

not wanting. Many were melted to tears, and all seemed more or less affected by the fervency and power of Mr. Earle's pointed addresses. The success of these meetings was also greatly owing to the ready co-operation of the clergy of the city, who sustained M. Earle on all occasions by their presence and assistance in the exercises. Mr. Earle left Halifax to fulfil other engagements on the 3rd inst., after delivering a farewell address at the Rink to an immense assemblage, very many of whom will remember him with christian affection; but the meetings will be continued by the Pastors of the Churches. We believe the hearts of numbers have been moved—that slumbering souls have been awakened—and it is for the christian people of our congregations to follow up the work with their prayers and their labors, “watching for souls” who are waiting for the word of encouragement, “speaking often one to another” about the things of eternity, and bringing to their pastors, as well as to Jesus in their prayers, all with whom they know the Spirit has been striving. We sincerely trust the impressions made may not pass away like the early cloud and the morning dew, and that our cry will not still have to be, “O, the hope of Israel, the Saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldst *Thou* be as a stranger in the land, and as a way-faring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night? Why shouldst *Thou* be as a man astonished, as a mighty man that cannot save?”

SCOTCH CORRESPONDENCE.

Dunse, Oct. 19th, 1874.

DEAR EDITOR,—Some months have passed since I last craved a space in your columns, and, though conscious of my remissness, it was not until I received a gentle reminder from one of our mutual friends across the “Pond” that I could muster energy sufficient for the task. And how shall I best interest your readers? Perhaps in no way better than to select from the full tide of events that is ever deluging the “Old Country,” those points which strike me as the most important, and which involve an interest common to a Briton and a Colonist.

The intellectual energies of her greatest minds have not been inactive, nor has the current of public opinion, though moving *pede lento*, been swerved from its ever-progressing course.

PROF. TYNDALL.

Professor Tyndall has delivered himself of what has been styled “Old Indian Brahminism in Belfast,” and thereby has called to arms every worthy defender of the Christian faith. Whether or not a scientific theory or fact has been unjustly measured by a theological rule, is a question yet agitating many minds. But that the utterances of Prof. Tyndall before the British Scientific Association, recently held in Belfast, have been hailed by the non-scientific minds of Britain as savouring of the most unblushing materialism, is a question beyond dispute. Doubtless such doctrines, and from such an authority, have their weight and supporters, and must be met by the strongest weapons of defence. But the Scottish mind has been too long in the enjoyment of a higher faith, and Scottish life and character too long moulded by Christian truth and doctrine, to brook a faith founded on a mere scientific theory. From a literary point of view, Prof. Tyndall's address was a most masterly production, and his deductions show to what profound depths science, in its multifarious modes of application, is pushing itself. We do not hesitate to concede it any possible degree of progress in its own sphere, nor do we fear the result, but we do object to that mania, on the part of scientists and other theorists, to *endeavour* to controvert those theories of natural and revealed religion on which our faith and hopes rest, on purely scientific grounds.

COMMISSION OF GEN. ASSEMBLY.

The Commission of the Gen. Assembly, which met on the 14th inst., has been looked forward to with peculiar interest. The question before the Court was the drafting regulations for working the Church Patronage Bill. The Committee on Patronage reported to the effect that, owing to differences of opinion on questions of principle, they would be unable to submit a full report, and requested some further instruction from the Commission to regulate their deli-