

THE REVIVAL IN SCOTLAND.

Space will permit us to give only a very brief outline of the more recent revival work in Scotland. A convention of ministers and office bearers in the Evangelical Churches was held in Glasgow in April. Over 5000 persons attended. Dr. Robert Buchanan opened with prayer. A paper by Professor Charteris was read urging the duty of *not obstructing* the work of God. Since they believed that a great work of God had been wrought among them, it must be their chief aim to be fellow-workers with God according to the principles which He has shown to regulate His working hitherto. When they saw hard hearts softened, careless lives changed, wandering prodigals recalled, downcast spirits raised up, and anxious souls enabled in sweet peace to rest; when they saw all this resulting from the simple direct teaching of the truth and united thankful prayer and praise, they must all cry, "Not by might nor by power, but by thy Spirit, O Lord of Hosts." And when they sought to advance the movement in the time to come it was very clear that their part was to continue to preach and pray and praise God with earnest expectation and a hope strengthened by their happy experience. If they would have to go on deepening and widening, they must all work and pray with an anxiety and kind of expectation to which they were formerly strangers. Further, if this movement was to be advanced, the great principle must be learned that there "are many members of the body, and all members have not the same office, but every member has its own office;" and so every one must get something to do, and must do the thing which God has fitted him or her to do. He thought that would involve some change of the ordinary Church channels. Dr. Charteris then suggested the following method of utilising the Sabbath for the propagation of the gospel, and the ingathering of the 150,000 people in Glasgow whose very existence was appalling. The Lord's Day might have, first, a service at twelve o'clock—eleven being too early it seemed—for the ordinary congregation; second, there might be children's

services at two, the minister presiding and others helping; third, evangelistic services at six or seven, of which the last half-hour should be open, but laymen helping throughout; and fourth, the afternoon should be devoted by the congregation to visiting, perhaps with a special view to the evening meetings.

Principal Fairbairn hoped that this movement would leave its mark behind it upon the ministers, and this would be of unspeakable value for the future. The subjects dealt with in the pulpit would also be marked by modification. What were the leading doctrines upon which the Spirit in this movement might be said specially to have made a mark? First of all, there had been the doctrine of a living, personal, holy God—a God who sees and hears, and pities, and judges the earth; secondly, the doctrine of an atoning Saviour; thirdly, the doctrine of a free and full salvation to sinners of every name and every degree; and lastly, the doctrine of regeneration by the Spirit and Word of God—regeneration into newness of life. These were, he ventured to say in the presence of that audience, the grand primary doctrines upon which this movement had turned. They were not the doctrines of what were called the advanced thinkers of the present day. The moment they eliminated these doctrines, and turned Christianity into philosophy, it would suit some intellectual individuals, but its influence on the great masses, its power on mankind, was lost.

Many others spoke wisely, but we have no room for quotation.

ADVANCING.

How has the movement advanced? We learn from the *Daily Review* that in Edinburgh the Daily Prayer Meetings number an attendance of from 900 to 1200. Prayer is as earnest as ever, and gracious answers as frequent. All denominations work together and worship together in love. On Saturday afternoons there are crowded meetings for children in the Free Assembly Hall. A special meeting is also held every evening till 10 o'clock in the same Hall, for persons who cannot attend other meetings. Meetings for inquirers and converts