

No one could then find fault with them. But to be an anti-Irish Irishman, or an anti-Scottish Scotsman are crimes in our eyes beyond excuse. We would place an anti-English Englishman on the same level. Mr. MacNeil must make amends.

DEATH OF ALEXANDER MACLACHLAN—We regret very much having to chronicle the death of Alexander MacLachlan, the poet, long known as "The Burns of Canada." He died at Orangeville, Ont., on the 20th inst., at the ripe old age of 76. Our readers will find a portrait and sketch of the deceased poet in the last November number of the FIERY CROSS.

## Sprigs of Heather and Maple Leaves.

"Diarmid" is the name of the opera that Hamish MacCunn has written for the words of the Marquis of Lorne.

The demand for Miss Fiona MacLeod's works among Celts in America, it appears, is very considerable. Miss MacLeod is a well-known skye lady.

Mr. Gilbert Fraser, who has just been promoted to the important post of British Consul for the States of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky, is a native of Nairn.

The new steel girder bridge over the Ness at Inverness is now completed.—It has been named Waterloo Bridge.

Mr. Durward Lely, the famous Scottish tenor, gave his entertainment entitled "Scottish song and story," at Inverness last month.

The fine quality of the Lochfyne herrings, known and appreciated all over the country, has been attributed by the eminent naturalist, Dr. David Robertson, of Milport, to the fact that they seek their food in deep water.

Mr. Alexander MacMillan, of the famous firm of publishers, who died a few days ago in London, was a native of Arran. Heather predominated in the wreath sent by the employees of the firm to be placed on the bier.

Among the books for publication shortly by the Messrs. Blackwood is a volume by Mr. Neil Munroe, a native of the West Highlands. The book will be entitled "The Lost Pibroch and other shieling stories."

Miss Octavia Barry, a daughter of William Barry, artist, Inverness, has been successful in passing an examination entitling her to compete in the final examination for the free scholarship offered by the Royal College of Music, London.

Small Boy—"I want two pound of fresh sausages, and cook says will you be so kind as to wrap them up in a newspaper containing a good love-story."

Work on the new central depot for Ottawa is now in full swing.

There is a talk of forming a Gaelic Society in Ottawa.

Rev. M. McLennan, of Kirk Hill, has been granted six months' leave of absence. He will take a trip to Scotland.

The exports of eggs from Canada to Great Britain in 1895 amounted to \$790,000, which is more than double the output in 1893.

The Ottawa Caledonian Pipe band gave a very successful concert in the Queen's Hall, Alexandria, Glengarry, on the 27 ult.

The number of White fish frye distributed from the Ottawa hatchery during the past year was 2,490,000, instead of 2,490 as stated in our last issue.

The Caledonian Society of Toronto propose publishing a collection of Scottish Canadian poetry.

The great British Empire Exposition that was to have been held in Montreal next summer has been "declared off."

The Glengarry Agricultural Society have decided to hold their annual fair in Alexandria on September 8th and 9th. The Kenyon township fair will be held at Maxville on September 10th and 11.

His Lordship, Bishop Macdonnell of Alexandria, accompanied by fifteen priests of his diocese, dedicated the new Roman Catholic church at Glen Robertson, on Thursday of last week. He also blessed the new bell.

An evidence of the growth of timber still to be found in the district. Angus A. Macdonald, of Kenyon township, the other day hauled into the village of Alexandria an elm log, which weighed five ton, and scaled 1,318 feet. It was 58 inches in diameter, and was one of seven taken from one tree.

Camp Argyle S. O. S. Ottawa, held a most successful open meeting on Friday of last week, when Mr. Blyth, Wellington street, gave an interesting series of magic lantern views of "Bonnie Scotland," Chief Gordon presided.

The Caledonians of Ottawa held a successful "social" in aid of the Pipe band on the Tuesday following. "Bannockburn" is the title of a tableau to be presented in the Lecture hall of St. John's church Ottawa on April 16th.

Bard MacColl's Maple Leaf:—"Heartily wishing you and the "Cross" the best of all "speed" in making thousands of Scottish Canadians patronize this very interesting magazine of yours."

A. Murchison, of Inverness, Scot., is making a tour of Canada, and organizing a crusade against the habit of using the term "England" instead of "Britain" He has been interviewed on the subject by the Ottawa Free Press. He is being seconded in this city by Mr. Harry Allan.