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A long and fascinating conversation, but it was impossible to note most of it. I did, however, clear up some family history.

Mr MacLennan's father's father, Duncan MacLennan, came from Garioch. He married a Catherine MacLennan from Glengarry. The two granduncles mentioned on p. 36 of his book as having taught Mr MacLennan's brother William the Duple Dance were Catherine's younger brothers. Mr MacLennan's father was born in 1831, so that Catherine must have been born before 1824. Mr MacLennan himself never knew these granduncles, and his only knowledge of their dancing came to him through William.

The granduncle from Glen Urquhart mentioned on p. 26 of Mr MacLennan's book was on his mother's side. He was a son of Donald Scott, and was born in 1804.

I asked Mr MacLennan about the Duple Dance which William learnt from his granduncles. There was much more acting in it than in Mrs MacNab's dance. The steps were very rough, and there were no recognisable steps such as pas de Basque or Hightails.

The only other thing I noted was that in the chassé (step, close, step, lift), the steps on counts 1 and 3 were equal in length.