

At the meeting of the Free Presbytery of Lock-
erby, on Tuesday last, a letter was received from
the Rev. Mr. Innes of Deskford, intimating the
death of his son, the late Rev. Mr. Innes of Canobie.

Mr. DUNCAN, in the course of some observations
on this painful subject said—He would not use the
language that Mr. Innes had died a martyr to the
sufferings and severities to which the Duke of
Buccleuch had exposed the Free Church congrega-
tion in his parish of Canobie, for it was well
known that Mr. Innes was a man of delicate
health, and had not been free at all from severe bod-
ily complaint for a considerable period before his
demise. And if such was the case, it must be ad-
mitted as quite possible (and no doubt this would be
said by certain parties) that he might have been
cut off independently of any complaints he had or
might have caught during the period of his resi-
dence at Canobie. He, for one, could quite readi-
ly admit this possibility; but, notwithstanding, he
had not the smallest doubt that Mr. Innes's death
had been hastened by the peculiar hardships to
which preaching in the tent had necessarily ex-
posed their brother; he did not doubt that, in the
ordinary course of Providence, if Mr. Innes had
enjoyed the advantage of officiating in a regular
church, he would have been alive this day, and
would have been able to give the Church and cause
of Christ the support of his talents and graces.—
But his death had been accelerated, not so much
by the fatigues of pastoral labours, as by the neces-
sity of preaching in a canvas tent, a thing most
trying to a man of vigorous constitution, but most
perilous to a man of delicate health. And could
this Presbytery hesitate to say who was responsible
for causing the ordinances of Christ's sanctuary to
be dispensed at such a hazard to the servants of
Christ? Unquestionably his grace the Duke of
Buccleuch, who had repeatedly refused a site for
the building of a church and manse, that the Free
Church congregation of Canobie might enjoy what
was matter of right, and not of indulgence to them
in this land, where toleration is the alleged law
of the land. What struck him most solemnly in this
matter was, that their late brother, Mr. Innes, had,
upon his death-bed, as they had been informed
this day in the letter of his father, prayed that re-
pentance and forgiveness might be granted to the
Duke of Buccleuch. While this prayer illustrated
the gracious temper of Mr. Innes in his departure
from this world of sin, it also proved the conviction
of his mind in regard to the origin and causes of
the complaint of which he died. It was to be ear-
nestly hoped that his Grace would ponder this
prayer, and the circumstances in which it was of-
fered up to Heaven for him. But this Presbytery
must now consider the duty which was incumbent
upon them in consequence of the congregation of
Canobie being within her bounds. And what he
would propose to this Presbytery to do in present
circumstances was, to transmit a fresh petition to
the Duke of Buccleuch, that he be pleased to grant
a site for a church to the Free congregation, and
for a manse to its future minister at Canobie.

One of the members of the Presbytery here said
that this would be useless, and that their applica-
tion would receive no answer from the Duke.

Mr. DUNCAN said such a result was very possible;
it will only be what has happened before. But
still this duty was plainly incumbent upon them in
the course of Providence. The Deacons' Court
of Canobie Free Church congregation had already
petitioned, and though they mentioned the prejudi-
cial effects of the canvas tent on their minister's
health, had not received any answer; this Presby-
tery, as having the spiritual superintendence of
Canobie, must also send a petition, in which shall
be stated what has happened. Whether the Duke
will answer or not—will grant a site or not, was
not their concern. Let this man know the conse-
quence of his past, and what may again be the
consequences of a continued refusal of a site. He
is utterly mistaken in supposing, that the ministers
and preachers of this Free Church will be intimi-
dated from continuing their supply of christian or-
dinances at Canobie. No doubt the gentleman
who had been officiating at Canobie for the last
three or four months had stated his desire for a re-

moval for a short period at least from Canobie, as
he had also experienced the injurious effects of the
canvas tent on his general health. But this was
just a call upon all the members of this Presbytery
to relieve the preachers who should be sent with
their assistance. Mr. Duncan concluded by sub-
mitting a motion in accordance with his remarks.

A VOICE FROM THE TOMB.

(From the Universe.)

The young and devoted minister of the parish
of Canobie in Scotland has been taken to his rest
and reward. He died of consumption; and his
disease, speaking of instrumental causes, was the
result of his exposure to the inclemency of the
wintry weather. His congregation have been com-
pelled for some years to worship God under the can-
opy of his own heavens, having been refused a
site for a house of prayer by the lord of the soil.
If this be not persecution, we know not what per-
secution means.

Englishmen! Friends of freedom! consider
this case; and say do you not owe it to your Scot-
tish brethren—to truth—to liberty—to God, to in-
terfere in this case, and by an appeal to the Legis-
lature, to demand that conscience shall be free,
and that men shall not be denuded of a right
which, as intelligent creatures, they inherit from
God?

Happy minister! Unhappy Duke! Give us—
oh! give us the prospect of sleeping in such a grave
as that which contains the mortal remains of this
good man, rather than that of living in ducal splen-
dour, and of sleeping, after death, beneath the
marble of all the Caesars! Happy Mr. Innes—
now you can worship in "the temple not made
with hands"—now you meet no lordly domination
—for amid the glories of that temple and the spiri-
tualities of that worship "Lords and Dukes are
known no more."

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Presbytery of Hamilton held its ordinary
meeting at Hamilton, on the 12th and 13th current.

The Clerk read an extract from the Minutes of
Synod, which he had received from the Synod
Clerk, sanctioning the reception of the Rev. James
Cairncross as a minister of the Presbyterian Church
of Canada. His name was ordered to be recorded
as an ordained minister, labouring within the bounds
of the Presbytery.

Various reports were then given in, after which,
the call from the congregation at Niagara in favour
of Mr. James Fettes, Probationer, was taken up,
and letters from Mr. Fettes were read, stating the
circumstances in which he was placed; and that
while he would have been willing cordially to have
closed with the call at once, had he seen his way
clear to leave the stations where he is at present
labouring, by the prospect of their being imme-
diately supplied, as he found the labours connected
with the field more than his strength could long
support; that still he felt it to be his duty to re-
main where he was till suitable provision could
be made for the supply of the means of grace in
that locality; whereupon the Presbytery agreed
to record their approbation of the conduct of Mr.
Fettes, and of the christian spirit which his letter
evinced, and resolved to appoint Mr. Robb and
Mr. Stark to apply to the Synod's Home Mission
Committee, (to meet at Hamilton the same day,) to
make such arrangements as may enable the
Presbytery of Montreal to relieve Mr. Fettes from
his present sphere of labour so soon as possible,
and enable him to accept the call from Niagara,
and to report to the Presbytery. This applica-
tion was agreed to by the Home Mission Commit-
tee, and the Clerk was instructed to communicate
the same to Mr. Fettes and the Presbytery of
Montreal.

Mr. Donald McKenzie reported, as Convener of
the Western Committee, on the subject of the
call from the congregations at Eckfrid and Moss,
to Mr. W. R. Sutherland, and the satisfactory state
of matters there; whereupon the Presbytery agreed
to record that they are satisfied as to the provi-
sion made for the minister's support, and other mat-

ters, and appoint Mr. Sutherland's trials at Eckfrid,
on the 15th February; appoint also the ministers
or elders officiating there, on Sabbath the 30th
instant, or the following Sabbath, to serve the edict
for Mr. Sutherland's ordination; and in the event
of his trials being sustained, and the Presbytery
being satisfied, that his ordination shall take place,
according to the laws of the Church, on the 16th
of February ensuing,—the Rev. Mr. Allan, of
North Easthope, to preach and preside, Rev. D.
McKenzie, of Zorra, to address the minister, and
the Rev. J. McKinnon, of St. Thomas, the people.

After having transacted other business of less
importance, the Presbytery adjourned till the even-
ing, when the Presbytery having resumed, the
Clerk moved that, in accordance with a sugges-
tion in a letter from the Rev. J. McGregor, of
Guelph, the Presbytery appoint one of their num-
ber to return thanks to Almighty God for the safe
return of their esteemed brother, the Rev. John
Bayne, and for the success which has been ouch-
safed to him in the accomplishment of his import-
ant mission.

Mr. Robb, on the call of the Moderator, en-
gaged in prayer.

The following vote of thanks to the Presbytery
from the congregation at Galt, was ordered to be
recorded:

"That this meeting depute the Rev. Mr. Bayne
to express to the Presbytery the gratitude of
Knox's congregation for the manner in which they
have supplied their pulpit during their pastor's ab-
sence in Scotland, and also to express their in-
creased interest in the object of Mr. Bayne's mis-
sion, from having had an opportunity of hearing
Messrs. Scott and Black, who give such high prom-
ise of usefulness in the Church."

A call from Chatham and neighbourhood, in fa-
vour of Mr. McColl, was given in; but the call and
documents in connexion with it from Tilbury not
being forward, the Presbytery agreed to refer the
whole to the Western Committee, with power to
summon a meeting of Presbytery to sustain the
call, if they shall see fit, and take such farther
steps as may be necessary to prosecute the case.

Mr. Bayne reported in the case of Mr. David
McKenzie, that he had, according to the injunction
of Presbytery, written to Mr. McKenzie, but had
received no reply; and the Presbytery, on motion
made and seconded, after having deliberately con-
sidered the whole circumstances of the case, re-
solved that no application from Mr. David McKen-
zie for admission as a member or minister of their
Church, shall be entertained, without reference to
the whole of the Presbytery's previous procedure
in his case.

Instructions were renewed to ministers to give
attention to the injunction of Synod as to a collec-
tion for the Jewish and Foreign Missions of the
Free Church of Scotland.

Mr. Robb and Dr. Ferrier reported progress as
to raising contributions for the College, and the
Presbytery enjoined that due attention be given to
this object as soon as possible, according to the in-
junction of Synod.

It was afterwards moved, in addition, by Mr.
Robb, and agreed to, that the Presbytery, con-
sidering the importance of completing the subscrip-
tion for the College within the bounds with as little
delay as possible, in order to maintain the efficiency
of that important institution, agreed to appoint de-
puties, viz: Mr. Bayne and Mr. Smellie for the
northern, Mr. Robb and Dr. Ferrier for the middle
and eastern, and Mr. McKenzie and Mr. McKin-
non for the western divisions of the Presbytery of
Hamilton, to visit the congregations and preaching
stations, to bring the subject before them, to see the
work commenced, to report progress in the *Mis-
sionary Record* for March, and order that complete
returns be reported in the *Record* in April.

It was moved and agreed to that Mr. Bayne and
Mr. Smellie be appointed to prepare a series of re-
solutions in regard to King's College, Toronto, to
be submitted to next ordinary meeting, as the
ground of a petition to the Legislature on the sub-
ject of that institution.

On Thursday, the 13th, the trial discourse of
Mr. Lachlan McPherson, student, was heard; he