

more mysterious designs of infinite Wisdom, yet willing to bow to the authority of his Church and to accept its teaching upon a most vital doctrine as emanating from a degree of enlightenment by the Holy Spirit, which has not been vouchsafed to himself individually. I am very far indeed, from approving of Mr. Macdonnell's promulgating his doubts and difficulties in his public ministrations, but I readily believe that in the Old Kirk he would have found so much of that charity, which covereth a multitude of sins as would have been satisfied with visiting this indiscretion, with at most a reprimand and an injunction to abstain from such action in future. For my own part I trust I may say that since there has been union between these brethren I feel nothing but good will towards their Church, yet I do think it would have been none the less to the glory of God, and for the harmony and consolidation of that Church if the milder counsels proposed had prevailed in regard to a brother wandering in doubt and perplexity.

I am, Mr. Editor,
Yours, &c.
LAYMAN.

To the Editor of the Record.

DEAR SIR,—At the end of May I was appointed by the Presbytery to labour as a Catechist for two months at Newton, River Inhabitants, and Black River, Cape Breton, I must speak in the highest terms of the kindness shown me, for I was favourably received and hospitably entertained everywhere. I commenced my work on June 11th, at River Inhabitants, making Black River my next station and Newton my last. Thus three Sabbaths were spent at River Inhabitants and three at Black River. The audiences at River Inhabitants were retty large and very attentive. The

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zeal of Mr. McLauchlan, Elder, deserves to be mentioned, for he is resolved to have a new tent for the summer Sacramental occasion. At *Black River, on the whole* the attendance was not so good. The two congregations at this place will probably unite in soon erecting a suitable fence around the burying-ground. At Newton I was prepared to officiate, but as at this season the people had difficulty in procuring a suitable house, none was provided. At this place I delivered but one address, and that was on a Sunday evening in the church of the Rev. Mr. Forbes, and on his invitation. One Sabbath was devoted to River Dennis. Sunday services were also given to Grandance, Kempt Road, and West Bay, and fifty-three families in their houses in the different localities were visited. The total number of occasions on which I officiated was sixteen; and I trust that if not from these, from the family visiting at least, by the blessing of God, some permanent good may have resulted.

W. C. HERDMAN.

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