

ANNUAL SOIREE.—The annual Soiree was held in the City Hall, which was so crowded, that two of the large ante-rooms had also to be occupied. The President was in the chair. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. E. Kennedy, R. Wallace, W. Park, F. Ferguson, Sen., and J. Guthrie, on important topics.

THE PUBLIC BREAKFAST.—This breakfast, which, of late years, had been held in the Hall of North Dundas Church, owing to the increased attendance, had to be held in the Trades Hall; and indeed in that large Hall it was with difficulty that all could be accommodated. After breakfast, the Rev. Messrs. Riddell, Adamson, and Guthrie, addressed the meeting.

Had we access to our Evangelical Union brethren in Scotland, we would whisper a word in their ears respecting the importance of their doing something in colonial missionary effort, as well as in Home Mission work. "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." Some of us have so long hoped that preachers will come out and labour for Christ in the colonies, that we are beginning to despair of ever receiving any help from our brethren at home. We think the Evangelical Union will be greatly lacking in what is required of it, if much more is not done by them to spread their views of divine truth than they have yet done. Much ground has been lost for want of labourers during years that are past. The Church in Middletown, Conn. U. S., which Mr. Melville left, when he came to Canada on the death of Mr. Peden, has been vacant for years; and though a minister was advertised for, for some time, in the *Christian News*, no one volunteered to go and fill the vacancy. Other Macedonian calls have fallen on the ears of our brethren, to which they have given no response whatever. Our brethren preach away in Scotland about the freeness of the gospel for all, and it looks as if they were afraid to go out of the British isles to proclaim it. We should like to see some of the best of the students and some of the successful pastors too, consecrate themselves to the work of preaching Christ in the colonies. Were some of our brethren to act in this way they would be doing no more than what they are expected to do, if they are really influenced by the free and unfettered gospel which they proclaim. And soon the brethren at home would see the necessity of making greater exertions than they are now making to increase the number of students attending the Academy. The Professors could teach a hundred students as well as forty. Sometimes students or ministers cannot come to the colonies, because their friends or wives are unwilling that they should do so. But certainly all concerned should remember that the calls of Christ should be heeded more than their own feelings. In other denominations men will consecrate themselves to preach Christ in Turkey, or in Hindostan, or in Africa, or even on the bleak, barren shores of Labrador, and women who love Jesus will cheerfully accompany them as wives and share in their toils and triumphs. Surely the world-wide Gospel of the Triune God, which our brethren proclaim, and by which they should be influenced, should produce in them similar devotedness. Who then will come to the help of the Lord against the mighty?

CALLS.—The Rev. Wm. Hutchison has accepted a call to the Evangelical Union Church Frazerburgh, Scotland. The Rev. John Whitson