

chapel will be opened for public worship about November. An interesting address, full of thought, and indicating in the speaker warm piety, great Christian manliness, and intense longing to advance the cause of truth, to build up saints and convert sinners, was delivered by the pastor of the church on the occasion. The Independent E. U. Church in Dunshalt have also commenced the erection of a chapel, which they expect to be ready for worship about the beginning of October.

REV. F. FERGUSON.—This minister, who has been travelling for some months in Palestine and the East, on his return about the beginning of July, was welcomed by a *soirée*. About 700 or 800 were present. Mr. Ferguson, who is in good health and spirits, delivered an interesting address, replete with incidents of his Eastern travel. He crossed the path of the Prince of Wales frequently, once in the valley of Jehoshaphat, and again at the highest point of that ridge of Lebanon, over which the road to Damascus winds, and again at Athens, galloping very gallantly at the side of the Queen of Greece. Mr. Ferguson stated that he had good reason to believe in the excellence of the character of the young Prince. Mr. Ferguson also said that he had seen Mr. Buckle, the distinguished author, in Jerusalem. When returning from Damascus, he met him on his way to it. In Damascus, in the street called Straight, Mr. Buckle died.

After Mr. Ferguson's address, Mr. Roy, in a neat speech, highly eulogized the Rev. Stephen Todd, who supplied the pulpit during Mr. F.'s absence, for the efficient manner in which he discharged his duties, and concluded by presenting him with a purse and sovereigns. Mr. Todd made a suitable reply. In the course of his address he stated that he had ministered among them with the greatest pleasure, and that the pastor was happy who had such a people, and the people happy who had such a pastor. He felt deeply indebted to the literature of the Evangelical Union for clearer views of Divine truth, and the solution of some theological difficulties, and believed that he was moving in the order of Divine Providence in coming over to the Evangelical Union from another denomination. He believed that every church should be independent in its government, having all power within itself of regulating its own affairs. He held also the Father's love to all men, the death of Christ as an atoning sacrifice for every man, and that the love of the Spirit is as universal as that of the Father and the Son.

Remarks were then made by the Revs. T. S. Salmon, J. Inglis, and Mr. William Chalmers, after which the meeting broke up.—*Abridged from Christian News.*

CALL ACCEPTED.—The Rev. Stephen Todd, who supplied the pulpit of the Rev. F. Ferguson during his recent tour in the East, has accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Evangelical Union Church, Beith, and was introduced to his Charge by Mr. Ferguson, on the first Sabbath of August.

EVANGELICAL UNION THEOLOGICAL ACADEMY.—This institution was opened for 1862 on the 5th of August. Professor Kirk delivered the Introductory address.