

ministrations, requested that he would embody his views in a pamphlet, that they might have them in a permanent form. Mr. M. agreed to their request, and became the author of a tract entitled, "What must I do to be saved?" Some time after his return from the North, Mr. M. received and accepted a call from the Secession Church, Clerk's Lane, Kilmarnock, to take the pastoral oversight of them. Previously to the ordination, the attention of the Presbytery had been turned to the tract that Mr. M. had written for the benefit of his friends in the North, and on the day of ordination the chapel was filled to overflowing, and the people had waited somewhat impatiently for about an hour after the time intimated, but no Presbytery had appeared. But the minds of the people being expressed through one of their number, the minister came in, and it was evident from the appearance of parties that there had been something unpleasant among them. It came out that the Presbytery had subjected Mr. M. to a very severe scrutiny as to the doctrines which his pamphlet contained, and that they would not proceed to ordain him unless he promised to be more guarded in his language in future, and also that he would not publish a second edition of his pamphlet. Mr. M. gave the Presbytery to understand that he could preach no other doctrines than those which the pamphlet contained; but that he would not publish a second edition of it. At the same time Mr. M. stated that he would not visit the man with pains and penalties who should publish such an edition on his own responsibility. The ordination was proceeded with, but at the close of the services not one of the ministers would remain to partake of the ordination dinner. Thus was the young minister deserted on the very day of his ordination, and that by those who ought to have acted towards him as fathers and brethren.

Time passed on—the preaching of Mr. M. was of rather a novel character to most of his hearers. The chapel which was but thinly attended, during the former pastorate, was now filled in every part. People became anxious about their souls, and many who had been long seeking rest and finding none, were led to rejoice in the common salvation. But there was a dissatisfied party in the Church, who were in communication with the Presbytery. And through complaints urged by this party, and a second edition of the obnoxious pamphlet making its appearance, the case was again brought up. We were present at the meeting of Presbytery at which the matter was resumed; and the meeting and the business transacted were indelibly