

rushing of liquid through a hole made in a cask or churn. Muirnain, a dearly beloved person. Fridem, support. Flaithes, chiefship, rule, dominion. Milsan, anything sweet.

Margaret, eldest daughter of John Macleod, second of Bernera and first of Contullich, was married to William Macleod, third of Hamer. She is the Baintigherna Hamara and Merarad na feile of the poem. She had strongly urged the poet to compose the elegy: *thug i "spor gheur do'n f'her-dhana."* Gathelus, Gathelus the fabulous ancestor of the Gaidel. Milidh, Milesius, a descendant of Gathelus. Eber and Eremon, sons of Milesius, who conquered Ireland and divided the country between them. The Macleans, Macdonalds, and other western clans were looked upon as descendants of these imaginary heroes. Lachlan first Maclean of Duart, married Margaret, daughter of John Macdonald, first Lord of the Isles, in the year 1366. The Lord of the Isles gave him the next place to himself in point of honor and appointed him his lieutenant-general in time of war. Margaret Macdonald is the person referred to in the expression: *'S iat bu phor d'a chiat mhathair.* Sir John's mother was daughter of Macleod of Dunvegan. Bancho, the Banquo of Shakspeare's Macbeth. It was held at one time that the Stewarts were descended from him through his son Fleance. As a matter of fact they are descended from a Norman named Alan who came over to England with William the Conqueror in 1066, and settled in Shropshire, England. Walter, Alan's second son, settled in Renfrew, Scotland, and was appointed Stewart of Scotland, an office which became hereditary in his family. The correct form of the name is Stewart, not Steuart or Stuart. It was firmly believed in Iain Mac Ailain's day that the Macleans and the Mackenzies are descended from two brothers, Giileain and Cailain. It is now well known that they are not. Ailain Muidertach, "murnain nan Gaidhel," was killed at Sheriffmuir. Sir John Maclean and himself were first cousins and intimate companions. The Macneils of Barra and the Mackinnons generally followed Maclean of Duart. At Sheriffmuir the Mackinnons were with the Macdonalds of Sleat. The poet complains of the change they had made. He tells them that they were "gun mhasladh gun mhichliu" whilst they followed the ancestors of Sir John.