

and progress was made in various directions. A noticeable feature of the congregation was their good attendance on Sabbath. In the Sunday-school I was greatly helped by Mr. James McKinlay, and afterwards by Mr. John McTaggart.

The union of the churches in 1875 helped greatly to consolidate the congregation, and the opening of the railway tended to make travel easier. Under the hand of a kind over-ruling Providence, the congregation continued to maintain its own in the midst of many difficulties and sorrows. One after one of the old people passing away, at last made Gaelic preaching unnecessary, and so it was gradually discontinued.

Owing to ill-health, I was obliged to resign towards the close of 1888, but from my residing at Sonya, I was still more or less identified with the progress of the congregation, and was glad to witness the building of a new church under the ministry of the Rev. Mr. McLeod, my successor.

When Mr. McLeod left, the congregation called the Rev. Mr. Bremner, whose short pastorate we all regretted, owing to ill-health.

The congregation is now in a flourishing condition under the leadership of the Rev. Mr. Sinclair, and its jubilee is about to be celebrated with every prospect of success. "Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things, and blessed be His glorious name forever, and let the whole earth be filled with His glory; Amen and Amen."

(Signed) ARCHIBALD CURRIE.

Letter of Rev. Dr. McLeod

ATWOOD, June 23rd, 1902.

Rev. P. F. Sinclair, M. A. :

Dear Sir:—Kindly accept for yourself personally, and for the congregation of St. Andrew's church, Sonya, of which you are Pastor, the hearty congratulations of Mrs. McLeod and myself on your approaching jubilee.

In this new country it is no small thing to be able to say that you have been an organized congregation for half a century. But the importance of the event is greatly enhanced when we compare the state of things at the beginning of that period with