

to £21,000. Dr. James Hamilton of London addressed the Synod on the subject of Missions. M. Augustus Gларdon, of Geneva, is to be sent out to India shortly by the Mission Board.

REVIVAL.—This subject gave rise to a solemn discussion, and the Synod resolved unanimously to recognize the importance of the revival movement and recommend ministers and elders to do whatever lay in their power to promote it—especially to observe eight days of daily prayer with reference to revival.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.—Most gratifying progress is apparent in the liberality with which ministers are paid. In 1858 the aggregate of stipends was £68,020 : this year it is £78,204. The Synod is now taking steps to secure manses for the ministers.

A Deputation from the Presbyterian Church of England was most courteously received by the Synod. The well known Dr. Hamilton of London was the leading man of the Deputation, and his address, in which he eloquently urged the advantages of union was received with much applause. There is a fair prospect of the Presbyterian and United Presbyterian Churches uniting in England.

An overture introduced by Mr. Robertson of Stow relative to the spiritual independence of the Church was dismissed. Professor McMichael pronounced it thoroughly Erastian inasmuch as it recognized the right of the civil power to make the Church act in accordance with her own adopted constitution.

The Library of the late Dr. Brown was purchased for the Church, and is to be located in Glasgow. Dr. Cheever of New York, and Professor Blyden (a gentleman of color) of Liberia, addressed the Synod on the subject of Slavery. The Synod expressed its gratification at the prospect of a speedy and harmonious Union taking place in Canada. Two overtures were before the Synod on the subject of Union with the Free Church ; both were referred to a Committee. Alexander Paton, of Cowden Park, has left a legacy of about £30,000 to the Church—for Home and Foreign Missions. This is one of the largest legacies ever left for these purposes. The last act of the Synod was to agree to petition Parliament for the abolition of tests in the Parish and Borough Schools. The proceedings were closed with devotional exercises late on Wednesday, the 22nd May.

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## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The annual meeting of the Assembly took place at Edinburgh as usual. Its meetings commenced on Thursday the 23rd of May and continued till the 4th of June. It was one of the most satisfactory Assemblies held since the Disruption. A spirit of devotion, brotherly love, catholicity, and noble devotedness to the Redeemer's Cause characterized all its proceedings.

The retiring Moderator, Dr ROBERT BUCHANAN, preached a masterly sermon on the words—"The Fathers, where are they ? and the prophets, do they live forever ?" He made a brief reference to the departed worthies of the Free Church from *Welsh* and *Chalmers*, down to *Earle Monteith* and *Andrew Gray*.

Dr Buchanan proposed the Rev Dr Candlish as Moderator and the nomination was seconded by the Earl of Dalhousie, and agreed to unanimously amidst great applause.