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INTRODUCTION.

“THE HODGE PODGE CLUB” is one of the few survivors of those numerous Clubs which formed so striking a feature of social life in Glasgow during the second half of last, and the first half of the present century. Founded in 1752, it is given the second place among the Clubs treated of in Dr. Strang’s well-known work on *Glasgow and its Clubs*. The account there given is graphic enough so far as it goes, but the nature and scope of Dr. Strang’s work necessarily prevented him from going into anything like detail. It is hoped, therefore, that this compilation, which aims at giving some information regarding the Club and its former members, not hitherto printed, may prove of interest to the “Hodge Podgers” of the present day. The word “compilation” is used advisedly, as the present volume contains nothing that has not been taken from the Minute Books of the Club.

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THE HODGE PODGE CLUB

ORIGIN OF THE CLUB

THE most authentic account of the origin of the Hodge Podge Club is to be found in the Memorandum, or Report, drawn up by Mr. John Dunlop, the Secretary, in 1802, on the occasion of the Club having completed its fiftieth year. This Report, which is engrossed in the beginning of the third volume of the Records, is as follows :

“ The Hodge Podge Club having now completed their half century and here begun the third volume of their Records, it may not be improper to give a short history of its origin and progress. The following succinct account is taken from the words of a worthy and much respected member, whose strong attachment to the club and deep interest he takes in all their affairs, have well fitted him for the task :

“ 1. The Hodge Podge Club, at present in full strength and vigour, owes its rise to an association of the following gentlemen, who in the year

1750 agreed to meet at Crookshank's Tavern once a fortnight, at seven o'clock in the evening. These were : James Luke, James Simson, Robert Maltman, Peter Blackburn, Thomas Hamilton, John Dunlop, and John Moore, who were soon after joined by Thomas Wright and William Anderson. Those nine, all excepting Robert Maltman, in the full vigour of youth, passed the evening in so convivial, or rather so jovial, a manner that they determined to form themselves into a Club, subjected to certain rules and regulations, and to their honour be it mentioned that, banishing expensive liquors, they limited their carousals to punch or toddy, to porter and brandy ; stomach complaints not being at that time come into fashion.

"2. Their Records begin on the 5th May, 1752, and it would appear that at that time they meant to limit their number to nine, as the reason given for admitting William Coats as a member in November, 1753, is that Thomas Wright was obliged to go to Danzig. They must, however, have altered their original intention, for soon after the admission of William Coats others were admitted also.

"By their Records it appears that they meant to improve themselves in public speaking, at least in political or literary compositions, each member in rotation being for a time ordered under a penalty to propose a question for discussion. But this came to be irksome, and sixpenny whist became a *succedaneum* to their

sublime literary and political discussions. Five o'clock in the afternoon was appointed the hour of meeting for that purpose, and they continued to play at cards till nine, when supper was set upon the table. In process of time, in place of regularly supping, dinners and suppers took place alternately, and finally suppers were banished altogether, port wine being added to the liquors originally established.

“It is necessary, in making this report, to recapitulate the names of the original members, with the dates of admission of those who have been since the 5th of May, 1752, admitted, marking their respective fates.”

Appended to the report are the names of the nine original members, and of those admitted during the first fifty years of its existence. A complete list of the members brought down to date, with the years of their admission, will be found in Appendix I.

The “worthy and much respected member” referred to in the document quoted above, was doubtless Mr. Peter Murdoch, who was elected a member in 1757, and died in 1817, having been for many years “Father of the Club.” It may therefore claim to be based upon contemporary evidence.

MEMBERS OF THE CLUB

As stated in the report of 1802, the original members consisted of seven gentlemen who, in 1750, agreed to meet once a fortnight at "Crookshank's Tavern." These were :

1. James Luke, merchant.
2. James Simson, merchant.
3. Robert Maltman, one of the masters of the Grammar School.
4. Peter Blackburn, merchant.
5. Thomas Hamilton, surgeon.
6. John Dunlop, merchant, afterwards "in the Customs," Greenock.
7. John Moore, surgeon.

These gentlemen were joined shortly afterwards by :

8. Thomas Wright, merchant in Edinburgh, and
9. William Anderson, merchant.

On May 5th, 1752, these nine constituted themselves a Club—"The HODGE PODGE Club."

In November, 1753, Thomas Wright was obliged to go to Danzig, and William Coats was unanimously chosen to succeed him. All subsequent members have been elected by ballot, one black ball excluding. If, however, the result of the ballot be unfavourable, a second can be demanded; and if a black ball again be found in the box, the decision is final.

Including the original members, 48 were elected in the first fifty years of the Club. The total number admitted from the foundation of the Club to the present date is 193.

A distinction was made between regularly attending members and those who, owing to residence at a distance, could not attend regularly. In the report by the Committee appointed in April, 1783, to draw up the rules and regulations, the distinction between regular and honorary members is defined. (See "Rules and Regulations.") Members could, with the consent of the Club, become honorary members, and *vice versa*. Thus, in May, 1793, Mr. Peter Murdoch having expressed a wish to become an honorary member, the Club unanimously agreed to consider him as such. On the 15th of the same month, Mr. James Dunlop having been compelled "from particular circumstances" to resign his membership, he was unanimously appointed an honorary member, with liberty to resume his seat as soon as he finds it convenient. The "particular circumstances" referred to were no doubt his failure, which took place in 1793.

Among other instances of honorary members being elected are :

1806. General Sir John Moore.

Mr. Baird.

Mr. Houstoun Rae.

1820. Mr. John Dunlop.

1822. Mr. William Stirling.

MEETINGS OF THE CLUB

THE meetings of the Club took place originally once a fortnight. From the 5th of May to the 5th of November, they met every fortnight on Wednesdays at dinner. From the 5th of November to the 5th of May, at dinner on Wednesdays, and supper on Tuesdays alternately.

On the 5th January, 1785, it was resolved to have supper on the Wednesdays in place of Monday as formerly. It would thus seem that the suppers had, for a time at least, been upon the Mondays.

On 18th November, 1789, it was agreed that in future the Club should dine throughout the whole year, and that the suppers during the winter months should be abolished.

The dinner hour was half-past three, and that of supper nine o'clock.

It required five members to constitute a "Club." It does not appear, however, that if a smaller number put in an appearance the meeting dispersed. (See "Rules and Regulations," No. 6.) No record, however, of the sederunt, or proceedings, was entered in the Book.

On 30th October, 1822, it was resolved that in future there should be only twelve meetings in the year. The meeting in May to be on the 5th (the Anniversary), and in the other months on the first Wednesday.

From the minute of 3rd April, 1839, it would seem that the number of meetings had been further reduced to five in the year, as it is minuted that the "Quarterly meetings" are to be held on the first Wednesdays of July, October, January, and April.

On 6th May, 1850, it was resolved that in future the Club should meet on the first Wednesdays of August, November and February—besides the Anniversary meeting in May. It was also resolved that each member should pay to the Secretary a yearly subscription of 20s., the money to be applied towards paying the expenses of the dinners of the Club. It was also resolved that at all meetings of the Club no liquor shall be permitted to be upon the table excepting port, sherry, punch, and toddy—the expense of each dinner, exclusive of liquor, not to exceed 5s. per head.

On 5th May, 1851, it was resolved that claret be permitted at all the Anniversary meetings of the Club.

On 8th May, 1867, it was resolved that in future there shall only be two dinners in the year—the Anniversary Dinner in May, and on the first Wednesday in November, which continues to be the practice of the Club.

PLACE OF MEETING

OWING to the way in which the minutes have been kept, it is difficult to trace the successive places in which the Club used to meet. We know from the Memorandum as to the origin of the Club given above (see p. 1) that the first place of meeting was "Crookshank's Tavern." No mention is made in the Minute Book of any place of meeting until May, 1766, when it is recorded that the Club is to meet "at Mrs. Cruickshanks," at dinner, on Tuesday, the 20th May. The same minute, however, goes on to say—"To meet on the Tuesdays to dinner in the summer, at Malcolm M'Donald's." Mrs. Cruickshank is not given in the first Glasgow Directory (Tait's, 1783), but in that work we find "M. M'Donald, vintner, Trongate."

On 18th February, 1768, it is resolved "that as Mr. M'Donald has been a sufferer in the article of supper by several thin meetings of the Club," he is in future to charge six shillings at least for each meeting.

In 1781 we find the Club was meeting at "the Eagle Tavern."

On 4th June, 1788, it is recorded that the Club met "at Mr. Hemmings'."

In December, 1794, it appears they were still meeting there—also in 1797, 1798, and 1799. In the Directory of 1789 (Jones's) we find "Henry Hemmings, Glasgow Tavern, head of Stockwell."

On 1st April, 1801, "as the Club are to leave Mr. Hemmings'," a committee is appointed to enquire at what house in town the Club is likely "to be best accommodate." At the next meeting it was resolved, after receiving the Committee's report, to meet after the next Anniversary at the Buck's Head Inn.

In 1802 the Club resolved "to leave Mr. Dunn," and dine at the Star Inn.

On 26th May, 1802, the Club met at the Prince of Wales Tavern,* and on 9th June of that year at the Buck's Head Inn.

On 8th August, 1804, it was resolved to dine at the Star Inn "until a further resolution is entered upon with regard to their future meetings," the Club being "very much dissatisfied with some parts of Mr. Dunn's conduct."

On 12th October, 1808, it was resolved that their next meeting shall be held at the Prince of Wales Coffee House.

On 5th May, 1823, the Club met at the George Inn.

There is no record of the place of meeting

* *Note.*—The Prince of Wales Tavern was in Brunswick Street.

subsequent to this entry until 9th March, 1842, when the minute is headed "Western Club." All meetings from that time forward have been held there, and it would appear that previous to that date the Club had also been in the habit of dining in that club. No previous record, however, can be found.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

IT is rather peculiar that the first volume of the Records, which embraces the period from 1752 to 1777, contains no list of rules or regulations. We find, however, numerous references to the rules, as well as instances of offences against them, and consequent penalties. On 22nd February, 1758, it is minuted that "Mr. David Cross, representing Peter Blackburn, and Thomas Hamilton were tried upon the 13th Statute, and found guilty." On 20th February, 1759, we find that "the 15th Law, as there transcribed, was this night passed."

In 1783 the inconvenience of having no formal record of the rules and regulations seems to have been borne in upon the members, and accordingly in April of that year a Committee was appointed "to collect the laws of the Club." Their report was submitted on the 29th of that month, and having been considered by the Club was approved of at the meeting held on 14th May, and ordered to be engrossed in the Minute Book, as follows:

Whereas it appears by the Records of the

Hodge Podge Club that on the 5th day of May, 1752, that Club began to assume a regular form, and sundry regulations were agreed on by the then members for maintaining that order and regularity which are so essentially necessary for the happiness of all such societies; and whereas by some unfortunate accident the original institutions of the Club, as also several subsequent regulations, have been lost, so that if these institutions and regulations be not written down whilst the remembrance of them is fresh in the memories of the present members, the utmost confusion may ere long be expected to follow, therefore the members whose names follow, viz.:

Peter Blackburn,
John Baird,
William Coats,
Henry Ritchie,
John Campbell,
James Dunlop,
David Cross,
Arch. Henderson,
Alex. Stevenson,
John Orr,
Peter Murdoch,
Robert Scot, and
John Dunlop,

who are to be considered as the only regularly attending members of the Club, and who are alone subjected to the observance of such regulations as may be established for its good government,

having taken the matter into their most serious consideration, do, with a view to the permanency of the Club, agree to the following statutes, which must be considered as binding on all of them, until this shall be altered by the consent of a majority at a Club where at least ten regularly attending members are present and called for that purpose, and whereas the following persons, viz.: Thomas Wright, of Edinburgh; John Dunlop, of Greenock; John Moore, of London; Matthew Orr, of Tobago; and William Craig, advocate, appear by the Records of the Club to be regular members thereof, but by reason of their distance from Glasgow they cannot give that attendance which is necessary, therefore the attending members before mentioned do not consider them in any other light than as honorary members, who are at all times welcome to join the convivial meetings of the Club, and who may indeed be elected into the high office of Preses, but who, until they become residents in or near to Glasgow, and give such attendance as is customary, cannot be considered as entitled to the rights and privileges of the attending members.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE
HODGE PODGE CLUB, 1783.

1. To constitute a Club five members must be present, who must elect a Preses whose

power must be considered as absolute, with this single exception—that he shall compel no member to drink more liquor than that member may chuse, but the Preses may order any member to abstain from drinking. However, in order that the power above mentioned may not be abused, every member who may think himself injured by the conduct of a Preses may, upon depositing twopence, appeal to the next Club for a redress of his grievances.

2. The Club shall meet every fortnight on Wednesdays, at dinner, from the 5th of May to the 5th of November, and from the 5th of November to the 5th of May at dinner on Wednesdays and supper on Tuesdays alternately, unless every individual member of the Club shall give his consent that supper be abolished.

3. The Anniversary of the Club shall be held every 5th day of May, excepting when that day shall be a Sunday, in which case it shall be solemnized on the Monday following.

4. No wine except port wine shall be allowed to be used at the ordinary meetings of the Club. Madeira may be used on the Anniversary, but no French wines shall ever be called for on any pretence whatever.

5. Six members must always be summoned to attend every Club, and these in rotation; if any of those six in rotation shall fail to attend, they must be fined half-a-crown each, and every other member not attending shall be fined one shilling. Every absentee at the Anniversary must pay a

fine of five shillings sterling. No excuse, either of sickness or of business or of being from home, or in short of any kind whatever, shall be allowed in bar of the fines above mentioned, and every member who shall attend any part of the afternoon or evening shall not be fined, but shall be subjected to pay his share of the tavern bill.

6. Although five members be necessary to constitute a Club, yet if that number shall not be present, any fewer in number who shall assemble must fine all the absentees, and make out the list of members who ought to be present at the following Club.

7. Playing at cards having been no part of the original institution of this now venerable Club, that amusement is only to be considered as a bell to call the members together, and therefore no single game, far less a rubber at whist, shall be begun after nine o'clock at night.

8. Dinner to be on the table at all times precisely at half-an-hour past three o'clock, and supper precisely at nine o'clock.

9. No wagers to be laid at a Club meeting either between members or visitors, without a forfeit of at least one bottle of rum in punch to the Club; and in case of any dubiety as to the winning of the wager, the Club are to determine by which of the parties the forfeit is to be paid.

10. The two toasts of the Club, viz.: the ORIGINAL TOAST, and "May the companions of

our youth be the friends of our age," must be given by every Preses before any other toasts be given; and whereas it has been customary to elect unmarried ladies as toasts for the members, let it be understood that the Preses has the privilege of two votes to keep any lady from being elected a toast, but only one vote to bring her in.

11. Prior to the meeting of every Anniversary there must be as many ladies elected toasts as there are regularly attending members of the Club, and on that day the whole list of toasts must be purged, and at least five new ones elected at the same meeting.

12. All fines incurred are to be collected and distributed each year in April at the Dinner Club preceding the Anniversary meeting.

13. The expense of the dinners is to be settled by the Club in the month of May, and that of the alternate dinners and suppers in the month of November, and at each of these times a list of members must be made out and given to Mr. M'Donald, that he may collect from each member at the following Club.

14. No person can be elected a member of the Club at the meeting at which he is proposed, nor can any member be elected at all except there be present ten members at least, and the members specially summoned. Further, the election must be by ballot, and a single negative shall prevent any person from being admitted a member; but if there shall be found only one negative against a person that has been proposed for a member, a

second ballot shall be taken, seeing that one of the members of the Club may be supposed to have given a negative through mistake. If, however, a negative shall be found at the second balloting, the person proposed shall stand excluded.

15. No person shall be invited to dine or sup with the Club, except by the Preses.

16. The Preses who shall be elected at the meeting immediately preceding the Anniversary shall continue Preses of that meeting also, and no Preses shall be elected twice in succession, nor shall any Preses have any other than a casting vote, except for toasts, as is mentioned in Rule 10.

On 27th April, 1785, it was ordered "that in future every member not present at an Anniversary meeting shall (instead of paying a fine of five shillings, as by the fifth rule of the Club) be subjected to pay his share of the tavern bill."

On the 8th June, 1785, a motion "that at all future Anniversary meetings no strangers shall be admitted," was carried unanimously. This resolution does not seem to have been adhered to for long, as we soon find the Preses being authorized to invite strangers to those occasions.

On 29th May, 1793, Rule 14 was altered. In future it was to be sufficient if three-fifths of the attending members were present, either for altering the rules or balloting for new members.

On 27th April, 1796, it was unanimously resolved "that no fines shall be collected in future."

On the 14th April, 1802, it was resolved that after the next Anniversary the rule that a toast must be elected for each member shall be altered, and that after that date there shall not be more than twelve toasts elected for the Club.

The rules adjusted by the committee of 1783 were drawn up after the Club had ceased to be, in part at least, a debating society. In the earlier years of its existence, however, one of the offences most frequently minuted was that of "neglecting to bring a Quære." Among other offences noted we find that on 25th March, 1755, John Dunlop and John Campbell are fined in a mutchkin bowl of punch each for "alleged bribery and corruption in the electing of a lady"—a thing, the chronicler indignantly adds, "unheard of in this Club." This is the earliest mention we have of the custom of electing toasts of the Club. On another occasion William Coats was fined for "troubling the Club, and being the occasion of the Preses being called out, and interrupting the dispute, and not sending a written excuse." Altogether a most pestilential knave!

RECORDS OF THE CLUB

THE Hodge Podge Club are fortunate in having preserved their Records from the beginning. It is true that certain of their possessions have, as will be seen, disappeared, but the Minute Books have survived, and contain a record of the proceedings of the Club from its foundation.

These consist of four MS. volumes.

1. From 1752 to 1777.
2. From 1777 to 1802.
3. From 1802 to 1895, and
4. From 1895 to the present time.

The first volume covers from 5th May, 1752, to 24th December, 1776. It is inscribed on the flyleaf—"For the use of the Hodge Podge Club"—beneath which are several Latin quotations, the first, and only one still legible, being the following lines from Juvenal, *Sat.* I.

"Quicquid agunt homines, votum, timor, ira, voluptas,
Gaudia, discursus—nostri est farrago libelli."

The earlier minutes do not contain any record of who were present. They merely give a list of the "queries," or subjects submitted for debate.

It would appear that papers were read on these subjects, and a discussion followed. The following are the entries under date 5th May, 1752, the first meeting of the Club, when they seem to have had a pretty solid evening's entertainment.

1. What is Taste? Is it natural or acquired?
2. Is it the possession of silver or gold that occasions pride in the wealthy? Or is it the mean-spiritedness of those who cringe to them on that account? And then, whether is a man to be blamed for this pride, or his flatterers?
3. Man is distinguished from brutes by his soul and reason. Brutes have no souls, therefore their actions should not seem dependent of direction, and never in consequence of a train of reasoning.
4. Whether the public misfortunes which the practice of duelling occasions are not over-balanced by the tranquillity which it may promote to society in general.

5. Is not Vice as laborious as Virtue?

6. Men run into danger to get out of the apprehension. We are apprehensive of being damn'd. Therefore we should destroy ourselves.

The questions discussed at the meetings held on May 12th, 19th, and 26th, 1752, are given, after which there is a jump to 30th October. This is followed by several essays, which were evidently read before the Club, and which have been engrossed in the Minute Book. The first of these is a curious *exegesis* upon "Publick Stews." The author of this paper states that

his proposition is "to put Whoring on a better footing than it has been hitherto, and to endeavour to make it useful to the Publick, and by that means destroy the pernicious practice of private Whoring."

Among other essays engrossed in the Minute Book are, "On Calumny," "On Proper Enjoyment," "Satire," "Man's Place in Society," and "Petrification." Along with these we have the titles of various subjects discussed at sundry meetings, but these are entered very irregularly. These subjects, or themes, are always called "Quaeries" or "Queres," and it would seem that each member, or a certain number of them in rotation, had to provide one. Under date Jan., 1754, we find "Mr. William Anderson fined sixpence for wanting a quere."

On 11th February, 1754, it was resolved to admit some new members, and Mr. Robert Dickie, Mr. James Montgomerie, and Mr. John Campbell were accordingly elected.

In 1755 the Anniversary was held on the 12th July, on which occasion, it is noted, they had "Hodge Podge and Strawberries for Dinner." At this meeting Mr. John Dunlop refused to name a lady to be elected [a toast], because he was not permitted to give Miss Hannah Rankin, who had been voted out that same day. The whole Club were "greatly surprised at the said John Dunlop, his constancy and obstinacy." On August 5th, 1755, they had "much good conversation and altercation."

In 1755 a record of the sederunt began to be kept. The names of the members present are not given, only that of the Praeses (as it is generally spelled), along with a list of those absent. This continued the custom for many years.

On 18th November, 1756, it is ordered that three shillings sterling be "issued out from our funds for shoeing our porter." The members, however, did not confine their funds entirely to themselves and their servants, as we find on 23rd March, 1757, the following payments were ordered: A sum not exceeding a crown "to a poor woman who has broke her thigh," and a sum not exceeding ten shillings "for the maintenance of the two Medicis, Italian orphans." On other occasions, too, we find sums ordered to be paid for charitable purposes.

After May, 1757, it would seem that only one "Quaere" was discussed, the subject being propounded at the previous meeting. Thus, on 25th May of that year we find it minuted, "The Quaere for next night is whether will a militia be of use to Britain at present or not?" It seems from other minutes that it was the duty of the Praeses to "give in a Quaere."

On 24th August, 1757, it is proposed by three of the members that John Campbell be called to "ye barr" for having misinterpreted words spoken by David Cross, and by that means "overturned a fair vote of the Club." Further, it was proposed that the Club should impose "a corporal punish-

ment, or what other they may judge adequate," upon John Dunlop inasmuch as he, "carried away by the influence of the Praeses, the devil and the flesh, did most courtier-like, diabolically, and carnally, give up the privileges of the Club in supporting the arbitrary measures of the Praeses."

On 22nd August, 1758, "Half an hour past ten p.m., the Club this minute received the joyous accounts of the taking of Louisburg, and many bumpers tost off upon the occasion."

On 6th March, 1759, Mr. Dougall did himself the honour to make a present to the Club of a hat, to be worn by the Praeses, "which was gratefully accepted and placed upon his head." In this we may perhaps discern the origin of THE WIG.

In 1759 we find that on the occasion of the Anniversary meeting the members dined at three o'clock.

On 30th July, 1761, being the Anniversary, a collection of 5s. from each member, amounting to 65s. in all, was made "in order to pay for five dozen H.P. glasses and charges attending the bringing them from London, the same being £3 2s. 3d."

On 20th May, 1762, we find the first notice of a stranger being present: "Present, Mr. Charles Selkrig, who has drunk with the fathers and grandfathers of most present."

On November 4th, 1763, a very serious matter occurred. Mr. Moore, Praeses the 6th October,

lost the key of the Club's box, and at the next meeting the list could not be "sent through." Accordingly at this meeting the Club sent once and again for the key, whereupon Dr. Moore sent three rusty keys, none of which would open the box, necessitating a smith being sent for. At this the Club "Brimful of punch and indignation against the said Mr. Moore, are determined to take his many heinous faults and omissions into their serious consideration next meeting, and he shall answer to them as he shall answer to God. Amen." The matter seems, however, to have blown over without any serious consequences.

On May 3rd, 1764, "William Anderson having spoke indecent and disrespectful words in the eyes of God and man in presence of the Hodge Podge Club is therefore fined in the sum of sixty pounds Scots, but in consideration of his opulent circumstances he shall be allowed to pay it in sterling money, to be paid in the following manner, viz.: Two shillings Scots at every meeting, ay and untill the whole sum be paid up."

In 1763 the custom of bringing Quaeres seems to have been dropped; the last record we have is on the 17th November of this year, when it is minuted that all who "have not yet brought in mottos to bring next night under 6d. penalty."

On 4th July, 1765, Mr. Baird is fined "for the greatest disrespect that ever was shown to so worthy a Praeses by so unworthy a member." One of the members, however, having made a

"dark speech" Mr. Baird answered it with a "proper and peculiar darkness" for which he was "absolved from the above fine."

On 23rd October, 1766, it was resolved that "as the time was ended that the Club had agreed to keep their meetings at dinner, it was voted whether the Club meetings next winter should be at dinner or supper, and carried that their meetings should be at night."

On 10th December, 1767, Mr. Baird, "toying with Mr. Dunlop, unfortunately broke two glasses." For this offence "Master Baird paid a crown and crowed like a cock at Christmas."

In 1768 it was resolved that Mr. M'Donald should be allowed to charge 6s. at least for each supper and 11s. 9d. for each dinner.

In December of the same year it was resolved to allow Mr. M'Donald 7s. for each supper.

In May, 1769, the charge for each dinner was fixed at 12s.

On 30th July, 1770, a committee is appointed to report to the Club as to James Dunlop's conduct in absenting himself from the meetings of the Club, it being recorded that the said James "since he became a coalier seems to prefer darkness to light." The committee's report was to the effect that "it is yet doubtful whether he is more knave or fool, and accordingly the object of mercy or resentment." In the end James acknowledged himself a fool, and was accordingly forgiven.

The minutes from this time on, sometimes for

months at a time, as a rule comprise nothing but a bare record of the name of the Praeses, a list of those absent, and the names of the six members "to be present next Club."

The second volume of the Records covers from 7th January, 1777, to 22nd April, 1802.

The Club seems to have been falling into luxurious habits, as it is recorded on 4th November, 1778, that "a complaint having been made that the late innovation of calling for port wine is contrary to the original institution of the Club, it is resolved that no wine be produced but by an application to the Praeses."

On 2nd June, 1779, owing to mistakes as to the year of the Club, it was resolved that "the year is to be hereafter changed upon the day of its institution, being the 5th May, on the next meeting thereafter."

On 16th June, 1779, it was resolved "that in future the Anniversary of the Club shall be solemnized on the 5th of May, being the day of institution upon record; but when that day happens to be Sunday it is to be held on the Saturday preceding." Up to this time the Anniversary had been held on varying dates, sometimes as late as November.

On 4th September, 1782, Mr. Coats is ordered to convene Messrs. Blackburn, Stevenson, Ritchie, and Crosse, with such others as may choose to attend before next meeting, in order "to chuse rum for the Club." This shows that "sampling dinners" were not unknown at this

time. From a subsequent minute it appears that the bill on this occasion amounted to 26s.

In February, 1783, it was proposed to alter the hour of dining from three o'clock to half-past three.

In April, 1783, a committee was appointed to collect the laws of the Club. This compilation was presented to the Club on 14th May, and being approved, the Secretary was ordered to engross the rules in the Minute Book.

The bill for the Anniversary dinner, on 5th May, 1783, when all the members were present except three, was as follows :

Drink,	-	-	£3	18	7
Dinner,	-	-	1	10	0
Sundries,	-	-	0	5	0
Waiters,	-	-	0	3	11
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On 31st March, 1784, the Club ordered a dinner on Wednesday, the 14th April, "to be paid from the betts." A similar dinner was ordered on Wednesday, 16th June, 1784.

On the occasion of the Anniversary, 5th May, 1784, the bill for eleven members and three visitors was :

Dinner,	-	-	-	-	£3	11	7
Supper,	-	-	-	-	0	15	7
Eating in all,	-	-	-	-	1	15	0
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					£6	2	2
Waiters,	-	-	-	-	0	4	4
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					£6	6	6

On 5th January, 1785, it was resolved to have supper on the Wednesdays instead of Mondays, as formerly.

On 27th April, 1785, it was ordered that in future every member not present at an Anniversary meeting shall (instead of paying a fine of 5s. as by the fifth rule of the Club) be subjected to pay his share of the tavern bill.

On 8th June, 1785, another alteration in the rules was made, viz. "that at all future Anniversary meetings of the Club no strangers be admitted." Mr. Henderson was desired "to digest the above motion and question into a rule."

On 22nd October, 1788, it is minuted that the date of next meeting—viz. the 5th November, 1788—being the hundredth anniversary of the landing of King William, "it is ordered that on that day, and on the same day in each revolving century, the Club (notwithstanding the present rule against French wine) may call for such wines as they choose."

On 24th March, 1790, Mrs. Mure having applied for a copy of the Club song, one was ordered to be sent her. At the same time the Club wish to have it understood that sending a copy of the song to Mrs. Mure shall be no precedent in giving one to any other person who may apply for it.

On 6th October, 1790, the Club order a dinner on Sunday the 28th of November, being the anniversary of the birth of Peter Blackburn, the

father of the Club, who upon that day "enters into his grand climacterick." This is the only instance that can be found of the Club meeting on a Sunday.

On 23rd February, 1791, Dr. Stevenson says that on this day twelvemonth he will give the club a "Claret Dinner."

On 8th February, 1792, "out of respect to the memory of Dr. Stevenson, the Club have agreed to postpone their dinner, which should have regularly happened on the 22nd, till the 29th of February." Of the same date it is ordered "that Mr. John Dunlop's verses to the memory of Dr. Stevenson should be inserted in the Book after next meeting."

On 20th February, 1793, the Club are of opinion that a dinner should be given to every member when he reaches his "grand climacterick," and order a dinner to be held on the 5th of November in honour of Mr. Henderson, who on that day fills up that respectable period of life.

On 15th May, 1793, it is unanimously resolved that a "Claret Dinner" shall be given on the 5th of October next, in honour of Mr. Coats, "who has past his grand climacteric."

On 29th May, 1793, it was resolved that in future three-fifths of the attending members of the Club shall be competent to do any business, either as to altering the rules or balloting for new members.

This resolution was passed, as, owing to the number of members having been much diminished,

it had been found impracticable to comply with Rule XIV., which required ten members to be present when any such business had to be transacted.

On 27th April, 1796, it was resolved that all fines shall henceforth be abolished.

On 19th July, 1798, Wednesday the 9th August is fixed for a "Claret Dinner" to be given in honour of Mr. Peter Murdoch, who has completed his 63rd year.

On 14th March, 1798, it was unanimously voted that fifty guineas be contributed towards the voluntary subscription in aid of the Government. The sum to be made up by the collection of the bets, and one guinea from each member who chose to pay that sum. Any balance raised beyond the fifty guineas to be at the disposal of the Club. This loyal and patriotic effort resulted in £56 10s. being raised, and on 9th May, 1798, it was ordered that the surplus of £4 should be expended on a dinner at Claud Currie's.

On 24th October, 1798, Mr. Coats is requested to make out an exact list of "all the members who have been and are at present members of this Club; and it is recommended to the next meeting to have all the names inserted in the Book."

On 5th May, 1801, it was resolved to meet in future at the Buck's Head Inn. Mr. Henderson and Mr. Jas. Dunlop are appointed to give the necessary orders "for having the effects of the

Club removed and put under Mr. Gardner's charge."

On 24th June, 1801, it is recorded that Gen. Drummond, a guest on that occasion, lost a bottle of rum to Mr. Hamilton, "which was immediately paid, and added considerably to the conviviality of the Club."

Mr. Orr having resigned his membership—apparently as a "regularly attending member"—petitioned the Club that he might be reinstated "in his former rank." On 25th November, 1801, it is accordingly resolved "that the time from his resignation to that of his readmission to the Club shall be considered *quoad* him as annihilated, and that in point of seniority he shall rank by this resolution as if he had never resigned."

The third volume of the Records extends from 5th May, 1802, to 8th May, 1895. It opens with a list of the members, 21 in all, as at 5th May, 1802. This is headed by the name of Peter Murdoch, who had been elected a member in 1757.

After the minute of the Anniversary meeting, held 5th May, 1802, there is engrossed the Memorandum on the Origin and History of the Club, which is reproduced under the heading, "Origin of the Club" (see p. 1). This is followed by a complete list of members brought down to March, 1803, amounting to 48 in all.

On 7th July, 1802, Mr. James Murdoch is elected to succeed Mr. John Dunlop as Secretary.

This minute shows that the Club were still in the custom of bestowing money in charity, reference being made to an annuity allowed to two "Pensioners of the Club."

In 1803 there was "no Club" no fewer than nine times running, while on the 28th October of that year there was not a single member present.

On 8th August, 1804, the Club, being dissatisfied with Mr. Dunn's conduct, resolved to "change the house," and dine at the Star Inn in future.

On 16th October, 1805, it was ordered that Doctor Moore's picture, which was presented to the Club by his son, Mr. Charles Moore, "should be framed and deposited among the archives of the Club."

On 5th May, 1806, Gen. Sir John Moore, K.B., was unanimously voted an honorary member of the Club.

It is recorded that on the 5th August, 1807, Messrs. Peter Murdoch, James Murdoch, and Peter Murdoch, jun., father, son, and grandson, were present.

On 16th November, 1807, Mr. Peter Murdoch, the father of the Club, having completed his fiftieth year as member of the Club, was entertained at a dinner given in his honour by the other members of the Club. Thirteen members, and four strangers, dined on this occasion, the Preses being Mr. John Dunlop.

At the Anniversary meeting on 5th May, 1808,

it was proposed that the toast of "The Father of the Club for the time being," should be added to the standing toasts of the Club. This motion was brought forward, and carried at the next meeting, on 25th May, 1808.

On 14th September, 1808, it was resolved that in future any member living within ten miles of Glasgow, and not attending the Club for four successive meetings, shall no longer be considered a member of the Club, "except he shall state a reason for his non-attendance which shall be looked upon as satisfactory by the Club."

On 12th October, 1808, it was resolved to meet in future at the Prince of Wales Coffee House.

On 1st February, 1809, "this being our first meeting since intelligence of the death of our much-lamented friend and member, Sir John Moore, Knight of the Bath, reached his country," the members present appeared in mourning. It was resolved that Sir John's reply to the Secretary, when it was announced to him that he had been admitted a member of the Club, should be copied into the minutes, and the letter preserved in the archives of the Club.

The letter is as follows :

LONDON, 21st May, 1806.

MY DEAR MURDOCH,

I am very sensible of the distinction shown me by the Hodge Podge Club and much flattered by it, both as a compliment to myself

and to the memory of my father. I beg you will request the Club to accept my best thanks. When times are quiet I shall hope to avail myself of the seat they have given me amongst them; in the meantime I must pursue the career I have been engaged in for these last thirty years. I am preparing to go to Sicily, where I hope to do nothing to render me unworthy of being a member of the Hodge Podge.

I regretted very much I did not see your father when he was here. Remember me kindly to him and to Mary, and believe me, ever, my dear Murdoch,

Yours sincerely,

JOHN MOORE.

On 25th October, 1809, it is noted, "No Club, being the Jubilee of the King's fiftieth anniversary, and the members being mostly engaged in public."

On 19th November, 1810, the Club gave a dinner in honour of the father of the Club (Mr. Peter Murdoch). Fifteen members and three strangers were present—William Mure, Preses.

On 16th November, 1812, another dinner was given in honour of Mr. Murdoch, "being the fifty-fifth anniversary of his being elected a member of the Club." Twenty-six members and four strangers were present—Mr. John Dunlop, Preses.

On 8th March, 1815, it was unanimously

resolved that Mr. Peter Murdoch, the father of the Club, be requested to sit for his picture.

On 21st May, 1817, all the gentlemen present were dressed in mourning, in token of their respect to the memory of Peter Murdoch, Esq., who "for considerably more than half a century had been a much esteemed member of this Club, and for nearly the last twenty years was its venerable father." Mr. Murdoch was elected a member in 1757, and died on the 11th May, 1817.

On 17th December, 1817, Mr. James Men-teath and Mr. James Murdoch attended the Club, but "forgot, in the height of their conviviality, to enter the minute."

On 14th January, 1818, Mr. Hill is elected Secretary *pro tempore*. It was resolved that the picture of "their late beloved father" should be delivered into the custody of the Secretary, and he is directed to "enter an acknowledgment of the trust reposed in him in the Minute Book."

On 14th June, 1819, it is resolved that Wm. Drummond, porter to the Club, is to have three guineas per annum, to be paid him on the 5th May, in full of all claims against the Club.

On 30th October, 1822, it was resolved that in future there should only be twelve meetings in the year—the meeting in May to be on the 5th (the Anniversary), and in the other months upon the first Wednesday.

On 3rd April, 1839, Mr. A. S. Dalglish was

requested to act as Secretary, along with Mr. Kennedy.

For some years previous to this the minutes seem to have been kept very irregularly, there being sometimes only one minute entered in the year. From the minute of 3rd April, 1839, it appears the number of meetings had been reduced to five a year, including the Anniversary, as it is minuted that the "Quarterly meetings" are to be held on the first Wednesdays of July, October, January, and April.

On 9th March, 1842, it is noted that the Anniversary meeting is to be held "in the Western Club." This is the first formal resolution as to meeting in that club, but the minute of 9th March, 1842, is headed "Western Club."

On 17th March, 1847, a complimentary dinner was given in the Western Club to Mr. Gilbert Kennedy, the Secretary. The invitation to Mr. Kennedy was as follows:

TO GILBERT KENNEDY, ESQ.,
Secretary to the Hodge Podge Club.

DEAR SIR,

We the undersigned, members of the Hodge Podge Club, being anxious to express our approbation of the manner in which you have filled the office of Secretary to the Club, and conducted its affairs for many years past; and also to evince our feelings of regard for your private worth, and your many gentlemanly and excellent social qualities, request that you

will do us the honour to accept a Dinner from us in the Western Club, and name an early day for the same.

We are, etc.,

JOHN TENNANT.

C. D. DONALD.

MARK SPROT.

JAMES OSWALD.

MUNGO CAMPBELL, Jr.

GEORGE STIRLING.

THO. DONALD.

MUNGO CAMPBELL.

WM. STIRLING, Jr.

A. S. DALGLISH.

WM. DENNISTOUN.

J. R. DENNISTOUN.

From this time on the Club met regularly in the Western Club. On 7th March, 1849, Mr. A. S. DalGLISH resigned the secretaryship of the Club, Mr. Thomas Donald being appointed in his room.

On 28th November, 1849, it was resolved that a question as to the legality of a member voting for himself, and then giving his casting vote (he being in the chair at the time), in a case of election of Preses, should be referred to the Lord Advocate and Dean of Faculty of Advocates, the expense of their opinion to be defrayed out of the funds of the Club. The opinion, if it ever was got, has not been recorded in the minutes.

On the 6th May, 1850, it was resolved that in future the Club should meet on the first Wednesday of August, November, and February, besides the Anniversary meeting in May. It was also resolved that in future each member shall pay to the Secretary a yearly subscription of 20s., the money to be applied towards paying the expenses of the dinners of the Club. It was also resolved that at all meetings of the Club no liquors shall be permitted to be upon the table, excepting port, sherry, punch, and toddy, and that the expense of each dinner, exclusive of liquors, shall not exceed 5s. per head.

On 5th May, 1851, it was resolved that claret be permitted at all the Anniversary meetings of the Club.

The Centenary Dinner of the Club was held on 5th May, 1852, when the following gentlemen were present :

Lord Glasgow, Chairman.

C. D. Donald.	George Stirling.
T. C. Douglas.	Gilbert Kennedy.
Wm. Bruce.	A. S. DalGLISH.
C. D. Donald, Jr.	John Tennant.
C. J. Tennant.	Peter Murdoch.
Mungo Campbell.	George Baird.

Thomas Donald.

And also John Gordon, of Aikenhead, a stranger.

In the minutes of the previous meeting it is recorded, "No expense to be spared in the dinner, and all kinds of wines to be allowed." No further particulars have come down to us.

The minute of meeting held 6th November, 1861, is the lengthiest on record. The Secretary appears to have been confined to his house "by indisposition," and the proceedings were of a most disorderly and irregular character. Claret was ordered, the rulings of the chair disputed, and toasts proposed and objected to in a most arbitrary manner. The whole proceedings seem to prove the necessity of an efficient Secretary.

On 8th May, 1867, it was resolved that in future there should only be two dinners of the Club in the year, viz. the Anniversary Dinner in May, and on the first Wednesday of November.

On 7th May, 1872, Mr. C. T. Couper promised that when the shares of the Emma Silver Mine reached £100 he would present the Club with a silver cup, and that if they got to £50 he would give the Club a dinner.

On 7th May, 1879, on the motion of Mr. W. Stirling, it was unanimously resolved that toasted cheese should be a standing dish at all future dinners.

On 4th November, 1885, the following resolution was carried unanimously, "That Mr. Robert Strang having not only wilfully absented himself from this meeting of the Hodge Podge Club—which might have been borne without comment—but having also seduced one member, and strenuously endeavoured to seduce two others from attendance here to-night, resolved that such conduct is unworthy of a Hodge Podger, and

that this meeting pass an unanimous vote of censure on Mr. Strang accordingly, and instruct the Secretary to send Mr. Strang an excerpt from this minute."

At the same meeting a committee of four members was appointed to obtain a second wig similar to that already in the Club's possession.

On 5th May, 1886, the committee above referred to not having reported to the Club, the report was adjourned to the next meeting, and the committee re-appointed.

On 4th May, 1888, the committee, having apparently failed to achieve the object for which they were appointed, are again re-appointed, with instructions to report *quam primum*.

At the next meeting the convener had to admit that, in spite of all their efforts, they were still unsuccessful in the object of their quest. They still seem to have persevered, being from time to time reinforced with additional members.

On 5th November, 1890, the convener reported that he had made strenuous efforts to obtain a new wig, but had failed to get one. He accordingly asked leave to resign, which was unanimously refused.

TOASTS OF THE CLUB

AT the time of the institution of the Club, and for long afterwards, drinking toasts was a general custom at all convivial meetings. It is not surprising, therefore, to find that this was one of the most ancient and honoured customs of the Hodge Podge Club.

Their toasts were of two kinds, (1) Standing Toasts, which were drunk at every meeting of the Club, and (2) Annual Toasts, being a list of ladies elected annually.

The standing toasts were three in number. The first, referred to in the rules of the Club as the "Original Toast," was always given by the Preses before any other was drunk. The second was added, on the motion of Dr. John Moore, on 13th September, 1770, when we find it minuted that "the following general toast, as peculiarly applicable to the Club, was unanimously approved of, and ordered to be ranked after the first toast, viz. 'May the companions of our youth be the friends of our old age.'"

The third standing toast was added by resolution of the meeting held on 25th May, 1808, viz., "The Father of the Club for the time being."

With regard to the annual toasts, we find that Rule X. states that "it has been customary to elect unmarried ladies as toasts for the members"; while Rule XI. is as follows: "Prior to the meeting of every Anniversary there must be as many ladies elected toasts as there are regularly attending members of the Club, and on that day (*i.e.* the Anniversary meeting) the whole list of toasts must be purged, and at least five new ones elected at the same meeting." The "purging" seems to have consisted of drinking their healths; but apparently this was only done if the "toasts" had comported themselves during the year in a way befitting the high position of toasts of the Hodge Podge.

The first record of the names of the toasts, or "female members" as they were also called at that period, is on 25th July, 1758, when we find: "This being the Anniversary meeting, the Club ordered 6d. to be paid by each member to the porter of the Club, and then drank three bumpers to the health of all the female members, who were purged by one vote, and proceeded to a new election, when the following ladies were elected:

Jeany Crosse,
Mœnie Richardson,
Jenny Smith,
Bell Campbell,
Katty Walkinshaw,
Nelly M'Credy,
Annabella Maxwell."

At the end of Vol. I. of the minutes, however, we have the names of the toasts elected on 13th August, 1757. And there is also a list of "Female Members of the Hodge Podge," opposite a similar list of the members, as at 5th May, 1758. It may, therefore, be fairly assumed that these are the ladies who had been elected toasts, from the foundation of the Club down to August, 1757. From that date on we have a regular record of them, so that we may claim to have a complete list of toasts from the foundation of the Club down to the present day. This will be found in Appendix II.

The election of toasts sometimes led to serious arguments and disputes. On 15th November, 1758, it is recorded that John Moore, having named Miss Sarah Ramsay as a toast, the Preses, Mr. John Dunlop, "did in a most arbitrary manner stop the vote." A long protest by Mr. Thomas Hamilton against the conduct of the Preses ensued, the complainant adding that he "is likewise of opinion that the CLERK (in capitals) most insolently and filthily, leaving the fear of God far behind him, did refuse to enter Miss Sarah Ramsay according to use and wont." After craving redress, which he hopes the Club will grant, he concludes by begging that "the Club would be graciously pleased to inspect the said Clerk, to see whether it proceeds from any natural impediment in the instrument of the said Clerk, or whether he despises a toast of the Club."

The "lady members" seem to have had their obligations as well as privileges. On 26th February, 1760, Miss Darcy Brisbane having taken to herself a husband, without consulting the Club, "the Club drunk her dragey according to use and wont, and bade her farewell aye and until she gets quit of her choice."

On 26th November, 1767, Mr. Peter Murdoch pays 2d., and protests against the Preses and Clerk "for their unlawful and too easy entering of Miss Grizzy Hamilton." The complainer is humbly of opinion that "the majority was against meddling with her, but the Preses has of late been so used with entering of virgins that nothing can escape him, having no due regard to the laws of the Club."

On 15th April, 1795, Mr. Baird having proposed Miss Ironside as a toast, she was objected to by the other members. "Not," the minute goes on to say, "but that they thought her highly worthy of the honour of being a toast of the Club, but because, by the opinion of the Club at its establishment, no lady could be admitted a toast who resided to the eastward of the kirk of Shotts, and this handed down by tradition." Mr. Baird protested that he would not submit to the exclusion of Miss Ironside on this ground, and declared his intention of referring the matter to a full Club. We have no record of what took place, supposing he did so refer the matter, and the "tradition" as to the eligibility of toasts still survives. In process

of time, however, it has become altered from a condition of residence to one of birth. Every lady proposed as a toast must fulfil the condition that she was born "west of the kirk of Shotts." When or how the original condition was altered we have no record.

According to the rules it was customary to elect unmarried ladies as toasts. In the earlier years of the Club, however, we not infrequently find names with the prefix "Mrs." Possibly these ladies were fair widows.

On 14th April, 1802, it was resolved to limit the number of toasts elected annually to twelve. This alteration was caused by the increase in the number of members having made it inconvenient to have a toast elected for each member of the Club, as was customary previously.

On 4th November, 1863, Mr. Mark Sprot gave notice that at the Anniversary meeting in May next he would propose that no toast should be proposed in future whose age exceeded thirty-five years. When he brought forward this ungallant motion, an amendment was moved "that Mr. Sprot's motion was inexpedient," the seconder, Mr. P. Murdoch, alleging that "he knew nothing but old women." After considerable discussion Mr. Sprot withdrew his motion.

We are glad to say the good old custom of annually electing a list of "toasts" still survives. The practice is to elect them at the Anniversary meeting in May, and they are duly "purged" at the meeting in the following November.

BETS

BETTING was a common practice during the last, and the beginning of the present century, and the Hodge Podgers seem to have indulged freely in the pastime. The bets made at their meetings—or at least many of them—are duly recorded in the minutes, as the wagers formed an important part of the revenue of the Club. By Rule IX. no wager could be laid at a Club meeting without a payment of “at least one bottle of rum in punch to the Club.” It was therefore the interest of the Club to keep a record of all bets made.

The members seem to have betted on every conceivable subject, from high politics down to their own weights; and it is impossible to do more than mention a few of them as samples of the rest. At one time they appear to have been so numerous that they were not entered in the minutes as they were laid, but a sort of ledger account was opened into which they were posted.

On the 18th November, 1756, we find that one of the queries was, “If the French ships are condemned whether is it probable that the money

they are sold for will be applyed to the Publick, or will the Men of war receive the whole?" Messrs. Anderson, Luke, and Cross wagered a mutchkin of punch each "for the publick" against Messrs. Dick, Montgomerie, and Dunlop "for the British flag."

On 9th January, 1759, Mr. Anderson wagers "that the Duke of Cumberland shall never after this date command an army, fight, or retreat." Dr. Alex. Stevenson wagers against him that the Duke of Cumberland shall some time after this command "if it were an host of hobby horses." The Club considered that this wager admitted of too great latitude, and determined that a bowl of punch "as large as the Duke or as the Club shall think proper," shall be forfeited by one or other of the parties "and drunk by the Club."

On 30th July, 1761, P. Blackburn wagers against P. Murdoch two pints of rum to one that two members of the Club shall not be married before this day next year. *N.B.*—"No odds in liquor to be claimed," whatever that may mean.

On 27th September, 1770, it was resolved that for the future "when any wagers are laid in the Club a bottle of rum in punch shall be paid by the loser when the wager is determined, or at the end of three months from the date of the wager, if not determined, the bottle of rum shall be paid between them—always provided that the wager is of the value of 20s. sterling."

At the same date Mr. Peter Murdoch, *contra* James Dunlop, affirms that Mr. John Campbell,

member of this Club, shall not be Provost of Glasgow at the next election, the loser to forfeit ten guineas, over and above the Club's bottle of rum.

The members seem to have betted continually on every variety of subject. There is only one record of a proposed wager not being taken up. On 27th November, 1782, "J. Dunlop offers to lay with Mr. Crosse a bottle of rum that accomodate is spelt with only one m. Mr. David says, be it so."

17th September, 1783. Jas. Dunlop wagers a bottle of rum that 3 per cent. consols will be at 70 per cent. or higher on or before this day twelvemonth. P. Blackburn *E contra*.

4th August, 1784. Mr. Ritchie has lost a bottle of rum to John Dunlop about the age and size of the Miss Campells, Clathick.

On 28th September, 1785, it was resolved that when any wager is laid it must be settled by the parties within six months after it is laid, otherwise each party shall be liable.

On 7th June, 1786, several wagers are laid whether "Mr. Hastings will or will not be impeached in the House of Peers upon the present charge against him."

19th December, 1787. Mr. Blackburn bets a bottle of rum with Mr. James Dunlop that Mr. Murdoch's mahogany dining table at Rosebank, which bears the impression of John Miller's teeth, does not weigh one hundred pounds English weight.

30th January, 1788. Mr. Scot bets a bottle of rum with Dr. Stevenson that *Tom Jones* was published before *Roderick Random*.

27th January, 1790. Mr. M'Dowall bets "a bottle of rum in punch" with Dr. Stevenson that Mary Ann Petrie, the girl "upon whose body the rape at Paisley was committed," is not fourteen years of age complete.

2nd June, 1790. Dr. Stevenson bets Mr. Baird one bottle rum that the riot about Miss Burns, in which Mr. M'Dowall and some of his friends were concerned, happened after Mr. Jas. M'Dowall was first married.

14th July, 1790. Mr. Baird bets a guinea and a bottle of rum with Mr. Murdoch that there are five thousand inhabitants in the north town [new town] of Edinburgh.

6th February, 1793. Mr. Jas. Dunlop bets a bottle of rum in punch with Mr. James Murdoch that the Lord Justice Clerk, from the Justiciary Bench, did not say that "Jesus Christ, honest man, was nae Reformer." Mr. Murdoch says he did, or words to the above purpose.

In June, 1798, a number of bets are recorded as to the weights of members. After "proceeding to the weigh house" it was found that

Mr. Baird	weighed	17	st.	10	lb.
Mr. M'Dowall	„	19	„	2	„
Mr. Henderson	„	12	„	1	„
Mr. Coats	„	11	„	3	„
Mr. Blackburn	„	12	„	9	„

3rd September, 1800. Mr. Glassford bets a

bottle of rum with Mr. Hamilton that there are twenty Writers to the Signet in Edinburgh who make £1000 a year each by their business.

Among matters of more general interest we find bets upon Pope's *Essay on Man*, on a quotation from Johnson's *Vanity of Human Wishes*, on the size of a "Magnum Bonum Bottle," on the taking of Seringapatam, and on the Funding of the Public Debt at .5 per cent.

After the first half century of the Club bets seem to have been less frequently made, or perhaps less carefully recorded; but the practice still continued, and continues to the present day. The last recorded are two bets of "a bottle of rum and a guinea dry," made 1st November, 1899, that Ladysmith and Mafeking would both hold out till relieved.

SECRETARY

ALTHOUGH there is no provision in the rules for the office of Secretary, the mere fact of the minutes being kept and regularly entered presupposes that such an official always existed. He seems to have been originally termed the "Clerk," the first occupant of the office having apparently been Mr. David Crosse.

We find that on 6th March, 1759, Mr. David Crosse, Clerk to the Club, "having served in his office long and faithfully, to the great expense of his patience, purse, and constitution," begs to be relieved of his burthen. The members, with a pretty wit, being "sensible of the late Clerk's abilities and honesty," voted him "to succeed himself."

In 1766 William Coats appears to have been acting as Clerk, as he initials various entries of cash paid, etc.

On 28th May, 1767, William Coats is referred to as the "late Clerk," and Mr. Anderson is spoken of as the "Assessor." Mr. Coats, however, evidently continued to act as Clerk for many years. In May, 1781, a "summons" to be served

upon James Ritchie for non-attendance is signed by William Coats, "Secretary and Treasurer."

In 1790 John Dunlop appears to have been acting as Treasurer.

In 1794 Mr. Coats seems still to have been Secretary, as he is requested in December of that year to make out a list of the "bets" outstanding. Mr. Dunlop must have succeeded him, as Mr. James Murdoch was elected Secretary on 7th July, 1802, "in succession to Mr. John Dunlop."

In 1818 Mr. James Hill is elected Secretary *pro tem*.

In 1824 Mr. Gilbert Kennedy was appointed to act along with Mr. James Murdoch, and seems to have acted thereafter as sole Secretary until 1839, when Mr. A. S. Dalglish ("Steenie") was requested to act along with him. Mr. Kennedy appears to have resigned office in 1847, when he was entertained by the members at a complimentary dinner.

In 1849 Mr. Thomas Donald was elected to succeed Mr. Dalglish, and continued to act as Secretary until 1879, when he was succeeded by Mr. B. B. Macgeorge. Mr. Macgeorge resigned office in 1881, when Mr. C. D. Donald, son of Mr. Thomas Donald, was appointed in his place. On the death of Mr. C. D. Donald in 1895, his brother, Mr. T. F. Donald, was elected Secretary, and still continues to discharge the duties of that office.

ARTICLES BELONGING TO THE CLUB.

It may not be out of place to give here a short account of the various articles which the present members of the Club have inherited from their predecessors. These consist of—

1. The Minute Books, which have already been described.

2. The Box. From an early period of the Club's history we find references to "the Club Box." (See minute of 4th Nov., 1763, under "Records of the Club.") The original box has disappeared, the present one having been presented to the Club in 1802. It is a small mahogany cabinet, with a drawer for holding the minute books, etc., and above that a ballot box, used at the election of members. The front bears a silver plate with the following inscription :

A PRESENT
TO THE CLUB
on its 50th Anniversary
from
JOHN ORR, Esq.,
One of the Members.
1802.

3. The Snuff Box. This is an old-fashioned wooden box of peculiar shape, with silver bands. On the lid is a silver plate, with the following inscription :

“Simson the Pastor turned my frame
 With his own holy hands,
 Simson the Merchant bound the same
 In these fair silver bands.
 But what delights me more than all,
 Great Hugo did me dub
 To be the snuff-mill GENERAL
 Unto the HODGE PODGE CLUB.”

4. The Glasses. As has already been seen (“Records of the Club, p. 24), five dozen Hodge Podge glasses were purchased in July, 1761, at a cost of £3 2s. 3d. Probably not more than two or three of the original lot survive, but similar glasses have been got at later dates, and are regularly used at the dinners of the Club. They are old-fashioned glasses with a long thick stem, and small bowl, on which is engraved :

HODGE PODGE,
 5th May, 1752.

5. The Wig. This curious relic is carefully kept in a tin box, which was specially made for the purpose in 1833. Along with the wig, there is preserved the following minute, which is not to be found in the minute book :

“HODGE PODGE CLUB,
 GEORGE INN, 5th May, 1823.

It is thought proper that the old established

rules of the Hodge Podge Club ought to be revived, and as it was the custom that the Preses and Secretary wore a Wig at the Anniversary, it is proposed that two wigs shall be made, and the following gentlemen are named as a committee to carry the said resolution into effect.

The committee named are :

Messrs. G. H. Dundas.

Wm. Houstoun.

Major Monteath.

Gilbert Kennedy.

Wm. Houston, Convener.

5th May, 1825.

Mr. Cunninghame of Craigends, and Mr. Mungo Campbell, were this day added to the committee."

In addition to the above, the Club at one time possessed other articles, which, if still existing, would be of no small interest. We know from the minutes that they had portraits of Dr. John Moore and Mr. Peter Murdoch. (See minutes of 16th Oct., 1805, 8th March, 1815, and 14th Jan., 1818.) We also know that Sir John Moore's letter, thanking the members for his election to the Club, was preserved among "the archives" (see minute of 1st Feb., 1809). No doubt various other MSS., etc., were at one time similarly preserved, but no trace of them can now be found. These may possibly have been lost or destroyed, but the portraits referred

to above must surely be still in existence. Possibly the representatives of the gentleman who was Secretary during the first years of this century may have some suspicion where they are.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

1750. James Luke, Merchant.
James Simson, Merchant.
Robert Maltman, one of the Masters of the Grammar
School.
Peter Blackburn, Merchant.
Thomas Hamilton, Surgeon.
John Dunlop, Merchant, afterwards in the Customs,
Greenock.
John Moore, Surgeon.

N.B.—The above seven gentlemen were the original members. They were soon afterwards joined by :

Thomas Wright, Merchant in Edinburgh.
William Anderson, Merchant.

On 5th May, 1752, these nine constituted themselves a club—
“The Hodge Podge Club.”

1753. William Coats.
1754. William Anderson, College.
Dr. Robert Dick, Professor of Natural Philosophy.
James Montgomery, Merchant.
John Campbell of Clathic, Merchant.
1755. David Crosse, Merchant.
1756. James Dougall, Merchant.
Alexander Stevenson, Physician.
1757. Hugh Blackburn, Merchant.
Peter Murdoch, Merchant.

- 1761. John Baird, Merchant. Resigned 1806, when he was
elected an Honorary Member.
- 1763. Henry Ritchie, Merchant.
John Graham of Dougalston, Advocate.
- 1764. Colin Douglas, Physician.
- 1766. James Dunlop, Merchant. Resigned 1793, when he
was elected an Honorary Member.
- 1770. Archibald Henderson, Merchant.
John Orr of Barrowfield, Advocate.
- 1773. Matthew Orr of Stobcross, Merchant.
William Craig, Advocate, afterwards Lord Craig.
- 1776. Robert Scot, Merchant.
- 1778. John Dunlop, Merchant. Resigned 1820, when he was
elected an Honorary Member.
- 1783. Thomas Donald, Merchant.
- 1786. James Macdowall, Merchant.
- 1789. William Mure of Caldwell.
James Murdoch, Merchant, son of Peter Murdoch
aforesaid.
Robert Houston Rae, Merchant. Resigned 1806,
when he was elected an Honorary Member.
William Macdowall of Garthland.
- 1790. Andrew Buchanan of Mount Vernon, Merchant.
- 1793. James Maxwell of Williamwood.
- 1794. Archibald Campbell of Blythswood.
Henry Glassford of Dougalston.
- 1799. John Hamilton, Merchant.
George Munro of Calderbank, Merchant.
- 1800. Charles Stirling of Kenmure, Merchant.
Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, Bart.
James Dunlop of Househill.
- 1801. John Blackburn, son of Peter Blackburn aforesaid.
Campbell Douglas, Merchant.
- 1803. Brig.-General Thomas Peter.
- 1806. James Farie.
Charles M'Intosh.
Henry Ritchie.
William Dunlop.

1806. General Sir John Moore, K.B., Honorary Member.
1808. David Connell.
James Bogle.
Samuel Hunter.
Kirkman Finlay.
James Hill.
William Macdowall, Jun.
1810. William Stirling. Resigned 1822, when he was elected
an Honorary Member.
James Monteath.
George Stirling.
William Napier.
1812. Alexander Campbell.
John Maxwell, Pollok.
Colin D. Donald.
Colin Campbell.
John Kingan.
1817. James Oswald.
Richard Oswald.
James Dennistoun.
Richard Henderson.
Gilbert Kennedy.
1818. Captain William Stirling, 1st Dragoon Guards.
1820. John Maxwell of Dargavel.
Major Archibald Monteath.
John Campbell Douglas.
Charles Stirling, Jun.
Thomas D. Douglas.
1822. G. H. Dundas.
R. Douglas Alston.
William Houstoun.
1823. Thomas Campbell.
James Campbell.
1824. James Dennistoun of Colgrain.
William Cuninghame of Craigends.
1825. Mungo Campbell.
Andrew Hamilton.
Charles Todd,

1826. Robert Bontine Graham of Ardoch.
John Murdoch.
Richard Dennistoun, Jun.
1832. William Rose Robinson.
A. S. Dalglish.
James R. Dennistoun.
1833. Henry MacDowall.
John Tennant.
1834. Mark Sprot.
George Houstoun.
1837. Lord Kelburne.
Alexander Fletcher.
1838. Peter Murdoch.
1840. Frederick Adamson.
J. D. Hope.
Mungo Campbell, Jun. Struck off list 1851, restored
1860.
1841. Andrew Buchanan of Mount Vernon.
Alexander Cuninghame of Craigends.
Robert Findlay, Jun.
Thomas Donald.
William Stirling, Jun.
Archibald Campbell of Blythswood.
Thomas D. Spiers.
1843. Alexander Oswald.
1845. William Dennistoun.
1848. William Bruce.
James Merry.
Robert Dalglish.
C. D. Donald, Jun.
John Houldsworth.
Douglas Baird.
1849. Peter Blackburn of Killearn.
1851. Charles J. Tennant.
George Baird.
James Dunlop of Tolcross.
1857. Walter Buchanan.
James Fyfe Jamieson.

1858. John Gordon of Aikenhead.
John Bannatyne.
William Stow Wilson.
Francis Maxwell.
1860. George Lumsden.
James Robertson.
William Stirling, Jun.
James Stirling.
Dr. Strang,
1865. Robert Aitken.
Major R. D. Barbor.
John Hinshaw.
1869. Archibald Campbell Douglas of Mains.
Duncan Smith.
James Farie, Jun., of Farme.
William Alston of Stockbriggs.
Professor Cowan.
Joseph Henry Houldsworth.
1872. Archibald Galbraith.
Charles Tennant of Glen.
R. F. Shaw Stewart.
Alexander Mitchell of Sauchrie.
Alexander H. Dennistoun.
Charles T. Couper, Jun.
James Couper.
1873. Thomas Houldsworth of Farnsfield.
John Stirling Alston.
Durham Kippen.
1879. James S. Higginbotham.
Patrick H. Wilson.
Bernard B. Macgeorge.
C. Rethwisch.
William Crouch.
1880. James Grahame.
Colin D. Donald, Jun.
Robert Strang.
1881. Richard Kidston.
Robert King.

1881. Robert Jameson, Jun.
Robert Jarvie Jamieson.
1883. John A. Spens.
Hickson Fergusson.
Thomas F. Donald.
David Cowan.
1885. James Aitken.
Robert Mackenzie, Yr., of Caldarvan.
T. R. J. Logan.
Nath. Spens.
W. R. Macgeorge.
1889. T. Ripley Ker of Dougalston.
Sir Donald Matheson, K.C.B.
A. Hamilton Donald.
1891. Harry Macgeorge.
1892. Henry Erskine Gordon.
John Blackburn.
Hector Cameron, M.D.
1893. George A. Burns.
1894. H. Dyce Paterson.
Adair Campbell.
1896. Robert Findlay.
John A. Campbell.
1897. Sheriff Mark Davidson.
William Connal, Jun.
1898. William J. Anderson.
Kenneth H. M. Connal.
1899. W. J. Chrystal of Auchendennan.
W. Norman Scott.

LIST OF TOASTS.

- 1752-57. Isabella Luke.
Annie Murdoch.
Beckie Bogle.
Maddy Dunlop.
Hen. Dunlop.
Nelly Brisbane.
Darcey Brisbane.
Peggy Hamilton.
Katty Campbell.
Jeanie Maxwell.
Peggy Eaton.
Jeany Simson.
Jeanny Alexander.
Jenny Cathcart.
Jacky Bogle.
Girzy Ford.
Jeanie Cross.
Annabella Maxwell.
Betty Robertson.
Jenny Douglas.
Jeany Jamieson.
Wortley Stewart.
Betty Cathcart.
Kattie Walkinshaw.
Betty Rae.
Jenny Smith.
Ann Duff.

1757. Jean Maxwell.
Jean Cross.
Betty Rae.
Jenny Smith.
Nelly M'Credy.
Mrs. Widow Campbell.
Mary Hamilton.
Bell Campbell.
Annabella Maxwell.
Lillie Montgomerie.
Nancy Clarke.
Hannah Rankine.
Kate Walkinshaw.
Mœnie Buchanan.
1758. Jeany Crosse.
Menie Buchanan.
Bell Campbell.
Kate Walkinshaw.
Nelly M'Credy.
Annabella Maxwell.
Becky Bogle.
1759. Darcy Brisbane.
Lilly Campbell (Duchess of Glendaruel).
Betty Cathcart.
Peggy Miller (Stop Short).
Jeanie Campbell of Glendaruel.
Peggy Steuart, Milntown.
Jeany Crosse (with Certificate).
Bell Campbell.
Jenny Smith.
Menie Buchanan.
Beckie Bogle.
1760. Betty Rae.
Nancy Bogle.
Peggy Murdoch.
Lilly Grosett.
Peggy Stewart (on tryall).
Bell Campbell.

1760. Jeany Crosse.
Jenny Smith.
Katty Walkinshaw.
Lilly Montgomerie.
Joanna Maria Murray.
Nancy Bogle.
Menie Buchanan.
Jenny Scott.
Tibbie Jamieson.
Jenny Craufurd.
1761. Menie Buchanan.
Kate Walkinshaw.
Jeany Crosse.
Nancy Bogle.
Lilly Grosett.
Peggy Steuart, Milntown.
Jenny Smith.
Matty Dunlop.
Peggy Pagan.
Jeanie Dunlop.
Peggy Porterfield.
Betty Donald (unworthy—deleted).
Betty Houstoun.
Jean Somerville.
Betty Dunlop, Bute.
1762. Jeanie Crosse.
Menie Buchanan.
Peggy Steuart, Milntown.
Kate Walkinshaw.
Jenny Smith.
Nancy Bogle.
Lilly Grosett.
Jeany Dunlop.
Peggy Stewart, Blackhall.
Matty Dunlop.
Jeany Fisher.
Widow Brown.
Eleonora Kerr.

1762. Annie Stewart.
Peggy Porterfield.
1763. Peggy Stewart, Castlemilk.
Jean Crosse.
Menie Buchanan (guilty of matrimony).
Esther Crawford.
Nancy Bogle.
Peggy Stewart, Blackhall.
Jenny Smith.
Matty Dunlop.
Annie Stewart (Archie's daughter).
1764. Jenny Dunlop.
Becky Bogle.
Grizy Campbell.
Peggy Porterfield, Duchill.
Kate Walkinshaw.
Lilly Grosett.
Eleanora Kerr.
Annie Stewart.
Jenny Smith.
Kattie Walkinshaw.
Peggy Buchanan.
Girzy Campbell.
Peggy Steuart.
Jeany Crosse.
Matty Dunlop.
Miss Wardrop of West-thorn.
Esther Crawford.
Annie Stewart of Lochrig.
Bess Cathcart.
Bell Houstoun.
Widow M'Kie.
Widow Buchanan.
Nancy Bogle.
Betty Campbell.
1765. Esther Crawford.
Mattie Dunlop.
Peggy Stewart,

1765. Annie Stewart.
Grace Campbell.
Jenny Smith.
Lilly Grosett.
Jeanie Crosse.
Nancy Bogle.
Lucy Alston.
Girzie Hamilton.
Annie Stewart, Lochrig.
Miss Wardrop, West-thorn.
1766. Ann Stewart.
Jenny Smith.
Jean Graham, Dougalston.
Esther Crawford.
Jeanie Crosse.
Girzie Campbell.
Grizie Hamilton.
Matty Dunlop.
Peggy Stewart.
Bell Hustoun.
Jeanie Picken.
Lilly Alston.
Mrs. Montgomerie, Lainshaw.
Eleanora Kerr.
1767. Bell Hustoun.
Jenny Smith (Deleted—"Alas").
Esther Crawford.
Grizy Hamilton.
Jean Cross.
Matty Dunlop.
Peggy Maxwell of Calderwood.
Eleanora Kerr.
Peggy Anderson.
Elizabeth Anderson.
Alice Wight.
Peggy Buchanan.
Anne Dunlop.
Jeanie Picken.

1767. Lillie Alston.
Jeanie Graham.
1768. Jeannie Graham.
Peggy Buchanan (Conveener).
Alice Wight.
Matty Dunlop.
Grizy Hamilton.
Manie Buchanan.
Jean Blair of Dunskey.
Elisa Anderson.
Lady Margaret Mackenzie.
Peggy Morris.
Peggy Craig.
Tibbie Jameson.
Peggy Anderson.
Nancy Bogle.
Grizy Hamilton, Barns.
Jack Houston.
1769. Manie Buchanan.
Peggy Buchanan (Conveener).
Peggy Morris.
Tibbie Jameson.
Jeany Picken.
Mrs. Widow M'Kie.
Fanny Buchanan.
Peggy Anderson.
Grizy Hamilton.
Manie Graham.
Peggy Craig.
Mrs. Montgomerie of Lainshaw (Widow).
Esther Orr.
Jeanie Graham.
Lillie Cross.
Grizy Hamilton (Stumpy).
1770. Grizzie Hamilton.
Annie Morris.
Peggy Buchanan.
Mrs. Montgomerie of Lainshaw (Widow).

1770. Esther Orr.
Manie Buchanan.
Nancy Bogle.
Peggy Anderson.
Grizie Hamilton (St.).
Manie Graham.
Peggy Morris.
Widow M'Kie.
Tibbie Jameson.
Peggy Maxwell of Calderwood.
Jenny Dunlop.
Lady Lucy Graham.
1771. Manie Buchanan.
Peggy Buchanan.
Manie Graham.
Mrs. Montgomerie of Lainshaw.
Peggy Morris.
Miss Cameron of Glendicery.
Tibbie Jameson.
Betty Anderson.
Betty Buchanan, Mount Vernon.
Widow M'Kie.
Nancy Walker.
Annie Glassford.
Nancy Bogle.
Lilly Cross.
Betty Semple.
1772. Manie Buchanan.
Nancy Bogle.
Peggy Buchanan.
Lilly Cross.
Widow M'Kie.
Betty Buchanan.
Katharine Cameron of Glendicery.
Betty Anderson.
Jessy Orr.
Henny Dunlop.
Peggy Morris.

1772. Jenny Dunlop.
Peggy Maxwell.
Tibbie Jameson.
1773. Henny Dunlop.
Nancy Bogle.
Manie Buchanan.
Peggy Morris.
Betty Anderson.
Betty Buchanan.
Widow M'Kie.
Nancy Craig.
Peggy Maxwell, Dargavell.
Tibbie Jameson.
Peggy Maxwell of Calderwood.
Matty Dunlop.
Mrs. Montgomerie (Widow).
Katty Cameron.
Lilly Dunlop.
Elizabeth Buchanan.
1774. Henny Dunlop.
Tibby Jamieson.
Betty Andersone.
Peggy Snodgrass.
Peggy Maxwell, Dargavel.
Mrs. Montgomerie (Widow).
Mrs. Alexander Cunningham (Widow).
Nancy Bogle.
Anne Bogle.
Mœnie Dreghorn.
Becky Gillies.
Miss Campbell of Newfield.
Betty Buchanan, Mount Vernon.
Miss Campbell of Clathick.
Nancy Blackburn.
1775. Esther Orr.
Miss M'Leod, Rasa.
Henny Dunlop.
Betty Anderson.

1775. Moenie Dreghorn.
Becky Gillies.
Peggy Maxwell.
Tibbie Jamieson.
Lilly Ritchie.
Widow M'Kie.
Miss Campbell of Newfield.
Mrs. Montgomerie (Widow).
Nancy Bogle, Callender.
Nelly Bogle.
Mrs. Alexander Cunningham (Widow).
1776. Lilly Ritchie.
Henny Dunlop.
Peggy Maxwell.
Becky Gillies.
Moenie Dreghorn.
Nancy Bogle (Archy's).
Betty Anderson.
Jessie Miller.
Lilly Cross.
Peggy Parlane.
Peggy Maxwell, Calderwood.
Bell Campbell, Newfield.
Manie Buchanan.
Nancy Bogle, Bell's Wynd.
Miss Cunningham, Thornton.
1777. Peggy Maxwell.
Henny Dunlop.
Peggy Parlane.
Becky Gillies.
Betty Buchanan.
Tibby Jamieson.
Katty Sym.
Willy Alexander.
Nancy Bogle.
Moenie Dreghorn.
Nancy Blackburn.
Mrs. Mackie.

1777. Jesse Miller.
Jane Bogle.
Peggy Maxwell.
Henny Dunlop.
Peggy Parlane.
Becky Gillies.
Betty Buchanan.
- 1777-78. Tibby Jamieson.
Peggy Maxwell.
Becky Gillies.
Betty Anderson.
Menie Dreghorn.
Nancy Bogle.
Moenie Anderson.
Nancy Bogle, Bell's Wynd.
Miss Cunningham of Thornton.
Katty Sym.
Willy Alexander.
Nancy Bogle (Archy).
- 1778-79. Menie Dreghorn.
Becky Gillies.
Peggy Maxwell.
Tibby Jameson.
Nelly Buchanan.
Peggy Parlane.
Betty Buchanan.
Esther Orr.
Susy Shedden.
Peggy Peter.
Katty Sym.
Jeanie Morton.
Nancy Bogle.
- 1779-80. Betty Buchanan.
Menie Dreghorn.
Peggy Parlane.
Becky Gillies.
Lilly Ritchie.
Henny Dunlop.

- 1779-80. Tibby Jameson.
Peggy Maxwell.
Jeanie Morton.
Bell Tennant.
Willy Alexander.
Lilly Cross.
Nellie Mackie.
Susy Shedden.
Nelly Blackburn.
- 1780-81. Meenie Dreghorn.
Tibby Jameson.
Peggy Maxwell.
Nelly Mackie.
Nelly Blackburn.
Jenny Morton.
Lilly Crosse.
Susy Shedden.
Lilly Ritchie.
Matty Marshall.
Nancy Bogle.
Peggy Peter.
Bess Bogle (George).
Henny Dunlop.
- 1781-82. Nancy Bogle, Bell's Wynd.
Sophia Ramsay, Junior.
Nelly Mackie.
Willie Alexander.
Henny Dunlop.
Peggy Peter.
Nelly Blackburn.
Lilly Ritchie.
Peggy Parlane.
Henny Wylie.
Menie Dreghorn.
Matty Marshall.
Miss Jamieson, Norfolk.
Lady Mary Lindsay.
- 1782-83. Lilly Cross.

- 1782-83. Becky Gillies.
Nelly Mackie.
Menie Dreghorn.
Lilly Ritchie.
Nelly Blackburn.
Mary Murdoch.
Sally Gordon.
Sophia Ramsay.
Anny M'Lean.
Mrs. Montgomerie.
Peggy Peter.
Henny Dunlop.
- 1783-84. Mœnie Dreghorn.
Sally Gordon.
Henny Dunlop.
Esther Orr.
Becky Gillies.
Nelly Blackburn.
Willy Alexander.
Matty Marshall.
Christy Somervell.
Jeany Hamilton.
Peggie Lammie.
Peggy Coats.
Nancy Bogle.
- 1784-85. Sally Gordon.
Many Dreghorn.
Henny Dunlop.
Nancy Bogle, Argyll Street.
Esther Orr.
Mary Murdoch.
Peggie Lambie.
Lilly Ritchie.
Fanny Wallace.
Isabella Glassford.
- 1785-86. Lilly Ritchie.
Many Dreghorn.
Mary Murdoch.

- 1785-86. Peggy Lambie.
Isabella Glassford.
Margaret Coats.
Martha Marshall.
Grace Baillie.
Nancy Dick.
Peggy Marshall, Torwood.
Nancy Bogle, Callender.
Fanny Ritchie.
Henny Dunlop.
Peggy Bogle.
- 1786-87. Mary Murdoch.
Nancy Dick.
Fanny Ritchie.
Lilly Ritchie.
Henny Dunlop.
Peggy Lambie.
Aggy Marshall.
Matty Marshall.
Margaret Coats.
Kitty Douglas.
Christy Somervell.
Mary Anderson.
Nancy Bogle.
Peggy Bogle, Queen Street.
Katy Sym.
Sally Anderson.
- 1787-88. Nancy Dick.
Mary Murdoch.
Lilly Ritchie.
Peggy Lambie.
Fanny Ritchie.
Aggie Marshall.
Fanny Wallace.
Jean Marshall.
Peggy Mitchell.
Henny Dunlop.
Ely Ritchie.

- 1787-88. Mœnie Blackburn.
Mary Anderson.
Meg Blackburn.
Jeany Napier, Milliken.
Annie Wallace.
- 1788-89. Aggie Marshall.
Margaret Coats.
Margaret Lambie.
Henny Dunlop.
Fanny Ritchie.
Miss Young.
Fanny Maxwell.
Mary Murdoch.
Jean Bogle.
Isabella Glassford.
Nancy Somervell.
Jean Marshall.
Eleonora Ritchie.
- 1789-90. Bess Campbell.
Agatha Marshall.
Nancy Somervell.
Fanny Wallace.
Mary Murdoch.
Fanny Marshall.
Martha Donald.
Bess Young.
Peggy Mitchell.
Jean Scott.
Betsy Beaumont.
Lilly Ritchie.
Isabella Glassford.
Margaret Blackburn.
Euphemia Glassford.
Jeany Napier.
Bess Oswald.
- 1790-91. Fanny Maxwell.
Agatha Marshall.
Barbara Maxwell.

- 1790-91. Margaret Mitchell.
Bess Campbell.
Isabella Glassford.
Mary Murdoch.
Jeany Napier.
Martha Donald.
- 1791-92. Lillias Ritchie.
Mary Murdoch.
Betsy Beaumont.
Martha Donald.
Bess Cuninghame.
Agatha Marshall.
Fanny Maxwell.
Bess Bogle.
Fanny Wallace.
Jeannie Stevenson.
Anne Buchanan, Auchentoshan.
Manie Finlay, Bogside.
Jean Scott.
Nancy Bogle.
- 1792-93. Mary Murdoch.
Martha Donald.
Betsy Beaumont.
Bess Bogle.
Manie Findlay.
Annie Buchanan.
Fanny Maxwell.
Margaret Kennedy.
Agatha Marshall.
Cecilia Douglas.
Barbara Maxwell.
- 1793-94. Agatha Marshall.
Mary Murdoch.
Jean Scott.
Annie Buchanan.
Betsy Beaumont.
Margaret Coats.
Cecilia Douglas.

- 1793-94. Miss Campbell, Shawfield.
Miss Janet Henderson.
Euphemia Glassford.
Miss Ritchie.
Fanny Wallace.
Christian Somerville.
Margaret Cuningham.
Fanny Maxwell.
Bess Cuninghame.
Barbara Maxwell.
- 1794-95. Fanny Maxwell.
Betsy Beaumont.
Margaret Campbell, Shawfield.
Nancy Somervell.
Euphemia Glassford.
Barbara Maxwell.
Janet Henderson.
Nancy Bogle.
Jean Scott.
Margaret Cuninghame.
Martha Donald.
Lady Charlotte Campbell.
Jenny Dunlop.
Margaret Scott.
Christy Wallace.
Isabella Gillies.
- 1795-96. Nancy Bogle.
Barbara Cunningham.
Barbara Maxwell.
Lilly Ritchie.
Jenny Henderson.
Betsy Beaumont.
Jane Scot.
Mary Murdoch.
Isabella Gillies.
Minnie Watson.
Christie Somervell.
Christie Wallace.

- 1795-96. Ellie Ritchie.
Bess Cuninghame.
- 1796-97. Isabella Gillies.
Margaret Scot.
Mary Murdoch.
Bess Cuninghame.
Marion Watson.
Betsy Beaumont.
Barbara Maxwell.
E. Campbell, Shawfield.
Eleanor Ritchie.
Nancy Bogle.
Polly M'Intosh.
Lilias Ritchie.
Mary Campbell (President).
Margaret Munro.
Barbara Cuninghame.
Kirsty Douglas.
- 1797-98. Marion Watson.
Nancy Bogle, Queen Street.
Betsy Beaumont.
Bess Cuninghame.
Margaret Scot.
Lilly Ritchie.
Barbara Maxwell.
E. Campbell, Shawfield.
Jane Logan.
Lady Jane Montgomerie.
Barbara Cuninghame.
Minnie Dreghorn.
Jane Hamilton.
Mary Stirling.
Jenny Dunlop.
Mary Campbell.
Willie Alexander.
- 1798-99. Mary Campbell, Blythswood.
Mary Ritchie.
Bess Cuninghame.

- 1798-99. Janet Dunlop.
Jessie Hamilton.
Esther Orr.
Nancy Bogle.
Willy Alexander.
Barbara Cuninghame.
Jane Fleming.
Margaret Ritchie.
Mary Stirling.
Margaret M'Call.
Charlotte Grant.
Eleanora Ritchie.
- 1799-1800. Willy Alexander.
Bess Cuninghame.
Barbara Cuninghame.
Mary Stirling.
Charlotte Grant.
Margaret M'Call.
Nancy Bogle.
Mary Ritchie.
- 1800-1801. Lilly Hamilton, Sundrum.
Jenny Dunlop.
Margaret Ritchie.
Jenny Henderson.
Jenny Stirling.
Catherine Campbell.
Annie Alston.
Jane Logan.
Mary Noble.
- 1801-2. Margaret Gordon.
Margaret Ritchie.
Mary Ritchie.
Bess Cuninghame.
Lady Jane Montgomerie.
Anne Cunninghame, Irvine.
1802. Margaret Ritchie.
Mary Ritchie.
Bess Cuninghame.

1802. Countess of Loudoun.
Lady Stewart, Castlemilk.
Janet Craigie.
Jessie Wallace.
Jane Lang.
Bess M'Dowall.
1803. Margaret Ritchie.
Mary Campbell.
Isabella Stirling.
Jessie Scott.
Mary Ritchie.
Isabella Stirling.
Lady Jane Montgomerie.
Jessie Lang.
Sally Russell.
Maria Cuninghame.
1804. Barbara Lang.
Miss Maxwell, Pollok.
Miss Campbell, Garscube.
Bess Cuninghame.
Miss Dennistoun.
Miss Montgomerie, Alnwick Lodge.
1805. Sally Russell.
Jessie Dennistoun.
Janet Sempill.
Anne Cuninghame.
Isabella Dennistoun.
1806. Mary Campbell.
Rosina Hunter.
Mary Lindsay.
Helen Campbell.
1807. Margaret M'Call.
Jane Hamilton, Greenock.
Catherine Blair of Blair.
Rosina Hunter.
Isabella Stirling.
Barbara Lang.
1808. Jane Mure, Caldwell.

1808. Margaret Bogle.
 Rosina Hunter.
 Mary Lindsay.
 Mary Campbell, Succoth.
 Rebecca Gillies.
1809. Elizabeth Farquhar Gray.
 Margaret Bogle.
 Susan Maxwell, Monreith.
 Charlotte Ritchie.
 Mary Campbell, Garscube.
 Betsy Maxwell, Pollok.
 Margaret Lindsay.
 Rebecca Gillies.
 Anna Stirling.
 Margaret Logan.
1810. Mannie Dreghorn.
 Elizabeth Farquhar Gray.
 Margaret Logan.
 Betsy Maxwell.
 Rebecca Gillies.
 Isabella Stirling.
 Mary Dennistoun.
1811. Joanna Alexander.
 Janet Bogle.
 Margaret Logan.
 Agnes Crawford, Port-Glasgow.
 Elizabeth Farquhar Gray.
1812. Elizabeth Farquhar Gray.
 Elinor Hamilton, Westburn.
 Mary Kennedy.
 Isabella M'Dowall.
 Mary Macintosh.
1813. Margaret Bogle.
 Elizabeth Stewart.
 Helen Campbell, Ormadale.
 Johanna Alexander.
 Barbara Robertson.
1814. } [No record has been kept of the Toasts elected
 1815. } for 1814 and 1815.]

1816. Susan Logan.
Margaret Bogle, Gilmorehill.
Eleanor Hamilton, Gilkerscleugh.
Dorothea Finlay.
Hon. Mary Douglas.
Catherine Mure.
Eleanor Hamilton Dundas.
Janet Bogle.
Mary Dennistoun.
Catherine M'Caul.
Jane Campbell, Treesbank.
Janet Colquhoun Murdoch.
1817. Margaret Logan.
Catherine Mure.
Marg. Ann Hunter.
Eleanor Hamilton.
Charlotte Ritchie.
Mary Sitwell.
Sally M'Call.
Margaret Hill.
Jane Hamilton, Wishaw.
Janet Brown, Capelrig.
Fanny Wallace.
Ann Graham, Gartmore.
1818. Catherine Fane.
Susan Logan.
Margaret Thomson.
Margaret Bogle.
Herriot Maxwell.
Sally M'Call.
Mary M'Donald Buchanan.
Fanny Wallace.
Barclay Brown.
Elias Munro.
Eleanor Hamilton.
Margaret Thomson.
Mary Hamilton.
1819. Eleanora Lee.

1819. Margaret Logan.
Eliz. M'Dowall.
Janet Brown.
Margaret M'Lean.
Harriet Hamilton,
Lady Augusta Boyle.
Frances Wallace.
Grace Davidson.
Margaret Thomson.
Violet Lockhart.
1820. Frances Wallace.
Margaret Logan.
Margaret Thomson.
Mary Maclean.
Violet Lockhart.
Catherine Mure.
Barclay Brown.
Janet Bogle, Calderbank.
Harriet Maxwell.
Laura Spiers.
Jessy Murdoch.
Catherine Farie.
Lilias Munro.
1821. Elizabeth M'Dowall.
Fanny Wallace.
Mary Sitwell.
Janet Logan.
Jemima Lee.
Agnes Bogle, Gilmourhill.
Mary Cooper.
Rosina Lee.
Jane Campbell, Glendaruel.
Marion Buchanan, Aitkenhead.
Mary Douglas, Bothwell.
Ann Graham, of Gartmore.
Elizabeth Blair of Blair.
1822. Sarah Campbell.
Mary Dennistoun.

1822. Jane Kellet.
Janet Bogle, Calderbank.
Fanny Montgomerie.
1823. Sarah Campbell.
Jane Kellet.
Fanny Montgomerie.
Hannah Finlay.
Jane Stirling, Kippenross.
Jane M'Adam, Craigengillan.
Agnes Finlay.
Mary Dennistoun.
Janet Bogle, Calderbank.
Fanny Wallace.
Mary Sitwell.
Helen Speirs.
Laura Speirs.
1824. Jane Buchanan.
Jessy Berry.
Emma Campbell.
Janet Bogle, Calderbank.
Helen Hamilton, North Park.
Violet Lockhart.
Janet Scott.
1825. Helen Sauce.
Ann Spiers.
Jamima Lee.
Jane Buchanan, Ardenconnell.
Helen Connell.
Fanny Loundes.
Mary Hamilton, North Park.
1826. Margaret Bogle.
Jane Perry.
Charlotte Grahame, Gartmore.
Rosina Bogle.
Margaret Murdoch.
Helen Spiers.
Margaret Logan.
Catherine Mure.

1826. Mary Bogle.
Janet Finlay.
1827. Violet Lockhart.
Jane Perry.
Jemima Lee.
Marjory Gordon.
Adeliza Finlay.
Charlotte Grahame.
Johanna Alexander.
Fanny Cuninghame.
Ann Speirs.
Jane MacAdam.
Lady Mary Kennedy.
Margaret Stewart, Ardgowan.
Jemima Lee.
Margaret Murdoch.
Margaret Logan.
1828. Ann Speirs.
Jane M'Adam.
Lady Mary Kennedy.
Margaret Stewart, Ardgowan.
Jemima Lee.
Margaret Murdoch.
Rosina Bogle.
Mary Scott.
Jane Yuille.
Eliza Logan.
Jemima M'Donald.
Marion Campbell.
Ann Cooper.
Margaret Logan.
1829. Helen Spiers.
Agnes Jeffray.
Mary Bogle, Gilmorehill.
Margaret Cuninghame, Craigends.
1830. Charlotte Buchanan.
Agnes Jeffray.
Jamima Lee.

1830. Eliza Logan.
Anna Wood.
Mary Stirling.
Hamilton Stirling.
1831. Eliza Eccles.
Jamima Lee.
Mary Smith.
Emily Campbell.
Cristian Hamilton.
1832. Margaret Hamilton.
Susan Campbell.
Jane Wingate.
Ann Oughterson.
Violet Lockhart.
1833. Janet Pollock.
Agnes Jaffray.
Mary Napier, Milliken.
Catherine Davidson.
Maria Dennistoun, Golf hill.
1834. Elizabeth Campbell, Ballimore.
Catherine Gordon, Aitkenhead.
Eliza Muir.
Elizabeth Brown, Auchlochan.
Helen Bogle, Calderbank.
Margaret Logan.
Susan Robertson.
Charlotte Stirling.
1835. Isabella Blackburn.
Janet MacAdam.
Eliza Muir.
Marion Maxwell.
Margaret Davidson.
Catherine Gordon.
Jane Laird.
Marion Campbell, Ballimore.
Fanny Maxwell, Dargavel.
Agnes M'Adam.
Helen Campbell, Glendaruel.

1836. Margaret Stirling.
Margaret Davidson.
Hannah Stirling, Keir.
Ann Lockhart, Cam'nethan.
Margaret Oswald, Shieldhall.
Eliza Muir.
1837. Mary Smith.
Mary Hussey.
Susan Robertson.
Susan Campbell.
Henrietta Buchanan.
Margaret Logan.
1838. Eliza Dick.
Jane Young.
Margaret Oswald.
Agnes Walrond.
Mary Stirling, Dalqhurn.
Margaret Maxwell, Dargavel.
1839. Jessie Middleton.
Catherine Gordon.
Eliza Horrocks.
Sophia Adamson.
Henrietta Buchanan.
Anna Maria Hamilton.
Susan Campbell.
1840. Jessie Middleton.
Anne Lockhart.
Jessie Henshaw.
Margaret Logan.
Anne Smith.
Hannah Stirling.
Agnes Muir.
Catherine Gordon.
1841. Jessie Middleton.
Cristina Napier.
Agnes Walrond.
Jessie Lyon.
Mary Ann Donald.

1841. Hannah Stirling.
Charlotte Stirling.
1842. Agnes Walrond.
Helen Hamilton.
Mary Hamilton.
Catherine Gordon.
Ann Boswell.
Jane Mosman.
1843. Isabella Monteath.
Janet Cochrane.
Henrietta Buchanan.
Mary Donald.
Janet Brown.
Margaret Dunlop.
1844. Eliza Stirling, Kenmure.
Mary Stirling, Dalqhurn.
Fanny Maxwell, Dargavel.
Caroline Fleming.
Anne M'Hardy.
1845. Jane Mosman, Auchtyfardle.
Agnes Walrond, Calderpark.
Eliza Harro Lacy.
Anne Donald.
Henrietta Graham.
Margaret Stirling.
Annie Lockhart, Castlehill.
1846. Margaret Oswald.
Emily Campbell, Garscube.
Sarah M'Call, Daldowie.
Ann M'Hardy.
Susan Walrond, Calderpark.
Emily Craigie.
Christina Young.
Georgiana Muir.
Lillias Lowndes.
Charlotte Stirling.
1848. Margaret Couper.
Jane M'Hardy.

1848. Martha Smith.
Jane Buchanan.
Marion Barr.
Anne M'Call, Daldowie.
1849. Jane Walrond.
Ann G. Donald.
Henrietta Maxwell Graham.
Ann Macredie.
Chirstie Balmanno.
Jane Nisbett, Cairnhill.
1850. Janet Dixon, Govanhill.
Caroline Rose.
Eleanor Dennistoun.
Jane Mossman.
Susan Grahame, Gartmore.
Jane Scott.
Agnes Nisbett.
Janet Dixon.
Hannah Pearce.
Jessie Morris.
Marianne Hamilton.
Sabina Smith.
Jane Wilson.
Isabella Blackburn.
1851. Bethia Buchanan.
Marianne Scott.
Ann Macredie.
1852. Isabella Blackburn.
Elizabeth Smith.
Elizabeth Anderson.
Jessie Anderson.
Mary Bogle.
Louisa Lockhart.
Mary Crum.
Jessie Kirk.
Anne Guthrie.
Elizabeth Dennistoun.
1853. Agnes Bannatyne

1853. Susan Harrington.
Margaret Buchanan.
Susan Harrington.
Helen Hamilton.
Anna M'Alister.
Louisa Lockhart.
Jessie Crum.
Sophia Buchanan.
Anne G. Donald.
1854. Agnes Douglas.
Jessie Anderson.
Jane Couper.
Margaret Hamilton.
Ann M'Credie.
Jane Crum.
1855. Helen Hamilton.
Clotilde Buchanan, Mount Vernon.
Anne G. Donald.
Lillias Findlay.
Sophia Buchanan.
Anne Alston.
Margaret Crum.
Marion Wilson.
1856. Agnes C. Douglas.
Mary G. Crum.
Bessie Campbell.
Helen Dewar.
Jessie Crum.
Maggie Alston.
Margaret Couper.
1857. Theodosia Murray.
Henrietta Hamilton.
Camilla Hamilton.
Agnes Bannatyne.
Emily Morris.
1858. Helen Gilmour.
Catherine Patrick.
Anne MacLaren.

1858. Jessie Robson.
Mary Gray Crum.
Janet Farie.
Jane Black ("The Nugget").
Agnes Douglas.
Violet Lockhart.
Sophia Buchanan.
1859. Mary Patrick.
Helen Hamilton.
Gloriana Stirling.
Susan Cross Buchanan.
Margaret Stirling.
Barbara Pollok.
Janet Dixon.
Constance Dennistoun.
Roberta Walkinshaw.
Jemima Macnair.
Helen Houldsworth.
Margaret Hamilton.
1860. Elizabeth Bannatyne.
Margaret Wallace.
Alexandrina Campbell.
Mary Whitehead.
Margaret Stirling.
Colina Hamilton.
Caroline Anderson.
Elizabeth Blackburn.
Frances Murdoch.
1861. Mary Smith.
Sophia Buchanan.
Agnes Buchanan.
Isabella Blackburn.
Helen Houldsworth.
Margaret Wallace.
Sophia Buchanan.
Arabella Henderson.
Maria du V. Muirhead.
Margaret Stirling.

1862. Camilla Hamilton.
Ann Macnair.
Mary Susan Cogan.
Elizabeth Dennistoun.
Nancy Buchanan.
Margaret Stirling.
Mary Buchanan.
Anne Macnair.
Elizabeth Dundas Hamilton.
Margaret Macgeorge.
1863. Anne Macnair.
Margaret Stirling.
Helen Houldsworth.
Jane Dalglish.
Mary Gray Crum.
Mary Gray Buchanan.
1864. Anne Macnair.
Susan Cross Buchanan.
1865. Elizabeth Macnair.
Menie C. Buchanan.
Kate Farie.
1866. Camilla Hamilton.
Helen Houldsworth.
Jessie Hill.
Agnes Crawford.
Janet Dixon.
1868. Bella Ronaldson.
Elizabeth Macnair.
Jessie Crawford.
Kate Farie.
Emily Paterson.
1869. Charlotte Alston.
Margaret Couper.
Matilda Robertson.
Janet Watson.
1872. Eliza Paterson.
Amy Jamieson.
Anna Buchanan.

1872. Jane Buchanan.
Wilhelmina Jamieson.
1873. Eliza Paterson.
Jessie MacLean.
Agnes Crawford.
Margaret M'Grigor.
Anne Maxwell Graham.
Lily Blatherwick.
Augusta Campbell.
Eliza Campbell.
1874. Marion Stewart Dykes.
Jane Dunlop, Tolcross.
Mary Bolton.
Eliza Paterson.
1875. Nina Mitchell.
Aimée Napier.
Janet Dunlop.
Janie Chrystal.
Margaret Campbell.
1876. Mary M. Donald.
Matilda Donald.
Edith Orr Ewing.
Lilias Dalglish.
1879. Mary Cowan.
Octavia Paterson.
Polly Clark.
Hetty Guild.
Meg Blackburn.
1880. Janet Dunlop.
Louie Guild.
Alice Young.
1881. Mary MacLean.
Anne Adam.
Annie Gillan.
1882. Jeannie Muir.
Maud Guild.
Jenny Lacy.
Hetty Stevenson.

1883. Lina Moncrieff ("Touzy").
Lulu MacNaghten.
Agnes Crum Ewing.
Mary Alston ("The Smiler").
Octavia Paterson.
1884. Mary Gow.
Annie Muir.
Janie Chrystal.
Jeannie Muir.
Maisie Fergusson.
1885. Nora Buchanan.
Charlotte Watson.
Maggie Bulloch.
Mabel Guild.
Agnes Crum Ewing.
Jeannie Muir.
Lina Moncrieff ("Touzy").
Ethel Gillan.
1886. Bessy Connal.
Nelly Crum Ewing.
1888. Ethel Whigham.
Laura Gillan.
Nellie Crum Ewing.
Grace Burns.
1889. Alice Strong.
Ellie Wilson.
Laura Gillan.
Tillie Yuille.
Kate Bannatyne.
1890. Maisie Spens.
Olive Stewart.
Nellie Richardson.
Ella Balloch.
May Leadbetter.
Polly Guthrie.
1891. Polly Grierson.
Edith Dennistoun.
Eva Baird.

1891. Edie Muir.
1892. Polly Grierson.
Eva Baird.
May Leadbetter.
Leonore Guild.
Netta Spens.
1893. Polly Grierson.
Lilian Graham.
Jessie M'Neill.
Edith Hannay.
1894. Esmie Dunlop.
Polly Grierson.
Eleanor Hannay.
1895. Ethel Kidston.
Sybil Whigham.
Heather Muir.
1896. Violet Orr.
Edith Hannay.
Edith Leith.
1897. Clara Ronaldson.
Nellie Stewart.
Violet Orr.
Gwen Gilmour.
Millie Cunninghame.
Elma Thomson.
1898. Clara Ronaldson.
Elma Thomson.
Laura Pearson.
Muriel Arthur.
Gwen Gilmour.
Isabel Addie.
Bessie Glen.
Violet Orr.
1899. Clara Ronaldson.
Daisy Tulloch.
Kitty Cochrane.
Muriel Mitchell.
Annie Henderson.

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