

45 against 11. There were seven who did not vote. Of the eleven in the minority, three ministers and four elders protested, and took steps to meet on the morrow by themselves, as the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland. We have now here two bodies calling themselves the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland. To which of these the missionaries shall adhere is not yet ascertained.

The revival movement that attracted so much attention for the last few years, has now well nigh passed away. It, as your readers are aware, spread far and wide over the land both in town and country, causing many previously careless and ungodly to ask the question, "What must I do to be saved." Many undoubtedly who made loud pretensions to religion, and promised fair for a life of christian usefulness, have, like the stony ground hearers, decayed and withered. But I rejoice to know, after inquiry regarding the work in many quarters, that not a few of these converts manifest their change of heart by a change of life, and that their love to the Saviour by keeping his commandments. In this highly favoured land there is much of genuine, earnest, unassuming, active godliness. The Lord has many unassuming, active and energetic followers here. But Satan has also the bold and undaunted advocates of his cause. It would seem as if the enemy were bound to contest with Christ and his followers every inch of ground. Despite of all the efforts of God's people, it seems that the enemy is gaining ground in this country. He is undoubtedly losing ground in some respects, but he is making alarming strides of advancement in another direction. An attempt was made last winter by a party in Edinburgh—Scotchmen too—headed, I am sorry to say, by a minister of the Gospel, to open the Botanical Gardens on the Sabbath—a most tempting snare to lead poor sinners into the ways of error and of ruin. The friends of the Sabbath bestirred themselves and got the endeavour frustrated. A few days ago it was found that an Irish member of Parliament intimated in the House of Commons that he was to use his influence to get that House to force open the Gardens, whether

the people of Edinburgh would have it so or not. This hon. member was not content with living without the Sabbath himself, but would by violence wrest it from those that prized it highly. Thirty-six thousand names have been found in Edinburgh in favour of this ungodly measure! I hope the friends of the Sabbath shall again carry the day; but the boldness and audacity of the enemies of religion cannot be contemplated without alarm. It is an ominous sign of the times that Scotland, famed all the world over for its Sabbath-keeping, is now accepting the help of Irish Roman Catholics to throw the precious boon away. This is not all. This winter a bill is brought before Parliament to procure Popish priests on State pay &c. all the prisons in Britain where Papists are incarcerated. Government, alas! is so unprincipled and unprotestant as to yield readily to this demand. Government here resembles much our own in Nova Scotia some six or seven years ago. The Protestants are divided, Papists are united. To whichever side they go they are almost sure to turn the scale. So each party of our unprincipled Protestants endeavour, by concessions, to secure the favour of the Romanists. The Catholics understand their own value, and so make frequent demands, which are alas, too frequently granted! Popish schools paid by Protestant money spring up and increase; Popish chapels spring up, furnished in many instances with congregations from Ireland, and with priests from Maynooth trained by British money. Thus the serpentine coils of Popery are slowly but surely entwined around our political life, and I fear the day is not far distant when Britain shall again feel the power of the "beast." The Church of England has but a small remnant of true evangelical witnesses. By far the most of her ministers are either Popish or infidel at heart. The Popish or Puseyite party of course would hail with delight the surrender of Britain to the spiritual dominion of the Pope. This, my dear sir, is the state of matters here. God seems to be marshalling his people here and elsewhere, bringing them together as if in battle array by unions and co-operations; and Satan seems to prepare his servants al-