

MEMOIR.

JOHN MACLEAN, the author of the following Poems, was born at Caolas in the island of Tiree, Argyleshire, on the 8th day of January, 1787. He was married to Isabell Black, daughter of Duncan Black, elder, Lismore, in 1808. He published a volume of Gaelic songs in 1818. He emigrated to America in 1819. He died on the 26th of January, 1848. In Scotland he was known as Bard Thighearna Chola; in this country as Am Bard Mac-Gilleain.

Upon coming to America the Poet settled at Baile-Chnoic, Barney's River, in the county of Pictou. From Baile-Chnoic he moved in 1830, six miles further east, to a place which is now known as Glenbard. Whilst in Scotland he was in very comfortable circumstances; during his first few years in this country he was in poor circumstances, and endured much hardship. He lived in the middle of the woods. He had to cut down the trees and prepare the land for cultivation. In his well-known poem on America, he has the following reference to his lonely situation:—

"Cha'n iognadh dhomhsa ged tha mi bronach,
'S ann tha mo chomhnaidh air cul nam beann;