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A HAPPY XMAS AND NEW YEAR TO YOU!

THE PRIZE LIST AND ADDRESS of our excellent Friend, THE HON. MR. JUSTICE YOUNG, LL D, will appear in our MONTHLY RECORD for January, 1888. We hope he will continue his admirable SCRIPTURE REFERENCES, as well as his APOSTOLIC STUDIES, which are so highly appreciated by our Readers, old and young.—
Ed.

LETTER FROM SCOTLAND.

WATERSIDE, THORNHILL, Oct., 1887.

DEAR MR. MELVILLE,—I sent you an account of the fatal accident to the Earl of Dalkeith, at Lochaber, while deer-stalking, in September last year. I send you now a Photograph of the Ionic Cross placed on the spot where he fell. It stands about four feet three inches in height, and has the following inscription in English and in Gaelic:—

"WALTER HENRY, EARL OF DALKEITH,
Born 17th January, 1861.
He met his death on this spot 17th Sept., 1886."
And on the side panel, also in both languages:

"His Father and Mother erect this Cross
to His Memory."

The Cross is of granite, and is the work of a rising sculptor in Dumfries, John W. Dodds.

This is a loving memorial from his grieved Father and Mother, for their eldest born:—a son any one might have been proud of; and no doubt they will cherish all the kindly and Christian graces that adorned his pure though short life. We can fancy them many times repeating to themselves the lines of the Poet:

"How we love to remember
That cold winter day,
The day that our boy was born;—
Its fogs and its rains,
Its joys and its pains,
As winter laughed summer to scorn.
But he came like a king,
Ruling everything,
To this cold bleak world of ours;
Changed fog, rain, and blight,
Into gladness and light,
And melted our frost into flowers."

The Hardy Scottish Thistle will bloom by this Cross, where it stands near dark Loch Arcaig, and the purple Heather Bell may hymn his coronach as it waves in the Highland breeze at its base; and the Cross itself for all time coming will point up to the blue Scottish Heaven above it, in memory of the Christian faith and hope of a bonny Scotsman, WALTER

HENRY SCOTT, Earl of Dalkeith. I may also mention that Her Majesty the Queen is to unveil the statue of his grandfather on an early day, in Parliament Square, Edinburgh. This statue of the late Duke of Buccleuch has been erected by men of all shades of politics from Peer to Peasant; and no doubt when it is unveiled there will be a grand gathering.

The Nithsdale Habitation of the Primrose League had a grand outing last week at Drumlanrig Castle. Some capital speeches were made, and social games and amusements enjoyed. It was a grand success. This League has for its objects—The maintenance of Religion, of the Estates of the realm, and of the Imperial authority of the British Empire. It is really a "Solemn League and Covenant," and has an immense number of members.

We are again into cold weather. Our hills are white, and one begins to relish the comfort of a good fire. Hoping you are all well,

I am, etc.,

DAVID CLARK.

IMPERIAL FEDERATION.

OUR aim is to unite the Mother Country and all its Colonies in one happy and enduring Confederation, to which in time the United States may add their vast influence to form a complete Saxondom, looking toward a complete Christendom, and finally complete Humanity!

Meanwhile we must prepare the way by internal reforms, organization, and preparations. The best pledge of peace is our ready fitness for war. We therefore aim and strive to make the British Navy all that it should be: to make the Army the most perfect weapon which statesmen have ever wielded—small in size, but instinct with science, and a model of perfection in its kind; to reform the Diplomatic Service, not by petty and utterly irrelevant reductions here and there, but by making it really efficient,—by creating, that is, in every capital, a nucleus of British influence in the highest sense, and furnishing the Government with a self-acting machine, by which it may be kept informed of everything which it ought to know, so that all improvements made elsewhere may be, if it seems right, imitated here; to make primary education universal; to raise the level of the middle and higher education; and to work all three into one harmonious system; to get rid, as far as is possible, of every unfair shackle upon trade both at home and abroad, so that every nation may work at that for which its position and aptitude best fit it;