

peopled district ; until at length the accumulating infirmities of a period of life greatly advanced interfered with his self-imposed duties, and set him aside. He is still alive, however, at least he was so a few months ago ; and at that time, in the midst of great bodily debility, far removed from all his Christian friends of the same stamp or standing with himself, and with the near prospect of laying down his worn-out frame, to mingle with the soil in some gloomy recess of the wild forest, thousands of miles from the lonely Highland churchyard where the remains of his fathers and of some of his children are laid, with those of the wife of his youth, John was yet more than resigned ; he was rejoicing,—will our readers guess for what ? He had just heard of the revival at Kilsyth, and of the attitude assumed by the Church of Scotland in behalf of the rights of the Christian people, and of the Headship of her Divine Master. What, I marvel, does infidelity propose giving to such men in exchange for their religion ?

I am impressed by the absolute necessity which exists for emigration. Circumstances have settled the point. Whatever the sacrifice of feeling, it has ceased to be an open question whether or no our countrymen should leave us for other fields of exertion. The population of the country is already redundant in a degree which occasions much distress among the working-classes, and much consequent bad feeling ; for the true cause of the evil is misunderstood ; and this already redundant population is increasing at the portentous rate of nearly a thousand per day. Besides, it is according to the design of Providence that the human race should spread forth as they multiply. The Scotch are only doing for Canada and the insular regions of the far south what the Celtæ and the Scandinavians did for Scotland three thousand years ago ; and is it not well that the process should be so different now from what it was when the Goths and the Vandals overwhelmed the Roman empire ? It is civilization and the arts that are