

## No. VIII.

Mr. Donald Fraser, the witness with whom Mr. McMurrich and others said that I tampered, has requested me to insert the substance of a letter which he has sent to the Presbytery Clerk, on the 21st December, and which is as follows:—

"On reviewing my evidence given before the Presbyterian Visitation Court held lately, in reply to a question if I had *any other* conversation in private interview with Dr. Burns in Session-room, about Messrs. Pyper and Campbell, I answered No. I now remember that I advised Dr. Burns to open Sabbath-school, and superintend it himself, as I felt disgusted with the conduct of Mr. Pyper in not praying publicly for his minister in the Sabbath-school.

"I cannot remember anything about Dr. Burns saying to me, 'Ah, that is too favorable, &c.,' or words to that effect; and I am certain he did not use them; so that the averments of Messrs. McMurrich, &c., must be all fiction." \* \* \*

"DONALD FRASER."

## No. IX.

*Reasons of Protest and Complaint* to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, against a sentence of that Court, by which the Regulations of 1706, regarding Presbyterian Visitations, were applied to a case which they were never intended to cover.

First, Because these Regulations, although adopted as an Overture, never received the sanction of the Church of Scotland as laws of the Church.

Second, Because this Presbytery has only of late resolved to enter on the work of Presbyterian Visitation, the rules for it having received its sanction at last meeting; and it does not seem meet to select as the first case, that of a minister and congregation so recently deprived of the benefits of an eldership.

Third, Because the constitutional law of Presbytery, requiring the case of a congregation without a Session, to be laid *instantly* before the Superior Court, in order to their supplying the want in the ordinary way, was promptly followed by me; and it was ungenerous as well as illegal to take advantage of this circumstance, to engraft on my communication to the Presbytery, a resolution for a sweeping review of my ministry for ten years past.

Fourth, Because, by placing me in the anomalous position of a party in this case, a most grievous injury has been done me, by depriving me at the very outset of the case, of all my deliberative and judicial rights.

Fifth, Because the resolution to go on in the face of my appeal, is at variance with all law, and subversive of all constitutional rights.

For these and for other reasons to be urged at the bar of the Superior Court when it meets, I protest and complain to the first meeting of the Synod of the Church, to be held at London, in June, 1856, or wherever it may assemble.

ROBERT BURNS.

Toronto, C.W., 6th December, 1855.