

—by the claim of rights, by petitions to Parliament, and by the discussion on the Hon. Fox Maule's motion in Parliament. But he would prefer establishing his case by the evidence of Doctors Chalmers and Gordon, two men eminent in the Church for their talents, learning, and piety.

Dr. Chalmers thus addresses the inhabitants of Glasgow ;

" And then as to the possibility of a remedy,—I know something of petty negotiations that are going on about this one measure, and that other clause. Why, the truth is, that the firm wall of circumvallation is now thrown down, and it is not by the erection of a fort here and another there that we can now build up the ruins of so wide an overthrow. A mere non-intrusion measure will not satisfy us, when the Court Session is pushing its pretensions to the overthrow of all our discipline and all our jurisdiction ; and therefore non-intrusion will not satisfy us—the abolition of patronage itself will not satisfy us. We must have an independent power of discipline—we must have an independent jurisdiction in things ecclesiastical—we must have a full and comprehensive measure of adjustment ; and with anything short of that it is impossible to satisfy us."

" Sir James Graham enquires what will satisfy us ? Would the 'rejection of the presentee by the people, and that adjudicated upon by the Presbytery, would that satisfy us ? It never would have satisfied us, although it would have enabled us to remain conscientiously in the Established Church at one time ; and so far we have been satisfied. But it will not satisfy us now. Not because we have risen in our demands, but because the Court of Session have risen in their encroachments. They have meddled with our discipline—they have meddled with our Quoad Sacra churches—they have meddled with our jurisdiction ; and nothing will satisfy us short of this, that adverse civil sentences shall have no other effect than the forfeiture of what the State gives us—and that they shall not invest the Civil Courts with the power of delivering mandates to hinder and interdict the Church in the discharge of any ecclesiastical duty."

And Doctor Gordon also says—

" Supposing it were possible, and that we were to receive to-morrow a non-intrusion measure up to all that we ever asked, I cannot see how we would be in the least degree bettered even by that measure. It is now the unquestionable law of the land, that the civil courts have supremacy in matters spiritual. It is now the law of the land that I, as a Minister of the Gospel, if I abide by the Establishment, must give my consent to this principle. It