

whatever be their character, calls loudly for increased exertions on their behalf."

A meeting of the Commission of the Free Church General Assembly was lately held, at which it was resolved that an appeal to the House of Peers against the judgment of the Court of Session in the Cardross case should not at present be taken. Nothing, it seems, will be lost by postponing that step till a more advanced stage. Many think that no further opposition will be used, and that the court will proceed to judge and decide on the merits. The judgment may probably be in favour of the Church; but that is a matter of little public interest. The question involving principle was, whether a civil court was entitled to take action in such cases?

The work of Revival is still actively and successfully prosecuted. A number of U. P. and other ministers are evangelizing in various parts of the country. The present week is one of numerous out-door, and in-door services in Glasgow, and multitudes are in attendance. Various denominations are joining. Many laymen are zealously taking part, and of these a very considerable proportion are Military men—Captains, and officers of higher rank.

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## Reviews of Books.

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MEMOIR OF THE LATE JAMES MACGREGOR, D.D.; Missionary of the General Associate Synod of Scotland, to Picton, Nova Scotia; with notices of the colonization of the Lower Provinces of British America, &c. By his grandson, THE REV. GEORGE PATERSON, Pastor of the Presbyterian congregation at Greenhill, Picton, N. S. pp. 450. Philadelphia: J. M. Wilson. Copies to be had in Canada, from REV. ANDW. KENNEDY, London, C. W.

This large and closely printed volume should be one of great estimation to all who take a suitable interest in what has been, or is still being done for the religious welfare of the settlers in British America. The subject of this memoir, though not just the first, was one of the most eminent and successful of the Presbyterian Missionaries who were sent out from Scotland to America. He was appointed to this truly arduous mission—arduous indeed, on account of the physical state of the country then—in the summer of 1786, not from his own offering of himself for the work, but by the choice of the General Associate Synod, which claimed and exercised the power of deputing their licensed preachers to labour wherever the Synod thought proper; a power which had its sustaining reasons, inasmuch as those who devote themselves to the diffusion of the Gospel should be ready to go forth according as the voice of Providence may appear to call them. For years previous urgent applications had been made by Scottish emigrants to Nova Scotia, feeling their sad spiritual destitution when there, and looking back with fond regret to the Christian privileges they had enjoyed in their native land,—for Ministers to