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### MEMORIES OF SCOTTISH SCENES AND SABBATHS MORE THAN FORTY YEARS AGO.

In those days, the services connected with a sacramental season did not close with the Sabbath. The congregation assembled again on Monday to give thanks for the special privilege enjoyed on the previous day, and for the forbearance exercised in not "mingling their blood with their sacrifice." And also, as was most meet, for presenting earnest prayer that forgiveness might be granted for the sins committed, through ignorance or otherwise, "in the holy things of the Lord." The best of God's people are painfully conscious that great imperfection pertains to them, tainting their purest deeds, and marring the acceptability of their sacred services. There is a felt need of pardon,—of being "sprinkled with the much incense" of the Redeemer's righteousness, even when rising from His table, and withdrawing from His presence-chamber. And the more enlightened in spiritual matters, and the more advanced in the divine life, the more forcibly is the need of forgiveness felt by believers,—a fact that is fatal to the theory held by some, that perfection is attainable on this side heaven.

On the thanksgiving Monday the people met around the tent on the green, where they had waited and worshipped till a late hour the evening before. The multitude was not so very large as on Sabbath; still it was a large assembly, and a goodly sight to see so many of all classes, and of all ages assembled to worship God under the open canopy of heaven. The distinctions that obtain in secular and social life did not there obtrude to foster pride in one, and excite envy in another. Those "in goodly apparel" sat ungrudgingly side by side with those habited in hodden and russet. Superior place or position was sought by none. Landlord and tenant, master and servant