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The service at this Church was conducted by the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, on the morning of the 17th inst. Inasmuch as our lot is cast in the midst of "a waste, howling, (Ecclesiastical) wilderness," the occasional occurrence of an oasis therein, is the more refreshing, and so far as one may judge from a single service, one need not hesitate to pronounce St. Andrew's a comparative oasis. The passage of Scripture which meets one's eye on entering the Church, emblazoned as it is on the wall, immediately behind the pulpit, would appear to express the aspiration of minister and people, and the hymns, and prayers, indeed the service as a whole, may be said to have been in harmony with the passage referred to—"Holiness becometh thine house, O Jehovah, for ever"—Even oases however, may be presumed to have their barren spots, their

patches of sand, &c., and we are free to acknowledge that the abomination styled "an anthem" is as *sand* in our eyes; it occupies a relation to the rest of the service, corresponding to that occupied by the ballet in an operatic performance, and we venture to regard the toleration of such a display in a Presbyterian Church, as a piece of unworthy truckling to the fashion of the nineteenth century. The first portion of Scripture read during the service, and that without comment, was Psalm xxxiv, a Psalm, the interest of which will be enhanced to Biblical students, by comparing it with Psalm lvii, and cxlii, Psalms which were composed under circumstances, corresponding to those which led to the composition of the thirty-fourth; one of the most interesting features of the Psalms is their intended applicability to David's greater Son,