

JOHN KNOX'S DAUGHTER.

The spirit that animated Scotland's great reformer descended to his children, one of whom, Elizabeth, married a minister by the name of Welch. He was banished from the country for his opposition to the attempt of the King to introduce prelacy, and took up his residence in France. After many years of laborious service in the gospel he was seized with consumption.—Wishing to breathe his last in Scotland, application was made to the King to permit him to return. The King refused. At length Mrs. Welch, through the influence of some of her mother's relations at court, was enabled to obtain access to the presence of the King, and to urge, in person, her petition that her husband might be allowed to come home to die.

'Who was your father, woman?' said the King.

'Mr. Knox,' was the reply.

'Knox and Welch! the devil never made such a match as that.'

'It is quite likely, sir, for we never asked his advice.'

'How many children has your father left?'

'Three, sir.'

'Are they all lads or lasses?'

'They are all lasses.'

'I am thankful for that, for had they been three lads I had never held my three kingdoms in peace.'

'May it please you to give my husband his native air, again.'

'If you will persuade your husband to submit to the Bishops, I will permit him to return to Scotland.'

Lifting her apron, and holding it towards the King, she replied:

'Please your Majesty, I would rather have his head in this apron.'

OBITUARY.

Died on the 3d inst., after a severe and protracted illness, arising from a complication of painful disorders, which she bore with exemplary Christian patience, Ann, sister wife of brother James Kilgour.

Her end was that of one who firmly trusted in Him who is the resurrection and the life.

Brother Kilgour is left in charge of an aged and infirm father-in-law, and a family of 4 boys, from three to twelve years of age. Altogether this dispensation is particularly trying; and while brother Kilgour is meekly bowing to the severe stroke, and realizing the value of the consolations of the gospel, he will no doubt be sympathized with by the brethren, and remembered at the throne of grace.

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Bramosa, Feb. 14th, 1854.

ES A hundred Protestant Ministers of different denominations, entered upon a Missionary enterprise in Ireland at the beginning of the month of August. Dr Steane, of Camberwell, a Baptist, projected it. Ministers of the Church of Scotland, Church of England Independents, Free Church, Moravians, Wesleyans, and United Secession Church, took it up, and are engaged in carrying it out.