But stronger still are your claims for our carnest, heartfelt welcome, he added, you are our relativesour kinsmen according to the flesh-not only blood relations through Christ, but "bone of our bone." You are Scotch and Irish, and what are we but Scotch-Irish—almost three-fourths of us? Should we not welcome you? Were your ancestors sworn in the "Solemn League and Covenant?" So were Were you forefathers defeated in the fatal battle of "Bothwell-brigg?" So were ours! Were your grandfathers besieged in Derry and Enniskillen -answering king James with "No surrender to Derry?" So were ours!

Ah, those true men of God who witnessed so long and well for "Christ's crown and covenant" were your ancestors and ours. We are children of the same mother; not only holding the same confessions and catechisms with yourselves, but bearing some of the very same names; tracing the same genealogies; venerating the same history; loving the same memories, the same kirkyard graves with yourselves; and, whether living in Derry, or Glasgow, or Philadelphia, we are brothers from the very same old home—a God-fearing, Sabbath-keeping, Tyranny-hating, covenant-adhering race.
Therefore, as brethren in the Lord and brethren

by blood-you are welcome, thrice welcome to-

Come then, and abide with us awhile, and you will know us better and love us more. I trust you will not have reason to be ashamed of your newcountry cousins. You can see what we are; history tells you what we were. In all the long record, Presbyterians had no mean part, believe me. The historian Bancroft will inform you that "the first public voice in America for dissolving all connection with Great Britain, came not from the Puritans of New England, the Dutch of New York, nor the planters of Virginia, but from Scotch-Irish Presbyterians"-and history will tell you that the Meck lenburg "Declaration of Independence" was Ulster Presbyterian-the first State declaration was from North Carolina, whose convention was in every member connected in some way with the Presbyterian Church. And so, in the late war, the descen dants of those who hated tyranny and wrong were valiant to the end. And in glowing terms the Dr. depicted our war and its issues.

He then referred to the fact that it was an auspicious time in our religious history-that, like their churches in the old land-the tendency for union was strong, and growing steadily.

But our space forbids, what we aimed to secure, a full or adequate report of this address, which was in every way truly eloquent, was several times warmly applauded by the enthusiastic audience, and deeply stirred the hearts of the Delegates, to whom, in closing, the Dr. extended the right hand of fellowship, (the audience rising) expressing the hope that their visit might be as delightful as the welcome was sincere—and their mission as successful, as their fondest wishes could desire.

Gov. Pollock, in the unavoidable absence o Judge Allison, who had been invited and expected to perform this part, extended a welcome in the name of the laity of the city with his characteristic warmth and enthusiasm.

Mr. Geo. H. Stuart then mentioned the fact that the delegates had done the wise thing of bringing their wives with them, and as part of the reception ceremonies, presented the ladies with the beautiful bouquets which ornamented the table before him.

In response to these addresses, Principal Fairbairn was first called on, and was received by the entire audience and the ministers on the platform rising in a body. Dr. Fairbairn seemed really overwhelmed with these demonstrations of respect and affection, and expressed himself at the opening, in terms of surprise and gratitude at the truly 'American reception" he had experienced. He now knew what that reception was. He regretted the absence of Dr. Guthrie, spoke of himself with modesty as rather, a literary man than one of the more active classes, and rejoiced that he had come to our country at a time when he could say it did not contain a slave. He assured the audience that the sympathies of his church in our struggles were always with those who were fighting for the slave. As an instructor of such as were preparing for the ministry, he felt the unspeakable importance of thorough culture for the sacred office, and would like to plead for it, before every audience, in his journey through our country. It was a necessity of kirk. Esq., was then adopted by the audience rising the times that the clergy should be so educated as to be abreast with the literary and scientific movements of the age. The broadest and amplest cul-ture was demanded. The infidelity which pervades our modern literature and which is conveyed in the language of Thomas Carlyle, that "Literature is the Modern Church" can be met successfully only by a thoroughly educated ministry. Dr. Fairbairn dwelt upon the struggle with this form of infidelity which was upon us. And in this connection spoke of the importance and probability of union among all branches of Presbyterians. After referring to the work of evangelizing the masses of our home heathen as another of the special charges of the Church and this age, he concluded by repeating his thanks for the warm reception he had met.

The 67th Psalm was then given out by Rev. Dr. Cooper of the United Presbyterian Church, when the Chairman called on the representative of the Irish Church, Dr. Denham. The doctor was received by the audience with the same token of regard as was given to Principal Fairbairn. The Irish delegate though alone, had the advantage decidedly of the others, in the closer sympathies of the vast majority of his audience, who were of the same renowned Scotch-Irish lineage with himself. It is noticeable, too, how an educated Scotch-Irishman speaks with less "brogue" to American ears than a pure Scotchman. Be that as it may, Dr Denham had excellent reason to feel himself at home among an assembly which responded enthusiastically to every allusion to "the apprentice boys of Derry" or anything bringing forward the history or character of Protestant Ireland.

Dr. Denham spoke humorously of the interruption of all his fine plans of repose after a long and stormy passage across the Atlantic, by a telegram from one who could never be refused, reaching him on the day of his arrival, (yesterday) and requiring his presence here to-night. He, too, regretted the absence of his colleague, Dr. Hall, of Dublin, of whose arrival he hoped soon to hear. He spoke of delegates, with their wives, a more social and inthe very great prosperity and efficiency of the Irish Presbyterian Church, since it had cut loose from the Arian elements, which had privily crept in, and the influence of which he illustrated by the story of the Prisoner of Chillon, chained to the body of his brother who had died in that position, and whose corpse he was compelled to carry about wherever he went; the breath of this corpse of Arianism-an expression which he said might be called an Irish bull—had paralyzed the Irish Church, but after the ness for his true people. At one time he could remember when all the subscriptions in this church amounted to about one hundred pounds a year while now they amounted to many thousand pounds annually. The Church subsequently commenced and Rev. Dr. Bomberger of the German Reformed sending missionaries of the Cross among the heathen and the Popish population at home, and it had hundred ministers. They had stretched forth their in the hands of the Protestants the stercotype plates applause.

of the Douay Bible, without note or comment, prepared by the priests themselves, and issued under the imprimatur of the Bishop of Dublin, and therefore, commanding the respect of the ignorant Romunist population among whom it is being circulated in vast numbers for three or four pence a copy One bookseller, in Dublin, sold twelve thousand copies. America is doing a great work for the education of Ireland through the letters which Irish residents here are sending back to the old country, urging their friends to give their children a common school education; while we, in our turn, are preparing the Irish emigrant to be a good citizen when he comes to your shores. Dr. Denham gave some admirable illustrations of the mother-wit of Irish readers of the Word of God, in parrying the threats and objections of the priesthood. He spoke, with great earnestness, of Presbyterian union, as now in progress, remarking that we might not perhaps attain organic union of all the bodies, but should, at least, aim at co-operation without incorporation.

One of Dr. Denham's best sayings, and one received with instant and lively appreciation by the audience, was, that we should thank the North of Ireland for such a gift as Mr. George H. Stuart, or at least for "the raw material of such a man,"

After another Psalm, given out by Rev. J. W. Mears, of the Presbyterian Church (N. S..) Rev. Mr. Wells, of Glaszow, was introduced. Mr. Wells, after referring to his embarrassment under the e circumstances, so new to him, responded gratefully to the eloquent welcome he, with the rest, had received, and begged permission to speak of his own peculiar work in the Home Missionary field of the Free Church, in Glasgow. Referring to the sympathy felt for us in our struggle, and the extreme scarcity of men in the Free Church who sympathized with the rebellion, he said. he was the best and truest patriot, who labored for the evangelization of his countrymen, and who strove to convert the dangerous classes into useful citizens by the gospel. He referred to the great peril arising from the right of suffrage in the hands of these classes, and to the responsibility especially laid upon the American Church, to labor for the Christianization of the masses in this country, where their influence was not restrained to the same degree as in Britain, by old institutions and feelings of reverence, and where universal suffrage conferred upon every individual of those masses a power which he did not there possess. was needed, when even the stoutest hearts trembled. Chalmers experienced in the early part of his filled their casks with wine; as your countryman, ministry. In that long period although the population of Scotland had increased one million, "A brave man's tribute to the brave." only 60 churches were built. Quite as many were built in the very first year (1833) in which Evangelical Christians got the upperhand in the National Assembly, an event in large part due to the labors of Dr. Chalmers. After the wonderful impulse of the Disruption had begun to expend itself in the Church, the new development of Home Missions came up to take its place as a motive power. Mr. Wells then described the workings of the system of "territorialism" particularly in Glasgow, and held the audience in the most profound and rapt attention, as he set before them the truly marvellous results of this system of planting and sustaining churches in the heart of the corrupt masses of the city, which in a few years became self-supporting : how parent churches will take charge each, of one or two, or a half-dozen of such enterprises, and how the Mission Churches themselves sometimes become parent churches, and begin a like career of usefulness; how not a few Mission churches received nearly two hundred members per annum, year after year; and how, while some of the older churches had begun to snow marks of decline, this was not the case with any of the fruits of this Mission work. Mr. Wells said, that to prepare himself for the American way of thinking, he had been reading Bancroft's History. In that work he had been struck with the motto of Benjamin Franclin, addressed to the Colonies during the Revolution: "Join or die." This he would apply in view of the Union move-

say: "Join or decline." An involuntary tribute was paid to the earnestness of Mr. Wells, by a Methodist brother, who responded with an audible amen to the sentiment in regard to true Christian patriotism.

ment, to the Presbyterian bodies and would to them

The following paper, offered by Matthew Newto their feet:

Whereas, We have had the opportunity of receiving our esteemed brethren of the same faith and order with ourselves, from abroad, and of welcoming them to our hearts and homes; therefore,

Resolved, That we affectio ately commend the entire delegation, consisting of the Rev. Principal Fairbairn, the Rev. Mr. Wells. the Rev. Dr. Denham, and the Rev. Dr. Hall, to the watchful care and guidance of our common Lord and Saviour, and to the Christian confidence and kindly hospitality of our Presbyterian churches and brethren during

their stay in our country. This resolution was seconded by the Rev. Dr. Robert Patterson, (Pres. O. S.) of Chicago, Illinois, in a brief, but most eloquent address, in which he welcomed the delegation in behalf of the Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago, who had deputed him for this purpose. He spoke of his own ancestry being among those very apprentices of Derry who shut the gates against the soldiers of James, and warmly repelled the thought of dissension between our own nation and Great Britain, a sentiment which was received with great applause by the andience. He announced the rapid, progress made by the reunion committees of the two General Assemblies and drew a picture of the times of terrible conflict approaching, in which God's people must sustain each other upon both sides of the Atlantic. He concluded by welcoming the delegation to the prairies of the far West.

The Rev. Dr. West, of Brooklyn, then read the 133d Psalm, which was sung, when Dr. Boardman pronounced the benediction.

Private Reception at the House of M. Newkirk, Esq.

On Thursday evening, a number of invited guests, comprising clergy and laity of the different Presby terian branches and of other denominations, assembled in the splendid mansion of Matthew Newkirk. Esq, at Thirteenth and Arch Streets, to give the formal reception than that of the preceding Tues-

Among the guests we noticed Hon. Morton Mc-Michael, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, Judges Allison, Pierce, and Brewster, of the City Bench; George H. Stuart, Esq., Rev. Mr. Barnes, Drs. Boardman, Schenk, Reed, March, Jones, Beadle, Crittenden, and Messrs. Grier of the Presbyterian, Mears of the American Pressyterian, Dr. Wylie of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Dr. Dales of separation God had opened a great career of useful- the United Presbyterian Church, and many others, clergy and laity, of the different branches; Bishop Simpson and Rev. Alfred Cookman of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Dr. Newton and Jay

Church. After an hour spent in social intercourse with the since increased until now it numbered about five affable and polished ladies and gentlemen of the delegation, the company was called to order by Mr. hands to various parts of the world, and now their Newkirk, who introduced the Mayor of the City church had sent delegates to this land. There was and called upon him for the opening address. The church had sent delegates to this land. There was hope, he believed, not only for his Church in Ire-Mayor declined to make any formal address, but land, but for Ireland itself; and there are now in the mational schools of Ireland thousands of pupils, who are being instructed in the Word of God. The speaker here alluded to the circulation of the Word Scotch-Irishman, and, he added, with that wellof God among the poorer class of society, and related the truly remarkable providences which had p'aced one of four so good-looking men. [Laughter and

Mr. Newkirk next introduced Rev. Albert Barnes, who remarked that he supposed he had been called on to make this address as the oldest pastor in the city, which he believed he was,-certainly he was the oldest Presbyterian pastor. He welcomed the deputation to our shores. Their presence was an indication of the tendency to union now so prevalent. Such a tendency is prevalent also here, but whether it would actually result in a union, he could not say. Mr. Barnes had only one regret in regard to this welcome visit-that it was to be so very brief. He wished these brethren to have time to see this great country for themselves, to study with their own eyes the working of our institutions. We have a great country. We are proud of it, it is true, but it is a great country; greater now than ever. We have gone through a tremendous struggle which has developed our resources in such a way as to astonish the nations of the world. I would like to call your attention, said Mr. Barnes, particulary to the re-markable fact of the complete disbanding of our army. If you go through the streets of the city, ou meet no soldiers, no armed men; you will see no fortifications, no signs whatever of the great struggle so recently over. Yet only three years ago we had the greatest armies the world ever saw. Our soldiers came from the peaceful pursuits of

life—the plow, the workshop, the college, the theo-logical seminary; now that the war is over, they have gone back to their peaceable pursuits—so many as have survived. I had more than ninety who went from my own congregation. Those of them who returned have gone back to their ordinary occupations; the pious among them more devoted, while some of the others came back converted men. The war did not corrupt or ruin our young men: through the exertions of those who carried the gospel into the camp, its corrupting tendencies were in large measure neutralized. Such were some of the facts which it was to be regretted, they could not examine more at leisure. It was, however, a great gratification to have the deputation among us, even for so short a season.

Mr. Newkirk then introduced Judge Brewster,

who, in a graceful, polished, and scholarly address renewed the welcome already given. He especially thanked the delegation for the cordial sympathy we had received from their country during our Mr. Wells then spoke of the low condition of the The Judge concluded by referring to the hospitality Presbyterian Church of Scotland for the 130 of an ancient prince, who, when sending away years before the great change which Thomas Eneas and his companions, as a parting present,

"A brave man's tribute to the brave." We shall not do precisely that for you, but we expect to send you back filled with precious memories of the friendship you have formed and of the hospitalities you have received.

A few words were added by Presiding Judge Allison, who eloquently referred to the fact that the delegation were from countries which had passed through substantially the same struggles for freedom which we had just undergone, rendering their visit the more welcome in this country and at this

At a subsequent stage of the exercises, Bishop Simpson arrived and was summoned forward by Mr Newkirk. The Bishop made a brief address in his usual happy style; saying that, though of another faith, he could appreciate the heroism of the Christian bodies represented by these brethren in upholding religious liberty. He was glad that they had brought the ladies with them. We men alone might show something of the Scotch thistle or the Irish shillelagh, and the presence of Christian vomen was indispensable to true refinement.

To these addresses Principal Fairbairn first reolied. He expressed his deep sense of the kindness shown the deputation. He said he had already been deeply impressed by what he had seen of the magnitude of this nation. He had this morning, in conversation with Jay Cooke, Esq., learned some astonishing facts as to the great resources and the readiness of this people to support their government; as well as the wonderful instrumentality by which the gospel was carried to the army and war itself turned from a curse into a blessing. Dr. Fairbairn said, that as a Scotchman, he began to as if he had been from the North of Ireland; but after all the degree of kindred was only removed one generation back. If he was not recognized as father, he could claim to be gran lather to the Scotch, Irish Americans. [Laughter and applause.]

Dr. Denham followed, dwelling upon the beauty of New York harbor which exceeded that of all the harbors of Europe. He spoke also of the great beauty of Philadelphia. He said, that, although there were no fetters in our country, and he rejoiced at it, they were putting fetters upon him and his associates by their extraordinary kindness. If too much was said about it abroad, he warned us that we might expect an Irish "raid" upon our hospi-

Prayer was then offered by Rev. Alfred Cookman the hymn "Biest be the tie that binds" was given out by Dr. Newton, and sung with spirit by the company, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Bomberger.

A movement was then made to the supper-room,

where a sumptuous repast was spread, the table being crowned by a magnificent bouquet, principally of white japonicas. A blessing was asked by Rev Robert Patterson, D.D., of Chicago, when the company applied themselves diligently to the work of clearing the tables, a work in which the representatives of the various Presbyterian bodies present united harmoniously, giving a lively illustration of "co-operation without incorporation." The keenest observer could not have detected the slightest differerence in this process between Mr. Barnes and Dr Boardman, or Dr. Grier and Mr. Mears. And there is no doubt, that by just such social gatherings, the way for rennion is at least as effectually prepared as by the formal Conferences of Union Committees.

At a late hour the assembly began to disperse every one delighted with every part of the entertain ment. That part contributed by the hospitable host, M. Newkirk, Esq., was duly recognized by a vote of thanks passed before leaving the tuble, and responded to on behalf of Mr. Newkirk, by Rev. Alex. Reed, D.D.

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