

the "Action Sermon," to be followed by the 'fencing of the tables'—a solemn deterring warning to 'unworthy communicants,' and that the table services consisted of pre-communion and post-communion addresses in each case. The 'elements' were not exposed to view until the 'fencing of the table' was concluded, when the Minister retired to the vestry, from which he came while the 35th Paraphrase was being sung, heading the procession of the Elders bearing the vessels and the elements. It was not without some bustle and confusion that the people passed to and from the tables while the singing of the Psalm continued until order was restored. Among those who at different times lent their aid to Dr. Leishman on these occasions, were Principal Macfarlan, Dr. Lorimer, of the Ramshorn; Dr. Smythe, of St. George's; Dr. Macleod, of the Gaelic Church; Dr. Buchanan of the Iron; Mr. Henderson of St. Enoch's; Mr. Turner of the Gorbals, Dr. Gillar, and Mr. Lockhart of Inchinnan. None of them made a more solemn impression on the people than Mr. Turner who besides being endowed with a deep sonorous voice, was otherwise peculiarly gifted in this department of ministerial work.

While we were living at Middleton, an event occurred that created a painful sensation. It was the bursting of the boiler of a steam coach on the Paisley road. A line of such conveyances had been in operation for a year or more in opposition to the stage coaches. They were very nicely got up, differing little in appearance from the others—only minus the horses, and that instead of the driver a red-coated man was seated in front who steered the machine with a wheel similar to that of a ship at sea. The fire-box and engine were at the rear end, and the boiler underneath the body of the carriage. They attained a high speed and promised to be a success, though now and then, when the steering gear got out of order, they played some queer pranks. On one such occasion, the thing ran incontinently into a crockery shop in Jamaica Street. But the Road Trust were aggrieved. Their tariff of tolls made no provision for horseless carriages, and it was alleged that this cumbersome affair cut up the roads. They must be stopped. To gain their ends they caused road metal to be laid, a foot deep, in the vicinity of the toll gates and steep parts of the road, with the result