

truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Men are accustomed to contend for what they value ; and I am hardly persuaded that the man who is prepared to concede the contradiction either to Rome or others, attaches much value to the truth he professes to believe. The adoption, besides, of the course of concession opens the door of that monstrous system of iniquity which rests like a deadly incubus upon Christendom, and, while it stands open, our triumph over Popery is indefinitely postponed.

It is refreshing and animating to listen to the bold, and decisive, and unflinching, language of Peter and John—“ Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye, for we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and hear.” Like subjection we recognize in all to whom God has given victories, and whom he has made instruments in subduing kingdoms. Britain affords illustrious specimens of that resolute adherence to the truth of the Scriptures which God honors, has honored, and will honor. Turn we to the bleak mountains and waste moors of Scotland, and learn the results of a ready concession of everything but what the Bible taught. When the puissant arm of Britain’s monarch attempted to coerce enlightened consciences in that land, there lived those who were prepared to jeopardize, to surrender, their lives in the high places of the field. The most remorseless exercise of power was not able to subdue them. No concession inconsistent with the Word, was their motto engraven on their every act. At what the world would still scorn as *splitting of hairs* they were adepts. Pray for all the Covenant blessings upon their persecutors and persecuting king they would ; but when such a prayer is demanded as a test of loyalty their lips are firmly closed, and their approach to a Throne of Grace must not be tainted by a corrupt motive instigating the act. A drop of ink allowed to fall at the foot of a paper presented for sub-