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## Miscellaneous Articles.

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### UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HISTORY.

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We have brought down the history of our Church to the Union between the United Secession and Relief denominations, and have given a description of that auspicious event. Fully eleven years have elapsed since this memorable occurrence took place; and so far as we learn, it has been followed by results most important, not only to the Association itself, in Britain and the Colonies, but to surrounding denominations, and to the spread of the gospel over heathen lands. We know of this Union, and of what has since followed it, it is true, not by being on the spot and witnessing, but only by official documents, which do not enter into minute detail, and we are therefore not so well qualified as could be wished, to carry on the narrative. With much of the history of the Secession Church, we felt ourselves closely identified either by personal or hereditary ties, from the time of its origin throughout its whole progress. But during the last period of its history, on which we now enter, having been situated at such a distance as to have little opportunity of knowing and judging of passing ecclesiastical movements in Scotland, we cannot be expected to have much of general interest to bring forward; and having been perhaps sufficiently minute on what is past, we shall now only contemplate a few summary notices in bringing our narrative to a close.

In giving a history of our Church as the United Presbyterian Church, we feel, however, that it would have the appearance, at least, of an abrupt termination, were we to proceed no further than we have done, and thus say nothing of the operations of the denomination when it is constituted by its present name, and presented to the world in its present happily united organization. We proceed, therefore, in a very few papers, to