Corrections and Additions.

Page 17, line 19, for Macnab read McNab.
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,, 19. The Testament Dative and Inventory of the goods and gear of John Williamson in the Commissariot Record of Edinburgh of 28th February, 1781, states that he left one thousand pounds Scots (£83 6s. 8d. sterling) in Stock of the Bank of Scotland, his widow, Margaret Ridley, being sole executor.[1]

,, 20. From Kerr's Life of Wm. Smellie, Printer (2 vols., 8vo., Edin., 1811), page 243 of the second volume, I transcribe the following :—

The ensuing Proposals for publishing a *Flora Edinburgensis* by MALCOLM McCOIG, Gardener to the Royal Botanic Garden of Edinburgh, was written by Mr. SMELLIE, at the desire of the author ; who, though an excellent gardener, and intimately versant in all the plants of the garden he had charge of, and a good memorial botanist, had not the advantage of a liberal education.

Proposals for publishing | FLORA EDINBURGENSIS | OR | A Systematic Arrangement and Description of all the Plants, those of the Cryptogamia Class excepted, which grow wild within fourteen miles round Edinburgh | . *To which will be added*, | Complete Catalogues of the Plants which are found on each of the islands in the Firth of Forth. | By MALCOLM McCOIG, | Gardener to the Royal Botanic | Garden, Edinburgh.

Plan of the Work | At the beginning of every class, the several Orders and Genera will be enumerated, together with the short characters which distinguish one genus from another, after the manner of Linnæus. | Under each Genus, the several species, with their trivial names and specific differences, will be comprehended. References will likewise be made to those authors who have given figures of the different species. To every species, the English name, its duration, time of flowering, its native soil, the particular places in which it is found, and a short English description will be subjoined.

Conditions | The Work will be contained in one volume, 8vo., price Five Shillings in boards, to be paid on delivery of the Book.

2. It will be put to press as soon as a competent number of subscriptions are received."

I am indebted to Mr. A. P. Stevenson of Dundee, who kindly directed my attention to this prospectus. The book was not published. The author, as we have seen, died after a short term of office.

[1] I am indebted to the Rev. Henry Paton, M.A., for searching the records and giving me the transcript from which this and other matter given below has been obtained.

The Testament Dative and Inventory of the goods and gear of Malcolm McCoig is in the Commissariot Record of Edinburgh of 25th March, 1789. His widow, Eleonora Whitehead, was sole executor. The effects were "valued by Ann Gardner, auctioneer in Edinburgh, conform to her signed estimation," which shows that women practised as auctioneers at this date. Amongst the items in the inventory are 159 "copies of the History and Progress of Botany"[1]; 120 "of the Genera Plantarum"[2]; 109 "of the Index Herbarum Medicinalium"[3]; 79 "of the Catalogus Arborum et Fruticum"[4]; 5 "of the Termini Botanici"[5]; 12 "of Sud Gerardi"[6]; 2 "of the Plantarum Officinarum"[7]. These publications were all of the nature of class-books—none of any great bulk. One cannot believe that McCoig had accumulated the publications in the numbers mentioned for his own use, and it seems reasonable to suggest that they indicate a custom of the time—that the Head Gardener acquired them for sale to students at a profit, or they were given to him for sale as one of his perquisites; on the other hand, it may be that the auctioneer, finding them in the gardener's house, included them in the inventory, although they were there only for distribution to students.

Page 49, line 30, for could read would.

" 55, " 7, Alexander Don, father of George Don, removed from Beechhall, Menmuir, in 1772 or 1773 to Little Causeway, Forfar.—*Miss Jane Taylor Ewen, Mill Bank, Forfar, in letter, 23rd February*, 1905.

I do not know what book or pamphlet is here referred to.

"Genera Plantarum ex editione duodecima Systematis Naturæ illustrissimi Carolina Linne. In usus Academicos. Edinburgi: Typis Academicis, MDCCLXXI," pp. 88. This is the first edition of the pamphlet brought out by Dr. Hope—there were subsequent editions—for the use of his students. His name is not on the title page.

[3] Probably "Tirocinum botanicum Edinburgense conscriptum a Carolo Alston. Edinburgi: Typis W. Sands, A. Murray, and J. Cochran, veneunt autem apud G. Hamilton and J. Balfour, MDCCLIII," of which Part III. of 120 pages is entitled "Index plantarum medicinalium præcipue quæ studiosis demonstrantur."

[4] "Catalogus Arborum et Fruticum in Horto Edinensi crescentium anno 1778: Edinburgi apud Balfour et Smellie, MDCCLXXVIII," pp. 1-20. This is the earliest edition which I have seen of this catalogue by Dr. Hope, whose name does not appear.

[5] "Termini Botanici in usum juventutis Academiæ Edinensis. Accedunt Index Rerumque Series. Edinburgi: apud Balfour, Auld, et Smellie, Academiæ Typographos, MDCCLXX," pp. i.-vi.; 7-40. The first edition (I have later ones) of another pamphlet prepared for his students by Dr. Hope, but without his name on title page.

[6] I am unable to suggest an interpretation of this. Had the words been "Cat. Gerardi" they might have referred to John Gerardi's "Catalogus Arborum, fruticum ac plantarum tam indigenarum quam exoticarum in horto *Gerardi* nascentium" published in London in 1556, and we should have had an interesting indication of the scholastic use of Gerarde's Catalogue at the end of the 17th century. But Mr. Paton tells me the writing can be interpreted only as 'Sud' or 'Lud.' Possibly, as he suggests, there is a miswriting and the word should be 'Cat.'

[7] Probably "Index Plantarum Officinarum," pp. 66, which formed the third part of "Index Plantarum præcipue officinalium quae in Horto Medico Edinburgensi a Carolo Alston M. et B. P. Medicinæ studiosis demonstrantur. Edinburgi: apud W. Sands, A. Brymer, A. Murray, and J. Cochran, MDCCXL." This book was the precursor of the "Tirocinum" of which it may be regarded as the first edition. This third part with separate pagination expanded from 66 pages in 1740 to 120 in 1753. The number of copies of this old edition remaining over in 1789 would naturally be small.

Page 67, line 29, for 1806 read 1807.

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,, 71. Dr. Neill, in his essay "On Scottish Gardens and Orchards," which, although undated, we know (see pages 100 and 177 of the essay) to have been written in 1812, gives another description of Don's garden. It is on the same lines as those already transcribed on pages 71 and 73 of this volume, but we learn this new fact—"there is a small greenhouse, well stocked, however, containing nearly 1000 different species." The unkempt condition of the Garden seems to have impressed the writer particularly, and he depicts it in these words—"If anyone expect to find at Forfar an elegant botanical arrangement, kept in trim order, with nice gravelled walks, he will be quite disappointed. To neatness the Garden has no pretensions; on the contrary, during the summer months, it would often require a botanical eye to discern the humble rarities of Flora, among the rank attendant weeds." The picture tells of a chaotic condition worse than one would gather from Dr. Neill's earlier descriptions (see page 72 of this volume), and that mistakes in the recognition of particular plants should happen is only what might be expected (see page 142 of this volume). I may add here that Miss Jane Taylor Ewen of Mill Bank, Forfar, has been so kind as to inform me that "Don's Garden at Dovehill is now known as Ward-bank," and that "Laird's Factory and Mr. Laird's house stand on the site of Don's Garden, with grounds laid out all round."

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