

motion to inquire into the *fama* against him was seconded by Dr. Wallace himself, who boldly claims that the standards of the Church of Scotland allow him all the liberty he claims. It would be a strange result if these venerable safeguards should be found so loose as this.

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**BRITISH WORKMAN PUBLIC-HOUSES.**—There is another movement yet in its infancy in London, which we trust is to grow and accomplish great good—the British Workman Public-House *without drink*. It was originated five years ago by Mrs. Hind Smith in Leeds where now there are sixteen of these houses all flourishing, and some self-supporting; and it has spread so that in different parts of the country upwards of a hundred have been already opened. In London, as yet, there would appear to be only six, situated in Shoreditch, Stoke Newington, Shadwell, Lower Norwood, Clerkenwell, and Linchouse. In these houses, which are made as attractive as possible, no intoxicating drink of any kind is sold, or on any pretext whatever is brought into them. Smoking is allowed in a room specially set apart as a smoking-room, tea, coffee, and other refreshments are provided by the managers at their own risk and for their own profit; the whole being under the supervision and control of a committee. There should be two well-warmed and well-lighted rooms supplied with daily and weekly papers and periodicals, and, if possible, a library; and all local clubs and voluntary associations are encouraged to hold their meetings in these houses. There can be no doubt in the minds of those who have examined into the matter, that every ordinary public-house makes its own circle of drunkards, who but for it might never have fallen into the sin. The men go to the public-house at first not so much for the sake of the drink as for the sake of a comfortable room, and companionship, and to escape the discomforts of their own home, generally a single, and often squalid and ill-furnished, room. No wonder that the public-house is attractive to many a hard-working man, seeing what his own home is. Now in the

present condition of the house accommodation of many of the labouring classes, the public-house meets an urgent want. But care should be taken not to foster a love for club life, or to destroy the home life. And for this purpose it were well if in every case, under judicious arrangements, these houses were made the means of promoting religious life. Thus, at the "Edinburgh Castle," lately bought by Mr. Barnardo, along with its large music hall, and which he has turned into a Coffee Palace, while the hall is used nightly for the preaching of the gospel; upwards of 1500 have taken the temperance pledge.—*Brit. Messenger*.

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**ROME.**—The Rev. G. D. Cullen, a retired Congregational Minister of Edinburgh, well known for his active efforts in every good work, writes a letter to the *Scottish Cong. Mag.* from Rome; from which we extract the following. It is dated 4th January:

"Our American brethren are this season making great efforts here. They have their Episcopal Church without the gate. Then Mr. Van Meter, who has done much for primary education in New York, has come to Rome to promote education on a large scale. \* \* It is understood he has large means put at his disposal, and he has opened a spacious house where committees meet, and a devotional conversazione open to all Christian friends, is held on Lord's day evening.

There is another American movement headed by Mr. Waite, who has rented a house in which he preaches to the Union Church, just formed "of all denominations," and in connection with the New York Young Men's Association. It is doubtful what this may grow to, but in the mean time it is satisfactory to see young men from the United States, and from our own country, resident in Rome, coming together for mutual improvement in the good ways of the Lord. The place of worship connected with the Church of England is also without the walls, but convenient for the English visitors; and the regular congregation, I hear, is very large. Another Episcopal congregation has been formed by the Rev. T. Hamil-