

while its benefits remain? If *we* are to be used as instruments, errors in abundance may be counted upon; but, O, let souls be saved, the Church quickened, the nations roused with a mighty awakening, even though human infirmity display itself once more!" (Arthur.) I have never seen any wide-spread concern in a congregation without precious fruits having remained behind. Satan was busy, blossoms of convictions fell thick in the blast, but fruit was gathered to life eternal.

"Dr. Cunningham remarked in opening the late General Assembly that the American Revival has "not yet excited the attention or produced the practical results in this country which might reasonably have been expected, and that the churches here ought to beware of letting this most impressive manifestation pass by unimproved." Will it have to be said a year hence that this revival which is shaking the north of Ireland—tearing up its fallow ground—has not attracted in this country the attention it deserves either?

"I have no doubt that many ministers among us will anxiously think, "Are other places thus receiving showers of blessings, and are we to be unvisited?" "There's nothing but praying here," said a friend, I met at Coleraine on Wednesday. Our Christian *people* should ponder one fact, that the *awakened themselves* are the chief instruments in extending this work. Every Christian should be a home missionary. And the desire of my heart and my prayer to God is that the news of these crowded prayer-meetings, those eager masses of anxious inquirers brought to the foot of the Cross, may rouse our half-day hearers, absentees from prayer-meetings, and the whole body of our people to very solemn reflection.

"I must say, in conclusion, that I was deeply impressed with the thorough judiciousness and Christian wisdom shown by all the brethren I saw, with hardly one exception. Of course these brethren are very independent of any testimony of mine, but I feel much satisfaction in saying this.

"The importance of the subject is my excuse for the length of this letter.

"I am, my dear Sir, very truly yours,

"DUNCAN MACGREGOR."

THE BASIS—SIMPLIFY IT.

To the Editor of the Canadian U. P. Magazine.

SIR,—If you will admit a few words more on a topic of the day, and one in which your readers feel deeply interested, I will endeavour to be brief; and I may say, what I am sure will be a recommendation, that my object is conciliatory and pacific.

In your No. for August, page 233, Dr. Ferrier says,—“We are certain that among the laity of the Presbyterian and United Presbyterian Churches in Canada, not one in ten have the least idea