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P. Maconochie.—"The History of Clan Donnachaidh," 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 Robertson-Matheson, Glendevon, Dollar, she would put you in the way of getting at the literature bearing on your clan.

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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 animadverted 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 erection 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 has been frequently urged that the Congested Districts Board should purchase the island and break up the large farms, of which there are several, into crofter holdings. This proposal is strongly advocated by Mr Ainsworth, the member for the county, who believes that the scheme is one that is quite feasible. Of course, at present, owing to recent purchases in Skye, 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 it purchased they would certainly erect a pier on the island. Tiree is so low-lying that it is spoken of in Gaelic tales 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 Columban Church in Iona with grain. In one sense it may still be regarded as the granary of the Church, for year after year it sends out to our universities 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 Lamont, Saltcoats; and many other well-known names.

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

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On Thursday evening the Caledonian Catholic Society, Glasgow, hold their annual gathering under the presidency of the Hon. Stuart P. Erskine of Glenbogie, Aberdeenshire. Mr Erskine, who is the second son of Lord Erskine, was born in 1869. He is a Celtic writer, and the editor of the Anglo-Gaelic quarterly, "Guth na Bhadhna"—"the voice of the year," the organ of the Caledonian Catholics. He recently married Maria de Guadalupe Heaven, only daughter of the Marquessa de Braceres and Mr Heaven, of the Forest of Birse, Aberdeenshire. Mr Erskine takes a deep interest in the Gaelic Mod and the Celtic movement generally. He is a staunch Jacobite and Scots nationalist.

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