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DUBHARRACH CASTLE.

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Together with an

APPENDIX

Containing Letters of Gen'l Allan MacLean
Narrative of an American Party
A MacLean Bibliography

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MAC LEAN PROVERBS.

CLOINN GHILLEATHAIN 'S NA SEANFHACAIL.—Cha 'n 'eil e idir na iognadh gu'm fine cho gaisceil agus ainmeil ri Cloinn Ghilleathain air chuimhne anns na sean-fhacail. So iad mata, math is olc:—

"Spagadagliog Chlann Dònuill agus leòm Leathanaich"—Macdonald swagger and Maclean airs.

Leathanach gun bhòsd, Dònuilfach gun tapadh, agus Caimbeulach gun mhòrchuis—(Rare things) a Maclean without boasting, a Macdonald without activity, or a Campbell without pride.

An t-uasal Leathanach 's an ceatharnach Raonalach—The Macleans proud and the Clan Ranald courageous.

Ged tha mi bochd tha mi uasal; buidheachas do Dhia is ann de Chlann 'Ill Eathain mi—Though I am poor I am proud; thank God I am a Maclean.

Mar mhadadh ag òl eanraich tha ainmean Chlann 'Ill' Eathain—Eachunn, Lachunn, Teàrlach—Like a dog lapping soup the names of the Macleans—Eachunn, Lachunn, Teàrlach (Hector, Lachlan, Charles).

Mac 'Ill Eathain làmh-fhadaich, Mac Shimidh ball-dubh, 's Mac-'Tille Chaluim camachasach—Long-handed Macleans, black-spotted Fraser, and bandy-legged Macleod (of Raasay).

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BADGES OF THE CLAN.

Dowart, Drimnin, Morvaren, Pennycross and Brolas—Crowberry Heath.
Ardgour, Coll, Dochgarroch and Macleans of the North—Holly.

TARTANS.

There are two tartans—the dress and hunting.

The following will be interesting, viz.—The first indisputable reference to Highland Tartans occurs in the "Accounts of the Lord High Treasurer of Scotland," in August, 1538. "These articles formed part of the dress worn by James V. when hunting in the Highlands. While there can be little doubt that district tartans are older than clan tartans, it is interesting to note that there is historic evidence to prove the existence of clan tartans as early as 1587. In a charter of that year, granting Hector MacLean of Dowart certain lands in Islay, the feu duty is made payable in the form of sixty ells cloth of white, black and green colours, which correspond with the colours of the hunting tartan of the House of Dowart."

"SLOGANS OR WAR CRIES."

Bàs na beatha—"Death or Life."

Fear eile airson Eachainn—"Another for Hector." Used alternatively.



CHARLES J. MACLEAN.



MACLEATHAN.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

In the city of Glasgow, on Tuesday, September 4, 1912, the day was rainy, and gloom appeared to settle over all. But, on entering the office of John MacLean, the Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the Gathering, I found that gentleman's face beaming with smiles, for his mind was in a happy frame over the success of the Gathering. The numbers present at the meeting far exceeded expectations, the weather was all that could be desired, and the arrangements carried out to a full satisfaction, without a hitch or any incident to mar the occasion. All in attendance had expressed themselves as satisfied beyond their expectations.

Mr. MacLean informed me that there appeared to be a general desire that the occasion, with its proceedings, should be preserved in permanent form; that he had been requested to take up the work, and, still others had suggested him, that the writer should assume the burden. He urged me to shoulder the charge. The whole matter was thoroughly discussed in all its attendant phases. That gentleman assured me that he would do all in his power to assist in the enterprise, which promise he has fulfilled.

In canvassing the question I pointed out the advisability of adding other material which would be welcome to the reader, besides adding to the value of the book.

It is a matter of pride to record that the financial success was assured before a single line had been indited. It was discovered that there was a great desire to possess the records as set forth in the advertisement that had been presented to the clansmen. When the Chief learned of the enterprise, he immediately wrote: "I am glad to hear you are good enough to seize your pen once more and to commence another Historical Campaign. No man is better fitted for it. We are all anxious to get copies." It might be well to state that I alone am re-

sponsible for the contents of this volume, and furthermore no one has inspected the same.

The Topical Press, London, and the Glasgow Daily Record & Mail, placed at my disposal the free use of such of their copyright photographs as I required. Colonel J. R. Howard MacLean, also sent the collection of photographs made by himself, for use to choose such as I desired. My obligations are due to all.

December 4, 1912.



(This crest taken from a silver spoon owned by Capt. Hector MacLean, of the 42nd Regiment, in American Revolution. Now owned by his great-granddaughter, Mrs. Elizabeth McLean Volty, of Buffalo, N. Y.)