## Victoria Hornpipe



*Victoria Hornpipe:* seems to have been first published by K. N. MacDonald in the *Skye Collection* (Edinr., 1887), and has not, so far as I am aware, been set for the pipes before.

BALMORAL – CLOSING ASSEMBLY.- on Tuesday evening week, Mr and Mrs [James Scott] Skinner, teachers of music and dancing, who have been teaching a class in the Iron Ballroom here...held their pupils' closing assembly with great *eclat*. The proceedings opened with the "Grand Processional Entrée," Chorus, and "Reel o' Thuilleachan," in which all present joined...The most attractive of the "Contre danses," was "Long Live the Queen," the pupils singing as they danced, "God Bless the Prince of Wales"...specially arranged by Mr and Mrs S... Mr J. Skinner, ably assisted by his brother, Mr A. F. Skinner, late of the 79<sup>th</sup> Highlanders; Willie Blair and son, reel players to the Queen and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; Mr Thomson, Balmoral, on the Violincello, supplied the music during the evening, relieved at intervals by Mr Ross, piper to the late Dowager Duchess of Sutherland, and Mr William McHardy, piper to the Ballater Rifle Volunteers. The music has seldom or never been equalled in the North of Scotland. On all such occasions, the health of the Queen and the Royal Family were drunk with Highland honours.—*Aberdeen Free Press*