

said aloud ; and regarding the catechist's remark as the reverse of complimentary, the damsel in a huff left the room. But the marriage was arranged before they went away, and took place soon after. This second wife was Dr. Macdonald's mother, and he was her second child.

In James' day, in Carlinness, a true follower of Christ had, ecclesiastically, a difficult part to act. His safe course was a narrow one, between two opposing parties, both of whom would try to draw him to their side. If he remained in the Establishment, he was in danger of countenancing men, who craved the office of the ministry, merely that thereby they might earn a stipend, and who employed the stipend in degrading the office by which they had acquired it. If he joined the Separatists, who had ceased to hear the ministers of the Established Church, he would forsake his "mother's house," where he had been born again, and fed with "the sincere milk of the word." In either case he would encounter a double opposition. The two classes of ministers would oppose him if he seceded, and if he remained in the church, and was faithful, both the Separatists and the Moderates would be against him. He chose to remain in his "mother's house ;" and he so conducted himself there, as to secure the confidence and affection of the godly, and the respect of the ungodly, ministers around him ; and at the same time to retain the respect, as a tribute to his un-