

luable to read, when they have plenty of time to do so and time to meditate on what they read.

To continue this work, particularly during the travelling season now approaching, we will be at considerable outlay, not only for the thousands of papers supplied gratuitously, but also for the salary of the distributor. We calculate that Twenty thousand papers or Tracts per month, will be necessary for that place alone, and if the Lord will, we would like to carry it on vigorously and efficiently. We intend to carry it on as long as we are able. When our ability ends our obligation ceases. But in order that we may carry it on continuously and effectively, we solicit the contributions and assistance of our readers. The work is one of faith and love with ourselves, and it affords opportunity for saints of all denominations exercising this faith in and manifesting their love to the Redeemer.

Revival in Dumfries-shire & Galloway.

We are happy to mention that a very deep and extensive revival of religion is at present prevailing in Dumfries-shire and Galloway. For a considerable time, there had been a more than ordinary interest about religion in Dumfries, and various parts of the country, and in one rural parish, some ten or twelve cases of decided awakening, if not positive conversion, had taken place last fall; but about three months ago, a great and glorious work of God broke out in Arran. A young American preacher of the name of Hammond was the agent whom God employed, in commencing this great work; or rather, perhaps, we should say that he was as it were, the electric spark that kindled the train which had been laid before. For several weeks Mr. Hammond laboured with extraordinary power and success in Arran. The U. P. Church was crowded every evening, and frequently a large congregation of those who could not find admittance, adjourned to the Free Church. The U. P., the Free Church, and Congregational Ministers, all united heart and soul in this great work. For weeks, from 800 to 1000 wor-

shippers were assembled every evening, and the evening meetings were sometimes kept up till 2 o'clock in the morning. According to accounts, by last mail, the work is still going on with great vigour, and conversions taking place every day.

Mr. Hammond next visited Dumfries, where, as the field was greater, a still more glorious work commenced. As an illustration of the power of this revival, we may mention that on one Sabbath evening, there were about 1000 anxious enquirers remaining to be converted and prayed with, after the ordinary congregations were dismissed. There are mid-day as well as evening meetings daily, and the large Free Church is generally crowded every evening. The Free Church, the U. P., the Congregational, and Reformed Presbyterian Ministers are labouring in beautiful harmony together. And we mention with great pleasure that the work has begun in Moffatt, under the preaching of the Curate of the Dean of Carlisle. This young Episcopal Minister who is said to be a man of rare talent, as well as extraordinary piety, preached in the Free Church with immense power and success. The work is now going on delightfully in all the neighbouring towns. In Dalbeatha there have been a few cases of prostration; but in general there has been nothing of that sort. We shall publish details from time to time.

A Beautiful Thought.

The city of Venice is built on clusters of islets, divided from each other by narrow and shallow channels of sea, up which the tide runs. These islets were once merely stretches of sand covered with sea-weed.—When the city was to be built, the builder did not seek to fill up these dividing channels, but conformed their plan to the nature of the site, driving in stakes and piles, and erecting houses, temples, palaces, and towers, along the margin. It is somewhat thus that the great Builder acts when He comes to rear up the new temple in a once wasted, desolate soul. He does not reduce souls to one level platform, and build a monotonous range of similar structures. He conforms the features of the new building to the previous outstanding characteristics of the man.—[Memoir of Sandeman.