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Dr. Watts and the most approved writers who derive *Kirk* from the two Greek words *kourion oikos*, *the house of the Lord*, and maintain with much plausibility that it was originally *kurionk*, afterwards contracted into *kirk*, we cannot properly employ it to designate the ecclesiastical constitution of a whole nation. As derived from the Greek, I have introduced it frequently into the very work which you review, and in *that sense* I have not the least objection to it. But when you speak of the Kirk of Scotland, you speak as *absurdly* and ungrammatically as if you were to talk of the *Chapel* of Scotland or the *Meeting-House* of Scotland. On every principle of good grammar and good reasoning you may call Saint Andrews Church in this City *the Kirk*, to distinguish it from other places of worship, but on no principle of good grammar and good reasoning can you speak of Saint Andrews Church in connection with the *Presbyterian Kirk* as by Law Established in Scotland. Behold the workings of antipathy and jealousy appearing in an open violation of all the proprieties of language! I shall not so far forget my Grammatical Exercises, but shall continue to call my Meeting-House, *Saint Andrews Church* in Communion with the Church of Scotland, as by Law Established.

But all this is is mere quibbling. If you are a *Nominalist*, I am a *Realist*—names are of little value except as expressive of things. We have the Scots Church of Calcutta recognised by the British Government, and in the very heart of the great Metropolis we have the *Scots Church*, Londonwall, without *one* murmur of discontent! The latter, indeed, is surrounded by a hierarchy too splendid to be outshone by lesser fires, and by a bench of Bishops too confident of their own dignity and influence, to be afraid of the encroachments of any *Presbyterian Dissenting Teacher*. The celebrated Dr. Henry Hunter, equally known as a pulpit orator and eloquent writer, raised that *Meeting-House* to eminence even among the Churches of London, not because his voice was confined within the walls of his own *little Kirk*, but because he shone on every public occasion, and "took a lead, aspired