

*Third.* Scottish sentiment is PROGRESSIVE.

In dealing with this topic I will confine myself to the example of Scotland with regard to education. What were the principles kept in view by the founders of Scottish schools?

(1) They determined there must be at least one school in every parish, as much as to say, the whole people of Scotland must be educated irrespective of social position or creed. The parish schools were essentially national schools.

(2) There must be no religious obstacles to the education of the people. Long before a conscience clause was embodied in any Act of Parliament it was enjoined by the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church that "no instruction should be forced upon the children of Roman Catholics to which their parents or priests had objected." Protestants and Catholics for generations were educated side by side in Scottish schools.

(3) Poverty must be no barrier to the education required for citizenship, and so, in the case of poor children, education was *free* from time immemorial.