

SKIBO CASTLE FETE.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

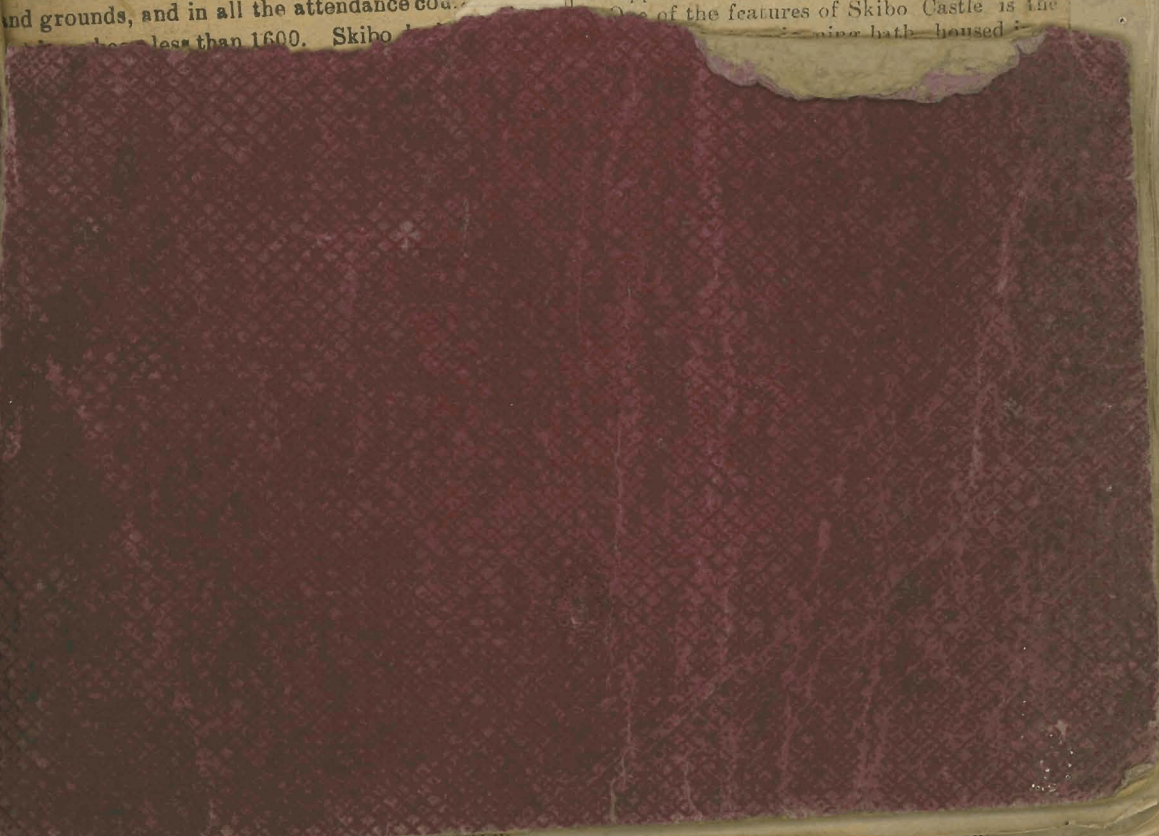
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The annual fete was given by Mr and Mr. Carnegie to the children on their estates on Tuesday last week in fine weather. The day was observed as a holiday for the employees and tenantry. Mr Carnegie further corners of the estate to lay their chief holiday. The entertainment is for the children and the employees at Skibo, outsiders continue to attend year by year, until the gathering has now assumed large proportions. On Tuesday a number of visitors took advantage of the fete for seeing through the garden and grounds, and in all the attendance could not be less than 1600. Skibo

CARNEGIE'S SCOTTISH HOME

The New York "Independent" has a glowing article describing Mr Carnegie's life at Skibo Castle. "I just count the days till I get back again," Mr Carnegie is quoted as saying when about to sail for the winter in his New York home.

Mr Carnegie keeps up the old Scotch customs, and has added one or two of his own. No ordinary breakfast bell warns the visitor that the fruit will be served within twenty minutes. At 8 o'clock one hears the skirling of a bagpipe coming across the lawn. At last it floats up from directly under the window, and then grows fainter as the pipe disappears around a corner. In a few minutes it is heard again. For twenty minutes the piper marches around the castle and then re-enters it. At that moment the organist takes his seat, and as the guests enter the breakfast room their ears are greeted with organ music. At breakfast every one is supposed to wait upon himself or herself. One of the features of Skibo Castle is the



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SIX MILLIONS FOR PEACE-SAKE.—Mr. Carnegie has been asked by the Universal Union to contribute £6,000,000 to promote and fast international alliance between the States, Great Britain, France, and Germany interests of peace. If France, Germany, and I will agree, he is to promise £2,000,000 each establishment of a Carnegie Institute in Paris, and Berlin. There it is proposed, run on lines similar to the Carnegie Institute in Washington. The letter says that the gift appeal to the intellectual element of the nations, and, *inter alia*, would prove an ant the remnant of resentment against Great Britain lingering on the Continent.

“SAINT ANDREW” ON MR. CARNEGIE. Andrew Carnegie has at length turned his claims of missionary work. We are not those who conceive it their duty to tell Mr. C what to do with his wealth. We regard his as being an unwholesome portent of the times do not blame the possessor, but the system which enabled him to heap up so many millions. system is now at the bar of American public opinion, and there is little doubt as to what the verdict. But we cannot help wondering how it is Carnegie, who is so proud to have risen from ranks and who owes his wealth to the co-operating working men does nothing for the class from he sprang. An old-age pension scheme workers of his extensive works, or for those native country, would draw down upon his blessings of many who are ready to perish.”

DORNOCH.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO DORNOCH.—To the representatives of the leading London and provincial newspapers, and also the representative leading European and American newspapers arriving to Dornoch by special train. We understand Dornoch Town Council is to meet them official that they are to be entertained in the new. Afterwards they are to journey by motor car to the laird of Skibo having extended a hearty invitation to them to visit his fine demesne.

FREE LIBRARY.—We understand that a deputation from the Dornoch Town Council consisting of Mr. MacLachlan and Mr. Mackay, Town Clerk, with Mr. Carnegie at Skibo Castle last Thursday view of obtaining assistance towards the building of a free library at Dornoch. The members of the deputation were most courteously received, and after discussing their mission Mr Carnegie most generously a sum of £1250 towards the building of a library an annual sum of £20 for the upkeep of the books. We congratulate the people of Dornoch on the fortune, and, as such a windfall is not likely to their way often, it is hoped, though they have a penny in the £ additional taxation, the generous offer will be as grateful to them as munificent. The report of the deputation submitted at an early meeting of the council is sure to be received with great satisfaction people of Dornoch are lucky in having such a distinguished and philanthropic neighbour who so munificently come forward to give them a hand for the mental improvement of the community.

DORNOCH.

Marriage.—The marriage of Miss Bell, Bellevue, to Mr Robert Poole, of Heidelberg, South Africa, took place on Friday. Miss Bell, from her long association with the town, has made many friends, and the event of her marriage and leave-taking afforded an opportunity of displaying expressions of goodwill and esteem. Numerous presents were received by the couple. Their honeymoon is to be spent in London previous to going to South Africa. Mrs Poole will be much missed in Dornoch, where she took an active part in the social life of the town.

DORNOCH.

Parish Church “At Home.”—On Thursday evening an “At Home” was held in the Volunteer Hall in connection with the Parish Church. The Rev. Dr Grant and Mrs Grant presided, and there was a very large attendance, including many representatives of other denominations. The hall was beautifully decorated with plants and evergreens from Skibo Castle, and the tables, adorned with choice flowers, were suitably arranged throughout the hall, converting it into a huge drawing-room in appearance. After tea a long programme of speech and song was successfully accomplished under the management of Mr J. M. Moore, M.A., who also acted as accompanist. The programme was as follows:—Song, “Down the burn, Davie, love,” Miss Strathearn; song, “Rothsay Bay,” Miss Elja Hardie; song, “The last milestone,” Miss Gillespie; address, Rev. Mr Macdonald, Rogart; song, “Dry those tears,” Mrs Arthur; duet, “Willie’s game to Melville Castle,” Misses F. and D. Peters; recitation, “Ballad of a Bazaar,” Miss Gair; Gaelic song, Mr Malcolm Macdonald; song, “The lament of Glencoe,” Mrs Phemister; song, “We’d better bide a wee,” Miss Maggie Grant; song, “The silent toast,” Mr C. Gillespie; song, “For all eternity,” Miss Annie Macdonald; song, “The maid of the mill,” Miss Bridgeford; address, Rev. Mr Ritchie, Creich.

The opening match of the season was played on Saturday between sides drawn by the Captain and Secretary. Result:—

Captain.		Secretary.	
A. S. Weir	- 0	J. Sutherland	- 3
A. Innes	- 0	D. Mackay	- 2
G. R. Kennedy	- 0	Thomas Munro	- 0
R. Mackay	- 2	Donald Grant	- 0
C. M. Gillespie	- 0	Provost M'Lachlan	- 0
R. R. Johnstone	- 6	W. G. Moore	- 0
D. Campbell	- 4	J. M. Wilson	- 0
D. Macdonald	- 0	Colin Grant	- 5
John Wilson, M.P.	- 3	W. Sutherland	- 6
G. Bridgeford	-	William Fraser	- 3
James F. Hardie	-	H. M. Mackay	- 0

Majority for Captain 6 holes,

DORNOCH.

Mr J. M. Moore, M.A., headmaster of Dornoch Public School, has received an important appointment under the Edinburgh School Board. Much regret is expressed by parents and children at losing Mr Moore, who has proved himself to be a teacher of no mean ability.

POPULAR MARRIAGE.—On Thursday afternoon of last week the marriage took place at the Sutherland Arms Hotel of Mr D. F. MacLeod, jeweller, Castle Street, to Miss Lexa MacLeod, Evelix, Dornoch. Both parties were very popular in town and district, and much interest was taken in the happy event. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr MacAlpine, of U.F.C., and immediately afterwards above 30 guests sat to dinner, and had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. Later in the evening the happy couple drove to the station, where they were received with showers of rice and confetti by the crowd who had assembled to see the young couple leave for their honeymoon. Both bride and bridegroom received many handsome and valuable presents.

DORNOCH.

GOLSPIE V. DORNOCH.

On Saturday last a friendly match between these two clubs was played on Lochintreel, Dornoch, three rinks a-side. The ice was, on the whole, in good order, though throughout the day subject to considerable variation on account of the strength of the sun and one or two mild showers, the fringes of which were only felt. The match was a one-sided one all through in favour of Dornoch, the Golspie Club getting the biggest thrashing during the whole history of the Club. The following are the results:—

GOLSPIE.		DORNOCH.	
D Robertson	... 13	H Murray	... 47
A. Argo	... 23	A. S. Weir	... 35
G. Fraser	... 20	— Moore	... 26
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Majority for Dornoch, 52.

Throughout the day the visiting Club was handsomely entertained by the Dornoch Club, and at the close, on the call of Mr Argo, three cheers were given to the Dornoch Club.

STORM.—Following a period of fine frosty weather, a terrific storm of wind and snow broke over the north on Tuesday evening. Between the hours of 7 and 9 the storm was infinitely worse than that experienced at the latter end of December, and it was practically impossible for any one to venture out of doors. In a short space of time snow had fallen to a

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Councillor Fraser moved that the wooden shed on High Street be removed within a fortnight. It was very unsightly, and had served its purpose. The front of the new Library was at present obscured, and he thought that the shed detracted from the appearance of the Library very much.

The motion was unanimously agreed to. To admit of considering two letters not on the card of business, the Provost moved the suspension of the Standing Orders, which was agreed to.

A letter was read from Robert Murray, asking permission to fit a pipe connecting the house which he was erecting, with the burn, and to allow the waste water from the sink to go there.

After consideration it was decided to refuse permission, the Council considering it injurious to public health.

A letter was also read from the Golf Club, asking permission to make a pathway, commencing about the second green and ending near the third green, along the top of the hill, so that spectators could view any game with comfort. The amount to be spent on it is £25.

The Council acceded to the request, as the path would prove a boon to the town.

Reports were read from the Sanitary Inspector regarding samples of merchandise from the various merchants in the town, all of which were found by the analyst, Dr Clark, Glasgow, to be of genuine quality.

The last item on the business card was then dealt with—the question of the Burgh Officer.

Provost M'Lachlan said that they were all aware that their burgh officer, Mr Macgregor, had been off duty, through illness, for the past three months, and was only now able to go about a little, and it would be two months yet before he would be able to resume his duties. They knew that Mr Macgregor was an excellent man, and he thought that the Council had dealt very fairly by him, in paying him his salary for the last three months, in addition to paying a man to do his work. The question was now whether they were to continue, or adopt some resolution as to appointing a successor.

Councillor Fraser said that all were agreed that the Burgh Officer was a good man, and it would be a good thing if they could continue him for a while to see if he got better.

Councillor Sutherland said that it would hardly be fair to spend any more public money, but he moved that the Council pay