

in His Word ; and that every thing in such political action contrary to that will ought to be, and will be, opposed by every Christian ; but as to details nothing has been said. Nothing could be said with propriety. Might I not then submit as a conclusion from what I have said, that United Presbyterians can adopt the 4th Article *simpliciter*, not only as in accordance with their opinions in a sense, but also in *the* sense in which all, except perhaps the merest fraction, of the other Synod adopt it likewise.

I should very much like, now, that you, Mr. Editor, or some of your readers would enlighten us somewhat on what *constitutes the Church*, and show us that while the Church may and ought to seek the abolition of unchristian laws, it does not follow that *Church Courts* (a very different thing from the Church) should dabble in politics, or that Ministers of the Gospel, under the profession of zeal for the "crown rights" of the Redeemer, should turn the house of God into a theatre for political discussion and denunciation, and put into vigorous operation :

The pulpit drum ecclesiastick,  
Beat by a fist instead of a stick.

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## REVIVAL.

It is the earnest desire and prayer of all the pious, that the Lord would revive his work ; and any indications of spiritual improvement are eagerly inquired after by every person who has himself tasted that the Lord is gracious. It is well known, however, that in many cases in which there has been much show, there has been little substantial reality. The imagination and the feelings perhaps have been excited, a vehement profession has been made, and great hopes have been entertained, sometimes vain-glorious boastings have been indulged in, but all has speedily vanished away. Caution, therefore, is both justifiable and commendable in forming an opinion. The religious excitement which has been prevailing in the North of Ireland has awakened much interest in the minds of seriously disposed people, and has met with very general approval. It is said to be still extending, and commanding, more and more, the confidence of the intelligent and religious portion of the community. Generally, however, even where there is much good to be thankfully and devoutly acknowledged, there is also a mixture of evil to be deplored. There is chaff mingled with the wheat. The Irish revival is viewed with a degree of suspicion by some who surely wish well to true religion. We have seen a pious and intelligent person who was lately in Ulster and witnessed a marvellous exhibition,

\* It may be proper to state that the above was written before the author had an opportunity of seeing our No. for August. It relates to the subject of Union under a different aspect from that in which it is contemplated in the papers contained in that No. We may add, that while very copious discussion in our pages would not be desirable, we are quite willing that all views of the subject should be fairly presented.—Ed.