

Having disposed of the claim as to apostolic succession, we may be permitted to say a few words as to the claims of antiquity which some people of the Church of England make as compared with that of the Church of Scotland. Let it be understood that we are not very anxious to count the number of grey hairs that are on our venerable mother's head—I mean the Church of Scotland—we did not raise the question. It is when a slight is attempted to be put on us in that connection that we are inclined to resent it, of course in a playful way. If some of those who pretend to speak for our sister church were not so inclined to take airs to themselves because of their age and aristocratic pedigree, we would hardly think it worth while to say a word. At any rate the aristocratic feeling in the matter of Church relations might be allowed to rest. We thought that the writer of the Epistle of James had settled such a question as that long ago. There are people in this world that set a great deal on tone, as it is called, as regards Churches, but when it comes to the great day of account it is very doubtful, or rather, it is not at all doubtful if tone will count for much. The aristocracy that is so large in the eyes of some here will be very small in some cases there. Well, then, what is to be said on such an important topic, now that it is forced upon us? We have heard in letters that we have read that a certain institution is nearly 1900 years old, and that a perfect identity has been maintained all that time. "Men may come and men may go, but I go on for ever." We are just the same as we were nearly 1900 years