

and contributing our mite to enlighten the poor heathen.

Dun.—It is clear that if we hope to do anything that way, we must work together, and have some general system to go upon. A code of regulations should be drawn up, printed, and distributed among all our congregations.

Deac.—The very thing I was thinking of, Duncan. I fell in the other day with something of the kind practised in the Church at Home, which might be made a basis for our plan. Here it is.

Dun.—If it's not very long, just read it, Deacon. I see it's small print, and needs spectacles.

Deacon reads—

"1. The parish is divided into (ten) districts, each district having a separate collector.

2. The duty of the collector is to receive, from the various households or individuals within his own district, the stated sum that each may agree to contribute.

3. The sum received from any one subscriber shall not be more than one halfpenny a week, nor less than one half-penny a fortnight, it being left to each contributor which of these two rates he shall fix upon.

4. A meeting of the Association is held every two or three months, at which intelligence is communicated respecting the various objects of Missionary enterprise, addresses of encouragement given, and prayer offered up. The sums received in each district since the previous meeting are given in by the collectors, and the division and disposal of the funds on hand determined on. The precise day of meeting is fixed according to circumstances, and intimated from the pulpit.

5. The objects to which the Association principally contributes, are—the Bible Society, Education of Females in India, and the following three Schemes of the General Assembly; Colonial Churches, India Mission, Conversion of the Jews,—these subject to any addition or alteration that may at any time be thought advisable."

Perhaps it would not be a bad idea to publish these rules in our *Record* in the first place, and let us all pray, Duncan, that more earnestness in behalf of the Gospel may animate us all. Our locks are getting grey, every hour is becoming more precious, and urging us to look after the one thing needful. Good morning: I hope you will not only be a fellow-worker, but that you will enlist others in the same good work.

Dun.—I'll try, Deacon, and I am much obliged to you for calling: Good bye.

does not wish to have his repose and his enjoyment of Deutschland disturbed by the and thought of Scottish men and things. are an enthusiastic admirer of holidays. I lieve that in this "busy, bustling time" are too apt to forget the old saw "all work and no play, makes Jack a dull boy;" and do not like the sort of holidays that we sometimes get at school—when the usual and haps unusual lessons also were prescribed. For professional men especially is the holiday needed; for both their bodies and their minds are regularly taxed, and to preserve the "*anima in corpore sano*" they require to be taken out of harness now and then, and allowed to wander at their own sweet will. And therefore I hope to see the day when it shall be the custom of every congregation to send a sub-committee to their minister with an annual present of from £20 to £50, coupled with a suggestion that a trip to Niagara, or a up the Hudson, or across to the Old Country would be a thing pleasant and profitable to his flock as well as to himself. And then the Reverend gentleman lay aside his white stock and black coat, and put on a wide-awake and his coarsest shoes; get his fishing tackle in order, or take guide-book in hand; and far from where some beloved brother might seek him out to beseech "a day," to shake shoulders with men of different manners and ideas from his own, to learn how the great world is jogging on outside his own parish, or to drink in health and freshness the spirit of beauty from new scenes—from flood and fell and all the rest of nature's masterpieces, or from the consecrated fields and ruins of history. It will do him little good to travel in starched official dignity; but he adventure forth not as the minister or the physician, but as the man, free and frank to give, and open-hearted and sympathetic receive impressions, then he will return more healthful, more buoyant, and larger soul. He will discover "some soul of goodness" what he had fancied in his narrow ignorance to be all rotten; he will cease to believe in the whole of mankind who are not of his sect, are godless, and that all countries and institutions except his own, are out of joint. He will become a broader and wiser man, and consequently a better minister to human needs and men and women. Mr. Spurgeon took a continental trip the other day, and his testimony as to its effects is that every day he his brain growing larger on each side of his head; and he gave a practical comment upon this declaration, by doing what he would have reprobated a month before,—i.e., preaching in the Cathedral at Geneva in full concert. I had intended to give you some jottings of my feelings and experiences on the continent, but I have seen too little as yet to be able to form general conclusions, and a visit has been too rapid to have enabled me to get much insight into what is behind the scenes and into what are the real springs

FROM OUR SCOTCH CORRESPONDENT OUT OF SCOTLAND.

No Scotch news this month. Your correspondent is enjoying his holidays abroad, and