
Ossianic Society Dinner.

This interesting society held their third anniversary dinner in the large hall of the Argyll Hotel, Glasgow on Wednesday the 21st inst. The spirit stirring strains of the bagpipe summoned the company, consisting of about 80 highly respectable Highlanders to the festive board which was plentifully and handsomely furnished by Mr Sinclair. The chair was filled by the Vice-President of the Society, the Rev. Dr M'Leod of Campsie, supported on his right by MacAllister of Hayfield, and on his left by Campbell of Otter. Mr L. M'Lean was Croupier, supported on his right by Captain M'Lean, late of the 27th Regiment, and on his left by Mr MacPherson of Denny. Never did we witness a more harmonious, social and delightful meeting: every one seemed determined to be happy himself, and to contribute all in his power to the happiness of others. That the Gaelic is admirably adapted for innocent and friendly conviviality, as well as for rousing into action the loftiest feelings of the soul, cannot be disputed. The eloquence and excellent sense of propriety, displayed throughout the evening did infinite honour to the Gael; the admirable tact and dignified conduct of the chairman are beyond all praise. Many of the distinguished strangers present, and several members of the Society delivered able and spirited speeches. Among the principal speakers, besides the chairman and Croupier, we may mention Captain M'Lean, Campbell of Otter, Hayfield, M'Donald, younger of Glenaladale, Mr Campbell from Islay, Mr W. M'Donald, Mr Stewart, A.M., Rev. John M'Pherson, Mr D.S. M'Dougall, &c.

In addition to the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, we may mention the following which were all prefaced by excellent speeches:

- The Ossianic Society from the Chair to which Mr Samuel Cameron returned thanks
- Mr Duncan and the 1300 Highlanders who stand forward in defence of the Gaelic of Rothsay
- The memory of General Stewart of Garth, by Mr M'Dougal
- The Church of Scotland, by Mr Stewart
- Prosperity to the Gaelic by Mr M'Lean
- The health of the most noble the Marquis of Douglas, the Patron and President of the Society by Mr M'Master
- The Healths of Ranald M'Donald Esq., of Staffa and L. M'Kinnon, both honorary members of the Society
- The Rev. John M'Leod of Morven
- Principal Macfarlan and the University
- Principal Baird and the General Assembly's schools
- The Highland Institutions of Edinburgh and Glasgow & c. & c.
