

HIGHLAND NEWS

PRICE ONE PENNY.

"1812."

Our heading suggests TCHAIKOVSKY, and classical music, and martial strains. As a matter of fact we are not concerned for the moment with the famous piece of music which bears this title. The figures are quoted to invite a comparison between the customs of to-day and well nigh 100 years ago, even in the celebration of Christmas. We have pleasure in stating that we again lead the way in Novelties for

Gentlemen
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There is no question or problem outside your business which will break in unwontedly on your thoughts during business and pleasure hours with more persistence than that of the Christmas Present. May we suggest—and we are fully alive to the importance of our request—that before purchasing your gifts you give us a call. Drop in whenever you find it most convenient, and we will have the pleasure of showing you one of the Grandest Displays of XMAS GIFTS outside London. We are not going to mention any one article in particular. Your choice, not ours; but we can assure you we will surprise you in NOVELTY, VALUE and DISPLAY.

THE CLUB:
Hatters and Hosiers.
17 Church Street, Inverness.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS
At 25 Telford Street, Inverness, on the 2nd December, the wife of John Mackay, of twins (sons).
MARRIAGES
At 43 Telford Road, Inverness, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. Gavin Lang, George Stuart, to Jessie Smith, third daughter of the late John Smith, Inverness.
At 10 North Crescent, Strirling, on the 15th November, by the Rev. John Menzies, M.A., Shipness, Kintyre, Donald W. Mackenzie, Strirling, to Catherine, second daughter of Angus Smith, Joiner, Keose, Stornoway.
At St. Andrew's Church, Cape Town, on the 5th inst., John Ingram Edgar, M.R.C.S., Transvaal Agricultural Department, son of James Edgar, Esq., Craigheloch, Strathgairn, to Jessie Wallace, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Laing, Woodford, Leat Road, Inverness.
At the National Hotel, Dingwall, on the 7th December, by the Rev. Duncan Macleod, M.A., Carloway, assisted by the Rev. Randall Macdonald, M.A., Dingwall, Alexander John Mackenzie, overseer, Post Office, Stornoway, to Catherine, only daughter of the late Rodrick Mackenzie and Mrs Mackenzie, Mor Monach, Stornoway.

DEATHS
At Fortrose, on the 24th November, Margaret Smith, widow of the late John Smith, Inverness.
At 18 Duff Street, Inverness, on the 5th inst., Mary Fraser, daughter of the late Donald Fraser, crofter, Dochfour.
At the Women's Hospital, Birmingham, on the 4th inst., Maud Mary, the beloved wife of John Hells, of Banbury, late of Fortrose, aged 39 years.
At Ruttonpoor, Cacher, India (the result of an accident), on the 4th inst., John Rolfe, tea planter, only son of Mrs Rolfe, 6 View Place, Inverness, in his 37th year.
At the Police Station, Kyle of Lochalsh, on the 5th inst., after a short illness, Mary Macleod, beloved wife of Sgt. John Maciver, Ross and Cromarty Constabulary. Deeply mourned and sadly missed.

IN MEMORIAM
In Loving Memory of Alex. George, beloved son of Alex. Mackay, Shoemaker, who died at 21 Church Street, Stornoway, on December 6th, 1910.
A light is from our household pane.
The voice we loved is still:
A place is vacant at our hearth.
The world can never fill.
The fairest flowers are first to fall.
The sweetest first to fade:
The fondest, dearest, best of all
While the grave is laid.
(Inserted by his Parents, Sisters and Brothers.)

FUNERAL WREATHS, Tablets, Angels, Shells, Crosses and Marble Slabs. CAMERON'S WALK.
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CHURCH NOTICES
CROWN UNITED FREE CHURCH, TO-MORROW (SABBATH), 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.—Rev. J. D. MACGILL, M.A.
THE HIGH CHURCH, TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.—The Very Rev. P. MACADAM MUIR, D.D., Glasgow Cathedral.

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), 11 a.m.—Rev. W. W. ROY, D.D., D.D.
6.30 p.m.—Rev. IVO M. CLARK, M.A., B.D.

ST MARY'S (GALIC) PARISH CHURCH—TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. (English)—Rev. DR. CAMPBELL, Inverness.

BAPTIST CHURCH, FRIARS' LANE, TO-MORROW (SABBATH), 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.—Rev. D. L. RICHARDSON, B.D.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, TO-MORROW (SABBATH), 11.0 and 6.30
Preacher—Rev. E. O. LANE (of Band).

INVERNESS BROTHERHOOD, Men's Sabbath Meeting
In EAST CHURCH HALL TO-MORROW (SABBATH), at 3.30 p.m.
*Speaker—Rev. JOHN D. MACGILL, M.A. Subject—"THE CITY OF GOD."
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

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Mr D. TAYLOR'S CLASSES Meet in QUEENSGATE HALL, on TUESDAY, 12th inst. Juniors 8 o'clock; Adults at 8 o'clock.
FINISHING BALL on WEDNESDAY Evening at 9 p.m.

WEST PARISH CHURCH GUILDS, SOCIAL MEETING, in CHURCH HALL, TUESDAY, December 12th, at 8 p.m. Tea and Varied Programme, in which the following will take part:—Mrs Hugh Robson, Misses Henderson, Laing, Lyon-Mackenzie, Morrison, G. Macleod and T. Moore; Messrs J. Teuchal, J. Macgregor and A. Morrison.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, SOUTHSIDE ROAD, INVERNESS, ORGAN AND VIOLIN RECITAL, TUESDAY, the 2nd December, 1911, at 8 p.m. Violin—Miss LILLIAS M. GRANT. Organ—Mr FRANK FRASER. Collection in Aid of Choir Fund.

B. W. T. A.

MISSIONARY NIGHT. The MONTHLY MEETING of the B.W.T.A. will be held in the DR. BLACK MEMORIAL HALL on THURSDAY, December 14th, at 8 p.m. Rev. Mr STEELE will give an Address, and there will be a Special Collection for the Indian White Ribbon Missionary. All cordially invited.

INVERNESS AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB. XMAS WHIST DRIVE AND SOCIAL in QUEENSGATE HALL, on THURSDAY, 28th December, at 8 p.m. Tickets, 2s each, can be had from Members of Committee, or from H. Maciver, hon. secy., Cairngraig Villa, Greig Street.

EAST UNITED FREE CHURCH HALL. LECTURE "COVENANTING TIMES IN INVERNESS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD." By Mr JAMES ROSS, F.E.S., MERKINOH SCHOOL, On MONDAY, 11th December, at 8 p.m. Chairman—Sir HENRY MUNRO. Admission—6d.

HOME RULE DEMONSTRATION. A PUBLIC MEETING Will be held under the Auspices of INVERNESS JUNIOR LIBERAL ASSOCIATION, in the LARGE HALL of the Y.M.C.A., ON TUESDAY, 12th DECEMBER, at 8 p.m. Speaker—Dr JOHN BRUCE, Forres. Chairman—Dr F. M. MACKENZIE. ALL CORDIALLY INVITED.

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SPECIAL NOTICE—In consequence of the MUSIC HALL having been previously Booked, the Messrs KELSOS WILL NOT VISIT INVERNESS TO-DAY (Saturday).

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Cha Ghoirm as an Taoghlas air an daira Iagh fct de na Maie, 1818.

S misie Thuire an leon bha creaitaich Cha chualas aichai rhiame Moch aon neach eille meisk phruainsuibh Fluair buille Throna donoit eand S ged bha eis a' rank na banndu Na gus a fharainis rionnoe Cha robh m'fhairmid e doic ad Ri neach bha beo fo na Ghriane.

Co dom b'hainne n' fhuair mic Na pearsa na Buadhin s na cline Do nach robh i n' taitneas Bhi gavaill beakh oir aess urre Ach misie bha camhille cho chruic rie Nios nach trangeh live mo chruic Nuair cho anam ad fhuansgladhe S nios a gluast vnam do nuire.

Gu dearrbh b' ghieit ie woe nn' Tearghin Cha thoid an eost domh ri uine S bha ceangle m' hanam a miadachu Ri do rheimin cho dlus Shie do ghoirm vnam gu shioreachk Rhiame mo riane gusa chulle S co ghanbh ionas moment

Ca bhairithe bronc mi do nuire. Bha mo chreil's cho fauile rie Fluad mas d'fhuair mic ie seallbe Weir thugh nice n' huair shine Gun n' deach ad smuaint's ghaormie Mach woi n' tiea m' beil miltuubh Ruidhe gu chreech bhuis shearbh The deambh teughal dha n' toghtis Get eil e fauine a seallbe.

Due fhuair misie domh chrie ie Fluire mic iotneas mo chrie S bha mo Thones cho iomlan S nach deanin iomlad ri righe Ach bha n' dealachkin cruaidhe oarm Thion cho huadh do m' ma chluideh Air doie cho anabarrach craifeach S n' ghear an base vnam mo gaole.

Bhe ghaol dolabhiart bha shuid Bha air arache n'ie chrie Nach robh eidier traumh Ach fas neard an a shie Ra gach seachkean ie Sabeid Thoid beadhe ie tas air eassure Ach na seareich a m' base Vnam gu brauch ie don nuire.

Bhe shuid a spearachgin creaitach rime an bha oarm cho trageh Ach coale a comuin s' havisih Bhius gus bhase oarm cruaidhe Weir she barral an aigrie Bhlaishe aire fabhur a nuaine Gu m' beil eish aire a tearnuibh 'S sinne le gardeachas thusse.

Ach shoe aon achanch bail leum Bhi euir gu ard Righe na Neambe Weir sheis do maine mo chraugh's Gu feighin grae woi do chroie (2' rhiere) Gu feighine an chredidhe fhuire Abram Aig a bhase ann a' m' meume Gu ieshe a choineach savaille An n' lirre Immanuel fheine.

Bhiu mie co ghanibhe m' harresan's A neish a Mhairgaid mo ghraie Weir cha shauilnihil mo bhairaribh Air mod mo phine is mo chruideh Weir tha na chag si n' n' coachis Neish uile fhoaine domh n' tait's Woi n' la thugaid u shios uriam Gu tighe na diochuine do tamh.

NOTES. This is an elegy by Hugh Gordon to his wife Margaret, referred to previously. It abounds in interest, linguistic, human and even poetical. This Mr Gordon was himself, without doubt, the scribe of all these pieces, and yet it is very remarkable and different in this respect one is from the other. In this—his own effort—every characteristic of dialect and scripton comes out perfectly. Fairly familiar with most things Gaelic, these pieces have caught my interest exceedingly. This dialectic scripton is the part I should like very much to dwell upon, but that would be out of place for the general reader, even if I think that every Highlander is in some measure a special reader. I commend these things to his attention.

Mr Gordon was a man of distinct culture, knowing the English language and versification well, as his English pieces show. There is a piece written in English, "Reflections by Mr Hugh Gordon on his first melancholy visit to the Parish of Kildonan after the decease of his amiable and beloved wife—15th July, 1818," which is full of healthy humanity. In his last verse he says: "Our land is given to strangers to oppress, Who take delight its natives to distress."

And hereby hangs a very strong and long tale which is fairly well known—one of the dirtiest tales in our history. The seed of redemption was planted by such thoughts as those of Mr Gordon, and if his shade is now looking down upon his native and beloved Kildonan he will see, to his delight, that the day of the stranger and the oppressor is past, or very nearly so, and that the natives are no longer the passive clay of his sad day, but men with a moral consciousness of their just place and right upon their native soil.

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Mackenzie, the teacher, wreathed in a smile, Hailed each scholar in true Highland style; Genuin at all times, but happier to-night, His heart was "flaming o'er" with delight.

On the class-night before he was meeting some friends In Stirling's good toon for dear social ends (So the doctor explained) from Stornoway, But no hint that a bride was horse away.

A bachelor confirmed they took him to be, With a home in fair Lewis, far over the sea, Where single bles reign'd, where wife was not wished, The fair ones, alas! thus quiet, were "dished."

A whisp'r went round—"The teacher is married!" From far to the North his bride he had carried; And though from the ladies the "p" he would hide, Now to the class he brought his fair bride, Smiling and frowning alternately played, On all, who appeared to think more than they said; When they gathered their wits they hid to the bride.

And wished her all blessings with honor to abide, A new Highland tale of love and romance, In English and Gaelic was read at a glance, May the union be happy, their path be aye bright, And all their way strewn with flowers of delight. Nether Grampian, Allos, Nov. 21, 1911.

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"HARALD FIRST OF THE VIKINGS." [By CAPTAIN CHARLES YOUNG.] "The Norseman's home in days gone by Was on the rolling sea."

The story of Harald I.—(Fair-haired "Haarfager") can never fail to interest, but we must unhesitatingly say that we have never found it so interesting, so captivating and entrancing as from the hands of Captain Young in this volume of some 240 pages. Harald I. was no ordinary personality of the long ago. He was born the son of a great earl, but died the King of Norway. Harald flourished in stirring times. While in Scotland and Northern England the Picts and the Scots were wading through war to the formation of a consolidated Scottish Kingdom, Harald I., with the assistance of a number of stout and faithful followers, was founding a kingdom in the north. At the time Norway was much torn up by the feuds and disturbances among its numerous petty kings, who fought and plundered among themselves with deplorable results. Some of the more prominent of the leaders in the country, however, saw the necessity for consolidation and union; but the man was required who should possess the necessary initiative, courage, bravery and wisdom. "Time calls for the man, and God appoints him," says the author, "the man for his time was the subject of my book, Harald Fair-hair, 'Haarfager,' as his countrymen called him—a man who dominated the age in which he lived by the sheer force of his personality and will. He was, to put it in one epithet, the first great Viking or King of the sea."

To have accomplished and brought to a successful issue all that the position required of him could have been no easy task in the circumstances, even for a man of such outstanding powers and character as Harald, and it can readily be imagined that incident and adventure, doughty deeds and narrow escapes were numerous in the course of his mighty struggle. These Captain Young relates with happy effect, interpreting the genius and swing of the great tale of old with the force and consistency of one thoroughly acquainted with the subject in all its features and aspects.

The history of the life and times of Harald is, of course, interesting and instructive from the point of view of British and even European history in many respects. The Orkney and Shetland Isles were largely colonized by exiles and others from his country, and he swept these islands and the Western Isles, making his way finally to the Isle of Man, Iceland and the Faroes were also in great measure colonized by people from Harald's dominions, and it is well known that Bolle, a powerful Viking of the time, took possession of Normandy, and from him sprang William the Conqueror and the other Norman Kings of England. All this, and much more, is fascinatingly told by Captain Young in this volume, but we must take opportunity to state that we think he has over-estimated Scandinavian blood in England when he says:—"If ever the child is father of the man, the Scandinavians were the fathers of the English. They have bequeathed to them their love of war, their pioneering instincts, their passion for the sea. The Englishman has the same love as they for martial daring and fame, for the ocean that girdles his island home, for discovery, for colonizing, for subduing sane peoples."

Quoting from Boysson he continues:—"And these tall, blonde men, with their defiant blue eyes, who obeyed their kings while they had confidence in them, and slew them when they had forfeited their respect, were the ancestors, too, of the Normans, who, under William the Conqueror, invaded England and founded the only European State which has since reached the highest civilization, combined with the widest liberty, through slow and even stages of orderly development."

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There is, of course, an element of the legendary in the Haarfager Saga. But, as Captain Young says, "the greater part of the narrative is true so far as reliable research can be depended upon." The book contains two informative appendices and a useful index, and its value is enhanced by sixteen illustrations and a map. The printer and binder have both done their work admirably. The price is 5s net. (London: George G. Harrap & Co., 9 Portsmouth Street, Kingsway, W.C. 1911.) MACNESSA.

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GLEN-URQUHART—Visit of Rev. John Mackay.—Mr Mackay, Crombagh, Inverness, preached in the U.F. Church on Sunday. There was a large attendance.

FOYERS—The New Church Bell.—An inauguration service was held in the Church of Scotland on Thursday evening—Rev. Charles Davidson presiding. The occasion was the ringing for the first time of the church bell presented by Dr R. Macdonald, M.D.

GLEN-URQUHART—Presentation to Science Master.—On Mr. Thompson, science master in the Glen-Urquhart School, leaving to take up an appointment in Gairnness, he was made the recipient of a valuable dressing-case by the pupils, School Board members and other friends.

FOYERS—"Artificial Islands in the Highlands."—Rev. Dom F. D. Blundell, O.S.B., delivered a lecture on "Thursday on 'Artificial Islands in the Highlands.'" There were some 60 such islands in Scotland, built by early Britons or Romans.

GLENMORISTON—Bachelors' Ball.—On Friday night the bachelors' annual ball was held in the Public Hall, Inverness. Notwithstanding the stormy night there was a good attendance, the hall being comfortably filled.

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HOME ECONOMY.

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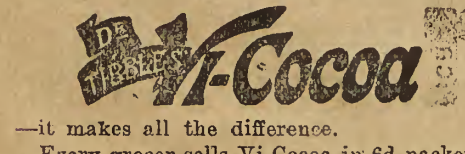
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WESTER ROSS NEWS.

INVERBROOM—Funeral of Mrs R. A. Campbell.—The funeral of the Hon. Mrs. Ralph Campbell took place at Inverbroom on Tuesday. The place of interment is situated on the hillside, and commands a beautiful view of Lochbroom. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Sutherland, parish minister of Lochbroom.

KYLE—E.L.S.—The S.W. Branch of the E.L.S. met in Airderry Hotel on Saturday. Three new members were admitted, namely, Miss Gunn, Dornie, and Messrs Macleod, Dornie, and Montgomery, Achtertyre. Mr Macleod delivered a graphic account of Flora Macdonald, illustrated with songs by Miss Stalker, Plockton, and Miss Ina Matheson, a pupil of Mr Macleod's.

POOLEWE—Evening Classes.—Mr Cameron, teacher, has resumed his voluntary evening classes at Poolewe and Inverasdale. Both classes are largely attended and very popular on two nights a week at each centre. At Poolewe, the study of the rudiments of music, Gaelic Psalmody and Gaelic presenting, with a junior choir practice before the class proper meets, is the course followed this winter.

KYLE—Social and Dance.—A social and dance in aid of the lighting scheme took place on Friday evening in the Institute. The provisions were supplied by the ladies of the village, and the decoration of the hall and the organization of the social, which were in the hands of a ladies' committee, left nothing to be desired.

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Advertisement for Beecham's Pills, highlighting their effectiveness for various ailments and their safety.

Large advertisement for VIM cleaning product, featuring an illustration of a woman cleaning a kettle and text describing its effectiveness on various surfaces.

Advertisement for 12 Months wear for 12/6 boots, featuring an illustration of a boot and text guaranteeing quality and durability.

Advertisement for Mitchell & Muir's Dux Oat Cakes, emphasizing their wholesomeness and health benefits.

Advertisement for Pears' Annual, featuring six splendid tales by six famous authors and three colored plates.

Advertisement for Wool! Wool! from Sutherland Wool Mills, Brora, highlighting the quality of their wool products.

Advertisement for Beecham's Pills, focusing on the benefits received by users and the scientific basis of the medicine.

Advertisement for The Northern Counties Institute for the Blind, offering seasonal new goods and services to the visually impaired.

Advertisement for Simplex Polish, a product that saves time and effort in cleaning and polishing shoes.

Advertisement for Summington's Coffee Essence, highlighting its rich flavor and convenience.

Advertisement for The North of Scotland Heritable Investment Company, Limited, providing details on their investment services.

Advertisement for 20 to 25000 advanced, offering financial services and loans to individuals.

Advertisement for C. Wells, Coalburn Buildings, 141 Bath St., Glasgow, providing shipping and import services.

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LEWIS HOSPITAL.—The hon. secretary acknowledges, with thanks, receipt of the following:—From Mrs Ross, Bank of Scotland, £10 10s for the Endowment Fund; Back Free Church congregation, £4 10s 4d; North Tolsta Free Church congregation, £3 10s; Donald Mackenzie, Esq., Union Bank, £5; Canada, Toronto, £1; vegetables from Lewis Castle, and books from Mr Macdonald, prison governor.

A GRAVER ACTION.—On Wednesday proof was led in an action at the instance of Donald Macaskill, crofter, 17 Graver, against John Macaskill, fisherman, 17 Graver, in which pursuer seeks to have the defender interdicted from letting or in any way interfering with any part of the holding No. 17 Graver. The Sheriff has issued the following interlocutor:—Stornoway, 6th December 1911. The Sheriff, after having heard the proof and considered the same with the record—the parties having stated that they did not desire to be heard—Finds in fact (1) That it is not proved that the defender has encroached on the pursuer's croft; (2) That it is proved that the defender has let to people (his mother and brothers) here for over thirty years immediately preceding this date been in the uninterrupted occupation of the ground cultivated and cropped by the defender at Graver, Lochs; Finds in law (1) That interdict is not the appropriate form of process for putting an end to the defender's possession of said ground, therefore dismisses the action, recalls the interim interdict granted and decerns: Finds the defender entitled to expenses on the lower scale; allows an account thereof to be given in and when lodged remits to the auditor to report thereon. The proof disclosed the fact that the defender and his family have been in the continuous occupation of the piece which the pursuer seeks that the defender be now interdicted from cultivating. The process of interdict is, however, not the proper remedy to be sought by the pursuer in the possession, and the action therefore falls to be dismissed. (Intd.) F.S.

NATIONAL RESERVE.—A meeting of ex-members of the regular and volunteer forces was held in the Drill Hall on Monday evening in order to establish a branch of the National Reserve. Lieutenant T. Nicolson, commanding Stornoway section Ross-shire Mountain Battery presided. The other officers present were—Colonel Robertson, V.D.; ex-Provost Anderson, Lieutenant Hugh Macleod. Apologies for absence were intimated from Colonel Mackenzie, V.D., and Major Bain, V.D. Lieutenant Nicolson explained the purpose of the National Reserve, and that members were not required to undertake definite liability for military service, but the fact of their names being registered would enable the military authorities to keep in touch with men who would be willing and able to render assistance in time of national crisis. Ex-soldiers of the regular forces, militiamen and ex-volunteers were invited to join. Ex-Provost Anderson, who is the oldest volunteer officer in the island, then addressed the meeting commending the national reserve. He pointed out that the only way to avoid compulsory service in this country was for young men to join the Territorial Force, and referred to the physical benefits to be derived from the military training. He gave some reminiscences of the old days in the corps, and referred to the changes since he enrolled in 1880. He then proposed a motion in support of the Territorial Force, and commented on the number of young men who preferred to devote their spare time to sport rather than give a little time to the training of themselves to assist in the defence of their country should the occasion arise. Lieutenant Nicolson commended the national reserve to all time-expired men, but pointed out the necessity for their being kept in touch with drill. He referred to the necessity for providing facilities for rifle shooting for members. The following resolutions were adopted:—Resolved, that a committee be appointed to draw up a scheme for the formation of a National Reserve, and to report thereon to the next meeting of the committee. The committee be empowered to do all such things as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the above resolutions. Resolved, that the following gentlemen be appointed members of the committee:—Mr Donald Macleod, crofter, Geocraib, was in the chair. The chairman said he was pleased to see so many crofters and others present, showing the keen interest they had taken in the Scottish Small Landholders Bill. They were all taking much interest in this Bill and waiting patiently in the hope that the Bill would soon pass into law, but now it was evident the bubble must burst and they could no longer stand the tampering of the Bill by lords and dukes. The Marquis of Tullibardine had evidently come to the rescue of the big farmers by proposing that instead of a Board of Agriculture for Scotland under the Secretary for Scotland, as provided for in the Bill, the agricultural affairs of Scotland and the Land Court should be under a department of the Government of Agriculture. Does this look like as if the noble Marquis is afraid that a Scottish Board could not have members of such intellectual power, education or grasp of affairs as to administer the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, or to manage the land of the country? It is not surprising that this Scottish Board of Agriculture was created it should know too well what to do. You can judge for yourselves, but in my opinion I think the people of Scotland, or even that part of Scotland called the Highlands, never returned to be taught to learn how to till their lands or to learn agricultural affairs. The pity always was that they had no land to work upon, and even should they get land matters of agriculture are quite different on the other side of the Border. Therefore Scotchmen, and only Scotchmen, can understand how to manage successfully the small landholders' affairs. It is quite useless and of no worth at all to us to have a board, even supposing it were composed of Scotchmen, if under the control of an English body—(cheers). Several other crofters spoke at great length in support of the Bill, and urged its passing into law under a Scottish Board of Agriculture under the Secretary for Scotland. The Chairman moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr Archd. Ross, crofter, Geocraib:—"That it be unanimously resolved that the Scottish Small Landholders Bill be supported with full support and approval of this meeting, more especially the creation of a Board of Agriculture for Scotland under the Secretary for Scotland, whose personal interest shown in the affairs of crofters has met with our warmest approval and confidence; and that the Government be urged to carry this Bill into effect at once in view of the increasing rural depopulation going on, and as being the only possible solution for the land question in Scotland, and renews its unabated confidence in the Government."

TERRITORIAL GATHERING.—The annual assembly in connection with the local Territorial company has been fixed for 12th January.

CROSS PUBLIC SCHOOL.—Miss Christina Macdonald, Invermoriston P.S., has been appointed to the staff of the above school in room of Mr Murdo Mackenzie, who was recently appointed to the staff of Aird P.S.

ROADMAKING.—At the District Committee meeting on Wednesday, the Clerk submitted a statement showing the progress made by Messrs Ross & Mackenzie, the contractors for the Carloway new road. The meeting considered the progress made very satisfactory. The Clerk also intimated that over three-fourths of the Leunreway-Gravir road was now completed. The contractor for this job is Mr Donald Weir, Swanbush, Ness.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE.—A meeting of the Lewis District Committee was held on Wednesday. Present—Ex-Provost Anderson (chairman), Councillors John M.R. Morrison, Alex. Maclean, Kenneth Macdonald and Donald Thomson, with Mr H. Miller (clerk). It was agreed to accept the offer of Mr D. W. Mackenzie for the construction of a well at Arizzen, and the Sanitary Inspector was instructed to arrange with regard to the sinking and protecting of a well at Balalan. A letter was read from Mr D. Clark, Laxdale Schoolhouse, suggesting that a parapet be constructed on the south-west side of the Laxdale Bridge for the protection of the children during stormy weather. Mr Clark also complained of the muddy condition of the road between Stornoway and Laxdale. It was remitted to the Road Surveyor and Councillor K. Macdonald to consider and report with regard to the subject matters of Mr Clark's letter, and also to report as to what improvement can be effected on the road near the Porter's Lodge and near Glen House. A petition was submitted from Duncarloway asking the Committee to extend the road through the village. It was stated by the chairman that the Committee had already approached the Congested Districts Board with a view to the sanctioning the application of a portion of the £15,000 grant towards this work. There was also read a petition from Breasclet, Bernera, for a footpath from the county road in Bernera to the village of Breasclet. The Chairman stated that this work was in the same position as the Carloway road.

PUBLIC HEALTH.—Ex-Provost Anderson, at the Lewis District Committee meeting on Wednesday, moved that his petition H.M. Treasury for a special grant for Public Health purposes for districts within the congested area, where the maximum public health rate has been reached. At a previous meeting he said, according to a resolution to approach the Government for the amendment of the Land Bill, with respect to the utilisation of the "skinned lands" where no other suitable land was available, for the formation of lots for cottages and cottagers who are at present burdened on the crofters. They also considered as to the advisability of asking power to take what land was necessary for the construction or protection of wells. The Bill, however, contains a clause empowering the landlord to do this, and it was considered that this would be sufficient for the Committee's purpose. The first mentioned resolution was passed, and he was glad to say had been given effect to in the Bill. Notwithstanding all the fulminations all over this island against the Bill, they were there with a sense of public duty to perform that duty as seemed to them best in the public interest. Meetings had been held, or at any rate were alleged to have been held—(laughter)—and resolutions passed against the Committee. At the meeting he allowed himself to be drawn into the reports of them appearing in the press, it was stated that the Committee proposed to take the crofter's land, but did not wish to interfere with the big farms and sporting lands. The fact was—and it was very clearly stated at the Insurance Bill. The interviews referred to have never convinced him that the better way was to approach the Treasury direct for a special grant. The motion was seconded by Councillor Kenneth Macdonald, and unanimously agreed to.

STATE LOANS FOR FISHERMEN.

MR MACPHERSON AND THE LEWIS MEMORIAL.—About 200 of the labour members of the Highland Land Law Reform and Liberal Association forwarded a memorial to the Prime Minister a few days ago applying for small holdings and supporting the fishermen's movement for State loans for the purchase of drifters and motor boats to develop the Scottish fisheries and enable the Scottish fishermen to get under way at their calling, as is done in Ireland with great success. Mr Alexander Macleod, president of the organisation, has just received the following communication from the member of Parliament for Ross-shire:— House of Commons, November 30, 1911.

Dear Mr Morrison,—The memorial to the Prime Minister has just reached me, and I shall give it to him to-day. The signatures of so many loyal Liberals from your association in your Stornoway branch will, I feel sure, impress him, as will also the fair statement of the admitted necessity for redress of grievances in the Island of Lewis. Something must be done at once. I have great hopes that the Land Bill will help greatly, and I trust that the Lords will not delay its passing into law. There are rumours of their intention to amend it. It will be disgraceful if for any trivial reason they again keep back from the Highlands a better chance of attaching themselves to the land of their fathers. We have formed a Special Committee of Scottish members to do everything in our power to get the Government to help the fishermen on the lines suggested in the memorial.

I am glad to see that your association supports the Insurance Bill. I have worked hard for special assistance for the Highlands, and I think we shall get special advantages. Again thanking you, and with kind regards,—I am, yours very faithfully, J. IAN MACPHERSON.

The following reply from the Prime Minister, dated the 30th November, 1911, has just come to hand:— Dear Mr Macpherson,—I am desirous to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter with the memorial of the Highland Land Law Reform and Liberal Association, and to express his appreciation of the gratitude shown to the Government for their efforts to place upon the Statute Book the Small Landholders Bill. These efforts should soon be crowned with success, and the Bill when it becomes an Act will, he hopes, have far-reaching effects of an ameliorative character on social and economical conditions in many parts of Scotland, certainly not least in the great county which you represent.—I remain, yours very truly, CHARLES LEYLL.

FORBES—Young Scots' Society.—The fortnightly meeting of this society was held on Monday night—Mr Andrew Taylor in the chair. The subject of lecture was "A visit to the House of Commons," exhibited on slides shown by Mr Hendrie, photographer, and the descriptions being read by Mr Alex Macgregor. At the close Mr Hendrie exhibited a number of local slides, the whole forming a most interesting hour and a half's enjoyment. The usual votes of thanks followed.

INSURANCE BILL PASSES COMMONS.

The third reading of the National Insurance Bill was carried in the House of Commons on Wednesday, the division on the Opposition amendment being—For the amendment, 223; against, 97. On majority against the amendment, 97. On the final division the Opposition did not vote, and the figures stood—For the Bill, 324; against, 21; Government majority, 303.

The Bill was afterwards read a first time in the House of Lords.

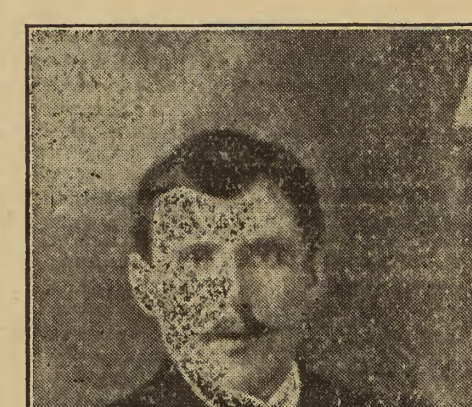
MR MACDONALD'S LETTER TO RATEPAYERS.

[TO THE EDITOR.]

Sir,—The open letter to the ratepayers which appeared in your last issue will, I have no doubt, cause amusement to some of your readers. I do not think it required Mr Macdonald to come to our midst to form a Vigilance Committee. It would have been formed many years ago if the ratepayers had deemed it necessary. At the present time I am afraid it will be rather a difficult task for an individual of Mr Macdonald's calibre to form such. Who does Mr Macdonald mean by "we" in referring to Mr Smith's victory at the last poll? Does he imagine for a moment that the victor is better than the defeated so far as the ratepayers' interests are concerned? If so, you are in the "Bush," Mr Macdonald, just the same as you were when referring to the police at the "Memorable Ratepayers' Meeting." It is surprising to hear Mr Macdonald asking for the Police Acts to be kept in the Library. I should think some of those who concocted the "open letter" along with him would be quite able—at least their experience of these matters should qualify them—to give him all the details regarding the Police Acts. As for his reference to Mr Anderson, I can quite understand it. There is always a wheel within a wheel.—I am, Sir, yours, etc., W. Y.

Stornoway, 30th Dec., 1911.

A TRIBUTE TO ONE OF OUR POPULAR "LEWIS BARDS."



MR MURDO MORRISON.

The subject of our sketch, Murdo Morrison, was born at Mullah an Toll, Shader, Rarvas, on 5th March, 1884, and got his education in the public school of his native village. Being the youngest of the family, he got as good a chance at school as the family could afford, although his father died when he was only 10 years old. He has always been of irreproachable character and of a genial disposition, making many friends.

When he was 13 years old he won first prize for translating a verse of an English Psalm into Gaelic, examined by the Rev. Mr Mackinnon, Barvas, and this although Gaelic was not taught in his school at that time. He left school in 1900, and was for about three years at home—a time of his life, he says, he will never forget, for it was then he spent so much of his time on the shillings that he describes so well in his poetry. He came to Stornoway in 1903, and it was there I met him, when we worked together for Mr Malcolm Macdonald, baker, Cromwell Street. While in Stornoway he joined the late 8th Company H.R.G.A.V., now the Territorials, and made a host of friends among the boys. His first trip out of Stornoway was to the Royal Review in Edinburgh in 1905, and this was one of his red-letter days. He went to Glasgow in July, 1906, after being at camp with the Volunteers. While in Glasgow he was one of the principals at the "celidhs," and it was there he won the title of "The Shadler Bard." I am sure "Canan Binn an Fhraoich" given below is worthy of the name he has made for himself. It will be of interest to his friends to hear that Mr Morrison is just as popular in America as he was at home and in Glasgow. I may also mention that some of his English work was accepted and admired by one of the leading publishing firms of the United States.

Although it is only four years since our young bard published his first poem in the "Highland News," he has been a good contributor, and besides his own poetry he has translated some of Burns' best pieces with good taste, and was very successful in keeping in line with the original, as could be seen in the "Highland News" in the translation of "Man was made to mourn," "The Lament of Mary Queen of Scots on the Approach of Spring," "Scots Wha Hae" and "Ae fond kiss," also "The Land of the Leal," by Lady Nairne.

His own poems and songs can be compared now with any of our best Gaelic bards, and we hope to see him yet publish all his works.—With every good wish, yours sincerely, JOHN W. SMITH, Niagara Falls, N.Y., U.S.A., Late of Laxdale, Stornoway.

CANAN BINN AN FHRAOICH.

[LE MURCHADH MOIREASDAN.] Air Fòna—"Scots Wha Hae." Daisighibh suas a chloinn mo shluagh Toirgibh fonn le cathreann cruaidh. 'S le spiorad bhaigheil cumhaibh suas Canan binn an fhraoich. An chran aosmhor, aibhach grunn, Thuaradh i mar dhèibh leinn. O' bhòidh 'fàs le 'al gach linn. Canan binn an fhraoich.

Tha i gear troimh thèad nan bàid, 'S i is mise 'desanmh dain, 'S i is mine dh' innesaigh gràdh, 'S a' b'blàithe 'labhras sith; Bu tric mi 'meas nan rìbhinn òg, A' seinn nan duan 'a' cuallach bòir, 'S ua h-còig aig fuan na Gàidhlig bhòir, 'Nan glòir an gleann an fhraoich.

'S ged 'tha mise fad air falbh, Thall thar chuan bhòichroch Alb', An chriù me dh'uidh chàirdh ch'ha searg Canan binn an fhraoich. Imnte seinneidh mi mo dhàin, Am measg gach seorsa tràibh is àl, Dheir i gl' mo chumhinn gnàth. Ginn is blàir an fhraoich. Sruthan fòr-glan th'ir nan beann, Uaill gach dh'uidh 'na cuir nan gleann, B' fòislaicht dh'onn 'n uair 'bhithinn fann Canan binn an fhraoich. B'òidh i taise' 'n ar còrdhè bhàth, 'G a' hal-trann suas le mùirn gach là, 'S cha chomhunn g'alach dh'unn 'a' ghàidhig. 'Their 'thàir do chaint' an fhraoich.

CROSSBOST COMMON GRAZINGS CASE.

Sheriff Squair has issued his judgment in this case, which raised an important point in law under the Crofters Act. Mr John Mackenzie and other crofters at Crossbost sought interdict against Mr Murdo Kennedy, crofter, Crossbost, to prevent him proceeding with the erection of a dwelling-house on the Crossbost common grazings. The defender obtained the consent and approval of Major Matheson to erect a dwelling-house on the common grazings in substitution of the defender's house on his croft, which was condemned as insanitary. The pursuers asserted that, having a common interest in the common grazings, they were entitled to interdict, while, on the other hand, the defender maintained that, having obtained the consent of the landlord, he was entitled to build; and, further, that as such he was entitled to the right and interest in the common grazing he had power to build. The decision is important, as the point does not appear to have been raised previously in any action. The following is a copy of the Sheriff-Substitute's interlocutor:—

Stornoway, 5th December 1911.—The Sheriff, after having considered the record, proof and productions, and having heard parties' procurators: Repels the defender's pleas in so far as not otherwise sustained: Finds in fact (1) That the pursuers are crofters in the township of Crossbost under the Crofters Holdings Act, 1909, and as such have a right, in common with the other crofters, of pasturage in the common grazings of said township, which right forms part of their holdings; (2) That the defender is one of the crofters in said township, and has also a right, in common with the others, in said common grazings similar to the pursuers; (3) That the dwelling-house already on the defender's holding has been certified to be insanitary on account of the site which it occupies, and the defender is unable to live therein; (4) That no other suitable site for a dwelling-house can be found on his croft; (5) That with the consent of the landlord the defender began operations for the erection of a dwelling-house in substitution of the one already on his holding on the said common pasture; (6) That the pursuers object to the defender's proposed building on the common grazings; Finds in law (1) That the pursuers are not entitled to appropriate any part of the said common grazings for the site of the proposed house without the consent not only of the landlord but also of the other crofters who have rights therein in common with himself; therefore interdicts the defender and all other acting under his authority or instructions from erecting a dwelling-house or other building on the common grazings of Crossbost, in the parish of Lochs, Stornoway, or any part thereof, and decerns; finds the defender liable to the pursuers in expenses incurred to them after 19th July, 1911, on the lower scale, and allows an account thereof to be given in, and remits the same, when lodged, to the auditor to tax and to report.

(Signed) FRANCIS SQAIR, The Sheriff-Substitute has appended a long note to his interlocutor dealing with the grounds of his judgment on the facts. For pursuers—Mr J. M. Small, solicitor, Stornoway; for defender—Mr J. N. Anderson, solicitor, Stornoway.

THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual re-union of the Edinburgh Branch of the Seaforth Highlanders' Association was held last Friday night in the Victoria Hall, Edinburgh. The chair was taken by Lieut.-Colonel Douglas Campbell, commanding the 2nd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, and among those present were Mr C. M. Pelham Burn, Lieut.-Colonel A. F. Mackenzie, M.V.O.; Lieut.-Colonel T. A. A. Barstow, Major Addison Smith, Major Martin Glynn, Major Outram, the Highland Light Infantry; Captains J. P. Grant, W. B. J. Reid, R. S. Wilson, W. D. Hepburn, and the secretaries of the following kindred associations:—The Royal Scots Greys, the Royal Horse Guards, the Royal Artillery, the Scots Guards, the Royal Engineers, the Royal Scots, the Royal Scots Fusiliers, the King's Own Scottish Borderers, the Black Watch, the Highland Light Infantry, the Gordon Highlanders, the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. The company numbered about 250. There was a large turnout of the veterans of the regiment and their wives and families. The record of the active service of the two battalions is almost unique, and the decorations worn by many of the men present bore this out. There were those who had served in the fateful days of the Crimea, Indian Mutiny, the Afghan War, the China War, the Egyptian Campaign of 1882, the Frontier Expedition, the Sudan, the South African War and the Zalka Khal Expedition. During the course of the evening remarks were made by the Chairman, Mr Pelham Burn, Colonel Mackenzie, M.V.O.; Mr Wm. Napier, Colonel Barstow, Major Outram, Major Grant, Mr Wm. Scott, Captain Wilson, Captain Hepburn, Colonel Douglas Campbell, Mr Lawson, etc. A presentation of a handsome timepiece was also made by Mr Pelham Burn to Mr Sutherland, chairman of the Edinburgh Branch. The concluding part of the evening and a few hours of the morning were enjoyably spent by the company in dancing.

FISHING INDUSTRY IN INVERNESS.

LAUNCH OF A DRIFTER.

The new steam drifter, Finross, which has been built by the Rose Street Foundry Company, Ltd., to the order of the Congested Districts Board of Ireland, was launched from the Thornish Boatyard on Wednesday forenoon. There was a large attendance at the ceremony, and many prominent citizens, including Provost Birnie, were present.

Baillie Macewen, who presided, briefly introduced Mrs Birnie. He congratulated the Rose Street Foundry Company in having secured this first order from the Irish Congested Districts Board. He hoped the Scottish Congested Districts Board would follow the example set by Ireland, or that the Government would give a grant towards the proposed boat shelter, and thus help in the development of the fishing industry in and around Inverness. He had much pleasure in calling upon Mrs Birnie, who had proved herself an ideal Provost's wife, to perform the ceremony of christening the Finross—(applause).

Mrs Birnie, who was received with applause, said that before taking part in this very interesting ceremony she must thank Baillie Macewen for the far too kind remarks he had used regarding her. She had looked forward to the event with very great interest, and she would express her sincere good wishes for the success and prosperity of the vessel, and may good luck attend her and the hardy fishermen who were to man her. She felt sure that the Finross would prove a worthy vessel and a credit to her builders.

The blocks were then struck away, and as the vessel left the ways Mrs Birnie gracefully performed the ceremony of christening the vessel by dashing a bottle of champagne against the bows. The launch was a complete success. Afterwards Councillor D. Petrie, in the name of the Rose Street Foundry Co., presented Mrs Birnie with a handsome gold ring as a memento of the occasion. The Finross, which is a handsome vessel, was much admired as she rode gaily on the bottom of the Ness.

SKYE NEWS.

WATERNSH—Crofters' Commission.—On Saturday the Commission held a sitting at Waterish and dealt with applications for fair rents and other matters.

PORTREE—New Territorial Rifle Ranges.—The new rifle ranges in course of construction were inspected by Colonel Ross of Cromarty on Saturday.

PORTREE—Golf Competition.—The usual monthly competition for the gold medal took place on Saturday. The medal was won by A. M. Murchison with a score of 93.

Portree as a Police Burgh.—This proposal came before the Skye District Committee on Tuesday, and it was agreed to request Sheriff Wilson to delay taking steps in the matter until the Committee had considered the subject further. The assessable rental of Portree is about £2000. The contract for the construction of the East Side Road and the erection by Messrs Baird & Co. of workmen's houses at Ransay were under consideration. Bye-laws were supplied for these houses.

Portree as a Police Burgh.—At a meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council, at Inverness on Friday, the County Clerk said, with reference to the proposal to make Portree a police burgh, that he had received a petition from many people in the village against the proposal. Of the 17 original petitioners in favour of the proposal 11 had withdrawn, reducing the number to 7, which was the lowest statutory number. So far as the County Council was concerned they had not much interest in the matter. It was the District Committee that was interested, and he had suggested to the district clerks that if the Committee resolved to oppose the petition the County Council would give the use of their name on condition that they would not be responsible for any expense. The County Clerk's suggestion was adopted.

RAASAY—Crofters' Commission.—The Commission held a sitting at Raasay on Tuesday. There were several applications for enlargement of holdings by taking land at present in the occupancy of the proprietors, part of which the applicants alleged had been long ago their common pasture. The same applicants applied to have a fair rental of the proprietors offered on about 500 acres and to leave the rents, including the existing crofts and enlargements, as at present. Four applicants from Balachuir lodged a document consenting to the proposal of the proprietors, but at the hearing on Tuesday, when they were willing to take the land, they objected to taking it with the applicants from the other townships. The applicants from the other four townships continued to decline the offer made to them. Mr Ronald Macdonald, solicitor, Portree, solicitor for the proprietors, was not satisfied with the offer made to him as regards the fixing of fair rents, and pleaded that out of the seven applicants only three were statutory crofters, the remaining four being persons who had entered since 1886, neither as heirs or legal representatives of statutory crofters, and contended therefore, as the number of statutory crofters was less than five the application was incompetent. After the sitting the Commissioners inspected the crofts and the land applied for, and also the land offered by the proprietors.

PRESENTATION TO GLASGOW SKYE SHINTY PLAYER.

When it became known that Mr John Macqueen, captain of the Glasgow Skye Shinty Club, was leaving for New Zealand, his numerous friends of the Glasgow Skye and Glasgow Gaelic Musical Associations thought it only proper to show their appreciation of his services and comradeship in some tangible form. A small committee was formed to arrange matters, and, owing to the spontaneous and generous response to their wishes, it was arranged to meet Mr Macqueen in the Grand Restaurant, Mitchell Street, on Tuesday, November 21st.

A large and representative number of friends turned up to bid God-speed to their young friend. Dr N. Maclean, M.A., president of the Skye Camanachd Club, presided, and on rising said it was with mingled feelings—more of regret than pleasure—that he came among them that evening. He greatly regretted the loss of this unassuming young gentleman. They could ill afford to lose such men. They all knew Mr Macqueen, and he was sure they would agree with him that Angus Robertson would leave no enemy behind him—(applause). Mr Macqueen, as a wielder of the caman, could hold his own with the best in the country. He, as president of the club, would feel Mr Macqueen's loss keenly, but he hoped that Mr Macqueen would take the same feelings in the other direction, perhaps at some future date re-cross the hills with his team to get a thrashing from the Glasgow Skye—(laughter). The only pleasure he found at being present was in the fact of being associated with his movement, and in seeing in a tangible way the appreciation of such a worthy son of the Misty Isle—(applause). He wished Mr Macqueen every success.

After Gaelic and English songs were rendered by Messrs "Kaid" Maclean and Hector Kelly, the chairman declared that Angus Robertson to perform the duty of the evening. This Mr Robertson did in an able and feeling manner. He, like the worthy president, deeply regretted losing such a worthy comrade, but he had every confidence in this ambitious youth making his mark on the map. In the name of the Glasgow Skye Shinty Club, Glasgow Gaelic Musical Association and friends, he would ask Mr Macqueen to accept of that gold Albert and badge, suitably inscribed, as a small token of the great respect in which he was held by his Glasgow friends. He hoped Mr Macqueen would be long spared to wear them—(applause). The company immediately rose and heartily sang—"For he's a jolly good fellow."

The chairman thereupon called on "Kaid" Macleod for an original song composed for the occasion. Mr Macleod responded in a lively manner, and his song was so much appreciated that shortly afterwards he was called upon to again render the same. Mr Macqueen, in replying to the company, remarked that the oldest of them was no speaker. He would never forget the friends he was about to leave behind. Words failed him to express his gratitude to them for their great kindness. He was indeed sorry he was leaving the shinty field. He loved the grand old game, and it was with regret that he did not intend to entirely forsake it that he had already packed two shinty sticks for New Zealand—(applause). He hoped he would continue to hear of Skye's success in the shinty world. He again thanked them one and all—(cheers).

Mr Macqueen was further presented with a beautiful gold badge bearing the following inscription:—"Shinty League, Glasgow Skye C.C. League Champions 1910-11, J. Macqueen, captain." Mr Macleod, as a fellow-player, made the presentation on behalf of the Shinty League. In doing so he endorsed the statements of the chairman and Mr Robertson, and with them wished their fellow Skye man every success. Mr Macqueen suitably replied. Mr John Macleod, as a fellow-player, was asked to say a few words. In the course of his remarks Mr Macleod, like the former speakers, expressed his deep

regret at losing such a gallant comrade and player. He was of opinion that Mr Macqueen was just at the height of form this season, and it was all the more regrettable that he was departing from them. He hoped that Mr Macqueen would have the pleasure of availing of even greater successes in the future, and reminded "Johnnie" that though in the antipodes he would be uppermost in the thoughts and good wishes of his fellow-players of the Glasgow Skye.

Mr P. M. Macleod, in wishing God-speed to Mr Macqueen, referred to Mr Macqueen's connection with the Glasgow Gaelic Musical Association, and recited some humorous incidents in connection therewith.

Messrs John Macartain and Don Macdonald, treasurer and secretary respectively of the G.G. club, spoke, the latter mentioning that in his opinion there were none who so grieved at "Johnnie's" parting as the girls of the G.G.—(laughter).

Throughout the evening Gaelic and English songs and recitations kept all in a lively mood. The following gentlemen contributed to the programme:—Messrs W. Reynolds, L. Maclean, T. M. Maclean, J. Macleintosh, J. Matheson, D. M. Fraser, J. Macleod, H. M. Kelly, A. Robertson, A. Murray, A. Gilles and the guests of the evening, Mr J. Macleod, the Gaelic rendering of "Eòlaidh 'Chao'" and "Tha mi an oidhche air tighinn" being highly appreciated.

A vote of thanks to Dr Macleod for his able chairmanship and the singing of "Gach tìr a' tinn ri rìs" brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

PROPOSED POLICE BURGH FOR PORTREE.

[TO THE EDITOR.]

Sir,—The proposal to form Portree into a police burgh has been launched at an opportune time, and, if my information is correct, not a moment too soon for the ratepayers. At this particular season the Xmas presents of many of us are the notices we receive from the tax gatherer! He is presently on the move, and the poor ratepayer, if he would avoid a worse fate, must find the wherewithal to pay. So that the matter is before us at the proper moment.

I am told the rental within the proposed burgh boundary, which is practically the old village of Portree, is £5000. As one of those who receive a notice from the tax gatherer, I am in a position to find, on looking over my notices, that owners and occupiers in Portree pay a rate of 2s 4d per £ for roads and public health, which includes water, drainage, cleansing and lighting rates. My little boy has calculated that the rate which he should bring in a sum of about £260, and so it does. Curiosity has prompted me to enquire how this sum is applied, and I confess I am thunderstruck that we have not as a community taken notice of this before. The result of my enquiry is to find that, for last year, of this sum of £260, £125 was spent within the special water, drainage and lighting districts, and on roads and scavenging or cleansing duties about £140 was spent, making a sum of £265 spent within the village of Portree, leaving a balance of £315 to be accounted for. I have asked for information regarding the destination of this balance, and I am told it goes to the further relief of the remainder of the district of Skye who already receive the benefit of the Agricultural Ratings Act, which Portree does not. That is to say, of the £315 raised by Portree village, only £225 is retained and used in the better world—for its own purposes, while the balance of £315 is spent in the rest of the island. Now, I am a very charitable man myself, but I believe that charity should begin at home. Were Portree a wealthy community perhaps one could wink at the £225 being retained to pay Paul. But unfortunately it is not so, and I am sure there are very few people in Portree who know that their hard-earned money is spent thus. Under a burgh, of course, we would only pay for ourselves and our needs. If the people of Portree have been paying £260 per annum to the Skye District Committee since the Act of 1877 passed, there will be a heavy reckoning when the County Council asks for compensation from the burgh, as was suggested at the Finance Committee meeting in Inverness last week, and it will not be the burgh who will be asked to pay out, but the ratepayers something like a sum of £10,000 due to Portree. I did not sign the petition in favour of the burgh, but on account of what I have stated and for other reasons I am now in favour of it.—I am, Sir, yours, etc., INDEPENDENT, Portree, 6th December, 1911.

ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY CELTIC SOCIETY.

ARE HIGHLANDERS CELTS?

A NEW THEORY.

Last Friday night the Celtic Society met in the Debating Hall, Marischal College, when a very interesting paper entitled "Historic Elements in Celtic Mythology" was read by Mr D. A. Mackenzie, Dundee (author of "Elves and Heroes" and "Finn and his Warrior Band"). The chair was occupied by Mr H. F. Campbell, M.A., LL.B., who presided over an unusually large audience. Mr Mackenzie dealing with his theme in a very ingenious manner, remarked briefly on the information about our forefathers to be derived from a study of their modes of burial, but said that the real way to get at this knowledge was through a study of the existing folklore, beliefs and customs which are handed down unaltered generation to generation. Then the use of the holly at Christmas, and the horse shoes charm evil spirits, the receding tea cups and hand crosses, the belief in witches, hags and bean-siths all have been retained from our pre-historic ancestors, in spite of a profession of Christianity.

Proceeding to the question of Celtic gods, Mr Mackenzie said that like those of the Greeks, they were developments of the nature myths—the contrast between light and darkness. In Ireland the pre-Celtic Fomorians dynasty of giant gods was supplanted by the tribe of Danu akin to the Olympian dynasty, but these in turn were succeeded by the Milesians. On the other hand we hear only of the Fomorians or Tuans in Ireland, and there are similar beliefs in Wales and Cornwall. In Greece we have the struggle between the Olympians and the Titans; in Scandinavia between Thor and the giants; in Ireland between the Dananns and the Fomorians; but in Scotland we hear of no such struggle. What can this be but the clash of Aryan and pre-Aryan civilisations? The Celts came from Gaul to Ireland with their Aryan deities akin to those of the Greeks and Scandinavians. But in Scotland we have no trace of them; we hear only of rude Fomorians or Tuans guarding each headland and mountain top with no Aryan deity to dispute their supremacy. From this Mr Mackenzie has developed a new theory. Language is no index to race. Christianity came from Ireland, and with it the language of the Irish. If the Irish Celts had come in any great numbers, why did they not bring their Danuans along with them? As a fellow-player, Mr Macleod, as a fellow-player, was asked to say a few words. In the course of his remarks Mr Macleod, like the former speakers, expressed his deep

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One of the ordinary concomitants of Christmas in the olden times was the Yule log, or Block, which was placed on the wide stone hearth amid great rejoicings, and generally fired with a brand saved from last year's log. Loud was the mirth if it burned and sparkled bravely throughout the night, for then it foretold a year of happiness; keen was the sorrow if it suddenly died out. In northern England, so long as the log lasted—and it was, in fact, a great tree, burning for nights and days—the servants of the household were privileged to have ale at every meal. It is doubtful whether such privilege would be much thought of nowadays. Ale is all very well at the right time, but few of us would care to have it for breakfast, or instead of the popular tea in the afternoon. Times have changed in many ways. A really old-fashioned Christmas is seldom observed in this country. Coaching days and snow at Christmas exist only in pictures. Still there are some customs to which we fondly adhere—and sad will be the day when old England shows an apathetic attitude to such institutions as the Christmas pudding and the mince pie. Few there are who trouble to think wherein lies the value of the Christmas pudding. Everyone is agreed that it is wholesome and palatable, and in every way delicious, yet many do not take the trouble to think why the pudding is so good. The explanation is simple. It is because the Christmas pudding contains a large quantity of Currants. All confections in which Currants preponderate are savoury and pleasant. How delicious are the mince pies, and the famous North of England Eccles cake. But above all, the Christmas pudding must be given pride of place. The more Currants it contains the better the pudding. You can easily earn a reputation as an expert maker of puddings or any other sweet dish, if you bear in mind the magic power of Currants. Apart also from their delicious flavour, they are the pleasantest form of household economy, for, as men of science have taught us, Currants possess a great food value, are all nutriment and easily digested. The moral of all this is, to ensure a merry Christmas, see that your puddings and pies contain a liberal quantity of Currants. You will find it a cheap and effective way of making all around you happy, and thoroughly enjoy the Christmas merry-making. As a practical and seasonable help to the housewife on whom depends the real pleasure of the Christmas party, the following recipes have been specially prepared by an eminent chef.

XMAS PLUM PUDDING.
1 lb. currants, 8 oz. raisins, 4 oz. peel, 4 oz. flour, 1 lb. bread crumbs, 1 lemon, 1 nutmeg, 1 oz. citron, 4 eggs, 1 gill port, 1 gill milk, 2 oz. almonds, 1 lb. suet, 1 lb. Demerara sugar, pinch of salt.
METHOD.—Stalk and clean the currants stone and chop raisins, chop, peel and shred the blanched almonds, chop the suet finely. Mix all the dry ingredients together, including the grated lemon rind. Strain in the juice, beat and add the eggs, the milk, and lastly the port. Put the mixture into well buttered moulds, and boil from 6 to 8 hours.

RICH CURRANT CAKE.
1 lb. flour, 1 lb. currants, 1 lb. castor sugar, 1 teaspoonful bi-carbonate of soda, and 1 teaspoonful cream of tartar, 1 oz. candied peel, 1 lb. butter, 3 eggs, a pinch of salt.
METHOD.—Sift the flour and the soda and cream of tartar, also the salt. Cream the butter and sugar in a basin; when well beaten, add the eggs one at a time. Mix thoroughly; and, lastly, work in the fruit—the peel to be cut in fine shreds or chopped very small. If found too stiff, add a little milk. Bake in a buttered cake tin for about 40 minutes.

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4 oranges, 1 gill cream, 1 lb. currants, sugar and 1 oz. gelatine.
METHOD.—Cut the oranges in half, and scoop out the inside carefully with a teaspoon. Pass the juice through a strainer. Whip the cream, and mix in some of the orange juice. Add sugar to taste, and the previously dissolved gelatine, and lastly, the currants. Fill up the oranges, and decorate tastefully with almond chips and chopped pistachio nuts.

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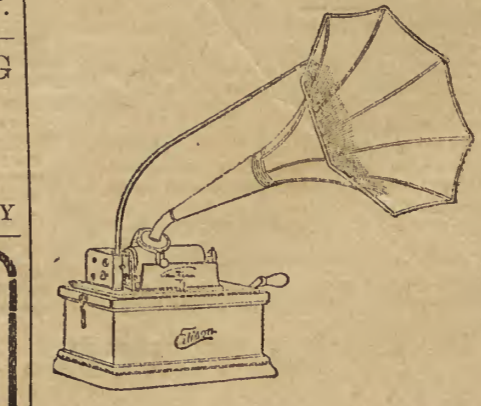
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