

APPENDIX.

THE REV. H. GRATTAN GUINNESS AND "CERTAIN CHRISTIAN PERSONS IN TOWN."

We had heard a good deal among the Presbyterian community for the last few days of the Rev. Mr. Guinness, the "Evangelist," but were not prepared for such a state of matters as a correspondence between him and one of the respected ministers of that body here developes.

We have carefully perused this correspondence, and believe there can be but one opinion, that Mr. Guinness has, upon his own showing, acted in a manner that places himself outside the pale of civil society, and that until he delivers up to the minister in question the names of the persons on whose information he has been led to act as he has done, states all the circumstances and makes an apology for his conduct, he is not entitled to a further hearing.

It appears that this gentleman came here as a stranger, but before he has well reached the city he takes upon himself to listen to and pass judgment upon individuals of the community among whom he has been thrown, when, had he been a man of the smallest intellect and judgment, he must have known that so to act must bring down upon him the scorn and contempt of every man in the community, and in this position, we believe, he at present stands.

There is, however, a third question, and that is *the* matter of importance in this case. It appears there are "certain Christian persons in town" whose deeds are visible in this correspondence, but whose Christianity is yet undeveloped, who—probably with outward works of sanctity, and whose language breathes a spirit of piety—impose upon this unsophisticated gentleman, and it is manifest, have used him for the basest of purposes. We cannot but feel that this correspondence, published as it is *simpliciter*, must be of the greatest benefit in the religious community among whom the Rev. Mr. Guinness has labored, and that it loudly calls upon them to take steps to unmask and expel from amongst them men, no matter under what garb they conceal their real character, who could act so base a part; and to be careful in future that no Evangelist, however good he may be, shall be afforded the opportunity of playing the part which these "Christian persons" in town have imposed upon Mr. Guinness. The following is the correspondence:—

HAMILTON, May 13, 1861.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—Will you please accept my thanks for the printed statement by Mrs. Guinness, with which you kindly favored me.

Allow me now to express my surprise, that after you had stated to me on Monday night (in the passage near the Session Room of St. Andrew's Church, in declining to make an appointment to conduct worship in Knox's Church on the following Sunday), "That you would take no more appointments in any place of worship (or Church), but take other means of making your own views of truth known, as you considered all the Churches (Presbyterian) in error," and which statement I have informed many of my friends of what I termed your decision, I saw in Saturday morning's paper your advertisement to preach on Sabbath, 12th instant, in two other churches of the same order. I may remind you, that when