

part that no "exercise" is to exceed *ten minutes* in length, and this gives great variety and vitality to the proceedings. So lively is one's attention, from beginning to end, that you are quite surprised to find, by the president pronouncing the apostolic benediction, that you have been an hour in "the house of prayer." They have been hitherto strictly devotional meetings. There are usually four and sometimes five prayers—three or four times of praise—the reading of the Scriptures, and a few words of address by the presiding minister, or others at every service.

On the Sabbath evening, the hour of prayer is from half-past six to half-past seven o'clock. At two of these Sabbath evening meetings interesting addresses were delivered by Messrs. Grant, (a native of Stirling,) and Macfarlane, then on a visit to their friends in this country, from the United States. At the first of these meetings about 400 were present, and at the last nearly double that number.—The addresses of those young men produced a deep and solemnizing impression; and led many to resolve to pray for a revival of religion here similar to that which they were assured by those eye and ear witnesses, had taken place in America.

From Crieff a friend writes:—

"There are a good number of prayer-meetings here—three of them commenced recently. The droppings will doubtless be succeeded by copious showers."

The following is from Brownlow North, Esq. :—

Mr. Grant of Arndilly and I are both prepared to start for Thurso to-morrow—God willing. O! may we get a shower of blessing in every place we are permitted to speak at. I had a very large meeting in the open air at Forres, last Sabbath. They had gathered from all quarters, and could not be less than 5000."

Both Mr. North and Mr. Grant are now, we understand, residing with Sir George Sinclair at Thurso Castle, and preaching to the vast numbers to be found at this season on that coast at the herring fishing.

It is stated, in a Scotch paper, that about the middle of September, a daily prayer-meeting was held in the County Rooms, Aberdeen, attended by about a thousand.

OBITUARY.

REV. A. O. BEATTIE, D. D., M. D.

This very popular and distinguished Minister of the U. P. Church died of paralysis, at Glasgow, Scotland, on the 10th of June, in the seventy-fifth year of his age, and fifty-first of his ministry. He was well known as one of the most active and useful of our Ministers. After leaving a number of legacies to relatives and friends, he bequeathed the residue of his effects, about £3000 sterling, to the U. P. Synod, for founding £20 bursaries to assist the sons of ministers in prosecuting their studies for the ministry.

REV. ALEXANDER MACKENZIE.

We have learnt with much regret, that this excellent person, who was formerly minister of our church at Harpurhay (Mc Killop) died at Goderich, towards the end of September. We had scarcely the pleasure of Mr. Mackenzie's acquaintance, but know that he came from Nova Scotia, a considerable time ago, with the view of preaching, in Gaelic, to Highland settlers in Canada, and that he was highly esteemed by his brethren and his congregation. He was associated with the late Rev. Professor Proudfoot, in teaching the students Hebrew. Some years ago he resigned his charge on account of bad health. He has been long an invalid, and bore his trouble with exemplary patience and cheerfulness. We entertain no doubt that he has entered into peace. Some fuller notice of him, we hope, will appear.
