

written upon the memory by a little circumstance of a somewhat ludicrous character. We had taken our seat on one of the back benches, and placed our hat on the bench before us. The members of Presbytery came in, among whom there was one of considerable physical dimensions, who came forward and sat down upon the hat, and it was with the greatest difficulty that that crushed beaver could rise to its former self. This minister rose, and taking a London newspaper from his pocket, read the advertisement of a second edition of the pamphlet, "What must I do to be saved?" How was this? Had Mr. M. violated his promise? The Presbytery professed to believe that he had; but in fact that second edition had been published on the responsibility of a layman, who was desirous to scatter the important truths which the pamphlet contained. Be this as it may, Mr. M. received intimation to meet with a committee of Presbytery; and, ultimately, it was determined that he should be put upon his trial for heresy in doctrine. Mr. M. was served with a copy of the errors where-with he was charged. The day of trial came, when the chapel was filled from the floor to the ceiling. The grand error with which Mr. M. was charged was the universal atonement. The time was much taken up in discussing the propriety of allowing the accused to make a public defence. It was ultimately carried that he make his defence in the presence of the people. The defence, which occupied several hours, was of the most learned and satisfactory character. Mr. M. proved from Scripture that Christ died for all men, without exception and without distinction. He also shewed from the fathers that the doctrine of a limited atonement was unheard of during the three first centuries of the Christian era; that the unfortunate monk who first ventured to preach the unsavoury doctrine was imprisoned for heresy. Altogether, the defence so recommended itself to the common sense of the people, that it was pretty generally believed, the Presbytery would have nothing to say in reply. But great was the surprise when member after member delivered himself of a long speech condemnatory of Mr. M. and his doctrines. Not one of those speeches, however, even attempted to grapple with the defence. Each minister had come with his speech in his pocket, cut and dry; and, instead of taking the sentiments of the party at the bar, the Presbytery set up a man of straw, and pelted him with might and main. When members of Presbytery had given free expression to their sentiments, it was moved and carried, that Mr. M. be suspended