

# Glasgow Bankers' Debating and Literary Society

## Overview

The evidence for this society comes from the 'Preface' to William Graham's *Deirdre: A Scoto-Irish Romance of the First Century A.D.* (1908), which states:

'The larger portion of the following compilation was read to the Glasgow Bankers' Debating and Literary Society in December last, and has been allowed to retain much of its original form, with the addition of some explanatory notes, where these seemed necessary.'

In the copy housed in the Mitchell Library, Glasgow, there's a handwritten note pasted in from Graham to C. S. Romaines [?], 1911, which was sent with the book: he says the material in the book was 'read to the newly formed Glasgow Bankers Literary Association as a kind of simple object lesson, of how they might employ themselves when off on holiday in taking an interest in the things around them' [because the book traces the landscape etc of this Irish legend in Scotland].

## Date of Existence

1907 or 1908-?

## Source of Information

William Graham, *Deirdre: A Scoto-Irish Romance of the First Century A.D.* (Edinburgh: J. Gardner Hitt, 1908)

## Repository

Mitchell Library, Scottish Poetry Library

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## Additional Notes

The information on this society has been kindly provided by Kirstie Blair (University of

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