

are earnestly invited to embrace Christ, and thereby enter into the enjoyment of life and salvation.

4. The duty of the Christian church is to hold up Christ before a perishing world—diffuse among mankind the glad tidings of salvation—and urge men everywhere to abandon their vices and embrace Christ Jesus as their only and all-sufficient Saviour.

This is pre-eminently our great work as ministers—office-bearers—and members of the Evangelical Union. Our beloved Union in its origin stood so closely related to the work of Christ, that it may be said to have originated in the atonement controversy, which agitated the churches of this country about twenty years ago, and this doctrine has hitherto been the fundamental and vitalizing principle of our ecclesiastical movement. Christ, and him crucified, has ever been the darling theme in our pulpits, and in our gospel publications, and so long as this practice predominates we may confidently calculate on success in the Lord's work. Difficulties we may have, but standing by the cross of Christ we are as in an impregnable fortress, against which the gates of hell will never be able to prevail."

The Annual Soiree was held in the City Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 30, the Rev. James Macdonachie, who was unanimously chosen president of the Conference for the ensuing year, in the chair. The City Hall was crowded in every part from area to gallery, literally to overflowing. We should like to give to our readers, entire, the excellent addresses delivered at this large meeting. But our space in this number does not admit of our doing so. We may, in our next, give one or two of them. The first speaker was the Rev. Nesbit Galloway, of Dunfermline, who took for his subject "THE MISSION AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT." The Rev. Geo. Cron, of Belfast, Ireland, followed in an address on "THE BASIS OF CHRISTIAN UNION." The Rev. Henry Melville, of Toronto, who has visited Scotland this fall, but who is expected to arrive in Canada some time this month, was the next speaker. As many of our readers are deeply interested in Mr. Melville's visit to the old country, we give the following extract from his address as a specimen of his earnest manner in pleading with the Evangelical Union body in Scotland to send out men and means to carry on the movement in Canada:—"We believe, Mr. Chairman, there is a good time coming. We have not lost hold of Canada; neither have we lost hope of yet seeing, and that too at no very distant day, a multitude of churches planted and watered by ministers from the Evangelical Union of Scotland in the western world. Our cause is not dead over yonder, and we don't mean to let it die. It has life in it. It has spirit and power in it. It is God's own cause, and must prosper and prevail. We have a church in Huntington as I have said, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Geo. Anderson. We have also churches in Ayr, in Guelph, in Pictou, and in Toronto. The brethren in these various churches have earnestly, perseveringly, and nobly made sacrifices for Christ and his cause. But though we have these churches, they are as nothing compared with the vast field which lies before us unoccupied and untouched. Canada is a great and growing country; it is rapidly increasing in population. The Upper Province, in particular,