

and a large assemblage of ladies and gentlemen. Bailie Edward officiated as chairman. After prayer by the Rev. Mr. Knight, Provost Cox laid the foundation-stone. He afterwards expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to perform the ceremony, and the hope that the congregation would enjoy peace and prosperity. A hearty vote of thanks was awarded to Provost Cox for having laid the stone. Sheriff Cheyne, on behalf of the strangers present, expressed the gratification he felt to be present, and, for himself, he had come with the greatest pleasure to show his esteem and respect for Mr. Knight. He hoped he might be long spared to the congregation who had recently given such a signal proof of their devotion to him. At the close of the proceedings, Mr. Knight expressed his gratification at seeing so many present, inasmuch as it was his earnest wish and hope to live and labour on terms of Christian fellowship with every denomination of Christians in the town, and the presence of so many was a good omen for the realization of the wish. The church is a noble and commanding edifice, in the Gothic style of architecture, and is situated in the Nethergate. The front elevation shows two large square towers terminated in pinnacles at the four corners, while between the towers is the gable wall, with a large doorway in the centre, as the main entrance. Internally, the church is beautiful. It is one of the finest churches in Dundee, and has been erected at a cost of £7000 or £8000. It is stated that it is to be opened in the beginning of the new year by the Rev. Dr. Caird, of Glasgow.

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### Books.

We are glad to understand that an interesting and valuable book is soon to be published, containing the speeches delivered and the papers read at the late meeting of the Evangelical Alliance in the city of New York. We take the liberty of recommending it very earnestly to the perusal of our readers. A cheaper, and we would presume, less accurate, version is in process of publication by the *New York Tribune*, being in this latter case the reprint of

the *Tribune's* own reports. However, either will be well worth the money spent in purchase and the time spent in perusal.

### "A VALID ORDINATION ESSENTIAL TO THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY, AND THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF PRESBYTERS TO ORDAIN."

Such is the title of an able and ingenious Sermon preached before the Synod of Aberdeen, at its April meeting, by the Rev. George W. Sprott, B. A. The Argument is clear and decisive; but so elaborate that an outline of it is quite impossible in the space at present at our disposal. We heartily recommend its perusal to the readers of the *Record* and to the Ministers of the Church. It is truly refreshing to find at the present time, when we are too much inclined to give up our distinctive principles to the forgetfulness which they do not deserve, to find Mr. Sprott, with his usual vigour, strike out fearlessly and maintain anew the principle for which our forefathers fought and died.

The Sermon is published by John Rae Smith, of Aberdeen.

Dr. Cummings is out in a new Book on prophecy, entitled, "From Patmos to Paradise." He professes to show that the number of the Beast of the Apocalypse, 666, represents the number of those who did, or had a right to vote, at the late Ecumenical Council, Rome.

Pius IX has buried 100 Cardinals.

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## The Sabbath School.

### LESSONS FOR FEBRUARY.

#### FIRST SABBATH.

SUBJECT:—Jehovah's Promise—*Ex. vi. 1-8. Golden Text: Lev. xxvi. 12* Par. passages—*Ezek. xxxvi. 28, Rev. xxi. 7, Rom. viii. 38, 39.*

The first verse strikingly displays the wonderful forbearance and condescension of God towards his weak and erring children. The two concluding verses of the fifth chapter manifest a degree of petulance on the part of Moses, which might well have called forth a stern rebuke, instead of which his failing faith is gently encouraged.