

between other Christian bodies, and carries to the heathen nations false impressions of Christianity. It is humiliating to acknowledge that the dissensions of the Scottish Churches last year on questions of Christian union were heralded in triumph throughout the heathen Provinces of distant India. Such impressions are not commendations for the Gospel.

One other subject of interest is the series of revivals which have followed the labours of Messrs. Moody and Sankey of Chicago. These evangelists have been travelling for some months through England and Scotland, with the view of stirring up the Churches to greater activity in the cause of Christianity. The results of their ministry have been most gratifying. In England they found the Churches very cold, and they were not always greeted with a warm reception. The Scottish clergy have been more unanimous in co-operating with them. The Free and U. P. ministers have been the most cordial supporters. Newcastle, Edinburgh, Dundee, and other towns are reaping the fruits of a grand spiritual movement. The largest Halls in Edinburgh were inadequate to accommodate half the multitude that sought admission, until it was finally arranged to hold several meetings at the same hour, and in that way distributed the otherwise unmanageable multitude. Special meetings were held for each class of individuals, admission to which was granted only by ticket; yet these meetings were crowded. Before leaving Edinburgh they held a special meeting of those who publicly professed to have been converted under the teaching of Mr. Moody, and upwards of 1400 tickets were distributed. One pleasing feature in the movement is that the meetings have been kept up with equal interest by the clergy of the different denominations, who on this point at least have seen it prudent to work most harmoniously together. It is gratifying to find our American Evangelists wielding such a power for good among our Scottish Churches.

Presbytery Minutes.

Abstract Minutes of Halifax Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Halifax met in St. Matthew's Session Room, Halifax, on 11th Feb. Five ministers and four elders were present. The Moderator reported fulfilment of instructions of last meeting, and that Mr. Wm. Hesson had consented to act as Treasurer for the Presbytery Home Mission Fund.

Rev. Mr. Talloch, who was present, was invited to sit and deliberate. The following communications were read:—1st. The Remit on Union from the Synod. Clerk. 2nd. A letter from Rev. Mr. Layton, Clerk of the Presbytery of Truro, intimating that Rev. Mr. Chase had been appointed by that body to confer with this Presbytery anent the supply of Spring Hill preaching station, and that Rev. Mr. Simpson had been requested to act as his associate. 3rd. Several letters from parties in Spring Hill anent religious matters there.

Rev. Mr. Chase and Rev. Mr. Simpson then entered, and were welcomed by the Moderator. They both addressed the Court, setting forth the claims of the Presbytery of Truro to Spring Hill, and then withdrew. After consultation, it was moved by Rev. G. M. Grant, and seconded by Jas. J. Bremner, that to show their desire for unity, the Presbytery of Halifax, understanding that the Presbytery of Truro have made appointments to Spring Hill for the months of February and March, resolve not to make appointments for those months on condition that the Presbytery of Truro make none for April and May, and that then the mind of the people be again ascertained.

To this it was moved in amendment by Rev. J. McMillan, and seconded by Rev. D. Neish, that as this Presbytery, at their meeting on 2nd Dec., 1873, took charge of Spring Hill station, at the unanimous request of the Presbyterians there, they feel bound to grant as much supply as possible irrespective of the action taken by other denominations. The motion was carried by the casting vote of the Moderator, and the Rev. Messrs. Chase and Simpson having re-entered, the decision was intimated to them. The following appointments were made for Spring Hill, should the Presbytery of Truro not agree to the decision of this Presbytery, viz., Rev. G. M. Grant for 1st March. Rev. J. F. Campbell for 15th March. Rev. John Campbell for 29th March, and Rev. J. McMillan for 12th April.

The Union Remit was then taken up.