

as was not hitherto known, but at what fearful cost has oppression and injustice been put down. Wrong resists to the uttermost before it yields. Satan contests his kingdom inch by inch. Sad as are strife and suffering, they are the harbingers of better things. And whatever form the outcome of China's ills may take, it will be an advance upon the past. Foreign ideas may be resisted without, but knowledge and truth and righteousness will work within. There is leaven in China now, and even though little, the lump must be leavened.

The chief theme in ecclesiastical circles in Scotland is the approaching marriage of the U. P. and Free Churches, whereat many a glad song of thanksgiving. For this consummation true hearts long have prayed. Each of the Churches has held its last supreme Court, Synod and Assembly, but while there was a subdued sadness and tenderness at the thought that these would be no more, it was the sadness of the bride's farewell. Not a few of their older men, who for it have faithfully wrought, will echo the prayer of Simeon.

As is natural, the spirit that precedes marriage pervades much of the Church literature in Scotland. The thirteenth of First Corinthians is working free and wide, and that good old land which has seen so much of separation and division for truth and conscience sake, is now witnessing churches that have won to light and truth by different roads, becoming one for the upholding and extension of that truth.

In the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., the subject just now making most noise (not claiming most attention of the earnest workers) is revision of the Confession of Faith. A committee was appointed at their last Assembly to inquire, to get the mind of Presbyteries, and report, and sad to say some of the sentiments evoked in the discussion are different from the love songs in Scotland. Not a few who are forward in the matter have been called by their congregations from other denominations, their knowledge of Presbyterianism and their sympathy with it are less than should be. In a sense they are in it but not of it. Hence, a cry against some of its doctrines

(which are often misrepresented) is sure of a wide hearing. Many, too, of her own children seem to stumble at some of the doctrines of the Church, doctrines which the world certainly does not like, but which are as plainly taught as any can be in the Word of God.

One feature of the controversy that has arisen is that the advocates of revision, like the witnesses at Christ's trial, are by no means agreed among themselves. And the result will probably be that the good old Confession and Catechism will stand the unrivalled summary that it is of the teaching of the Word of God.

INDIGESTION AND ITS CURE.

Indigestion means more food taken into the system than the body can take up and turn into strength for itself. Such food is not only useless, it is hurtful. It weakens, decays, sometimes kills.

A writer has said that most nations die of indigestion. They conquer more territory and peoples than they can take up and convert into strength, and these peoples by their enmity become a source of weakness, decay, sometimes death.

There is another way of bringing on national indigestion, by the incoming of alien elements into a country. If these come faster than they can be assimilated, they are a source of weakness.

One of the best aids to national digestion is the Gospel. If a man is a true Christian he will be a true patriot. In the Indian uprising in the North-West some fifteen years ago, not a tribe rebelled where missionaries had been at work.

Never had the Dominion need for better digestive powers than at present. From all parts of Northern Europe, where love to Britain does not flourish, immigrants are coming. From the Western States, they are coming to the North-West, and not for love of the meteor flag. The only thing that can make true, loyal, patriotic citizens of these strangers within our gates is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Win them to Him and they will be elements of strength to the nation. Let them be beyond that pale and they will as certainly be the opposite.

To us who live to-day is given a rare opportunity to work for our country's weal.