

virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, Godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity." For it these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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REV. DR. PHIN ON THE HOME MISSION SCHEME AND DIS-ESTABLISHMENT.

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At the meeting of the Presbytery of Glasgow on Wednesday, Dr. Phin made a statement with regard to the Home Mission Scheme. He said that without entering into arguments in favor of the scheme, he would refer to two or three questions that had been put to him. It had been asked of him why the payments of missionaries were so small, and missionaries were so few. The answer was simple: they had no means. It had also been asked how grants had been given to ministers who had apparently larger incomes than many ministers in *quoad sacra* parishes. The Home Mission Committee was desirous to avoid this, and if members would carefully look over the Home Mission report to each Assembly, they would discover that they gradually dropped from their list those congregations which seemed to be able to give a sufficient allowance to their minister. It had also been said that they were building too many churches. He did not believe that. They did not build churches; they only assisted. He denied that the funds had been rashly and inconsiderately spent, and that the Mission was in a state of bankruptcy. Their sources were exhausted, but they were able to pay for every grant voted as soon as the conditions were complied with. The reason why the money had been spent was that in the committee it was agreed some time ago not to have a sinking fund, but to spend the funds they had

as opportunity required, trusting to the liberality of the Church for future support. (Applause.) He did not regret that that course had been followed, because at that time there was an important movement towards the church by the people of Scotland, which was still going on, and which would go on more and more. (Applause.) He did not think there was a time the Home Mission and Endowment Schemes deserved to be so liberally supported. (Hear, hear.) It was impossible for one in his circumstances addressing the Presbytery of Glasgow not to remember that in Scotland lately there was originated a scheme, which was an attempt to destroy the Church of Scotland, and which was characterized, he ventured to say, by the lack of everything approaching to principle. (Applause.) At that meeting it was resolved that the opponents of the union between Church and State should now confine their attention to the union between Church and State as existing in Scotland, and that they should say nothing whatever against the union of Church and State as existing in England. He did not know of anything so unprincipled. (Hear, hear.) They told us that, in order that there might be grand union of Presbyterianism, the Church of Scotland should be disestablished. (A voice—"Never.") They were going to destroy the whole past history of the Church of Scotland, in the hope that those who belonged to the Church of Scotland would immediately say—"Oh, now that you have done what we consider a tremendous fault and a great sin; now that you have brought to a close the national recognition of religion in Scotland; now that you have overthrown the work of Knox and all the other great men, we will rush into your arms and form a grand Presbyterian junction." He was persuaded that no such union could possibly be formed. (Hear, hear, and applause.) There was not a true member of the