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## Scotch Column.

Conducted by William Wye Smith, Scottish expert on standard dictionary and Translator of "New Testament in Braid Scots," etc.

Bonnie Charlie's noo awa', Safely ower the friendly main; Mony a heart will break in twa Should he ne'er come back again! Will ye no come back again? Will ye no come back again? Better lo'ed ye canna be-Will ye no come back again? Lady Nairne.

There ne'er was a silly Jock but there was a silly Jennie.

In Scots law, a child takes nationality from the father, no matter where born.

A houndless hunter and a gunless gunner aye see routh o' game!

"Ministers are but the pole. It is the brazen serpent you are to look at."-Robert Murray McCheyne.

"A mercifu' faither or mither or a mercifu' kirk aye lea's the door unsteekit for the wanderin' ane to come back."-New Testament in Braid Scots, 2 Cor. ii. 7 (note).



ROBERT BURNS,

Scotland's Immortal Bard, whose 152nd Anniversary was celebrated on January 25th by Scotsmen the World over.

A Kist o' Whistles. An old body being asked what she thought of an organ she had seen and heard in a church, said: "It's a vera bonnie kist fu' o' whistles; but, eh, sirss, it's an awfu' way o' spendin' the Sabbath!"

I remember an old Scotsman on the Grand River, a few miles south of Galt, Ontario (the country was then very new), soliloquising over a little pine, as high as his shoulder. "Ah!" said he, if I had come to Canada when they were all as small as you, I could have managed you better!" In those days In those days the great problem was. "How to get rid of the pines-and the pine-stumps?"

O, young Lochinvar is come out of the

Through all the wide Border his steed is the best:

And save for his good broadsword he weapons had none,

He rode all unarmed, and he rode all alone So faithful in love and so dauntless in

There never was Knight like the young Lochinvar!

Sir Walter Scott.

People can "read and write" in Scot

side the Universities, there were four other constituencies in which no voters had to have assistance in marking their

Many of Sir Walter Scott's "characters" are drawn from real life. They could not possibly have been so life-like otherwise. Acting on this assumption, Rev. W. S. Crockett, of Tweedsmuir, whom many of us met a few years ago in Canada, is engaged on a work on the "Originals of Characters in the Waverley Novels."

In Dumfries there was—we have seen it ourselves- and doubtless there is still. the square foundation of a church steeple which projects several feet on the "foot-path." The story goes that, many years ago now, four fellows, rather "fou," determined to do the town a good turn one night by lifting this obstruction back! It was winter, and each had one of those long gray "greatcoats," once so common. Two of them at each of the outstanding corners—and then "Heize!" "Boys," said one of them in a hoarse whisper, his coat-tail under another fellow's foot, "Boys, ye maun lift her again! Ye've sutten her doon on my coat-tail!"

But gloamin' fa's at last On the dour, dreich, dinsome day, And the troubles through whilk we has safely passed

Hae left us weary and wae. Hae left us weary and wae,

And fain to be laid limb-free In a dreamless dwawm to be airtit away To the shores o' the crystal sea! Robert Reid.

A' compleen o' want o' siller, but nane o' want o' sense.

An auld tout on a new horn,

Envy shoots at highest mark.

Hearts may 'gree though heids may

He could wile the laverock frae the

Ilka thing that we hae becomes waur "See ither folks' fauts, and forget

A bairn maun creep afore it gangs.

ver ain!"

A bird i' the haun's worth twa fleein'

Burns. Sir Walter Scott, when a lad of sixteen, saw Burns twice. He said: 'I never saw such an eye in a human being! It literally glowed!" An old man who had seen Burns told the writer of this column half a century ago, "Man, sic an e'e as he had!" Jeffrey, the great Scotch reviewer, when a boy, was staring at a man on the street. 'Ay," said a man at a shop-door, "ye may weel look at that man! That's Robert Burns!" Jeffrey never saw him afterwards.

The nightingale, esteemed the sweetest singer in the rld, is not found in Scotland; it is too far north. Occasionally some of the old Scots bards, as Dunbar, speak of "the nightingale," but it is merely a fancy—but a fancy someone aping the "Scotch" would be very apt to fall into.

The farmers in Scotland have often difficulty to make the thing "pay." They would do well to emigrate to Canada and cultivate land of their own. My father used to tell me about one of there, who, despite all his skill and care, at become bankrupt. On his way land. At the last General Election, here from "the Borders" to Edinburgh to