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P. Macconochie—"The History of Clan Don-
nachaidh," by David Robertson, is out of print,
but a second-hand copy may be picked up. In
the end of that work you will find a list of the
books bearing on the history of the clan. Were
you to apply to the clan secretary, Mrs Robert-
son-Matheson, Glendevon, Dollar, she would put
you in the way of getting at the literature
bearing on your clan.

At the annual gathering of the natives of
Tiree, held last Friday evening in Glasgow, the
Marquis of Tullibardine, who was unable to
preside, sent a long letter, in which he animad-
verted on the inaccessibility of Tiree. The lack
of a pier has often been discussed, and on more
than one occasion experts have visited the island
and reported regarding the feasibility of the
scheme; but the credit was never attempted.
It was thought at one time that the Congested
Districts Board would undertake the work, but
they declined to tackle the scheme unaided, and
as the island has been for sale for some time
it is not likely that the present proprietor will
undertake a share of the expense. Of course, it
would be well, if it could be made certain that
the Congested Districts Board should purchase the island and
break up the large farms, of which there are
several, into smaller holdings. The proposal is
strongly advocated by Mr Ainsworth, the mem-
ber for the county, who believes that the scheme
is one that is quite feasible. Of course, at pre-
cise time it was thought that purchasers were
the Congested Districts Board are not in funds to
the extent required, but in the near future they
may find themselves in a position to do so, and
were they purchased they would certainly erect a
pier on the island. Tiree is so low-lying that
it is spoken of in Gaelic as "the land under
the waves," and when approaching it one
imagines that it is under the level of the sea.
Tiree was at one time famed for its barley, and
was so fertile that it was called the granary of the
West, and supplied the Columbian Church in
Iona with grain. In one sense it may still
be regarded as the granary of the Church, for,
year in and year out it sends out to the interest
quite a number of students, who in due course
find their way to the learned professions. There
are quite a number of prominent ministers in
the leading Presbyterian Churches connected
with the island of Tiree among them being
Rev. John MacLean, D.D., St. Columba Church,
Glasgow; Rev. Hector Mackinnon, M.A.,
Campbeltown; Rev. Charles Lainon, Saltcoats;
and many other well-known names.

MacLachlan of MacLachlan of Castle Lachlan
Cowell, has agreed to preside at the annual
gathering of the Glasgow Cowal Society in
February.

On Thursday evening the Caledonian Catholic
Society, Glasgow, hold their annual gathering
under the presidency of the Hon. Stuart F.
Ewing. The oratorical evening was given by Mr
Erskine, who is the second son of Lord Erskine,
was born in 1838. He is a Celtic writer, and
the editor of the Anglo-Gaelic quarterly, "South of
the Border," the organ of the Caledonian Catholics. He recently
married Maria de Guadalupe Haven, only
daughter of the Marquis of Braccres, and Mr
Heaven, of the Forest of Birs, Aberdeenshire.
Mr Erskine takes a deep interest in the Gaelic
Med and the Celtic movement generally. He
is a staunch Jacobite and Scots nationalist.