

“ A MAN MOST WORTHY ”



JOHN GILLIES AND HIS DOG "SKYE"

**RETIRAL OF TIREE
MISSIONARY**

Mr John Gillies Honoured

AS A MARK OF GRATITUDE AND GOODWILL ON his retiral from service as Church of Scotland Missionary after seventeen years in Tiree, Mr John Gillies was recently made the recipient of a gift of treasury notes, at a social evening held in Cornaigmore School Hall.

On the call of the minister, Rev. A. J. Goodheir, Mr A. C. MacDougall spoke on behalf of all those in the island who had so readily responded to the proposal to salute Mr Gillies on his retiral. During the past sixty years, he said, a very considerable number of men had ministered in the parish, and Mr Gillies' 17 years' service was certainly most worthy of recognition. A most faithful servant of the Church, Mr Gillies had impressed and made more pleasant the place in which his lines had been set.

A man of inherent dignity, reflecting the True Source of his contemplations, and not without the fire of the true Highlander,

evident even in his kindnesses, he had been an example to all by his humility and by the steadfastness of his witness. In his record, in his preaching both in Gaelic and in English, and in himself he was the embodiment of something of the impact of the Word of God on our beloved Western Isles and that influence he had carried among the people with the greatest of devotion. They were glad to learn that, though retired, he was to reside in Tiree and the Sunday School would therefore go on.

To his devoted sister, Miss C. Gillies, who had, at much personal sacrifice, supported their missionary and restored him to health over the years, they also wished to express their appreciation, and indeed their admiration, and he had great pleasure in calling on Mrs Goodheir to hand to them both gifts accompanied by suitable inscriptions.

In a brief and appropriate reply, Mr Gillies thanked the people for their too great kindness and for the gifts of which he felt most unworthy. He had been able with the help of the teachers throughout the years to keep the Sunday School going and he prayed for a rich harvest for the work done for the young folk in Tiree. Their praise of him had been too kind and in all humility he thanked them in all sincerity on behalf of his sister and himself.