

Songs by the "Ettrick Shepherd," now first collected.

[Continued.]

Like most Poets, he has a fair hit at the Edinburgh Review.

"Donald McGillivray" was originally published in the Jacobite Relics, without any notice of its being an original composition; an omission which entangled the Edinburgh Review into a high, but unintentional compliment to the author.

After reviewing the Relics in a style of most determined animosity, and protesting over and over again, that I was devoid of all taste and discrimination, the tirade concluded in these terms: "That we may not close this article without a specimen of the good songs which the book contains, we shall select the one, which, for sly, characteristic Scotch humour, seems to us the best, though we doubt if any of our English readers will relish it."

The opportunity of retaliating upon the Reviewer's want of sagacity was too tempting to be lost, and the authorship of the song was immediately avowed in a letter to the Editor of Blackwood's Magazine. "After all," said this avowal, "between ourselves, Donald McGillivray, which he has selected as the best specimen of the true old Jacobite song, and as remarkably above its fellows for 'sly, characteristic Scotch humour,' is no other than a trifle of my own, which I put in to fill up a page!"

I cannot help remarking here, that the Edinburgh Review seems to be at fault in a melancholy manner, whenever it comes to speak of Scotch songs. My friend, Mr. William Laidlaw's song of Lucy's Flitting, appeared first in the Forest Minstrel, and immediately became popular throughout Scotland. It was inserted in every future selection of Scottish songs, and of course found a place in Allan Cunningham's collection. Here it is to be supposed the Edinburgh Reviewer saw and heard of it for the first time; and, with some words of praise, he most condescendingly introduced it to public notice, after it had been sung and appreciated from the cottage to the palace, for a space of nearly twenty years.

This reminds me of an old gentleman, who, as he said, always liked to have people known to each other; so, one day he made a party for the purpose of introducing two cousins, who had been brought up under the same roof.

The company took the matter with gravity, and the joke passed off very well at the old gentleman's expense. The next notes are very amusing.

"O'er the Ocean bounding," is another of the proscriptive list; but here let them turn the blue bonnet who can. Our forefathers had cried down songs, which all men and women were strictly prohibited from singing, such as "O'er Boggie," and "The wee Cuck Chickie," &c. because Auld Nick was a proficient at playing them on the pipes. The London people have done the same with a number of mine; but I hereby cry them up again, and request every good singer in Britain and Ireland, and the East Indies, to sing the following song with full burr to the sweet air, "Maid of the valley."

"Mary, canst thou leave me?" is fluently set by Bishop to a melody of my own. I cannot aver that it is thoroughly my own; but it is, of no avail; since I think it is mine, it is equally the same as if it were so."

"O, weel bafa' the Maiden gay." This song was written at Ellory, Mr. Wilson's seat in Westmorland, where a number of my very choicest songs were written. There was a system of competition went on there, the most delightful that I ever engaged in. Mr. Wilson and I had a Queen's wake every wet day—a fair set to who should write the best poem between breakfast and dinner; and if I am any judge, these friendly competitions produced several of our best poems, if not the best ever written on the same subjects before. Mr. Wilson, as well as Southy and Wordsworth, had all of them a way of singing out their poetry in a loud sonorous key, which was very impressive, but very ludicrous. Wilson at that period composed all his poetry, by going over it in that sounding strain; and in our daily competitions, although our rooms were not immediately adjoining, I always overheard what progress he was making. When he came upon any grand idea, he opened upon it full swell, with all the energy of a fine fox bound on a hot track. If I heard many of these vehement aspirations, they weakened my hand and discouraged my heart, and I often said to myself, "Gudefaith, it's a' ower with me for this day!"

When we went over the poems in the evening, I was always anxious to learn what parts of the poem had excited the sublime breathings which I had heard at a distance, but he never could tell me. There was another symptom. When we met at dinner time, if Mr. Wilson had not been successful in pleasing himself, he was desperate sulky for a while, though he never once missed brightening up, and making the most of the subject. I never saw better sport than we had in comparing these poems. How manfully each stood out for the merits of his own! But Mrs. Wilson generally leaped to my side, nominally at least. I wrote the "Ode to Superstition," there, which, to give Mr. Wilson justice, he approved most unequivocally. He wrote "The Ship of the Desert" against it—a thing of far greater splendour, but exceedingly extravagant.

"I'll no wake wi' Annie." I composed this pastoral ballad, as well as the air to which it is sung, whilst sailing on one lovely day on St. Mary's Loch; a pastime in which, above all others, I delighted, and of which I am now most shamefully deprived. Lord Napier never did so cruel a thing, not even on the high seas, as the interdicting of me from sailing on that beloved lake, which, if I have not rendered classical, has not been my blame. But the credit will be his own, that is some comfort.

"The Moon was a-waning" is one of the songs of my youth, written long ere I threw aside the shepherd's plaid, and took farewell of my trusty colley, for the bard's perilous and thankless occupation. I was a poor shepherd half a century ago, and I have never got farther to this day; but my friends would be far from regretting this, if they knew the joy of spirit that has been in me. This was the first song of mine I ever heard sung at the piano, and my feelings of exultation are not to be conceived by men of sordid dispositions. I had often heard my strains chanted from the excubant and the milking green, with delight; but I now found that I had got a step higher, and therefore resolved to cling to my harp, with a fondness which no obduracy should diminish—and I have kept the resolution.

If ever novels showed "man as he is," these entertaining sketches speak for themselves. We have given the prose preference, because of its novelty. We now turn to the poetry; let the following songs speak for themselves. To those who do not like them, we say, show us their equals in lyric poetry; or let them do what will be far better, turn to the volume itself and choose their favourites.

[The Songs will appear in next Paper.]

CIRCULAR.

Office of American and Foreign Agency for Claims, 49 Wall-st. New York, Jan. 1831.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern, having Claims, Debts, Inheritances, &c., payable or recoverable abroad, that this Agency has established, under the special auspices and patronage of distinguished individuals in this country, a regular correspondence with eminent Bankers, &c., in the principal ports and capitals of Foreign Governments, in commercial relations with the United States; through the mediation whereof such valid claims as may be confided thereto, will be expedited for settlement, and promptly and effectually recovered; when furnished by the claimants with the suitable legal proofs and vouchers, together with the requisite Power of Attorney, to be taken and acknowledged before any Judge of a Court of Record, or other competent Civil Magistrate, Municipal Authority, or Notary Public; and the whole duly authenticated by the Governor of the State, or Territory in which the same may be perfected, and legalized by the appropriate Foreign Consul.

Having also established a similar correspondence throughout the United States and British America, the like claims for recovery in any part thereof respectively, will be received and efficiently attended to in behalf of Americans as well as Foreign claimants.

Orders for the investment of funds on Mortgage of Freehold property, or in the purchase of Public Securities of the United States, Canal Loans of the States of N. York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, &c. punctually and faithfully executed.

Applications addressed to this Agency in cases requiring the investigation of claims, search of records, or the intervention of legal proceedings, should be accompanied with an adequate remittance to defray the preliminary charges and disbursements attending the same, and all letters must be addressed [post paid] to the undersigned, [Counsellor of the Supreme Court of the United States,] in the Office of the Agency, 49 Wall-street, New York.

AARON H. PALMER.

THE MANSION HOUSE HOTEL.—The Subscriber having rented this extensive and well known establishment has now opened the same for the accommodation of the public.

The Mansion House is pleasantly situated on Store Street, being the principal and most central street in Kingston; and no establishment of the kind, in the province, can surpass it in the excellence and comfort of its accommodations, in regard both to parlours and bed rooms; all of which are furnished in the very best style.

The subscriber having kept Tavern for several years, has acquired experience in that line—and he trusts that with unremitting attention to the comforts of his guests he will merit a share of the public patronage.

In rear of the Mansion House is a large yard—in which there is an extensive and commodious range of stables—and where a Livery Stable will be constantly kept for the accommodation of the public.

S. CARMINO.

Kingston, 24th October, 1830.

G. WEBSTER begs most respectfully to inform the Inhabitants of Kingston, and its vicinity, that he has just returned from London with a stock of Cloths, Cassimeres and Vestings of the most fashionable colours, and of the finest qualities, together with an assortment of Buttons of the most approved and latest patterns, and having succeeded in making purchases at some of the first establishments, he is enabled to execute orders for Cloathing at an exceeding low price, and begs so assure Gentlemen, entusting him with their orders, that they shall be executed agreeable to the present fashions, and in the first style of workmanship. At the same time he begs to return his sincere thanks to his friends and the public for the support he has received for the last nine years, and it will always be his study to merit a continuance of their favours.

Naval and Military Uniforms.

P. S.—G. W. has made arrangements with one of the first Houses, to supply him with the latest Fashions.

Kingston, 4th December, 1830.

OLD KING'S HEAD, MARKET SQUARE, KINGSTON.—James A. Smith, begs to acquaint his friends and the public, that he has lately made considerable alteration in his establishment in Market Square, which enables him to add much to the comfort of travellers. He has lately erected extensive Stabling, and provided the means of insuring the best accommodation for horses.

Kingston, December 6th, 1830.

CAME into the subscriber's inclosure, some time in August, a brown Heifer, supposed to be eighteen months old. The owner is requested to come, prove property, pay charges, and take her away. Wm. MOORE.

Fifth con. of the Township of Kingston, December 5th, 1830.

BANK NOTICE. Office of the Bank of Upper Canada. Kingston, 13th November, 1830.

DISCOUNT DAY, SATURDAY OF EVERY WEEK.—Notes offered for discount, and made payable at not more than ninety days after date, must be put under cover to the Cashier, and left at this office the day before.

JOHN MACAULAY, Cashier.

FOR SALE AT THE CHRONICLE OFFICE, A few copies of the ATLANTIC SOUVENIR. For 1831.

SPLENDIDLY bound in embossed leather with gilt leaves, and containing twelve highly finished engravings, on steel, by the first artists. Kingston, 23d, Oct. 1830.

COPPER-PLATE PRESS.—A first rate COPPER-PLATE Printing Press has just been received at the Chronicle Office, where Visiting Cards will be printed, and all other Copper-Plate Work performed with neatness and despatch.

A variety of fashionable Visiting Cards for sale at the Chronicle Office. July, 24th 1830.

REMOVAL.—The Subscriber begs leave to acquaint his friends and the public generally, that he has removed to the corner brick building, recently occupied by Mr. Wm. Buley, Diuggist; where he is now receiving a very general assortment of STAPLE AND FANCY GOODS, well adapted for the Season, which he intends to sell unusually low for cash, or short approved credit. He has also on hand, a great variety of School Books and Stationery, and a Case of Christy's best Waterproof Hats.

W. DRISCOLL. Kingston, October 9th, 1830.

NEW STEREOTYPE EDITION OF MAVOR'S Spelling Book.—The subscriber has in the Press, an extensive second edition of Mavor's English Spelling Book, set copied from the 328th London Edition, (A. D. 1827.)

This edition which will be printed on good paper from the Mills of Eastwood and Skinner, of York, will be afforded much cheaper than the former edition. Storekeepers and others wishing for supplies will please give in their names without delay.

JAS. MACFARLANE. Kingston, 22d May, 1830.

TWO MILLERS.—A second Miller would find employment by immediate application to Gananoque Mills. C. & J. McDONALD, & Co. May 29, 1830.

NOTICE.—All persons having claims against the Estate of the late Doctor John Stuckney, of Sophiasburgh deceased, are requested to present them duly authenticated to the subscribers for settlement, and all persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscribers, who are duly authorised to grant discharges.

RONALD MCMICHAEL, SHERIFF. Sophiasburgh, November 24, 1830.

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NOTICE. ALL notes or accounts due to the estate of the late FREDERICK KEELER, are to be settled with J. H. SAMSON, Admr. Bellville, 24th Dec. 1828.

An Extract from the Regulations of Upper Canada College. THE College Quarters are ordered as follows:—

First Quarter begins immediately after the Christmas vacation, about the 4th of January, and ends on the 20th of March.

Second Quarter begins on the 20th March, and ends on the 10th June.

Third Quarter begins on the 10th June and ends at the commencement of the Summer vacation, about the 16th of August.

Fourth Quarter begins immediately after the summer vacation, about the 1st of October, and ends at the commencement of the Christmas vacation, about the 21st December.

At whatever period of either of the above quarters a scholar is admitted into the College or preparatory school, his dues for instruction are payable from the beginning of that quarter.

NOTICE.—All persons having just claims against the Estate of the late Rodolph Couche of Camden, are requested to present them, duly authenticated, with as little delay as possible, and all those indebted to said Estate will please to call and settle the same with the Subscriber, who is duly appointed Administrator to the said Estate.

WILLIAM BOWEN, Administrator. Richmond, 13th Sept. 1830.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that any persons found cutting, taking away or injuring the Timber on the Lands belonging to the Canada Company, without a special authority from this Office, will be prosecuted with the utmost rigour of the Law.

Canada Company's Office, York, 11th Oct. 1830.

NOTICE.—All persons having demands against the Estate of the late Abraham Barker of Hallowell deceased, are requested to present them duly authenticated to the subscribers for settlement. And all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscribers who are duly authorised so grant discharges.

D. B. STEVENSON, BENJ. HUBBS. Hallowell, May, 16th 1829.

BOOK BINDING ESTABLISHMENT AT THE Kingston Chronicle Office.

THE Subscriber, having engaged an experienced and regularly bred Book-binder, informs the Public, that all kinds of business in this line will be performed at his office with neatness and despatch, and at moderate terms.

The following is a list of the prices when books are brought in by the quantity—a small advance will be made on the single volume.

BINDING IN CALF. £ s. d.

Folio full bound in calf, ornamented, 1 0 0

Quarto, do do - 0 10 0

Octavo, do do - 0 5 0

12mo, do do - 0 3 0

18mo, do do - 0 2 0

HALF BINDING IN CALF. Folio half bound and ornamented, 0 17 0

Quarto, do do - 0 7 0

Octavo, do do - 0 3 8

12mo, do do - 0 1 6

18mo, do do - 0 1 0

BINDING IN SHEEP. Folio full bound and ornamented, 0 17 6

Quarto, do do - 0 7 6

Octavo, do do - 0 3 0

12mo, do do - 0 1 10

18mo, do do - 0 1 3

HALF BINDING IN SHEEP. Folio half bound and ornamented, 0 9

Quarto, do do - 0 4 0

Octavo, do do - 0 1 7 1/2

12mo, do do - 0 1 3

18mo, do do - 0 0 10

Also, Ledger, Blank Work, and Ruling, to any size or pattern. For Part Folio and Fancy Binding—separate charge.

JAMES MACFARLANE. Kingston, 13th April, 1829.

STEAM-BOAT HOTEL, in rear of the Market, and a few rods west of the Steam-Boat Wharf. The Subscriber begs leave to return his sincere thanks to his friends and the public for their very liberal support during the last eight years, of which he hopes to merit a continuance by a strict attention to business. His House having undergone a thorough repair, has placed it more than ever in his power to contribute to the comfort and accommodation of Travellers. A few Boarders can be accommodated.

The Table and Bar will be furnished with the best Market affords, and on the most reasonable terms.

N. B. Extensive Stables and Sheds, together with a large and secure Yard.

THOS. BANFORD. Kingston, February 1, 1831.

FOR SALE.—A new cabinet PIANO FORTE. Apply to M. T. McCowell. February 11, 1831.

JUST published, by Carey, Lea and Carey, of Philadelphia, the FIRST VOLUME, (to be continued at intervals of three months) of the

ENCYCLOPEDIA AMERICANA: a popular Dictionary of Arts, Sciences, Literature, History, and Politics, brought down to the present time, and including a copious collection of original articles in AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY: on the basis of the seventh edition of the German Conversations-Lexicon. To be completed in twelve large volumes, Octavo.

Persons wishing to subscribe to the above work, will please apply at the Chronicle Office, where the 1st VOLUME, may be seen.

Price two dollars and a half each. JAMES MACFARLANE. Kingston, 24 Dec. 1829.

TO LET.—That most excellent stand for MERCANTILE BUSINESS, the two story Brick Building in Store-st. formerly occupied by Tuppin and Parker, and lately by the Subscriber. The Dwelling House is commodious, with Cellars, a Well of Water, Garden, and Wood Sheds, in perfect repair.—The Store is at present occupied by Mr. Stennett; is connected with the Dwelling House, with good and commodious Warehouses, Cellars, enclosed Yard, and all in perfect order.

ALSO, The Brick Dwelling House adjoining the above, at present occupied by the Rev. Mr. Hancock, with a good enclosed Yard and Wood House; a Stable and Store House if required.

Possession given 1st of May next. For particulars apply to Mr J. G. Parker, or the Subscriber, THOS. TURPIN. Kingston, 8th Feb. 1831.

For sale at the Chronicle Office, The Water Witch or the "Skimmer of the Seas"—also, Separation, by Lady Charlotte Bury.

FOR SALE.—Lot No. 328, in Grave Street, Kingston. Apply to the Editor of this paper.

THE Subscriber begs leave to inform the Inhabitants of Kingston and the neighbourhood, that he has commenced business in the dry goods and grocery line, in the shop formerly occupied by Mr. Thos. Wilson, in Store Street, where he respectfully invites them to call and examine his stock, trusting that the quality of his goods, and the reasonableness of his terms will induce them to favour him with a share of their patronage and support.

WILLIAM MACKENZIE. Kingston, 1st December, 1830.

SALT RHEUM.—This inveterate disease, which has long baffled the art of the most experienced physicians, has, at length, found a sovereign remedy in Dr. La Grange's genuine ointment. Few cutaneous diseases are met with more reluctantly by the physician, & none in which he is so universally unsuccessful. This ointment has stood the test of experience, and justly obtained an unparalleled celebrity. It immediately removes the scabs, gives a healthy action to the vessels of the skin, and its original colour and smoothness. Numerous recommendations might be obtained of its superior efficacy, but the proprietor chose that a fair trial should be first made. It has cured three or four weeks cured cases of fifteen and twenty years' standing, that had resisted the power of every remedy that was tried. It not only at once gives immediate relief in Salt Rheum, but cures Tinea Capitis, commonly called Scald Head, and all scabby eruptions peculiar to unhealthy children.

There is nothing of a mercurial nature contained in it, and it may be used on infants or others under any circumstances whatever.

PRICE One Dollar per BOTTLE. For sale by Wm. Binley, Kingston, John Musson, Quebec, and George Bent Montreal, Sole Agent for the Canadas. Kingston, 11th July, 1828.

The Board of Education for the Johnstown District give notice.

THAT from the present time, it is their intention strictly to enforce the regulation made some years back, by which the use of American Books in teaching is prohibited, and the masters are directed to confine themselves to such works of Elementary instruction, as are compiled by British Authors only.

A copy of Mavor's spelling-book may be obtained by each master whose certificates have passed the board, on application to Dr. Hubbell.

THAT the compliance of the school-masters is desired with a former regulation enjoining the use of prayers at the commencement of school in the morning, and at its close in the evening.

A form adapted to general use, may be found in Mavor's spelling-book, and is recommended for this purpose by the board.

Printed forms for the Quarterly certificates to be signed by two Trustees, may be had on application to Adiel Sherwood, Esq. Brockville. July, 1829.

REMOVAL.—The Subscriber begs leave to inform his friends and the public, that he has removed his Wholesale and Retail Hardware establishment to the store lately occupied by Mr. A. Truax, store street, where he has on hand as usual a very general assortment of Hardware, Paints, Oils, Cordage, &c. &c. and is in daily expectation of a further supply, direct from Birmingham, Sheffield, Wolverhampton, Bristol, and Liverpool, the whole of which he will sell unusually low for Cash or short approved Credit.

50 doz. Follisburgh's Grass Scythes. 20 doz. English Grass and Cradling do. for sale uncommonly low.

GEO. W. YARKER. Kingston, 9th June, 1830.

WANTED immediately TWO Journeymen Printers. Apply at the Anglo-Canadian Office.

MORGAN'S MASONRY.—For sale at the Chronicle Office. March 13.

FOR SALE.—A very valuable farm in the township of Thulow situated within four miles of the town of Belleville, and within a quarter of a mile of the River Moate, containing Two hundred acres of land, of which there are one hundred acres in the highest state of cultivation. On the farm there is a very neat, substantial frame dwelling house, well finished, in front of which runs a handsome stream of excellent water. There is also a barn of fifty feet in length, by thirty five feet wide, a shed and other out buildings, finished in the best style, and nearly new, together with a good orchard, well stocked with fruit trees, forming altogether one of the best farms in the country.

Indispensable title will be given. For further particulars apply to the proprietor on the premises.

RONALD MCMICHAEL. Thurlow, 10th May, 1830.

ALLIANCE British and Foreign Life and Fire Assurance Company of London, established by Act of Parliament.

CAPITAL, FIVE MILLIONS STERLING. THE Agents for this Company beg leave to announce to the Inhabitants of Upper Canada, that they continue to assure against loss or damage by FIRE; and that they have for the convenience of the public, appointed the following Gentlemen as their agents in the county towns of the different Districts, viz:

Guy C. Wood, Esq. Cornwall
Messrs. A. & W. Morris, & Co. Brockville
James Macfarlane, Esq. Kingston.
James G. Bethune, Esq. Cobourg.
Samuel Ridout, Esq. York.
John Ross, Esq. Niagara.

To either of whom, parties desirous of effecting Assurance will please apply.

The Agents take leave to remind the public of the following important and striking advantages which will be derived from assuring with the Alliance Company.

1st, Perfect security.

2d, Honor and liberality in the settlement of losses.

3d, Moderate premiums of Assurance.

4th, A participation of profits.

5th, Parties who obtain the settlement of losses from fire, are not thereby deprived of their right to participate in the profits of the Company.

6th, Losses by lightning will be made good.

7th, The Agents have the power of settling losses in this country, without referring to the Board of Directors in London.

8th, Reasonable expenses incurred in the removal of property from fire will be paid.

9th, In the case of an Assurance being made on property for a less sum than the real value thereof, the Company will whatever loss is sustained, not exceeding the sum assured.

10th, The extended scale on which the Society is formed, will ensure the pecuniary stability of the Company, and will be a constant guarantee of the public patronage.

Agents. Montreal, 28th Sept. 1826.

WILLIAM JOHNSON, Barber and Hair-Dresser, next door to the London Tavern, tenders his grateful acknowledgments to the public, for the liberal support he has met with since he commenced business—and he hopes, by close attention and industry, to merit a continuance of the public patronage.

Kingston, 30th May, 1829.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY, AT the Long Falls Saw Mill, by the Good Stone Mason, a few liberal encouragement.