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founder, John Wesley. He also expressed thankfulness that on that day there were one hundred and nine Methodist ministers in Nova Scotia. The meeting thus very decidedly assumed a denominational character, but the minister asked the good Presbyterian brother to lead in prayer at the close. The elder complied, and thanked God for the many good things he had just heard "about this branch of Zion," he added with much depth and feeling: "O Lord, we thank Thee for John Knox; we thank Thee for the one hundred and nine Methodist ministers in Nova Scotia, but we especially thank Thee for the hundred and thirteen Presbyterian ministers who are preaching the word of Life throughout our land, Amen."

ONE "ALWAYS RIGHT," THE OTHER "NEVER WRONG."

A worthy old Ayrshire farmer had the portraits of himself and his wife painted. When that of her husband, in an elegant frame, was hung over the fireplace, the guide wife remarked in a sly manner:

"I think, gudie man, noo that ye've gotten your picture hung up there, we should just put in below", for a motto, like, 'Aye right!'"

"Deed may ye, my woman," replied her husband in an equally pawkie tone; "and when ye got yours hung up over the sofa there, we'll just put up anither motto on", and say, 'Never wrong!'"

LESSONS IN THEOLOGY.

The answer of an old woman under examination by the minister, to the question from the Shorter Catechism: "What are the decrees of God?" could not have been surpassed by the General Assembly of the Kirk, or even the Synod of Dart.

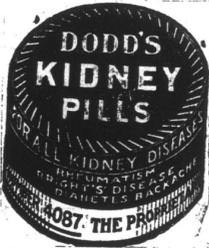
"Indeed, Sir, He kens that best Himself!"

REFLECTIONS.

A young preacher was holding forth to a country congregation, with rather more show than substance. After discussing certain heads in the way, he informed his audience that he would conclude with a few reflections. An

RIVALRY IN PRAYER.

Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, at one time had a wide-awake Presbyterian elder of Scotch character who, although a persistent advocate of the Westminster confession occasionally for convenience sake—and from an innate love of religious intercourse—attended the meetings of his Methodist brethren. At a special prayer meeting that was held preparatory to a centennial service in commemoration of the progress of Methodism in Nova Scotia, the presiding minister dwelt eloquently upon the wonderful growth and prosperity of the Methodist Church, and upon the life of its great



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old man, who seemed not greatly gratified, gave a significant shrug of his shoulders, and said in a low tone of voice:

"Ye needna' fush. There'll be plenty o' reflections 'Iae warn ye, dinna mak' ony yerse!'"

"UNCO" MODEST.

A Scottish witness in the House of Lords once gave in a rather dictatorial style his notions as to the failings in the character of Irishmen and Englishmen. He was allowed to say his say, and when out of breath, Lord Lucan asked him to oblige the Committee with his ideas relative to Scotch character.

"Aweel, my laird, they're just on the contrary, unco' modest and"—the rest of the sentence was drowned in uproarious merriment.

SCOTCH "PADDY."

"Noo, my gudie bairns," said a schoolmaster to his class, "there's just another instance o' the uncertainty o' human life; ane o' your ane schulemates—a fine wee bit lassie—went to bed hale and weel at night and rose a corpse in the morning."

"PLUCKED!"

Scotch parish schoolmasters' are, on their appointment, examined as to their literary qualifications. One of the fraternity being called by his examiner to translate Horace's ode beginning "Exegi monumentum aere perennius," commenced as follows: "Exegi monumentum—I have eaten a mountain."

"Ah," said one of the examiners, "ye needna proceed any further; for after eatin' sic a dinner this parish wad be a puir mouthfu' t'ye. Ye maun try some wider sphere."

TOO CAN'T TO ADMIT ANYTHING PARTICULAR.

An elder of the parish Kirk of Montrose was suspected of illegal practices, and the magistrates being loth to prosecute him, privately requested the minister to warn the man that his evil doings were known, and that if he did not desist he would be punished and disgraced. The minister accordingly paid the elder a visit, but could extort neither confession nor promise of amendment from the delinquent.

"Well, Sandy," said the minister, as he rose to retire from his fruitless mission, "you seem to think your sins cannot be proved before an earthly tribunal, but you may be assured that they will all come out in the day of Judgment."

THE END JUSTIFIED THE MEANS.

Sandy Wood had the most eccentric ways of curing people. One of his patients, the Hon. Mrs. — took it into her head that she was a hen, and that her mission in life was to hatch eggs. So firmly did this delusion take possession of her mind, that, by-and-by she found it impossible to rise off her seat, less the eggs should get cold. Sandy encouraged the mania, and requested that he might have the pleasure of taking a "dish of tea" with her that evening, and that she would have the best china on the table. She cordially agreed to this, and when her

EXPERIENCE FROM EXPERIENCE
STEEDMAN'S SOOTHING POWDERS
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guest arrived in the evening he found the tea-table covered with some very valuable crockery, which did not belie its name, for it had really been imported from China by a native for the lady, an East Indian Nabob. The surgeon made a few remarks about the closeness of the room—asked permission to raise the window, and then, watching an opportunity when the hostess' eye was upon him, he seized the trayful of fragile ware and feigned to throw them out of the window. The lady screamed, and, forgetful in her fright of her supposed inability to rise, she rushed from her seat to arrest the arm of the vandal. The task was not a hard one, for the eccentric old surgeon laughed as he replaced the tray on the table, and escorted his patient to her seat. The spell had been broken, and nothing more was ever heard of the egg-hatching mania.

UNANSWERABLE.

When a Scotchman answers a question, he settles the matter in dispute, once for all. On a certain occasion, the question was asked:

"Why was Mary Queen of Scots born at Shillogov?"
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