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## Miscellaneous Articles.

### MEMORIES OF SCOTTISH SCENES AND SABBATHS MORE THAN FORTY YEARS AGO.

During the winter months there was no intermission of the Sabbath services in the Meeting House at C—— from their commencement at eleven o'clock a.m. till their close at two o'clock p.m., or perhaps a little later. This arrangement was necessary to allow the worshippers to get home, though not all of them, ere night set in. Many of them, as already stated, lived at a great distance from that house of God in which they weekly worshipped. Indeed so far had some of them to travel that, in the dead of winter, darkness covered their path before they reached their habitations. But during the summer months there was an interval, of at least an hour, between the forenoon and afternoon service. That hour was variously spent, though, generally, in no way unsuitable to the sacredness of the Sabbath or unbecoming the christian character. That hour witnessed the communion of saints—the interchange of friendly and affectionate greetings and inquiries, and sometimes also of profitable and sweet converse about “*the one thing needful*,” about the hopes and fears, the joys and sorrows incident to the sojourn of heaven’s heirs on earth. It was a pleasant hour and not wanting in virtual worship, though of a coterie-character. Having emerged with soft and solemn tread from the sanctuary, the great congregation occupied the open space about the church, and for a few minutes there were cordial shaking of hands, reciprocated smiles, and more than neighbourly—aye, even warm hearted christian interrogatives anent personal and family welfare. The scene witnessed at mid-day dismissal might have called forth the exclamation seldom prompted, “Behold how these christians love one another!” Bye and bye the crowd began to melt away; some retiring to the houses of their relatives or friends in the town;—others, in little bands, often of two or three, slowly wended