

DONALD THE FIRST

A.D. 1099.

Donald the First was the first King of Caledonia professing Christianity. He destroyed many heathen temples.

He was also the first Scottish King who coined money. He was the 27th King of Scotland and he reigned 18 years.

This Donald surely set a mark on his age,
And turned a wondrous leaf in history's page
By accepting Christ, the source of every good
And giving to his nation heavenly food
To live and grow, and feast on, if they would
He also gave "the root of every evil,"
The coin which turns men's faces to the devil,
A doubtful good to nation, court and camp,
For the love of a bit of ore with the royal stamp,
Drives many manly virtues from the earth,
Exalting metals far above their worth.

KENNETH MACALPIN.

Of Dabiriada. Was sole monarch of the Northern part of Scotland, A.D. 843. Being the sixty-first King of Scotland.

He had four sons; Kenneth, who succeeded him as King of Scotland; Andrew, ancestor of the chief of the MacGregors, founded that clan, Fignon and Gor, ancestors of the chiefs of the clans, MacKiunnon and MacQuarrie. Alpin was taken prisoner by the Picts and beheaded, and his head set upon a pole. The place where this tragedy took place is still called Pit-Alpin, and sometimes Pass Alpin, and also Bas-Alpin, meaning "the head of Alpin," and "the death of Alpin."

DUNCAN THE FIRST.

A.D. 1034.

Murdered in broad daylight, at Both-gowan, a smith's hut *not* as recorded by Shakespeare in his noble play, "Macbeth," which I advise the pupil to read.

MACBETH.

Who murdered Duncan, A.D. 1040. Buried in Iona.