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IN MEMORIAM

"At River Dennis, C. B., on January 24th, 1877, Malcolm MacLeod, a native of the town of Stornoway in the Island of Lewis, in the 72nd year of his age."

During the three last years of his life, his dear Saviour saw it necessary to visit him with a lingering and painful illness, which he, under the conviction that all things work together for good to them that love God, endured with that meek and patient submission to the will of Heaven which Jesus alone can and will impart to his own suffering children. At length the appointed period or moment arrived, when his soul, purified in the furnace of affliction, forsook its clay tenement and was wafted to the regions of immortality and bliss. He is now in the enjoyment of that sweet rest that remaineth for the children of God. He has now found Him whom his soul loved and sought many years sorrowing. From his earliest years he was under strong convictions of the truth and importance of religion, and as he was advancing in years a vein of serious godliness was pervading his entire life. He cordially appreciated Gospel ordinances and the distinctive principles which characterise our beloved Presbyterianism. They were his daily bread. He adorned the Christian profession by a life and conversation becoming the Gospel of Christ, and perhaps it might be difficult to find one so guarded and circumspect in word and deportment. He often gave expression to the feeling that he feared to be left to utter any word or act in any way inconsistent with his profession and thus bring reproach on the holy cause of Christ. This was a very prominent feature of his character.

Chosen to the office of Elder and Catechist in our church which he filled with honour and satisfaction for over 25 years, in the exercise of which his unaffected modesty, blended with gentleness and kindness procured for him general esteem, we all have sustained a heavy loss in his death. The settlement in which he resided has lost one who sought its