

and our prayers for them as well as for ourselves. After that no opposition was made, and no idea entertained of giving up our evening prayer-meeting, and we enjoyed the presence of God, and liberty of worship all the way home.—*U. P. Missionary Record.*

Ecclesiastical Notices.

ADDRESS ON THE SELF-SUSTENTATION OF THE CHURCH, AND THE BEST MEANS OF ATTAINING IT.

To the Ministers, Elders, Members, and Adherents of the United Presbyterian Church.

DEAR BRETHREN,—At the meeting of Synod in June last, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

1. That an Address on the self-sustentation of the Church, and the best means of attaining it, be drawn up, and read from all the pulpits:—that it be printed also, and circulated throughout the Church, one copy of it at least to be furnished to every household connected with the Church either by membership or adherence.

2. That (as already recommended) a Missionary Society be formed in every congregation of the Body, and Collectors appointed to

take up subscriptions monthly or quarterly, as may be deemed most convenient for the people.

3. That the existence of such a Society in the congregations requiring aid, be a condition of their receiving supplement out of the Mission funds of the Church.

4. That Presbyteries be instructed to bring these resolutions under the consideration of the congregations within their bounds, and afford them every encouragement in carrying them out.

In accordance with the first of these resolutions this Address has been prepared, and it shall consist, chiefly, of an explanation and enforcement of the three last. But we shall commence with a brief

I. STATEMENT OF THE CASE.

The self-sustentation of the Church is, intrinsically, a subject of the greatest importance; and in the present circumstances of our Church, it is of *immediate urgency*. Her character is at stake, and her very existence as a Missionary agency in this Province is imperilled. The support hitherto received from the Parent Church has been withdrawn, and if the deficiency of funds thus caused is not made up, many most promising Stations must be abandoned, and the interests of not a few regularly organized congregations materially damaged. Our very Missionaries it will be out of our power fully to employ. Year after year have we been sending across the Atlantic the cry, "come over and help us," and promising to those who should respond to it all due support and encouragement. In answer to our cry an unusually large number of Ministers and Preachers *have* come over; and shall we now say to them, We have abundance of work, but no pay for you? Is such a thing for a moment to be thought of? Will you allow it? "Forgive us this wrong."

The step taken by the Church in Scotland in throwing us on our own resources,

may appear very inopportune; and so, doubtless, it is; but none of us can call it premature. She has been a good "nursing-mother" to us for 26 years, and it will be a reflection not on her, but on us, if at that age we cannot stand alone; if, the moment her arm is withdrawn, we exhibit the helplessness of infancy. Whatever regret may be felt, and with some of us it is deep, that we had not the honor of *declining* her further aid, we have no ground of complaint in that she has withdrawn it. We have reason only for gratitude on account of the fostering care that she has exercised over us for the last quarter of a century. And what a return will it be for her generosity to us, if, through our niggardliness, congregations which she had gathered, are scattered; and fields which she had cultivated are left to go to waste? What a stigma would this leave on us as a Church? How could we expect the blessing of God to rest on the fragment that might survive?

In speaking thus, dear brethren, we do not overlook, nor underrate the *pressure of the times*. Sympathy with it would lead us, if we could, rather to lessen than enlarge our demands upon