

KIRK OF SCOTLAND.

Held its first General Assembly in....		1560
Recognized as a National Church in		1567
The Assembly which founded the Confession of Faith,	}	1643
Directory for Public Worship, the Catechisms &c. held		
it first Sessions July		
And rose 22nd February		1649
<i>After a Sitting of 5 Years 6 Months, and 22 Days!</i>		
After labouring for nearly 3 Centuries to amalgamate spiritual liberty with state bondage, and finding it an utter failure, about 500 Ministers secede on the 18th May 1843 forming * one of the brightest eras in the history and kirk of Scotland—sacrificing for the sake of principle nearly £ 100 000 sterling per annum! (The wages of Babylon)		
The poorest livings in the Kirk are about	£ 158 6 8	
The Manse and Glebe		41 13 4

Average of Ministers income £ 200 0 0

Of the 1100 livings in Scotland 1000 are in the hands of the Crown and Patrons over which the people have no more controul than the Boors in Russia. This is comfortable for the Clergy—very!—and in Canada THE HIRELINGS in the Synod want only a legislative “*act for the management of the Kirk temporalities*” to make them equally, if not more *independent of the people*. * The glorious light of the late reformation of the Kirk in Scotland troubles the erastian Priests of the Synod and they are “*wrapped in dismal thinkings*” and no doubt secret exclaim “O! Chalmers, Chalmers, what hast thou done?—our livings—our precious livings!—The people are awakened too soon by *one Session!*—The Temporalities Bill has not passed!—What Doctor shall we do?”—Do!—why do your duty as honest and sincere men, and trust as the Apostles did, in God and in the people influenced by the Truth.

There are some noble spirits prepared to take this advice—(see the case of Mr. Boyd and 7 congregations in the Johnstown District) and some who, like the Editor of “THE BANNER” Newspaper are ready, in the face of every obstacle to maintain their integrity as public men and as christians.

* This glorious Reformation has many enemies in the Synod of Canada (See the speeches of Professor Campbell and Dr. Matthewson)

How they tried to make Churchmen in Old Times

In the Records of the Corporation of Canterbury is the following account in 1535.

“Cost of bringing a Heretic from London	£0 14 8
Paid a load and half of wood to burn him	0 9 0
For gunpowder	0 0 1
Stake and iron staple,	0 0 8
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