

in the land. And, this is wonderful when we consider its field of action. Scotland stands pre-eminent among the nations for orthodoxy in doctrine. It is in the highest sense of the term a Calvinistic country, but the Calvinism of old Scotland has been made to reel and stagger, under the sturdy Arminian blows of the Evangelical Union. And we have confidence that the little body is destined to accomplish yet greater things for Scotland, and not for Scotland alone, but also for this land, where many of the sons of old Caledonia may be kept in spiritual bondage by the narrow theology of the fatherland. The Evangelical Union of Scotland now numbers eighty churches, with upwards of sixty ordained ministers, and forty-three students. The Academy opened twenty years ago with four students and one professor. Now it has four professors and forty-three students. Let Evangelical Unionists be true to their Mission. Let them seek to give prominence to those glorious universalities that are condemned as heresy by the larger denominations around. And ere long the moral wilderness shall sing and blossom as the rose.

OUR VISIT TO THE CHURCHES IN SCOTLAND.

No. IV.

On the 17th of September, accompanied by my aged father-in-law, Mr. John Peden, I went to Stirling, and spent the day in and around that old town, so frequently spoken of in connection with the Kings of Scotland.

The most interesting and conspicuous object in Stirling is the Castle. When this stronghold was built it is impossible now to tell, the darkness of antiquity hides its foundation and early history from our view. We know that when the wars were being carried on between England and Scotland, it was frequently taken and retaken after long and bloody contests. We are informed that it became a royal residence about the time of the accession of the house of Stuart, and was long the favourite abode of the Scottish monarchs. It was the birth place of James II, and James V; and James VI, and his eldest son Prince Henry, were baptized in it. The palace, which was built by James V, is in the form of a quadrangle, and occupies the south-east part of the fortress. The buildings on the south side of the square are the oldest part of the castle. The view which one gets from the castle-