

Now they are wed, in study nooks among his books his knees he crooks, and sees his wife so seldom now that he's forgotten how she looks.

The wife to whom the man before so loudly swore he'd her adore forevermore, lives with her mother and declares her husband is a regular bore.

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## NATIONAL CHRISTIANITY.

**T**HIS was and is the heart's desire of good people in all lands and in all times. Even before His Incarnation, JESUS CHRIST was the Hope of Israel and the Desire of All Nations. Moses prayed, "O forgive this PEOPLE;—or blot me out too!" Paul's prayer to GOD was for ISRAEL to be saved, though he should be accursed for them. John Knox prayed with like fervency, "LORD, give me SCOTLAND;—or I die!"

This is still the heart's desire and prayer of the Church of Scotland at home and in the Colonies far and near. We all share in it. While the Rev. Gavin Lang was with us, he urged on us this TRUE NATIONAL UNITY OF CHRISTIANITY in preference to a mere denominational union. He still urges this true National Unity of Christians in Scotland. We see that many on this side the Atlantic do not understand this at all.

Let us explain to them. The wisest and best men in the world now see that JESUS CHRIST IS DIVINE, and that His Word contains the true and perfect Religion for man, in a way that all human creeds utterly fail to do. They therefore desire to have true Unity in

His Word and Spirit; and to extend it on the broadest National lines, to all who seek it. Nay, to all who need it, whether small or great, weak or strong, rich or poor: "freely ye have received, freely give." They hold that every Christian Nation should provide God's Word and ordinances for all its people; especially for the poor, who cannot provide for themselves.

This is the platform of our Church. It longs and labors for true Unity of spirit and activity among all Christians. It shrinks from mere denominational union on joint stock lines, as too prone to intensify sectarianism and intolerance. The world is beginning to see this. It is getting tired of its strifes and schisms, with its sects and isms. We see with pleasure that the noble Church of England is of the same mind in this, and desires true National Unity of all Christians who submit to God's Word as the Only Rule of conscience.

## OUR SHORTER CATECHISM.

**Q**UESTION 36. We are taught that all who are savingly converted, justified, adopted, and sanctified, are entitled to share, even in this life, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in his Spirit, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to glory eternal. But how few come up to the conditions of complete conversion and sanctification on the one hand, or to the privileges of assurance, perseverance, and constant increase of grace on the other! Too often we find a false assurance in the Pharisee, the novice, or the sinner without sanctification; while the truly penitent and pious are oft sad and despondent! But "he that exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." We believe in the perseverance of saints (viz. sanctified persons) but not in the perseverance of sinners or novices. If angels fell, let us and all beware! And especially those who think they stand safe! Yet let every soul seek perfect sanctification, and all the unspeakable privileges it ensures. 2 Pet. 1:10.

37. There are various kinds of death. In so far as we die to sin and self, just so far we live to grace and to God. When this death is complete in us, then we are "complete in Him." This is the great life work of true believers. Even after it is begun in the soul the body resists it with old Heredity and Habits. Therefore our vile body must be put off, and we completely changed. But if we wish to pass into glory at death, we must begin now and be truly sanctified believers. To delay in