

## OUR VISIT TO THE CHURCHES IN SCOTLAND.

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I gave an account in last number of my visit to Stirling, and after having spent the day in that interesting place, and its neighbourhood, I left with the train and arrived in Perth a little before midnight. The Rev. W. Adamson, minister of the E U. Church there, was in waiting at the station. After having spent the night under his hospitable roof I visited a few friends of a free Gospel in the town next day. He had made no arrangements for a meeting with his people, and consequently I had no opportunity of laying the claims of our cause in this country before them. They have built a fine place of worship in a central part of the town; we hope that the Church will grow in numbers and in missionary zeal, under the pastoral care of Mr. Adamson. Perth is an ancient royal burgh; it is situated on the west bank of the Tay, between 40 and 50 miles from Edinburgh. Like many other towns in Scotland, it is of great antiquity, and has been the scene of many historical events. The demolition of ecclesiastical architecture which foolishly accompanied the Reformation, commenced, we are told, in Perth, in consequence of a sermon which John Knox preached against idolatry. This old town "was occupied by the English during the reign of Edward I., but was besieged and taken by Robert Bruce. In the time of the great civil war it was taken by the Marquis of Montrose after the Battle of Tippermuir. In 1715, and again in 1745, it was occupied by the rebel Highland army, who there proclaimed the Pretender as King. The Inches are two beautiful pieces of ground each about a mile and a half in circumference, affording agreeable and healthy walks to the inhabitants, and delightfully variegated with trees. On the north Inch there took place, in the reign of Robert III., that singular combat between the Clan-Kay and Clan-Chatham, which Sir Walter Scott has introduced with so much effect in his novel of the "Fair Maid of Perth." The town is surrounded on all sides with the most beautiful and picturesque scenery, and the interesting objects in the neighbourhood are so numerous, that it would require a whole volume to notice them all."\*

On the 18th of Sept. I left Perth for MONTROSE, and addressed a very good and attentive meeting in the evening. I was happy to meet with a number of warm hearted, kind Christian

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\* See Black's "Picturesque Tourist of Scotland."