

NOTES FROM ABROAD.

Mr. Editor :—

You ask for a few pages from my Note Book regarding my movements since I left home in the beginning of June last. My experiences since then have been remarkably varied and profitable. I have travelled and rested as inclination and comfort seemed to dictate, and have found very much to think about and to enjoy in Scotland, England, Wales, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France. You must not, in this brief communication, expect me to trace my steps through all these countries; and the difficulty is to select some spots or topics upon which to record my impressions. I give you a few jottings at random.

After a tedious and stormy voyage across the Atlantic, I reached Glasgow in time for the meeting of the Pan-Presbyterian Council and in due course read my paper on "The relation between Theology and Philosophy." This was the sixth of these great gatherings of which I have been a member, so that I am somewhat familiar with their ways. This meeting was large and enthusiastic, and its proceedings proved highly suggestive and stimulating. The dominant spirit was admirable, and the papers read and addresses delivered were not inferior to those of former Councils. It was delightful to witness the uniform harmony and brotherly love which was manifested by the representatives of twenty millions of Presbyterians. Their general fidelity to the interests of truth and of the Kingdom of God throughout the world was unmistakable. We are learning slowly the truth of what I said in the Philadelphia Council, that "the weakest part of every man's creed is that which he holds alone, and the strongest part that which he holds in common with Christendom."

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