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In the United States there are now prevailing many gracious revivals. Large numbers have been added to the churches, and there has been great activity in religious work. This is especially true of the Presbyterian churches. Missions, home and foreign, are receiving daily increasing attention. The effort to establish a Sustentation Fund meets with success. The liberality of the Christian people continues unabated.

Mexico, as will be seen in another page, shows remarkable evangelical progress. That country, so fearfully tormented with almost ceaseless civil wars, is at last welcoming the glad tidings of the pure Gospel. Other countries of Central and South America are also showing signs of improvement.

Before leaving this Continent let us note the hopeful work still going forward among the French Canadians in connection with Father Chiniquy's missionary and evangelistic labours. British America has a great work to do in evangelizing the French; and Father Chiniquy is nobly leading the van.

In Scotland there are most praiseworthy efforts in church extension. The leading denominations are engaged in raising large amounts for the erection of new churches in the great cities, especially in Glasgow. Fears were expressed some time ago that the Union controversy would hinder evangelistic work. Happily this danger has been averted. We regret to state that

the keenness of the Anti-Union controversy is hardly if at all abated. What the end will be we cannot tell, but the present state of feeling forebodes disruption in the Free Church. The United Presbyterians and the Reformed Presbyterians will have little or no difficulty in accepting the terms of Union agreed upon. The only advance likely to be made this year is to recommend that the ministers of the different negotiating churches shall be eligible to settlement in congregations in connection with any of the three. The supreme courts of each church will likely endorse this proposal; and thus an important step will be taken towards practical union.

✓Rev. Dr. Wallace, of Old Greyfriars, Edinburgh—Dr. Robert Lee's successor—is accused of being a rationalist, and an out and out disbeliever in the system of doctrine contained in the Confession of Faith. It was in his pulpit that Professor Jowett, the Oxford Rationalist, and Dean Stanley the Broad Churchman, preached. There appear to be a few and only a few in the Church of Scotland who sympathize with Dr. Wallace. Pity there should be any.

Much attention has been attracted by Dean Stanley's Lectures on the Church of Scotland, which were at once a plea for Church Establishments and for negativism in religion. *r. c.* Rainy, of the New College, replied to him in three masterly and admirable lectures in which he nobly vindicated Scottish Evangelism and the Scottish Church ideas. Scotland never had a more competent champion than Dr