

## Men, Women and Things.

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Twelve months from to-day we hope to increase the size of the *Fiery Cross*. Our readers can enable us to do this. Let each one of them procure another subscriber, and in this way increase its opportunities and its usefulness, and make the *Fiery Cross* worthy of its objects.

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A feature to which we hope to pay special attention is our Portrait Gallery. Each month we will present our readers with the portrait, accompanied by a short biographical sketch, of one or other of the many Scottish-Canadians, past and present, who have been a credit to their race. The subject of this month's sketch was one of Ottawa's most popular citizens. Shortly before his death I was introduced to him by a fellow-Scottish-Canadian, brimful of Celtic enthusiasm, Lieut. Col. D. A. MacDonald. Father Dawson and myself made an appointment in order to have a chat on men and things, on subjects of which we had a common knowledge and in which we had a common interest. But another meeting was fated not to be. Father Dawson was called home. The loss was mine, and I shall always regret it,

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Among the Scottish-Canadian pioneers were not a few in whose veins ran the best of blue-blood. In Toronto lives Mr. James Graham, who claims to be entitled to the dormant Earldom of Menteith; in Glengarry county, Ontario, lives at present a claimant to the chiefship of the Clan Chisholm; representatives of the ancient Lords of Lochaber are supposed to be in Cape Breton; and in Ottawa, our M. P., Sir James Grant, is the present-day representative of the Corrimony Cadet of his Clan.

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There were, doubtless, many interesting relics and heirlooms among the effects of those early pioneers. Mr. James Thompson, Seaforth, Ontario, has a legal document, dated "Perth, February 1st, 1369," endorsed "Charter by Allan de Erskine, Lord of Inchmartine, to Patrick de Blair and the heirs of his body."

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Mention of this musty document recalls to mind the many varied and worn mo-

mentos exhibited with such affectionate and pardonable pride at the centenary celebration of the Glenelg settlement in Glengarry county, held at Kirkhill about twelve months ago. It is scarcely possible that any of the fathers of the settlement were then alive, but the fact would only make the interest displayed by their sons and daughters all the more commendable. I observed in this connection that the celebrators were a little astray as to the geographical position of "Green Glenelg." It is not, as they supposed, in Ross-shire, but in the County Palatine of Inverness, where the shores of its pretty bay are washed by Kylerhea's currents, which rush between them and Skye — on the opposite side, at the rate of twenty miles an hour.

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Miss Margaret MacIntyre, whose popularity as a singer in the "Old Countrie" is unexcelled at the present time, is the daughter of General MacIntyre, Fortrose, Inverness. Her recent impersonation of the part of Leonora, in "Il Trovatore," performed before the Queen at Windsor Castle, was much appreciated. She received from her Majesty a gift in the form of a winged figure sculptured in gold and set with diamonds, and also the following telegram through Lord Edward Pelham Clinton:—"I am commanded by the Queen to inquire particularly as to whether Miss MacIntyre reached home without taking cold and none the worse for singing here."

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Regarding the decoration which was conferred upon Lord Rosebery, on his retirement from office last July, the following may be read with interest:—"The Order of the Thistle is the highest in Scottish chivalry. The origin has not been clearly told, remaining, like Jeames de la Pluche's birth, "wrop in mistry." The collar of the order dates to Robert II. It consists of sprigs of rue in green enamel, the symbol of the Picts and Scots. The badge, with the figure of St. Andrew, has a dark green riband. A star is also worn composed of a St. Andrew cross. It is asserted that the Order of the Thistle fell entirely into abeyance in the reign of William and Mary, but was revived by Queen Anne. The other holders of the distinction at present are the veteran Lord Mansfield, who is now in his eighty-ninth year; the Duke of Argyle; the Duke of Fife; the Duke of Becclench;