

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION—THE LORD-ADVOCATE'S BILL FOR SCOTLAND.

A meeting of the Committee of this Association was held on Monday, at which the following resolutions were passed;—1st, That this Committee view with much regret the rejection of the Lord Advocate's Education Bill for Scotland, on the motion for the second reading, especially as they have reason to believe that it was the intention of Government to make in Committee some eminently satisfactory alterations on those features of the measure which failed to meet the approbation of the Association—such as popularizing the constitution of the General Board, amending the clauses relative to the removal of schoolmasters, and increasing their retiring allowances, modifying the 27th clause, and deleting the objectionable part of the 36th—alterations which would have brought the bill more into accordance with the views of the Association. 2nd, That this Committee record their grateful sense of the obligations conferred by Government on the country by their endeavours to introduce into Scotland a system of national education, and they especially consider the Lord-Advocate entitled to the warmest thanks of the community for the eminent services he has rendered on this occasion. 3d. That, looking to the immense importance of the object, and the decided expression of opinion of two-thirds of the representatives of Scotland in favour of the measure, this Committee trust that Government will not be discouraged by the loss of the bill by a small majority, but that on as early an occasion as the forms of Parliament will permit they will again introduce a bill for a national and unsectarian system of Education for Scotland.

[The Bill was lost by a majority of 9. It is understood that Government intend to bring in another Bill next session, as they have a Bill at present in progress for maintaining the salaries of Parochial Schoolmasters at their present rate only till November, 1855. It will be well if our public men have learned that a sectarian system of education is impossible in Scotland.]

DISTRIBUTION OF PROBATIONERS FROM JULY TO SEPT. 1854.

PROBATIONERS.	JULY, 5 SABBATHS	AUG., 4 SABBATHS	SEPT., 4 SABBATHS.
The Rev. J. G. Carruthers, . . .	D 1 2, T 3 4, L 5.	L 1 2, F 3 4.	N 1 2 3 4.
“ “ Archd. Cross, . . .	F 1 2, F 3 4 5.	W 1 2 3 4.	B 1 2, L 3 4.
“ “ Robert Dewar, . . .	F 1 2, D 3 4 5.	F 1 2, F 3 4.	J 1 2 3 4.
“ “ William Dickson, . . .	D 1, F 2 3 4 5.	B 1, L 2 3 4.	S 1 2 3, T 4.
“ “ J. Fayette,	L 1, W 2 3 4 5.	W 1 2, T 3 4.	D 1 2 3 4.
“ “ Alex. Kennedy, . . .	W 1 2 3, T 4 5.	D 1 2 3 4.	F 1 2 3, W 4.
“ “ Robert Monteath, . . .	T 1, D 2 3 4, T 5.	F 1 2 3, 4.	S 1 2 3 4.
“ “ Joseph Scott,	L 1 2 3, F 4 5.	T 1 2 3, D 4.	J 1 2, C E 3 4.
“ “ W. C. Young,	W 1, F 2 3, L 4 5.	L 1, B 2, D 3 4.	S 1 2 3, F 4.
“ “ A. W. Waddell, . . .	C E 1, D 2, T 3 4, F 5.	F 1 2, W 3 4.	N 1 2 3, F 4.
“ “ M. Livingston, . . .	W 1 2 3 4 5.	W 1 2 3, T 4.	F 1, D 2 3 4.

JAMES DICK, C. C.

N, B.—The several Presbyteries are indicated by their initial, capital letters.