

not my father's conduct persecution?" My answer was, "To remain in her father's house, if possible, as perhaps he might, seeing her determination, alter his conduct; but that if better could not be, she must leave her father's house." Had I known her father then, as I know him now, I would have advised her to leave his house at once. But now we come to graver matter. "This morning you got a letter of your own secretly and collusively to her, which, in violation of her agreement, she immediately burned, after having read, to prevent its being seen by me." His daughter never made any agreement not to receive a letter from me. I sent my Church Officer with a note to him, to ask if he would allow me to see his daughter in his presence? My conscience compelled me to take this step. At the time I did so, I knew not whether Miss Brewster were at Blackbyres or not, for I had neither seen her, nor in any way communicated with her from the time of her calling on me. My Church Officer was unceremoniously sent about his business. Then, I put a letter addressed to Miss Brewster into the hand of a gentleman, instructing him to give it into her hand, adding, that when she had read it, I had no objections that her father should read it also. Miss Brewster burned it; I have a copy of it. That same day Miss Brewster came to me lest (for she had been a kind of prisoner for weeks) she might be locked up altogether. I placed her immediately under the protection of a lady in every way as respectable as herself, or any of her family. I directed her to write to her father, to inform him where she was. The reverend gentleman had every access to his daughter without interruption, and she breakfasted with him the morning of the day before she left Paisley, in the Temperance Coffee-house, Mrs. Campbell's, 9, High-street. The previous evening she had answered in his own presence, and before four witnesses,—the Bishop one, and an elder of the Abbey Parish another,—the following questions put by me:—Miss Brewster, are you a Catholic? Yes. Are you determined to remain one? Yes. Have any undue means been employed to induce you to become a Catholic? No. A little incident happened after these question and answers, which may be narrated hereafter. Mr. Brewster not only knew where his daughter on leaving Paisley was going, but was made aware of the very hour of her departure. This knowledge enabled him to get up a scene which must blacken him for ever in the eyes of every one, Protestant and Catholic. In his own madness he brought two medical gentlemen to cognosce his daughter at the Railway Station, and she was by them cognosced in the ladies public waiting room. All that passed I know not; but this I know, that a lady then and there present, but unknown to Miss Brewster and

Mrs Gordon who accompanied her, interfered, and protested against what was being done. Mr. Brewster is at liberty to publish the opinion then given him by the two doctors, for he did not get his daughter's body under restraint. But even this would not satisfy the profound wisdom and deep good sense of Mr. Brewster. No! He accompanied his daughter to Glasgow and travelled in the same carriage, and, for the first time in her life, she was alarmed for her personal safety. The next step was to bring Dr. Hutchinson of the Glasgow Lunatic Asylum, and Dr. Pagan, to cognosce his daughter again in the house of the Right Rev. Dr. Murdoch. Such conduct was enough to have driven a sane person mad; and think of that conduct as between a father towards his daughter! Miss Brewster coolly passed through the ordeal, and perhaps her father will not yet have forgotten Dr. Hutchinson's admonition in Dr. Murdoch's presence. Mr. Brewster not only knows where his daughter now is, but he followed her to Mass last Sunday. He does not appear to have prayed attentively, nor to have received much grace thereby. I stop here, Sir, for the present, but I have more to say. I am your obedient servant, J. BREMNER.—P. S.—Since writing the above, I have received the following from Dr. Murdoch, and have been desired by him to publish it:—“After an examination of at least ten minutes' duration, Dr. Hutchinson, addressing Mr. Brewster, said: “We have most minutely examined Miss Brewster, and we have not been able to discover in her the least trace of an unsound mind, nor the most distant approach to it.””

SWITZERLAND.

The Diet opened at Zurich on the 25th of February, and the Avoyer addressed the Deputies at great length. He spoke with alarm of the state of the Confederation, and expressed himself anxious for its conservation, but at the same time dallied with the question and betrayed the unsteadiness of his principles by at once allowing that the discontent of the Radicals was only covered by the pretext of the dislike of the Jesuits; and yet he urged that the Jesuits should be entreated to depart, or that Lucerne should be urged to expel them. Petitions from Argovia, Berne, and Tesin, praying for the expulsion of the Jesuits, were presented, as well as petitions from citizens of the Valais resident in Paris, and from the discontented of Lucerne. Berne prayed that the affairs of the Jesuits might be the first business of the session. Lucerne replied that the Free Corps being a present and real danger, and the Jesuits only a distant and imaginary one, the former question should be then discussed. The majority of votes was against Lucerne, although the President spoke in its favour.