

the bulky quarterly, has of necessity militated against the capital of a small country whose most successful newspapers must content themselves with a circulation of but from two to three thousand. For the highest periodic literature London has, of consequence, become the only true mart ; and the Scotchman who would live by it must of necessity make the great metropolis his home. Yet further, the source whence Edinburgh derived so much of at least her earlier halo of glory can scarce be said any longer to exist. Edinburgh has still the old privilege of drafting to her established churches the *elite* of the body that can alone legally occupy them ; but that great revolution in matters ecclesiastical which has rendered the abolition of the tests so essential to the efficient maintenance of the educational institutions of the nation, has manifested itself within the pale of the Establishment ; and we suppose there is no one who will now contend that aught of the old ability is to be derived from this privilege. We have before us a bulky volume, entitled "Men of the Time," which, with its biographic notices of only the living, forms a sort of supplement to those ordinary works of biography which record the names of only the dead. All the men whose names it records have made themselves known in the worlds of thought or of action. There are no doubt omissions of names that ought to have found a place in it, and some of the names which it records might well have been omitted ; but it is an English, not a Scotch publication ; it does not seem to have been got up for any party purpose,—certainly not for any party purpose of the Free Church ; and its evidence, positive and negative, on a question like the present, may, we think, be safely received. And while we find in this volume at least three names of Edinburgh ministers who were brought into the place previous to the Disruption through the exercise of the old privilege, but who quitted the Establishment on the Disruption, we do not find in it the