

tains that he adheres to the Directory, and that his opponents do not. We may take the opportunity of saying that the January No. of the *Repertory* is an exceedingly interesting one. Our readers are doubtless aware of the ability with which this Periodical is conducted. Dr. Charles Hodge, of Princeton, is Editor, and it needs no recommendation from us:—

“The old Greyfriars Church in Edinburgh, where the National Covenant was signed in 1638, and which has ever since been visited by strangers, as the monument of that event and those connected with it, has been lately turned into a modern gothic structure, full of painted windows, without gallery or pulpit, with a platform something like an altar, written prayers, responses, kneeling at prayer, and standing up at praise, *the service in the forenoon almost wholly devotional, the sermon, which has hitherto occupied so prominent a place in Scottish worship, being reserved for the afternoon*; all which is understood by Dr. Robert Lee, the pastor, to be strictly in accordance with ‘the spirit of the Westminster Directory’!

Obituary.

MR. ALEX. BRAID, HAMILTON.

[The following notice appeared in another Periodical. We insert it at the request of its author. Mr. Braid, we believe, was a native of Haddington, Scotland.]

Among the sufferers by the late Railway disaster on the morning of Saturday, the 19th March, was Mr. Alexander Braid, who was killed instantaneously while conversing with a friend. Mr. Braid came to Hamilton little more than two years ago from Manchester, England, to take charge of a department in connection with the Great Western Railroad. But short as his residence amongst us has been, he will be greatly missed and deeply mourned. Upright in principle, benevolent in disposition, affable in manners, he rapidly gained many friends, whom his fine social qualities and high moral worth failed not to retain. In all the relations of private life, as husband, parent, friend, he was greatly endeared; and in all his intercourse, affectionate, considerate and indulgent; able to counsel—ready to sympathize, and ever willing to aid—he was as extensively and unostentatiously useful as he was universally respected. In early youth he gave himself to the Lord and through life maintained a most consistent christian character; and in the United Presbyterian Church to which he belonged, and to which he was warmly attached, he was an useful and an honored member. He was for many years an Elder in the Church at home, and soon after his arrival here, was elected to the same office; and few perform the duties of that sacred calling with more punctuality and conscientious fidelity than did he. And rare indeed was the happy combination of natural endowments—varied attainments and christian experience which so eminently qualified him for such a position. His temper equable and pleasant, his judgment clear and decided, his utterance ready and appropriate, his experience deep and varied, and his piety unfeigned and undoubted, he was both esteemed and beloved by his brethren; and his removal has left a blank which will not soon be filled. His interest in all that pertains to the prosperity of the Church was deep, earnest, and practical; his conduct towards the young, tender and self-denying. He was Superintendent of the Sabbath School, where he labored unweariedly and hopefully to “feed the lambs” and to bring them to the fold of the Redeemer; so that the congregation of which he was both an ornament and a servant, and his family of which he was both head and stay, mourn his departure and feel their heavy loss, but have good grounds for the comforting assurance that their loss is his gain.

Mr. Braid’s age was 47;—his powers both of body and mind in the full vigor of manly maturity,—summoned to his rest ere yet he was weary or worn. He has left behind him a widow, one son and two daughters, the youngest of whom is about 12 years of age. May their father’s God be theirs, and the sweet consolations of the gospel assuage their grief and soothe their sorrows.