

It is pleasing to observe that Ecclesiastical Committees have been appointed for the express purpose of directing attention to this subject, and that Pastoral Addresses have been agreed upon ; and the exercise of church discipline enforced in connexion with it.

Your Committee have reason to regret that since last Anniversary, they have been deprived of the efficient services of a group of military friends, who were wont cordially to co-operate with them.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lawrence, R. B., succeeded Dr. Mair, as President of our Society. From affliction, personal and relative, he was unable to be present at many of its meetings, or to take an active part in conducting its affairs ; but his heart was ever warm towards it, and his hand opened liberally for its support.

Captains Stace and Haultain, R. A., and Dr. Fraser, R. B., were useful members of Committee. Nor in this connexion, can we lose sight of our esteemed brother, the Rev. Alex. Lorimer, who has been identified with our Society since its commencement, and who uniformly evinced a warm interest in its welfare.

We feel that it is no more than due to those gentlemen, thus publicly to give expression to our respect for their characters, and the deep sense we entertain of the valuable assistance they were permitted to render to a cause with which it is an honor, in however humble a way, to be connected.

It having been officially advertised that Parliament would meet on the 20th of August, your Committee issued a circular in July, with the view of reviving the agitation which had temporarily subsided. To this circular a model petition and certain plain practical directions for the getting up of petitions to Parliament, were affixed.

Shortly after the assembling of Parliament, George Brown, Esq., M. P. P. for Kent, gave notice of his intention to introduce a Bill on the subject of the Sabbath. Subsequently it came more formally up, in the shape of a motion for the appointment of a Parliamentary Committee, to take into consideration Sabbath abuses in general, and those in the Post Office and on the Canals in particular. After a brisk discussion of