

munion. Mr. Alison, the celebrated Essayist on *Taste*, the pretty writer of Sermons, and the elegant pulpit Orator, is heard by many who belong to the Established Church, and was frequently listened to with pleasure by myself, when attending the University of Edinburgh. In Glasgow, which ranks *third* in Great Britain in point of population, (the last census making its inhabitants amount to more than *one hundred thousand*) there is only one Episcopal Chapel, which was built about fifty years ago, and was called "the whistling kirk." The whole of the country South of Edinburgh, presents us only with *one small* congregation of Episcopalians. Beyond dispute, therefore, they are *not* numerous in the South of Scotland, for in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling, and Kelso, *only*, are they to be found, making in all *ten* congregations. The question is, did I not say too much for them when I affirmed that they are numerous in the *North* of Scotland? The fact is, that there are not *fifty* congregations in all the northern districts, and many of these not amounting to fifty individuals. So that in the whole kingdom of North Britain, by hook and by crook, by shreds and patches, you won't make more than *sixty* congregations, and of these *ten*, only are in the *South* of Scotland. Such is the exposé which has been extorted by your antipathy to the name of Dissenter, and your jealousy of the *Kirk as by Law Established* in Scotland. "Because *half a dozen* grasshoppers under a fern in the field, ring with their importunate chink; while *thousands* of *great cattle* chew the cud and are silent—pray do not imagine that those that make the noise are the only inhabitants of the field."

But you or some of your friends are jealous of a "certain lead" which I have been taking, of "an influence to which I have aspired," and of "an interference with the rights of others" which I have "practised." To each of these charges I plead "Not Guilty." I am not conscious of ever having taken the lead from one *room* to another in presence of a New-Brunswick Rector, of having taken the lead in a single *tune* in the organ gallery, or of having taken any *other lead*

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