

DORNOCH NEW SCHOOL.

OPENING CEREMONY BY LORD KENNEDY

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TUESDAY was a red letter day in the educational history of Dornoch and district. The large new school was on that day opened. The pupils assembled at the old building, and marched in procession with their teachers to the new. In front of the school the children, teachers, School Board and other public bodies were photographed. This completed, the Chairman asked the architect to present Lord Kennedy, with a key with which he could open the door. The architect having done so, and Lord Kennedy having turned the key and having thrown open wide the doors, declared the school open for the free admission of all. A very large number of parish ratepayers and others turned out. The large centre hall which was seated for 400 was filled with pupils and others. Mr Fraser, chairman of the Board, presided, and, along with the other members of the board, he was supported on the platform by Lord Kennedy, Chairman of the Land Court, Sheriff Campbell, Dornoch; Mr Macdonald, H.M.I.S.; Mr Lindsay, Convener of the County; Mr Argo, county clerk; Rev. Mr Kennedy, Rev. Mr Macleod, and Mr Mackintosh, the architect of the building.

The proceedings opened with the singing of Psalm 100. The Chairman delivered a eloquent address in which he reviewed the educational question and narrated the steps which has been taken by the Board up to the finishing of the building.

Lord Keunedy followed in reminiscent mood and congratulated the Board and district on the consummation of such an educational monument.

Mr Macdonald, H.M.I.S. congratulated the Board on the forward monument which they had entered on. They would look to greater results in the future than they did in the past and that said a great deal.

Mr Lindsay also congratulated the Board on their work, and, as representating the Secondary Education Committee, testified to the good results which were being attained in Dornoch. Rev. Mr Bentinck proposed a vote of thanks to Lord Kennedy, and Sheriff Campbell to the chairman, the whole audience rising to their feet and cheering the chairman. Several Hymns were sung by the children during the programme.

After the ceremony closed, the building was thrown open to inspection by all present; the necessary equipment for a present day up-to-date school was a surprise to a great many.