

vived Church; a Church alive to her responsibilities, full of love, burning with zeal, moving with the missionary spirit? We want such a Church as that of the primitive times, which, amid formidable opposition, and with none of the inviting features of the present missionary field, did not hesitate to attempt the evangelization of the great Roman empire, and did not pause until this was accomplished: a Church that, when she ceased to be a missionary community, became foul and corrupt with superstition, as a stagnant pool. The great Lord, who is over all, is now, blessed be his name! supplying this want. A great revival has broken out in America, excelling all past revivals in the number of its fruits, and the interesting nature of its conversions: a revival, so vast and impressive, as to compel the respectful attention of the secular press, and indicate the finger of God. Another has broken out in three very widely removed portions of the United Kingdom, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. There are tokens also that this movement will spread through the kingdom. The two great missionary nations of the world, Britain and America, are moved by the Spirit of God about the same time. The effect of this has been an increase of students for the ministry, a greater willingness to be sent into the foreign field, an augmentation of missionary funds, a larger attendance at churches, more frequent prayer-meetings, and, in general, a vast increase of moral energy in the Church; and all this is contemporaneous, with a greater willingness on the part of the heathen to hear the gospel.

We have furnished short accounts of the revivals in Ireland and Wales on another page; but these facts are more conclusive in connection with the breaking forth of the light of truth among Swedish Christians at the present time. There is a very large distribution of tracts in some parts of that country, which has, no doubt, produced much effect. Prayer meetings abound, and the want of evangelical preaching is much felt. In some places the churches are insufficient for the accommodation of the people. A young man of some high station had been suddenly awakened, when at a considerable distance from home. A young officer has been awakened to religion by the perusal of the *Memoirs of Hedley Vicars*. In many places the greatest awakenings take place through the preaching of ministers who are not remarkable for oratorical power. In Upsala the kingdom of God increases among the people, and especially among the students at the University. In the island of Gothland, in the Baltic, great multitudes from

one end of the island to the other, had been stirred up to seek salvation with fear and trembling. In one parish almost the entire people have been awakened. Thus, in all parts of the Christian world the light is breaking forth. In this delightful manner is the Lord equipping his Church for her work. Let us supplicate him, that we may receive a portion of these unspeakable blessings, and be able to go up to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

The General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland had a very interesting meeting in May. As accounts of its proceedings are probably in the hands of our readers, we shall direct attention to the accounts merely for the past year, showing the continued liberality of that body. The sums are as follows:

Sustentation Fund,	£110,435
Building Fund,	41,179
Congregational Fund,	94,481
Missions and Educations,	55,896
Miscellaneous,	41,384
Total,	£343,377

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONNEXION.

The fortieth Annual Conference of the Primitive Methodist Connexion commenced its sittings in Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 1st June. The delegates were 80 in number. The accounts showed prosperity. The next year is the Connexional Jubilee year. The following are the statistics of this body: Members, 123,863; travelling preachers, 610; local preachers, 10,838; chapels, 2,166; rented chapels, 3,176.

RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting was held in Exeter Hall; the Right Hon. Lord Kinnaird in the chair. The following items are for the benefit of our readers, gleaned from the Report. The Society has existed for sixty years. During the last ten years it has circulated 4,023,949 publications on Romanism, and 4,001,008 on Sabbath observance. The receipts for sales were, in 1850, £42,393, and in this year, £76,223. Upwards of thirteen millions of tracts, and five millions of handbills, have been circulated during last year. The total receipts for the year were £97,898.

UNION OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IN SCOTLAND.

It is important that our readers, when there is so much said of union by various parties and when, together with much that is genuine in these movements and discussions, there necessarily exists much that is counterfeit