

Highland Polkas (from previous page): four altogether all *puirt à beul* tunes, which I jotted down from hearing them sung about thirty years ago. A North-East variant of no.3 was published by William Christie of Cuminestown with the title “It’s nae aye for want o’ health the ladies gang to Pannanich” in his *Collection of Strathspeys, Reels, Hornpipes etc.* of 1820. Pannanich Wells were mineral springs two miles east of Ballater on Deeside.



Alltnacailleach and Ben Hope - This lovely place was the home of the poet Rob Donn (1714-78) whose verses celebrated the beauty of Isabel Mackay who also gave her name to a famous piobaireachd. She was daughter of Iain Mac Eachainn, tacksman of Strathmore, himself commemorated in one of the finest pieces of light music for the pipe, “John son of Hector’s Big Reel”