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were showing them the house of John Knox. It happened that our interpreter, or rather the Livingstonian interpreter, had no extensive acquaintance with John Knox, and he told the people that here was the house of John the ox (John gumbe)

THE SCHOOL, FARMING, BUILDING, &c.

I must now conclude by mentioning how we are getting on in various departments of work, &c.

School.—The numbers are increasing. After we came up to Blantyre we had twenty-five on the roll, and now we have forty-one. Further, we can say here, what we cannot always say at home—that, except in the case of sickness, the number on the roll has represented also the average attendance. I begin to wonder that children, who were before utterly unaccustomed to confinement and discipline, attend so regularly. For the last month we have had the school divided into three or four classes.

As soon as the school is dismissed in the forenoon we hand over the scholars to Mr. Buchanan who generally finds some work for them in the garden or about the houses. At twelve o'clock they come in to dinner, and then play at ball till 2 p. m., when they again assemble for school. At 3 they are dismissed for the day; but those that stay on the station usually find a little employment in the garden again.

Farming.—Our spring-time is just commencing, and a good deal of work is being done around the houses. So many workers are now employed that the school will not hold all that assemble for the evening meeting. The people seem to be much more willing to work about the houses than to work on the road.

Building.—A good deal is being done in the erection of various houses. The works of this kind on hand at present are a new kitchen, a byre, a hen-house, and some others. Also, the farmyard is being fenced in. Yours very sincerely,

DUFF M'DONALD, B.D.

11th September 1878.

Correspondence on the Organ question will appear in our next.

The new church built by Rev. Mr. Murray in British Columbia, is at Nicola, and not at Moela, as erroneously printed in the March RECORD.

THE U. P. PRESBYTERY OF BUCHAN has decided by the casting vote of the moderator that marriage with a diseased wife's sister is not forbidden by Scripture, and that, therefore, where such marriages have been contracted they should not be made a bar to church membership.

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