

home of her foster-parents. To Miss B——, on her weekly visits, she communicated these sentiments; she likewise wrote letters on the subject to her kind guardians, but these being intrusted to the nuns, were uniformly intercepted. In the course of a few months, as her complaints increased, Miss B—— made a strong representation to the foster-parents, begging them to use every effort for the child's liberation.

The depot of the 71st regiment was transferred from Perth to Fort-George in October, 1856. It was in the month of January following that Miss B——'s urgent letter was received by the Corporal and his wife. Immediately on its receipt, the latter waited on the late Rev. William Skinner, chaplain at Fort-George to solicit his counsel and assistance. Mr. Skinner was much interested by the narrative, and forthwith procured for the anxious foster-mother the valuable aid of the Rev. Evan Ross, of Ardersier, the parochial clergyman. On learning the circumstances, Mr. Ross at once communicated a statement of the case to some zealous Protestant friends in Edinburgh, and likewise to some influential clergymen resident in Glasgow. Consequent upon these applications, measures were forthwith instituted for the restoration of the child. It was intimated to the conventual authorities that the girl could not be detained, though under age, against her own consent, and that, unless on her immediate liberation, legal steps would be adopted to enforce it. No reply was vouchsafed; but the conventual authorities were not inactive in concerting measures to defeat any attempt which might be seriously made to wrest the child from their hands. The girl was required to write letters to her mother, in which she was made to record her entire satisfaction with conventual life. Besides, her removal from Glasgow was planned; in a few weeks she was to be sent to Dublin.

In a manner singularly providential, tidings of her approaching removal were communicated to the poor child. At the following weekly visit, she threw herself upon Miss B——, in an agony of tears, and besought her to intimate to her foster-parents the design formed for her detention. She further begged that her foster-mother might be urged to come to Glasgow to make a personal effort for her rescue. Miss B—— wrote to the Corporal by the first post. The letter was delivered at Fort-George during the following evening, and early the next morning the Corporal's wife was on board the Granton steamer, *en route* for Glasgow. In the course of the second day she reached the city. She now bore watch near the door of the convent lest the poor girl should be secretly removed; and on the first day for the admission of stran-