

Dr. Ure, and over 90 others recorded their dissent. Liberty of conscience in interpreting the 23d chap. of the Confession of Faith, has been allowed to one constituent part of the united Church, and it is natural, in view of that concession, that others claim an equal right in interpreting other chapters, the 32nd for instance. The doubtful propriety of granting *one-sided* liberty of conscience will be sufficiently manifest in the McDonnell heresy discussion, which resulted in a *one-sided* deliverance. 'Tis dangerous to drive the thin end of the wedge of accommodation to preconceived opinions into scriptural principles and truths.

Mr. McDonnell wound up the discussion in his own case, in an able and telling speech in which he clearly defined his position, flinging aside with giant hand the cobweb misrepresentations that were woven into and around the utterances, that in his doubts and perplexity, he unguardedly gave forth, but afterwards manfully and honestly retracted.

PICTOU ISLAND.

To the Editor of the Record;

REV. SIR.—Allow me to give you and your readers a short account of my visit to this beautiful Island. Christian life and work is interesting to all those who serve the Lord, and this is my only excuse for laying before you this report.

In the first week of June, of this year I landed on the Island, and entered upon my Evangelical labours at once. My meetings were conducted much as those I used to hold in Cape Breton. On the Lord's day we had Gaelic preaching at eleven; Sunday School at

three; and English preaching at four. The attendance has been good and regular and the people are as attentive to the word preached as any of the many congregations of this province, whom I have addressed. Our Sabbath school was divided into four classes and teachers were found for each—I taking charge of the young men's class. I hope great and permanent good may result from all these Sabbath meetings. The Sunday school will be continued after I leave. During the week we had three meetings. Our English prayer-meeting on Wednesday, and afterwards Tuesday evening, was fairly attended. At these I delivered lectures on the Shorter Catechism. On Friday evenings we held a Gaelic meetings for the reading of the Word and exhortation, which was very well attended by the young men and women of the Island.

In the third week of June I instituted the St. Fillan Lodge, No. 268. Independent order of Good Templars, with a membership of eighteen. Since then eight or nine more have joined it; and I hope the day is not far distant when every inhabitant of Pictou Island above the age of twelve years shall be a member of this promising lodge of a truly great and honourable institution.

Our place of meeting, which serves as church, lodge and Schoolhouse, is small and extremely inconvenient. Efforts were made by me to obtain subscriptions for a new building. They proved abortive; but I hope they will be renewed ere long by men of greater tact and prove successful.

In all things which I undertook for the good of the Island and their souls, except this last, the inhabitants cheerfully united with me, and I trust God has blessed and will still farther bless the labour of this "reed shaken with the wind."

Yours in Him,

G. L. GORDON.