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Here and There.

With this copy of the FIERY CROSS we begin a second volume, and we begin it with an enlarged and improved edition. Only a very small number of the first volume can be had. It is now in the binder's hands, and parties wishing to secure copies should subscribe at once, as the price is likely to be raised in a very short time. It can be had at present for \$1.25.

Secretaries of Scottish Societies and Clubs are requested to keep us informed of their meetings, and we will endeavour to do them justice in our news column.

We would draw the attention of our readers to the appeal of the Blackie Memorial Committee, which we publish in this issue. We will have much pleasure in giving space in the FIERY CROSS for the publication of a list of Canadian subscribers to so laudable an object.

As our readers will have observed, the publishing offices of the FIERY CROSS are now removed from Ottawa to Montreal. Ottawa may be the nominal Capital of the Dominion, but Montreal is the actual one—the commercial metropolis. The transfer from one centre to the other has been the cause of a delay in the publication of this issue, for which we ask the kind indulgence of our readers. With the larger field to work upon in this centre we hope to make the FIERY CROSS speed along, and we ask for the co-operation of all brother Scots in Montreal in our efforts to do so. Subscribers can have the FIERY CROSS sent them post free for one year for \$1.00. We will give special attention to the proceedings of the Scottish Societies, and we ask for their co-operation in return. "We are a' Jock Tamson's bairns."

BOOKS, &c.

MAC TALLA (Sydney, C.B.)—Canada's Gaelic journal, is one of our most welcome visitors. It is steadily gathering around it a band of writers whose facile Gaelic pens seem destined to expand the old language to the necessary elasticity for present day requirements, and this is the only way to ensure its life. Chan' fhaigh a Ghaidhlig bas.

TWO NEW EXCHANGES.—*The Owl* (Ottawa University) and *The Collegium* (St. Dunstan's College, P.E.I.), are new and welcome visitors, to whose coming we shall always look forward.

Mr. Mackenzie-Murdoch, the Scottish violinist, has been offered by Durward Lely a place in a company which is to make a prolonged tour in the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

Much regret will be felt throughout the North at the announcement of the death of Hugh Miller, younger and only surviving son of the illustrious geologist.

At Brodick, a rose of the Gloir de Dijon variety, as well as primroses pink and white, were blooming in the open air early in January.