

would prefer that it should be done, if possible, with courtesy, and at least with dignity and a careful regard to fact. He says, speaking of the *Record*, "It is the only denominational periodical in the whole world which seems to rejoice in the success of Mr. Macmillan in prosecuting the Free Church because she will have none of him, &c." This is simple calumny, and altogether at variance with the truth, as we shall prove. In our February No. of 1860, page 48, we said: "The man Macmillan may be a very worthless character. We believe he is so, and should have been stripped of his gown some years ago. But worthless as he is or may be, the law is bound to listen to his complaint, not for the purpose of interfering with the jurisdiction of the Free Church, but simply to ascertain whether his alleged wrong comes within their province or not." Again, in the August No., page 191: "If the charges against Macmillan be proved in fact, he will find neither *solatium* from a jury nor sympathy from the public." Such was and is our opinion of the individual, Macmillan, nor are we aware that anything has appeared in the *Record* jarring with that opinion. But it is a very different matter indeed when we come to look at the *principle* which the case involves. We believe that the jurisdiction which the Free Church claims will not and ought not to be granted to any ecclesiastical body either in Scotland or elsewhere, and if in maintaining this opinion we occupy a *degraded* position, we occupy it in common with such men as Lord President Macnair, and nine-tenths of the press of Scotland of all shades of opinion.

An obscure Free Church preacher, writing of one of the most gifted and highly respected ministers of the Church of Scotland as one Dr. Turner, is extremely ridiculous: it reminds us of Waller, who spoke of one Milton, a blind man, who wrote a poem called *Paradise Lost*. He tells his readers the *Record* has only a limited circulation in New Brunswick. We are not aware that he has seen our subscription list, nor do we know what he may understand by the term limited, but we are happy to say that the number we send to St. John is, with one or two exceptions, as large as to any congregation in our connection; and altogether, both in payability and numbers, we are fully as well supported in New Brunswick as in Nova Scotia. Even if the statement had been literally true, the spirit in which it is made is paltry in the extreme. We have many warm friends in New Brunswick, and we question if the *Presbyterian* will succeed in cooling any of them.

In conclusion, we have found no fault with the Rev. editor for advocating union; he has a perfect right to do so, and if this *Record* should see fit with all honesty and earnestness to recommend a still closer and more intimate union with the Parent Church, as what we

believe to be the most conducive to her interest and honor, for the *Colonial Presbyterian* to interfere with our action as he has done is a piece of very gratuitous impertinence, and we believe that it will be considered as such by the great majority of our readers in New Brunswick. Against the union between the Free and U. P. Churches we have not written a word—the matter is beyond our province—but we observe that Free Church ministers of mark in Scotland have spoken of Union and Unionists in a style we should consider very naughty and improper. Why does not the *Presbyterian* attack them? they are the real offenders.

ERRATA.

The following errors occurred in the Account handed in by the Treasurer of Lay Association, for the district of Pictou and published in last number.

For £1 12s. 6d., read 12s. 6d.; for £1 5s., read 5s.; for 6s. 7½d., read 5s. 7½d.

The Treasurer of the Pictou Auxiliary Bible Society, acknowledges receipt of £7 12s. 7d., as a free contribution from Gairloch Congregation.

Pictou, April 1861.

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April 15, Cash from West Branch	
East River Congregation,	£9 0 0
April 10, Cape John Cong'n.,	£4 11 1
River John Cong'n.,	3 0 0
West B. E. River Cong'n.,	6 0 0
East B. E. River Cong'n.,	15 11 1
	£37 11 1

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March, Col. St. Andrew's Ch.,

Pictou,

£8 5 10½

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Pictou, April 10th. 1861.

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