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### THE SCOTTISH CHURCH SOCIETY.

WHERE has been such an extended and often acrimonious discussion upon the merits or demerits of this Society in Scottish newspapers that it is scarcely necessary to explain its nature and professions. Yet there may be some amongst us, for whose benefit it may be proper to consider, if not to explain, its constitution and purposes. The subject is not of merely transient interest, as the Society is meant to be permanent and its formation is a kind of landmark in the history of the Scottish Church. In proof of this, a considerable volume has lately been published by the Rev. C. C. McCrie, of Ayr, on the "Public Worship of Presbyterian Scotland," in which he embodies the constitution and objects of this Society. Mr. McCrie, as a grandson of the well known church historian, is probably not in sympathy with the Society; but he evidently considers that his work would be incomplete without containing a permanent record of its rules and constitution. The President is Professor Milligan of Aberdeen—a theologian of the first class—and the editorial committee includes many well-known names. The whole constitution it is unnecessary to reprint, but it is of some importance to place on record its *objects* in the very words of the Prospectus. These are stated in the following extract:—

Among the special objects to be aimed at shall be the following :

1. The consistent affirmation of the Divine supernatural life and heavenly calling of the Church.
2. The fostering of a due sense of the historic continuity of the Church from the first.
3. The maintaining of the necessity of a valid Ordination to the Holy Ministry, and the celebration in a befitting manner of the rite of Ordination.