

Mr. Cockburn and the Oxford  
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To the Editor of THE BRITISH WEEKLY.

SIR,—Having been a reader of THE BRITISH WEEKLY for over thirty years, may I crave your indulgence in permitting me a few remarks on the above subject?

I have read with much pleasure the letters of your correspondents on the above, and gather therefrom that there is a widely-spread dissatisfaction with Mr. Cockburn's somewhat unfavourable criticism.

But who amongst us who have had any experience of missions or movements have not had disappointing moments when we thought we had detected something amiss or perhaps irreverent in the general conduct of such missions, but after prayerful search of what we thought was the chaff we were delighted to find there remained much golden grain of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ? So when Mr. Cockburn has had more experience of Christian missions he may be less hasty and more sympathetic towards those who are evidently endeavouring to do a great work in bringing "sinners only" into the conscious love and fellowship of Jesus Christ.

Many are looking with wistful expectation towards this movement and feel keenly any strictures suggesting unreality or shallowness. Who among us is not aware of a persistent feeling of the nearness of a great general awaking in the Church and the world at large, and who knows but "sharing" and testimony-giving may not be allowed and encouraged far in the administrations of the churches of Scotland with its awakening, convincing and purifying influence may mark an upward movement unprecedented in the whole history of the Church?

The Scriptures of both Old and New

Testament are teeming with personal testimony, and every minister will admit that personal testimony has always been an important factor in the effectual preaching of the Gospel.—  
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