

large attendance of the professors and students to hear the Master of Balliol. The Dean of Westminster (Stanley) is expected to follow Professor Jowett's example, by preaching in the University Chapel at Glasgow before the close of the present session. The ritualistic spirit that appears in this and other matters to have superseded piety and love of truth does not augur well for its future.

The following indicates a more healthy state of things:—The Established Presbytery of Forfar resolved, on December 20th, with but two dissentient voices, to transmit to the General Assembly an overture, praying that negotiations should be opened without delay, with a view to union with other Presbyterian Churches.

The Free Church Presbytery of Glasgow, by a majority of sixty-four to fifteen, has adopted a motion affirming the lawfulness and propriety of an addition being made to the materials of praise in public worship, and appointed a committee to report on the collection of hymns, paraphrases, and psalm versions, which had been prepared by a committee of the Assembly.

The *Free Church Record* contains the following statement of the present attendance at its colleges in Aberdeen, Glasgow and Edinburgh:—"The attendance this year at all the Halls is very encouraging—the report from the New College, Edinburgh, being particularly striking. In Aberdeen there are 13 first year students, 6 second year, 7 third, and 6 fourth—in all 32. In Glasgow the numbers stand as follows: 22 in first year, 23 in second, 21 in third, and 18 in fourth—in all 84. Of these 22 or 24 are Gaelic-speaking students. In addition to the 84 there are 7 irregular students or auditors. The following note has been sent to us from Edinburgh. It is surely extremely interesting to see gathered into our New College so very many strangers:—"The number of matriculated students, up to 7th December, is 118. Of these there are 98 regular Free Church students, and the remaining 20 are to be classed as follows: From Ireland, 7; Wales, 1; Canada, 1; Nova Scotia, 4; Cape of Good Hope, 1; United States, 1; Bohemia, 3; Hungary, 1; United Presbyterian student, 1. Besides these, seven students, who have not matriculated, attend one or other of the Hebrew classes. Of these there are—Established Church, 1; United Presbyterians, 3; Reformed Presbyterians, 2; Independent, 1. The elementary or tutorial Hebrew class is attended by 12 students, of whom 9 are of the Free Church, 1 of the Established, and 2 of the United Presbyterian. The Gaelic class, under Dr. Mac-lauchlan, is attended by 26; of whom 14 are Free Church divinity students, 10 Free Church undergraduates, and 2 amateur students. Of the 98 regular theological students of the Free Church, 21 have Gaelic."

Many years ago a ragged little Irish boy attended the mission school of a Presbyterian Church in Connaught. Emigration brings rapid and sudden changes; and he disappeared, it is not known where. The clergyman had only the recollection of the bright curly-pated scholar; until the other day he received a sermon from America preached by this lad, who is now ordained, and professor in a college. Without the mission school he might be the discontented laborer on an Irish farm, or a unit in the Irish vote of New York.

SWEDEN—It is well known that the old intolerant laws which prohibited, under severe penalties, native Swedes from leaving the communion of the National Lutheran Church, and even from holding prayer-meetings or "conventicles" in private houses, were, some years ago, abolished, and