

Edinburgh 4<sup>th</sup> June 1883.

Dear Sir

I have recently read in the "Northern Ensign" of 31<sup>st</sup> Ult. which had been extended from the "Montreal Daily Witness" a long and interesting account of the late Mr. Edward Mackay of Seldonan Hall, Montreal and a native of Sutherland, Sutherland, with a list of legacies to religious, benevolent, and educational institutions subjoined; among the latter of which I observe the following "To my Executors to be divided as they may deem best among such charitable institutions (even including those already mentioned) as they may select \$5000". The objects of our association are, the promoting of education in Sutherland, the giving of pecuniary relief to natives of Sutherland in sickness, or straitened circumstances; and the creating of good feeling among its members. We hold annual examinations at different centres in the County upon which we expend about £30. p. Annum. and the results are very encouraging. Last year we had 98 competitors, while this year we had 149. We are endeavouring to raise a fund sufficient to open a Bursary to boys from the County which now amounts to £140, this sum must however be considerably increased before a Bursary can be given. Permit me to bring under the notice of yourself + your Co Justices the claims of our Association to a share of the \$5000 above mentioned. The late Mr. Mackay I observe has been specially mindful of Theological & Educational Institutions and I feel confident that had he known the good which our association is doing in a humble way in his native county of Sutherland, he would have included our name among the Charitable institutions to which he has bequeathed such handsome sums of money. I beg to enclose four copies of our last Annual Report and shall be glad to hear from you at your early convenience

I Am

Yours Truly

To Hugh Mackay Esq.

one of the Executors of the late

Edward Mackay Esq

Merchant

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