

orderly practices, to suppress all public gaming-houses and places, and lewd and other disorderly houses, and to prevent all gaming and selling intoxicating liquors on the Lord's day.

Could this decree be faithfully executed, and were all her subjects to imitate the personal virtues of their queen, who in this proclamation so fearlessly rebukes the vices that many of her predecessors encouraged, that great people would occupy the most exalted position among the nations respected by men, honored by God, having "peace within her walls and prosperity within her palaces," her officers peace, and her exactors righteousness."

ECCLESIASTICAL INTELLIGENCE.

ST. ANDREWS—ESTABLISHED PRESBYTERY.—A meeting of this Court was held by appointment in the Town Church on Friday at noon, for the purpose of moderating in a cull to the Rev. Alexr. Hill, of Kilsyth, to be second minister of the parish of St. Andrews vacant by the death of Dr. Buist. The Rev. Mr. Buchanan preached and presided on the occasion. The Clerk having read the formal call, Dr. Cook intimated the order of signatures to the heritors, elders, and parishioners. A large number of names were immediately appended to the document. Among the heritors signing were—T. Whyte Melville, Esq., of Mount Melville; Dr. Watson Wemyss of Denbrae; A. K. Lindsay, Esq., of Balmungo; — Luke, Esq., of Brownhills; — M'Ritchie, Esq., of Denork, &c. &c. Since the meeting, large numbers of all classes of the parishioners have also signed. At the meeting, objections were called for, but none offered. By a recent Act of Assembly another opportunity for hearing objections, if any, must be afforded, and Thursday was fixed for that purpose.—*Scotsman*.

STIRLING—REVIVAL MEETINGS.—Various revival meetings have lately been held in the Corn Exchange at Stirling. On Monday evening, Mr. Reginald Radcliffe, from Liverpool, and Mr. Richard Weaver, "the Staffordshire collier," addressed a very numerous audience. The addresses were characterized by great vehemence, containing many ejaculations, with appeals addressed to the audience. There were no unusual "manifestations" during the proceedings.

DUNFERMLINE—REVIVALS.—During the last week the meetings in Queen Anne Street Church have been well attended; the lower part of the church (the only portion used)

having been towards the end of the week pretty well filled. This week morning meetings have been inaugurated and well attended. The staple of the discourses seems intended to produce a religious conversion, without intellectual conviction; and correct belief and lively faith being much insisted.

PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.—The 23d anniversary of this Board was held in New York May 6. During the past year 44 missionaries have been sent out and including 22 formerly connected with the Choctaw mission of the American Board now transferred to this Board, making 66 added to the missionary force during the year, being nearly twice as many as have been brought into the service in any previous year. The receipts for the year were \$237,582.28, the actual increase from ordinary sources being \$25,544 18. The expenditures were \$234,037 73.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND EDUCATION SCHEME.

—The annual general collection for this important scheme is to be made on Sabbath first. The number of schools supported by the Assembly's committee is this year 169, being six in excess of the number of the previous year. These have been attended by 21,000 children, including 2417 who attend Sabbath schools. The increase since last year is 883. Of these schools, 52 are situated in the Western and Northern Islands, 78 in Highland parishes, not insular, while the rest are Lowland schools, established in very necessitous districts. The liabilities of the committee last year were £3414 6s. 8d. The emoluments received by 172 of the teachers, including those derived from all sources whatsoever, were £9548 4s 6d; the average income of each of 110 teachers on the first scheme being £94 11s; of each of 43 teachers on the second, £66 16s 2d; and of each of 19 female teachers, £35 10s. The half-yearly schedules and presbyterial reports represent the schools as in a highly satisfactory state as regards efficiency. Nearly one-half of the teachers on the scheme now hold certificates of merit. In making last year's appeal the committee were obliged to state that the ordinary income, which had for several years been decreasing, had fallen short of the ordinary expenditure by no less a sum than £400. This year they have to state a different result. There has been a considerable increase in all the important ordinary branches of income, especially in the collections, and the committee have thus been enabled to bring the expenditure of last year within the means placed at their disposal. This liberality has removed from them, for the present, a great source of anxiety, and enabled them, not only to maintain, but to a certain extent, to increase the number of schools.