

to find fault. The prudence of his conduct compels our admiration by its union of force and gentleness. Alike in speech and action, he is enlightened, consistent, and calm. Sublimity is said to be an attribute of divinity: what name, then, shall we give Him in whose character was united every element of the sublime? I know men, and I tell you Jesus was not a man. Everything in him amazes me. Comparison is impossible between him and any other being in the world. He is truly a being by himself. His ideas and his sentiments, the truth that he announces, his manner of convincing, are all beyond humanity and the natural order of things. His birth and the story of his life; the profoundness of his doctrine, which overturns all difficulties, and is their most complete solution; his gospel; the singularity of his mysterious being; his appearance; his empire; his progress thorough all centuries and kingdoms;—all this is to me a prodigy, an unfathomable mystery. I see nothing here of man. Near as I may approach, closely as I may examine, all remains above my comprehension,—great with a greatness that crushes me. It is in vain that I reflect;—all remains unaccountable! I defy you to cite another life like that of Christ.”—*Napoleon Buonaparte*.

HOW TO BUILD A CHURCH.

TEXT—“It se and build.”

1. Encourage your minister. How?
1. Attend every church service and each prayer meeting.
2. Avoid criticism; find no fault; pray much.
3. Co-operate in revival services; call on him socially.
4. Sympathize with him; pay him promptly.
- II. Encourage your fellow-members. How?
1. Speak lovingly and hopefully to them.
2. Avoid all contentions; pour oil upon troubles.
3. Know no party; utter no complaint.
4. Distrust no one: be a loving disciple.
- III. Encourage the community.
1. By always speaking well of church and community.
2. By never retailing the infirmities of your brethren.
3. By inviting and inducing them to come to church.
4. By showing yourself pleased when they attend service.

Application: Follow these rules strictly, and there will result—1. Personal growth in

grace; 2. Increase in good fellowship; 3. A revival of God's work.—*H. tress.*

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

OUR Kirk in Scotland alone has now no less than 564,000 communicants. Its Christian Liberty is over £8000 in advance of the previous year. The missionary spirit of the Assembly found enthusiastic expression when three missionaries presently at home—each with a different story to tell and a different manner of telling it—addressed with unusual eloquence and power an audience which crowded the Assembly Hall and whose interest never flagged. The announcement of the full erection of ANOTHER HUNDRED PARISHES within the LAST TEN YEARS was a new waymark of the Church's progress and was a happy prelude to the noble speeches delivered on the subject of Church Defence. The adoption of a message of reconciliation and peace to the Free Church by an overwhelming majority, and the enactment of a statute under which congregations may call to vacant charges ministers of any Presbyterian Church within the United Kingdom, mark a fresh advance in the direction of comprehension in Scotland. The Church is rising to the responsibilities of her great position, and calls for thankfulness to Almighty God.

The reception of the Irish Presbyterian Deputies at the General Assembly, was a feature worthy of special notice. The Deputies had been appointed by a large majority of the General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church to renew friendly relations with the Church of Scotland and end an estrangement of more than forty years. They were commissioned to bid the Church of Scotland Godspeed in her work, and Dr. Killen's eloquent address awoke at no point a heartier response than when he assured the Assembly that the Irish Presbyterian Church held fast to the SAME DOCTRINE REGARDING THE CIVIL MAGISTRATE as the Church of Scotland. His impassioned appeal for sympathy to the loyalists in the present crisis was warmly responded to, and no one could listen to the cultured and high-toned eloquence of Mr. Thomas Sinclair, representing the Irish Presbyterian laity, without feeling that the calamities predicted as the certain consequence of the passing of the Home Rule Bill were all too likely to be realized. We learn that a deputation from the Church of Scotland in return, consisting of the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Story, and Rev. Dr.