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April 20, 1852.

INDUCTION OF THE REV. ROBERT IRVINE.—The Presbytery of Toronto met in Knox's Church, Toronto, on Thursday evening, June 24, for the purpose of inducting the Rev. Robert Irvine, from St. John's, New Brunswick, into the pastoral charge of the second congregation, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in this city. The Rev. Thomas Lowry, of Barrie, Moderator, preached from 2 Cor. v. 18; and presided on the occasion. The Rev. Dr. Burns addressed the minister, and the Rev. James Harris the people, on their respective duties. The services were conducted in Knox's Church, the Temperance Hall, in which the congregation have been worshipping, being too small.

Mr. Irvine has entered upon an important field of labour, for which he is well fitted by his peculiar gifts and experience. We hail the coming of Mr. Irvine, as a real accession to the strength of our Church, and hope that while he is promoting the glory of God in the faithful discharge of his pastoral duties, he may experience much of the presence of his Divine Master, and may have many seals to his ministry. We learn that the second congregation will worship, for the present, in St. Lawrence Hall.

MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—The General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, met on Thursday, the 20th day of May, in Tanfield Hall, Edinburgh. The Rev. Dr. Duff, the Moderator, preached from Psalm ii. 6. There was an immense concourse of people present on the occasion. The Rev. Dr. Makellar was appointed Moderator for the current year.

An excellent spirit pervaded the Assembly, and a large amount of important business was transacted. Perhaps the most memorable and interesting part of it was, the union with the Original Seceders. Dr. McCrie, in addressing the Assembly, said, that his heart leapt for joy, in returning to the Church of Knox, of Melville, and of Henderson—the Church of Boston, Thomson and Chalmers. Dr. Duff said he felt that it was worth while for him to have come from the banks of the Ganges to witness the scene.

REV. WILLIAM McALISTER.—We regret to state, that in compliance with the advice of his physician, and other friends, the Rev. William McAllister, Free Church minister of Port Sarnia, has deemed it necessary to vacate his charge for a few months, and repair to the sea-coast, in order to recruit his health. Mr. McAllister has been afflicted with an affection of the throat for some time past, which has rendered public speaking extremely painful to him, and it is with a view to procure its removal, by means of sea-bathing and a temporary cessation from the duties of his calling, that he has undertaken his present journey. We trust his most sanguine expectations may be realized, and that he may speedily return, in full enjoyment of health, to the bosom of his family and flock. He has left Port Sarnia for New York.—Sarnia Shield.

HIGH AUTHORITY.—The Abbe Malot expressed a doubt to Cardinal Richelieu how many masses would save a soul, the Cardinal replied, "Pho! you are a blockhead; as many as would take snow balls to heat an oven."