

tions had been made to the movement that it was sustained by the encouragement of nervous hysterical excitement. Nothing could be more contrary to the fact. Another objection was that they tended to encourage enthusiasm. He did not agree that enthusiasm injured religion. They needed enthusiasm, else they had indifference, coldness, selfishness, and spiritual death.

We could fill page after page with good news from Scotland, but we have given enough to excite gratitude and praise, and an earnest longing for similar heavenly visitation.

"The Presbyterian Church throughout the World."

This is the title of a volume of about 800 pages, published by DeWitt C. Lent & Co. New York. Mr. W. G. Pender, Halifax, Agent for the Maritime Provinces. It professes to give an outline of our Church History "from the earliest to the present times, in a series of Biographical and Historical Sketches." A fair idea of its comprehensive character will be given by the following table of contents: Chapter 1. The Presbyterian Church in the Earliest Times; 2. In Scotland; 3. In Ireland; 4. In England; 5. In Switzerland; 6. In Germany; 7. In the Netherlands and France; 8. In Austria and Hungary; 9 and 10. In America. The succeeding eight chapters relate more particularly to Presbyterianism on this Continent. It is very copiously illustrated with portraits, &c. This is a feature which makes it attractive to the young.

In these days of union and communion among the different branches of the Presbyterian family it is very desirable that we should become mutually acquainted. The "family" is large and widely scattered. The history of the various members of it is of very great interest. Volumes might be devoted, and, indeed, have been devoted to the History of the Presbyterianism of Scotland. No single volume can treat exhaustively of all. We are glad therefore to be able to point our readers to a work which,

while giving some idea of the whole field, introduces us more fully to the largest branch of the family,—the Church of the United States.

The more we know of Presbyterianism in its wonderful history "from the earliest to the present times," the more we shall be convinced that it is not of man but of God, and that it has before it a future of vast influence and usefulness. We hope that with the aid of works such as this our young people will become acquainted with the antecedents of the Church of their love,—her achievements on behalf of human liberty and divine truth,—her conflicts with the man of sin,—her success in mission fields,—her sufferings in the fires of persecution, and her noble contendings for the Gospel of the Son of God.

PROGRESS OF RELIGION.

Under this heading, we published in our last number extracts from letters received from ministers of our body in different parts of the Church. We add the two following, which, however, we must acknowledge, were not sent for publication:

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM REV. JOHN MURRAY.

You have no doubt heard of the awakening that exists throughout this island. You can hardly have any conception, however, of its depth. We have to say in New London, "The Lord hath done great things for us; which of we are glad." He has turned our captivity as streams in the south.

We started our meetings on Friday, April 3rd. Up to that time during the fifteen months I spent in New London South, I have not had as much as one English speaking man to help me with my prayer meetings. I had to conduct the English prayer meetings all alone excepting the occasional help I received from a brother of another denomination. My usual way was to offer two prayers, and give two short addresses myself to keep up the interest for something over an hour.

Mark the change in three weeks and a few days; there are now about thirty upon whom I can call for prayer, and they are increasing every night. In that time many seem to have found forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus. Last night, though it rained, and though the roads were very disagreeable, we had the Church full as on former nights. After a two hour