

Calderwood and Rowe, and generally to "our printed historians," states it as his intention to give the best account he can of his subject, "tho it's much below what so (m.s. who) great and stedfast a sufferer deserves."

In punishment for his contumacy, Duncan was imprisoned in Blackness Castle, Dundee, on 3rd August; and being called before the Privy Council on 24th October, he refused to recognize the authority of that court in spiritual cases. Thereupon he was tried, along with five other ministers, at Linlithgow, 10th January, 1606, and being found guilty by a jury, with an adverse vote of 9 to 6, he was lodged again in Blackness and afterwards in Edinburgh Castle till October 23rd, when he received sentence of banishment from the King's dominions for life. In the following month he arrived at Bordeaux, and in May, 1607, accepted a position as Professor of Theology in the College of Rochelle. It was while teaching in this capacity that the subject of Wodrow's biography is said to have "had the Quartan Ague for over a year;" and the chronicler cannot repress a certain feeling of pride and satisfaction that such men as Duncan, despised and rejected by the "bishops and managers" in their own land, were "reckoned worthy to teach theology and to supply the most considerable churches among the Protestants abroad."

Notwithstanding an unfounded report* that he had returned to Scotland within a few years of his banishment, it seems certain that Duncan remained in France till 1613. The see-saw of Presbytery and Episcopacy was still going on, and in the previous year the latter system had been again set up in Scotland by the annulment of the Act of 1592. In July, 1613, says Wodrow, "he found means to get his petition to the King presented by somebody at court and carried through so as he was permitted to come home. Now the Bishops had got themselves settled and had no more to fear in judicatorys from such men as Mr. Duncan, and so it was a popular thing in them to yield to mild measures to men who

*See Letter of the Primate to the King, Edin., 18th Feb., 1910. (Maitland Club, 1834.)