

## JAMES WALKER TO REV. DAVID INGLIS.

HAMILTON, 12th November, 1861.

REV. SIR,—The Rev. Dr. Jennings having kindly forwarded to me a letter, addressed by you to him, dated 19th October, and you having called on me on the 4th inst., for a verbal explanation, I think it better on reflection, and friends in whom I have confidence think so too; in order to prevent misconception in a matter that you have taken up in such a formal manner, to place my answer to your letter on record. I may be permitted to remark that, considering me "reliable authority," you might have applied to me direct, on any matter where you considered yourself aggrieved, and I should have afforded to you, and them, any satisfaction in my power.

I observe from your letter that you derive your information from "the Rev. Duncan McRuar, of Ayr," and am not therefore surprised that it should contain more than the truth, "though you have Mr. McRuar's authority for making use of what he told you." \*

You assume to ask "on behalf of these ladies, as a simple act of justice, that you be informed of the whole facts in this matter." I am led to contrast your zeal in their behalf with your tardiness in replying to the correspondence headed "The Rev. David Inglis' letter," and which I forwarded to you herewith, and which I had caused to be published in the public papers, in order to get justice, in April last, for my minister. †

\* It appears that this was the employment of the Rev. David Inglis and Duncan McRuar on the Fast Day at Ayr. The Rev. Duncan McRuar considered his Fast Day "as sacred as the Sabbath," and for this reason could not attend a service held on that evening in the church of his brother Minister in the village, where many Ministers were present. The evening was spent in more congenial occupation, and it must have been delightful to find such brotherly love abounding, where the term of "A whining hypocrite," so shortly before was the most appropriate term so often used by the Rev. Duncan McRuar to designate his now "dear brother."

## †THE REV. DAVID INGLIS' LETTER.

*From the Spectator of 4th May.*

[COPY.]

HAMILTON, 24th April, 1861.

REV. AND DEAR SIR.—In the Semi-Weekly *Spectator* of this day, appears a letter signed "David Inglis," dated 22nd inst., in which there occurs the following paragraph, "I never characterized Mr. McIndoe's letter as vile, and if my recommendation to commit the letters to the flames be held as implying this, let it be remembered that this applies to Dr. Irvine's."

As you were one of the Committee who had the letters in question under consideration, I will feel obliged if you will, by return of post, inform me in what light you looked upon my letters in reply to those of Mr. McIndoe.

I am, Rev. and Dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully,  
R. IRVINE.

To the Revd's. M. Y. Stark, George Smellie, James Middlemiss, Thomas J. Hodgskin, and George Cheyne, composing the Committee.

## EXTRACTED FROM REPLIES.

DUNDAS, 25th April, 1861.

"I have no remembrance of anything having been found fault with by the Committee or myself, in regard to the substance or terms of your part of the correspondence."

(Signed,)

M. Y. STARK.

ELORA, 25th April, 1861.

"So far as I can remember, there was nothing in any of your replies which called for animadversion on the part of any member of the Committee, nor anything characterized in any way in the