

REVIVAL MOVEMENT IN SCOTLAND.

The following notices are from the *U. P. Magazine* (Edinburgh) for Feb. It is well known that delightful progress has been made in many parts of Scotland, particularly in the west, which are not here referred to.

Edinburgh.—The Union Prayer-Meeting held every Monday in the U. P. Synod's Hall Queen Street, has been maintained week after week ever since April, 1858. For twenty months it has been regularly conducted without intermission and without declension, on the same unsectarian basis, and in the same quiet, simple order. When the appeal from the missionaries in Lodiana was presented to the friends thus accustomed to assemble, it was at once agreed to meet daily during the second week of January, and the result has proved most satisfactory. The attendance increased, until on the last of the six days, and that a Saturday, it was necessary to open the upper Hall also, and both were filled,—two large meetings being held at the same hour. The arrangements for the week were very successful. Men of all classes and of all denominations took part in the interesting services. Lord Benholme, Rev. Sir H. Moncrieff, General Anderson, the Lord Provost, Mr. David M'Laren, and Professor Balfour presided. There were four prayers each day; ministers of the Established Church, the Free Church, the United Presbyterian Church, and others, engaging with private members of all these bodies in such happy unity of spirit, that no one could possibly discover, from what was said, to what particular section any one belonged. A great desire was expressed to have the daily meeting continued; but it has been considered advisable to revert to the previous practice, or at most to have two meetings in the week, on Monday and Friday.

It is impossible to estimate the manifold benefits, personal and social, accruing from this extraordinary means of grace. These are now appearing to the great encouragement of those who thus wait upon the Lord. Prayer abounds, and the place which prayer occupies in the economy of grace is—if not better understood—more fully acknowledged and verified in the present experience of the people of God. Congregational and district prayer-meetings have been revived and multiplied—the design of the Union Prayer-Meeting being to feed existing organizations and supply the ordinary channels.

Union has been promoted, oneness of spirit among the children of God, by the unostentatious blending of all churches and denominations in this hallowed service; and never before in Edinburgh has there been a fellowship of kindred minds so long and so happily sustained as this weekly gathering from many various congregations of those who are partakers of like precious faith, and call upon the Father with one heart and one soul.

Conversion, as a great fact, the turning-point of man's destiny, and the end to be gained by instruction or intercession, is so prominently and so constantly before the mind, that ministers and members of churches, and the careless sinner himself, are thus brought into more earnest concern for the soul. The work of the Spirit—heretofore too much kept out of view by us all, or discussed in vague speculation, is best studied in such pleadings and wrestlings for His gracious interposition as are to be heard in these meetings. And the great duty of each to win souls, saying to our neighbour, and especially to those of our own household, "Know the Lord," is strikingly enforced by the touching appeals that are made by relatives calling on the people of God to pray for those near and dear to them, whose spiritual condition is described in terms that awaken in all, affectionate solicitude for themselves and others. No argument from the pulpit—no treatise from the press—could have done so much to overcome the prejudice so long existing in this quarter against lay agency, and faithful dealing in admonishing one another, and warning every man of his sin and danger. We are but beginning to realize our individual responsibilities, but the Union Prayer-Meeting has proved a good school in this respect to all who attend it.

North of Scotland.—A meeting of ministers from various parts of the north of Scotland, was held in Huntly in January, for the purpose of comparing notes, and