

sion." To leave the church is schism, a far worse sin than to doubt the infallibility of the Westminster Divines. To ask for the amendment of any article of the Confession, with his rigid adherence to it, is to expose one's self to a charge of heresy. To call a man dishonest and disloyal, because in maturer years he departs in a measure from all that he avowed in youth, is to brand with infamy all progress in theological research and Christian experience. Our ministers, as a rule, do not believe in preterition. Why should an unjustifiable conservatism compel them to say they do and thus become liars by law established? There is one great omission in Dr. Beattie's book: he furnishes no Scripture proofs for the dogmas of the Standards, not even the chief proof text in the Confession of that Divine Sovereignty on which he logically bases his whole system. That proof text is found in Daniel iv., 35, and the author of it is that holy prophet and reverend divine, Nebuchadnezzar. There is no evidence of soul in "The Presbyterian Standards." The scheme of it is logically consistent, thorough, and it is written clearly and pleasantly enough, but it bears the impress of hard, idolatrous, unprogressive, mid-æval, Southern Presbyterian unthought. What is the use of the New Testament at all, if this heartless, unfeeling piece of consistent dialectic is to fetter the preacher of supposed abounding grace? How different the words of Baillic, the Scottish commissioner to the Westminster Assembly: "That excommunication in Scotland is inflicted on those who cannot assent to every point of religion determined in their confession, there is nothing more untrue; for we know it well that never any person was excommunicated only for his difference of opinion in a theological tenet." Slavish adherence to the letter of the Confession only developed itself when the majority in the ministry of the Church became spiritually cold and dead.

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