

Scotia, had, it was stated, demonstrated the practicability of framing a Basis of Union honorable to the feelings of each particular Church, and yet satisfactory to all; and in the menacing attitude of the civil courts towards the spiritual privileges of the Free Church, although it was wholly unconnected with the State, and the consequent danger of all unendowed Churches, Mr. Nairn saw only an additional reason for pressing onward towards the accomplishment of the contemplated union. The points upon which the three Churches were agreed were pointed out, and also the points of difference, and the speakers referred to the desirableness of forbearance being exercised upon the latter. Mr. Symington, who belongs to the Reformed Presbyterians, in his address on the means of attaining union, urged upon the audience the duty of united prayer as a means greatly calculated to hasten the union of all the children of God; and referred to the certainty of ultimate union, not only among the three Presbyterian bodies there represented, but with the Established Church, Episcopalians, Independents, Baptists, Wesleyans, and all Christian denominations. He would not, he said, have taken part in this movement if it were proposed that their efforts for union should stop at the Free, United Presbyterian, and Reformed Presbyterian Churches.—Dr. Burton said, that it was a remarkable fact in past history, that all great events of this kind had been inaugurated in Paisley. If he was not misinformed, the meeting for union between the Burgher and Antiburgher Seceders began in Paisley, and the first meeting for union between the Relief and the United Secession, was held in Paisley. Paisley was always, he held, ahead of the rest of the country both in political and religious movements; and he referred to the fact that all the great political reforms advocated in Paisley forty years ago were now the law of the land. He hoped that it would turn out that Paisley on the present occasion was also leading the way for others to follow. A resolution was agreed to “highly appreciating the advantages of an union of the three unendowed Presbyterian Churches of Scotland,” expressing satisfaction with “the Report of the progress and results of the effort which has been made in Paisley for that object; and, feeling convinced that the obstacles to union are not greater than may be met and overcome by a brotherly spirit of forbearance, without any sacrifice of principle or compromise of truth,” the meeting “would affectionately but earnestly suggest to the office-bearers of the various Churches interested the propriety and expediency of bringing the subject under the consideration of their respective Church courts, in the way and manner which to their judgment may seem most prudent. Meanwhile, they recommend a continuance of union prayer-meetings, and a more extended co-operation in all home missionary work, as the best preparation for a close union.”

REVIVAL IN ANNAN—SCOTLAND.

An Annan correspondent of the *Dumfries Courier* says:—All the usual features of deep religious awakenings elsewhere are strongly marked here, with the exception of “prostrations” and extravagances, for which praise is due to God. During the addresses, solemn earnest attention is the only feature visible on the audience, but when the public meeting is over, and the ministers and other Christian friends move among the anxious from pew to pew, the power of God’s truth in convincing of sin is manifest, and, to an onlooker who has a heart to sympathise with the work of saving conversion to Christ, nothing can possibly be more solemnizing than to see throughout all the church, on ground-floor and galleries, groups in earnest, close conversation on the great concerns of their soul; and by and by the groups kneeling, or, if too crowded, their heads bowed on the book-boards, when prayer is made to God on their behalf. An avowed infidel, who came several miles to see and scoff, was convicted and converted the same night. Several young men have publicly professed their faith in Jesus, and have given an intelligent account of their change of heart. The public mind is deeply moved. A solemn awe seems to hang over the whole community. Scoffers there still are and likely will be; but many who warmly opposed at first, now more warmly approve. The prayers of God’s people are asked for Annan.