

banqueting hall. From the centre of the provisional wall, this latter department of the decorations, hung the banner of the Caledonia Society, with flags grouped on the right and left; on the right of this was a banner bearing the Royal Arms of Scotland, also relieved by groups of flags on either side and below, while immediately opposite on the other side hung the flags of the Caledonian Society, in a like manner with its guard of honor of smaller banners. At convenient points the flag-poles and spear heads were crossed, while the clans were represented on shields, on which were blazoned the armorial bearings of each chief. To add to them, garlands of creeping plants had been wreathed and entwined around the pillars, festooned from the galleries and caught up at different points with groups of roses and other flowers.

Scores of canaries were caged in beautiful little castles of the wire order, which were placed suspended from the upper gallery. The birds seemed as if they were deploring the fate that had placed them in the spacious auditorium, and one was disposed to pity them. By this time the guests had arrived in large numbers, and while contemplating the scene the beholder was startled with a blaze of light from all quarters, the grand gas chandelier and the lights on all hands had been struck by an electric spark, and the blaze of light was almost dazzling. The canaries from all sides poured forth their songs in welcome of the light, and scarcely had they done so when the pibroch of Piper Major Weir and his comrade drowned everything and announced that the grand march was in progress. The pipers headed the line of march, and then followed Ewan McLennan, President of the St. Andrew's Society, with the Presidents of the St. Patrick, St. George, Irish National and other national associations, and the long line of guests. The line of march having ceased, the ball was opened by Tullochgorum, the President of the Society at the head of the hall. Then came the Scotch reel, "The Hielanman kissed his mother," and so the long programme was pushed right blythe and bonny into the short hours of morning. The arrangements made were much better than those of last season's ball, and reflect much credit upon the

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