

lash of truth laid on by Dr. Ferrier, had recourse to calumny and slander, and these they plied with a villainous vileness that has seldom been equalled. His kindly mind and gentle spirit could ill endure such unchristian and savage treatment. Though an excellent and acceptable preacher and confessedly a faithful pastor, he began to think it would be for his own peace, and as he hoped for the interests of Christ's cause, to seek a field of labour beyond the Atlantic, as flattering prospects of usefulness were held out to him there by brethren from Scotland. At last the resolve to leave was matured, and he and his family, to the regret and with the best wishes of many, sailed for New York on the 11th August, 1841. Immediately on arrival he connected himself with the Old School Presbyterian Church, and was very soon called by the Congregation of Union Town, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. He accepted of this call, and with his family settled there in February 1842. In April following he was unanimously elected President of Madison College, and Professor of Moral and Physical Science, and in May he was publicly inaugurated President and delivered an inaugural address which was, by request, soon after published. This very able address we have seen, and have no hesitation in saying that it is worthy the mature scholarship of our departed friend. His hands were now full of work and merited honour came to cheer him therein. In 1843 Union College Schenectady, New York, conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor in Divinity, and few we ween deserved it better or have worn it more humbly and gracefully. Every thing went on prosperously till in 1844, owing to the action of the Pennsylvania Legislature, the funds of the University failed, and the College had to be closed. The congregation of Union Town being small and not able to afford suitable support to the Dr. and his large family, he felt it his duty to look out for another sphere of labour. "But (as writes one of the family,) by this time he had seen something of the working of Republican Government, as it affected both Church and State, and especially perceiving, with deep regret, that the pastoral tie was not respected and felt in its importance and solemnity: and being wearied of the unstable character of the American Congregations, he thought of visiting Canada." He did so, and received encouragement to settle there. He and his family reached Hamilton, C. W., on the 24th January, 1845.

Soon after his arrival in Canada, circumstances, which need not be particularized, induced him to enter on a mission in connection with the then newly formed Free Church. Some have been disposed to blame Dr. Ferrier for this step. And no doubt had he then dreamed that it would lead to such painful annoyance as it did, it had not been taken. But we know that he took it for the best, and felt confident that thereby he sacrificed no principle. Still, as is well known, the place proved too strait for him, and his Scriptural principles and enlightened convictions, so that ere long he was necessitated to "enlarge the place of his tent."