

Horace Courtenay, 19th Lord Forbes

CHAPTER XX.

HORACE COURTENAY, 20TH LORD FORBES.

HORACE Courtenay Gammell, who succeeded as 19th Lord Forbes, the number of title being changed in 1907 to 20th Lord Forbes.

Born, February 24th, 1829. Succeeded, May 1st, 1868. Died, June 24th, 1914.

He was the third son of his father, Walter, the 18th (19th) Lord Forbes, but the eldest son, Walter, died as a child, and the second son, who was born two days before the death of the first, also died, three years after his father succeeded to the title.

Horace Courtenay matriculated at Oriel College, Oxford, a month before he became Master of Forbes. He took his B.A. degree in 1849 and his M.A. in 1851.

Four years later he was appointed a Fellow and Assistant Master at Radley College, Berks, where he remained six years. He became a J.P. and D.L. for Aberdeenshire.

Like his father, he was a munificent benefactor of the Scottish Episcopal Church, and was President of the Scottish Church Union. He gave a sum of £5,000 to found a Prebendal stall in Perth Cathedral in 1888.¹

He was a representative Peer for Scotland from 1874 to 1906. He was unmarried, and dying at the age of 85 on June 24th, 1914, had held the title for 46 years. After he had been known for nearly 40 years as the 19th Lord Forbes, his title was (as already shown) changed in 1907 to that of 20th Baron, and his brother succeeded as 21st.

¹ Lord Forbes built, in memory of Bishop Forbes of Brechin, his cousin (see page 305) an Episcopal Church of Aberdeen granite at Tarfside, in Glenesk, Forfar, to replace one burnt down after the '45, and only temporarily rebuilt; this church, dedicated to St. Drostan, still serves a small congregation. He also supported the Church of St. Salvador at Dundee.