

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1872.

belonged to us" - but simple ways did not seem to please him as of old. He was a hard student and spent the next summer under Dr Walker of Muthell. We moved to the Highlands next November 1841 - Father becoming gardener to Sir Archibald Campbell of South House in the Parish of Fortingal. John paid us a short visit next summer and again in September 1843. I was now advancing in my own studies and encouraged by many letters received regularly from him began to look forward to a bright career for myself somewhat resembling his, alas! how differently, and how wide apart have we two travelled during the past "want" seven years!! - At this time he was Sub Editor of the "Witnes" and had about the Deming Hall at Edinburgh, having succeeded with the Free Church after bravely escaping Populera from the College of St. Andrews on account of some general breaking of old established rules in company with several others. He had begun at this time to exhort and lecture on occasions and on Sunday evening had made an appointment to expound at "Balnacraig" I walked along with him until we came to the "dividing Dyke" when he quietly asked me to go home, I did not venture to ask the reason or even to reply. He crossed the Dyke and proceeded to Balnacraig. I wandered slowly home, wondering if he was as clever a man as we thought him to be" when a critic of thirteen years old, could not be allowed to hear "Brother John's" "Madder discourse" in the thatched Barn of old Duncan McDonald, Balnacraig, Fortingal. I never asked him why and we never referred