

bring them to His footstool, and then they who threatened rebellion against the Most High shall kiss the Son, and His authority shall be sustained. What was desired was nothing else than the emancipation of a race now labouring under spiritual thralldom. Truth shall yet prevail over error, purity shall root out licentiousness, and it will be found that the Sun of Righteousness shall yet arise with healing in His beams. Then we might consider the contrast of the state into which the nations shall be brought with that in which they now are. They shall kiss the Son, whose name is above every name. Before that name every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that He is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father. The Throne of righteousness shall be established, and that of iniquity shall be destroyed. Another point which a revived Church will consider is the practicability of this great undertaking. It is true that when she thinks of her own power, she might well be dismayed, but she remembers that it is the Lord that works. "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord." And where systems, of apparently great strength, have opposed the cause of Christ, how speedily have they been brought down. At the beginning of the recent conflict in some of the kingdoms of Europe, the Bible was shut out and the missionary might not enter, but at the close of that conflict room was made for the circulation of God's own truth, and for the propagation of the Gospel. He might refer also to the altered feelings existing among the various branches of the church of Christ towards one another. In his younger days one denomination could scarcely speak of another without something like bitterness, but now the image of Christ is loved wherever it appears, and the work of Christ is recognized wherever it is carried on. He could not on this occasion refrain from referring to their own auspicious union, which had just been consummated. They had been brought together by the good hand of God without any compromise of principle. His own mind was filled with joy when he thought that in this union not a single truth of the Divine Word had been wronged, that they had not trampled any principle in the dust, but that they had maintained every point to which either the one church or the other could refer as clearly brought out in God's Word."

A portion of the 148th psalm was then sung—

"The Lord of heaven confess,
On high His glory raise," &c.

Rev. Dr. Jennings next addressed the meeting on Home Missions.

Rev. Mr. Topp was next called upon to address the meeting. He said,—The subject that has been assigned to me as my text on this occasion is, "The Mission Fields of the World." I am not exactly sure of the meaning of this expression, or what particular line of thought and argumentation I should adopt. If the subject had been this,—the mission field is the world—I should then have felt that the duty laid upon me was to set forth and enforce the obligation resting upon the Church of Christ, to promote the missionary enterprise unto the ends of the earth, and never to slacken her efforts till the whole earth had been subdued to its rightful Lord and Sovereign, till the standard of the cross had been erected on every land, and all had been brought to acknowledge and to submit to Jesus Christ as the only Head and King. But by the language, "The Mission Fields of the World," I rather understand that what is expected is that the speaker should direct the attention of his hearers to the various quarters of the globe in which missionary operations are being carried on—to the distinguishing features which they respectively present—the encouragements and the reverses with which they are accompanied, and the general aspect of the whole missionary enterprise, at the present time. It is a wide and comprehensive subject—too much so by far for a single address, limited as that address must be in length. But it is a very important subject at the same time. It concerns the great end of the church of Christ—it is intimately connected with His glory as Mediator—it is that which at once commands the sympathies and stirs the hearts of all the followers of Christ, and therefore, it will never fail, and ought never to fail to be matter of deep interest to every true branch of the church of Christ. 1. As to the mission fields