

United Free Church of Scotland.

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conferred upon me in calling me to the chair of this Union Assembly. It is no small privilege to be associated with the proceedings of this auspicious day. To-day we see many hopes crowned, many prayers answered and we stand at the portal of a future which we humbly beseech our King and Head to render great and good. Our hearts are full of praise and prayer; and we humbly offer ourselves to be consecrated anew to the glory of Him whose we are and Whom we serve. We join together for His service. The Lord accept it and bless it. I reckon this to be a great day for Scotland and for Presbyterianism; and I trust it may prove helpful in its influence even beyond Scotland and beyond Presbyterianism. It is interesting to feel, as I do, that I have seen the great renderings which were necessary in order to assert supremacy of conscience and achieve the liberty of the Church, and now participate in so great a movement towards a reconstruction of our Presbyterianism. Into both of the two Churches now united there flowed together various streams of Scottish Church life, each, with whatever failings, exhibiting a history of notable fidelity, patience, and sacrifice; each reproducing in its own way the features of our Reformation Christianity, and each maintaining substantially the same ideal of the Divine life in human souls. All of them originated in some notable exercise of heart and mind over truths of God's Word and events in God's providence. And all had found, sooner or later, that the truths they cherished and the ends they sought could be better served by enlarged fellowship than by solicitous separation. So they came together.

(We are unable to make room for the Moderator's able and stimulating address.) It concluded as follows: Surely we ought to take this step with the liveliest expectancy. If we have been aiming at private and worldly ends, let us hope that we shall be disappointed. I pray that we may be. But if we have been aiming at the furtherance of the kingdom of God, why should we not have the liveliest expectations? One great reason why we do not expect much is that we do not desire very much. If we did intensely desire we should not be easily contented without receiving. Let us hope continually. We have been brought to this point remarkably: why should the church of Christ stint her expectations? Without this gracious disposition we cannot thrive. Not earnestness, not diligence, nor sacrifice will supply the place of it. The whole New Testament is full of hope, as a disposition without which prosperity and progress are not to be expected. The very God of Hope fill us with all peace and joy in believing that we may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost!

After addresses by Lords Aberdeen and Kinnaird, Principal Rainy introduced deputies from other churches. Among them was Rev. Dr. Robertson, representing the Canadian Church, who was heartily received and delivered a stirring address. Rev. Frederick McDonald, spoke for the Wesleyans; Rev. J. M. Hamilton, Moderator for the Irish Church; Dr. Parker, of the City Temple Church, for Congregationalists, Dr. Cameron Lees, of St. Giles, Edinburgh; for the Established Church of Scotland, Dr. Munro Gibson, London; Dr. John McLaren, Liverpool, for English Presbyterians, and Dr. MacLaren, Manchester, for the Baptists, who pithily said that the union was one of two marked types, and the result ought to be good, as it united the excellencies of both.

Why Worry?

Why shadow the beauty of sea or land
With a doubt or a fear?
God holds the swift-rolling world in his hand,
And sees what no man can as yet understand,
That out of life here,
With its smile and its tear,
Comes forth into light, from Eternity planned,
The soul of good cheer.

How Calvinism Exalted Its votaries.

JOHN MARLEY IN HIS "LIFE OF CROMWELL."

Calvinism has proved itself a famous soil for rearing heroic natures. Founded on St Paul and on Augustine, it was in two or three sentences thus:—Before the foundations of the world were laid it was decreed by counsel secret to us that some should be chosen out of mankind to everlasting salvation and others to curse and damnation. In the figure of the memorable passage of the Epistle to the Romans, as the potter has power over the clay so men were fashioned by anti-mundane will, some to be vessels of dishonour and wrath. Then the Potter has mercy on whom He will, and whom He will He hardeneth. On this black granite of Fate, predestination, and foreknowledge absolute, the strongest of the Protestant fortresses all over the world were founded. Well might it have been anticipated that fatalism as unflinching as this would have driven men headlong into "desperation and recklessness of most unclean living." Yet that was no more the actual effect of the fatalism of St Paul, Augustine and Calvin, than it was of the fatalism of the Stoics or of Mohammed. On the contrary, Calvinism exalted its votaries to a pitch of heroic moral energy that has never been surpassed; and men who were bound to suppose themselves moving in chains inexorably riveted, along a track ordained by a despotic and unseen Will before time began, have yet exhibited an active courage, a resolute endurance, a cheerful self-restraint, an exulting self-sacrifice that men count among the highest glories of the human conscience.

The Fierce Crocodile.

A baby crocodile comes from an egg no larger than that of a goose, but it is equipped from the very commencement of its career with a beautiful set of sharp teeth. It is very strange to think that such a tiny creature should be destined, if no accident happens to cut short its career, to grow up to be a ferocious monster some twenty feet in length, with sufficient power in its terrible jaw to snap off a man's leg at a single bite, yet such is the fact.

Young crocodiles prey upon fish, but the old ones lie in wait for larger animals, which they seize between their long, pointed, conical teeth, and instantly drag under water and drown. They are admirably equipped for this murderous kind of work, for they can close their ears and nostrils, draw a transparent membrane over their eyes, and so shut their throats that not a drop of water can get down even while their mouths are wide open.

The only way to escape from the monster when pursued on land is to make repeated and quick turns, by which time to retreat is gained while the clumsy reptile is wheeling its great, stiff body round.

And the only method of escape while in the water is to force the fingers into the eyes of the brute. The value of this little trick is well known to the native of India, Africa and South America.

Dr. Colvin estimates that the bubonic plague has cost the City of Glasgow \$5,000,000.

FADING AWAY.

The Condition of Young Girls who Are Anaemic.

This Record is of especial value to Parents It is a Message from a Mother to Mothers of Growing girls.

Among the young girls throughout Canada who owe good health—perhaps life itself—to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, is Miss Hattie Althouse, of Campden, Ont. When a representative called at the Althouse homestead to make enquires as to the particulars of the cure, he was cordially received by Mrs. Althouse, who readily consented to give a statement for publication. "Up to the age of fourteen years," said Mrs. Althouse, "my daughter Hattie had always enjoyed the best of health. Then she began to complain of weakness, and grew pale and languid. We tried several medicines, but instead of helping her she was steadily growing worse, and we became alarmed and called in a doctor. He told us that her blood was in a very watery condition, and that she was on the verge of a nervous prostration. She was under his care for several months, but still kept growing worse. She had become very pale, had no appetite, frequent headaches, and after even slight exertion her heart would palpitate violently. As time passed, she seemed to grow worse and worse, until at last she could scarcely move about, and would lie upon a sofa most of the day. At this juncture she had occasional fainting fits, and any fright, as from a sudden noise, would bring on slight attacks of hysteria. Both my husband and myself feared that she would not live more than a few months. It was while Hattie was in this condition that I read an account of a girl cured of a similar ailment through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Then I decided that Hattie should give them a trial, and procured three boxes; when she had used them there was an undoubted improvement in her condition, and we felt hopeful that she would regain her health. She continued using the pills, and from that on daily made progress toward complete recovery. Her appetite returned; color began to come back to her face, headaches disappeared, and in the course of a few months she was as well as ever she had been in her life. It is now more than two years since she discontinued the use of the pills, and in all that time has enjoyed the best of health, with absolutely no return of the trouble. I can scarcely say how grateful we feel for what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for my daughter, and I would strongly urge mothers whose daughters may be ailing to give them Dr. Williams' Pink Pills at once, and not experiment with other medicines."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills create new blood, and thus reach the root of the disease. In the case of girls merging into womanhood they are almost indispensable, and their use is a guarantee of future health and strength. Other so-called tonic pills are mere imitations of this medicine and should be avoided. If your dealer does not keep them they will be sent postpaid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.