

## SCOTCH MINISTERS ON SLAVERY.

The utterance of Drs. Candish and Guthrie against American slavery contemporaneously with Mr. Spurgeon is strongly condemned by the *Christian Intelligencer*, (Dutch Reformed,) particularly the toast alleged to have proceeded from Dr. Guthrie. Says that paper :

"We are strongly persuaded that both these men are extensively ignorant of what slavery is in this country, how it stands connected with our civil institutions, and what the effects of immediate emancipation would necessarily be—worse to the slave even than to the master. We extenuate in this way the horrible sentiment conveyed in the toast, 'The next negro insurrection, may it be successful.' O God! if the last had been successful, who could have told its horrors? The scenes at Fulleghar and Delhi would have been only ordinary horrors, to those that would have been enacted. And a minister of the Gospel in Scotland stands up in the presence of Christian men and women, and says, may these things come. Shame, shame, shame! He must have been ignorant of what he was saying, or of what the effect of his toast, could it be realized, would be, or he could not have said any such thing. Even Scotch prejudice and religious bigotry, wonderful as some of their developments made in past time have been, are not adequate to such a wish."

A friend in a note recently addressed to us, spoke of Mr. Spurgeon as having "ruined himself," because of an expression against slavery less open to objection than this of Dr. Guthrie. It seems very easy, in the estimation of some, for men to hopelessly injure themselves, because a little unmeasured and indiscriminate it may be, in their denunciation of the great crime of our country and of the age. They could inflict on themselves no such harm, if any indeed, were they to stand out in defence of slavery. This last would seemingly be a venial affair in comparison with the other. We are sorry to say it.

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