

ANNUAL SERMON.

The annual sermon was preached on the evening of Sunday 2nd December, by Rev. Dr. Milligan in Old St. Andrew's church. The commodious edifice was crowded in every part, the usually large attendance at this church having been supplemented by the members of the society, many of whom were present. In honour of the occasion, Dr. Milligan, who is one of the chaplains of the society, invested himself with the doctor's hood for the first time, the degree which it denotes having been conferred on him only at the last convocation of Knox College, but that being the jubilee convocation the degrees then bestowed are regarded as tokens of peculiar honour.

The text was, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty," II. Cor., iii., 17, and the application of the sermon was a strong plea for the righteous discharge of public duty. The preacher laid down the general truth that the Spirit of God was the only source of true liberty. The spirit of God only had the divine right of rule over man, but it was a rule of liberty. That spirit worked out character in man, a righteous character, in which resided the essence of liberty. This character was not the exclusive possession of any one sect; it was not bound up with one form of ecclesiastical or political organization to the exclusion of others. The field was co-extensive as the world; the work of the Spirit was the regeneration of human nature, and that Divine work manifested itself in many ways, and therefore it was that there was no Divine right which peculiarly appertained to the Episcopal or Presbyterian Church. While they must not be narrow, they must stand by the truth and prize it as the great power for the elevation of humanity.