

during the recent revival. It cannot be denied but that Dr. Morison has exerted important influence upon the theological opinions of the country, and especially upon the United Church. The controversy, the debates in Presbytery and Synod, and the formation of a new body, the corner stone of whose edifice is the doctrine of an atonement as universal as the offer of mercy, made men think; and whilst hundreds were indisposed to sympathise with the reputed extravagances on several points by the new sect, or to separate from the church of their fathers, their views on the atonement question were considerably modified, and the character of the preaching in not a few pulpits very much changed. On Sabbath last we observed that years, and his manifold labors, have greatly changed him. Much of the fire is gone; and we notice too, that, there is much less of an affected mannerism, fewer coined words, and an almost entire absence of the use of the pronoun I. But there remains in all its force the great expository power, which made his lectures so deeply interesting and profitable; the facility of giving clear and simple explanations of apparent difficulties, the fervour of feeling, which rises to the height of true eloquence when he descends on the length and breadth and depth, and height of the love of God, and the power of making every one of his audience feel that he has a personal interest in what he is speaking about. The last, we think, is the source of Dr. Morison's popularity and success as a preacher, as it has always been in the men who have more especially devoted themselves to the one theme—the love of God as shown in the gift to the whole world of a Saviour. His text was Heb. ii. 10—"And it became him by whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings," and in the exposition of which he showed God in a threefold relationship—His relation to the world as the Creator of all things; His relation to a particular class; and his relation to Jesus, the Captain of believers, perfecting him through suffering. Our space will not permit giving a *vidimus* of the illustrations and argument employed; we only note that the sermon was deeply impressive, and that his voice, through an affection in the throat apparently defective and weak in the preliminary devotional exercises, was full-toned and musical throughout the delivery and reading of the discourse.

The occasion which brought Dr. Morison to Ardrossan was the anniversary services in connection with the opening of the Independent Chapel. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Mr. Cross, preached in the forenoon, and the Rev. Mr. Salmon, Kilwinning, in the evening. The collection in behalf of the building fund amounted to £12 10s.—*Ardrossan and Saltcoats Herald*.

TILlicouLTRY—BIBLE CLASS PRESENTATION.—The members of the Bible Class of the E. U. Church, Tillicoultry, met in the Chapel last Saturday evening for the purpose of presenting their teacher, the Rev. James Strachan, with a token of their esteem. It had been arranged that the class should have a trip to Castle Campbell during the day, but it turning out extremely wet, they had to submit to the supremacy of the untoward elements, and content themselves with an evening nearer home.