

church, who, for conscience' sake, were prepared to sacrifice their lives rather than deny their convictions. There were many such. But nevertheless the fact, that the Presbyterianism of Scotland was democratic in its administration, strengthened its hold upon the affections of the people. When Jenny Geddes hurled her "cutty stool" at the head of the Dean of Edinburgh, in St. Giles' church, over 200 years ago, she was simply making a practical protest in the name of the people of Scotland against the assumption of any man, no matter how dignified, reading prayers in "her lug" without her will and consent, that is without having been appointed thereto by some Presbytery or Synod chosen by the people. And when men and women, without regard to rank or station, signed the Solemn League and Covenant in Grayfriar's Churchyard, what was it but a declaration by the people of Scotland that no monarch, not even a Stuart clansman, should dictate to them in religious matters.

For years the battle raged around this point.