

conversation. Many tears of joy have been shed here during the present season of mercy. Parents praying for their children, and children praying for their parents, have literally fulfilled the last verse of the Old Testament. We have closed the meetings against the desire of many, because I must prepare for my departure to Montreal. In spite of the open opposition of some, and the *pious* opposition of others "who steal the livery of the Court of Heaven to serve the devil in," we have had a season that will be long remembered in Sherbrooke. May God give us a better one soon.

SCOTTISH ECCLESIASTICAL MEETINGS.

We have but little space at command for any notice of the proceedings of the Supreme Courts of the several Presbyterian Churches in Scotland.

THE SYNOD OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH met on 10th May, in the Queen Street Hall. Rev. Dr. McGavin, of Dundee, was elected Moderator. The attendance was unusually large, and much interest was manifested in the proceedings. The questions in which most interest was felt were those relating to the Divinity Hall and to the English Union. It has been agreed to make great changes in regard to the Divinity Hall—the session is to be extended, and the Professors to be separated from their congregations, so that their whole time will be given to the Court of their respective chairs. The union in England between the brethren in England and those of the English Presbyterian Church was virtually agreed to by a vote of 253 to 164. The report as to missionary operations was most encouraging. There is, perhaps, no Church which does more according to its membership, for Foreign Missions, than the United Presbyterian Church. In regard to general statistics, it was stated that the total number of congregations on the roll of the Synod in December last was 616.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH OF SCOTLAND met on 20th May. Dr. Sellar, of Aberlour, was elected Moderator. The report of the Committee on Patronage and the regulations for proceedings in the election of ministers in vacant congregations occupied considerable time and called forth some discussion. The reports on Sabbath Schools, the Conversion of the Jews, Education, Foreign Missions, were encouraging and interesting. In India there are 11 European missionaries, 4 native pastors, 21 preachers and catechists, and 133 teachers. The receipts were £7,823. In connection with the Home Mission Report there was some discussion with reference to conditions attached to grants to congregations from the funds so liberally given by Mr. Baird. The action of the Committee was sustained. The report on CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK was given in by Professor Charteris.

LIBERALITY OF THE CHURCH.—It was reported that the total amount raised for all purposes was £282,834 1s. 7d. The returns, however, had not been complete.

In connection with the Colonial Committee, the Canadian delegates, —Dr. Cook, Messrs. Gordon and Lang, with Professors McKerras and Ferguson, and J. Croil, Esq.—were heard. After some discussion a deliverance was adopted expressing regret that on the subject of an Incorporating Union in Canada there was the prospect of a division; but setting forth that there was nothing in the Committee's report to prevent the Assembly very cordially wishing God-speed in their labours to the brethren.