

serious injury by it! He allowed that *he might read it* in his family morning and evening with advantage, but that, *he should not make it his study!!* The good man told him he thought the counsel of his Divine Master better than his—which is, “*Search the Scriptures*”; and that he was further encouraged in this duty by the commendation bestowed upon the Bereans because they “*searched the Scriptures daily*”—whether what Paul and others taught about the Messiah was true. The good man preferred “the sincere milk of the Word” to the sincere but often *erroneous* opinions of good men found in sectarian confessions of Faith.

THE RUIN OF ALL STATE RELIGION IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING.

“*And the Cities of the Nations fell.*” Rev. XVI. 19.

THE BRITISH CHURCH ESTABLISHMENT.—“With regard to matters ecclesiastical, every new move in society is only giving more prominence to the anomalous position of our Established Churches. The Church of England is hardly the church of the majority even in England. In Wales, it is not that of a tythe of the people! The Church case in Ireland, all things considered, is even worse; and what is still called the National Church in Scotland, is the Church of a vestige merely from the general population of the country. Europe will cease ere long to retain a single institution based on anything like this amount of social injustice.”—*British Quar. Review*.

THE SCOTCH ESTABLISHMENT COMMANDED TO KEEP EASTER.—It will be seen from the *London Gazette* that an order has been issued by the Queen to our Established clergy, commanding them to offer up prayers for public peace, on *Friday, the 21st of April, 1848*, and the four Sabbaths following. We are not quite sure that the government is serious, and yet the mistake if it be one, is unaccountable; but we have no doubt that if they are serious, and will make a point of it, the alternative being put, “Easter or no stipend,” the mass of the Established Church, and especially of the renegades, will at once succumb. This matter may be put to the test sooner than many people suppose; as the abstract right of the civil power has now been clearly conceded by all who remain in the Establishment.—*Scotsman*.

CHURCH AND STATE IN SCOTLAND.—Edinburgh was the scene of a transaction last summer which has shaken all Scotland, and is rapidly hastening the dissolution of the unholy alliance of Church and State. The 16 Residuary Priests in that city, with 18 churches and almost empty seats, swindle by law £21,000 Sterling, or \$100,000 annually from the public by a tax. The people will no longer pay this impost, and their goods and chattels are now seized and sold at Auction. About 15,000 persons collected at one of those Auctions:—no one could be found to buy:—an Auctioneer and buyer were brought from Glasgow:—they were rough handled by an infuriated populace:—and the Police, the Infantry, and the Dragoons were called out to aid the Clergy in completing this monstrous robbery! One of the Magistrates, also of the city, an upright religious man,—Baillie Stotts,—who peacefully resisted the payment of the unholy impost, was actually sent by the Erastian Priests to Prison!!! “How long! O God How long!”