

and I should say that they were, for the most part, humble-minded Christians, with a deep sense of the evil of sin, a clear view of the believer's completeness in Christ, an earnest desire to walk according to the gospel, a genuine love to the Saviour and his people, a delight in the word of God and prayer, and a longing for the salvation of others.

One of the first converts I saw, a young man who had been struck down three months before, spoke with a holy solemnity of manner that made such an impression on my mind as I think will never be effaced.

2. A very general interest in the subject of religion has been lately awakened throughout that whole district.

At Lisburn, where I spent a Sunday, the church of the clergyman whom I was assisting was crowded to excess, both morning and evening, and hundreds went away unable to get in. The same was the case even on the week-day evenings.

3. Crime and open immorality have been exceedingly diminished.

At Lisburn, the inspector of the police assured me that from Saturday afternoon till late at night there used to be incessant disturbances from drinking and quarrelling; thousands of workpeople receiving their pay in the afternoon, and then many of them going into the whiskey shops to drink. Since the revival, however, everything, he said, had been comparatively quiet.

The stipendiary magistrate for the county of Antrim told me, that there were twenty-three petty sessions with which he was connected; and that the number of cases brought before them had most materially decreased since the revival, especially cases of assault. He knew, he said, of some instances in which Orangemen, who had been struck down, had gone to some of their Roman Catholic neighbors whom they had ill-used, and begged them to forgive them.

In Ballymena and Coleraine, in Portrush and Armagh, the cases of drunkenness were so very rare, that the decrease could only be accounted for on the supposition that a feeling of awe had come over the whole population, and had restrained them from all gross and open excesses.

I must in candor state, that the Mayor of Belfast told me that crime on the whole had increased in that town, or rather, that the number of cases brought before the magistrates had increased.

It would be difficult to suppose that the actual amount of crime had increased in Belfast, when in many portions of the town, and everywhere else throughout the county, the diminution had confessedly been so great. It would be easier to suppose that the police had become more active in detecting and bringing up offenders. Belfast, however, is a large town, and has a rapidly increasing population.

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THE CHURCH AT HOME.

PRACTICAL HINTS TO A YOUNG PARISH MINISTER.

Published by Murray & Son, will be well recommended when we say that they are from the pen of the Rev. Professor Hill. Without any pretensions to being a *work*, this little volume will be highly prized and, we hope, eminently useful. In the most simple and fatherly style Dr. Hill places before young ministers a brief sketch of their calling, and draws up a *rade mecum* for their guidance in the discharge of parochial duty. He enters their study, and advises as to the course of their reading, the style of their composition, and the bent of their private reflections. He goes with them to the sick-bed, to the pulpit, into general society—pointing out what should be their conduct under all these circumstances. He even advises them as to their attendance on, and attitude in, Church courts, from the kirk-session to the General Assembly. Always pointed and kindly in their style. Dr. Hill's hints cannot, we think, fail to be welcomed by those for whose benefit they were written. It is essential for the right discharge of parochial duty that the youthful clergyman should have a guide experienced and faithful. That guide Dr. Hill makes himself in this unpretending volume, and we know no one better qualified for the duty.—*Courier.*

COLLEGE FOR EDUCATING MINISTERS' DAUGHTERS, &c.

The Rev. D. Easdale having invited a few of those interested in this proposed institution to confer together in Edinburgh, on Friday last, the meeting was attended by the Rev. Drs. Hunter, Grant, Robertson, Stevenson, and Nisbet; Professors Bennet and Crawford; the Rev. Messrs. Gray, Weir, Adamson, and Easdale as secretary. The prospects of the institution having been explained by Mr. Easdale, it was unanimously agreed that these were such as to justify a confident hope of success, and render it necessary that the draft of the proposed constitution of the college should be prepared; and that it would be of advantage that a brief statement of the nature and advantages of the scheme should be prepared in such a form as might, either by deputations or otherwise, be presented to the Presbyteries and the public. Drs. Grant, Robertson, Bennet, and Mr. Easdale were requested to prepare these documents before the 22d November, in order that they may be submitted to the consideration of a meeting of subscribers, which Mr. Easdale was directed to intimate will be held on that day, in the office of the Church, at two o'clock afternoon. To those interested in this much needed institution, it is most gratifying to learn how rapidly it is advancing completion. It is supported by a very large number of clergy and professors. The Lord Chancellor is willing