

THE LAST OF THE SCOTTISH NON-JURING CLERGY.

(From the Church of England Magazine.)

Donald Mackintosh was descended from the ancient thames of Glenilt, and was born at Ochilmore, a farm rented by his father, James, about three miles from Blair-in-Athole, in 1742.

The Peter Williamson here alluded to was the first that established the penny post in Edinburgh, and one of its prominent characters about fifty years since.

Donald Mackintosh soon afterwards became a tutor to a younger son of Sir George Stewart, of Grantully.

In 1801 he made a tour to Lochabar, where he fell in with a namesake of his own, from whom he obtained a considerable proportion of what formed a "Collection of Gaelic Proverbs."

In 1808, his health rapidly declining, he was unable to make his usual journey to Glenfinglass and Banff; and, perceiving his earthly sojourn drawing to a close, he prepared for his departure to "another world."

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did the adverse fortunes of the Stuart race. Never did the former groan over black slavery, which he was to root out, with all its abominations, from the land, more dolorously, than did the latter over an established Presbyterianism.

From Glenfieldias and the wilds of Loch Katrine, Donald frequently traversed the almost inaccessible fastnesses of the Grampians, through Glenilt to Glenleslie, and thence towards the north-east coast to Banff, a range of some hundred miles, administering the ordinances of religion with unremitting zeal and indefatigable assiduity.

Some of his faithful flock, ere there decess, bequeathed a part of their earthly substance to him; among whom were the late Mrs. Eagle, second wife of a certain Mr. Eagle, who left him a legacy of £100, and likewise a legacy of £150 sterling.

The chief part of his property consisted of a library, collected with peculiar care, of rare and valuable books; composed chiefly of polemical pieces, and curious tracts on Church and state history and politics.

Having settled his worldly affairs as he wished, he called in, to assist him in his devotions, the Rev. Mr. Adam, of Blackfriars' Wind Episcopal Chapel, Edinburgh, no longer used as a place of Episcopal worship, and received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper from his hands; soon after which he breathed his last.

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PERILS OF WHALING.

BY THE REV. J. S. C. ABBOTT.

A few years ago, the captain of a whale ship was on a cruise in the Pacific Ocean. There were three boats attached to the ship. Early one morning a whale appeared. Two boats were sent to capture it. They fastened to the whale, and were soon drawn by this monster of the deep, out of sight of the ship.

The temptation to attempt its capture, was too strong to be resisted. The captain ordered the only remaining boat to be lowered; and leaving but one man and two boys to take care of the ship, sprang into the boat with the rest of the crew.

"O how fervently I prayed," said one of these mariners, in afterwards relating to the writer the scene, "that God would in some way providentially interpose and save our lives! I thought of my wife, of my little children, of my prayerless life, of the awful account I had to render at the bar of God for grieving the Spirit and neglecting the Saviour."

The sun had now disappeared behind the distant waves, and the darkening shades of a dreary night were settling down over the ocean. Just then, they descried, dim in the dusky distance, one of the absent boats returning to the ship. It was, however, far off, apparently beyond the reach of their loud cries.

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In a few minutes, the interior of the chapel, which with its dark oak furniture, stained walls, and low-raftered roof, was perhaps somewhat gloomy, glowed with a thousand bright and gorgeous colours. Many of the garlands had been framed with much taste, of garden flowers both rich and rare; but indeed it is not possible to join together a multitude of blossoms, and buds, and flowers, and leaves, without the aggregate being most beautiful.

There, beneath the solemn shadow of that ancient yew-tree, the vicar's wife had set out tables of simple viands—the same tables at which the merry hay-makers had taken their meals. The vicar blessed the bread and fruit; and when the repast was over, some of the elder maidens sang a hymn. Ruth Colsson whispered to her father, that Lucy would sing one of the psalms used at the Kirk at Holye; and a leaf would have been heard to fall while she warbled—

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