

## TO A FAITHFUL FRIEND

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by

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The death in December of Annie MacIntyre at Gott Farm on the Isle of Tiree has been a grief to many people, and to none more than to the grand-children and great-grand-children of Lady Frances Balfour. Annie was housekeeper to Lady Frances at the Lodge in Tiree for 20-odd years, and before that to her sister Lady Victoria Campbell. She was always a true friend to both, as well as to the many descendants of the 8th Duke of Argyll who often stayed at the Lodge, and to whom Annie was an integral part of that entrancing place and a loved friend.

In 1909, Lady Victoria wrote - "Annie knows how to do it all" - and the members of the family who came under her loving care for a span of some 50 years can testify to the truth of this. From the early days of childhood, when they landed at Scarnish pier and drove in the buckboard (there were no cars in Tiree in those days) across the white sands of Gott Bay to the Lodge, and on through the years till they were gliding on to the Reef in an aeroplane and on by car to Gott Farm, Annie was always there with the same welcoming smile, the same lavish hospitality, and the same loving interest in all their concerns. She loved to talk of the old days when the younger generation was growing up around her, and Lord Lorne, Lord Archibald, and Lord George Campbell stayed with their sisters at the Lodge, and when she was a confidante of them all.

Annie was by birth a Campbell, and married Malcolm Macintyre, of Gott. Our sympathy goes out to their daughter, Rosie, and to the little grand-daughter who gave Annie so much happiness in the later years.

"Ne obliviscaris" is the motto of the Campbells of Argyll, and indeed, Annie MacIntyre will not be forgotten by those whom she loved so dearly and served so faithfully.

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