fluence in the country entitle her to demand is likewise a point which all parties are anxious to concede. Moreover, it is a subject of congratulation to feel that notwithstanding all that has taken place in Scotland within the fast lew years, that share of authority which the Established Church of Scotland has still the right to claim, in the name of those she represents, is a share so large, that her influence and her authority can only be competed with either on this question of education, or in any other work specially interesting to the Church, by dint of the most untiring zeal and energy in those who, now that party feeling has been allowed to subside, should rather be tooked upon by the Establishment as co-operators in a common cause than as rivals.

But if the Established Church is to maintain her influence-the respect of those who do not belong to her as well as the affection of those who do-if, as I hope will be the case, she is to take the lead among all other branches of the Preshyterian Church of Scotland-if she is to show herself worthy, in these altered times, of her : early training-I know of no one thing more important to her moral influence, tian that by her actions and by her policy she should appear be- i fore Scotland to have grown with the nation;and I can conceive no step so injurious to her most vital interests,-no step which, in the end, must prove so suicidal, no policy which, I believe, can be so little masculine, as that the Established Church in a body, ignoring the change which has taken place in the people of Scotland, who once were all members of the Establishment, should now put forth any such untenable claims. as the right of superintending and of controlling exclusively the whole people of Scotland, in any new system of parochial education which may be about to be submitted to the country. I know of no law, human or divine, which could justily any such exclusive claims on the part of a Church which professed to protest against the Romas system, and I am certain were there such claims conceded, the people of Scotland, unless strangely untrue to themselves and to the principles of their religion, would indiguantly and successfully resist such exclusive and such anti-Presbyterian privileges. I do not wish to see the Established Church the sufferer, as she must be in any such collision. We may regret the first secession, we may still deplore the last Disruption; but since the past cannot be recalled, and since it is impossible not to feel proud and grateful for the zeal and for the activity which the Free Church specially is exhibiting in Scotland, the plain duty a simply to accept the present state of things, to do our atmost in extinguishing what few unseemly jealousies still exist, and to endeavour, not by urging exclusive claims, but by the use of very different weapons, to compete against, and to outdo other branches of the Church of Scotland. We live in days when men must all think, and as men are different, so will their ideas also be different. The majority of the people in Scotland are no longer members of the Establishment, and this, once admitted, the privileges of that Establishment as a Church, cease at once-must cease, as a matter of course. The people and the Church cannot be separated, for they are one and the same thing. But if Scotland has ceased in a majority to belong to the Establishment, she has not ceased to be Prosbyterian; and in any future system of superintendence over the paroc'ial education, I do not feel called upon, though a member of the Establishment, and a member also of the General Assembly, to turn my back on the just and on the equitable claims which may be put forth by other parties in Scotland, who equally with ourselves, " are anxious for the religious character of the parochial schools," but who do not admit that their participation in the superintendence of those schools will deteriorate their hitherto religious character. - I am, my dear Sir, with great respect, yours very faith-falls. DRUMLANRIG. fally,
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