

of this place made arrangements to hold prayer meetings during the first week of 1864. The first meeting was held on Monday evening in St. Andrew's Church, the second in the E. U. Church on Thursday evening, and the third on Saturday evening in the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Other meetings in the village and neighbourhood prevented meetings being held on the other evenings of the week. The attendance was not so numerous as it might have been, but the meetings were seasons of refreshing to those who did attend them. All the Protestant ministers of the village took part in them.

"THE MORE TAVERNS THE MORE CRIME."—A temperance sermon was delivered by the Rev. H. Melville (by special request,) in the Temperance Hall, Sabbath afternoon Jan. 10. The words chosen for the text may be found in Hab. ii. 15: "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth the bottle to him, and maketh him drunken." The lecturer stated that every person was convinced that intemperance is an evil. Those who manufacture alcoholic liquors; those who are engaged in selling the article; and those who drink either in moderation or to excess, freely admit that drunkenness is a great evil. The lecturer showed very clearly that intemperance is a crime against the laws of God, both physical and moral; that it is not confined to one class; but to all classes of society; and that moderate drinking was the only open pathway to all the intemperance with which we have to contend. Let there be no moderate drinking, and, as a matter of course, there would be no drunkenness. Mr. Melville plainly showed that the more licenses granted, crime was proportionably increased. As sure as effect follows cause, this was a fact. The demand increases the supply, and the supply increases the demand, and consequently crime superabounds. The license system was shown to be not only corrupt and defective, but opposed to every principle of virtue and religion. The lecturer argued that tavern-keepers would be held responsible at the bar of God for all the evil they were the cause of, and those who granted licenses would not be held guiltless. The following lines, quoted by the lecturer, are appropriate to the present time:—

LICENSE.

Licensed to make the strong man weak;  
 Licensed to lay the good man low;  
 Licensed the wife's fond heart to break,  
 And cause her children's tears to flow.  
 Licensed, wher peace and comfort dwell,  
 To bring disease and want and woe;  
 Licensed to make the world a hell,  
 And fit them for a hell below.—*Toronto Globe.*

A NEW WORK.—We understand that the Rev. W. Bathgate of Kilmarnock, Scotland, is about to publish a new work, entitled, 'Christ and Man.'

*Erratum.*—Page 20, line 18 from top, for familiar, read peculiar.