

be daring profanity to seek to cloak an act of injustice and oppression under that sacred name. It is equally a mistake in Dr. Buchanan to represent that if the actions at Mr. Macmillan's instance are decided in his favor, "such a decision would be a fatal blow struck at the spiritual liberty of every Church in Scotland—nay, a blow struck at the purity of religion; for the purity of religion, and the spiritual integrity of Church discipline must stand or fall together." It cannot be inconsistent with spiritual liberty in the true sense—still less is it at variance with the *scriptural* integrity of Church discipline, to require any body of professing Christians to observe the fundamental principles of their association. But it would be utterly subversive of all liberty, and repugnant to all rational notions of the scriptural integrity of Church discipline, if a religious body were to be allowed to disregard its own rules, founded as these profess to be on scriptural authority, in the exercise of what it chose to call "discipline." "The complainer in this case," as is well stated by the *Scotsman*, "does not deny that the Church Courts have 'exclusive jurisdiction' in trying the question whether he is guilty or not guilty of the charges brought against him; he only complains that they have not exercised that jurisdiction according to the laws and customs of government and discipline of the Church." But while Dr. Buchanan lays so much stress upon the law cases which he quotes from the decisions of the Court of Session—all of which he finds to be favourable to the doctrine of an independent jurisdiction in churches—he maintains with glaring inconsistency that the Free Church is not bound to justify its proceedings at the bar of the Civil Court, or even to "satisfy production" by shewing the deeds and documents on which it rests its pleas. He makes the important admission, however, that "the Free Church has, as within herself and as among her own members and office bearers, a *special and distinct agreement*." This brings out the point, not previously admitted by the counsel for the defenders, that there is a "contract." Yet, if such a document exists, and if it contains, as is alleged, conclusive evidence against the claims of the pursuer, why does the Church refuse to "satisfy production?" Just because she arrogates to herself a supreme and exclusive jurisdiction to the effect of doing what she likes, even to the extent of setting aside her own constitution and Government. Such a plea, it is needless to say, is utterly inconsistent both with civil and religious liberty, and would in its operation render the ecclesiastical the supreme power in the State.—*Dundee Courier*.

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OPERATION OF AMERICAN BOARD OF MISSIONS

Missions.

Number of missions,	26
" Stations,	127
" Out-stations,	131

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Laborers Employed.

Number of ordained Missionaries, (8 being Physicians,) 169	
" Physicians not ordained,	4
" other Male Assistants,	14
" Female Assistants,	210
Whole number of laborers sent from this country, —	397
Number of Native Pastors, 21	
" Native Preachers, 222	
" Native Helpers, 254	
Whole number of Native Helpers,	497
" " laborers connected with the Missions, —	894

The Press.

Number of Printing Establishments,	5
Pages printed last year, as far as reported,	41,529,940

The Churches.

Number of Churches, (including all at the Sandwich Islands,)	153
" Church Members, (do. do.) 23,515	
Added during the year, (do. do.) 1,279	

Educational Department.

Number of Seminaries,	7
" other Boarding Schools,	19
" Free Schools, (omitting those at Sandwich Islands,)	313
" Pupils in the Free Schools, (omitting those at Sandwich Islands,) 7,911	
" " Seminaries,	401
" " Boarding Schools, 637	
Whole number in Seminaries and Schools, —	8949

IRISH REVIVALS.—RECENT REPORTS.

Mr. Venn, vicar of Hereford, has spent nearly a month in visiting Belfast, Lisburn, Ballymena, Portrush, Coleraine, and Armagh, together with the intermediate neighborhoods of some of those towns, and gave himself thoroughly up to the investigation of the work called the "Revival." He communicates to the *Daily News*, the following as the result of his "impressions, or rather firm convictions:—

1. Within the last five or six months, vast numbers of men, women, and children have been truly converted to God, and become "new creatures in Christ Jesus."

In all the places I have mentioned, those ministers and Christian friends with whom I conversed spoke of "hundreds" whom they could name as having been lately converted, and as having given satisfactory proofs of their conversion by their altered life and conversation.

A great many of the converts I saw and conversed with, in some cases several times