

Society the worship of God in Church is seen as the first priority of the Christian ministry. As such we have been indebted over the years to this Society as a body which has provided the encouragement, inspiration and comfort that comes from a fellowship of kindred spirits. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit may it long continue to do so.

In the words of the prophet:- *"Stop at the cross-roads; look for the ancient paths; ask, "where is the way that leads to what is good?"*  
*"Then take that way, and you will find rest for your souls".*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

W B R MacMillan

#### A DIP IN THE ARCHIVES

Addressing the Annual Meeting on 30th May, 1878 the Chairman, Sir James Fergusson, said,

"In this age we seem to be emerging from a long period of stolid contentment with the perfunctory, and, I might almost say, the barbarous. Perhaps there is no country in the world where there is so much attachment to, or at least contentment with, routine, as there is in Scotland. We pride ourselves on our freedom, and yet we are slaves, if not to forms, to a want of forms, and often where there is the greatest absence of forms there is a wearisome monotony of repetition."