

BREADALBANE HIGHLAND GATHERING.

The fourth annual gathering, commemorative of her Majesty's visit to Scotland in 1842, took place at Taymouth on Friday last, the 28th ultimo. The spot selected for the games was a beautiful vale, bounded on each side by mountains finely planted. Behind the stage, a sloping hill, of a semicircular form, arose, and in the centre of it was erected a tent of "bonnie blooming heather," surmounted by the royal crown, supported on both sides by the Boar's Head (the Breadalbane crest). This stand was occupied by the ladies invited to the games by the Marquess and Marchioness of Breadalbane, where, with evident delight, they viewed the keenly-contested sports of the day. Down the declivity were arranged rustic benches for his Lordship's tenantry, strangers, &c. The foreground of the spot selected presented an enchanting view of part of the pleasure-grounds of Taymouth, including the broad bosom of Lochtay, which reflects a thousand beauties. At twelve o'clock, a salute from the battery on the hill announced the departure of Lord Breadalbane and his visitors from the castle. They were preceded by the Breadalbane guard, accompanied by a splendid brass band of music, dressed in full Highland costume, playing the "Campbells are coming." On arriving at the lawn, they were all marshalled in order, Lord Mansfield, Barcaldine, Sir B. Menzies, Glenfalloch, Chesthill, Faskally, Boreland, and other gentlemen, standing in front. When Lord Breadalbane and his numerous guests were seated, and the salute given by the Highlanders, three cheers were given for the Queen, signalled by Glenfalloch ; after which the games commenced by the competition for the best player on the great Highland bagpipe. The others followed in succession ; and the prizes were awarded after the following order :—

BEST PERFORMER OF PIBROCHS.

1. Archibald Forbes, Cuil, Killiechassie — a pair of pipes.
2. Gilbert Gordon, late piper to Sir D. Dundas of Dunira.
3. John Cameron, Scone Palace.

REEL PLAYING.

1. Duncan M'Kay, piper to A. Robertson, Esq. Foveran.
2. John Robertson, Fincastle.

REEL DANCING. — TWELVE COMPETITORS.

1. John M'Intyre, Murthly Castle.
2. John Cameron, Scone.

SWORD DANCE, OR GHILLIE CALLUM. — EIGHT COMPETITORS.

1. D. M'Raw, Pitlochry.

HIGHLAND FLING. — SEVEN COMPETITORS.

1. John M'Intyre, Murthly.

PUTTING THE STONE, — 22 LBS. SIX OZ. — FIVE COMPETITORS.

1. Peter Haggart, Dalguise (29 feet, 5 inches).
2. Donald Munro, Killiechassie.

THROWING THE HAMMER. — NINE COMPETITORS.

1. D. Munro, Killiechassie (71 feet, 3 inches).
2. P. Robertson, Taymount.

FOOT RACE. — SIX COMPETITORS.

1. John Scott, Kenmore.
2. Donald Munro.

STANDING LEAP.

1. Donald Anderson, Pitlochry (9 feet).
2. W. Robertson, Fincastle (8 feet, 11½ inches).

BEST EQUIPPED HIGHLANDER — NATIVE MANUFACTURE.

1. John Peebles, Craganour. Rannoch.
2. Donald Cameron, Castle Menzies.

Two extra prizes, by Mr. Maule, to Robert Dorward, Castle Menzies, and J. M'Rostie, Bonskeid.

INDUSTRIAL SERVICE.

Male. — James Robertson, Killiechassie, 44 years.

Female. — Margaret Robertson, Claggan, 38 years.

NATIVE MANUFACTURE.

Woollen Tartans — James Kippen, Upper Acharn.

Unbleached Linen — Christian M'Laren, West Park, Grandtully.

The judges for the manufactures were — Mr Robertson, Kennore, Mr. M'Naughton, Rhevucky, and Mr. Wilson, Roxburgh.

Abundance of refreshments were liberally given by order of the noble Marquess during the day. When the competition was finished, three cheers were proposed by Glenfalloch for the Marquess of Breadalbane. The Marquess returned thanks, and proposed three cheers for Glentulloch and Chesthill ; after which each party retired by different avenues, headed by its piper.

A numerous and distinguished company enjoyed the hospitality of Lord and Lady Breadalbane in the evening ; a grand ball was given, which was kept up until long after “the wee short hour ayont the twal.”