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SUGGESTED SYMPOSIUM ON GAELIC PROVERBS. It has been suggested to us, and we gladly fall in with the suggestion, that the columns of The Highland News could be utilised with very great advantage in the direction indicated by the heading we have chosen. Our proverbs are a constant source of pleasure and instruction to the most thoughtful exponents of the Highland mind and aspirations, and indeed to the whole Highland people. We are constantly told that the News is not only a comprehensive newspaper, but a positive and valuable literature. We have the great pleasure of knowing that it is carefully filed and preserved by many of our readers, as carefully as their good books. No higher compliment than this could be paid to us and to the efforts we have put forth to make our paper worthy of the name it bears. Our whole aim is to make The Highland News the fullest and most comprehensive expression of the best thoughts of our country. We have already succeeded beyond anything we had expected, at any rate so soon; still, we look upon our success as but an earnest of the future. We could have done nothing without the enthusiastic support and encouragement of nearly all, if not indeed all, of the men who are making themselves and their patriotic devotion so strongly felt in our day. We shall continue to look to them with confidence.

The suggestion regarding the proverbs has come to us from a good source, but apart from that we ourselves have thought that in our proverbs lies the best and most abiding portion of what we must call our literature. Our Gaelic poetry is by no means despicable, and our topography is of exceeding interest, but to our mind, the proverbs are supreme. Our proposal now is to invite as many of our readers as have a turn that way to send us short, bright, readable commentaries, or lay sermons, if that may better suit the theme, on such of the Gaelic proverbs as may be more directly before their minds. We suggest that commentaries should be of such a length that three will take up one column. In special instances this limit may be relaxed, but we do not think that any sermon should be allowed to go beyond half a column.

In order to avoid trouble, we further suggest that readers should send us beforehand the proverbs on which they intend to write—no one sending more than six. This will prevent more than one person writing on the same proverb, but on this point we shall not be too exclusive, as, on occasions, it may be very desirable to have more than one commentary on a proverb.

Our intention is to preserve the "Symposium," and to issue it in permanent form. We mean it to be a very interesting production, and we are certain that by the assistance and sympathy of our readers it shall be so.

John Macmillan, gamekeeper on the Aldourie estate, was drowned on Saturday night by falling out of the ferry boat at Bona, near Dochfour.

BIRTHS. At 55 Huntly Street, Inverness, on the 31st ultimo, the wife of W. D. Forbes, Printer, of a daughter. At Strathpey Hotel, Grantown, on the 31st ultimo, the wife of J. B. Fraser, of a daughter. At 1 Rose Street, Inverness, on the 27th instant, the wife of A. Mackie, Flesher, New Market, of a daughter. At Milthorpe, Inverness, on the 26th instant, the wife of Dun. Cameron, of a son. At 8 Union Road, Inverness, on the 27th instant, the wife of J. H. Mackenzie, Jeweller, of a son. At Graham Cottage, Tain, on the 23rd instant, the wife of Duncan Matheson, Grocer, of a daughter. At Oakes Villa, Invergordon, on the 20th ultimo, the wife of Archibald Watson, of a son.

MARRIAGES. At St John's Church, Kensal Green, London, on the 27th ultimo, by the Rev. Mr. Thorburn, Evan Charles Jack, Inverness, to Matilda Ellen, eldest daughter of John Thorpe, Esq., Kelso House, Killburn Lane, London. At 1 Burntisland Street, Nairn, on the 26th instant, by the Rev. John Martin, P.C., assisted by Rev. C. Macdonald, E.C. (cousin to the bride), James Fletcher Martin, to Maggie, third daughter of Donald Macdonald, Nairn.

DEATHS. At Port Elizabeth, South Africa, on the 7th instant, James George Nicolson, aged 23, son of the late Archibald Nicolson, blacksmith, Stornoway. At 11 Macrae, on Sunday, the 28th ult. Mary Macleod Monro, eldest daughter and last surviving child of the late Charles Monro of Allen, aged 90 years. At 6 Albert Place, Inverness, on the 1st inst., James Leslie, infant son of Alexander Stuart—deeply regretted. At 18 Melville Street, Edinburgh, on the 28th inst., Jessie Macleod, wife of Alexander Macdonald, National Bank, Portree, Isle of Skye. Friends will please accept this intimation. No flowers.

At Duntart, Glen-Urquhart, on the 30th ult., Catherine Macdonell, youngest daughter of the late William Macdonell, farmer. At 43 Innes Street, Inverness, on the 28th ult., Mary Isabella, youngest daughter of Colin Cameron. At Fortrose, on the 28th ult., Willie, son of Mr. J. M. Stuart, merchant, aged 21 months.

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The Finance Committee of the Inverness Town Council were engaged for an hour and forty minutes on Monday evening passing accounts. Those numbered 167, and involved sums amounting in the aggregate to about £1600.

MUTUAL HELP AMONG INVERNESS CAB-DRIVERS.—The annual meeting of the Inverness Cabdrivers' Benefit Society took place in the Burgh Court-House on Monday evening, when the treasurer and secretary had very favourable reports to present. The secretary stated that the drivers were punctual in the payment of their weekly subscriptions, and that they were appreciating the benefit of having such a Society to fall back upon in times of sickness or trouble. The meeting was of the opinion that if the benefits offered to the cabdrivers were more widely known a considerable number of ladies and gentlemen would join the Society as honorary members. The subscription for an honorary member is 10s 6d for the first year, and 5s yearly thereafter. The drivers pay 1s of entry money, and a weekly subscription of 4d; and for this they receive when unwell 10s per week during illness if it does not exceed 13 weeks. There is also a payment of £5 upon the death of a member to cover ordinary expenses, £4 upon the death of a member's wife, and £1 upon the death of a member's child. Names of ladies and gentlemen willing to become honorary members will be received by the treasurer, Mr Macmillan, of the Caledonian Bank, or the secretary, Mr Gillanders, Queen's Gate.

TRAIN ALTERATIONS IN APRIL.—The travelling public should note the changes which have been effected in this month's Highland Railway time table. These alterations are numerous, so much so that we can only touch or mention a few relating to the times of departure from Inverness. The present 8.35 a.m. passenger train for Forres will leave Inverness at 9.20 a.m., and call at Nairn only. The present 12.40 p.m. passenger train for Forres will leave Inverness at 1.5 p.m. A new passenger train will leave Inverness for Forres at 1.40 p.m., calling at Nairn only. The present 3 p.m. express train from Inverness to Perth will be divided, the Keith portion leaving Inverness at 3 p.m., and the Perth portion at 3.5 p.m. The present 4 p.m. passenger train for Newtounmore will leave Inverness at 4.15 p.m. A new express passenger train will leave Inverness for Perth at 5.5 p.m. and after 1st June. The present 6 p.m. passenger train from Inverness to Forres will cease to call at Alderburn. The present 8.10 p.m. passenger train for Forres will leave Inverness at 7.35 p.m. On the Northern section the present 3.15 p.m. passenger train for Helmsdale will leave Inverness at 3.10 p.m., and run earlier on to Tain. The present 5.15 p.m. passenger train for Dingwall will leave Inverness at 5.10 p.m. On the various sections of the Highland Company's line numerous changes are announced, particularly between Forres and Keith and on the Hope and Fochabers branches.

ARISAIG NOTES.—The weather of the past week was the most severe experienced here since the beginning of spring. Rain poured almost continually, while the wind at times sprang to half a gale, varying from the south-east to the north-west. This had a material effect in retarding the prosecution of the cod fishing, only one day's catch having been landed, while at the same time attempts have been tried to reach the banks which were unsuccessful. This is to be regretted, as the fishermen were looking forward to reaping a good reward, fish appearing to be very plentiful. The influenza is raging over this locality at present, sparing none who may come within its grasp, whether young or old. No fatal cases have occurred, however, although in some instances a severe shock to the system has been received. It is possible the mildness of the "Foidlich" has to account for this epidemic.

ULLAPOL NOTES.—There was quite a snowstorm in the early part of the week, and the surrounding hills are covered with snow as if it were the middle of December. The season has little of a spring aspect, and there is no doubt that agricultural operations will be much behind last year's. The nights are cold and frosty, nipping the young buds, while the day's frosts are unyielding, and which sow any seeds or cereals. It is probable there will be a stiff contest at the ensuing election of members to serve on the School Board. All the old members, with the exception of Mr Hay Mackenzie, are in the field. It is anticipated that several of the old Board will be returned, as they have not given an account of their stewardship for the past three years. This parish is doubtless behind other districts in this respect, and the ratepayers are beginning to think it is high time to send gentlemen about their business who deliberately keep them in ignorance of the administration of parish affairs. The election will take place on the 22nd curt.

SOLD OUT! The Manager of "The Highland News" receives every week a large number of letters from parties who complain that they are unable to obtain the paper because it is sold out. The remedy is in their own hands. If they give a Newsagent an order for the paper to be kept for them each week they can be supplied regularly. The fact that the paper is sold out is the best evidence of the increasing demand for the Journal. Any Newsagent can get as many copies of "The Highland News" as he chooses. London Readers and News-Agents can be regularly supplied by Messrs W. E. Everett & Son, Bell's Buildings, Salisbury Square, London, E.C.

A LONDON CINDERELLA. HIGHLAND "DANCING." THE KILT INDECENT. Our London correspondent writes:—From the point of view of numbers, the cinderella dance held in the King's Hall, Holborn Restaurant, on Saturday last, under the auspices of the London Inverness-shire and Ross and Cromarty Associations, must be looked upon as a great success, there being about one hundred and fifty couples present. If, however, the entertainment be viewed from a Highlander's standpoint, it was extremely disappointing. A large proportion of the company was English, and many more belonged to that class of Scotsmen who would be English if they could, and who ape the Cockney in the most disgusting fashion. The two reels on the programme cannot be said to have been danced except by two or three "sets." The others simply waddled through the figures in the most helpless manner, to the great confusion of those who had any notion of what a Highland reel ought to be. And the Highland schottische was not much better. Here and there could be seen gentlemen hopping about quite regardless of time or tune, whilst they continually glanced over their shoulders to see what their neighbours were doing. The following dialogue, which we overheard in the course of the evening, gives a very fair idea of the class of people who now patronise these gatherings. It was during the interval before the second reel. He—"Shall we go into the next room and sit out this dance, or would you like to remain here to see the reel?" She—"I'm not sure that ma would like me to see a reel!"

A friend of ours who was one of a few gentlemen who ventured to comply with the Committee's request to come in Highland dress, but he was not at all prepared for the "sides" regarding "bare knees, indecency," &c., which he overheard on several occasions during the evening.

We have always endeavoured to point out to these and similar Associations that their first duty is to their own members and to the Highland counties which they represent, and that, however profitable it may be from a financial point of view to cater for the patronage of the Saxon, such a course must inevitably result in the alienation of the sympathies of all true Highlanders, and in the final ruin of the societies themselves.

CLAN CAMPBELL SOCIETY. ANNUAL GATHERING. The sixth annual gathering of members and friends of the Clan Campbell Society took place in the Trades' Hall, Glasgow, on Wednesday evening, when a large company assembled under the presidency of Colonel Campbell Hannay, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. The gallant Colonel was surrounded on the platform by Mr Angus Campbell, President; Mr Malcolm Campbell, ex-President; Mr James Campbell; Dr Campbell, Partick; Mr Archibald Campbell, Secretary; Mr W. H. Campbell, Treasurer; Captain Thorburn, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; Lieutenant Macdonald, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; Mr John Mackay; and representatives from the Clans, Grigor, Cameron, Colquhoun, and Macmillan.

The Chairman, in his opening address, referred to clan gatherings as being productive of very great good. They taught those who felt an interest in their forebears to honour them. In days gone by great heroic deeds in Scotland had been done through clanship, and, therefore, there was no reason why the deeds of honour and integrity of the present generation should not be done in the same spirit—(cheers). Glasgow was the fittest place for the outlet of the Highlands, and there were now at work in that great city societies that made those from the North look back with feelings of affection to the places where they were born and bred. The Clan Campbell was one of the largest and one of the oldest clans in Scotland, and he (the speaker) had been asked to preside over that gathering in virtue of his position as commander of the regiment which had been raised over 100 years ago, and which was greatly composed of Campbells. At one time seventeen officers of the name of Campbell had been in the regiment. That was inscribed on the records of the service, and the linking of the regiment to the county would be kept up so long as the regiment and county exist. Colonel Hannay next spoke on the clanship which existed all over the world, and observed that he had found in China and India that those who came from Scotland, and from clans of the same name, kept together, worked together, and helped each other in poverty, in distress, as well as in times of prosperity, in such a way that nothing but blood ties could keep together. He wished the Clan Campbell Society all success—(cheers).

Councillor Angus Campbell also spoke. A pleasant evening was spent, the following being the programme:—Selection, Scottish Troubadours; song, "The Lea Rig," Miss Bella Dalgligh; character sketch, Miss Mattie Crawford; song, Miss Jessie Septon; cornet solo, Sergeant Jenner; song (comic), "Ma Night Out," Mr Fred Barqueley; selection on bagpipes, Mr Robert Ross; song, Miss Jessie Septon; selection, Scottish Troubadours; song, "On Comrades, old," Miss Bella Dalgligh; character sketch, Miss Mattie Crawford; cornet solo, Sergeant Jenner; song (comic), "Our Soles," Mr Fred Barqueley; sword dance, Mr Robert Ross and party; song (selected), Miss Jessie Septon; character sketch, Miss Mattie Crawford; song (Gaelic), Scottish Troubadours; song, "Ora Pro Nobis," Miss Bella Dalgligh; song (comic), "The Volunteer's Wife," Mr Fred Barqueley; finale, "Auld Lang Syne," company.

An assembly followed, which was largely attended, dancing being kept up till an early hour next morning.

Messrs Street & Co., advertising agents, of 30 Cornhill, E.C., and 5 Serle Street, W.C., announce that in consequence of their increasing business and the convenience of their West End clients, they will open, on Monday next, a branch establishment at 164 Piccadilly, London, W.



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THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S SCHEME.

A meeting of the County Committee of the Sutherlandshire County Council was held in Golspie on Thursday. Rev. Mr. Murray, Brora, the convener, occupied the chair. The members present were Rev. Mr. Grant, Dornoch; Councillors Andrew Lindsay, Golspie; Wm. Murray, Inverar; Mackintosh, Proney; and Mr. D. Munro Fraser, H.M. Inspector of Schools.

The Clerk (Mr. Argo) read letters dated the 12th and 18th inst. from the Scotch Education Department intimating that the Department were unable for the present to take into consideration any scheme dealing with the allocation of the grant falling to be paid by the Committee in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1898.

The Clerk read a letter addressed to the Committee from Mr. David B. Fletcher, teacher of Armadale School, Thurso, and dated 14th March, 1897, to the following effect:—"I notice in the local papers that you had a discussion at your last meeting about Mr. R. Mackay, the winner of one of your bursaries. I venture to mention some particulars by way of inducing you to reconsider your decision."

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Several Members—Ah! that is the point! (laughter). The Clerk (continuing to read)—"Perhaps I may, in closing, be allowed to express the opinion that the age restriction serves no useful purpose. This is the third time it has stranded the winners"—(laughter).

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LOCHINVER—THE CRUMAR SEA WALLS.—The Standing Joint Committee of the county have given their consent to the application of the County Road Board to rebuild the sea wall at Crumar for the protection of the county road at the cost of £132.

GOLSPIE—MISSIONS.—On Wednesday evening Miss Rainy, Edinburgh, delivered a very interesting address on the Zenana Missions in India. The schoolhouse was filled with an appreciative audience, and Miss Rainy's description of the lives of Indian women was listened to with rapt attention.

PROSECUTION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF RATES.—Mr. Argo, the County Clerk, has been instructed by the Finance Committee of the Sutherlandshire County Council to take out and enforce distraint warrants against all those who neglect the collectors for the parishes of Assynt, Golspie, Kildonan, Dornoch, and Rogart who should be prosecuted for non-payment of county rates.

COTTAGE HOSPITAL FOR THE COUNTY.—The Finance Committee of the Sutherlandshire County Council have resolved to communicate with His Grace the Duke of Sutherland and other proprietors in the county, the Town Council of Dornoch, and the Parish Councils in the county, to ascertain whether they would be in favour of the building of a cottage hospital as a fitting commemoration of Her Majesty's diamond jubilee.

GOLSPIE—THE DRAINAGE AND THE WATER SUPPLY.—The Standing Joint Committee of Sutherlandshire on Thursday gave its written consent to the borrowing of £1000 for the laying of a water supply for Golspie, and to the borrowing of a similar sum for the formation of drainage works for the town.

BETHYLL—THE POLICEMAN! —The Standing Joint Committee of Sutherlandshire had before them at a meeting in Golspie on Thursday excerpts of minutes of meetings of the Justices of the Peace for Dornoch, in which they expressed a desire to have a policeman stationed at Bethyll. The excerpts represented the results of three meetings held in August and November, 1896, and March, 1897. At the last mentioned meeting a letter was read from the Chief Constable, in which that official stated that, while most anxious that a constable should be stationed at Bethyll, that could not, in his opinion, in which he was supported by the Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland—be done until the necessary addition was made to the police force of the county, an addition which has been refused by the County Council, and that therefore the matter had been referred to the Secretary for Scotland. Councillor Wm. Murray moved that the communications lie on the table. Mr. Bruce, Helmsdale, seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

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HELMSDALE.—We are glad to learn that Messrs G. T. Armstrong and C. Mackenzie have successfully passed the Queen's Scholarship examination held at the centre—Wick—on December last. Some good hauls of cod have been landed here this week. One boat landing a haul of 19 score, which were sold at 1s 4d per cod.

HELMSDALE'S LAZY CORNER.—Watt, Logan, or someone else sings about "the streets and openings of the gates, where pours the busy crowd." The poet, however, must have referred to the time when, according to the ancient historians, there was "something doing" in the world.

BLACK ISLE NEWS. AVOCH—SCHOOL INSPECTIONS.—The annual school inspections took place here this week. Killen School was inspected on Tuesday, the Public School on Thursday, and the Mackenzie Institute on Friday.

PORTROSE—HARBOUR COMMITTEE MEETING.—At a meeting of the Harbour Committee—presided over by Provost Sutherland—it was agreed to carry out the repairs at the Harbour suggested in communications submitted by the Harbourmaster, Capt. Grieve.

PORTROSE—SCHOOL BOARD.—Mr P. Burgess having withdrawn his name from the nomination schedule for the approaching triennial election, there are now six candidates for five seats.

PORTROSE—RECREATION PARK.—The Recreation Committee have agreed to lease the park belonging to Messrs Young for a period of fifteen years, with a break at seven years.

PORTROSE—ESTABLISHED PRESBYTERY.—A meeting of the Established Presbytery was held here on Tuesday, when the following representatives, clerical and lay, were appointed to the General Assembly:—Ministers—Rev. C. G. Mackenzie, and Mr. J. Macdonald, Kilmearn, elders—Rev. John Mackenzie-Gibson, Edinburgh (late of Avoch), and Mr. Thompson, Cromarty.

PORTROSE—FREE PRESBYTERY.—At a meeting of the Free Presbytery of Chanoiry held on Tuesday the following ministers and elders were appointed as representatives to the General Assembly:—Ministers—Rev. C. Falconer, Portrose, and Revs. Messrs Macleod, Munloch, and Maciver, Elders—Mr. J. Henderson, Portrose, Mr. A. Middleton, Roselorn, Cromarty, and Major Grieve, Edinburgh.

NAINR NEWS. Mr E. Willison, Nainr, burgh surveyor, has, we understand, been appointed assistant engineer in the office of the Sanitary Protection Association, Edinburgh.

Mr George Rose, a young man of much promise, and son of Mr Rose, gardener at Larkfield, has died at Calcutta. Mr Rose had only recently arrived in India.

It is stated that the defenders in the Nairn slander case have given notice for a new trial on the ground that the verdict was contrary to the evidence. The motion will be heard in May.

Mr William Masson, who has served his law apprenticeship in Mr Donaldson's office here, is leaving for a situation in Kelso, where he was presented by a number of friends with a Bible and travelling bag.

FREE CHURCH.—The annual financial statement of the Free Church shows a total income for the year of £1120 7s 1d, being an increase of £15 as compared with last year.

EDDERTON SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.—This election took place on Monday with the following result:—Donald Reid, 80; John Munro, 68; Alexander Cowan, 58; Rev. D. Forbes, 50; Donald Ross, 37; Rev. W. MacLeod, 28; J. B. James, 22; M. Macpherson, 22; Robert Mackay, 20.

ROSS-SHIRE PLOUGHMEN AND THE UNION SECRETARY.—At a special meeting of the Kilmuir Branch of the Ploughmen's Union, called for the purpose, Mr Meldrum was presented with a superb and massive marble amplice, in appreciation of his services as county treasurer since the formation of the Union.

EDDERTON—OPENING OF CARRYBLAIR WATERWORKS.—The ceremony of formally opening to the public the water works at Carryblair, in the parish of Edderton, was performed by Mrs Forbes, P.C. Manse, Edderton, on Saturday in presence of a large gathering of parishioners and other spectators.

BEAULY—RIFLE CLUB.—At the annual meeting of the Beauly Rifle Club, held in the Drill Hall on Saturday evening—Lieut. Mackenzie in the chair—the following were appointed office-bearers for the present year:—President, Lieut. Mackenzie; vice-president, Sergt. Scott; captain, Sergt. Lennox; secretary and assistant secretary, Sergt. Scott and Pte. G. Robertson; committee—Pte. Chalmers, Corp. Geo. Macleod, Pte. R. Mackenzie, Pte. J. Paterson, Pte. D. J. Macleod, Pte. J. Macleod, Pte. A. Henderson, Pte. J. Macleod, Pte. J. Cameron, Pte. J. Macpherson, and Sergt. J. Campbell.

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FORT-WILLIAM NEWS.

LOCHIEL'S CROFTERS AND THE MALLALG RAILWAY.—Three of the four interdicts by the crofters of Corpach and Kinlochiel against the contractors and the West Highland Railway Company have been adjusted for settlement. The remaining interdict, which is at the instance of Widow Macphee, Corpach, is still going on.

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KILMALLIE SCHOOL BOARD.—A special meeting of the School Board was held on Monday. The resignation of Miss Bruce, one of the teachers in the Fort-William Public School, was read; also was read H.M. Inspector's reports on the Fort-William, Onich, and Kinlochiel Schools.

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TIDE TABLE.

Table with columns: Date of Month, Morning, Evening, H. M., H. M. Rows for April 4th to 10th.

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As being of direct personal interest to Highlanders, and especially Hebrideans, we propose to insert an article in our next issue dealing with the Navy estimates for the current year in so far as they affect the alteration of the Royal Naval Reserve Force.

STEAMER COALING.—On Monday of last week the steamer "Highlander," of Whitley (Captain Milburn), called here on her way from Galveston, Texas, to Aarhus, Denmark, with grain for coals, and having been supplied with 143 tons, sailed same day.

ODDFELLOWS' CHURCH PARADE.—On Sunday evening the members of the Royal Lewis Lodge of Oddfellows—to the number of seventy—attended Divine worship in the United Presbyterian Church. The brethren were in full regalia, and every precaution was taken to insure the parade in a body in church.

DEATH OF A YOUNG STORNOWEGIAN IN AFRICA.—On Tuesday news was received in Stornoway of the death of Mr James George Nicolson, son of the late Mr Archibald Nicolson, blacksmith, Stornoway, which took place at Port Elizabeth, South Africa, on 7th March. The cause of death was acute dysentery.

DEATH FROM EXPOSURE.—Ann Morrison (75), a spinster, residing with Mardo Morrison, crofter, Garyard, Lochs, was on Thursday morning, 25th March, found dead. She was for some time laid up with influenza, and the doctor was called in. Under his treatment she improved considerably, and on Wednesday night the people of the house thought it was not necessary to sit up watching her.

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LETTER FROM MR ALFRED NUTT.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HIGHLAND NEWS."] DEAR SIR.—There are some misprints in my letter printed in your issue of the 27th inst.

which, I daresay, has already received correction. But in paragraph one I did not "translate," but "transcribe," Mr Mackenzie's statement. In paragraph two (ll. 4-5) I said that "languages are the outcome of historical conditions, and react back upon those conditions."

I venture to think that all Mr Mackenzie's further arguments in your issue of the 27th inst. are met by my previous letter. He is perfectly right when he disputes the possibility of defining a Celt racially, but this impossibility extends to every known variety of men.

We cannot even be sure in dealing with such apparently unixed races as the Veddas of Ceylon or the Aborigines of Australia that we have not a fusion of different racial elements and diverse sociological phases before us. But again, I say, let us use our common-sense. Our use of the words Greek, Roman, English, French, German, Scandinavian, Slav is perfectly legitimate, although we don't know how many strains of blood have gone to the manufacture of each national entity, although we know very imperfectly of what diverse elements the civilization of each is compounded.

In this sense I hold we are perfectly entitled to speak of "Celts," "Celtic characteristics," "Celtic temperament," &c. We prejudice nothing as to origin; we merely put on record the fact that a certain set of men have been known for some 2400 years; that during this period of time they spoke varieties of a language marked by exceedingly definite linguistic peculiarities, themselves the outcome of a definite psychological tendency; that during 1000 years at least they have produced literature differing markedly from that of any other European set of men (I avoid the word race, it will be seen); and, finally, that this set of men preserved later than any other Europeans a social organization, common, so far as we know, to all Europeans at one time, and have preserved with greater fulness and tenacity a series of what in default of better term, must be called religious and legal conceptions, likewise presumably common at one time to all Europeans.

If this does not justify a distinctive appellation, what does? Of course we must not be the slaves of our terminology, and detail a mystic fantastic element in the conception of Celticity. Celts are what they are in virtue of their past; their future is in their own hands. But I rather suspect that it is here the shoe pinches Mr Mackenzie. He probably doesn't like waist adherents and opponents alike claim as specifically Celtic traits, and he therefore denies their existence. Now I, as a Saxon, would venture to urge that whilst there is no reason why Celts should not correct their defects and endeavour to add to their qualities, there is every reason why they should cling to their distinctive qualities and essay to develop themselves on the lines of their past rather than deny that past and endeavour to thrust it out of sight. We are all, Saxons, Celts, Aryans, and pre-Aryans, common citizens of no mean state, common inheritors of an imperial tradition, common sharers in a task of supreme importance for the future of mankind. We want the help of every element of our mixed population, and we want to develop the capacities of every element to the utmost. We cannot afford to lose anything. Let each section develop for all it is worth. Tares and weeds may be forced along with the good grain; but the essential is to get all the varieties of good grain. Don't let us treat pasture as arable, moss and down alike, but seek to get out of every variety of soil its utmost measure of produce. And in so seeking, let us be tolerant of the little prejudices and little unscientific follies, which are but the froth upon the surface of any deep and vigorous movement. If Mr Mackenzie will do me the honour to look at my writing, he will not, I think, tax me with disloyalty to science; but science is better served by stating facts, or letting them produce their inevitable impression than by perpetually railing at enthusiasts, who are often indiscreet, but whose enthusiasm is a sign of life.—I am, Sir, yours, &c., ALFRED NUTT.

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A TROUBLESOME CORNER IN SCOTTISH HISTORY. HEREDITY PERFECTED.

[By Dr H. C. GILLIES.] [By JOHN MURDOCH.]

Let us again look and think. We find in a small patch of the North-East of Ireland in the early centuries of the Christian Era a small Kingdom named Dalriada, inhabited by a people who were named Scots, surrounded, except on the side next the sea, by another and assumed different race, called Cruithne or Picts.

Now, if these were "Gaidhil," and nothing occurs to me which would lead me to doubt that they were, we have the most natural corroboration of my interpretation of the name of Argyll as "airr-oir-the-gaidheil."

These were the Gaels of the western lands—the Dalriadas. They were looked upon as strangers by the native Picts of Ireland. Therefore, as clearly as anything can be proved, these people were the same as those of the west of Scotland, the same as those of Argyll, which at that time extended from the Firth of Clyde to Lochroom.

The usual story told in our histories is that about the end of the fifth century of our era (498) a colony of these Irish Dalriadas or Scots as they were called crossed into Kintyre under the care of the brothers, Eborac, Loarn, Fergus, and Angus, the sons of Eborac, the King of Irish Dalriada. The colonists took the home name with them, and that portion of Kintyre and Knapdale, which were under the rule of Fergus and his direct descendants, and had its capital at Dunadd on Dunmora, the hill west of the town, ("Abhainn fhada") on the Moss of Crinan, became the political centre of the settlement that was known later as the kingdom of Dalriada in Scotland.

Let us go back to the supposed colonisation of Scotland. I have expressed a suspicion that the Dalriads of north-east Ireland, from the time of the present-day invasion of the west of Scotland, or rather of the west of Ireland, were themselves Gaels of Alba, who in very early days crossed the coast of miles of sea between them and the coast of Ireland, and established the kingdom of the "Glen of Antrim," or rather of Antrim. It would be most interesting, and of great historical importance, if I could prove this—which I fear I cannot. Let us see. First there is the name "Eirinn," which, with the assistance of other languages, we infer must have been given to the island of Ireland, which a root "iar" means, or less, and for which I do not distinctly better than all, other derivation that has been suggested. This, then, is the west land of the Gaels, the "airr" for which we have been looking—a name that would be given to the Gaels of Scotland to those of Ireland, or at any rate to the people of Scotland to those of Ireland, for a western land, an "Eirinn," can only be spoken of by people inhabiting a land lying to east of it. I am not, however, pushing this point at present, only throwing it out for consideration. For the name "Eirinn," if it had advanced, I should be disposed to argue that "Eirinn" was an older name than Argyll by a long interval. On the assumption that the parent body gives the name rather than the child, it is not surprising that "Eirinn" was centuries older than "Argyll," and that it was given when first the people of the west of Alba first crossed the sea and made a footing in Ireland.

It is a fact of highest import in this connection that the Gaelic of Rathlin and of the Glenties, in what is now the County of Donegal, is radically different from the Gaelic of the rest of Ireland, and has its kinship entirely with the language of Argyll and the west of Scotland. I am not sufficiently acquainted with the later movements of population to know what is the exact date of the Gaelic explanation in much later events. It is, however, from any point of view highly important. There is a story in Cormac's Glossary under the word "Mug-ginne." The name of the island of Rathlin was "Mug-ginne," and is also interesting as bearing on this matter. "Cairbre Muc" brought this lap-dog from the East, or Britain; for, when great was the power of the Gael over Britain they divided Alba between them into districts, but Cairbre Muc's residence was his friend, and not he did the Gael. "Do bhaimeamar d'ost side the sea quam in Scotia." Scotia was the old name—the name at this time—for Ireland, and not for our present Scotland. In the east side of the sea, in "oir-the-gaidheil" as he admitted, did the Gaelic west side of the sea in Ireland, viz., Scotia.

Other interesting points must be left for another time. THE GAELIC LEAGUE IN BELFAST. The following is a sample of the exercises given to the teaching of Gaelic under the auspices of the Gaelic League of Belfast. It was the exercise put before the Gaelic class on St. Patrick's Day. The writing is in the Irish character, neatly executed by the cyclostyle and embellished with a sketch appropriate to the subject matter. We notice that the ornamental border is a combination of the Thistle and the Shamrock, representing the two branches of the Gaelic languages—the Scottish and the Irish. We have translated the Irish into the Roman Gaelic or English we think quite unnecessary for the understanding of the meaning.— AG BAINTE SEAMROG.

Trathuna Dia-aoine d' imich mo chéile anm féin chun searmóir do bhaint. Do shiubhalann linn gur chasad dhúinn páiré ghlas. Do chuidham isteach ann. Do chuidham searmóir. Do bhuidheall ag fáis go tigh. Do bhaimeamar dorán d'ajóibh. Atá searmóir a Eireannaighibh san t-searmóir. Atá go dearbhtha, ní f'iaos agad é an chiall atá leis. Ní f'iaos agad san-nós, is dóighe. Déir síad ag triall an chiall atá 'n' n-ábhar a searmóir g'it bhí síad mar chomhartha ag Eireannaighibh ó shoin. Chualas searmóir eigin i d-taobh de. D' fílleamar a bnaile arís. Do chuireamar na searmóir i mbosaidh. Do chuireas iad ré phost na mbeart. Do chuireas iad ré phost na mbeart. Do chuireas iad ré phost na mbeart. Do chuireas iad ré phost na mbeart. Do chuireas iad ré phost na mbeart.

THE YOUNG HIGHLANDER. THE END OF THE SEASON—A SUGGESTED FEDERATION—SOME CLOSING MEETINGS.

[By JOHN MURDOCH.]

The editor has transferred the Celtic controversy to another column, and after my mistake of last week I do not wonder. My sincerest apologies are due to Mr Nutt whose valuable communication I treated in so blundering a fashion. I keep up my connection with the Celtic controversy in its own mode, for I am deeply interested in it, though its scope has gone somewhat beyond that of the "Young Highlander" column.

The season of Literary and Debating Societies is now nearing an end, and this week I refer to a number of closing meetings. In this column I have endeavoured to chronicle the doings of the numerous Societies throughout the Highlands, and when I failed to do so I tried to say a good word for our young Highlanders. I believe that next season will show that this department of "The Highland News" has rendered some little public service. The young Highlander is not yet properly awakened, but the signs are promising, and even our ministers are awakening. Next season I hope to be a little more to bring them up to the mark.

When I started this column I made up my mind that ere now some strenuous effort should be made to form a federation of Highland Literary and Debating Societies under some such name as the Highland Literary Association. Such a body, I am convinced, might accomplish much good. But as time went on I saw that the Highlands are not quite ripe for such a federation. I should like, however, to see some Literary Society take the matter in hand at the beginning of next season.

I was at the closing meeting of the Inverness Free East Literary Society on Monday evening. The subject was "A night with Ian Maclaren." Mr Cameron, headmaster of the Central Public School, was the essayist, and he dealt with the matter in a very interesting manner. He read some tit-bits from "Kate Carnegie" and from "Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush," and with special beauty he gave the description of Dr McClure's death. Everyone was touched. "Ian Maclaren" is one of the most pathetic of writers, but he has not yet given us any of his great tributes to a mother is to me the most pathetic of all. It is so irresistible. All that I can do is to say that I know in fiction do not come near this quietly told narrative of a mother's love. By the way, the "Adsum" of Colonel Newcome is often quoted, but I have never seen it so far as outside the history of the school was concerned by Adams, who was at one time rector of the Edinburgh High School. As he was dying he said: "It's growing dark, boys; you may go."

The past session of the Free East Literary Society has been very successful. I am still surprised that not more of the young men of the congregation turn out. I am afraid that a certain type of young man—I do not mean the Free East, but in all congregations—is under the impression that Literary Societies are not orthodox. I am sorry for unorthodox beings of this sort. The ladies of the Free East have come out well, and the attendance has always been very good.

Last week the Free High Church Literary Society closed for the season. I am glad to hear that on the whole the season has been a good one, though the attendance has not been quite up to the mark. There is a chance that ere next season a very interesting movement may spring from this Society. More I cannot say at present, but I should like to hear when the matter is made public that it is taken up with real enthusiasm.

COMPREHENSIVE KLEPTOMANIA. HEREDITY PERFECTED.

[By JOHN MURDOCH.]

Hereditarily is now a science as it was at all times a fact, and if we do not find in the sixteenth century the origin of the grasping of Argyll and Macleod, we at least get many instructive details as to how the transition from the patriarchal to the feudal system was availed of to develop and strengthen the comprehensive kleptomania in defence of which the Argyll of the present day is not ashamed to earn an unenviable distinction. The propensity was well planted in the days of the great Colin of Lochawe, it was well watered by the earls, and brought to perfection by the present Duke. Circumstances have so changed that the perfectly developed faculty finds new and more ingenious methods, and the perfect the safeguards against the propensity to purloin, the finer the exhibition we may expect of the skill and dexterity of the latest great master of the art. As the feudal system has disappeared, the art of stealing has become a dual hands, and as those hands have perfected their cunning, so the art of sport, devices of law men, and even the poverty and timidity of the lower grades of character, have all been admirably made use of to supplement what was acquired by the charter, the faithless promise, and the Duke of Argyll's friend of the present Duke of Argyll did on his accession was to set aside the old and recognised rights of the tenants by confiscating property which they had inherited, and expropriating what they had inherited. Let me Macfarlane assured me in presence of several corroborating witnesses that it was the practice of the native farmers in Mull to buy and sell the right to holdings of land. Hector Campy brought a croft from John Macfarlane, and Duncan MacGormick was witness to the transaction. 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# HECTOR MACRAE:

A STORY OF THE WEST.

By Hannah B. Mackenzie, Author of "The Factor's Daughter," &c.

## CHAPTER XV.—(Continued.)

The minister shook hands with Hektor, and the dogcart rolled out of his grounds. But they were no sooner out of sight and earshot of the manse inmates than Val, throwing herself back in her seat, clasped her hands over her face, and burst into a fit of uncontrollable and almost convulsive laughter.

"Don't look at me—don't!" she exclaimed, as Hektor, in rather rath astonishment, looked at her silently. "You will make me laugh the more. I can't help it—it was bound to come—I have been struggling against it all along, and now nature will have her way. Oh, that godly man! How scrupulous he was and how conscientious! Yet how dearly he loved money! Hektor is that a fair sample of your holy men in the Highlands? How altogether inexpressible is the Gael!"

Hektor could not know how much there was of nervous excitement in her laughter, of unwonted emotionalism, or of the desire to ward off anything like serious sentiment in this awkward moment. He heard only utter heartlessness and vivacity in her laughter, and it galled him at the same time that it pained him like a physical hurt.

"You offered him money," he said, his voice sounding roughened and harsh in her ears. "And it was you who did so. I am beginning already to feel how I have sold my manhood to-day. I shall never again feel as if I can stand erect under God's heaven an honest, free man, independent of everything but my own efforts and my own free will."

Val made no answer for a few moments, during which Hektor did not once look at her. Had he done so, he might have wondered a little what the sudden change in the face, that had before been laughter-lit, meant. The laughter died out of it, leaving it pale and grave.

"You are beginning to regret your bargain already, then?" she said at last. "Hektor turned to her then. Had he followed his own passionate longing, he would have taken her in his arms and held her there, declaring that, now she was his, he cared nothing for anything else, save for one thing, and that was her love. But a spirit of miserableness, brooding remorse had taken possession of him, and out of it he spoke thus."

"You call it a bargain rightly indeed. It is only that on both sides. You have used me for your convenience, and you think I am well paid if you fling your money at me. I have had the worst part of the bargain, for I have sacrificed my manhood for the chance of a possession which will never really be mine. But I have said that before; what's the good of repeating the same thing? You've got tired of hearing it. I am not going to speak about it again. We must be making the best of things. Only tell me what you wish me to do, and I'll do it."

They were once more on the high mountain path, winding up from the Redcross side. It was now early afternoon, and the sun, high in the heavens, was pouring down the full noonday blaze of sunlight upon their heads. Far below them stretched the gleaming waters of the Redcross Bay, which widened out, like those of the Kissock Loch, into the sea. On one side the road sloped down to a fertile strath, on which, as they passed, a flock of soft-eyed deer were browsing on the sward, and the bare rocks rose above them—a wall of grey whinstone, to whose crannies and crevices an occasional mountain ash or alder, or a clump of reindeer moss, found root. Val's eyes had risen to the rocks as Hektor was speaking; they were smiling a little, perhaps at the Gaelic idiom which agitation always forced from him. Suddenly she pointed with her ungloved hand to a clump of moss high in the face of the rock.

"What I wish you to do? and you will do it?" she repeated. "Well, I'm going to put your loyalty to the test. I wish very badly to have it. Will you get it for me?"

Without answering, Hektor laid the reins in her hands, and sprang from the dog-cart. Val followed him with her eyes. It looked almost an impossible climb to her, but she knew well Hektor's capabilities in that way were. He climbed the almost perpendicular rock like a chamois, putting his foot in invisible crevices, clinging on to projecting spurs of the rock, swinging himself up by the help of an ash or a rowan tree. But the feat became more difficult of accomplishment as he ascended higher. Val grew dizzy following him. When he reached a point at which the rock was unusually smooth, and seemed to hang in mid-air, Val hid her eyes. But she looked again presently, and saw him reach up his hand and drag the moss from its bed. Then the descent began; it was more dangerous even than the ascent. On his foot slipping, and Val uttered a little cry, turning paler than her wont, and biting her lip hard. He righted himself in a moment, and carefully feeling his way, was soon near enough to the bottom to clear the distance at a bound. Then, as if he had not just risked his life for a coil of moss, he crossed the road, and laid the trophy, without a word, on Val's knee.

The girl took it and held it in her hand, looking at it with a smile. She was curiously pale. Then, unfastening the clasp of her cloak, she fastened it in the bosom of her gown, securely clasping it with a brooch there.

"You have risked your life for this," she said, in low tones. "I shall keep it for ever." "Then suddenly she bent her face nearer his. "You have not kissed me, Hektor, and this is our marriage day." You may do it now."

The strong man trembled all over. He stood beside the trap, just beneath her; but even there he could have caught her in an embrace such as he had starved for. He had restrained himself all along with a kind of sullen determination to give her no more than she gave him; but her words seemed to set his blood on flame. He was a young man, with all the passion of youth strong in his blood, and he loved her beyond all else.

He bent nearer, and stretched out his arms passionately. Then suddenly the revulsion came. He was only her tool; she did not even pretend to love him; she had only used him for her convenience. The passionate impulse cooled suddenly at the thought; he leant forward and kissed her on the forehead, such a kiss as monks and maidens know.

It was their marriage seal.

## CHAPTER XVI.—THE SHADOW OF THE PAST AND THE FUTURE.

Mr Chisholm was meantime in Edinburgh. The reasons which had taken him there were various, but were all business ones. Though it was not known at Kissock, which was too far removed from the great world of commerce and money-making to take much interest in such matters, the laird of Kissock and Torran had a far more important share in that world than in the quieter one which surrounds a Highland laird. For nearly twenty years Douglas Chisholm had lived abroad, and of that part of his life no one knew anything; it was even doubtful whether his father, old Sir James, had known anything about it. Sir James had been a country laird of the good old type—a man of fiery temper but generous will, who swore at his servants and tenants one moment, and atoned for his anger the next by some act of undescribed kindness; rather given to indulging in deep potations, but of whom it could

not be said that he had ever done anyone an unkindly thing. When he died at the good old age of seventy-five, he was mourned for with a sincerity not always characteristic of Highland lamentations—perhaps the more so that so little was known regarding his successor. Douglas Chisholm had not come home to his father's deathbed, which, indeed, it was impossible for him to do; but he had written his lawyers, and thereafter Mr Matheson, enjoying the latter to go on as he had been in the habit of doing during Sir James's lifetime. Two years elapsed before the death of the latter and the appearance of Mr Chisholm, as has been already related, in Kissock.

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"I do not think you need have any difficulty about that," answered Mr Hardy coolly. "What about Dick Carruthers's daughter? Are her thousands not as good as within your possession?"

"How am I to tell that? That scheme is built up on rather an unsteady foundation, I am afraid," retorted Mr Chisholm, evasively. "He had changed colour, and the observant Mr Hardy, though seemingly lost in his own reflections, saw it. "Besides, Dick Carruthers's daughter is like the rest of her sex—you can never tell what she may do next—anything short of suicide might be in her line. She may trick me at the last moment. We had better leave her fortune out of the question."

"That is just what we must not do," said the manager, calmly. "Miss Carruthers's money is a very necessary factor in the affair. I suppose there is not the slightest difficulty about your obtaining it?"

"I have told you already," retorted the other, still more harshly. "It is invested, I think you told me," said Mr Hardy, posing a ruler on his finger tips and coolly ignoring the retort, "in West Australian stock? You can, of course, lay your hands on the scrip. Can you bring it to me to-day?"

"You scoundrel!" cried the other man, suddenly bursting into a rage, and starting to his feet, "you have taken care to get the whip-hand of me! I'll pay you out for this some day. . . How much do you require?"

The manager smiled blandly. "It was evening before Mr Chisholm had finished his interview with the Irish Steamship Company, and his countenance, if dark before, was ten times darker now as he left the office. He hailed a cab, drove up Leith Walk, and leaving the cab at the Register House, proceeded on foot along the North Bridge. At the intersection of High Street he turned off in an easterly direction, and hurrying along the latter, was soon in the Canongate. Down this steep and salubrious remnant of the ancient glory of Dun Edin he hastened, until, reaching a narrow wynd, suddenly halting, he glanced sharply round in every direction, as if to see if anyone were observing him, turned into it. It was one of those wynds peculiar to Modern Athens—dark, narrow, steep, and badly paved, with tenements of seven or eight storeys in height rising on either side, whose dark openings were like cave-mouths leading to unknown darkness and horrors. At the end of the steep alley the wynd opened into a large square court, walled in by other tall tenements, whose fronts were blackened with age, and crumbling into decay.

"I was sure that MacTavish had had no black eye when I had last seen him, and I drew the inference that he must have had some difficulty in carrying me away from the Rising Sun. But he had managed to get it, and with a grateful thought in my mind towards the northerner, I fell into a doze."

Next day I was feeling much better, and I learned to my great regret that MacTavish had been obliged to tell me yesterday, so that it was out of my power at present even to thank him for the service he had rendered me. I was also told that except MacTavish, who had called several times at the hospital, no one had come to enquire for me. Nor had the hospital authorities been told that I was there. I now asked one of the nurses to write to Charley, addressing the letter to Eastcliff, as I thought he must long since have returned. The fact was, as I found out afterwards, that he had remained in London seeking for me; and as he had given no instructions for the forwarding of his letters, he was left in ignorance of my whereabouts.

After waiting in vain for an answer, I managed to write myself to Marian Menteith. She had left her London address with Mr. Braithwaite's housekeeper; and next day I was surprised and delighted beyond measure to see her at my bedside.

Her cheeks were flushed and the tears stood in her eyes as she took my wasted hand in hers. "You have been ill, and we never knew!" she exclaimed. "What has been the matter? Have you been here all this time?"

In a few words I told her my adventures; and she informed me that when Charley Prothrope went to the Rising Sun on the chance of finding me there, the landlord denied all knowledge of me, and he could find no trace of Miss Braithwaite.

That, indeed, was only to be expected. We were quite helpless; even if we had more accurate information than we possessed about the whereabouts of the two accomplices, we could do nothing to bring them to account of our ignorance of Ida's new hiding-place.

"By the way," said I, as the hour struck when Marian had to leave the hospital, "don't you think it might be worth while to make some enquiries about that advertisement that I saw in the 'Morning Post' which I have now in my possession?"

"I have the cutting, and I will attend to it as soon as I am able," she answered, as she pressed my hand and turned away.

On the next day but one she came to see me again. She could not give me much satisfaction on the point of the advertisement. She had been to a very large way of business, and a respectable man; but he was very naturally, fell called upon to be communicative about a client's affairs to a stranger like Miss Menteith, or to spend much time upon a lady to whom he could not present a bill of costs. However, she said, that the advertisement had been satisfactory answered; and it was evident that in the lawyer's mind the incident was at an end.

"What relation subsisted between this Braithwaite and the Dangerfield he was advertising for?" I asked. "Do you think that it is the same Dangerfield that we know of? When was the advertisement answered?"

But Marian could throw no light on any of these points, and I could do nothing but wait until I had recovered sufficiently to go to the information of my own friends.

As soon as I was able to "hurtle," as the Scotch call it, across the floor by the help of two sticks, I left the hospital, and that very day I went to see Mr. Speedwell. Marian went with me, though she did not go into the office.

I told him that I was a brother professional, with a personal interest in the matter on hand, and, as I expected, he was much more communicative to me than he had been to Marian. She was a habitual, and on principle reserved to the point of dumbness in her dealings with women. Anthony Speedwell was one of these. But he had no hesitation in saying to me that he would tell me all he could, consistently with the principle of loyalty to his client.

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"I haven't the remotest notion." "Do you know what his connection is between him and the man Dangerfield?" "Certainly. Dangerfield is the old millionaire's private secretary and general confidential man. He was sent over here by Braithwaite to make some enquiries about his relatives."

"Parson me, Dangerfield's relatives?" "No; Braithwaite's. The fact was that Braithwaite went out to New South Wales many years ago with the character of a good-for-nothing, and if he has lost that character since, it is all due to himself. For years he had not heard a word from any of his relatives; but the old bitterness had had time to die away, and the poor old man, who has some human feeling, you understand, thought he would like to know someone of his own kind and kin."

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## CHAPTER XXIII. WITH MR. SPEEDWELL.

A LONG white-washed room, with rows of narrow beds—here and there a screen—a white-aproned nurse moving hither and thither such was the scene that met my eyes when I next awoke to take an intelligent interest in things around me. Not that I had been unconscious the whole time, but I had been too ill, and suffering too much pain, to care in the least for things external. But now I knew where I was, and I was eager to learn what had happened since the beginning of my illness.

The house surgeon, passing through the ward at that moment, noticed that there was a new expression in my face, and came up to my bedside. "Where am I?" I asked. "In the London and Kent Hospital."

"How long have I been here?" "Hum—let me see—." He consulted a card that hung over the head of my bed, and then he turned to me with a friendly smile. "So long as that!" I tried to sit up in bed, but fell back again with a groan of anguish.

"What has been the matter with me?" was my next question. "You had influenza, attended by some of the most violent inflammation of the brain I ever remember to have seen. But you must not talk any more just now."

"Just one other question—How did I contract it?" "You were brought in a cab by a Scotchman—a seaman, I should think."

"What sort of looking man was he?" "I only noticed one distinguishing characteristic about him," said the doctor with a grin, "his eyes were like a hawk's. He seemed to have been on mortal man—that will do now. Go to sleep."

I was sure that MacTavish had had no black eye when I had last seen him, and I drew the inference that he must have had some difficulty in carrying me away from the Rising Sun. But he had managed to get it, and with a grateful thought in my mind towards the northerner, I fell into a doze.

Next day I was feeling much better, and I learned to my great regret that MacTavish had been obliged to tell me yesterday, so that it was out of my power at present even to thank him for the service he had rendered me. I was also told that except MacTavish, who had called several times at the hospital, no one had come to enquire for me. Nor had the hospital authorities been told that I was there. I now asked one of the nurses to write to Charley, addressing the letter to Eastcliff, as I thought he must long since have returned. The fact was, as I found out afterwards, that he had remained in London seeking for me; and as he had given no instructions for the forwarding of his letters, he was left in ignorance of my whereabouts.

After waiting in vain for an answer, I managed to write myself to Marian Menteith. She had left her London address with Mr. Braithwaite's housekeeper; and next day I was surprised and delighted beyond measure to see her at my bedside.

Her cheeks were flushed and the tears stood in her eyes as she took my wasted hand in hers. "You have been ill, and we never knew!" she exclaimed. "What has been the matter? Have you been here all this time?"

In a few words I told her my adventures; and she informed me that when Charley Prothrope went to the Rising Sun on the chance of finding me there, the landlord denied all knowledge of me, and he could find no trace of Miss Braithwaite.

That, indeed, was only to be expected. We were quite helpless; even if we had more accurate information than we possessed about the whereabouts of the two accomplices, we could do nothing to bring them to account of our ignorance of Ida's new hiding-place.

"By the way," said I, as the hour struck when Marian had to leave the hospital, "don't you think it might be worth while to make some enquiries about that advertisement that I saw in the 'Morning Post' which I have now in my possession?"

"I have the cutting, and I will attend to it as soon as I am able," she answered, as she pressed my hand and turned away.

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"I see you know something about the facts," said Mr. Speedwell. "It has cost me something to learn them," said I with a bitter smile; "but one of these days I will tell you the whole story—and a queer one it is! Just at present my chief concern is with Mr. Dangerfield. Do you happen to know his present address?"

"Certainly. He is stopping, of course, with his employer. Mr. Braithwaite is staying at present at the Northern Counties Hotel. He is leaving again for New South Wales soon, but I can't exactly say when."

"So the advertisement was successful in finding Mr. Dangerfield?" "Entirely so."

"And was the secretary successful in finding the relations of his employer?" "To a certain extent."

"He found that he had a niece living, didn't he?" "Yes, he did. I repeat that you seem to know as much about it as I do."

"And what of Miss Braithwaite's father?" "He is dead."

"Oh, indeed?" "Look here, Mr. Clavering, this strikes me as being hardly fair. You come here and get a lot of information which I am good-natured enough, or foolish enough, to give you, on the assurance that you have a personal interest in the affair, but you don't tell me the nature of that interest, nor do you give me a hint of the reason you have for putting all these questions to me."

I pondered a little before replying. Would it not be my best plan to take the lawyer into my confidence at once? I was not strong enough to carry this fight by myself—a fight, too, that would have to be fought out at once, as Mr. Braithwaite was on the point of setting sail for Australia. The assistance of Mr. Speedwell would be invaluable, if it could be obtained. On the other hand, it was very serious thing to assert, without any means of proving the truth of my assertion, that a trusted and respected man was a rogue and a scoundrel. Yet I thought the bolder course was sure to be the best, and I looked towards Mr. Speedwell straight in the face, saying to him—

"I did not come here intending to tell you all that was in my mind; but you have treated me in so straightforward a manner that I prefer to confide in you. Just this one question then—Miss Braithwaite—is she fair or dark?"

"She is tall and dark—a strikingly handsome girl."

"Speaks with a French accent, and has a little trick of drooping the left eyelid as she speaks to you?" (Marian had told me this.) "You know her then?" (With considerable surprise.)

"I know a Miss Braithwaite, whether she is the niece of your client I can't tell. She is slight, rather short, and very fair. She lived at Eastcliff, and I think if you make enquiries you will find that your client's daughter lived there too. The Miss Braithwaite I know had a maid. The maid's name was Julie Deschamps; and with my own ears I overheard this man Dangerfield plotting with the maid, Julie, to personate the true Miss Braithwaite. From what you tell me I am certain that the fraud has been carried out. The girl who is now figuring as the niece of the newest Australian millionaire, is no more his niece than the flower girl at the corner of the street. You and your client have been made the victims of a bold and elaborate fraud."

"God bless my soul!" cried Mr. Speedwell, "this is a most extraordinary statement, and I can't believe it. It is," said I, "and what is more, it is a true one. Will you help me to investigate its truth?"

Mr. Speedwell rubbed his nose. "Well, you see, that might be awkward. You went on an attack upon two persons who occupy positions of nice and confidential secretary to my client. I hardly think it would be fitting that I, the family solicitor, should have any part or share in an attack on them."

There was truth in this, and I admitted as much.

"But I'll tell you what I'll do for you," went on the solicitor. "I'll introduce you to Mr. Braithwaite, and you can tell your story to him, and leave him to deal with it as he thinks best. I ought, however, to warn you that you will fight against considerable odds; for the old man is cross-grained and opinionated to a degree, and he will naturally prefer to trust those who are around him, and who have served him, as he believes, faithfully in two events—and yet it was possible that there might be."

"Would you mind going to these lawyers the first thing to-morrow morning, if you have kept the address?" I said to Marian.

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of your younger brother. What I have to tell you is that you have been grossly deceived. That young lady is not the daughter of your brother. She is not in any way related to you. She—"

"You oblige me, sir, by ringing the bell?" interrupted the old man. "I rose and rang it. It was answered more quickly than I have ever known a bell at an hotel answered before.

"Show this gentleman to the door!" he said to the waiter. "Weak as I was I sprang to my feet, fairly boiling over with rage. "How dare you insult me in this manner!" I cried. "I cannot here solely for your benefit, and that of your niece, whose place has been usurped by her own maid. And what do I meet with, instead of the attention and consideration I deserve? Wanton, deliberate insult! You may be hoodwinked and cheated as much as you like for me!" And I stalked off in the direction of the door.

"Wait one moment," was croaked out by the raven-like voice from the easy chair. "You may go to the devil," was on the tip of my tongue, but I did not say it. I remembered that Ida, and through her, they ever married, my old chum, would be the losers, if this impudent imposture were successful. I stopped short, to listen to what the old man had to say.

"I've been warned about you," shrieked the millionaire, working himself up into a fury as he went on. "My secretary told me that there had been various false claimants. I was ready to claim kinship with me, now that I'm rich enough to buy 'em all up, stock, lock and barrel! He warned me that like as not one or two of 'em would be after me before I was out of the country. I was just as sure as I know you were one of 'em pack."

The cool calculated insult made me lose command of myself altogether. "You stupid dotard!" I cried in my anger. "No

THE HIGHLAND HOME [BY MORAG.] AN INVERNESS DRAPERY ESTABLISHMENT.

MY DEAR MORAG.—I have had an opportunity of inspecting the large arrival of Spring goods just selected by our drapery buyers who recently returned from London and other large centres. Through the courtesy of Miss Shackleton, I was guided through several of the departments of Messrs Young & Chapman's. Beginning in the millinery saloon, one is attracted by the fashionable colours of heliotrope and green, which really are becoming and beautifully introduced in almost every article. Ladies who aim at being well dressed will, I am sure, in this department find colour and material to suit the most fastidious tastes. I specially admired an elegant hat somewhat after the Gainsborough style. It was of pale green straw, with frill of black lace, and finished with three twisted bands of black gauze caught with jet ornaments. A cluster of pink roses and sprays of lily of the valley completed the trimming. Underneath the brim, and I suppose to make the hat more becoming to the wearer, was a most effective rush of black net. Another one which was particularly pretty was of heliotrope shaded straw, surrounded with roses of the same shade, with fans of cream lace and pink rosebuds. Queens—always in favour—were much worn, and many ladies will wear a cluster of pale green carnations. Those who are interested in little girls will be glad to know that the becoming "poke bonnet" is to be much worn during the season. Quite a variety in cream and other silks were observable, having cascaded crowns and frills of soft silk and lace. Beautiful indeed were the dainty sets of ladies' underclothing in cambrie, having frills sewn in white and coloured silks, and the possession of which would be a welcome addition to any lady's wardrobe in the mantle department some elegant capes and mantles were shown in plush, fancy lawns, and accordion pleated silk, all handsomely trimmed with ruffles of lace and net, and ornamented with jet. Blouses are to be much worn, and many ladies will wear in their stay. Several choice ones, in French delaines and satins were, I observed, much frilled, and in the Bolero style, or Eton, both very fashionable. Dear Morag, I am sure I am wearying you with my epistle on fashions, but ladies, as a rule, are much interested in such yarns, and personally I do admire a well-dressed person. By the way, I saw a stylishly-dressed lady lately, whose costume I cannot help describing. It was both striking and elegant, of purple covert coating, skirt perfectly plain and somewhat short, over which was a charming black circular cape, falling in graceful folds to the waist. The hat was of purple felt, exquisitely arranged with rosettes of white chiffon, purple velvet puffs, and Paradise ospreys—the whole a charming combination of colour and good taste, most becoming to the owner—Your affectionate Cousin, FIONA.

LETTER FROM LONDON.

DEAR MORAG.—It is very kind of you to flatter me over my little effort to be entertaining to the readers of "The Highland Home," and to ask me to "come again," but really this week I am too busy to do more than acknowledge your kind congratulations on my becoming "a literary woman." I must tell you, however, about the Levee which was held at St James's Palace on Tuesday. Of course I was not there—I mean inside the palace. My own experience was quite enough for me. Instead of a lady friend (who is actually learning Gaelic) walked across St James's Park, and we there paraded in front of the entrance to the Palace observing all the fearful and wonderful uniforms that were worn by those attending the Levee. Two passed like a flash, and kept the entrance, their flashing helmets and cuirasses making a fine show in the bright sunshine, while their black horses added still further to the effect. But the horseman whom I fell in love with was a trooper of the Scots Greys, who passed like a flash on his bonnie grey steed, only giving a moment to recognise the familiar uniform and uncomfortable-looking bushy. Turning round into Pall Mall, I saw another sight which made my heart warm to me. It was a man in a uniform of the Black Watch, who was looking so much like a woman in a Victoria Cross. There was no "wire-pulling" in getting that distinction. Personal bravery can alone obtain it. I am surprised to hear what you say about the flowers and the foliage being so forward around Inverness. But, after all, we make far too much of the supposed difference in climate. After all, this is but a small island. Have you seen the new canvas cloth? It is lovely, and much better than anything else, and many other things in my next—Yours affectionately, HIGHLAND LASSIE.

PADEREWSKI PLAYS

A LITTLE weary of waiting for the appearance of his hostess, the great pianist rose from his cosy chair, and crossing to the other side of the room seated himself at the piano. With idle fingers he formed exquisite harmonies, gently touching the keys as if loath to break the silence in the beautiful room. But under the spell of his magic fingers there came a warmth, a glow, as though something living were creeping over the stillness. He felt rather than saw the grace of the silken hangings, the beauty of the priceless pictures, the rich tones of the cushions, the depths of the satin chairs. Under his feet a rug of velvety softness covered the glistening floor. The perfume of a handful of roses carelessly thrown on a table near by was wafted toward him. The quaint old song he played was like a rose, and its fragrance was melody which filled the charmed space around with sweet blossoms of sound.

"As the rich cadences were falling liquid clear" was a sight just at his side startled him, and turning he beheld a tiny little maid daintily dressed, regarding him with speechless awe and wonder. Encouraged by his bright smile and outstretched hand, she lisped— "Are you Mr Paderewski?" A few words assured him he was, she gravely asked him if he would like to see her dance, her only accomplishment with which she could entertain him. He assured her nothing would give him more pleasure. "Well, please play something for me," she said. Skipping across the room she posed with charming grace, waiting for the music to begin. When the sparkling rhythm of an irresistible mazurka rippled from the piano she tripped lightly to and fro until her little face was rosy from the exertion. Tired at last she ran back to her new friend and climbed upon his knee. "What did you think of the music, little one?" he asked. "The dance was very nice," she said politely, "but I don't think you keep quite as good time as my teacher does." With a bright laugh Paderewski quickly changed the subject, and when his hostess entered the room to greet her illustrious guest she found him with his arms round the relative merits of wax and china dolls, with a most sympathetic interest in the maternal cares of her very small daughter.

Literary Queries.

NOVEL LOVER.—Maarten Martens, whose novels are so much in vogue, spends much of his time in London, and has a country home in Holland. His novels are written in English.

AURORA BOREALIS.—In Jessie Fothergill's "First Violin" there is excellent character drawing, well-managed successful entertaining incidents, of course involving a love story, and on the whole a true and life-like portrayal of the professional musician's life in Germany.

E. F. S.—Hi-a-wá-thá is the prevailing pronunciation, with "i" as in "kite," and "a" as in "far," the alternative pronunciation, corresponding more nearly with actual Indian names, is "i-a-wá-thá," with "i" as in "caprice" and "th" like "t."

PYRAMIDS.—The manufacture of Egyptian antiquities has become such a perfect craft that sometimes even antiquarians and Egyptologists are deceived. A clever scamp in Berlin takes the mortal remains of his countrymen, and converts them into full-fledged Egyptian mummies in two weeks. The Röntgen rays are said, however, to expose the fraud where no actual human remains are used.

WOMAN WRITER.—Cohan Doyle says he has always observed that whether a woman's style of writing be plain or florid, it is always clear and comprehensible. "No woman that I can recollect," he says, "has ever been tempted into the heresy of prolixity. The word style, which in France has always been synonymous with lucidity, has in England become more and more identified with obscurity, so that if you learn a new writer is a stylish you nearly always find a difficulty in understanding what he means. The best style, like the best glass, is that which is so clear that you do not observe it. Some of our critics are fond of talking of purple patches, but purple patches were never a sign of health. Now, in this respect, I think the ladies have always been on the side of sanity, and I do not think that anyone could have a better model of prose romance than such writers as Olive Schreiner or Miss Wilkins."

PAINTER.—Of the two painters, father and son, who bore the name of Hans Holbein, the younger is the better known to the general public that visits picture galleries or collects engravings. He had the good fortune of being the portrait-painter of his day, and to his brush we owe the well-known portraits of Erasmus, Charles V., Henry VIII., and numerous other great men of the time, as well as the so-called Meyer Madonna at Darmstadt, and the great canvas, "The Ambassadors," which at once arrests the eye in the London National Gallery. Specimens of his work can be found in nearly every collection in Europe, and have been reproduced by countless engravers. The works of the elder Hans Holbein are of a different class and with very different subjects from those chosen by his son. They are chiefly religious pieces, painted for great churches or wealthy abbeys in Europe, and have been reproduced by the life of the Blessed Virgin, done for the monastery at Weingarten, an abbey which has for the last century and a half enjoyed a world-wide fame for its great organ that originally contained 6636 pipes.

HOUSEWIFELY HINTS.

THE COLOUR OF THE HAIR. It is very much better to leave the hair its natural colour; anything which changes the colour permanently is injurious. Vasoline used plentifully every day will make the eyebrows grow thicker.

DAINTY PREPARATION OF ORANGES.

The very daintiest way of preparing oranges is to outline with a sharp knife two circles around the fruit, about half-an-inch apart and midway between the skin and blossom ends. Remove all the rind excepting the half-inch band. Just over one of the natural separations between the sections of the orange cut the band with a keen knife. All the divisions may then be carefully separated one from another, while the rind remains attached to the middle of each. Oranges so prepared may be laid in layers on a fruit plate, or stretched upon the narrow piece of peeling; or they may, after the sub-divisions have been carefully made, be closed together again, and served round the orange over the rind. This will preserve the natural form, and be very pretty and ornamental. It is but the action of a second to untie these ribbons, and behold the sections all lie before one in perfect readiness to be eaten and most easily detached from the bit of rind which holds them side by side.

ATTENTION TO THE COMPLEXION.

Bathe the face nightly with hot water and some good soap, douching it afterwards with cold water to counteract the relaxing effect. Dry gently in a soft towel. Press out incipient wrinkles by gentle, prolonged pressure in the opposite direction. If the pores appear clogged with black-heads (a collection of matter tipped with dust, and not a feshworm, as many suppose), hold the face over a bowl of steaming water for ten minutes. When washed and dried, anoint with lemon-juice, which is left on overnight. Repeat this twice a week until the cure is accomplished. As a complexion beautifier and detacher, raw apples have no equal, and are both better and more tasteful if eaten with salt.

SIMPLE REMEDIES.

Wheat flour browned in the oven and dusted over baby after being washed is a preventive of chafing.—An old and good remedy to prevent children from biting their nails is to rub the finger tips with aloe.—A simple laxative is wheat bran mixed with a little water, a teaspoonful of bran being sufficient for a small child.—One of the best injections for constipation in young children is equal parts of glycerine and tepid water. It is harmless and healing.

TO INSURE GOOD DIGESTION.

There are two important rules to observe to insure good digestion: one is "never to eat when you are exhausted," and the other is "not to work at either mental or manual labour immediately after eating." If nourishment seems to be imperatively needed, an egg beaten in milk, a cup of cocoa, or chocolate, or beef tea, or a few raisins may be taken.

WHISPERING PINES.

Drear forest, hark! From pine trees dark, A whisper comes to thee; A sweet, low song Is borne along To each bare, denuded tree. The needles fine Of kingly pine Are tuned to sweetest key, An organ note From North Wind's throat Floats from the polar sea. A countless train Takes up the strain Among the forest band; In hearts forlorn New life is born With the pine trees' chorus grand. Their heads bow low To North Wind's snow, Submissive to the power That knoweth best The Winter's rest Will bring a brighter hour. Drear forest, wait! The frozen gate E'en will not unbear to spring. Then through the pines And swaying vines The warm South Wind will sing.

BLOSSOMS OF SPRING.

Welcome! early blossoms of Spring, Sweet the tidings ye earthward bring; Welcome! dainty heralds of Spring, Born in the snowdrift, pale white bells, Brighter blossoms your birth foretell; None more welcome than you, sweet bells, Sparrows twitter—a merry band— Spraying the heralds from blossom land. Bird and leaf in the sun expand. Only a few sunbeams ago Winter's blasts from the cliffs of snow Wailed in the valleys black below. Under the snowdrifts patient flowers, Dreaming softly of rainbow showers, Slumbered on thro' the wintry hours. Joyous awakening! here is Spring, With songs of greeting the wild woods ring, Western breezes the cold boughs swing. Golden lilies and rainbow showers In palace gardens and village bowers Herald the summer's sunlit hours. Welcome, then, to the flowers of spring, Passing sweet by the news they bring; Welcome, dainty blossoms of spring. A. R.

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Owing to the kindly recommendations of the Highland people who have used Dr TIBBLES' Vi-Cocca it can now be obtained from all respectable Grocers, Chemists, and Stores in Inverness-shire and other Northern counties, and the following have given permission for the insertion of their names and addresses as Local Agents. The list will be added to from time to time as occasion demands, for the information of those who write asking for the name of the nearest Agent:—

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