

proposing for Mr. G. to preach on the Wednesday, I have no remembrance of this, though I may have done so. The only letter which I remember writing on the 4th of May, to any Minister in this city, was one to the Rev. R. Burnet—and that, so far as my memory serves me, was in reference to an address at the Union Prayer Meeting on Monday evening. I have written to Mr. B. to ask him to send me the note which I sent to him or to give me his impression of what it contained, if he cannot find it—and I await his reply. Mr. Burnet has replied that he cannot lay his hand upon my letter, but that his remembrance of it is that I did propose for Mr. G. to preach for him on the Wednesday evening. I cannot, however, recall the fact of having written which Mr. B. described.

It is full time to come to the real matter between us. It is quite true that I "might have applied to you direct" on this matter; but I judged it right to correspond with Dr. Jennings first, and afterwards to apply to you as his authority. After I had received the information which I required from him,* I lost no time in seeking an interview with you.

In reference to that interview, I must remind you that you there acknowledged to me that, in answer to a question put to you by Dr. Jennings, you had told him that you supposed Mrs. Gale and Mrs. Inglis were the certain Christian persons who had informed Mr. G. that Dr. Irvine was not a Christian—that your authority for doing this was a conversation between Messrs. Guinness and Mrs. Scott, of London, and Mr. McMullen, of Woodstock, in which Mrs. Guinness had said certain things against Dr. Irvine—but that neither Mrs. Guinness, nor Mr. Scott, nor Mr. McMullen had mentioned the names of Mrs. Gale and Mrs. Inglis in that connection—and that you mentioned their names as the "Christian persons" of Mr. Guinness' letter solely from an impression upon your mind that they had been speaking of Dr. Irvine to Mrs. G.

* A single paragraph from the letter of the Rev. David Inglis to Doctor Jennings, dated 1st Nov., 1861, will prove to demonstration that this statement is utterly devoid of truth. Mr. Inglis never "received the information he required" from Dr. Jennings; but, on the contrary, was refused, and referred to Mr. Walker; and the attempt here to impose on the credulity of the readers of his letter, and make his course appear consistent, will be manifest in the paragraph which closes his letter, dated as above.

"Allow me to say, that Mr Walker's information on the point which you have referred to him is only part of what I wish. The judiciousness of the reference is a subject on which we would probably differ; but I have now to ask your attention to the fact that I have asked you for a statement of the substance of your communications with Mr Guinness on the subject. This, I think, is necessary to the truth in the matter. I trust you will not ultimately refuse it. I know, on behalf of Mrs. Gale and Mrs. Inglis, ask you to do them this act of justice, and I need scarcely say that I ask it for the last time."

This demand was declined, and yet the Rev. David Ingles unblushingly says,—"After I had received the information I had required from him (Dr. Jennings)"!!!!!!

There is another paragraph of Mr. Inglis' correspondence provocative of criticism. In his letter to Dr. Jennings, dated 24th Oct., speaking of the Rev. Thomas Pullar's Letter to the *Leader*, he says, "Were there ever such illustrations of the love of peace! of dignity!!! of courtesy!!! of grammar!!!! as the correspondence here laid before the public affords? Excuse me for saying that in this connection some parts of your letter of the 23rd are almost equally provocative of criticism and laughter." In these very letters, and that of Mr. Walker also, this eminent and learned critic spells the word rumour "rumer"—and partizan he makes "partizan." It is a pity more care was not taken by his mother in his early instruction in orthography.