

Scotland furnishes us with an example of a country entirely given up to the spirit of intolerance. Lord Clarendon, speaking of the Scotch in 1650, says: "Their whole religion consists in hatred of Popery." Few "apostles of tolerance" pushed a hatred of truth to such a pitch as John Knox, who declared that it rightly appertained to the civil power to regulate everything connected with religion. He issued a warrant of death against any one who should celebrate the holy sacrifice of the Mass twice. An ecclesiastical tyranny was established under his direction, of which it is now hardly possible to form a conception. In Chambers' "Domestic Annals" we find the statement that the private life of each individual was subjected to investigation like that exercised in the East.

The despotism exercised by the ruling authorities in Scotland exceeded that in Geneva, the birthplace of Calvinism and centre of revolutionary intrigue.

In 1713, Parliament, aided by the Crown, compelled the Scotch Calvinists to tolerate the introduction of an Episcopal Church. The year 1735 marks the first approach of any kind of liberty in Scotland, and then for the first time the poor Highlanders, who had remained steadfast to the Catholic Church, obtained permission to come down from their mountainous abodes in order to practise the religion of their ancestors, and to teach England the spiritual power of the faith of Edward the Confessor.

NEW FRIENDS.

THERE are new friends who are as dear as the old—those who give their young confidence to our matured sympathies, or who meet us as companions, each on the same level of experience and thought. They know us when the struggle is past and we are made; see us perfected in fortune and repute, and know nothing of those early days of trial when we failed more often than we succeeded, and for every step forward used to slip two back. They see us only as "successes," and it is to them as if we had been born in the purple, which the older know that we have bought by our own exertions only, and doused but of late years.

THE LIFE OF OUR LORD AND OF HIS VIRGIN MOTHER.

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