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Moral and Religious Miscellany.

THE JUBILEE SERVICES OF THE REV. JOHN BROWN, D. D.

Held in Edinburgh on Tuesday, April 8, 1856.

Having perused with great pleasure a small volume received from the Rev. Dr. Taylor, of this City, containing all the addresses presented to the venerable Dr. Brown during these services, and his replies to them; together with the Jubilee Sermon as preached by the Rev. John Cairns, of Berwick, and the various speeches delivered by the eminent men who vied with each other, though of different denominations, in speaking honorable things of the devoted servant of God, in view of whose exalted attainments and highly useful ministry they had met together, at the close of its fiftieth year, in all the "gladness of Jubilee."

As specimens of the many good things enjoyed in these interesting services, two extracts follow:—

In his Jubilee sermon Mr. Cairns says:

"Meanwhile the charity of the gospel, all along actively engaged with faith and hope in the works of reformation and Christian enterprise, has, in her own more special department, fostered during the last half-century an unwonted growth of evangelic liberality and Christian union. Controversies, keen and sharp, have not been wanting, as it was impossible, with so many unsolved questions, and complicated ecclesiastical relations, that they could be avoided. But the growing faith and activity of the church have purified her blood, and made the wounds heal with comparative celerity. The contact of religious enterprise has long broken down the isolation and jealousy of Christian bodies in which this century began. There has been a gradual approximation of all parties to a common centre. Relations of amicable intercourse have once and again been followed by incorporation, and so thoroughly is the tone of ancient and eternal separation changed that the division and disruption of to-day only give rise to speculations on the unions of to-morrow. The floating elements of unity, unprepared to condense and crystallize in more definite shapes, seek temporary coalescence in Evangelical alliances and other centres of attraction; and everywhere living Christianity seems tending and struggling towards some larger basis and more permanent equilibrium than it has yet been able to find. Much of this appearance is no doubt a fashion, I had almost said, a profession; for bigotry and exclusiveness are hard of exorcism; and the one hand often grasps sectarian differences more closely under the man, while

the other is stretched forth in Christian brotherhood. Still the tendency of all earnest Christians to mutual recognition and to relations of federal, if not of incorporating, alliance, is happily undeniable; and the same great principle of universal combination, which on other fields decides the destiny of the world by its congresses and conferences, seems rapidly extending itself to the church of Christ, which, as the predestined restorer of the unity of mankind, ought to have been its true home. Many fertile questions of incorporation within more limited circles, and of world-wide confederation, are springing up, such as our fathers never dreamt of; and the task of meeting them, though novel and difficult, is inexpressibly cheering. The age demands the largest views and the most generous sympathies on the part of ecclesiastical leaders; and those who attempt to do its work—no matter with what gifts and graces—if they do not remember that the greatest of these is charity, will be left behind."

The Rev. Alexander McEwen remarked:

"My subject next declares the Missionary enterprise to be the means of promoting unity among Christians, and this statement seems to me equally undeniable. I do not say that, in working for Christ, differences between Christians are forgotten, for that would be saying too much. They are, however, deprived of that undue importance which they are only too apt to assume, and are also at times made to exert a salutary influence. My time does not permit me even to glance at the essential features of Christian Union. These must be taken for granted, both in their reality apart from any display of them whatsoever, and in those outward manifestations to which the very fact of this reality should lead. Now, it is plain, that the best demonstration of the oneness of all true Christians is that furnished by their zeal and assiduity in the service of the one Lord. With their eyes fixed on his triumphs, they lose sight themselves of any minor object! Labouring together in the best of bonds, they love all those who are partakers with them of the common salvation. Hence it is obvious, that the more people's hearts are in Christ's work, the more natural they feel it to be to agree with one another. The very disposition to fault-finding and mutual estrangement disappears from the breast of those who labour much in the Lord. Amidst those eventful scenes in the Crimea, I have been assured, not a few long-standing alienations between brother officers have been healed. Times of such vigilance and daring, in resisting the enemy, did not admit of lesser feuds amongst themselves. And so, in the spiritual warfare of Christ's people, the heartier it is against the common foe, the less scope is there, and the less inclination for the heart-burnings and jealousies of more easy and less trying times.

"Thus it is that we find how kindly the Missiona-