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THE GORDONS OF CAIRNFIELD AND ROSIEBURN.

Mr James Grant, I.L.B., read a paper by Mr John Malcolm Bulloch, M.A., London, on "The Gordons of Cairnfield and Rosieburn" as follows:—

The lands of Cairnfield have been in the hands of the Gordon family for at least 330 years: but during that period three different families of the name have been in possession. On the present occasion I shall describe only the third group, prefacing an account of it by a brief table which explains the exact position of their predecessors:—



The third line, which, as will be seen, linked up with the first through marriage, came into possession of Cairnfield in or about the year 1720. Its distinguishing feature has been the large number of eminent soldiers it has produced during the past hundred years. They may be summarised as follows, the initial dates being the length of their services:—

1796-?-George Maxwell Gordon, R.N.

1798-1808—Alexander Gordon, 15th, 85th, 95th Foot.

1803-1825-James Innes Gordon, Bengal Army. 1809-1816-William Gordon, 1st Foot and Portuguese Army.

1819-1821-John Gordon, H.E.I.C., surgeon:

killed in action.

1825-1861-Patrick Gordon, Indian Army: general: raised the 15th (Ludhiana) Sikhs.

18—1838—Adam Steuart Gordon, R.N. 1841-1883—William Gordon, C.I.E., Indian Army: general.

1842-1847-James Gordon Duff Gordon, Bengal Army.

1855-1879—William Gordon-Alexander, Highlanders: lieutenant-colonel.

1856-1893-Alexander Herman Adam Gordon, major general: 78th, 98th, 65th Foot.

1861-1866-William Augustus Gordon, Missouri (U.S.A.) Infantry.

1883- !- John Patrick Gordon, Banffshire Volunteers.

1893 to date-George Alexander Steuart Gordon, Indian Army.

1898 to date—Robert Napier Steuart Gordon, Indian Army.

1900-1909—Duncan Robert Wolseley Gordon, Indian Army.

1900 to date-Harry Francis Adam Gordon, York and Lancaster Regiment. 1909 - Lesley Douglas Gordon-Alexander,

West Yorkshire Regiment.

That is a record of service to the nation of

which Banffshire may well be proud.

The founder of the third group of Gordons owning Cairnfield was William Gordon of Lunan, who was the natural son of William Gordon of Arradoul. He married Marjorie Dunbar and had at least two sons (if not three). The second, Robert, carried on the line, and I shall begin with him so as to include the group to which Major-General Alexander Herman Adam Gordon, who distinguished himself conspicuously in Ashanti, belonged. Finally, I number the lairds as members of

the three groups combined.

BOBERT GORDON OF LUNAN.

Born on February 11, 1655, he was the second son of William Gordon of Lunan, and succeeded his brother James as tenant of Lunan. He was a merchant at Garmouth, but we know very little about him. On October 6, 1680, Robert Gordon in Garmouth, "brother german to James Gordon of Lunan," gave a bond for 100 merks (Alexander Gordon of Brigs cautioner) to Elspet Steinson, relict of umqll Thos. Stronach in the old town of Garmouth. Witnesses at Garmouth 6 Oct. 1680, George Cumming and Alexander Gordon, son to said Alexander: registered July 9, 1691 (Elgin Com-

missary Record).

Robert Gordon was twice married. According to the pedigree constructed by General Alexander Herman Adam Gordon, he married on Ootober 7, 1679, Christian, daughter of William Winchester in Kinnedar. General Wil-liam Gordon, C.I.E., in his pedigree does not mention this marriage. Both, however, agree in stating that on February 3, 1687, Robert Gordon reinforced the Gordon strain in the family by marrying Barbara, daughter of Alexander Gordon "of Dykeside." This Alexander Gordon is a puzzling personality, who is dealt with in the present writer's "Strange Adventures of Lewis Gordon" of Aikenhead (Elgin 1908) and in Dr Cramond's "Kings of New-mill," 1904. Alexander Gordon of Dykeside is frequently known as of Salterhill, of Covesea, and of Kinnedar. He married Isabella King, daughter of John King of Plewlands (1606-1670). A tentative pedigree of the Dykeside Gordons is given as an inset in General William Gordon's deduction, although he does not identify them with Salterhill or Kinnedar. On April 22, 1713, Barbara Gordon, "spouse to Robert Gordon of Lownan," renounced her life-rent right in Nether Lunan in favour of the Marquis of Huntly (Banff Sasines).

According to her scandarous brother Lewis

According to her scandalous brother Lewis Gordon of Aikenhead, "Barbara" Gordon, wife of Robert Gordon "off Lunnon," whom he describes a "vassell of the Duke of Gordons," "haith ten children allaive or therby." I have been able, however, to identify only five:—

1. William Gordon, by his first marriage.
2. Alexander Gordon, W.S., of Cairnfield,

who carried on the line.

- 3. James Gordon, merchant, Garmouth, born 1696: died November 8, 1765, aged 69. He married on July 9, 1728, Margaret, daughter of John Cruickshank, Auchmadies, Boharm, and sister to Captain Charles Cruickshank of Clifton Hall, Pennsylvania. She died September 26, 1793, aged 85, having had eleven children.
 - (1) Thomas Gordon. (2) John Gordon.

(3) Alexander Gordon. (4) James Gordon.

(5) Charles Gordon. All these five sons

died unmarried. (6) Captain Peter Gordon. He went tosea and became captain of the H.E.I.C. extra ship the Wellesley, a teak built vessel, of 825 tons. He commanded her from October 19, 1801, to February 30, 1804. Her log is preserved at the India Office (Marine Records, 276 A and B), but it contains no thrilling news. His son speaks of him as the owner of the vessel and says that he served the Government as Commodore of the expedition to Egypt. afterwards fell in with the French frigate La Franchise off the coast of Brazil while on a voyage with government stores for the Cape. He beat her off, however, and for this action received a service of plate. ("Petition of Peter Gordon.") This clearly refers to the incident of August 4, 1800, when six East Indiamen in charge of the British Belliquex (64 guns) were sighted by three French frigates (with a prize schooner) off the coast of Brazil. the Indiamen for ships of the line, the French scattered. The British pursued, the Belliquex capturing the Concorde, the East Indiamen captured the Medée, but the Franchise (42 guns) escaped, by jettisoning her anchors, boats, booms, and

part of her guns. I find no mention anywhere of any part being taken in this affair by the Wellesley though she undoubtedly formed part of the convoy. (Laird Clowes "Navy" iv.; see also a longer account in the "London Gazette,"

No. 15, 328, p. 68.)

It may be pointed out that the position of master of an East Indiaman at this time was a lucrative one. Some very interesting details on this point are given in the autobiography of Robert William Eastwick ("The Adventures of a Master Mariner,") who married the sister of Mrs (Colonel) Robert Gordon (of the Edintore family?). The post of captain of one of these vessels was usually sold by the actual owner of the vessel, who sometimes got as much as £8000 or £10,000 for it. In addito his pay and allowances, he had the right of free outward freight to the extent of 50 tons, being debarred from exporting only certain articles, as woollens, metals, and warlike stores. Even then, however, the gains to a prudent commander averaged from £4000 to £5000 a voyage, sometimes falling as low as £2000, but at others rising to £10,000 and £12,000. The time occupied on a voyage from the period of a ship beginning receipt of her outward cargo to her being finally cleared of her homeward, was generally from 14 to 18 months, and three or four voyages assured any man of a very handsome fortune. The Wellesley was sold to the Admiralty on May 24, 1804, equipped as a fifth rater armed with 44 guns (with 264 men) and renamed the Weymouth. this capacity she was used as a store ship. Captain Peter Gordon, who lived at Islington, died before December 5, 1806 (the date of his daughter's marriage). He married Ann Phillips, daughter of - Phillips, sheriff of St John's, Newfoundland, and had at least two sons-

i. Captain Peter Gordon (died 1854), who made his mark as an explorer, mis-

sionary, and publicist. In August 1809 he was captured in the Joseph of Limerick, of which he was second mate, and taken to Dieppe. After six months' imprisonment he escaped to Rotterdam, as he has described in his book "Narrative of the Imprisonment and Escape of Peter Gordon," 1816. Then he went to India and sailed (May-September, 1817), in a 65 ton schooner from Calcutta to Okhotsk, Siberia, being the "first navigator to carry the British flag to that sea." He made a second voyage to Okhotsk, from which he travelled across land, via Lake Baikal to Astrakan (September 1819-March 1820), encountering extraordinary adventures in Persia. He was afterwards engaged in pearl fishing in Ceylon, and his oriticism of the public administration ended in his being arrested in December 1827 by order of the municipal collector of Madeira. He pursued this individual and the H.E.I.C. with unremitting tenacity for the next fourteen years, his case ultimately being brought before the notice of the House of Lords in 1841, in which year he was living at 8, Barnsbury Street, Islington. Gordon never married and is said to have died in or about 1854. A full account of his career is given in the present writer's book "The Gay Gordons" (pp. 220-9), where, however, his origin was unidentified.

ii. John Gordon, an official in the Court of Requests, Calcutta. He was married at St John's Cathedral, Calcutta, on January 15, 1824, to Mary, daughter of John Borders (or Brodus?), merchant, Calcutta, spinster. She died on September 26, 1827, aged 23 years and eight months, and was buried in the Mission Burial Ground at Serampore ("Bengal Obituary"). What became of her husband I do not know. They had at least

three sons-

⁽i) Peter Gordon, baptised Decem-

ber 4, 1825. He married Miss Sercombe, Melbourne, and is supposed to have died in Australia, without issue,

in August 1887.

(ii) John Gordon, born November 5, 1826, and baptised in St John's Cathedral, Calcutta; unmarried in September 1887.

(iii) James Gordon, born at Serampore July 5, 1827, baptised at St John's Cathedral, Calcutta, January 13, 1828.

He died without issue.

iii. Robert Gordon, died unmarried. iv. Anne Gordon (1783-1859). She married on December 5, 1806, Ebenezer Alexander Whytt, of St Swithin's Lane ("Gentleman's Magazine," Vol. 76, part 2, p. 1167). Whytt died in January 1840. They had

(i) Peter Falconer Whytt, unmarried in September 1887.

(ii) Anne Amelia Whytt unmarried

in September 1887.

(iii) Helen Whytt, unmarried in Sep-

tember 1887.

(iv) Margaret Whytt, died 1883, married Gerhard Meuter, professor at Venrin (?) Belgium, and had a son, William Meuter, married Jane, daughter of Mr Orshed.

(v) Clementine Catherine Elizabeth Whytt, unmarried in September 1887.

- (vi) İsabella Whytt, born March 2, 1826, married January 1, 1851, Dr David Small, medical superintendent at Adjmere, India, and had
 - a. David Henry Small, born October 11, 1866.

b. Margaret Gordon Isabella Small, born September 16, 1854, unmarried September 1887

September 1887. c. Mary Graeme Small, born October 9, 1857, unmarried September

1887.

v. Margaret Gordon, born Novem-

ber 20, 1785: died May 27, 1872. She married, June 3, 1824, Robert Belt, of the Inner Temple and of Bossall, Yorkshire, who died December 19, 1839. They had

(i) William John Belt, F.S.A., of Lincoln's Inn and Bossall, born June 12, 1826. He married, November 28, 1865, Sibella Marianne, only daughter of William Albin Garratt of Lincoln's Inn, and belonging to the Garratts of Bishop's Court, Exeter (described in Burke's "Landed Gentry"). She was born November 6, 1825, and died, s.p., February 15, 1878. Belt was much interested in the history of his family, (which is dealt with in Hunter's "Familiae Minorum Gentium," iii., 944-6), and in September 1887 made out a table of his Gordon kinsmen, which is now in the possession of General William Gordon, Croydon.

(ii) Margaret Ann Belt, born February 18, 1825. Married, 1862, Rev. Bury Capel, fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge, Rector of Abergavenny, Monmouth, and, from 1877, Prebendary of Llandaff. He has a daughter, Alice Jane Capel, born August 26, 1863.

(iii) Jane Belt, born March 7, 1827. Died, unmarried, November 12, 1871. vi. Elizabeth Gordon, born —: died, unmarried, 1856.

(7) Rev. William Gordon took his degree at King's College in 1771, and was licensed to preach March 28, 1776, and ordained July 30, 1776, as missionary at Enzie. He became minister of Elgin Aug. 26, 1784. For a time he held the chaplaincy of the 100th Foot, as the Gordon Highlanders were criginally numbered. He died September 19, 1837, in his 86th year. He married August 8, 1793, Catherine Brodie (born October 30, 1773: died October 24, 1840), daughter of James Brodie of Muiresk by his wife Margaret Robertson, daughter of James

Robertson, Provost of Elgin, who came of the Robertsons of Struan. They had

i. James Gordon, d.s.p. While a divinity student he died at Taylochside, near Elgin, October 12, 1814, aged 20. The "Scots Magazine" describes him as of

a very amiable disposition.

ii. John Gordon, born May 19, 1795. He was appointed assistant surgeon in the Bombay Army, April 14, 1819, and was posted to the 11th Native Infantry. He was killed March 2, 1821, in a severe action between a division of the King's and the H.E.I.C. troops and the Arab

tribe of Bencali.

iii. Alexander Gordon. Educated in law at Edinburgh University in 1826, he became a writer at Elgin, and was Sheriff-Substitute of Sutherland (1837-1852). According to one statement, he is said to have been a civil engineer. He certainly went out to Montreal, where Mr Allan tells me he was at one time "Queen's Printer." He died at Montreal. General William Gordon states that he married Augusta, daughter of W. Wallis, Florence, but the lady is stated to have been a German, and her son Alexander was born in Germany. Alexander Gordon and his wife had:—

(i) William Augustus Gordon. became a second lieutenant in the 1st Missouri Infantry, June 22, 1861, and was honourably mustered out July 31, 1861. He was 1st lieutenant and regimental adjutant in the 12th Missouri Infantry, U.S. Army, in the North v. South war, August 10, 1861, and became captain and assistant adjutant general of volunteers, July 14, 1862. He was major and assistant adjutant general of volunteers, September 3, 1864, and honourably mustered out January 20, 1866 (notes from Armestead Churchill Gordon, Staunton, Virginia). (ii) Alexander Herman Adam Gordon, born at Heidelberg, September 18, 1836. He was at Marischal College in 1847. He got an ensigncy in the British German Legion, without purchase, February 1, 1856: became ensign in the 78th Foot, September 21, 1860, and exchanged into the 98th, June 18, 1861. He then became a captain, without purchase, in the 84th Foot, December 10, 1873: captain in the 65th Foot, May 13, 1874, and was gazetted brevet colonel, November 22, 1883, and then major in the 2nd battalion of the York and Lancaster Regiment, December 10, 1884, retiring with the honorary rank of Major-General, March 25, 1885. He saw much active service. He served at the Cape of Good Hope, November 1856-October 1858: India October 1858-March 1860, and again in 1862-7. He was in the West Indies January-June, 1873, when he volunteered for the campaign in Ashanti, where he did splen-did work. He left Demerara with the 2nd West Indian Regiment on the Himalaya June 29, and landed at Cape Coast July 9. Between that date and September 27, when Wolseley landed with the expeditionary force, Gordon did an enormous amount of first-rate preparatory work, from drilling levies to making forts and roads. On July 10 he was appointed to the command of Houssas (he came to be known "Houssa Gordon") and adjutant Armed Police. At this time the troops on the Gold Coast included 210 Houssas. Brackenbury says ("Ashanti War" i., 185) that the corps had not been well looked after for some time. don set to work, and before the end of September had raised the force to 300 men. He also took command of the Cape Coast Volunteers and assembled them daily for drill under non-commissioned officers of the 2nd West Indian Regiment. He adopted a system of scouting of his own, having no

confidence in the scouting parties furnished by any of the chiefs. "He took out from among the labourers and volunteers such men as knew the country well, gave these extra pay and oocasional presents, and sent them out in parties of two or three in various directions, always sending two or three reriable Houseas with each party. Houssas and Fantis, who could not communicate with each other, were afterwards separately examined and their reports compared" (Brackenbury, p. 90). On August 11 he swam the Sweet River near Elmina in the dark (ibid., p. 91). He built a redoubt at Fort Napoleon August 6-15, and started one at Abbaye on August 18. Brackenbury describes him (p. 103) as "that invaluable officer" with "untiring exertions, coolness of judgment, and marvellous powers of withstanding fatigue and exposure," and notes that he "rendered services of the utmost value during the remainder of the expedi-tion." The first rough tracing of the country was made by Gordon. Most important of all perhaps was his engineer work, for he began the Cape Coast-Comassie Road and made it practicable for artillery as far as Dunquah by the time of Wolseley's arrival. The officer commanding the Royal Engineers, who ultimately took over the road, reported-"I think Gordon deserves great credit for what he has done." He led the Houssas at the repulse of the Ashanti army at Abrakrampa, November 5-6, and took part in the capture and destruction of Becquah, the engagement at Jarbinkah, where he was slightly wounded, the battle of Ordashu, and the capture of Coomasie. He was promoted to his captaincy in the 84th "in recognition of his valuable services with the Houssas and other forces under his command." and was mentioned several

times in despatches. Major Whitworth Porter in his history of the Royal Engineers, states (ii., 11-12) that Gordon seemed to have had "an influence over the native workmen, very difficult to obtain, and he showed great skill and tact in the selection of those he engaged. The consequence was that while desertions were rife in all the other parties, those which had worked under Gordon proved steady and trustworthy." Between 1879 and 1884, he commanded the Military Police Cyprus, and subsequently was Captain Superintendent of the Police at Hong Kong. He died on board the Aden when coming home (with his wife) from Hong Kong, on February 16, 1893, and was buried with military honours at Singapore. He married at Hanwell, September 24, 1874, Katherine Sophia Escandon (born 1849), daughter of John Buchan, The Grove, Hanwell, a James Lewis Gordon being one of the witnesses. Belt calls her father "Captain, R.N., the celebrated arctic explorer." She died while on a visit to Elgin June 3, 1906, and was buried there. General Gordon had

a. William George Dempster Gordon, born May 11, baptised June 5; died June 8, 1877, at Naini Tal.

b. Alexander John Douglas Gordon, born May 31, baptised July 17, 1878: died at Nicosia, Cyprus, June 3, 1883.

c. Duncan Robert Wolseley Gordon, born June 11, 1880. He became 2nd lieutenant in the 5th battalion Rifle Brigade May 11, 1899, and in the York and Lancaster Regiment April 18, 1900, and joined the Indian army as lieutenant April 19, 1902, being posted to the 2nd battalion of the 10th Gurkha Rifles. He died of enteric fever at Quetta, January 1, 1909.

d. Harry Francis Adam, born April 8, 1887. He became 2nd lieut. in the York and Lancaster Regiment from the special reserve, Dec-

ember 16, 1908.

e. Katherine Eva Isobel Gordon, born September 29 and baptised October 26, 1875, at Lucknow. She has gone on the stage under the name of "Kirsteen Graeme." She has played under the management of Mr Bannister Howard, Mrs Bandmann Palmer, and Miss Inez Howard, appearing in such plays as "Hands Across the Sea," "When Knights were Bold," and "Her Love against the World."

f. Eva Violet Louisa Gordon, born February 13, and died November 24,

1882, at Cyrus.

g. Alexandra Viola Gordon, born

September 20, 1884, at Hanwell.

h. Mary Carmichael Gordon, born April 8, 1887, at Hanwell. The daughters now (1910) reside at 17, Kidbrook Park Road, Blackheath.

(iii) Hugh Lumsden Gordon.

(iv) John Henry Gordon.

(v) Catherine Louisa Margaret Gordon: unmarried.

(vi) Augusta Gordon; married — Doyle, barrister, Toronto.

(vii) Clementina Gordon.

iv. Peter Gordon: d.s.p.
v. William Grant Gordon, godson of
Sir William Grant, Master of the Rolls:
d.s.p. at Hastings.

vi. Adam Gordon: d.s.p. at St Vin-

cent.

vii. Margaret Gordon: d.s.p. viii. Maria Gordon: d.s.p.

ix. Ann Gordon (died 1887): married Rev. John Allan, minister of Peterculter, and had an only son John Allan, Birch Cottage, Elgin.

x. Helen Gordon: d.s.p. xi. Catherine Gordon: d.s.p. (8) Ann Gordon, married James Allan, Garmouth, and had three daughters, one of whom, Helen Allan, who married Rev. James Gellan, Speymouth.

(9) Clementina Gordon married Rev. John Falconer, Stromness. She had five

sons who all died without issue.

4. Jean Gordon: married June 4, 1739, Francis Laefleche, merchant in Aberdeen, descendant of a fugitive Protestant family.

5. Ann Gordon: married November 21, 1723, William Harrold, whose family for generations held lands on the estates of Westerton on the Lochty and Dallas on the Lossie. William succeeded his father as tenant of the mill and Mains of Dallas on both sides of the Lossie. "He was a man of position and consideration as shown by his entertaining the Duke of Gordon. Harrold joined the Jacobites and fought at Prestonpans, Falkirk, and Culloden. He died on the voyage to London as a prisoner, and was buried on the beach off Chanonry Point." His widow was robbed of everything she had by the Duke of Cumberland's soldiery, and she and her children were dispersed among their relatives in various parts of the country ("Memoir of Isaac Forsyth," by Harrold's grandson, Major-General Isaac Forsyth Macandrew, London, 1889). Harrold's eldest daughter

(1) Ann Harrold, born 1726: married in 1759 as his second wife Alexander Forsyth, merchant in Elgin, and had six children, including—

i. Joseph Forsyth, M.A., author of "Travels in Italy," born 1763: died 1815 (D.N.B.).

ii. Isaac Forsyth, bookseller, Elgin (1768-1859).

ALEXANDER GORDON, W.S., VII. OF CAIRNFIELD. . 1687-1775.

The third group of Gordons owning Cairnfield really begins with Alexander Gordon, Writer to the Signet, who married Elizabeth Gordon, the daughter of Robert Gordon, VI. of Cairnfield, whose son Alexander, a merchant in Amsterdam, does not seem to have succeeded to the estates, which were burdened with debt.

Alexander Gordon was the son of Robert Gordon of Lunan and was born on November 17. 1687. He was apprenticed to George Kennedy, W.S., and was enrolled a Writer to the Signet on November 25, 1723. He either made or inherited money, and seems to have become interested in Cairnfield through his wife. Let me summarise his land transactions :-

Cairnfield.-In 1720 or 1721 Elizabeth Gordon and her husband, Alexander, brought a process of sale of the lands against the creditors of her father and grandfather (both named Robert) and her husband became the purchaser, the decreet of sale in his favour being dated December 1, 1721. In 1725 he obtained a charter of sale from Alexander, Duke of Gordon, but its precise date does not appear from the Gordon Castle Chartulary. On September 24, 1726, Alexander Gordon, "of Cairnfield," had sasine on the lands of Cairnfield and Orran, on a charter by the Duke of Gordon, following on the decreet of sale in favour of the said Alexander, designed therein as Writer to the Signet ("Banffshire Sasines"). On June 11, 1765, there was discharge and renumeration of these lands by Alexander to the Duke of Gordon (ibid.).

Birkenbush.-He had sasine on Birkenbush.

January 19, 1758 (ibid.).

Portsoy.—He had sasine on a tenement, September 13, 1746 (ibid.).

Over Barflathills.-On April 23, 1764, there was mortified a half quarter or eighteenth part of these lands, and the same quantity of the haugh thereof, pertaining to Alexander Gordon of Cairnfield, lying within the barony of

Kilmalimnock, to Rev. Francis Chalmers, Episcopal minister, Elgin, and his successors (Cramond's "Records of Elgin," i. 199).

He was a Commissioner of Supply for Banffshire and was present at a meeting of that body on June 1, 1742 (Grant's "Banffshire

Roads," 50).

Alexander Gordon died at Cairnfield February 21, 1775, aged 87 ("Scots Magazine"). He reinforced his Gordon blood by twice marrying Gordons. His first wife, whom he married be-fore 1717, was Elizabeth Gordon, daughter of Robert Gordon of Cairnfield, and sister of Alexander Gordon, merchant, at Amsterdam, who was served heir male of provision general to his father, January 10, 1718. It is a curious fact that her father's name is never mentioned in the documents serving him heir, but these throw a flood of light on her other antecedents as follows:-

1724, January 6.—General retoured service before the Baillie of Cullen, in favour of Elizabeth Gordon, spouse to Alex. Gordon, W.S., as heir to said Robert Gordon, therein designed of Cufurrach, her great grandfather's father, whereby she had right to the precept of sasine contained in the charter of 1643.

1723. Special retour before the Sheriff of Banff in favour of said Eliz. Gordon as heir to the said John Gordon, her great grandfather's brother, in said lands in terms of contract of

wadset of 1654.

1725. Disposition (at Cairnfield, 6 August 1725) by said Eliz. Gordon, in favour of her husband, Alex. Gordon of Cairnfield, W.S., of lands of Auchinhalrick.

1726, July 23.—Charter of confirmation by the Duke of Gordon.

Elizabeth Gordon died in 1724. According to Jervise's "Epitaphs," i. 275, there is a monument in Rathven churchyard with this

inscription: -

"Memoriae charissimae conjugis Elizabethae Gordon quae decessit die decimo quinto Januarij calendas 1725 aetatis suae 31 monumentum hoc extrui curavit maritus superstes Alexander Gordon de Cairnfield Signeto Regis Scriba."

The Latin of this date is very shaky, but one may take it to mean the 15th day before the Calends of January 1725 and consequently on 18 December 1724. Hence Elizabeth would be born in 1693. She was buried at Rathven December 23, 1724, her mort-cloth costing £4. (Rathven Register, and Cramond's "Church of

Grange").

Alexander Gordon married (secondly), on October 27, 1730, Jean Gordon, daughter to John Gordon of Drumwhindle, who was the son of William Gordon, I. of Farskane (died 1692), and the father of William Gordon, I. of Sheelagreen, an estate which ceased to be Gordon property in the person of Jean Gordon's nephew, Captain John Gordon, H.E.I.C., who died at Florence in 1829. She died at Cairnfield on Sunday, September 11, 1774, aged 74 ("Soots Magazine").

Alexander Gordon of Cairnfield had a large

family-

1. James Gordon by the second marriage; died early.

2. William Gordon by the second marriage;

died early.

3. John Gordon, VIII. of Cairnfield.
4. James Gordon of Rosieburn, born in 1739. He began life as a wine merchant in Leith, and seems to have made a sufficient fortune to become a laird by purchasing the lands of Rosieburn, which had belonged to the Innes family. The estate was advertised for sale in the "Aberdeen Journal" of November 28, 1804. A sale was apparently not effected, for the estate was again advertised on Oct. 30, 1805, at Anderson's Hotel, Queen Street, Aberdeen, October 3 "'twixt 6 and 7 o'clock afternoon." The description of the estate is interesting—

"This estate possesses many local advantages, contains about 1500 acres of land, of which a considerable part is good soil, and in proper cultivation, and lies at little more than five miles' distance from the sea port towns of Banff, Macduff, and Portsoy. The projected line of turnpike road from Turriff to Portsoy will pass thro' the middle of the

estate, and another proposed line of turnpike from Banff to Huntly by Marnoch will intersect it in a different direction. There is a mansion house upon the property which might be made commodious at a small expence, with a good garden, and the planting on the estate is of considerable extent. The lands hold of the Crown and afford a freehold qualification in the county. The proprietor has right to the teinds, which are valued, and to the land tax, which has been redeemed." The laird himself lived at Banff, where he died on January 1, 1815, aged 77. He is commemorated by a tablet in Rathven Churchyard erected in 1844 by his youngest son Adam and by Francis Gordon of Kincardine (his son-in-law?) (Cramond's Church of Rathven). He married on September 1, 1779, Janet Mercer, daughter of Alexander Mercer of Hoop (?), merchant in Edinburgh. She died at Nairn May 24, 1842, aged 84, and is commemorated on the same stone. They had :-

(1) Alexander Gordon, born November 6, 1781 ("Family of Dingwall Fordyce"). He became an ensign in the 15th Foot, August 29, 1798, but Cramond ("Annals of Banff," ii. 431) says he was an ensign as early as January 18, 1798, when he was made a burgess of Banff. He was made lieutenant June 6, 1799, of the 85th: was transferred to the 69th, May 25, 1803, and to the 95th, April 21, 1804. The date of his retirement is not given, but his name drops out of the regiment after 1808. He may be the Alexander Gordon, Aberdeen Militia, who was gazetted lieutenant colonel May 25, 1811. In 1827 he emigrated to Canada and was farming in 1841 at Mount Dorchester, Stamford. I cannot, however, verify the suggestion made by W. D. in the "Aberdeen Weekly Journal" of May 26, 1909, that he was governor of the Canadian Frontier Settlement. Finally his heart went back to soldiering, for he applied for a barrackmastership, writing to Sir Peregrine Maitland on March 16, 1841—"My

sons and daughters are all married and gone from me. Mrs Gordon and I are left alone. My farming days are nearly at an end, and as I have none of my family now to assist me I am heartily tired of such hard work." He renewed his application on December 23, 1841, with the remark-" Being a Banffshire man, I had the honour to class among my staunchest friends the much lamented late Duke of Cordon, and, were it possible, I would pre-fer employment in Scotland. The barrack master in Aberdeen is an old man and an intimate acquaintance of mine, and were that situation to become vacant I would prefer it to any in Britain, as all my relatives are within a short distance." He was placed on the list of candidates, but there is no evidence that he got any post. He married at Edinburgh, July 13, 1805 ("Scots Magazine"), Elizabeth Robinson, second daughter of George Robinson, W.S., of Gask and Clermiston, near Edinburgh (1758-1825), and his wife Elizabeth, widow of Thomas Innes of Monellie, and daughter of John Innes of Edingight (who had married Elizabeth Grant of Carron). His wife died in Canada July 28, 1849. They had

i. James Gordon, born May 8, 1806. He entered Marischal College in 1821, and emigrated to Canada. One genealogist states that he married a Miss Wishart. W. D. in the "Aberdeen Weekly Journal" states that he married on April 16, 1830, Margaret, daughter of William Mylne, Grand River, Canada.

ii. George Robinson Gordon: born July 15, 1807: died December 25, 1825 (ibid.). iii. Alexander Gordon, born March 23, 1815: died 1864: married April 25, 1838, Jessie, daughter of James Laing, Jamaica (ibid.).

iv. Elizabeth Mary: born December 21, 1808: died April 26, 1825 (ibid.).

v. Jessie Mercer Gordon, born October 18, 1810: died 1860. She married, October 18, 1833, William Alexander, W.S. (1798-1859), and had

(i) Lieut.-Colonel William Gordon-Alexander, born August 11, 1835. He entered the 93rd Highlanders as an ensign January 16, 1855, retiring as lieutenant-colonel November 1, 1879. served in the Crimea and in the Mutiny, being present at the relief of Lucknow. He also fought in the Oudh campaign of 1858-9 and with the force under Sir John Garvoch at Umbevla. in the N.W. Frontier, 1863. In 1898 he wrote "Recollections of a Highland Subaltern during the campaign in India under Colin Campbell, Lord Clyde, 1857, 1858, and 1859." He was appointed adjutant to the Royal Aberdeenshire Regiment in 1875, and retired on "retired pay" November 1879. has told the story of his career in "The Recollections of a Highland Subaltern," 1898. He resides at "The Neilgherries," Gervis Road, Bournemouth. His name always appears in Army List as W. G. Alexander, but he me that informs he hyphens his surname as "Gordon-Alexander." He married (1) 1861, Joan Macknight Crawfurd Cartsburn (an old Renfrew family): and (2) in 1888, Evelyne Annie Spencer Compton of Wede Park, Northumberland, and has

William Adrian Gordon-Alexander, born 1861, by the first marriage. Henry Trevor Gordon-Alexander, died 1880.

Lesley Douglas Gordon-Alexander, born June 29, 1889: entered the West Yorkshire Regiment, September 18, 1909.

Agnes Nina Beatrice Gordon-Alexander.

(ii) Horace James Alexander: died unmarried.

(iii) Jessie Gordon Alexander: married, 1853, Thomas Henry Bold of Fair-

lawn, Cheshire: no issue.
(iv) Victoria Alexander: married (1), 1860, James Dunlop Knox, 16th Regiment, who died in 1864: and (2) Æneas Munro, and by whom she had a daughter, Elizabeth Bruce Gordon Knox.

(v) Penelope Garden Campbell Gordon-Alexander: born March 4, 1813: died 1873. She married, July 11, 1836, James Miller, M.D., F.R.S., Professor of Surgery, Edinburgh University (born 1812: died 1864), and had four sons and three daughters, including

Alexander Gordon Miller, doctor in Edinburgh: married Jessie Dingwall Fordyce, and had two sons and four

daughters.

Gordon Miller Elizabeth 1900) Sir Patrick Heron Watson (born 1832), Edinburgh, Surgeon in Ordinary to Queen Victoria in Scotland.

Penelope Miller married in 1874 James Dingwall Fordyce of Culsh, advocate in Edinburgh, younger son of Dingwall Fordyce of Brucklay. She had three sons and two daughters.

(2) William Gordon, born January 28, 1786. He got an ensigncy in the 1st Foot, July 25, 1809. On October 24, 1814, he became captain in the Portuguese and Spanish armies, a staff of miscellaneous appointment held by commission. He was placed on half pay December 25, 1816. He mar-ried on May 10, 1822, at Santa Maria des Anjos, Ponte de Lima, Lisbon, Dona Antonia Henriquetta Pereira, daughter of Gabriel Pereira de Castro of Valence, then living at St John, Ponte de Lima. He was living at Bankhead, near Queensferry, in 1824, and died there of consumption August 26, 1824, being buried in Greyfriars Churchyard. His widow got a pension of £50 a year. He left two children.

(3) James Innes Gordon, born at Portsoy June 20, 1788. He got a cadetship in the Bengal Army, 1803, being nominated by Lord Castlereagh. He was attached to the 17th and 35th Native Infantry in turn, and became a captain, October 25, 1818. He died at Meerut, October 10, 1823. He married, November 2, 1824, a lady whose name does not transpire, and who died March 6. 1852, but she does not figure in his will, which was proved, November 1, 1825, by G. J. Gordon, agent, Old Ford Street, Calcutta, and by Lieut. John Hay. 35th Regiment, to whom he left his sword with two soabbards.

(4) John George Gordon, born October 2,

1790: died March 9, 1791. (5) George Maxwell Gordon, born August 3, 1796. He is said to have entered the Navy. He died on board H.M.S. Minden, the flagship of Lord Exmouth's expedition, and was buried at Gibraltar ("Aberdeen Weekly Journal," May 26, 1909).

(6) Adam Garden Gordon: born February 7, 1802: died in Jamaica of cholera

after four hours' illness, about 1850. (7) Jean Gordon, born September 13. 1780: died March 19, 1796.

(8) Janet Gordon, born April 27, 1783:

died June 20, 1784.

(9) Elizabeth Gordon, born January 28, 1786: married, January 29, 1806, Francis Gordon of Kincardine (died 1857), son of John Gordon of Craig. She died at Kincardine Lodge October 22, 1822. She had an only daughter,

Elizabeth Shepherd Gordon, who married Charles Kinnaird Johnstone of the Alva family (1806-69). On the death of her father, her husband assumed the name and arms of Gordon. She was burned to death at Nice in January 1863, with her second daughter Mary Harman Anne Gordon. She had four daughters, of whom the eldest,

Elizabeth Mary Johnstone-Gordon, married in 1857 Hugh Scott of Gala, who divorced her. She now calls herself the Baroness de Roissard Gordon.

(10) Mary Anne Gordon, born July 18, 1793: married at Aberdeen, September 12, 1823, Major-General William Alexander Gordon of Lochdhu (1769-1856), son of James Gordon of Croughly (1726-1812). She died December 27, 1873, and is buried at Kirkmichael. She had five sons, all of whom were officers in the Army ("Croughly Book," which was compiled by her grandson, Captain George Huntly Blair Gordon, R.E.L.

(11) Margaret Clementina Gordon: born November 18, 1799: married August 12, 1820, Alexander Dunlop, advocate, son of Robert Dunlop of Clober. She had five children, one of whom was in the Navy. Another son was a tea planter in India.

5. Anna Gordon, by the first marriage, married (1) on October 21, 1746, George Gordon of Buckie (Rathven Register), and had a son, Charles Gordon, born 1752. She married (2) Dr Brodie.

6. Margaret Gordon, by the first marriage. 7. Clementina Gordon, by the first mar-

riage.

8. Margaret Gordon, by the second marriage: married, June 14, 1750, Robert Anderson of Linkwood ("Rathven Register"). She had

Charles Anderson, who married Clementina Gordon of Newseat, and had

Charles Anderson. She married Dr Charles Skene.

Clementina Anderson, married William Pirie of Cotton.

 Elizabeth Gordon, married, April 5, 1749, Rev. John Nairne (1711-1795) minister of Anstruther Easter (Scott's "Fasti," ii. 403), and had

Rev. James Nairne (1750-1819), minister of Pittenween: married, in 1778, Helen, daughter of Captain James Kyd of Craigie, and had four sons and three daughters (ibid., ii. 457).

10. Alexander Gordon. He was the natural son of Alexander Gordon of Cairnfield, by Jean Anderson in Cairnfield, and was baptised March 31, 1728, Colin Anderson being sponsor: witnesses, James Williken in Clochen and Archibald Brander in Cairnfield ("Rathven Register").

JOHN GORDON VIII. OF CAIRNFIELD. DIED 1804.

He was the son of Alexander Gordon of Cairnfield. Little is known about him. On August 3, 1740, as "eldest lawful son of Alexander Gordon of Cairnfield," he witnessed the baptism of John, son of Mr William Gordon of Craibstone, by his wife Catherine Hay, of the Rannes family ("Rathven Register"). Duke of Gordon asked him to attend a meeting held at Banff on July 25, 1778, to put the Comprehending Act into force (Gordon Castle Papers). On October 2, 1787, John Gordon, yr. of Cairnfield decided to be a freeholder ("Aberdeen Journal"). On February 11, 1788, there was recorded a discharge to John Gordon of Cairnfield by Mr James Grant, minister at Rathven and his spouse (Aberdeen Commissary Record). John Gordon of Lenturk was a freeholder under Cairnfield, and it was reported of him in 1788 that "he will go with the Duke of Gordon" ("Political State of Scotland," 1788: edited by Sir C. E. Adam, p. 5).

John Gordon of Cairnfield died at Thornybank, November 26, 1804 ("Aberdeen Journal"). He married Jean, daughter of George Stuart of Tannachie, and had the following

issue :-

1. Alexander Gordon, born October 15, and baptised October 18, 1766: witnesses, Mr James Gordon, merchant in Portsoy, and Patrick Stuart of Tannachie ("Rathven Re-

gister"). He died young.
2. John Gordon, born December 6 and baptised December 9, 1767, before the same witnesses (ibid.). He entered King's College, Aberdeen, in 1779. He was admitted an advocate to the Scots bar 1789. On September 17, 1792, he defended George Bruce, Mill of Tynet, who was proved not guilty at the Aberdeen Circuit Court of wife murder ("Aberdeen Journal"). He died unmarried at London April 11, 1793, during the life of his father ("Scots Magazine").

3. James Gordon, born February 7 and baptised February 10, 1769, before the same

witnesses: died young.

4. Adam Gordon IX. of Cairnfield, W.S.

5. Patrick Anderson Gordon: baptised

August 5, 1775: died young.

- 6. Jean Gordon, born December 7 and baptised December 10, 1761. Witnesses, Mr James Gordon, merchant in Portsoy, and Patrick Stuart of Tannachie ("Rathven Register"). She married at Cairnfield, December 26, 1783, James Duff, wine merchant, of Madeira (ibid. and Burke), who was made burgess of Banff in 1779. His mother was a Gordon of Letterfourie, and his brothers were Colonel Duff of Carnousie and the famous sportsman "Tiger" Duff. He himself had-
 - (1) James Adam Gordon Duff, who married Emma Jones, and had two sons and three daughters, including
 - i. James Gordon Duff, Bombay Civil Service: married Eliza Blandy: no issue. ii. Maria Duff: married Graham Blandy, and had issue.

(2) Jane Gordon Duff died unmarried

July 1849.
(3) Mary Duff: killed by falling over the rocks at Banff.

7. Anna Gordon, born October 2 and baptised October 5, 1763, before the same witnesses ("Rathven Register").

8. Mary Gordon, born October 3 and baptised October 6, 1764, before the same wit-

nesses (ibid.).

9. Elizabeth Gordon, born October 22 and baptised October 25, 1765, before the same witnesses (ibid.): died at Cairnfield December 1867.

10. Margaret Gordon, born May 15, 1771:

died young.

11. Clementina Gordon: born June 9, 1777: died February 1837 at Banff.

ADAM GORDON IX. OF CAIRNFIELD. 1773-1847.

He was a younger son of John Gordon of Cairnfield and was born on February 13, 1773 (Burke's "Landed Gentry," 1886, i., 751). He took the semi-class at Marischal College in He served heir special to his brother 1786. John in the barony of Lenturk, including Drumdergue, Claymill, and other places in Aberdeenshire, August 16, 1793. He was apprenticed to Craufurd Tait, and became a Writer to the Signet June 16, 1796. He became a member of the Aberdeen County Club in

1798.

A mysterious reference is made in "Blackwood's Magazine" (vol. i., p. 51), to "General Gordon of Cairnfield, with others on horseback and the Highlanders on foot, who chased about ten years ago [i.e. 1806 or 1807] one John Young, a tinker chief, who had punished with instant death a brother tinker of inferior consequence who intruded on his walk in Aberdeenshire-it was remarked at the time, chiefly from the strength and agility with which Young, constantly and closely pursued, and frequently in view, maintained a flight of nearly 30 miles." There was no "General" Gordon of Cairnfield at this time.

Adam Gordon built, about 1800, the house of Cairnfield. General William Gordon, C.I.E., says that some old stones were brought from the old house of Cairnfield to the new house. One on the west side of the house has the initials "A. G." and the date "1666." Other old stones are so worn as to be indistinct: but the

name "Robert" is clear.

General Gordon also says that "Adam Gordon of Cairnfield claimed the baronetcy of Lesmore on the last representative dying, 1839. It was acknowledged that he was the proper claimant to that title, but owing to all the old family papers having been destroyed, burned in the old house of Arradoul, there was difficulty in establishing legal proof, and the expense of pushing the claim would have been greater than he could afford." This statement

is peculiarly interesting as corroborating a simi-lar statement made by Lewis Gordon of Aikenhead, that the grandfather of Alexander Gordon of Salterhill or Dykeside (whose daughter Barbara married Adam Gordon of Cairnfield's ancestor, Robert Gordon of Lunan), was a grandson of Sir Alexander Gordon of Lesmoir by a daughter of Sir George "Hevs of Dollgity." I have been quite unable to verify any such descent, but the fact that it should be suggested in two totally different accounts of the family shows that it was a tradition in the family.

Adam Gordon of Cairnfield married on March 4, 1799, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Patrick Cruickshank of Stracathro. He died on March 17, 1847, aged 74. His wife died January 29, 1847, aged 67. Both of them are commemorated by a stone erected by five of their sons in Rathven Churchyard (quoted in Rogers' "Epitaphs" and Cramond's "Church of Rathven"). They had no fewer than seventeen children, of whom only the youngest, General William Gordon, C.I.E., is now alive:—

1. Son, still born, November 1799. 2. John Gordon XI. of Cairnfield.

3. Patrick Gordon, who distinguished himself by raising the Ludhiana Sikhs. He was born March 27, and baptised April 13, 1810. ("Rathven Register"). He got a cadetship in the Bengal Army in 1825 and became an ensign in the 11th Bengal Native Infantry, December 20, 1826. He served against the insurgent Moulvees in the Barasat district in 1830. In 1842 he served with the Bundelkhand Field Force, and with the army of the Sutlej 1845-6. He was at the battle of Mood-kee December 18, 1845, and at the battle of Ferozeshah, on December 21, being promoted brevet-major for his services in these battles. He fought at the battle of Sobraon February 10, 1846. In this year he raised the famous regiment now known as the Ludhiana Sikhs, commanding it from August 1, 1846, to 1857. The regiment disappointed Gordon by its attitude during the mutiny at Benares in June

1857. The regiment and a party of about 70 of the Irregular Cavalry with the Europeans. were paraded at 5 p.m. on June 4, in order to disarm the 37th Regiment, who were suspected of disaffection. Gordon, however, found difficulty in getting his regiment to move up in front of the 37th, and when it did, it "wavered and stopped more than once during the advance" (G. W. Forrest's "Indian Mutiny," vol. i., pp. 356, 358). The fact was that the regiment had a large number of Hindustanis who were traitors, "though," General Olpherts remarked, "it did not suit Colonel Gordon and others to say so." Gordon then commanded a column engaged with two others in clearing the country south of Ghaghra, November-December 1858. In March 1859 Gordon got command of the Dinapur brigade, but being attacked by severe illness, was compelled to apply for furlough to Europe. The "Times" (in noticing his death) remarked that he keenly felt the loss of his brigade through his sick leave, and the fact of his not being at once reinstated on his return to India disappointed him so much that he retired as brevet Colonel December 6, 1861. He died at Bath April 27, 1897. He married on May 4, 1848, Charlotte Mary (born 1823), daughter of Captain Mathers, 57th Foot. She died at 8, Lansdowne Crescent, Bath, September 18, 1906. Her will was proved for £5131 10s. 9d. She left £2000 to Charles Francis Brewer in recognition of his faithful service, and a further £20 for the care of her "dear little pet dog, Bonnie."

4. Adam Steuart Gordon, born July 18, 1811. He entered the Navy and died Sep-

tember 25, 1838.

5. Alexander Gordon, born April 17, 1813: died February 7, 1840.

6. George Gordon, born September 20, 1814: merchant at Edinton, North Carolina. He was served heir to his sister Clementina June 14, 1847. He married Mrs Mary Stanley, widow, North Carolina (Burke's "Landed Gentry"), but had no issue.

7. James Gordon Duff Gordon, born June 6, 1822. He got a cadetship in the Bengal Army in 1842, and became ensign in the 50th Native Infantry October 18, 1842. He became lieutenant on August 12, 1847, and died

unmarried at Lahore, May 22, 1848.

8. William Gordon, born February 10, 1824. He was educated at Addiscombe, having got a cadetship in the Bengal Army June 11, 1841, on the recommendation of J. G. Duff. He became ensign in the 49th Native Infantry September 21, 1841, and lieutenant in 1845. In November 1847 he was appointed to do duty with the 2nd Company of the newly formed Pioneers (whose headquarters were at Ludhiana), and he passed his examination in field engineering with "much credit." He commanded the 3rd company of the Pioneers at the siege of Mooltan in the Punjab Campaign of 1848-9, and he commanded a detached party of two companies of Pioneers at the battle of Goojerat. On April 22, 1853, he got command of the Kelatin-Ghilzil Regiment. He was Inspector of Musketry from 1860 to 1878 and was affec-tionately nicknamed "Gunny" Gordon. He commanded the Gwalior and Peshawur Districts, 1878-83, becoming major general July 1, 1882, and general April 1, 1894. He was made C.I.E. in 1878. He is a director of the Madrid and Portugal Direct Railway (Avila and Salamanca Ltd.) He lives at Arradoul, No. 9, Tavistock Road, Croydon. He married, August 9, 1871, Harriet Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Andrew Steuart of Auchlunkart. She died at midnight February 3, 1908, at the nursing home, 7, Mandeville Place, London, and was buried February 7 at Shirley. General Gordon's issue are

(1) George Alexander Steuart Gordon, born November 6 and baptised December 26, 1872, at Simla. He entered the Royal Artillery as 2nd lieutenant January 2, 1893. He joined the Indian Staff Corps December 19, 1895, and is now in the 13th Duke of Connaught's Lancers. He was married on September 7, 1909, at Bhim-Tal Kur-moan, to Emily Margaret (Madge), only daughter of Townley Richard Filgate of Arthurstown, Co. Louth, and of Mozupper-

pore ("Times," September 13).
(2) Edward Lillingston Steuart Gordon, born July 11 baptised July 24, 1876, at Simla: appointed a Student Interpreter in

Japan March 23, 1897.
(3) Arthur William Terry Steuart Gordon, born May 16, baptised July 7, 1877, at Simla. He is a mining engineer at Johannesburg. He married, May 15, 1900, in West Australia, Eva Veronica Gorman.

but has no issue.

(4) Robert Napier Steuart Gordon, born October 16, 1879. He also entered the army as a 2nd lieutenant July 20, 1898. He joined the Indian Army October 20, 1900. He served with the Burma Military Police July 23, 1903.
(5) Graham Molesworth Steuart Gordon,

born August 12, baptised October 8, 1881,

at Simla. He is in Canada.

(6) Elizabeth Marjorie Gordon, born

March 14, 1874, at Simla.
(7) Dora Eleanor Harriett Gordon, born February 8 and baptised April 5, 1875, at Simla. She married at the Parish Church, Croydon, on April 9, 1907, Frederick Hill, D.L., of Great Frenches Park, Crawley Down, Sussex, and 73, Queen Victoria Street. She has a son, Staveley Gordon Rex Hill, born March 30, 1908.

(8) Aymee Patricia Gordon, born September 16, baptised October 10, 1878, at Simla.

(9) Muriel Clementina Gordon, born October 14, 1884: died January 28, 1885.

9. Margaret Gordon, born August 24, 1800: died ten days later.

10. Jane Gordon, baptised September 29.

1801: died unmarried.

11. Elizabeth Marjory Gordon, born Nov. 19, 1802. She married May 14, 1836, Rev. Edward Lillingston, Edgebaston, Birmingham, fifth son of J. W. Lillingston of Elmdon Hall, Warwick. She died February 13, 1841, leaving two sons.

(1) Edward Gordon Lillingstone, born March 16, 1837, who served in the 71st Highlanders and the Bengal Staff Corps. He fought in the North West Frontier of India Campaign of 1863, and retired as colonel August 30, 1897. He married Ella, daughter of Major Peddie, Stirling, and had with other issue—

William Edward Gordon Lillingstone: born June 15, 1867. He entered the army from the militia December 8, 1888, and the India Staff Corps May 8, 1890.

(2) William Steuart Lillingstone, an officer in the 7th and then the 11th Hussars. He was killed by falling down a precipice in the Himalayas, 1872.

12. Mary Gordon, born April 3, 1804: died

December 14, 1831.

13. Margaret Helen Gordon, born February 8, 1807: died unmarried December 17,

14. Patricia Catherine Gordon, born December 9, 1808: died unmarried January 26, 1843. Her brother John was served her heir June 14, 1847.

15. Clementina Gordon, born January 27, 1816: died unmarried January 6, 1842.

16. Emma Gordon, born March 7, 1818:

died November 16, 1860.

- 17. Harriet Gordon, born September 8, 1819: married, October 21, 1854, William Terry, Midnapore, and had
 - (1) William Gordon Terry, R.A.

(2) Emma Terry.

JOHN GORDON XI. OF CAIRNFIELD. 1805-1882.

The second son of Adam Gordon of Cairnfield, John, was born on September 23, 1805. At the age of 17 he went to St Vincent, in the West Indies, where he was a planter for about twenty years, returning home about 1840. From the death of his father in 1847 to his own death, he resided constantly on the property, which he improved. In 1872 it consisted of 5175 acres of £1362 annual rental. To the public business of the county he devoted a large part of his time. He was for many years chairman of the Prison Board and of the Lunacy Board (from its inception). He was a Deputy Lieutenant and a Justice of the Peace. He died at Cairnfield on April 19, 1882, and was buried in Rathyen Churchyard.

He married, December 9, 1851, Margaret, daughter of George Wright, Banff. She died May 19, 1874, aged 41, and is commemorated by a stone in Rathven Churchyard. They had

1. Adam Steuart Gordon, born July 10, 1854.

2. John Patrick Gordon XII. of Cairnfield. 3. William James Gordon Duff Gordon, born February 22, 1858: died August 22, 1884.

4. Adam Gordon, died young.

5. William Gordon, died young.6. Patrick Gordon, born March 21, 1859:

died April 27, 1897.
7. Alexander Gordon, born July 7, 1868 and

died in the same year.

8. Elizabeth Patricia Catherine Gordon, only daughter: died August 13, 1875, aged 15.

JOHN PATRICK GORDON XII. OF CAIRNFIELD. 1857-1899.

The second son of John Gordon of Cairnfield. he was born on February 1857 and educated at Merchiston. He got a business training in the office of Robertson, Gladstone & Company in Liverpool, and shortly afterwards assisted in the management of the paternal estate. On succeeding, he (by a letter dated May 26, 1882), agreed to his tenants' request to depart from the payment of eggs and poultry to which they had been liable in the terms of their leases. He went round the world in 1886, and on his return his tenants presented him with his portrait, painted by Mr Morrison, Elgin. He took some part in public life and was a member of the Lunacy Board, chairman of Rathven Parochial Board, and a member of the first County Council for Banffshire. On September 5, 1883, he was gazetted captain of 1st Banff Rifle Volunteers. He was seized with a shock on March 22, 1899, and died next day.

He married on March 6, 1878, Mary, fifth daughter of William Rose of Sheriffston, Elgin, and she now owns the estates. He left an only

son.

John Steuart Gordon.

JOHN STEUART GORDON XIII. OF CAIRNFIELD. Born 1880.

He is the only son of John Patrick Gordon, and was born August 15, 1880. He entered Rugby School August 15, 1894, and left it in 1898 (Michell's "Rugby School Register," iii., 214). For some time he was in the office of (Sir) William Dunn & Company, colonial bankers, Broad Street Avenue, London. He is said to have been married in London on or about January 8, 1910, to a lady whose name I do not know, and left for Canada with her

in the following March.

Burke gives the arms of Cairnfield, which were registered at the Lyon Office, 1748-54, as follows:—Az., a pheon between three boars', heads erased or. Crest, a stagshead or. Mottoes above crest "Bydand Ryd": and under the arms—"Dum vigilo tutus." General William Gordon states that the boars' heads and "Bydand" were adopted by Adam Gordon of Cairnfield on the death at Florence in 1829 of his kinsman Captain John Gordon, the last

male representative of the Sheelagreen Gordons.

The first two families of Gordon who owned Cairnfield have been described by J. M. Bulloch in the "Banffshire Herald," Keith, on April 16, 23, 30: May 7, 14, 21, 28: June 4, 11, 18, 25: July 2, 9, 1910. These papers were afterwards privately printed in pamphlet form, with a folding genealogical table (8vo.: pp. 67: 30 copies only).

It was agreed that the Club should accord its thanks to Mr Bulloch for the valuable and exhaustive paper he had contributed, and also to Mr Bell for his instructive contribution.