

## Sgoiltean ann an Scadabhagh

**Eist** ri Coinneach Alasdair Choinnich agus e ag innse mar a bhathar a' tairgsinn foghlaim ann an linn athair agus roimhe, anns a' bhaile aige fhèin.

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Be a' chiad sgoil ann an Scadabhagh sgoil a chuir Iain Caimbeul air dòigh dhan teaghlach aige fhèin, ach dh' fhaodar gu robh balaich eile a' faighinn an cothrom a dhol innte cuideachd. Se sgilean mara a bha gan teagasg innte, rud a bha gu math deatamach dhaibhsan a bha a' dol a thoirt am beòshlainnt bho bhith seòladh. Bha am maighstir-sgoile a' fuireach còmhla ri teaghlach Iain.

Chaidh Comann Bhan Dhun Eideann a' stèidheachadh as a' bhliadhna 1850 airson taic a chuir ri obair sgoiltean na h-Eaglaise Saora air a' Ghaidhealtachd. Chuir iad an taic ri "Sgoil nan Leadaidhean" ann an Sgadabhagh, a bha air a togail ri taobh Loch na Linne. Bha an ceangal seo leis an Eaglais a' ciallachadh gu robh earrainn mhath de na sgoilearan a' dol a-steach airson na h-Eaglaise. Bha "bursaries" mu choinneamh a leithid, gu h-àraidh dha na sgoilearan bu chomasaiche. Chan fheumadh a' chlann an sgoil a fhrithealadh aig an àm seo, a-rèir lagh, agus mar sin bha cuid le foghlaim ann an teaghlach agus cuid, as an aon teaghlach, nach b' urrainn an ainm a sgrìobhadh. Bhiodh an Eaglais a' cuir oileanaich mar luchd-teagaisg dha na sgoiltean thar mhìosan an t-samhraidh. As an taigh-sgoile ann an Sgadabhagh bhiodh an tidsear a' cadal ann an rùm aig aon cheann agus bha an seòmar-teagaisg as a' cheann eile. Be tughadh a bha air mullach an taigh-sgoile agus b' ann air muinntir an àite fhèin a bha uallach an tughadh a chumail air an togalach.

Aig deireadh an 19mh linn chaidh sgoil a thogail ann an Drinisiadar a' fhrithealadh air clann-sgoile bho Scadabhagh gu Miabhag. Chaidh frith-rathad fhosgladh suas airson siubhal a dhèanamh nas fhasa agus bha e a-nis mar lagh gu feumar clann bho aois còig bliadhna a dhol dhan sgoil.

## Schools in Scadabay

**Audio** of Kenneth Campbell telling about the education that was available in Scadabay in his father's time and earlier.

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The first school in Scadabay was set up by Iain Campbell to teach his sons navigation. Other boys may also have been given the opportunity to attend. These skills were very important to a family making their living from the sea. Their teacher lived along with the family in Iain's house.

The Ladies' Association of Edinburgh was established in 1850. It supported the work of the Free Church schools in the Highlands, one of which was "The Ladies' School" in Scadabay. Little remains of the school which was situated by Loch na Linne in the "Creag" area. This connection with the Church resulted in many of the ablest pupils progressing further with their

education and finding a vocation within the Church. School attendance wasn't compulsory at that time. This meant that there were some families where one person had a good education and another may have been incapable of writing their name. The Church sent students to the schools to teach the pupils during the summer months. They returned to their studies during the winter. The schoolhouse in Scadabay had two rooms; one for the teacher to sleep in, the other room was the classroom. The schoolhouse was thatched and the village took responsibility for keeping it maintained.

By the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Drinishader School had been built to cater for all the children between Scadabay and Miavag. Footpaths were opened up to help make it accessible and it was now a legal requirement to attend school from 5 years of age.