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"IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET HER CUNNING."—PSALM 137, 10.

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THE CHURCH AT HOME.

General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

The Annual Meeting of the Supreme Court of the National Church having been appointed to take place on the 24th inst., the Right Honourable Lord Belhaven, her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly, arrived in Edinburgh on Tuesday, and took up his residence in Holyrood Palace. On Wednesday evening, at six o'clock, his Grace was presented with the keys of the city by the Lord Provost, who was accompanied by the Magistrates and other civic functionaries, and attended by the usual retinue.

THE LEVEE.—His Grace the Lord High Commissioner held his first Levee in Holyrood Palace on Thursday morning.

The presentations were more than usually numerous.

THE PROCESSION.—The levee terminated about a quarter before twelve o'clock, at which hour his Grace the Commissioner left the Palace, and went in procession to St. Giles's Church, attended by a large number of the gentlemen who had been present at the levee, the officers in garrison, city dignitaries, and other officials.

An able discourse was preached by the retiring Moderator, Dr. Grant of St. Mary's, who chose for his text, Matthew xix. 28, "Jesus saith unto them, Verily, I say unto you, ye which have followed me, in the regeneration, when the Son of Man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

OPENING OF ASSEMBLY.—At the conclusion of the service, his Grace left the church and proceeded to the Assembly Hall, where a guard of honour from the 92d was also stationed. He immediately took his seat on the Throne, the gallery attached to which, and the side galleries, were filled with a brilliant assemblage of ladies. Lady Belhaven was among the number. His Grace

was accompanied to the throne gallery by Lord Melville, Commander of the Forces in Scotland, several officers of his Staff, the Lord Provost, a number of the Magistrates, the Solicitor-General, Sheriff of Edinburgh, and other gentlemen.

The Assembly having been duly constituted by the retiring Moderator engaging in prayer, the roll of members was called over, and the House proceeded to the

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR.—DR. GRANT rose and said—My fathers and brethren, it is now my duty to quit this chair, and it is your duty and privilege to select a fit and proper person to succeed me and to preside over your deliberations.

I feel assured that I but anticipate the expression of your own wishes when I name the Rev. Dr. Andrew Bell of Linlithgow.

Principal LEE seconded the nomination, and bore his testimony to the high qualifications for the Moderator's chair possessed by Dr. Bell.

Dr. Bell was then introduced to the Assembly, and took his seat in the Moderator's chair amid the applause of the House.

Her Majesty's Commission, appointing Lord Belhaven as her Representative to the Assembly, was then presented and read. The Royal letter was then presented, in which her Majesty intimated her "resolution to maintain the Church of Scotland in the possession of its ancient rights and privileges" and expressed her hope that the Assembly would participate in her feeling of sympathy for the suffering that had been occasioned by the war, and in her earnest desire that the sacrifices which her people had so cheerfully made might be the means, under God's providence, of obtaining an honourable and lasting peace.

The letter was ordered to be recorded in the minutes of Assembly.

THE LORD HIGH COMMISSIONER then addressed the Assembly. He said—Right Reverend and Right Honourable—her Majesty has again done me the honour to appoint me as her Representative to the General Assem-

bly, and has commanded me to express to you the perfect satisfaction with which her Majesty sanctions this meeting of our National Church. Her Majesty has, at the same time, commanded me to present to you the usual Royal gift of £2000. It is to be employed by you in such manner as you shall think best for promoting the moral and religious instruction of her people in the highlands and Islands of Scotland. Right Reverend and Right Honourable—I feel assured that all your deliberations on this occasion, as well as on former, will be conducted with that moderation and true Christian charity which is so essential to promote the great interests that are committed to your spiritual care. I have only further to state that I shall be most happy to do anything in my power to add to your comfort during the sittings of the General Assembly. (Applause.)

A committee was then appointed to draw up the Royal letter.

THE WAR—ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY.—DR. GRANT said—The House has now appointed a committee to answer the Queen's letter, but it has been usual, in addition to this, when the country was placed in circumstances of difficulty or danger, to transmit a separate address to the Throne. I beg to move that the General Assembly, taking into consideration the present state of the nation, and particularly the war in which the country is still engaged, resolve to present to the Queen a loyal and dutiful address, with reference to the same.

DR. PAULI of Tullynessle seconded the motion.

FRIDAY, MAY 25.

The Assembly met to-day at twelve o'clock. After the usual devotional exercises had been engaged in,

DR. HILL intimated that the Committee on Business had met that morning, and agreed to the transmission of several overtures:—

The Assembly then proceeded to engage