

reflections which he cast upon her and her intended marriage.

One of these interviews may be given as a specimen: On the previous occasion she had received him with great condescension and fair speech, trying to tame the lion that she could not silence; but on this occasion she received him in a very different way. "Never," said she passionately, "had prince been so handled. She had offered him audience whenever he chose, and had shewed him favour, and yet said she, I cannot get quit of you. I vow to God that I shall be revenged."

Knox was trying to shew his responsibility as a minister of the Reformed faith, as by law established. *But what have you got to do with my marriage?* He was proceeding to state the extent of his commission as a preacher, when she repeated her question. *But what have you got to do with my marriage, or what are you in this commonwealth?* Vexed by the contemptuous tone in which those words were uttered, he replied: "A subject born within this realm, and though I be neither earl, lord nor baronet, yet has God made me, (however abject I may be in your eyes) a profitable member within the same. Yea, madam, to me it appertains no less to forewarn of such things as may hurt it, than it doth to any of the nobility, for both my vocation and conscience require great plainness of speech, and, therefore, madam, to yourself I say that which I said in public:—

Whenever the nobility of this realm shall consent that you be subject to an unfaithful husband, they do as much as in them lies to renounce Christ, to banish His truth, betray the freedom of this realm, and perhaps in the end, do small comfort to yourself.

At these words, Mary again began to sob and weep bitterly. Although she ordered him to leave her presence, and await her pleasure in the adjoining room, there he stood, as one whom men seldom see. All his friends, Lord Ochiltree excepted, being afraid to shew him any countenance, for the presence of the Queen, so young and beautiful, and bewitching, lent a wonderful charm to the court, and the holy

water so much in request there, had great power in cooling the ardour of many of the truculent barons and soft Scotchmen, who, in every crisis hang back till the battle is over.

Ordered to wait in the outer room, he addressed himself to the court ladies who sat in their rich dresses, and said: "*Oh fair ladies, how pleasing were this life of yours if it should continue always, or in the end that you might pass to heaven with all this gay gear! But fie upon that knave, death, that comes so soon to scatter all your joys.*"

This weeping scene had its counterpart a few months after, when John Knox was tried for treason. He had issued a circular to the Protestant lords, warning them of danger, which was interpreted in the light of treason. He was tried before the Queen in Council. As she took her seat she looked at him with a frown as he stood bareheaded at the foot of the throne, and laughingly said to her lords: *He made me greet, but he shed na a tear himself. I'll see whether he don't greet now.* He was acquitted. M.

Our Own Church.

By a slip of the pen, in our last issue, and under this heading, the congregation of GALT was substituted for GUELPH. In justice to all concerned we hasten to make the correction. Guelph, as we are informed, pronounced in favour of the proposed Union of Churches with but one dissenting voice. Galt, on the contrary, as we have since learned from an official source, is divided in opinion; the Kirk-session being opposed to Union by a large majority, while the congregation itself will have a large minority against it. The congregation of THORAH came to a vote on this question on the 31st December, when, our informant states, "the church was crowded, and the vote was adverse without one solitary exception."

It may be stated here, once for all, that while the *Presbyterian* is the accredited organ of the Church, and is expected to reflect the mind of the Synod on this Union question, as well as all other matters that