

and will send out every suitable minister who wishes to go.

On another page we give the account of the ordination of the Rev. John G. Stobbs, a young minister of most distinguished parts, well known to many of our own young ministers, who is ere this on his way to Melbourne. Here is the attitude the Church of Scotland will assume towards a United Church on this Continent.

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Revival in Scotland.

During the last four months, one of the most remarkable revivals of religion that we have ever heard of has blessed the Churches in Scotland. The immediate cause or instrumentality has been the preaching and singing of the Gospel by two brethren from the United States, the well-known lay preacher, D. L. Moody of Chicago, and a colleague named Rev. Mr. Sankey, who has consecrated a magnificent baritone voice to the Lord's service, and who produces as great effects with his singing as Mr. Moody does with his terse, powerful, direct preaching. Any one that has ever been at Conventions of Y. M. C. Associations in the States must have seen Mr. Moody. He has been a prominent figure at such, and at all kindred Conventions for many a year, and no one is in such demand when questions are put through the question-drawer to be answered on the spot. He has the great faculty of always going directly to the point. Combined with this directness is a vast fund of homely mother-wit and a knowledge of human nature that makes him the best open-air speaker we have ever heard. He speaks straight out what he believes; and he believes with his whole soul that men are sinners, and that the only way of escape is through faith in a crucified Saviour. Believing that, he does not mince words when telling men their danger. No thought of 'dignity' stops him. Knowing the awful wickedness men are guilty of in re-

jecting the love of the Saviour, no regard for 'fine feelings' will make him keep silent, or cry 'peace, peace, when there is no peace.' He hates mere talk, however eloquent. What are you doing? he asks. At Conventions, he regards 'resolutions' with suspicion. He desires conversions. "We haven't got a book called 'the resolutions of the Apostles,'" he quaintly remarked once, in a way that brought down the house; "it's the 'Acts of the Apostles.'" The question was asked, "How a Christian can best keep out of the world?" He answered, "Don't go into the world." A minister asked how he best could rouse a country congregation, and was answered, "Get roused yourself." This man, now about middle age, quiet in manner but with a tremendous power of energy and enthusiasm, without literary culture, without charm of manners, with forms of colloquial Western and Yankee speech that British people dislike, has moved Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, and the adjacent regions as they have not been moved—some say since the days of Knox. Verily God chooses the weak things of the world to confound the mighty. Scotland has had the best preaching in the world during the last forty years. But in spite of it all, the people were losing the old religious spirit. Formalism was settling down on the Churches. Scepticism was making sad havoc with the flocks. Evils were flowing in like a flood. Many an earnest soul was crying to the Lord to reveal Himself in power as in the days of old. And He heard the cry. He sent not the wise, the eloquent, the mighty, but two poor, unknown strangers, comparatively illiterate, and these by Bible readings, prayer and praise meetings, and simple direct gospel appeals, have swayed men's hearts by the ten thousand as the trees are swayed by the wind. Learned Principals and Professors, Doctors of Divinity and celebrated lawyers, peers and commoners, the fashionable classes and the lapsed masses, have all alike heard them, sat at their feet, thanked God for them, and borne witness that the work is of God. Established Churches and Dissenting Churches have been thrown open to them. The Assembly Hall of the Church of Scotland has been filled with a prayer meeting led by one of them and a