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- 1) 8 Jun: Rev. Wm. MacDonell, supplying in Arisaig.
- 2) 15 Jun: Rev. Wm. MacDonell, assuring the bishop that he has no desire to go to Ratisbon.
- 3) 22 Jun: Rev. Wm. MacDonell. He is soon to go to Drimnin.
- 4) 26 Jun: John MacNab, Dalchully. The new chapel at Laggan.
- 5) 30 Jun: Lady Gordon to Bishop Scott. The illness of Sir Charles.
- 6) 5 Jul: Rev. Val. Chisholm: wants a holiday for health reasons. Mentions evictions.
- 7) 21 Jul: Donald MacDonald and A. Campbell, students at Blairs, to MacDonald's uncle, Rev. J. Chisholm.
- 8) 25 Jul: John McNab, Dalchully. Progress on the Laggan chapel. Fr. McNab is now there.
- 9) 21 ^{Aug} ~~Jul~~: Rev. Wm. MacDonell to Bishop Scott. Bishop Carruthers is at Drimnin.
- 10) 27 Aug: Fr. Quigley, Campbeltown. Complaints about poverty.
- 11) 30 Sept: From the same - a more urgent appeal for help.
- 12) 14 Oct: The same.
- 13) 15 Oct: Lady Gordon to Bishop Scott, about Drimnin.
- 14) 16 Oct: Copies of Scott's scathing replies to Fr. Quigley, Campbeltown.

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- 15) 18 Nov: John McNab, Dalchully. The Laggan chapel.
- 16) 1 Dec: Rev. William MacDonell. He is to go to Drimmin.
- 17) 11 Dec Wm Pender, receipt
- 18) 17 Dec: Sir Charles Gordon to Bishop Scott. Sale of Lismore property.
- 19) 18 Dec: Rev. Archd. Chisholm, Fort William, to Bishop Scott.
- 20) 23 Dec: Sir Charles Gordon. The Menzies bequest.

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- 1) 5 Jan: Donald MacInnes: work done at Drimmin.
- 2) 28 Jan: List of all students in Blairs.
- 3) 4 Feb: Bishop Gillis tells of the death of Sir Charles Gordon; the Drimmin estate and the Menzies Trust.
- 4) 20 Feb: Stodart MacDonald, Edinburgh. Sir Charles Gordon and Drimmin.
- 5) 28 Feb: Donald MacInnes: work done at Drimmin.
- 6) 14 Mar: Bishop Kyle: about two students from Ratisbon, now at Blairs - David MacDonald and Alex. MacRae.
- 7) 14 Mar: Sir William Gordon, about the estate of Sir Charles.

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- 8) 22 Mar: Sir William Gordon: his financial difficulties, and the money he owes to the Menzies Trust.
 - 9) 30 Mar: Bishop Carruthers to Bishop Scott: the endowment on Drimnin.
 - 10) 1 Apr: Lady Gordon: Drimnin matters. Conversion of Mr. & Mrs. Monteith.
 - 11) 13 Apr: Angus Fletcher: Mrs. Eadie's money.
 - 12) 15 Apr: Fr. Wm. MacDonell, about Drimnin.
 - 13) 26 Apr: Rev. H. Quigley apologises to Bp. Murdoch for insults offered, and mentions popular indignation against the bishop.
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- 1) 4 May: Bishop Murdoch: he is going north. The Arisaig chapel started.
- 2) 18 May: MacDonald of Glenaladale suggests that the bishop should buy Eigg.
- 3) 19 May: Fr. McNab, giving report of progress on Laggan chapel.
- 4) Ascension Day: Bp. Gillis tells Scott of the re-ordination of McEachen (one of three students from Spain whose ordination was considered invalid).
- 5) 13 Jun: Glenaladale to Bishop Scott. The Arisaig chapel and mission.
- 6) 15 Jun: Fr. MacDonell, Drimnin: quarrels with McNab the factor.
- 7) 18 Jun: Receipt from Fr. MacIntosh to Bishop Scott.
- 8) 20 Jun: John MacNab, about the Laggan chapel.

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~~20 Jun: John MacNab: the Laggan chapel.~~

- 9) 24 Jun: Rev. William MacDonell: his quarrel with MacNab.
- 10) 21 Jul: John MacNab, Dalchully. Money.
- 11) 3 Aug: Lady Gordon, Drimmin, with long complaints of the behaviour of Rev. William MacDonell. Copy of Scott's blistering reply.
- 12) 15 Aug: Mrs. Hamilton, Kames Castle, Bute. The need for a priest to serve Rothesay.
- 13) 20th Aug: -----Further complaints from Lady Gordon, and further rebukes from Scott.
- 14) 9 Sept: Rev. R. Rankin suggests purchase of a site for a chapel in Moidart.
- 15) 10 Sept: Stodart MacDonald to Bishop Scott. Some unnamed feu.
- 16) 14 Oct: John MacNab: the house at Laggan.
- 17) 3 Nov: John O'Neill to Fr. Dohoghue: the need for a priest in Rothesay. (this letter has a scribbled instruction, in the hand of Bishop Murdoch, about the treatment ordered, presumably, by the doctor, of the dying Bishop Scott.

Bishop Scott died, December 4th 1846

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1847

- i) 27 Jan: Coll MacDonald, student at Propaganda, to Bishop Murdoch, Mentions that J. H. Newman is attending the lectures there. The new Pope, Pius IX.

1848

- 2) Mar: Statement from Propaganda that Dugald MacDonald leaves the college for health reasons only.
- 3) 8 Mar: Dr. Grant, Rome, to Bishop Murdoch. The departure of Dugald MacDonald. Political storm gathering in the Papal States.
- 4) 3 Apr: Stodart MacDonald to Bishop Murdoch. The Menzies Trust and the bequests to Highland chapels.
- 5) 16 May: J. Hamilton to Bishop Murdoch. Feu for building church in Bute.
- 6) 16 Jun: Superior of the seminary in Aire, reporting the ill-health of student John MacDonald.
- 7) Dec: Numbers of communicants, batisms, marriages and confirmations in Campbetown in 1848.
- 8) Dec: The same for the Glengarry mission.
- 9) 18 Oct: Copy extracted from letter of Bishop Murdoch to Bishop Smith, mentioning the chapel to be built in Bute, Campbeltown, etc. Death of Rev. Charles MacDonald. (Typescript)
- 10) 6 Jan: Stodart MacDonald to Bishop Murdoch. About Drimnin.
- 11) 15 Jan: Extract from the minutes of a meeting of Sir Charles Gordon's Trustees: the rent of the croft at Drimnin.

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1849

- 12) 6 Aug: Circular letter "ad clerum". Decisions come to concerning the sale of Blairs and the division of the mission funds.

1850

- 13) 23 Jan: Rev. J. Chisholm, South Uist, with statistics for 1849 covering all the Isles. The Barra property.
- 14) 13 May: Letter of commendation from Propaganda for three new priests: Coll MacDonald, Colin MacPherson and Eugene Small.
- 15) 7 Nov: Copy of extract from letter of Bishop Kyle. Menzies bequest for Highland chapels.

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1851

- 1) 26 Jan: Aeneas MacDonell to Bishop Murdoch, to persuade him to allow Rev. R. Rankin to lead an emigration to Upper Canada from Moidart. Conditions in Moidart described.
- 2) 29 Mar: Archibald Gerard, Cote du Nord, with money for relief of Highlanders in distress.
- 3) 5 Jul: Copy of letter of Rev. William McIntosh accepting land in Moidart in lieu of money left by the late Glenaladale.
- 4) 21 Aug: Rev. D. MacPherson, Blairs, with remarks about students MacIntosh, Reid & J. MacDonald.
- 5) 29 Aug: Eneas Ranald MacDonell to Rev. Wm. McIntosh, concerning land belonging to the Lochsheil estate.

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- 6) 17 Jan: Rev. J. Chisholm, South Uist. Report on the Isles missions. About 1,000 from Uist and 400 from Barra have emigrated to Canada last year. They need a priest.

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1852

- 7) 13 Jan: Rev. D. MacDonald writes of the decline in population in Barra.
- 8) 4 Mar: Rev. R. Rankin, Moidart, Emigrations from Moidart and Arisaig. Rankin begs leave to go with them to Australia.
- 9) 9 Nov: Circular letter of Bishop Smith, instituting the "Cathedraticum"

1853

- 10) 9 Aug: Petition on behalf of Scots emigrants in Melbourne, Australia, (about 1,000 in all) for a priest to be sent out who knew Gaelic - preferably Rev. R. Rankin. Contains over 100 names of petitioners.

1854

- 11) 25 Sept: Letter from Propaganda about ^{Rev.} Dugald MacDonald, ~~student~~ ^{former student} of Propaganda.
- 12) 5 Oct: Bishop Kyle: Fr. McKenzie is to serve Fort Augustus meantime.
- 13) 15 Nov: Letter from Propaganda about ^{Rev.} Dugald MacDonald. It had been suggested that he should go to Australia, but this has to be dropped because of his health.

1855

Nil.

1856

- 14) 15 Apr: Testimonial letter from Propaganda concerning David MacDonald.
- 15) 3 Sept: Bishop Murdoch acknowledges £600 donation from Mrs. MacDonald, Arisaig, as a fund for clothing Highland students in Blairs.
- 16) 11 Jul: 7 Sept: Two letters that refer to Rev. Dugald MacDonald, former student of Propaganda College. (apparently in trouble)
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1858 - 1863.

1. Bp Alex Smith: circular on priests' vacations, printed,
7 June 1858
2. Alex Campbell, St Michaels, Ft. Bp Purdoch: finances, 14 Aug 1858
3. A Mac Donald, Sheriff substitute, Stornoway to same:
complaining about Fr Neil Mac Donald, 13 Sept 1858
4. D. Mackay, N Morar to same: Sandaig chapel, 8 Nov 1858
5. Henry E. Casey, Islay to same: religious destitution of Islay,
23 Nov 1858
6. Same to same: deplorable state of religion, 6 Dec 1858
7. Neil Mac Donald, Drimin. [to same]: The laird's complaints,
3 Jan 1859.
8. Norman Mac Pherson to Bp Purdoch giving copies of his
correspondence with Mr Gillis, 1860
- ⑩ Norman Mac Pherson and Mr Gillis: copy of correspondence, 1863
9. A. L. Mac Donald, Stornoway: part of letter expressing
dissatisfaction with the priest, Neil Mac Donald,
3 March 1862.