British and Foreign.

THE SCOTCH ASSEMBLIES

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ESTABLISHED CHURCH.

ON Friday morning the now usual DISCUSSION ON "GRAVEN IMAGES" detained the Assembly for a time. Rev. Jacob Primmer spoke in favour of an appeal in regard to the "carven and graven Popish images and ritualistic symbols and devices" that had been set up in St. Giles's Church. Sir Charles Pearson, Procurator of the Church, pointed out that, as the petitions supported by Mr. Primmer contained matter for libel, they could not be disposed of by the General Assembly. A resolution to this effect was passed in opposition to a motion by Principal Cunningham that the petitions should be received.

WHO BELIEVES THE APOSTLES' CREED?

ON Rev. John Paton presenting the report of the Committee on Aids to Devotion, Principal Cunningham proposed that they instruct the Committee to delete the Apostle's Creed. He had great objection to the introduction of that creed into the children's service. Every person who has read in Church history knew that that which was called the Apostles' Creed was not the Apostles' Creed. There was not a single word of it came direct from the Apostles. The Apostles' Creed was a growth, and it took four hundred years to grow. He asked if it was according to the use of the Church of Scotland that the Creed should be introduced into any service. "It was a guilty thing to ask the children of the Church of Scotland, to repeat the Apostles' Creed, or any creed which had not been authorised by the Church of Scotland. Was there any member of the House who believed the Apostles' Creed in all its clauses? To this question of the speaker's, loud cries of "Yes" came from all parts of the hall, and for a time Principal Cunningham was unable to go on with his remarks." The disturbance was continued with renewed force when he declared that he did not believe there was a single member of the House who believed the Apostles' Creed in all its clauses. Referring specially to the clause about Christ's descent into hell, Principal Cunningham said that was put into the creed on account of the very harsh doctrine of Augustine with regard to baptism. He did not believe that, and he objected to teach it to little children more still than to those who were grown up.

Dr. Rankin having spoken in opposition to the view taken by Principal Cunningham, Professor Story said he thought the Apostles' Creed, like every other ancient document, might be interpreted in different senses by different readers.

Dr. Donald MacLeod wished to say he thoroughly respected a man who spoke his honest opinions and his belief was that in doing so he must have been under considerable pain. But he could not retract the expression of his feeling at the monstrous idea of sending down the Apostles' Creed to Presbyteries to consider. There was scarcely a clause of that Creed which they could not associate with events and opinions in the Church of a most monstrous kind. But it was unfair to raise these ghosts from their past history to frighten them, and tell them that if they took the one they must take the other also. Principal Cunningham's motion was lost, only the mover and seconder voting for it.

STUDENT PREACHING.

A debate of considerable interest to students preparing for the ministry of the Established Church took place on Saturday, when Dr. Watt submitted the report of the Committee on students engaging in the ordinary ministry of the Word. He stated that the regulations of the Assembly were being habitually broken, and proposed that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted. Rev. David Hunter, in seconding, remarked that the tendency of the report was to prevent any student of divinity from exercising himself in the art of preaching. He thought the students had really some just ground to complain if the Church did not recognise the difficulty here. If they had licensed the man as soon as he came out of the Hall, but said he was not eligible for ordination for a whole year, that would have been a much better solution than that in the report. It was on this account—the want of opportunity to practise preaching—that irregularities were produced. He thought the Church should recognise the difficulties in which divinity students and probationers found themselves in the matter of getting more experience.

Professor Story said there was no doubt whatever that there was an increasing and excessive demand on the part of congregations for a certain proficiency in what they called pulpit gifts on the part of candidates for vacant parishes, and therefore students were under very strong temptations to furnish themselves and prepare themselves as well as they could in view of special demands to be made upon them. But it appeared to him that the art of preaching, as Mr. Hunter described, was an acquisition which could not be properly acquired while the student was acquiring the information and instruction which he was expected to receive and assimilate in the Divinity Hall. It was impossible, if he was acquiring the art of preaching, to do that at the same time that he was furnishing himself with the intellectual material required in his profession. The proficiency in the art of preaching must follow the curriculum in the Hall. The blame of the infringement of the regulations of the Assembly did not, however, rest with the students, but, in almost every case in which he had been able to trace it, with the clergy. There were clergymen who bribed students to break the law of the Church, and in connection with the most sacred functions of religion sent students into the pulpit with the consciousness and the knowledge that they were breaking the law. He blamed the minister who committed what he said was a scandalous outraging and debauching of the conscience of the student for his own convenience. He had been told again and again that there was no help for it; that ministers must get away from home. He was a minister of a country parish for twenty-seven years, and he never during the course of that ministry had a vacant Sunday in his church, nor an unlicensed preacher in his pulpit, except on one occasion when he was misinformed of the position of the man he had employed. There was a tendency on the part of congregations in the present day to go after what were called popular gifts, to go after noise, gesture, and declamation. That weighed in forming their judgment which ought to be given to the evidence of some Christian thought, and experience, and spiritual feeling. And that was an encouragement to students to preach, and helped to develop the tendency more than anything else, because it recruited its ranks of the clergy from year to year with men who unconsciously, yet inevitably, had been playing down to that low level of popular feeling, and had not been trying to keep up its high standard of pulpit performance, but had been trying to follow popular taste, if not to lead it. If that went on they would have clergy, the younger ranks of which would be recruited from mere bombastic, empty, declamatory preachers, not powerful ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Professor Taylor proposed the appointment of a committee to consider the whole subject, and to report as to the extent to which divinity students may with propriety be allowed to take part in conducting the public worship of the Church. In seconding this amendment Dr. Gray said it was clear that they had a law which was very generally and persistently disobeyed, and either that law must be changed, or some means must be taken to secure obedience. The amendment was carried by a large majority.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Turnbull Smith presented the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools. The schools now number 2,085, an increase of nine on the year. There is an average attendance of 169 950 scholars. In moving the adoption of the report, Dr. Gray remarked that it was exceedingly satisfactory to learn that there were only thirty-six churches throughout the parishes of Scotland without Sabbath Schools.

THE FREE CHURCH.

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TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The annual gathering of the Free Church Temperance Society took place in the Assembly Hall. Mr. J. Campbell White presided over a crowded audience. In the report presented by Mr. G. W. Ross, it was stated that over two-thirds of the students, and 630 of the ministers of the Church were total abstainers. Sir Wilfred Lawson, M.P., in the course of his speech said he was credulous enough to be enthusiastic over the cause of Temperance, and if he did not believe that it would ultimately triumph he would not think that life was worth living. The policy which he had for some years advocated was the policy which ought to be pursued by this great nation in regard to the drink traffic. That policy had been in the minority; but he thought it had been gaining ground.

Dr Alex. Whyte, who was received with prolonged cheers, significant as an answer to the attack recently made on him, proposed a resolution in favour of the foundation of Temperance societies. He said he found that when Gospel Temperance work was taken up by a church, town, or community, these made staple progress. He appealed strongly to non-abstaining ministers to join them, and said he never had a more uncomfortable time in his life than the last two or three years before he came over

THE JEWISH MISSION.

On Friday, at the evening sederunt, Dr. J. H. Wilson presented the report of the Committee on the Conversion of the Jews. In referring to the objection about the smallness of results in work among the Jews, Dr. Wilson pointed out that the Jews had an enormous price to pay for their conversion. First of all, it cost them excommunication, and then starvation, and finally exile. It was well also to keep in mind that in Protestant countries other churches reaped the fruits of their labours; what was begun by the stations was completed in other churches.

Dr. Hannington, of Constantinople, gave an interesting account of the mission under his care.

After brief addresses by Dr. D. W Torrance, Medical Missionary at Tiberias, and Dr. Robert Smith, of Corsock, the venerable and genial Dr. Andrew A. Bonar gave several deeply interesting reminiscences of the "Mission of Inquiry," of which he is the only survivor.

Special Notices.

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