

KNOX'S CHURCH MANSE,
Monday Evening, May 13th, 1861. }

Rev'd, Sir,—I have to acknowledge your note of this date, and on its receipt I at once forwarded a copy of it and my letter to you to the Rev. Thomas Pullar, from whom I received the following reply.—

HUGHSON STREET, 13th May, 1861.

"REV. DR. IRVINE.—My Dear Sir,—I have your note of to-day, enclosing the reply of Rev. H. G. Guinness to your enquiry as to a statement made by him to me respecting yourself. I beg to say, in reply, that Mr. Guinness did, on Saturday the 11th inst., state to me that he had been informed, on good authority, that Dr. Irvine is not a christian. He gave this as his reason for not preaching in Knox's Church. It was said deliberately, in various forms, in answer to my remonstrances on the subject of the course he had taken in regard to you and your people.

I am, my dear sir,

Yours truly,

THOMAS PULLAR."

Permit me to remark that I did not ask you any questions as to any conversations you had with the Rev. David Inglis, nor about preaching in Knox's Church—a privilege you were quite at liberty to decline without giving any reason, but which course you have not pursued.

I am gratified to know that you have not been troubled by me with any information or intelligence in regard to "the sad state of affairs" which you say you "find existing here"; but I think every christian must admit, that (however good may be your intentions) the course you have pursued has not tended to remedy such "state of affairs," nor to deliver God's people from it.

Hoping your mission may be more largely blessed elsewhere,

I am, Rev. Sir, yours respectfully,

REV. H. G. GUINNESS.

R. IRVINE.

TUESDAY MORNING.

DEAR SIR—In answer to your letter received this morning, I beg to say that Mr. Pullar's statement, that I had said to him on Saturday last, that I "had been informed, on good authority, that Dr. Irvine was not a Christian," is quite correct. But you will observe that this is a *very different thing* from passing judgment upon you MYSELF, and stating plainly and positively that you were not a Christian, which was the thing I denied in my letter to you. My "good authority" was simply that of certain Christian persons in town—not Mr. Inglis, nor any of his family.

Trusting that you *clearly* see the difference between saying that I heard from certain Christians here, that you were not, in their opinion, a Christian man, and saying positively that you were not a Christian, and trusting also that you will understand the reason why, as a stranger in this place, in these painful circumstances, I have acted as I have,

I remain,

DR. IRVINE.

H. GRATTAN GUINNESS.

TUESDAY NIGHT.

TO THE REV. H. G. GUINNESS,—

Rev'd Sir,—Yours of this morning was received at 6 p. m., and on its perusal I must say I felt convinced of the correctness of an opinion which had been gaining currency among many of our Christian citizens for some days past, viz.: that you are lacking in "the simplicity which is in Christ."

Allow me to call your attention to the following facts: On Monday, the 6th inst., you informed Mr. Walker (after consideration from the 4th) that you did not intend, after Friday, to take any more appointments in any places of worship (or Churches) which was your declining answer to his offer of my pulpit. Your next statement, when he found he had acted differently, as appears from your written answer, is, "the unsettled state of the weather," and you gave this reason to enable him to explain the false statement he was led to make by your answer