

trust there are yet amongst us, those who cultivate a sympathy with other branches of the Universal Church. And all such desire to be informed of the condition of other Churches, as they will rejoice in their prosperity, grieve in their afflictions, and derive instruction from their example; while they will glorify God for all that is excellent in them. Now, the EXAMINER may be expected to foster and gratify this sympathy, by the information concerning other Churches which it will communicate. Before Newspapers and Magazines were taken into the service of Religion, as they now are, the different branches of the Reformed Church were informed of the condition of each other, chiefly by the correspondence of individuals; and there were always some who esteemed a portion of their time usefully spent, when, by an interchange of letters, they were helping to keep up a mutual affection and good understanding, between the widely separated portions of the family of God. Such men, in the Church of Scotland, were Wodrow the Historian, and Dr. Erskine, of Edinburgh. They each, in his own day, as we learn from the memoirs of their lives, corresponded with Ministers in different countries of Europe, as well as in New-England; and whatever tidings concerning the power and progress of the Gospel they received, were communicated by them to their contemporaries. They knew nothing of that jealousy of the New-England Churches, which we fear is too prevalent in Scotland, and elsewhere, in the present day.

Wodrow corresponded with "the very reverend and learned Cotton Mather, D. D. and Minister of the Gospel at Boston," for such is the appropriate inscription of one of his letters to that great and good man, and with his honoured father, "the very reverend and

venerable Mr. Increase Mather," and we find him speaking of the Churches of New-England as "*the dear Churches of New-England.*" And Dr. Erskine delighted to make known in Scotland, the Theological writings of one of his correspondents, Jonathan Edwards, and the indications of the out-pouring of the spirit of God, which attended the Ministry of that honoured man, and of others, his fellow-labourers. Now, we trust that the CHRISTIAN EXAMINER will furnish us in this Province, with a registry of the great events that are falling out in the world, and which directly or indirectly affect the Church of God; and that it will prove to us, to be a kind of conductor of the Divine energy, with which, any more favoured section of the Church, may be instinct. We hope that the Editor will survey the proceedings of other Churches, in a spirit of impartiality, and that far from him will be the sentiment concerning those to which prejudices may have attached from their geographical position, or civil relations, or jealousy of civil influence, "can any good thing come out of them?"

But, Mr. Editor, I must pause: the rather, as I am assuming a kind of monitorial tone. I took up my pen to write a letter on the *present position of our Church in this Province*, intending to have merely glanced at the probable effects of your labours: but the introduction has, for the present, become the discourse. With your permission, I may, on another occasion, present to your readers my thoughts on that and other kindred topics.

I am, yours, &c.

PRESBYTER.