Miscellaneous.

JOHN KNOX'S COURTSHIP.

A curious anecdote of Knox's marriage to Lord Ochiltree's daughter, is contained in a letter written by Mr. Robert Miller, minister of Paisley, to Wodrow, the historian of the sufferings of the Church of Scotland, dated Nov. 15, 1722. It is as follows:

John Knox, before the light of the Reformation broke up, travelled among several honest families in the West of Scotland who were converts to the Protestant religion. Particularly he visited oft Lord Ochiltree's family, preaching the gospel privately to those who were willing to receive it. The lady and some of the family were converts. Her ladyship had a chamber, table, stool and candlestick for the prophet, and one night about supper-time, said to him "Mr. Knox, I think you are at a loss by want of a wife?" To which he said, "Madam, I think nobody will take such a wanderer as I." To which she replied, "Sir, if that be your objection, I'll make inquiry, to find an answer against our next meeting." The lady accordingly addressed herself to her eldest daughter, telling her that she might be very happy if she could marry Mr. Knox, who would be a great reformer and a credit to the church; but she despised the proposal, hoping that her ladyship wished her better than to marry a poor wanderer. The lady addressed the second daughter, who answered as the eldest. Then the lady spoke to her third daughter, about nineteen years of age, who very faintly said, "Madam, I'll be very willing to marry him, but I fear he'll not take me." To which the lady replied, "If that be all your objection, I'll soon get you an answer." Next evening at supper the lady said, "Sir, I have been considering upon a wife for you, and find one very willing." To which Knox inquired, "Who is it, madam?" She answered, "My young daughter, sitting by your side at the table."

Then addressing himself to the young lady, he said, "My bird, are you willing to marry me?" She answered, "Yes sir; only I fear you will not be willing to take me." He said, "My bird, if you are willing to take me, you must take your venture of God's providence as I do. I go through the country sometimes on foot, with a wallet on my arm and a Bible in it. You may put some things in it for yourself, and if I bid you take the wallet you must do it, and go when I go and lodge where I lodge." "Sir," said she, "I'll do all this." "Will you be as good as your word?" "Yes, I will." Upon which the marriage was concluded. She went with him to Geneva. And as he was ascending a hill she got up to the top of it before him, and took the wallet on her arm and sitting down said, "Now, good man, am not I as good as my word?"

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