

of being a bachelor, is one that can be mended. One would like to deal with the many virtues of the other officials individually were there space to do so. But the will must be taken for the deed just at present. The full list of officers for the ensuing year are: Mr. S. S. Bain, president; Mr. R. M. Esdaile, 1st vice-president; Mr. Alex. Cunningham, 2nd vice-president; Mr. J. L. Mitchell, recording-secretary, re-elected; Mr. James Moffatt, secretary-treasurer, re-elected; Mr. J. C. S. Bennett, financial-secretary, re-elected; General Committee, A. Lindsay, Andrew McAlister, E. A. Aitken, Hugh Russell, J. H. McIntosh, Joseph Reid, Wm. Arnott, J. R. Binning, J. J. Murray, J. W. Hannah, J. C. McDermid and James Smith.

Messrs. D. Guthrie and D. Seath were re-elected auditors, Mr. Matheson was re-elected piper of the society, Rev. Mr. Cruikshank was chosen as chaplain.

#### MONTREAL CLANSMEN MEET.

On Friday, the 6th inst., the Clan MacLennan and friends assembled in the Masonic Temple to celebrate their annual re-union, Chief Ross presided, and he was supported by Chief Robertson, of Clan Gordon; Robert Reid, (Wanlock); Wm. Seath, vice-president, Caledonian Society; Principal Peterson, McGill's University; J. T. Mitchell, hon.-secretary, Caledonian Society; and A. J. Ross, Capt. Clarke, etc.

The "Gathering" of the Clan was played on the Piob Mor, which instrument had an important share in the musical programme.

Principal Peterson appeared to advantage, brimful of humour. Young and old found it impossible to maintain anything like a Presbyterian countenance under the spell of his sparkling eloquence. He found, he said, that it was becoming a very fashionable thing on Scottish Nights to give "An Address." He, however, did not approve it, and did not, therefore, burn the midnight oil framing a speech for the Clan MacLennan. Since coming to Montreal he discovered that appearing at Scottish gatherings formed an important part of his duties. He advocated the making of a Scottish Calendar in order that they might keep track of the events. "Dinna Forget—yourself, and don't let anybody else forget Scotland" was the Scotsman's motto. But the power of the association of Scottish sentiment contributed much to the progress or the race. Greater Britain was mainly the out-come or Scottish pluck—he might call it Greater Scotland. However, the term "England" was still persisted in, and there were times when it was excusable; when, for instance, the Yankees abused "England" instead of Britain—he did not object to that. Englishmen could not understand why Scotsmen were so clannish. There were many things Englishmen could not understand. Once when in England he was asked "what wine do Scotsmen like best." He thought of whisky, but in true Scottish fashion he answered by asking "which?" He was told "other folks." Nevertheless, he would always proclaim himself a Scotsman.

#### A HIGHLAND SOCIETY FORMED.

As intimated in last issue, the proposal to form a Highland Society has taken definite shape. The formation of the society is now an accomplished fact, and its title is: "The Montreal Scottish Highland Society." The primary objects are: To promote the wearing of the Highland Costume, Cultivation of taste for Highland music, Literature and song, and the binding together of Highlanders in a social way. The matter is being unenthusiastically taken up. The chief of the newly formed body is, Mr. Geo. H. Macleod, and Mr. N. M. Macleod is hon.-secretary.

#### TROUBLE IN THE ROYAL SCOTS.

The resignations, in rapid succession, of Majors, Ibbotson, Blaiklock, and Captain Cameron, of the Fifth Royal Scots, has caused consternation among the many friends of the Regiment. It is only recently that a considerable sum was subscribed by the friends of the Regiment to provide the much coveted "Feather Bonnet." The trouble, it appears, originated through a difference of opinion as to what constitutes "discipline." Whatever the cause, the effect, it is feared, will be detrimental to the best interests of this popular corps.

In the next issue of the FIERY CROSS I hope to present your readers with the portrait of another celebrated Montreal Highlander. LEODHASACH.

### Hamilton Notes.

The regular monthly meeting of the Gaelic society was held in Andrews' hall, King street east, Saturday night, Chief Jno. Cameron presiding. The feature of the evening was the first of a series of essays to be given on Scottish subjects. W. G. Scott gave the first essay, choosing for his subject "Prince Charlie and the 45." The essay was ably handled and much enjoyed by the large number present. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Scott, to which he made a suitable reply. The next essay will be delivered by past Chief D. J. Campbell. His subject, "The Gaelic language in Canada," is well chosen, as from his opportunities in travelling all over the Dominion, his knowledge of the subject is thorough. McGregor, Campbell and Dreever played selections on the bag pipes, A request was made that all the members attend the charity concert on Friday in Arcade hall, and appear in Highland costume.

The Hamilton Pipe band has resumed its practice for the season. Pipers Alex. MacGregor, Oswald Campbell, Dreever, Davenport, and MacGregor compose the band. Last season they were very successful, and filled a number of engagements.

Camp Hamilton No. 21, S. O. S. at its regular meeting on Tuesday last initiated one member and had one or two propositions for new members. Under Chief Geo. A. Milne the camp is striving hard to increase the membership.

Rev. Dr. Mungo Fraser, of Knox church has three months leave of absence to visit Europe. He will visit his own native Perthshire, to get "aye smell o' his native heather." We wish him joy and happiness, and a *Turus Math*, and that he may come back refreshed and invigorated, and with a fresh supply of the Gaelic stories he can tell so well, when he gets on a Gaelic platform. MUILEACH.