

these scenes with some of my brethren, we thought of the capability of the land for the maintenance of a numerous population—of the labour to be put forth in converting it into cultivated fields, and of the exertions of sanctified man, and of the gracious influence of heaven, which must also be employed ere this or any other portion of the moral wilderness, can yield a proper increase to our God. "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him."

The meeting of Presbytery was held for a visitation of the congregation, on the request of the Minister himself. The congregation has unhappily, for a year past, been divided in sentiment, in regard to the order in which the English and Gaelic service shall be conducted on the Lord's day. The greater number of the Highlanders who comprise it, contending that their tongue shall have equal honour with the English, that is, that for one six months of the year, the public services of the Sabbath shall commence with the Gaelic, and at every alternate sacramental occasion, the principal part of the service shall be in that tongue also. The English part of the congregation, with a minority of the Highlanders, contend that no alteration shall be made in the existing arrangement, according to which, the Gaelic service follows the English, and on Communion Sabbaths, the Gaelic sermon is preached in a private house adjacent to the church, and only one or two tables are addressed in Gaelic, while all the rest of the service is in English. The Highlanders, it should be stated, make their wrong to consist, not in the slight thrown upon their native tongue, but in the inconvenience they find in travelling home at a late hour on the Sabbath afternoon, after the Gaelic service is ended. This dispute came under the consideration of the Presbytery at a former meeting, through the complaint and appeal of a member of the Session. The Presbytery, then, in a very patient consideration of all the circumstances of the case, enjoined Mr. McMillan to continue the services as heretofore, taking care to have the English service over in time to admit of the Gaelic service being concluded before a late hour in the afternoon, and to have a sufficient number of tables addressed in Gaelic on the Communion Sabbath. The Presbytery were unanimous in this decision. For though the Gaelic party in the congregation, were the more numerous, it was admitted on all hands, that they all understood English as well as Gaelic, except fourteen; and of this

number, several were contented with the existing arrangement. The Highlanders have thus the advantage over their brethren of the Saxon stock, inasmuch, as that with few exceptions, they understand both languages, and can profit from both services. The decision of the Presbytery was not however cordially submitted to; and as several had withdrawn or threatened to withdraw from the church, Mr. McMillan sought, as we have said, a Presbyterial visitation. On Wednesday the 16th, the Presbytery met in the Church.

The Moderator, in absence of the brother, who had been appointed for the occasion, preached from these words of our Lord, "Woe unto the world because of offences," Matt. xviii, 7.

He showed, that as the world was full of causes of offence or snares to the followers of the Saviour, so, in a state of the veriest woe from the displeasure and condemnation of God, the followers of the Saviour themselves—those at least who professed to be such—often placed stumbling-blocks or snares in the way of each other, and of the world.

The heads of the discourse which went to explain some of the more common offences of this kind, were as follows: First, the use of things which seem to be lawful in themselves, may yet ensnare others, who doubt the lawfulness of them, or cannot use them without certain danger to their souls.

Second, the sins of those who are conspicuous in the church, from their profession, or office, prove a snare or stumbling-block to the world.

Third, divisions and contentions amongst the professed followers of the Saviour, have the same tendency.

So, Fourthly, has a low state of Religion in the church.

Mr. Ferguson followed with a Gaelic Sermon: but, not being gifted like many of the people of Caledon, with the knowledge of both tongues, I can make no record of it.

After these services, the Presbytery was solemnly constituted with prayer.

The Moderator explained the object of the meeting, and according to the permission given, several of the elders and members of the Church came forward, and stated their views, concerning the ground of the contention existing among them.—It was in itself very pleasing to find, that no party, nor individual, whispered the slightest complaint against the private or ministerial deportment of Mr. McMillan; on the other hand, all who were interrogated on the subject, bore testimony to his