

nobleman who had lordship under the King over the Hebrides, in part or in whole. *The Isles* were always under the government of the Scottish kings (although the noble family that owned them was exceedingly powerful) until the days of Donald Bane, the brother of Malcolm III., of whom we will speak presently. But Donald Bane desirous to succeed his brother Malcolm, made a present of the Isles to the king of Norway, on condition that he would make him king of Scotland. In the days of Alexander III., however, the king of Norway was defeated at the battle of Largs, and the government of the Scottish Isles came again to the king of Scots as at the first.

The Lords of the Isles were always very powerful, and that so early in the history of Scotland that one of them, viz., Donald the Islander, as we have already noticed, actually made himself the thirty-third sovereign of Scotland. These Lords of the Islands are now represented by Lord MacDonald, whose name is *MacDonald*, to indicate his descent from the Donalds who so long lorded it in the Hebrides.

The Islander after a time was killed by Crathilinthus, of the blood royal, who succeeded him and reigned peacefully for a season. In his reign, however, a war arose between the Picts and Scots about a trifling mat-