previous year.

Principal Tulloch said it seemed to him, on the whole, that the mission presented a most encouraging aspect. He was aware that there were some who looked with coldness on the effects of this scheme, but he thought there were no Christian grounds on which that coldness could for a moment be vindicated. It appeared to him that the spiritual state of God's ancient people must ever be a matter most dear to all Christians; and he thought that those knew little of the history of the Jewish race, and of what was said of them in the New Testament, who did not see that this race had peculiar capacities given to them by God, both for religious apprehension and for religious energy. It appeared to him to be impossible for any man to read his Greek Testament and not feel convinced that there was reserved for this race great destinies in promoting the Gospel of the Kingdom, and that, as in the providence of God they had in the past been mightily instrumental in advancing this kingdom, so in time to come they would be no less so. There were, no doubt, discouragements arising from alleged cases of pretended conversion, but even in modern times they were not without instances giving a bright illustration of the peculiar capacity of this race both for spiritual intelligence and for spiritual devotion and enthusiasm. He thought the Assembly ought to be thankful that this mission now covered so wide a field, and that it occupied a field of such historical interest, for almost every place named in the report started vivid associations in connection with the early history of Christianity. Principal Tulloch concluded with a motion to the effect that the Assembly approve of the report; express their satisfaction with the commencement of a mission at Constantinople; express their special acknowledgements to His Highness the Pacha of Egypt for his handsome donation of a steam-vessel for the use of the sailors at Alexandria; express their deep regret at the persecution to which Protestants in Turkey were exposed; and authorise the committee to take all steps that may be thought proper to urge upon the authorities in Turkey to require that the decree of the Sultan may be strictly carried into effect in the provinces as well as in the capital; renew their recommendation of the scheme to the liberal aid of the people, and enjoin every minister of the Church to give

their congregations an opportunity of contributing towards it.

THE REVIVALS.

The next matter on the roll of business was an overture from the Presbytery of Dundee on the revivals, which it appeared had not been printed, as required by the standing orders. Considerable discussion took place as to whether in these circumstances the question should be now taken up.

Dr. Lee did not think there was any pressing reason to discuss this subject at all.

Dr. Robertson said other religious bodies had taken up the matter, and he thought the General Assembly ought not to end without discussing it some way or other.

Motions were made by Mr. Horne, and seconded by Mr. McCulloch, that the standing orders be suspended and the overture now taken up; by Dr. Cook, that the overture not being printed, the subject could not now be taken up, but that the Assembly grant permission to its being printed forthwith. Eventually, at the suggestion of Dr. Robertson, Mr. Horne withdrew his motion, on the understanding that the matter should come before the House at a future diet.

PILGRIM MISSION IN ABYSSINIA.

Mr. Spittler, minister of the Protestant Church in Wurtemberg, and agent of the Basle Pilgrim Mission in Abyssinia, then briefly addressed the Assembly on the subject of that mission, which he stated had great prospects of usefulness, and was self-supporting, the missionaries supporting themselves by laboring at different occupations, and dedicating their efforts to the temporal as well as spiritual improvement of the people. He also stated that the mission had met with gratifying encouragement from the King of Abyssinia.

Dr. Bremner moved that the thanks of the Assembly be given to Mr. Spittler for his address.

Several other members of Assembly expressed their interest in, and admiration of, the pilgrim mission, and the Moderator briefly conveyed the thanks of the Assembly to Mr. Spittler.

MONDAY, May 21.

THE CASE OF MERTOUN.

This was a petition from the Rev. J. Grieve, minister of the above parish, setting forth that certain letters having an important bearing on the libel for fornication, of which he had been found guilty by the Presbytery, had been received by him, and appealing from said decision. The petition was unanimously dismissed by the Assembly.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH FOREIGN CHURCHES.

Dr. Cook of Haddington, read a most interesting report on this subject, especially with regard to the Central Protestant Society of France, which has now 45 principal sta-