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GLASGOW GALLOWAY BROTHERLY SOCIETY'S FESTIVAL.

THE annual festival under the auspices of the Glasgow Galloway Brotherly Society, was held in the Queen's Rooms on Wednesday evening. There was a large attendance. Viscount Garlick, M.P., occupied the chair, and among the gentlemen on the platform were—Archibald Ewing, M.P., the Rev. Messrs Symington Kerr, St. John, and Cochran; Colonels J. R. Stewart, William Helms; Sheriff Galbraith, and Messrs D. Aitken, J. Wylie Guild, M. Fairley, A. Hanna, William Boyd, John Webster, John R. Stewart, William Auld, E. S. M'Harg, J. B. Mill, Samuel Milroy, John Wither, A. L. Murdoch, William Shaw, Edmund Boyd, John M'Whirter, Nibblock, James Deas, C.E., and James Simpson. After tea,

The CHAIRMAN addressed the meeting. He said—Since he had been honoured with the position of presiding, he thought he would best perform his duty by attempting to point out, or perhaps he should remind them of, the objects for which they were assembled. If he understood these objects aright, he might say they were threefold. First of all, he understood one of the objects was to record their gratitude to their ancestors who had established the association which bore the title of the Glasgow Galloway Brotherly Society. (Cheers.) In the second place, they were called upon to express their gratitude for the recent revision of the rules of the society, by which the association would in future be regulated, and which were more in accordance with the requirements of our times; and the object was to declare their determination to uphold the institution and to maintain the objects of the association. He believed the cause of their meeting was that they felt what he might term a common bond of fellowship. (Cheers.) He believed they felt a sentiment of what he might term a special kindred affinity, and also a reciprocity of communion one with another. He said there existed a bond of fellowship because they looked back with gratification at the fact that their ancestors should have set them the noble example of founding this institution, and that they should have claimed the province of Galloway as the land of their nativity. (Cheers.) As regarded the sentiment of kindred affinity to which he had referred he thought they must feel great satisfaction that they could claim that they were of the same origin—that they owed their extraction or their origin, if not their birth, to the same genial locality. (Cheers.) They were assembled in the interests of many who were fellow-provincialists of Galloway, for, as he was bound to remark, the benevolence of the institution was its chief feature. He thought it should be a matter of gratification to think that they were assembled in a quiet and peaceful way to discuss what may be for the interest or social well-being of their fellow creatures near them, when they recalled what seemed to be the only thoughts of so many of their fellow-creatures, not many hundred miles away, whose only thought seemed to be who could most successfully devise every abominable sort of means to tare one another to pieces. (Cheers.)

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Mr AITKEN, President of the Society, then delivered an address, in which he referred to changes which had been made in the constitution of the association. The society had been in existence for eighty years, and the directors, thinking that some of the rules ought to be revised, had within the last two months succeeded in touching up and improving the old institution. He had no doubt that the change which had been made would be productive of good. The society had in the past been the means of doing much good, but there was every reason to believe that the society had still a long course of usefulness before it. One of the changes was that the allowance to sick members was increased from 5s to 10s a week. The directors were most anxious that the people of Galloway resident in Glasgow should avail themselves of the advantages of the society, and he believed that the revised regulations would have the effect of causing a large increase in the membership of the association. The accumulated capital of the society now amounted to £100. (Cheers.)

Sheriff Galbraith, the Rev. Mr. St. John, and others also took part in the meeting. The musical part of the proceedings was ably sustained by Miss Isa Robertson, Mr Duncan Smith, and Mr James Lumsden. At the conclusion of the festival an assembly was held.