

of the Church of England had been disposed to assume a consequence, "to take a lead, to aspire to an influence and to practise an interference inconsistent with the rights of others" which warmed the blood of the Scotsman, who, though only a simple *Presbyter*, belonging to *the Kirk*, yet had some little pretensions both as a scholar of distinguished eminence and as the author of a pretty sizeable volume on our Anglo-Indian empire. Certain it is that the very breeze which wafted them to our eastern shores was impregnated with the *virus* of religious animosity, and no sooner had they landed on Asiatic territory than it burst forth in all its malignant forms. The Bishop opened *the Church* and the *Presbyter* a temporary *Kirk*. Unfortunately for his Lordship, the Scotch population of Calcutta is too numerous, too rich and too respectable to be easily dispensed with, and no doubt he was vexed to see them flocking in crowds to a "Presbyterian Dissenting Meeting House" when the portals of a *Church* stood open inviting their approach. "All these" says your anonymous author "before the arrival of Dr. Bryce, were in harmony with the Church of England, and willingly united in all its forms of worship. The first effect, therefore, of this measure, was to create a schism where it found none and in the person of Dr. Bryce not only to create, but to foment division." As the Dr. went to India "for the sake of the many Scotch who were settled there," it was naturally to be expected that they would make use of the religious instructor who had been provided for them and as he had no authority to preach in a *Church* but in a *Kirk*, what remained for them to do but to assemble in the *Kirk* for the purpose of hearing his admonitions? For want of a Scottish divine, those who belonged to the Scotch establishment had laudably conformed to the episcopal regime, but as soon as they were blest with a pastor of their own, of course they resorted to their own place of worship. All this was mortifying to the Bishop, and he could not refrain from introducing the *Presbyterian Dissenting Teacher* into his sermon from the pulpit. This was an honor which the Dr. did not expect, and it was not altogether lost upon him; for ere long