

Aberdeen, Greenock, Oban, and other places showed that the same opinion prevailed throughout the Highlands as to Professor Blackie's services, and the duty of commemorating them in some form which would promote one of the chief objects he had at heart in connection with the Highlands—to give opportunities for the more complete education of Highlanders in the knowledge of the Celtic languages, and so enable them to explain more adequately the linguistic, literary, and historic value of their native Gaelic tongue.

The best form of Memorial was carefully discussed at three meetings in Edinburgh, attended by representatives of different parts of the Highlands, at the last of which the following resolution was proposed by the Rev. Dr. Blair, seconded by the Rev. Hector Mackinnon, Stornoway, supported by Mr. Theodore Napier, and unanimously adopted:

"That this meeting resolve to found a Memorial by Highlanders to Professor Blackie, and that the Memorial shall be a Celtic Scholarship or Bursary in connection with the Celtic Chair in the University of Edinburgh."

The selection of a Celtic Scholarship or Bursary in the University of Edinburgh, as the Memorial of the Highlanders to Professor Blackie, was suggested by the fact that he had himself warmly approved of its institution, and that a sum of £100 had been contributed towards it by the late Sir William Mackinnon, and was still available. The Professor of Celtic in the University of Edinburgh, Mr. Donald Mackinnon, expressed the opinion at the Edinburgh meetings that such a Scholarship would be of great use to young Highlanders who showed proficiency in the study of Celtic, but were often without the necessary means to enable them to complete their studies at home, or to extend their knowledge by residence in Wales or Ireland, by visiting British and Continental libraries which possessed old Celtic MSS. still unpublished, or by attending the lectures of French and German Professors, who are zealously carrying on the work begun by Zeuss.

Assurances have also been received that many Highlanders in the Colonies would desire to contribute towards such a Memorial. The sum aimed at is £3000, which would yield an income on safe investment of about £100 a year. While

a few large Subscriptions have been already promised, and it is earnestly hoped that many others will be forthcoming, it is felt that the name of Professor Blackie would be honoured by a thoroughly popular and representative Subscription, and by the number of those who take part in it, as much as by the amount of individual Subscriptions. If all those who attended his funeral, and the still greater number who would have done so if they could, subscribed a small sum, the object in view would be secured.

The present appeal has been drawn up by the Executive Committee, and is at present circulated through the Highland Societies and others who have kindly intimated their interest in the matter before any public advertisement is made. The detailed regulations of the Scholarship will be submitted at a later date to a General Meeting of Subscribers, and in the meantime the Executive Committee will be glad to consider suggestions as to such regulations by any subscriber. Subscriptions will be received at Edinburgh, Scotland, by the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. James Macdonald, W.S., 21 Thistle street; the Hon. Secretary, Mr. George Macphail, W.S., 43 Castle street; or any of the following members of Committee: Rev. Dr. Blair, 13 Lynedoch Place; Sheriff Vary Campbell, 27 Moray Place; Rev. Dr. Macphail, Pilrig Manse; Sheriff Mackay, 7 Albyn Place; Professor Mackinnon, 9 Merchiston Place; Rev. Dr. Masson, 57 Albany street; Theodore Napier, Esq., 25 Merchiston Park; Rev. David Macrae, Dundee; Rev. Hector Mackinnon, The Manse, Stornoway; William Mackay, Esq., solicitor, Inverness; A. Macpherson, Esq., solicitor, Kingussie; Rev. D. J. Martin, Free English Manse, Stornoway; D. MacLachlan, Esq., 33 Renfield street, Glasgow; Rev. D. C. Macmichael, the Gaelic Manse, Greenock; Rev. John Haggart, Manse of Lochcarron; Rev. D. Macmichael, the Manse, Fort William; T. D. MacDonald, Editor FIERY CROSS, Montreal.

It was tated at a recent meeting of the British Association that in Scotland alone the long-line fishermen use nearly 100,000,000 mussels to bait their hooks every time all lines are set, and they have to import annually many tons of these mussels, at a cost from £3 to £3 10s a ton.