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## CHRISTIAN UNION.

In looking back upon the part history of the church, we find different periods marked by different tendencies and characteristics. Just as the geologist finds the great periods of the past distinguished by different strata, and by formations marked by paculiar features, so the student of church history finds dificrent ages of the church claracterised by different features and tendencies. Some periods have been marked as periods of declension, and others of reviral. Some have been marked as periods of bold speculation and of abounding error, while others have been distinguished as times of firm and uncompromising adherence to the truth. Some periods have been marked by a tendency to separation and division, while others have been marked by a tendency to union. Wo have reason to be thankful that we appear to have entered on a period of this last character, a period when there is among christians a tendency, not to ignore important points of difference, but to dwell on the more important points of agreement, and to seek the union of those who agree on almost all great and important doctrines. In our own land, as in the Lower Provinces and in Australia, we can not only speculate and theorize on the benefits and blessings of union; we actually experience these beneficial results. For this we have good reason to be thankful. We have good reason to be thankful ioo, that we see the cause of union advancing, especially in Scotland and England. No doubt our own union has not been without some effect in preparing the way for the present state of things, and leading the minds of christian men to the contemplation of the subject.

In our last number we briefly stated the steps which had been taken botk in the Free Church, and in the United Presbyterian Church. We are glad to see there has been prorapt action on the part of the Committess appointed by the respective churches. They have held one joint meeting, which was mainly of a devotional character. Sub-committees have been appointed for the purpose of ascertaining the actual standards and formulas of the respective churches. It is hoped that other Presbyterian Bodies may also take steps to comert themselves with the present union movement. We shall watch with much interest the progress of matters. No doubt there are points of difficulty and of delicacy, which may require lengthened corsideration. Even after a satisfactory basis may be agreed on, so faras matters of dactrine and of principle are concerned ${ }_{r}$
there are matters of a financial nature which may require time to consider and arrange. The financial matters of the two churches aro conducted on systems which differ very materially from each other. In the Free church there is the central "Sustentation Fund," while in the United Presbyterian church each congregation pays its own minister, contributing at the same time to a fund for the aid of weak congregatiens. But we duubt not that in the good providence of God all these dilliculties will be overcome. We rejoice to see that there are many calls to prayer with special reference to this matter. Doubtless these prayers will not be in vain.

We regret that our space does not allow us to set before our readers the noble sentiments so eloquently expressed both in the Free Church issembly, and in the United Presbyterian Synod. We give however a specimen, selecting first some extracts from the speech of Dr. King in the Synod of the Cnited Presbyterian Church, and secondly some passages from an adairable speech of Principal Candlish of the Free Church. Dr. King in the course of his speceh said:

If we accept the religion of Christ as the word of the truth of the Gospel, what does it more earnestly enjoin upon us than to be of one heart and one mind in the Lord? Truth not only demands union, it unites. If we has' more truth we should have more charity, and more of its assimilating manifestation $\leq-$ for faith worketh by love-Where divisions have made English Iresbytevians a weakness and a reproach, incorporation would immediately render us a respected power in the country. We should eaert in England sueh an influence for good as Evangclical Dissent has already and confessedly exerted on the Establishment in Scotland. Presbyterianism on the Continent would hail surh commendation to its principles, and invigoration to its alliance. The day of union should be one of jubilec. There is not a class in these renlms, down from our gracious Majesty to her meanest subjects, but would hear its announcement, so clear, and loud, and thrillingly would its silver trumpets sound, and the moral effects would vibrate to the ends of the earth. Are you prepared to forego all this or even defer all this? I am not. In the contemplation of it my apprehensions change sides, and from dreading ill-assorted combinations I dread the result of schism and its sorrows. Two fact have nore weighed with me than any reasonings. The eminent men of otr Church with whom Providence has brought me into contract have been mostly and characteristicaliy unionists, and they have become increasingly so towards the close of their career. When I was newly licensed, I had an appeintment to preach for I)r. Pringle, of Perth, and I could never forget a conversation with him. Its words I forget, but its substance-I trust in some measure its spirit--rests with me. In fatherly and affectionate accents he indicated to me that he hat been very jealous about landmarks, and he was far from despising them stall, but he had come to discover thatevery one of them did not ditine a holy land or a widow's inheritance, and he had come to accept with mure comprehensive import and more entire self surrender the lesson, love of the brotherhood. This persona! lesson was delicate advice, and Ifecl at this moment as if he bad given it to me not only for acceptance but for transmission. let me disappear, then, in thought from our jounger bethern. Let them behold instead that venerated patriarch while he smiles upon them with benignant regards and prayerful hopes, and, uncoiling the map of hef, points sith the finger of desout experience in the direction of concord, and says with accents almost valeductory-- That is the way, walk ye in it.' I might state very many like incidentsreport many such remarhs made to me by such nen in their studies or on their death-beds; lout I may say in general, that to the extent of my class-mates and more immetiately within the range of my friendship, a lessening estimate
of differences and enlarging estimate of agreements has been one of the distinguishing marks of ripening for glory; and the other fact that weighs much with me is, that unions already formed havo falsifiel only fears, and havo fultiled and exceeded hopes.

## Dr. Candlish said:

I have no hesitation in saying, as many have said before, that I look upon this day's proceedings, in connection with the proceedings of the Synod of the United Presbytcrian Church, as by far the most important ecclesiastical event that has happened in Scotland since the Disruption, perhaps even more important than the Disruption itseif. But I should like that our brethren and friends here and throughout the country, should very deeply ponder, as in the sight of God, the singular solemnity and responsible position which we now occupy. I belicve ono thing is perfectly clear, that a step has now been taken by both of these Churches from which there is no going back-a step has now been taken which is irrevocable in this sense that we never can recover the position which we have occupisd separately from one another, exnetly as it was before. We may go forward, and attempt to consummate a union, and we may fail.-Will anybody say that after this night's proceedings, viewed in connection with the proceedings of the sister Church, it will ever be possible for these two bodies to resume again exactly the same position with reference to one another, or within themselves, that they occupied before these neyotiations began?-Sir, it is impossible in the nature of things, if we are compelled to go out of this attempt at union, acknowledging it to be a failure, but that we must of necessity come out of it standing in very different relations to one another, from those in which we stood before the attempt was mate. Nay, Sir, we must come out of it, I am persuaded, with elements of evil anong ourselves that could not possibly be over estimated. I feel that this is one of those steps, which having been taken pledges, unless God in his Providence manifestly interposes to go through with it, to go forward with it. Speak unto the children of Israel. Though the sea be before and Pharoab's host behind, epeak to the children of Israel that they go forward.

We may be under a temptation to magnify in a temporal point of view the advantages of this union; re may be under a temptation to dwell upon the moral power and immense influence which this union would give to the disEstablished Churches of Scotland--this Froc United Church of Scotland not only in this country bnt over the world. But I look forward to the future not merely as holding out very bright prospects of increased power and increased influence, but as invoiving very grave responsibilities; and I would desire our friends looking upon this union and anticipating the future, to anticipate it in that spirit, for if it should please the Lord to make us one who have been two separate Churches in the land, and bring us all together, I hope not a solitary brother on either side left behind-if it should please him thus to weld usinto one, can we doubt that it will be for some great work connected with the glory of his name? Sir, if I could $v$ nture to hope that within a few years this blessed consummation could be reached, and a Free United Church of Scotland, thonghly Calvinistic, thoroughly Presbyterian, thoroughly nonestablished, set up in the land, prosecuting zealously the ends which each of the two Churches is now prosecuting, as regards both home and foreigh missions, -I say, I cannot doubt that an influence would be exerted, not only upon the whole community generally, but, I will say, without offence, on the Established Church itvelf. If we could present to Scotland, and to the Established Church, the spectacle of a great body, united upon Scriptural prineples, for prosecuting the work of God, not distracted about matters of form and ceremony,-not led away by the temptation of an alliance with the broad Church over the Border, but presecuting steadily the Lord's work, according to the good old notion of the Calvinistic Presbyterian Church, our brethren mould become ashamed of these gew-gaw povelties they seem to be desiring, and I am
persuaded also, that in that establishment, if such a spectacle were exhibited, their Professors of Theology, instend of cultivating the intimacy on theolegieal ground,-even of the Maurices rind Stanleys, and others of the Broad Charch across the Border, -would be right ghad to come back again to old Fenteh theolegy. - This seens to me a bright anticipation, if we can, by the blessing of God, exhibit in this country a united church such as we hope to see formed, -a chureh herself prosecuting, undisturbed either by divers winds of doctrine, or liy diverse winds-what shall I say ?-by dwerse winds of the organ. And if we could present such a Church in Scotland, I believe that we should see a speedy end put to influences which I must say at this moment aill my mind with the alarm, for I cannot look at the Estabiinhed University, and the men who are presiding over the theological training of students, but with the very deepest alarm. For if unsound views or lathtudinarian principlee Legin in the Etablished halls of the country, they will not end there. They will prevade other bodies, and I believe that nothing will check the progress of such crils as these so effectualiy, as this very union which we are now proposing. It would nake us heart and hand united, stioulder to shoulder, in maintaining the old truth, and standing on our guard against all novelties.

## TIIE REASON WIIY.

Why are we to lay by in store? "That there be no gatherings when I come." God's phans for the cultivation of Chitistian liberality demand not only a thorough but also a reverential consideration. But with sorrow we are forced to admit that they do not get this from the great majority of our members. Few have given either days or hours to a calm and prayerful investigation of God's laws and Christians duties.

Anything will do ir life's hurry and bustle, provided it only save our pockets; hence pompous benevolence, and not practical beneficence is the order of the day. We have heard many able ministers and agents in this and in our fatherland appealing to Christian audiences in behalf of missionary and charitable objects, but se have nerer heard, nything more than a mere passing reference to the simple and perpetually binding law of New Testament literality before us. This is certainly beginning at the wrong end; why not take our stand and argument on the standard haws of gospel charity, and then urge the permanent principle successfully home to the very heart of selfish Christendom. The apostle does not say, wait till I come and lay before you the pressing necessities of the saints at Jerusalem, no; he does not say, wait till I thrill your minds with the account of their noble saerifices in leaving all to follow Jesus, no ; he does not say, wait thll 1 cause you to weep and laugh by turns, by the story of my mission adventures, no; neither does he say, wait till I come and awaken gratitude by proclaiming the triumphs of the gospel in synagegue and forum, no. We cannot for one moment think that Paul would use any such miserable and worldly plans; and yet may not the very use of plans like these. be one reason why sensible men are often disgusted by pulpit and platform begging.
How often in many of the great English missionary gatherings, has not the cry of the audience been, "Where are the idols, where are the converts?" and if vulgar curiosity camot be satisfed by a sight of these seen trumphs, then the growl is, the whole affair is a failure; and, as the audience have often nothing to hear but platform eloquence, the nett result may be seen in an easily counted collection.

Were this all the loss it would be a small matter, but many go awny untouched either in conscience or in purse, some have been plensed or amused, some go array disgusted; whilo on the other hand this permanent rule of gospel giving has not been driven homo to any heart, so that liberality 'as God hath prospered' is next to an impossibility, either in the present, or for the future.
At the present moment the existence of many well known societies depends entirely upon their paid travelling agents; discontinue these, and only a mere fraction would continue to be contributed. But lit every Christian have a stated scason to lay by in store as God hath prospered; let conscience under the eye of God make this the law of life, and then, "you give to each conscienco an agent's commission, a pulpit to occupy, a sermon to preach, and a collection to take up every Sabbath." It is a simple law, any child can understand it ; it is an effective law, for cas. conscience becomes a worhing agent, each man a conscientious treasurer; and it is a business like law, for every man will willingly and wisely give to each object in proportion to its importance. It is a miserable state of matters in any church when the members thereof never think of giving until they are driven to give some paltry sum by spasmodic lashing from some agent, or the minister; no wonder that to such members the very first symptoms of an appeal is the signal to tighten the purse string. Under the present make-shin practice, everything depends upon how the appeal is made, and the man who makes it; if the man is a popular spealier with full command over the feelings and passions of his audience, if he can tell a well painted tale of want, destitution, and misery, or if he can amase peop,o by a well told laughable story, then, judged by our common standard, the collection will be good.
So long as people wait to give until they are dunned, so long as people give because other people gire, or because they have been amused into giving; so long will their giving be meagre, so long will it be unfelt, yea, so long will it be unblessed. But when every man gives at some stated time from principle, and the measure of that God given blessing; when we lay by in store to meet the claims of Gad and man as a privilege; when we give becanse not only it is right, but an imperative duty, then, the liberality of the age will be large, felt, and blessed :like to thase giving and recesving; yea, then it will be worthy of refo .ted Protestant Christendom.

The Apostle wanted no man to give under the earnest influence of his eloquence; he did not wish any one to give a single cent because he was there; no! but he proclains the law of God on the one hand, and the wants of his people on the other; and, having done so, he will not sink his ministry into a mere collectorship, but insists, and righty, that "there be no gathering when $l$ come." It is in such a way as this he would have conscience to scan, and to do its duty.

If men will give nothing until they are asked, this plan will make beggars; but, although in the present state of things many societies find it necessary to their very existence to have padd collecting agents, yet, there are two oljections to the system: on the one hand, it is not the scriptural plan, and on the other, it absorbs, very often, a large per centage of the sum collected.

There has been, too long, a false delicacy in speaking of consecration of means in many quarters; the fear of offeading that covetousness which is idolatry, has been a snare to many. But we hold that it is the duty of every minister to give this sulyect some place in his system of ministrations: to unfoli and enforce this and other laws of God bearing upon the subject, on the one hand, and on tho other, to point out the various schemes in the church, and wo:ld, more especially demanding our sympathy and aid. And we further hold that this systematic giving, enjoined by the Apostle, is absolutely necessary to the rery existence of any church which would seck a healthy and permanent existence: for, if the church gives not her sons, time, abilities, and means to bless the world-if her religion does not master the world-then the porld must curse and master her. If effort, based on love, be the soul of success, then, to the churches of the age systematic consecration is a question of victory or death.

We have long been thoronghly disgusted with that selfsh phase of religion which cannot bear to have money mentioned in the pulpit; for, if our religion is of God, it will have two sides-a Dirine and a human-godliness, or due reverence upwards to God-brotherly kindness, or practical love downuards and outwards to man; and if this human side is worth one stratr, it will systematically devise and carry out liberal things. Now, we have one word to those who are perpetually grumbling at, what they call, ministerial begging: make this rule of the Apostle's your own, and then, instead of selfish annoyance, you will give largely and liberally,-yca, you will positively thank that man who will point out to you any way in which you can benefit your brother man.

Fvory congregration has its omn ylans to raise moncy for mission and other purposes. Some have collections; some have subscription lists-these monthly; quarterly or yearly. But the plan, which probably would come nearest to the apostolic law, would be to have a mission box in every church, in which every man might place his gathering, weekly or monthly; and these gifts a mission committec could casily distribute to every object according to its importance.

In the present state of things the plan may be Ctopian; in most congregations it would likely produce less than the common plans; but, we believe that would be the simplest and the easiest plan; and were all the members of churches truly consecrated to God, it would, no doubt, be the most thoroughly effective plan. At the present moment, to carry the gospel into the most remote backwood settlement, and sustain it there-to equip, send forth, and sustain an effective missionary staff in any forcign mission field-we need consecrated means more than ever-yea, true system in that consecration. With these we will go on and prosper ; without these we will sink down into worldliness and death.

Finally, if the members of our church would seek a liberal, progressive and sanctified Christianity, let them decply and prayerfully ponder the New Testament law of action: "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store as God bath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

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Ratho A.ad Inveratr.-Tine call given by these congregations to the Rer. Robert Wallnce, has been declined.

Nomtawasaga and Osphey:-The Rev. James Greenfield, formerly of Martintown and Williamst win, has been inducted as minister of Nothwasaga and Osprey.

Napier.-The Rev. W. Troup has accepted a call from the congregation at Napier. Ilis induction was appointed to take place on the 29 h uit.

Rev. R. Ewiso.-The Rev. R. Fwing, a Licentiate of the United Preshyterian Church, Scotland, was received as a probationer of the church, by the Presbytery of Stratford, at a meeting held on the 7th ult.

Erskine Cuchetr, Inomesom--Rev. A. Cross.-Before settingout for Scotland, where he is to remain for a few montlis, the Rev. A. Cross was presented by his congregation with a purse contaiaing fifty-seven dollars, as a token of their affection and esteem. The congregation have recently spent a considerable sum in repairing and improving the church, which was re-opened shortly before the departure of Mr. Cross.

Whitby-Mr. J. M. Gibson.-Mr. J. M. Gibson, who has been labouring for some months at Whitby, with great acceptance, was waited on lately, before renoving to another sphere, by a deputation of the congregation, for the purpose of presenting to him an address expressive of their high respect and attachment, together with a handsome writing desk with an appropriate inscription.

Inverkur.-The congregation in this place fecling their deep obligations to Mr. Alexander Hill, for his valuable services as precentor, lately presented him with a substantial and handsome token of their esteem.

Rev. James Nisbet.-The Rev. James Nisbet is just about to set out on his return to the Red River Settlement. We trust that he may, amidst some perils which at present exist be preserved in safety, and be brought in comfort to the end of his journey. We have received a few responses to the appeal made by Mr. Nisbet in behalf of the school connected with the congregationat Kildonan. We trust others may yet send some contribution, as a token of their interest in the welfare of the young in that settlement. We observe that a reat change has just been effected, which will we trust, beneficially affect the settlement at the Red River, as well as the whole of the great Nori's West. We allude to the transfer to a new company of all the property, interests, $\& \mathcal{C}$., of the IIudson Bay Company. It is sail that the great object of the ner company is to open up the country for settement, and ultinately erect a railroad across the continent.

The Financtal Rethoss. - We have received a few notices of errors in the financial returns. These are in almost every case to be charged to the congregations themselves. We note the following.-

Bisavfrond-Zion Curren.-In the extended column the amount should be $\$ 2,94991$, instead of $\$ 2,14931$, the minister's salary, $\S 800$, having been omitted.

Weldiggton Square. - The sum of $\$ 200$ put down for College IBuilding Fund, should have been for College ordinary fund, and $\$ 200$ marked for French Canadian Mission, should have been for Synod Fund.

Tobovto Bay Strbet.-There is an omission of $\$ 7446$, under the head of "other Bencrolent objects," making the total amonnt for missionary and bencrolent objects, $\$ 31746$, and total contributions for all purposes, $\$ 1,51746$.
Dend.s.-The amount for Home Missions should be $\$ 3500$ not $\$ 900$.

Welingaton Sqcine.-A deputation from the Ladies of the Presbyterian Church in Wellington Square, waited on their Iastor, the Rev. Mr. Findlay, on the 30th June, and presented to him a handsome sum of money, exprescive of their regard for him, and their deep interest in his welfare, and the success of his ministry.

Montheal, Cabiucuetiere Streft.-We have received the reports of the several agencies in this well organized congregation. The annual ordinary income for church purposes was $\$ 2,103$ 79. The total amount raised for missionary and benerolent purposes was \$4,019 49. The Missionary Society raiscd $\$ 833$ 26, and the congregation raised for the St. Joseph Street Mission Station \$359 00.

## Gentral meligious futclligence.

Rey. C. J. Brown, of Finisbrent.-The degree of Doctor of Divinity has been conferred by Princeton College on the Rev. Charles J. Brown, of Edinburgh. Dr. Brown is well entitied to the degree, on the ground both of learning and of piety. At the late meeting of the General Assembly of the Free Church he delivered an admirable and effective speceh in favour of union.

Scomtisil Reformed Presbyterian Church.-The Reformed Presbyterian Church in Scotland has 20 students in the Theological Seminary, a larger number than at any previous time. The church has an interesting mission at the New Hebrides, in connection with which there has been made atranslation of the New 'Testament into the language of Aneiteum. The sum of $\$ 5000$ has been collected for Coreign Missions. At home the church has 45 organized congregations, with 6741 communicants. Their contributions, including ministers' stipends, exceed $£ 5000$, or $\$ 25,000$.

Appoistmest of Bisiof of Gibraltar.-Dr. Trower, formerly Bishop of Glasgow, which position he resigned from ill health, is appointed Bisfop of Gibraltar. Ihis is the first appointment of a Scotch Bishop to a Colonial Bishopric. It is understood that the appointment was msde by the Archbishop of Canterbury on the recommendations of the Bishops of Oxford and London. Dr. Trower is understood to belong to the extreme Migh Church party, and on one oceasion is said to have excommunicated the Duke of Argyle, for commu. nicating in a Presbyterian church.

Liberation of the Spasisif Pasoners.-Matamoras and the other Spanish Scripture readers have been at last liberated. The result has been achieved by the pressure of enlightened European opinion on the court of Spain, and through the prayers of Christian people. Tho deceased Sir Culling Eardley, whose recent death is universally regretted, laboured earnestly to procure the liberation of these interesting prisoners. General Alexander, a retired officer of the British army, was also zealous for the same object. Many French peoplo also took an interest in the matter.

Tine Arcubishop of Warsais and the Fhperon of Austma.-An impressive and digmified letter of remonstrance has been sent by the Archbishop of Warsaw to the Emperor of Russia. The Archbishop refers to the emancipation of the serfs, and calls upon the Emperor to give to Poland the rights and
privileges of which sho has been long deprived. He says "Blood flows in torr ntw, and repression instead of intimidating, only adds to the exasperation of the public 1 ind.-Time presses. Every ciay widens the gulf between the throne nd the realm -One noble word, worthy of the magnanimity of a great sovercign, is sulficient to save us; we look for it from the lips of your majesty."
Cuench Extession in Invons:-A scheme is being arganized under the auspuces of the Bishop of Loudon, for raising within the next ten jears the sum of one million sterling, for church extension. The spee:fic obyects to wheh the funds will be devoted are, 1. Missinnary elergy or curates; 2. Scripture readers; 3. Mission-wmen; 4. Clergymen's resudences; 6. Schools; 6. Mision rooms or School churches; 7. Endowment of new or old districts; 8. Eulowment of curacies; 9. Building of churches. The July number of "Cluristian Work" contains an interesting articio on the subject.
The Prison Ministers' Buri.--This Bill, the effect of which will be to establistr Roman Catholic chaplains in the various jails in Britain, and subject the Roman Catholic prisoners to the exclusive care of he priests, has passed both Houses of Parliament.

De.tio of Dr. Gatssen, of Geneva.-Dr. Gaussen, of Genema, died at his residence, Les Grottes, near Genera, on the 18th June, in the 73rd year of his are. He has rritten first class works on "Inspiration" and the "Canon of Scripture," and his name will be always associated with what has been called "The second Reformation of Gencva."

Tue Sounce of the Nibe.-Captain Speke and Captain Grant have just returned from their journcy of exploration to the source of the Nile, which they found in Lake Nyanza,, in Lat. $3^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$. From its source to its entrance into the Mediterranean, the river traverses 3000 geographical miles, nearly one-tenth of the circumference of the earth. Capt. Speke states that the people in the region which he had visited were the same race as the Abyssinians, with a mixture of the Hindoo. They have no religion, and do not believe in a soul.
Shnod of Presbyterian Church of Lower Provinces.-The Synod met in June, in Chariotetown, P. E. Isiand. The openiug service was preached by Rev. Dr. McLeod, from Ephesians iv, 12. The Rev. R. S. Patterson, of Bedeque, P. E. Island, was appointed moderator.

Sysod of Presbyterian Church of New Brusswiek.-This Synod mef at St. John, when the opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. James Salmon. Tho Rev. Angus McMaster, of New Mills was elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

Lovoon City Mrssion.- The Saciety has 380 agents, who, during the year have padd $2,012,169$ visits. They distributed 9,971 copies of the Scriptures, 2,970,527 tracts, held 45, 123 mectings and Bible classes, induced 1483 persons to become members of churches, and 619 families to begin family wor-hip. They have been the means of rescuing and saving from ruin, 619 fallen ones. Through their influence 203 shops have been closed and 8,i26 children sent to school. The income of the society was $£ 36,661$.

Week of Prater in 18fit. The General Assemby of the Preshyterian Church ( 0. S.) have recommended to the sessions of the chureh to set apart as a season of special prayer the week commencing Sabbath 3 Jan. 1864, including Sabbath 13 th. The Moderator of the Assen:bly was Dr. J. H. Murriscn, of the Lodiana mission, who first sugsested the annual week of prayer.
The Geveral Assembly U.S. and the Private A mministration of the Lobd's Supper.-In response to an overture from the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia, the General Assembly adopted the following minute :-
"The standards of our Church are clear in their teaching that the Lord's Supper is not to be received by any one alone. Yet in cases of protracted
sickness or approaching death, when the desire is very strongly urged by a member of the Church to enjoy the administration of the Lord's Supper, the pastor, having duty admomshed the applicant that such ordinance, however a source of spiritual comfort, is not in such cases an imperative duty or a means of silvation, may, with a member of his session, and such communicunts as may approprately be permitted to partake in such solemnity, proceed to admimiter this sacrament, a minute of every such act to be entered on the records of the Session."

## Mitaiomary Enteligente.

## MISSIONS OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCII.

At the late meeting of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, an interecting vier was given of the Foreign Missionary operatoons of the church. The followmg is an abridged outline:

1. Jamaica.-This mission, including the Grand Caymanas, consists of 26
 have been admitted into the church, there being an increase, after deducting deaths, remorals, ice., of 294 , the entire number being 5,845 . The amount raised for all purposes was $£ 4,25213 \mathrm{~s}$. 1 tau., being an average of 14 s . $6 \ddagger$ per member. There were 437 Sablath School teachers. The American War had even there exerted a disturbing influence on affairs, so that work was scarce and wages low.
2. Thinidin.-There are on this island three congregations, the inembers of which number 174. The Rev. W. F. Dickson, a native of Jamaica, has lately been ordained as minister of the mission.
3. Old Cababar.-This mission on the west coast of Africa, consists of five stations, and has six ordained missionaries; a medical missionary, one male and three female European teachers and two native teachers. Most of the missionary arents have made themselves masters of the language of the country. On the Sabbath the Gospel is preached to upwards of 500 natires, and upwards of 350 children and young people are receiving instruction at day and Sabbath Schools. At Crectiown there are 19 communicants, with 21 candidates; five have been admitted during the year. At Dake Town there are 16 members, four haung been added during the year. At Ikonetn there are four, and at lkorotiong two hopeful candidates. The medical missionary's labours are very useful. He daily sees from 10 to 30 patients, to whom he has the opportunity of speaking of the Great Physician.
4. Suith Aprict.-There are in South Africa tno congregations, one at Emgwali in British Caffraria, presiled over by Rev. Tiyo Soga, a native of Caffre, with 12t members; 12 having been admitted during the year, and the other at (ilenthora, in the cape colony, with a membership of 102 , viz., it Caffrees and $2 y$ Ifottentots. At Emywali there are two week day schools for boys, with attendance of 90 , and a gerls sc'1ool with So. Three native Evangelists itinerate in the surrounding districts on the Sabbath. The great event of the year was the opening of a new church, said to be the finest in British Cafiratio.
5. Jewisu Messors.-(1.) At Aleppo with the out stations of Killis and Idleb, threre are two ordained missionaries, one of then being a medical missionary, and it native teachers and evangelists. It is stated that 200 Jews desired to form themselves into a separate community, on the basis of the rejection of "the traditions of elders." chabodied in the Talmud; while for several Saturdays, until terrified by threats of excommunication, Jews and Jew-
esses visited the mission house, to the number of 80--90. The Gospel has been preached on the Lord's day to congremations varying from 10 to \%0. There are two schools, one for bovs, attended by 80 , and one for girls, with an attendance of 47 . (2.) From Aitona and Hamburg the mission has been in the meantime withlrawn. (3.) Algiers. This mession was full of interest and promise, but difficulties have arisen in consequence of the missionary, the Rer. W. Weiss, beginning, without the sanction or knowledge of the Commitee, to erect buildings on a seale of grat magratude, and thereby involving himself in pecuniary embarrassments. He is in the meantime laid aside.
6. Ixma.--'This mission begm in 1860 in the British Province of Ajmero and Marwara, and has now 5 ordained missionaries, a medical missionary, three native preachers, from the Free Church Mission at Bombay, and it male and one female mative school teachers. Three central stations have been formed viz., Beawr, Nuisserabad, and Ajmere. Comected with Beawr thereare seven day schools, with 175 children. Already three converts bavo been baptized, one of them being a learned Br hmin. Four are seeking baptism. At Nuisserabad there are 6 day schook, attended by 137 children. At Ajmere there was a school with 102 scholars. but a crisis came, which reduced it to $1 \%$. It has now, however, 53 sc'olars.
T. Cima-Ningro.-This station has just been deprived of the serviecs of Dr. Parker, who had resumed operations there he was cut off in the mids of great and promising usefulness.
'lowards the close of the Report, the following summary is riven :
"Thus we have had for the year 1862, independent of Australia, France, and Belgium, nine separate miscion-fields-namely, Iamaica, 'Trimidad, Old Calabar Caffraria, Algiers, IImburg, Aleppo, Rajpootana, and China, including 47 stations and 69 day schools, which have been conducted by to ordained European missionaries, 3 medical missionaries, $\bar{z}$ ordained native miscionaries, 8 native Evangelists, 17 European catechists ond teachers, and of native teachers; or, altogether an educated agency of 137 persons, who have been sustained at an expense of rather more than $£ 17,000$ This number does not inchude the wires of our missionares, who, in many cases, are most useful and efficient teachers. The manifold operations, wheh these agencies involve, seem to have been carried on with wise and steady energy, and in the "spirt of fath and prayer;" and whilst there has been no starthy movenent, like the revival which ghadened Jamaica during the preceding year, there have been shown at nearly all our stations evidences that the good work is advancing. The invoked blessing has not been withheld, and enough has appeared to call for gratitude and thank giving. The fields of our operations are being enlarged; the very succese of our agents does this; and the demands for addtional labourors are frequent and sirong."

## MISSIONS OF FREE CHEREII.

(Ievflit View of Operatiovs.-(1.) In India the Free Church has 27 eentral and branch miesion stations, worked by 16 ordained Furopean, and 10 ordained natire misionaries. There are threc licensed native preachery, three European miscionary teachers, two medical missionarie iss native christian teachers, is colporteurs, and 9 students for the ministry. There are 374 commonicants in the native churches. During the last year 3 x adult; have been added to the churches. There are 36 schools for males, attended by 6,324 , and 149 schools for females, attended by 1,93.4.
(2) ln Africa there are 23 mission statinn: with $G$ orlained European miscionaries, one Emopean missionary teacher, 18 mative christian teachers, tro European catechiots and missionary merhancs, and ib Seripture readers. There are 719 communicants in the native churches; and 87 adults have been admitted during the year.

Jfowtin Mrsmoss.-The stations by the Free Chirch in the prosecution of missionary work among the dews, are the following . - 1. Amsteman - This misson is slowly but steadly advancitr. Calummes have been salenced and pronelytes are let alone. Mr. Swartz labours here. 2. Brestat.-Mr. Vdwards contunies to occupy this post with steady success. Here a christian church has been formed with a considerable sprinkling of Jews. \%. Pristif. -'The school here prospers as formerly. It is filled with children and more are comng in.

The mission at Constantinople has been in course of being remodelled, and at Anoma, in Italy, an experiment has been made for a year, which promises to be successful.

Miscon iny Fevns. - The following is the amount of funds raised by the Prec Church for these missions, during the past year:-for Jewish miscions, $£ .3,821$, being short of the amount on the peceding year by ebst for India misions £l1, 794 \%s. $4 d$. In India itself there was raised the sum of $£ 6,648$ Ts. 9 d , and
 Socicty for Female Education in Inda.
$I_{1}$ M. Mitchell addressed the General Assembly on the suoject of Forcign Mistions. He said he could congratulate any young missionary now roing out to India, on the change that had taken place since he first knew it, twenty-tive gears ago, or even ten years. The pioneers had cleared a way through rock and fungle; the path is now comparatively easy. In the last ten years, the number of native catechists had been doubled, the number of native mmenaries had been tripled, and the number of native churches quadrupled. The native christians have increased by 40,000 .

## MISSIONS OF THE PRFSHYTERIAN CIICRCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

Misulon is Ineithom.-The July number of the Record containe a letter from Mrs. Johnston, giving an account of the mission for the past year. The school has increaced in numbers, the average attendance being to, whereas durng the preceding year it was only 21 . 'The scholars too appar to be more interested in their lessons, and make on the whole, satisfactory propress. Several of the girls live in the mission premises under the care of Mrs. Geddie, and when out of school are engaged in domestic affairs. The ages of the scholars range from ; to 1.5 . Ill the usual branches are tanght and special attention is given to Scripture lesions As an indication of the interest of the natives in the elacation of their chaldren, it may be mentioned that they have lately erected a new and commodious school house, which will seat 100 with comfort.
 sow whose term of missionary : reve in India will expire on the lat January next, whtes encouragingly as to the prorres of things at Surat. In his letter which appears in the Jnly number of the Missianary Merald, be gives an account of the baptiem of two converts, one formerly a heathen, and the other adew. Mr. Wallace and Mr. Mekee were both out in the villares around. Dr. tilayow states that, white in a month or a year no great change can be expected, in the catuse of his Imblian experience a very great change has taken place in remerd to the acess; which minionarics have to the native made. Dr. Glownw veal, an abridged journal of evangelistic labours by Meherwani, a nativeassistant.

Corovin, Masmovs. - Mr. Mall writes from Vancouser's Island gising an interesting account of the laying of the foundation stone of the first presbyterian chmeh of Vancouver's Islan! by Chief Justice Cameron, a member of the congregation, who has subscribed dou towards the erection.

## MADAGASCAR.

The Committec of the British and Foreign Bible Society lately sent to the King of Madagascar a handsome copy of the lloly Scriptures. He wrote aletter of thanki to the President and directols, in which he says. "I desire to ascribe to Amighty God the position which I ocenpy in Madagasear, and as I beliere that nothing will conduce more to the prosperity of my people than a wide circulation of bibles, I shall encourage most free circulation of the Scriptures throughout Madagascar."

Since the above was in type re learn that there has been a revolution in Madagascar, and that King Radama has been mateacred The affair is not very fully explaned as yet. Jut it appears that the king had given himself up to intemperance. God may, however, overnle even such a sad event for the ultimate accomplishment of his own purposes.

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## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The Presbytery of London met on 'fuesday the Th July, sud remained in anesion till Thursday noon.

One of the first acts of the Presbyterw, after being constituted, was to add Mr. Chiniguy's name to their roll. Mr. Chimguy was present, and took his seat as a member of court, being warmly weleoned by the Moderator, in the mane of the lresbytery.
The followiner are the principal items of butinesstransacted:
The indmetion of the Res. W. Troup, at Nupher, was appointer.
The Presbytery took up the subjeet of the misvion to Fremeh Canadians at Sand. wich. and in eonnesion with this heard from Mr. J.athelle a very interesting aceount of his labmar there and thronghout the eonnty of Lases. After lengthened dizenssion it was arened to shapend the mission work on the acimtime, and to overure the sionod at its next meetion to undertake a mis-ion amones the French Canadians in the Weit. Mr. Labelle was appointed to labsur at Kankakee, nad Mr. Dumas, who has been supplyng that station with great acepuance, was recommended to atten I Know College during the ensuing sesion.

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Repif to the Rfy. De. Cabuli on the: Eecumast. By Robert Burns, D.D., Prof. of Church History, Knox College. Price ten cents. Toronto: J. Bain, King Strect.
In this short treatise we have a very pood reply to Dr. Cahill, and we may say, a very good refutation of the Popish view of transubstantiation. The author tirst considere the subject in the light of the kistory of the ondinance of the I.ords supper. 2nd He tries the doctrine of transubstantiation at the bar of semese and reason. 3rd He applies the test of diecet and necessary cousequemex. These ponts are briefly but clearly discussed, and the result is, that we have, in short compass, an excellent treatise on a point lying at the very foundation of Romanism, for the writer well remarks, that tramsubstantiation may he well rerarded as "the buining article" of the Church of Rome, and that the man who denies this doctine virtually renomeses Popery. We believe that the subject of Popery demands a larger share of attention than it gencrally receives.

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To Correspondents.-In consequence of the amount of space regured for the Statietical Returns, we have been obliged to defer several commanic ations.

We rectived the Report of the proceedings of the Gereral Assembly of the Irish Church too late to be able to give any account of the mecting in this number.
The Rev. J. Rogers was elected moderator.
The Londoy Shoe Blate Brigndes.-There are in lombon eqght shee lilack brigadeo, wabliwhed to care for the gomer boe hacha, and to make of them reenectable member of dociety. The first society formed in their behalf wa metabhebedm 18:1, and has beon selfapporting for several yeare, having a harge hou-g, which is paid for, with all ats curreat exfenses, by the bogs themedoes Its aftair are managed by ten lawyers, who select the boys from twenty raterd schooh in the vieinity, which they attend every day after their work, as well as on Suadays. They bave
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