

SMART ELECTION REPARTEE.

WE may be pardoned recalling an almost forgotten incident in connection with the election of Mr M'Combie of Tillyfour as M.P. for West Aberdeenshire in 1868. The following texts from the apocryphal book of Ecclesiasticus were exhibited on a placard :—

“How can he get wisdom that holdeth the plough, and that glorieth in the goad ; that draweth oxen, and is occupied in their labours, and whose talk is of bullocks.

“He giveth his mind to make furrows, and is diligent to give the kine fodder.

“He shall not be sought for in public council, nor sit high in the congregation.”

To this Mr M'Combie's friends replied by posting the following texts :—

“Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings he shall not stand before mean men.”—Prov. xxii. 29.

“Blessed shall be the fruit of thy cattle. The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face ; they shall come out against thee one way and shall flee before thee seven ways.”—Deut. xxvii. 7.
