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A PLEA FOR A LEARNED MINISTRY, by James Stewart Wilson, M.A., Minister of New Abbey, Scotland. At present we can only acknowledge receipt of this admirable sermon preached before the Provincial Synod of Dumfries. We may take occasion to refer to it more particularly hereafter.

ONE WHO CAME TO SCOFF.—The present "revival" movement in Scotland has, it seems, given opportunity for much scoffing among some of the young members of the community. One of these benighted youths, however, met his match the other evening in a minister, who was determined to stand no nonsense. From the account given of the affair by the Dundee *Advertiser*, it appears that the young man in question at the close of a revival gathering stayed behind to attend the "anxious inquirers' meeting—not from any worthy motive, but simply to find material for the amusement of himself and his associates. With this ignoble end in view, he anxiously inquired of one of the ministers "Whether he could work a miracle or not?" He had not to wait long for a satisfactory reply, for the rev. gentleman, seizing him firmly by the shoulders, replied, "We cannot work miracles, but we can cast out devils," and, suiting the action to the word, pitched his young friend bodily outside the church door, which was immediately closed in his face. The anxious inquirer disappeared rapidly in the darkness, leaving the minister entirely master of the situation, and is not likely again to joke with the revivalists

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