
Anniversary of His Birth
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Here

By a Banquet and
Good Toasts and
Songs.

The birthday of the number was fittingly celebrated in the last night by those of Scotch, Scotch descent. Many invitations were present and at least a large number of the ladies were present at the banquet board in the hotel when Judge Race, master of ceremonies, declared the festivities commenced.

Landlord Bruce of the hotel had prepared a substantial repast including the delicacies of the season, few failed to do the repeat just an hour or so was devoted to the good things provided, including the old-fashioned brew, when Judge Race knocked for order and a feast of reason would be the songs and addresses appropriate to the occasion.

He then called upon Mr. Burns to sing "There Was a Man," a gentleman did in a commendable manner. The next on the program was toastmaster's reply to the toast "Burns." Judge Race commencing the health of the poet, in which all drank standing. He briefly sketched the career of Burns from his humble origin until he became the acknowledged Scotch poet. Burns differed from most any other great literary men in that in his writings he never boasted of the results of a college education but chose for his subjects rather varied forms. If there were a true child of nature surely it was Burns. The man's versatility was proven the whole gamut of human emotions and portrayed all of the phases of life. If necessary the poet could be a philosopher, a statesman, a soldier and history records the fact that he was. Well-known Scotch people of the past writhed beneath his caustic times he could also be mood. He wrote that beautiful poem "Auld Lang Syne," beginning "Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought back again." Burns was immortalized by the "Immortal Memory Ray." One hundred years after his birth the event was celebrated all over the English world which showed in what esteem he was held while the great Scotchman—Wallace, Mansfield and Burns—almost forgotten. Burns, like all of the race, had his faults, but he frequently followed to extreme the mantle of charity should be cast upon these little follies which attracted him from the straits. Judge Race closed with a tribute to the poet and his history.

The next was a song by Mrs. Lyall, who gave, with a Lassic name, which charmed, merited, and won the approval of Andrew Lyall, then recited Shanter," giving the dialect perfection which displayed a study.

"The Land We Left and the Live In" was the title of the responded to by Rev. J. Reid, Jr. part of his speech was given in Scotch dialect, which drew round of applause from the present. It was an original idyl played the reverent gentility with the various idiosyncrasies of the Scotch speech. The part relating to "we live in" was given in English. The speaker felt proud of the land of his native birth, and gave to the world a Wallace, Carlyle, a Scott and a Gladstone, who felt equally proud of the adoption which like Scotland, had been conquered and owed its greatness to the good old Scots that bowed in the vices of its men. Carlyle, who was extolling praise, once said that the greatest character of the age was a reality against the age. Though his times overbalanced his graces literary achievements make him imperishable.

The last speaker was C. M. who spoke on the "Lassies," introducing him Judge Race mentioned the fact that it is less advised the lassies present to attention to the speaker's address. Webster said that whether or otherwise the subject was of loved to embrace. This sally was with great laughter. He then gave a glowing tribute to woman of America. Monte Falls and especially to those at the banquet. He metamorphosed lines from "Pope's Essay on Criticism" to the following:

With other poetical quotations several tributes to the gentle Webster closed and one of the successful banquets ever given in memory of Robert Burns was held.

The tables were then cleared and dancing commenced. It continued until a late hour. The music for dancing was furnished by the orchestra.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Said Secretary of State Adee to Egan's course in Chili has been to merit praise. I consider one of the best ministers we have in service. I can say this because when he was appointed, as perhaps others thought, as perhaps others did, was risky to appoint a man who had lived long in this country. After his appointment Mr. Egan was that he was a diplomat of a high order and discretion. Throughout his career he has acted in a most statesmanlike manner. His telegrams have been like in their ability and clearness.