

bably a son of this Lachlan, was the tenth in descent from Muireach. Neil Mor, Niall Mór mac Lachainn mhic Dhòmhnaill, was born about the year 1550. He was a man of ability, and an excellent poet. He seems to have enjoyed immensely the contents of Rory Mor's horn. Neil Mac-Vuirich, Niall mac Dhomhnaill mhic Lachainn mhic Neill Mhoir, was born probably about 1635. He was the fifteenth in descent from Muireach. He held as a reward for his services as poet and seannachie the farms of Staoiligarra and Drimisdale in South Uist free of rent. He was the author of a large portion of the history in the book of Clanranald. He died shortly after 1715. He left two sons, Donald and Lachlan. Lachlan had a son named Neil. Neil received a good education under his uncle Donald. In obedience to the order of Clanranald he gave the Red Book to James MacPherson in 1760. He had a son named Lachlan, who was born in 1741, and died some time after 1800.

P. 33.—When this version of *Mort Ghlinne-comhann* was printed I was not in possession of the full version given at p. 95.

P. 42.—I have seen it stated that "*Tha tasgaidh bhuam an diomhaireachd*" was composed by Mairi nighean Alasdair Ruaidh. It is a very fine poem, but it is certain that the famous poetess of Harris had nothing to do with it. Sir Donald Macdonald, 10th of Sleat, married Mary Douglas in 1662, by whom he had Donald, James, and others. Sir Donald, 11th of Sleat, Domhnall a Chogaidh, succeeded his father in 1695 and died in 1718. As he is described in the song as a "*ridire*" and as "*Sir Domhnall*," it is evident that the