

firmed, at least without opposition. No alteration in the minutes, as confirmed, was made, and the Petition was ordered to be filed, no attention whatever being paid to its prayer.

Some time in February, the Resolutions passed at the congregational meeting in 1869 had been found, and, afterwards, shortly before this meeting, a draft of the letter of 2nd November, 1869, from Dr. Donald (now deceased), had been discovered amongst his papers. And it was moved at this meeting, by Mr. Lindsay, that the Letter and Resolutions should be published, and that two copies of them should be left in each pew in the Church, so that the congregation, before the approaching election, might see what promises had been made to Mr. Cameron. To avoid this the adjournment was moved by his friends, and the chairman immediately left the chair, declaring the meeting adjourned.

It was manifest, however, that concealment was now no longer possible. We intimated our intention of publishing them, if Mr. Cameron did not; and, apparently in anticipation of our doing so, he took them late one evening, to the office of one of the newspapers in the city, and had them printed the following morning, together with *the portion of his own letter to Dr. Donald of 28th August, 1869, which we have given at page 5.* Some of his friends now abandoned him; one of them, Mr. Watson, especially, in consequence of the deception which he felt had been practised upon him by Mr. Cameron in reading the extracts from the letter on 4th February. Many, however, notwithstanding the discovery that the letter contained no such promise or pledge as he had alleged it did, still adhered to him. Whether from the natural reluctance of mankind to desert a man whose cause they have once espoused—from their unwillingness to admit that they had themselves been deceived—from feelings of kindness and reverence for the clergyman with whom they had associated at the communion table only two months before; or because they had, in the heat of controversy committed themselves too far to recede, we do not know. Probably some were influenced by one feeling, some by another. But the concealment had been long enough, and the discussions had been angry enough, to have raised an impassible barrier between the bulk of his friends and