

## EDINBURGH EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE.

This conference was held in Edinburgh, on Monday, July 11th. Bro. Paton, of Glasgow, was elected chairman for the present year and Bro. Milner desired to continue acting as secretary. The General and Financial Reports of the executive, which is constituted of the eldership of the Edinburgh church, were read. The General Report urged strongly an increase of the evangelistic staff as the great means of adding to the momentum and efficiency of the movement. The Financial Report, while showing a decrease in the contributions from some churches, specified notwithstanding a balance in hand. The Evangelists Abercrombie and Rotherham presented reports of their labors for the past year. Bro. Hurt, now of Dungannon, Ireland, gratified the meeting with a full and interesting account of the steps by which he had been led to relinquish, some five years since, his position in the London City Mission, and a few months ago to identify himself with brethren in Ireland. Letters from churches and statements from delegates were read and heard, and then came refreshment in the shape of a substantial dinner, after which proposals from churches and brethren were considered. From evidence in hand it appeared that more would be done in the forthcoming year than in the past. On request the Edinburgh elders kindly consented to act as heretofore. Brethren Rotherham and Abercrombie were desired to continue their labours another year, to which they agreed. Brother B. Brown of Crofthead, at the instance of the Glasgow Church, was called into the field, to labour principally in Glasgow. Bro. J. B. R. it was understood, would spend a month in visiting friends and brethren in England. Bros. Abercrombie and Brown were desired, ere settling down for winter work in their respective localities, to visit as far as able the churches in Scotland generally. Fraternal feelings towards brethren co-operating in England were expressed, the churches being left to judge and act for themselves as to sending delegates to the Wigan Meeting. Approval was expressed of a proposal so far to collect and print statistics of churches co-operating in Scotland as to aid brethren passing to and fro in obtaining Christian fellowship. And thus terminated a very happy and it is hoped useful conference, to be followed however by an evening soiree, the arrangements of which were deemed most excellent. The evening was pre-  
 vaded by an earnestness which on such a soul inspiring theme as evangelization could not but wax eloquent.

The presence of Bro. Hurt was peculiarly gratifying. By his addresses and his story of the past he seemed to commend himself to all, begetting the conviction that he is a godly, earnest and able co-worker. May his labours in the Emerald Isle, to which for the present he returns, be crowned with much happiness and blessings. The conference being on Monday, the preced-

ing day was suitably linked with it; its speakers being Bro. Hurt, forenoon; Bro. Rotherham, afternoon; Bro. Abercrombie, evening.—*B. M. Harbinger.*

THE GOVERNMENT OF OUR THOUGHTS.—The right government of the thoughts requires no small vigilance and resolution. But it is of such vast importance to the peace and improvement of the mind, that it is worth while to be at some pains about it. A man that has so numerous and turbulent a family as his own thoughts, which are apt to be at the command of his passions and appetites, ought not to be long from home. "Guard well thy thoughts—thy thoughts are heard in heaven."

## EVANGELISTS' ADVICES.

NORVAL, 27th July, 1864.

BRO. JAMES BLACK,—

DEAR SIR,—As it is now about a month since I commenced laboring under the direction of the Committee of co-operation, I have thought that it would be interesting for the Brethren to receive a report of my movements through the *Adviser*.

I commenced preaching at Mimosa on the Tuesday night after the June meeting. On Wednesday night Bro. Anderson was with me and remained over Thursday and spoke that night. From that time I continued speaking each night till Thursday week, omitting the two Saturday nights, and of course holding two meetings each Lord's day. The attendance throughout was good. I understand that there was considerable of opposition manifested by some of the Methodists, but not personally to me; yet I afterwards learned that the opponent afterwards attended at the immersions, and expressed himself as well satisfied at the close of the meetings.

Three confessed the Lord and were immersed and one who had been immersed at the Erin meeting took membership in the congregation at Mimosa.

There appears to me good prospects for the congregation in that place if the Brethren will keep active and diligent in holding forth in the word of truth, and courageously putting in a word for Jesus whenever they have opportunity.

From Mimosa I went to Garafraxa, and remained about the same length of time as at the former place.

The regularity of the meetings was somewhat interfered with by frequent occurrence of rain;