

of her sickness, and promises when she shall be well in health, to repair more frequently to the kirk, and hearing of the word.

Compears Henry Adamson, and being enquired if he knew any thing concerning the conspiracy made by the Earl of Angus, confesses he knew nothing ; and being accused for riding on the Sabbath day, confesses the same, and promises not to do the like hereafter.

March 19. 1593. Compear Mr George Ruthven, Andrew Brown, Thomas Lathreels, and John Meling, chirurgions, and being enquired if they or any one of them had any persons under cure for the present who had the goir, answered all in one voice they had none ; and further, at the request and command of the minister and elders, promised that if they shall have any such persons under their cure in time coming, they should reveal it to the minister and elders for avoiding of contamination, which must ensue unto others by their company with persons in such a disease.

December 24. [marked September in the Register by mistake] 1593. Ordains to count and reckon with John Pitcairns wife for the entertainment of an German scholar,\* and they to be answerable to her for his expences and entertainment ; and likewise ordains at his departure two crowns of gold to be given him, the one to be advanced by Mr George Ruthven, the other by John Jack.

January 7. 1593-[1594]. Because that the scholars in time of preaching, by their tumults and running through the kirk, and likewise by their clattering and fighting, do trouble both the teacher and the hearers, therefore Oliver Peebles and Patrick Blair, elders, are ordained to propone to the baillies and council the next day of their convention, that an feat and place may be biggit for the scholars in some commodious place of the kirk, where they may hear and learn without troubling either the minister in teaching, or the auditory in hearing.

\* He is afterwards said to have been a minister sometime in Denmark. (SCOTT.)

February 24. 1593 [1594]. Forasmeikle as fundry, both men and women, in time of preaching on the Sunday in the forenoon, rise up at the chap of eleven hours, and depart away without the blessing, or giving of thanks unto God; therefore for staying and repressing of this great enormity in all time coming, which is very slanderous, the minister and elders ordain the visitors, both baillies and elders, to keep both the kirk doors, and suffer none to depart out of the kirk, before the blessing, except they be sick and evil at ease.

September 22. 1595. The Session ordains the masters of the hospital to give an poor boy, called Alexander Martine, ten merks, to help him to an pack for winning of his living.

December 29. 1595. Compears John Spence, who broke the Sabbath by absenting himself from the hearing of the word; as also [accused for] his unreverent behaviour to the minister and baillies being visiting the families, and therefore ordains him to be committed to ward, while he be humbled, and find caution to do his duty.

Mr George Ruthven, chirurgion, gives in a bill of complaint upon Archibald Steidman, declaring that the said Archibald had profaned the Sabbath fundry and diverse times, by having and polling, gentlemen and strangers on the Lord's day, as James Stewart of Achmadoes, the Laird of Reidhall, and John Windiegates, hatour to his Majesty. The said Archibald being accused and tried, is found guilty of the breach of the Lord's Sabbath; and therefore the Session ordains him the next Sabbath, to compear in the place of public repentance, and to declare his repentance for the foresaid offence.

November 21. 1597. Compeared Mr William Rynd, master of the school, and complained that he and his tenants were molested by daily reek and smoke coming furth of that house, sometimes possessed by James Stewart; and farther declared, that his own lodging and tenement was in danger of burning, because that the nether house under