

Established Church of Scotland; Principal Cairns, Rev. Prof. H. Calderwood, of Edinburgh University, and others, made statements which must have appeared like new revelations to some, and which showed that the speaker, were actuated by a large degree of Christian charity and enjoyed a good measure of normal intellectual freedom. At length after much consideration, after a debate of vast importance in the history of doctrine, the Cumberland Presbyterian delegates were welcomed into the Alliance.

On the evening of this same day, the divine blessing was bestowed in a most gracious manner during the consideration of missionary work. The immense audience was greatly moved as the triumphs of Christianity were described by witnesses that had been in foreign lands. It was heart-cheering and soul-inspiring as Rev. Dr. W. F. Stevenson, of Dublin; Rev. K. S. McDonald, of Calcutta; Rev. Dr. Chamberlain, of Madras; Rev. W. S. Swanson, of China; Rev. H. Faulds, M.D., of Japan; Rev. J. G. Paton, of New Hebrides; Rev. Dr. Robert Laws, of Africa; Rev. Dr. Martin, of Syria—a converted Jew of, I think, Constantinople—and others, told of the wonderful works of God.

The Council passed a resolution recommending the missionaries of the various Presbyterian Churches to unite with each other for a more efficient and economic management of their work in foreign countries. This resolution is a noteworthy event in the history of missions. Evidently this "Sacramental Host of God's elect" is arranging the line of battle in a more solid form for a mighty move on Paganism and Romanism.

Sabbath was a high day for Belfast congregations. It was my privilege to hear Rev. Prof. A. A. Hodge, LL.D., of Princeton Seminary. His sermon was on the Trinity—text, Matt. xxviii. 19—and for simplicity and accuracy of expression, for range and majesty of thought, and for sweet persuasive unction was a rare treat, and was delivered extempore.

On Sabbath afternoon there was a

sacramental service in St. Enoch's Church, where the Council held its sessions. It gave me great pleasure to join our beloved brethren at the table of the Lord. Many countries were represented on that memorable occasion. The service was simple but impressive, and one thought of the great gathering time when "the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads." An affecting closing address was delivered by Rev. Principal David Brown, of Aberdeen, the author of an exceedingly valuable work on the "Second Advent."

Monday was another special day. In the forenoon "The Christian Ministry" was the subject of various papers. In the evening Ireland, Romanism, and Ritualism, engaged most serious attention. Some of the essayists evidently had only an ordinary range of vision. But the Rev. Dr. Charles S. Pomeroy, of Cleveland, Ohio, read a remarkable production on "Romanism in the United States." As the priesthood of America passed under the searching light of his luminous and apostolic eloquence, they stood out most vividly in their utterly unscrupulous character. This paper, however, did not distress or disturb the mind by thus presenting the dreaded enemy in the repulsiveness of his moral deformity, for by an exquisitely beautiful announcement of the abundant grace of God which melts the hearts of men, the audience was mightily animated with joyous and inspiring hopes that the glorious principles of the Reformation would yet triumphantly prevail over the broad continent of America. There followed a paper by Rev. Dr. R. F. Burns, of Halifax, N.S., on "Romanism in Canada," showing the tremendous and appalling power of Papal wealth and influence in the Province of Quebec.

On Wednesday evening there was a great Evangelistic meeting in the Botanic Gardens, and it was addressed by Rev. Drs. Harp, Wells, Warden, Sprecher, Roberts, and McLeod, all of America. The addresses were after the pattern of the Primi-