

Bitesize Newsletter

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The Salt, the Mustard, and the Pepper 1846

One of the Frees* located not far from Lochwinnoch, in visiting lately his parishioners, waited a respectable aged female, complimented her on her moral character and religious attainments - and on his urging her to leave the **Established Church**, the following colloquy took place:

"What fore, Sir, come oot o' the Establishment?"

"Because the Salt have seen it their duty to do so, and now there is no savour in it."

"I dinna ken what mean, Sir, by the Saut, but I ken verra weel that the Mustard and the Pepper ha'e gane awa."

The minister was taken aback; not wishing to yield, and still mindful of temporalities, replied that

"Pepper and Mustard were good stomachies."

"Stamicks !" says the old lady, "What need YE for your stamicks? Ye hae guid stamicks certes whan ye can swallow what ye ca' an Erastian Kirk and the Slave Dollars to the bargain."

*The Disruption of 1843. 450 ministers split from the Church of Scotland to form the Free Church of Scotland

1871

MR T. GREIG AND PARTY
KILLED ON SATURDAY
24 BRACE OF GROUSE
AT MUIRSHIEL + SOME
SNIPE AND HARES

1872

SCARCITY OF COAL
THE INHABITANTS HAVE
BEEN SUPPLIED BY MR
McDOWALL WHO HAS
OPENED A PIT ON HIS
GARTHLAND ESTATE

1955

Mr FOX SURELY ONE OF
THE BEST-KNOWN NAMES
IN THE WORLD OF SAILING
WILL HAVE A YOUNG
SURGEON Mr NORMAN
STRUTHERS OF
LOCHWINNOCH AS CREW



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“But why, Sir, should I leave the Established Church?” She asked

“Because the virtuous have seen it as their duty to do so, and now there is no good left in it.” Replied the Minister

“I don’t know what you mean, Sir, by the ‘virtuous’, but I know very well that the great and the good have disappeared.”

The minister was taken aback; not wishing to give up, and still mindful of the benefits that came with his position, he replied that,

“The great and the good do much for the health and wellbeing of the Church; they strengthen its constitution, if you will.”

“Constitution!” exclaimed the old lady. *“What need have YOU of a stronger constitution, when you can stomach supremacy of the state over the Church in ecclesiastical matters, and Slave Dollars into the bargain?”*

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES 1800’s

There were once 8 Friendly Societies in Lochwinnoch.

There is a Female Benevolent Society, supported and conducted by the ladies of the parish, which contributes essentially to the comfort of the poor. The village is divided into districts, and visitors are appointed for each. The ladies visit all the poor in their respective districts, and after careful investigation, distribute clothing, fuel, etc., according to exigencies, so that no person can remain in a state of wretchedness and want.