

other portions of the habitable globe! We, as a denomination, must be peculiarly missionary in our spirit, in our plans, in our practice. We must be devoted to the work of the world's conversion, and never rest in our efforts till the joyful sound of the gospel is known, its peace enjoyed, and its purifying principles practised by men of every kind, and tongue and nation."

The meeting was subsequently addressed by the Revs. J. Strachan, Tillicoultry, on "TWENTY YEARS AGO;" John Guthrie, A.M., London, on "NECESSITY FOR THE EVANGELICAL UNION;" Joseph Boyle, of London, and W. B. McWilliam, Middlewich, Cheshire.

The public breakfast was held in the hall beneath Dr. Morison's church, Dundas St., and addresses were delivered by Messrs. Boyle, Melville, Guthrie, and Andrew, of Barrhead.

We shall give some account of the business meetings of the Conference next month.—A.

TWO ADDITIONAL LABOURERS FOR THE EVANGELICAL UNION IN THE COUNTRY.—We are in receipt of a letter from the Rev. James Howie, in which he informs us that he intends sailing for this country from Glasgow, on the 17th of October. He states that Mr. McPhee, one of the students who has passed through his course of study, is about to sail for Pictou, Nova Scotia, to take charge of the church there.—A.

PROTESTANTISM IN NAPLES.—Letters from Naples furnish us with a significant proof of the development of religious liberty in that stronghold of superstition and intolerance. Protestant doctrines, it is stated, are now publicly preached. Protestant ministers are ordained, and marriages are celebrated according to the Protestant rite with a freedom which a few years ago would have infallibly subjected the ministers and their congregations to the penalty of stoning, or some other demonstration of fanatical fury on the part of the populace and their priests. It is not merely of the Protestantism allowed to be practised by foreign residents at the chapels of the Embassies or Consulates of the countries to which they belong that the writers speak, but of *indigenous* Protestantism. There are, it seems, several societies or associations:—

One society meets at San Tommaso d'Aquino, and is presided over by the Marchese Gregi, an evangelical minister ordained at Geneva, and Signor Appi, also ordained. Another society, entitled the Italian Evangelical Association of Naples, is established in the Via Mezzocanone, where the minister is Signor Melchior Peccenini, an ex-Catholic priest of the Roman States, who was solemnly ordained as an evangelical minister by the Rev. Jacob Leser, of Strasburg, on the 6th of last month. This is the first example of a ceremony of the kind having been celebrated not only in Naples but in Italy, and it attracted great attention, the chapel being crowded to excess, for although it only accommodates 300 persons conveniently, more than double that number were present. The formula used by Mr. Leser in the ordination was that customary in Wurtemberg, the candidate having previously obtained the favourable votes of the deacons, elders and members of the congregation, and having gone through the confession of the evangelical faith. The newly-ordained minister subsequently administered the Sacrament