

passed through these to the satisfaction of the Presbytery, he was early in the following year duly licensed to preach the everlasting gospel, and received appointments to preach in various places. His sermons of that period that remain are neatly composed and indicated good talents, and so far as we have been able to ascertain, his pulpit ministrations were acceptable. Mr Gray in the letter already quoted says, "Mr Gordon was here in April 1806 on a last visit to his father and friends. In the sermon he gave us there was nothing which discovered the want of early education, but in refinement of sentiment and correctness of style and manner, much which would have made him to be set down as the subject of youthful Classical learning. For this he was indebted to a natural firmness of mind and temper, and to Drs Ferrier and Mitchell the models of his day in the west country district of the Antiburgher Secession."

He however did not preach with the view to a settlement in Scotland, but formally communicated to the Presbytery his views regarding a mission to America. The Presbytery referred the matter to the Synod which was to meet the following May. For a time it was uncertain whether his destination would be the United States or Nova Scotia. At that time as urgent applications were made from the former quarter as the latter, and it seemed doubtful which would be preferred. He was ready for either as the Synod might determine, but received his appointment to Nova Scotia, which we presume was in accordance with his own inclinations. He immediately made preparations for his departure. Before leaving he was united in marriage with Miss Jessie Auld a niece of Professor Bruce, and who had been his house keeper. Singularly enough the reading of the same letter of Dr McGregor, which induced Mr Gordon to devote himself to the work of the Lord in America, had so impressed her mind, that she expressed her willingness, if called upon in Providence, to go thither. She had forgotten the circumstance till ten years after, her uncle reminded her of it, on the night of their marriage. As we have referred to her more at length in another connexion, we need only say that she proved a help meet for him both in the joys and trials of the short period of their union. His last sermon in Scotland was preached in Dr Meters' Church, Glasgow, and an incident which occurred on the occasion may be given as illustrative of the times, and perhaps of his own independence of mind. It was then the custom in singing to read out each line singly. But Mr Gordon adopted the practice of reading two lines at a time. So much offence was taken at this innovation, that several rose and left the Church."

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