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There's this Free Church of Scotland and then there's

. I got off the boat at . A minister of the Church of Scotland met me and as I got off I saw a man on the boat who had a collar turned around, you know, in a very clerical manner, and I thought he was a Roman catholic priest and when I got off the boat and met the minister of the Church of Scotland who also had a clerical garb though not quite so extreme as this one and he talked in a very friendly way to the other man and after the other man went off I said, "Was that a Roman catholic priest?" He said, "No, that's the minister of the Free Church here. I told him I thought he was a priest. He said, "He'll be tremendously amused to hear it." But/your Church of Scotland is really a denomination, like any denomination in this country. (Student) It's entirely Presbyterian.

Although it is not nearly as evangelical as the other churches. Scotland is overwhelmingly modernistic today, because of their seminaries. There is a comparatively small evangelical group. They act as if they were evangelical but comparatively few of them . In England, of course, they're just as bad. (Student) Oh, it's worse than in the United States. I would say definitely worse.(Student) Yes, except it's a good deal worse there. Well, in Scotland there are, there's a good Bible school in Edinburgh and one in Glasgow and they train a good many people and they are--I've been told of some very good churches in Scotland. I haven't personally come in contact with them but it is true, I think, that there are comparatively few. The people in Scotland, in northern Scotland, are still very religious but the messages are given by men who are trained in the seminaries which they say are just about like Union Seminary in this country--not radical, not conservative, just in between, that's what the minister there told me. The man whom I visited there was a very devout man, I was given an introduction to him by one who had known him when he was in college and told me what an earnest fellow he was, he himself had a great story about his conversion, and a true believer in the Lord but he had gone to seminary and there he had resisted the higher criticism to quite an extent and argued against the professors in it