

APPENDIX.

THE CANTIRE LIFE-BOAT. (Vol. I. p. 93.)

EXTRACT from the Report of the Committee of the Royal National Life-Boat Institution:—

Thursday, 1st November, 1860. CAPTAIN SIR EDWARD PERROTT, Bart., *V.P.*, in the Chair.

Read and approved the Minutes of the previous Meeting, and those of the Finance, Correspondence, and Wreck and Reward Sub-Committees.

Read letter from LOCKHART THOMSON, Esq., of Edinburgh, stating that Lady Murray had decided to present to the Institution the cost of a life-boat establishment—the same not to exceed in amount 520*l.* Her ladyship wished the boat to be stationed on the Mull of Cantyre, or some other part of the west coast of Scotland, and to be called, after her late husband, Lord Murray.—*To be thanked.*

Also from the DUKE OF ARGYLL, of the 30th October, expressing his admiration of the generous gift of Lady M., and approving of the establishment of the life-boat on the Mull of Cantyre, where he believed one was much needed.—*To be acknowledged.*

Also from Messrs. WATSON, JUN., and Co., agents for Lloyd's

at Campbeltown, of 21st October, stating that Lady M.'s munificence had made much impression on the public mind in that locality, and that every one looked on her generous intentions with feelings of deep gratitude. — *To be acknowledged.*

Also from Captain WARD, R.N., Inspector of Life-boats to the Institution, stating that he had recently visited Cantyre, and that he was of opinion that a life-boat would be of great service on that peninsula ; for sundry reasons he recommended that the boat-house should be built at Campbeltown, whence, being a central position, the boat on her carriage might be transported to various parts of the coast.

Decided : That a life-boat station be formed forthwith on Cantyre.

From a recent statement (June 1861) it appears that the greatest loss of life from shipwreck, of late years, on the British coast, has been in the district from Lambay Island (north of Dublin Bay) to the Mull of Cantire, and the Skerries, where 1456 lives have been lost during the last eleven years.