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Revivals.

ALL Evangelical denominations in the United States report extensive revivals of religion. Additions to the churches are larger than at any time since 1872. Many congregations that were in a condition bordering on dissolution have renewed their strength. The remarkably interesting movement among the students in the Scotch and English Universities continues. We cannot recall a time when so many students have consecrated themselves to the Lord. Sir William Muir, the new Principal of Edinburgh University, and a number of the Professors have been engaged in actively encouraging the students, and confirming them in their choice of "the better part." Scotland will undoubtedly be very greatly benefited by attention being directed so earnestly to vital religion instead of giving undue prominence to matters of ecclesiastical polity. We are glad to learn that very deep interest in religious matters prevails in various sections of our own Church. Reports reach us from the Presbyteries of Truro in Nova Scotia, and from P. E. Island of unusually large additions to the churches. From the city of St. John also we hear of special services attended with excellent results.

Sabbath Observance.

THE Legislature of Ontario has passed an Act for the better observance of the Lord's Day—an Act which, it seems, was not within the sphere of the Dominion Parliament. All the same we have pleasure in mentioning the name of Mr. Charlton in connection with the Act, and in thanking him for his able speech on the subject in the House of Commons. Other provincial legislatures will, we trust, follow the example set by the Legislature of Ontario. A French philosopher, M. Proudhon, declares that to the upper classes in France the Sabbath is no longer known: "Their vices and impieties are therefore incurable." Where there is a Sabbath there is at least a chance of religious instruction being given, and being heeded. Christianity is not wholly lost sight of. On the other hand, where the Sabbath is secularized, immorality with its numerous consequences comes in like a destroying pestilence. Witness Germany: witness France and Spain. Alas! there is no scarcity of witnesses!

It is remarkable that Scotland should be very rapidly losing her Sabbath. We read of vast assemblies in Glasgow on Sunday evenings cheering lectures that abound in buffoonery and profanity,—the same Glas-