

OATMEAL and BEANS, the Produce of the County, Grop 1896.		THE MANSION-HOUSE OF DUNAIN PARK	The second s	EXCHANGE, INVERNESS	FANCY GOODS,
H. C. MACANDREW, Sheriff-Clerk of Inverness-shire.	UPSET PRICE, £1000. U. The SHOP and DWELLING-HOUSES at the	(About Two Miles from Inverness, and on this side of the	IMMENSE STOCK OF CYCLEALITIES	INVERNESS.	FOR UNRESERVED DISPOSAL
		Dunain Racecourse),			the second s
Inverness, 16th February, 1897.	pied by JOHN HEPBURN, Baker, and others, are new and	On WEDNESDAY, 3rd MARCH, at 11 A.M. prompt.	In all the Latest Styles.		at Prices cut down to almost vanishing point.
THE REPORT OF THE PROPERTY OF	substantial, and form a desirable subject for investment. The Subjects are held under a long lease, which does not	and the second	Enamelling in any Colour done on the Premises.	TEETH. TEETH.	He is enabled to do this on account of the
RIENNIAL ELECTION OF A SCHOOL	expire until 1976, and the annual rent payable therefor is	MESSRS NOBLE & DREGHORN, favoured with instruc-	· REPAIRS A SPECIALITY.	and a second sec	loss occasioned by the fire having been more
BOARD.	16s 9d. The Subjects are Let under Yearly tenancies,	tions, will Sell the Entire FURNISHINGS of above	REPAIRS A SPECIALITY.	FINEST ARTIFICIAL TEETH.	or less compensated by the Insurance Com-
	and the total annual rent amounts to £56 6s. UPSET PRICE, £650.	MANSION-HOUSE, consisting of- HALL.—Hat and Umbrella Stand, 3 Carved Hall Chairs,	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	and the second se	panies.
SCHOOL BOARD OF BUR H OF INVERNES 3.	For further particulars apply to S. MACDONALD, Banker,	Hall Table, Hall Press, Stove, Barometer, Brass Bell, Boot		E. BALLANTYNE	A large portion of the General Stock in
	Beauly, or to JOHN MACKENZIE, Solicitor, Commercial	Jack, Door Scraper, Carved Brackets, Large Flower Pots	JOHN . CHISHOLM,	(Principal Assistant for over Thirteen Years with the late	the Warehouse was slightly soiled by satura-
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT	Beauly, or to JOHN MACKENZIE, Solicitor, Commercial Bank, Inverness, in the latter of whose hands are the	and China Vases, Bronze Candlesticks, Stair Carpet and	FALCON OVCLE DEDOM	Mr W. GRANT),	tion with water and smoke, but the greater
		Rods, Placques, &c., &c.	FALCON CYCLE DEPOT,		portion was saved uninjured
Burgh will take place on the 18th day of March, 1897.		DRAWING-ROOM.—Very Fine Inlaid Marqueterie Gabinet, Small Inlaid Cabinet, 2 Lounge Couches, Lounge Easy	8 ACADEMY STREET,	55—ACADEMY STREET—55	por tron was saved annighted
2. The number of persons to be elected as members of the School Board is Nine.	NDIGENT GENTLEWOMEN'S FUND	Chairs, and a number of Occasional Chairs and Tables,	INVERNESS.	Teeth Stopped and Carefully Extracted.	Notwithstanding this the
3. Every person of lawful age, and not subject to any	(Supported by Voluntary Contributions).	Footstools, Ottomans, &c. Also a very fine Lot of Engrav-	at the second of the second se	First-class Workmanship and Moderate Charges.	WHOLE VALUABLE STOCK
legal incapacity, whose name is entered on the latest Valuation Roll for this Burgh, made up and completed		ings and Oil Paintings, and Paintings on China, and 2 Large and Rare Chinese Vases, and 2 Parian Busts,			I THORE THIOADIM STOOR
not less than one month prior to the Election, as owner or	At the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the COM- MITTEE of MANAGEMENT held THIS DAY-the Rev.	"Clytic and Apollo," and Green and Gold and Clear Glass Lustres, and 2 Pariau G.oups; also a number of	"CHISHOLM, IRONMONGER." at 3 P.M.	STEAMER NOTICES.	WILL BE
occupier of lands or heritages within the Burgh, of the	ANDREW THOMSON, D.D., in the Chair-the names of	Glass Lustres, and 2 Pariau Groups; also a number of		STEAMER MULTUES.	OFFERED AT PRICES NEVER BEFORE HEARD OF
annual value of not less than Four Pounds, is entitled to vote in the Election.	FIFTY-ONE APPLICANTS were placed on the Roll of	very fine Ornaments, and 1 Overmantel of exceptionally fine design and 1 Piano and Piano-Stool : also Carpet and	HE Dairy Date is on each Cask con-		FOR SUCH HIGH-CLASS GOODS.
4. Any five Electors may nominate any person being	Annuitants. On and after MONDAV, 15th March, Annuitants residing	Rugs, Skins, Fender and File Hons, Coal rase, Window	taining the PASTURE CREAM BUTTER.	A DDITIONAL STEAM	
of lawful age, and not subject to any legal incapacity, as	in or near Edinburgh may obtain payment on application	Poles and Curtains, &c.	Canning out TANYONS ONEAM BUILEN.	COMMUNICATION	and the second
a Candidate, by sending to, or delivering at, the Office of the Subscriber, 42 Union Street, Inverness, a Nomination	to the Secretary, at this Office, between the hours of 11	LIBRARY		BETWEEN	GIGANTIC BARGAINS
Paper. The Nomination Paper must be dated and sub-	and 3. The other Annuities will be paid, as usual, through Local Clergymen.	Chairs, Centre Table and Occasional Tables, Overmantel,	MONEY.	LEITH, ABERDEEN, AND INVERNES	will be the rule, and it is not too much to say
scribed by the five Electors, and must contain the	Rev. JAMES BLACK, D.D., and Rev. ANDREW	Carpet and Rug, Fender and Fire-irons, Curtains, Engrav-		AND MORAY FIRTH PORTS	that anyone who misses purchasing during
Christian Names, Surnames, Places of Abode, and Designa- tions of the Subscribers, and of the Candidates nominated.	THOMSON, D.D., who retire by rotation, were re-elected	ings, &c., &c.	CIEND, £500 and Smaller Sums on Best	TWICE-A-WEEK SERVICE	this
No Nomination Paper will be received after S P.M. of	Members of the Committee of Management; and Messrs JOHN GUMPRECHT and PETER GARDNER, W.S., both	DINING ROOM1 Sideboard, Suite in Leather, consisting of Couch, 2 Easy Chairs, and 10 Single Chairs, 1 Telescope	Heritable Security. Apply to Mr CORNER, 39		GREAT SALVAGE SALE
the 3rd day of March, 1897.	of Glasgow, were elected Members in room of James	Table with three Leaves; also Leaf Holder, Overmantel,	Bridge Street.	The Swift Screw Steamers "EARN-	
5. Public notice will be given of the list of Candidates on or before the 6th day of March, 1897.	Campbell, Esq. of Tullichewan, and W. G. Blackie, Esq.,	Dinner Waggon, Oak Writing Table, and Occasional			will look back with regret on their not having
6. Any Candidate may be withdrawn by the delivery at	Ph.D., LL.D., who have resigned. The COMMITTEE stands as follows :	Tables, Carpet and Rug, Fender and Fire-irons, Curtains, Oil Paintings, Engravings, &c.		as under, weather, &c., permitting :-	done so.
the office of the Subscriber, 42 Union Street, Inverness,	The Rev. ANDREW THOMSON, D.D. (Broughton Place	BEDROOMSThe complete Furnishings of 10 Bedrooms,	16 NEW BRIDGE STREET, LONDON, E.C.	FROM LEITH TO INVERNESS.	TADAT DEDTATION
not later than 8 P.M. of the 9th day of March, of a notice of the withdrawal, signed by the Candidate, or by the	Church), 63 Northumberland Street, Edinburgh.	BEDROOMS.—The complete Furnishings of 10 Bedrooms, consisting of Mahogany and Brass and Iron Beds, Spring and Hair Mattresses, Feather Beds, Bolsters, and Pillows,	Shares £10, £25, £50, £100. Interest 4 per cent.	MONDAY, 1st Marchat 12 Night	LARGE REDUCTIONS !
five Electors by whom the Candidate was nominated, and	1 DZ BIACKEL PIACE, MAINDULPH	Blankats and Sheets de 'also large and small Ward-	Deposits received at One Month's Notice,	THURSDAY, 4th Marchat 2 P.M.	EVADAODDINIADT
addressed to the Returning Officer.	The Rev. ALEX. WHYTE, D.D. (St George's Free Church).	robes. Toilet Table and Marble-top Washstands,	Interest 3 per cent. Advances on freeholds or leaseholds.	MONDAY, 8th Marchat 4 P.M.	EXTRAORDINARY VALUE
7. The voting will take place in each Polling Division, and notice of the number and situation of the Polling	7 Unariotte Square, Edinburgh.	Commodes, Toilet Glasses, Bedroom Chairs, Bedroom	W. WALLACE COWDY, Secretary.	THURSDAY, 11th Marchat 6 P.M. And every Monday and Thursday thereafter	Thuman dented and The 11 1 1 D
				FROM ABERDEEN TO INVERNESS.	Unprecedented and Unparalleled Bargains
March, 1897. Each Voter must vote in the division in which the	The Rev. E. O. DAWSON (St Peter's Episcopal Church),	Fire-irons, Window Poles and Curtains, &c.	ESTABLISHED 1851.	TUESDAY, 2nd Marchat 12 Night.	in CÓLOURED and BLACK DRESS MATERIALS.
property in respect of which he is entitled to vote is	3 Ramsay Gardens, Edinburgh. The Rev. J. F. W. GRANT, M.A. (St. Stephen's Church),	MISCELLANEOUSThe Entire Furnishings of Kitchen, Scullery, and Pantries, including Dinner and Tea and	DIRKBECK BANK.	FRIDAY, 5th Marchat 2 P.M.	BIATEMALS.
broaddor direct is to broadde in more child one diribion, in	1 7 Royal Circus, Edinburgh,	Scullery, and Pantries, including Dinner and Tea and	Southampton Bldgs., London, W.C.	TUESDAY, 9th Marchat 3 P.M.	SILKS,
any one, but only in one, of the divisions in which he is situate.	JOHN KENNEDY, Esq., of Underwood, W.S., 71 Great	Breakfast Sets, and very fine Crystal, and a number of Lamps &c., &c Also 2 Cart Horses, 1 Set Phaeton Harness,	TWO-AND-A-HALF per CENI. INTEREST	And every Tuesday and Friday, calling at Cromarty	NILLIN,
8. The Poll will be open from 8 A M. to 8 P.M.	King Street, Edinburgh. WILLIAM ROBSON, Esq., S S.C., 8 George Street, Edin-	2 Sets Cari and Plough Harness, Spades, Shovels, Graips, and Hay Fork, 1 Turnip Slicer. and Quantity of Manure;	TWO-AND-A-HALF per CENI. INTEREST allowed on DEPOSITS, repayable on demand. TWO per CENT. on CURRENT ACCOUNTS,	and Invergordon (and at Buckie, Lossiemouth, and Burghead alternately).	· SATINS,
9. The voting shall be by Ballot.	burch.		on the minimum monthly balances, when not	FROM INVERNESS TO ABERDEEN AND LEITH (CALLING	WITTERN,
10. Each Voter shall have Nine Votes, all, or some of which he may distribute among the candidates as he	HENRY COOK, Esq., W.S., 61 Castle Street, Edinburgh. The Rev. JAMES BLACK, D.D. (Wellington Church), 13	also I Threshing Mill, Corn Chest, 1 Patent Straw Cutter, 1 Saek Lifter, 1 Grind-stone and Frame, Carpenter's	drawn below £100.	AT CROMARTY AND INVERGORDON).	AND VELVETS.
Sees no.	South Deals Manus as Hillbood Glaggoon		Stocks and SHARES purchased and sold.	MONDAY, 1st Marchat 8 Morn. THURSDAY, 4th Marchat 9 A.M.	
TAKE NOTICE, That all persons who are guilty of	The Rev. J. MARSHALL LANG, D.D. (Barony Church),	Drill Plough, Drill Harrow, 1 large Iron Boiler, 1 Set of	Small deposite received and Interest allowed	MONDAY, 8th Marchat 12 Noon.	FLANNELS, BLANKETS, and HOUSE-
bribery, treating, undue influence, personation, or other corrupt practices, at the said Election will, on conviction	5 Woodlands Terrace, Glasgow.	Iron Harrows, 3 Stacks of Oats, 1 large Stack of Hay, and a large quantity of Wire Fencing, 8 Iron Gates and 2 Stone	monthly on each completed £1.	THURSDAY, 11th Marchat 5 A.M.	HOLD DRAPERY.
of such offence, be liable to the penalties mentioned in	The very nev. Dean there connist charten, 2 secon	Fillars, 2 Acres or thereby of Growing Turnips ; also Box Mangle, Meat Safe, Dog Kennel, 100 Flower Pots, Hose	The BIRKBECK ALMANACK, with particu- lars, post free.	The Steamers have superior accommodation for Pas-	HOLD DRAFERI.
that behalf in the Corrupt Practices Prevention Acts 1854 to 1883, the Election (Scotland) (Corrupt and Illegal		Mangle, Meat Safe, Dog Kennel, 100 Flower Pots, Hose Reel, Garden Roller, and 3 Garden Seats.	FRANCIS RAVENSCROFT, Manager.	sengers and for Sheep, Cattle, and other Live Stocs. Goods are carried at Through Rates in connection with	COSTUMES
Practices) Act 1390, and the Acts amending the said Acts.		There will also be offered for Sale, PONY and TRAP and		London Newcastle and Hull and with Rotterdam.	
Dated this 26th day of February, 1897.	Sir JOHN NEILSON CUTHBERTSON, 29 Bath Street, Glasgow.	HARNESS—a very desirable Lot.	THE NORTH OF SCOTLAND	Hamburg, Copenhagen, and other Continental Steamers. For Rates of Freight and Fares, which are very mode-	FLANNELETTES,
ROD. SCOTT,	GEORGE SMITH, Esq., 45 West Nile Street, Glasgow,	TERMS-CASH.	ERITABLE INVESTMENT	rate, see Bills; and for other particulars apply to the	
Returning Officer.	JOHN GUMPRECHT, Esq., 8 Lynedoch Place, Glasgow.	R. NOBLE, Auctioneer. Brakes will leave the Auctioneer's Premises, Inglis	COM DANY	Agents at the various Ports, to	PRINTS, &c.
'42 Union Street, Inverness.	PETER GARDNER, Esq., W.S., 15 Atholl Gardens, Glasgow.	Street, from 10.10 A.M., for Dunain Park. Fare, 6d.		JAMES CROMBIE, Manager, Aberdeen,	and the second se
			OFFICE-No. 39 BRILGE STREET, INVERNESS.	or here to D. MACPHERSON, 15 Union Street.	In UMBRELLAS, LACES, GLOVES,
RAPERY APPRENTICE Wanted,	HAMILTON A. HOTSON, Esq. (Manager British Linen	a second s	LOANS GRANTED on HERITABLE PROPERTY and fer BUILDING PURPOSES, repayable by Instalments or		RIBBONS, HOSIERY, FURNISHINGS,
Street. Smart Youth. Apply J. FORBES, Draper, High	Company Bank, Edinburgh), Honorary Treasurer.	OUR MOTTO IS	l otherwise, as may be arranged.		CORSETS, &c.
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E WERS.—Wanted two Good MEN.	DECEMBER A 11 HOLLOWING THOLOWING DIDING	QUICK RETURNS AND	A PAYMENT of ONE SHILLING Weekly will entitle Investors to receive £50 at the expiry of Fourteen and	WESTERN ISLES AND	The Stock is supremely valuable, but
L. State Wages. Apply 584 Highland News Office, Stornoway.	the PAST YEAR :	GOIOR WHITOWNS AND	a-Half Years.	GLASGOW,	Prices have been cut down with unsparing hand.
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Inverness.		A DECEMBER OF		INVERNESS FOR FORT-AUGUSTUS.	
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OTEL, Searon Servanos Wanted. Apply, with references. Cook and Landrymaid in	1 1895, £254, and interest thereon at 4 p c.	Lall I O Ab a and I do U I I O L.	34 Old Bread Street, London, E.C.	FORT-AUGUSTUS FOR INVERNESS.	BOOTS, SHOES, AND SLIPPERS,
Hotel now; good wages. KEGISTRY, Young Street.			Accounts opened with any amount.	"LOCHNESS," Daily (ex. Sun.) at 6 A.M., arriving at Inver-	bools, shoes, and shirtens,
	Messrs Beveridge & Aitken, Writers, Kirkcaldy 324 1 3		and the second se	ness about 9.20 A.M.	- THE -
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personally or by letter to THE SINGER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Academy Street, Inverness.	Received per Messrs Curror, Cowper, &	DUICHES,	NO LOANS, DISCOUNTS, OR OVERDRAFTS.	GLASGOW TO INVERNESS Every Monday and Thurs-	Men's SHIRTS, HOSIERY, TIES, PORT-
Compart, Academy Soreet, Inverness.	Curror, W.S., further to account of one- third share of the Residue of the Estate	OTTERNUS OAME DINTDINGS	NO CHARGE FOR KEEPING ACCOUNTS.	day at 11 A.M. Train to Greenock, 340 P.M., from	MANTEAUS, BAGS, and all TRAVELLING
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4	DRAPERY BUSINESS including the STOCK-in-TRADE,	taxes and feu-duty applicable to the period, under settlement of the late Mrs	TACK'S Seven Blends Highland Whisky,	Assets £512,475 18 2		
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ARGYLLSHIRE SOCIETY.

We understand that at a meeting of the directors of this Society, held the other day, the circular issued by His Grace the Duke of Argyll, as Lord-Lieutenant of the county, regarding the commemoration of Her Majesty's diamond jubilee was submitted. The directors found that the constitution of the Society was such that the funds could not be voted for such an object. The proposal submitted by His Grace was that funds should be subscribed for the providing of nurses at various points throughout the county. We heard this proposal discussed among Argyllshire Highlanders the other evening, and doubt was expressed if as much would be got in response to the appeal now made by His Grace as would yield sufficient interest to maintain one nurse.

CLAN LAMONT.

As will be seen from a report which appears elsewhere, the bearers of this name have formed themselves into a Clan Society. It may interest some of our readers to know the Sept names which the Council are desirous of bringing under the wings of the clan, so we quote the following from a circular just issued by the hon. secretary, Rob. Lamond, 163 West George Street, Glasgow: -"The Council are desirous that all bearers of the Sept names-Bourdon, Lucas, Luke Limont, Limond, Lymont, Lemond, Meikle-ham, Meiklam, Patrick, Toward, Turner, and some families of Black, Brown, and White-should avail themselves of this opportunity of becoming acquaint with the THE parent clan."

'THE CLAN DONALD JOURNAL."

No. 1 of a new series has just made its appearance. It is more presentable looking than the previous series, but we think the title-plate might be improved considerably, while a cover would vastly improve the appearance of the journal. The contents are varied, and we hope the Committee in charge to learn the Society is working upward and onward.

'GLASGOW HIGHLANDERS."

A Company held their annual supper and distribution of prizes in Hamilton's Restaurant last Friday night. The officers of the Company --- Captain Reid and Lieutenant Kennedy-were supported by Colonel Ramsay, Major Johnston, Captains Mackenzie, Sillars, and Fleming, Lieutenants Murray, Menzies, and Henderson. There was a good turn-out of the members of the Company and friends. The prizes were distributed by Colonel Ramsay. The following were some of the principal prize-winners :-- Sergeant D. Todd, Lance-Corporal Thomson, Lance-Corporal Hannah, Sergeant Crawford, Sergeant Macdonald, and Corporal Maclean. The Section Cup was won by Sergeant Crawford's section. The Challenge Trophy, pre-sented by Captain Reid, and competed for this year for the first time, was won by Lance-Corporal Tomison. After a splendid supper, which did credit to Mr Hamilton's culinary abilities, Colonel Ramsay, in the course of his remarks, said that it was most likely that the regiment would camp at Aldershot this CEILIDH COMUNN GAIDHLIG ARDyear, and he pointed out to the men the great benefit to be derived from a week's training there. He advised every man who could possibly manage it to go. Captain Reid congratulated the Company on their efficiency, the drill and shooting for the past year showing a marked improvement on last year, but a' cheilidh fhosgladh agus gabhail ri mionhe urged the members to make a special aidean a' choinneimh roimhe, ghairm feareffort in recruiting and add another score or na-cathrach air Mr U. Macleoid gu oraid a so to the roll. A very enjoyable evening thoirt seachad. B'e an cuspair a roghnaich was afterwards spent.

FORTHCOMING GATHERING.

It is pleasing to learn that the concert The annual gathering of the Clan Ma ecently held under the auspices of this As- donald Society (Greenock Branch) is to take sociation in the Waterloo Rooms on behoof place on Friday evening next in the Temof the North Argyll Nursing Association has perance Institute under the presidency of Mr resulted in the handsome sum of twenty-one Alexander Macdonald, M.A., H.M.I.S. It guineas being added to the funds of this deserving institution. "Nithear carn mor de chlacha beaga." songs (Gaelic and English), choruses, dances,

CLAN COLQUHOUN.

addresses, and selections of pipe music by We understand this Clan Society is about the clan piper. The Glasgow Gaelic Musito issue a hand-book of the clan, with por-traits of leading clansmen, historic notes and to the programme, should themselves entraditions of the clan, as well as the constibe held in the Pillar Hall immediately after its members. All desirous of being made the concert. The proceeds are in aid of the tution and rules of the Society and a list of Necessitous Fund of the Society. members should apply at once to the secre-

tary, Mr N. C. Colquhon, 64 Couper Street, I.O.G.T .- "TIR NAM BEANN" LODGE. Glasgow, in order that their names may be included in the roll now being made up. The weekly meeting of this Lodge was well attended. The subject for the evening was Slave's "Illustrated Address" by Bro. Mar

EDINBURGH NOTES.

AN OLD PAROCHIAL OFFICIAL.

The death is announced in Edinburgh of Mr

Alexander F. Ross, principal assistant to the

Inspector of Poor of the Edinburgh Parish

Council. Mr Ross, who was a native of Alness,

Ross-shire, was one of the oldest Poor Law

officials in the country. He entered the ser-

vices of the St Cuthbert's Parochial Board in

1859 as principal assistant or law clerk, and on

the amalgamation of the city and St Cuthbert's

Boards, he was retained in the same position.

Mr Ross was greatly esteemed among his brother officials. In church matters the de-

ceased took a great interest. For thirty years

he was clerk to the Deacons' Court of St

Columba's Free Church, where he was also an

and he leaves a widow and five of a family.

REV. DR MACPHAIL.

SCOTTISH FAT STOCK CLUB SOCIETY

A meeting of this Society was held at 5 St

CLAN CAMERON. tin Campbell. Bro. Campbell being unable On Thursday evening of last week exto attend, the subject was taken up by the Provost John Cameron, Kirkintilloch, chief- Chief Templar, who delivered a lecture, 11 tain of the Clan Cameron Society, was enterhis own masterly style, which proved a very interesting one. The remainder of the even-ing was devoted to vocal and instrumental tained to dinner on the occasion of his completing twenty-five years' service as ward representative. There was a large and re-presentative meeting, and during the course of the evening Mr Cameron was presented with a piece of silver plate, bearing the fol-lowing incorning incorn with a piece of silver plate, bearing the lot and lowing inscription: — "Presented to John Cameron, Esq., of Meiklehill, by a number of the electors in the Third Ward, in recognition of twenty-five years' service to the community as representative of this Ward, as Commissioner, Convener of Committees, Junior Magistrate, and Provost. Kirkin-tilloch, Feb., 1897." We learn further that the Magistrates being the Committee delenition of twenty-five years' service to the the Magistrates, being the Committee dele-ing's entertainment terminated the proceed-

gated by the Burgh Commissioners to carry out the arrangements for entertaining ex-Provost Cameron to a public dinner on the occasion of his attaining his semi-jubilee as a Commissioner, met in the Town Clerk's office on Monday night. It was resolved to add to the Committee, and a number of local gentlemen have been asked to act as members. The function will probably take place in the last week of March, in the Drill Hall.

ST COLUMBA CHURCH.

The English choir connected with this church gave a concert in the Grand Hall, Waterloo Rooms, on Wednesday evening in honour of the semi-jubilee of their con-ductor, Mr R. S. Brough, as English choirmaster of St Columba Church. There was a good attendance, presided over by Rev. John Maclean, D.D., the pastor of the congregation. Short addresses were delivered by the Chairman and Dr R. Blair, Edinburgh, a former minister of St Columba Church, in which reference was made to Mr Brough's success as a teacher and conductor. The programme, which was varied and interesting, was well sustained.

CEILIDH NAN GAIDHEAL.

Andrew's Square on Wednesday for the pur-pose of receiving a report by the Provisional Aig coinneimh gnàthaichte a' chomuinn Committee with reference to the probable number of exhibitors, the guarantee fund, and the prizes. It was stated that the guarantee seo, ann an Talla na h-Aithne air feasgar Di-sathuirne seo 'chaidh, fhuaireas òraid air Bàird Thireadh bho Uilleam Mac Phàil. A' toiseachadh aig Iain Mac Illeathainn, a fund amounted to £600, which was £100 over an t-òraidich àireamh mór agus iomraiteach de bhàird Thireisteach gus an d' ràinig e bàrd "Céilidh nan Gàidheal." Sheinneadh Inverness Show had been fixed to be held samhlan de bhardachd nan Tireisteach ré na prior to the proposed show of the Club, which h-òraide, leis anòraidich e-fhéin, le Nial would enable stock to be exhibited in Edin-Caimbeul, agus le bean Dhonnachaidh burgh en route to Smithfield, London. It was Dhòmhnullaich air an còmhnadh aig an inneal-chùil le Ceit Dhòmhnullach.

moved by Mr Macdonald, of the Celtic Society,

and seconded by Mr Lowe, of the Caithness Society. An open discussion afterwards followed, in which members of both Societies joined. On a vote being taken, a majority of ten was cast in favour of the affirmative. The following motion will be discussed by the the Government is exercised more tyrannically

Government.'



THE GAELIC LANGUAGE.

Knowing that many of our readers, both here and in the Highlands, are deeply inter-ested in everything which tends to the advancement of the Gaelic language, we have much pleasure in drawing their attention to this month's "Northern Evangelist," which contains over a page of carefully-written idio-matic Gaelic. When the publication was first brought to our notice some months ago, its Gaelic page was anything but creditable to the Highland Capital, and was, in fact, as far as the language was concerned, in danger of doing more harm than good. It is, there-fore, all the more pleasing to observe from the number now before us that this department has been taken in hand by a Gaelic scholar who evidency has a sound knowledge of the language. The other contents of the magazine are varied and interesting.

A NOVEL WEDDING.

We wonder what would have been the thoughts of some of our good old friends in to the golf course. In other centres the existthe Highlands had they witnessed the scene in Leicester Square last Sunday. We can imagine much head-shaking and many re-into shape, but the approaches to the course marks in pitying tones as to the impossibility | might very well be looked after. The road was of any blessing attending a union solemnised in such a manner. The occasion was the side the Cemetery the roadway would bear wedding of Mr Achille de Gasperi and Miss E. Pappacena, which took place in the Roman Catholic Church in Leicester Place. The bride and bridegroom and about fifty guests started from the Comedy Restaurant, Haymarket, on bicycles, the two most interested the members of the Town Council should join parties riding side by side on a sociable bicycle. When the church ceremony was over, a procession was formed, the lead being taken by the newly-married pair, whose cycle was ornaelder, but on removing to the north side of the inentally decorated with bouquets. The routs chosen for the return ride was Piccadilly, St James's Street, Pall Mall, and Haymarket, back to the Comedy Restaurant, and the novel town a few years ago, he joined Free St Andrew's Church. He was 69 years of age, cortege attracted much attention as it passed of the Corporation to each scheme, and to add along these thoroughfares.

JOINT ASSOCIATIONS' CONCERT.

The Joint Committee of the London Caithness, Inverness-shire, Ross and Cromarty, and Town Council had in anything of that kind, Argyllshire Associations announce a concert to be held in the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday next. The programme is thoroughly taken. The Committee therefore came to the

CELTIC AND CAITHNESS STUDEN'TS. tion that they in Inverness meant to leave The Celtic and Caithness University Socie- no stone unturned to keep themselves up to ies met last Saturday for their annual joint full fighting strength-(applause).

debate, the subject being, "Are Colonies and Mr Macandie gave the toast of "The Dis-Advantage to the Mother Country?" Mr tillers' Association," to which Mr A. Cowan, Murray, of the Calumess Society, led for the affirmative, and was seconded by Mr Cameron, sociation" was given by Mr A. Macpherson. of the Celtic Society. An amendment was and Mr Urquhart (representing Messrs Salt & Co.) responded.

Various other toasts were proposed, among the speakers being Mr John Birnie, Mr John Clark, Mr D. M. Cameron, and others. The Hostess" was given by Mr Keeble, and Bailie Macallister replied on behalf of Miss -acallister. Musical selections were given Celtic Society to-night :-- "That the power of by Mr A. Watt and Mr Mackenzie, while songs were sung by a number of gentlemen. by Democracy than by any other form of The proceedings were of the most harmonious and pleasant character.

THE AMENITIES OF TAIN.

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS.

The Town Council of Tain were approached on Monday evening by a deputation of gentlemen resident in the town and neighbourhood on the question of improving the amenities of Tain. These gentlemen were, at a recentlyheld public meeting of the inhabitants, appointed a Committee to take such steps as should be deemed advisable in promoting the object in view, and the purpose of the interview with the Town Council was to bring the civic rulers along with the Committee in furthering the schemes which had found most favour.

Mr Macbean, Market Street, Convener of Amenities Committee, said Mr Mactavish would fully explain the several schemes which had come before a meeting of that Committee. There were several excellent schemes, and the one which he thought was worthy of the attention of the Council, and should be forwarded from a public point of view, was the approaches a public one as far as the Cemetery, but outconsiderable improvement for foot passengers. The Committee were anxious to have the Town Council act upon the sub-Committees which had been formed in connection with each scheme, and the Committee were anxious that them in forwarding the several schemes.

Mr Mactavish said that three schemes were particularly mentioned at the meeting of the Amenities Committee, and Committees formed to each Committee if considered by the Town Council, meantime deferring action until that meeting should take place. The Committee thought it right, as they knew the interest the to approach them and lay the schemes before them in the first place before any steps were in forwarding each scheme. At the public meeting it was resolved, first, to form an angling association, and, with that view, to approach the proprietors of Loch Eye to obtain their consent to stock the loch, and to let the right to fish on such terms as might be agreed upon; second, to use every endeavour to increase the membership of the Golf Club; third, to form a bowling club on the lines The first round was to have been played last already laid down by himself (Mr Mactavish). week, but, owing to the unfitness of the ground Over and above these, Mr Mactavish added. on account of the recent rains, it had to be they had resolved to urge the Town Council to preserve all the rights-of-way within the burgh boundaries, to plant trees, and to improve the approaches, foreshores, and the The members of this recently-formed as- Links-(applause). He also suggested a should give an annual donation of, say, £5 for five years. With that resolution at their backs they could canvass the town for every There has just died at Birmingham a rail. possible member, and endeavour to get them speaking bov of ability, however poor, and that in districts where Gaelic is the spoken language of the people, every child should be taught to read the Scriptures in the mother tongue. He has succeeded in obtaining these ends in spite of the opposition of the Education Department: and this has been followed by many advantages, even to the secular educa-tion of the children. To aid the accomplish-tion of the former, he started his well-known Grammar School bursaries scheme, which has When they accomplished that they might again consider the matter. We are very pleased to learn that Mr Mr Mactavish again addressed the meet-If the Town Council would give the ground it would very materially help them. They might then form a club-not an exclusive, but a popular club. Bailie Maitland expressed his hearty sym-IN THE LICENSED SPIRIT TRADE. pathy with all the schemes brought forward. He would join the golf club and the ang-About one hundred gentlemen dined to- ling association although he had no time for later replying on behalf of the Reserve Bailie Ross said that he was also glad to see the deputation, and that they had not brought forward too many schemes at

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A well-attended meeting of this Association was held at Govan on the afternoon of robh leithid eill Eoghain ri fhaotainn ann Saturday last—Mr Norman Maclean, vice-president, in the chair. Mr Kenneth Mac-leod, M.A., read an interesting and able Reading the second se paper on "Celtic Influence upon English fearrinn. B' iomadh strì agus tuasaid anns Literature." Mr Macleod illustrated the an robh e agus am bitheantas bha e a' faotmore important characteristics of English literature which were due wholly or in part an oraid aluinn le morthlac, agus thaisbean to Celtic influence, and expressed the opinion a' cheilidh an taingealachd do'n oraidiche gu that in the future this influence would be more active than in the past. Mr Macleod was cordially thanked for his paper. Among gheibhear oraid Ghaidhlig air "Eideadh nan

GAELIC CLASS CEILIDH.

Macfarlane, John Ross, and M. Macleod.

Last Saturday evening there was a large

Macleod read a monograph on Sir Ewen Cameron of Lochiel. He gave a long and thoirt dhaibhsan a tha a' deanadh an dichioll minute account of this distinguished chief ann a bhi ag ionnsachadh cànain "Tir nam of the Clan Cameron, as well as a resumé of Beann Gleann 's nan Gaisgeach," agus ' the various incidents in the history of the ann le bhi a' toirt misnich do na sgoilearan Highlands, which threw light on his martial a gabhas a' chanain cumail beo. Rinneadh career. He considered Sir Ewen the noblest ullachadh airson gum bi sàr-sheinneadairean of all the Scottish heroes of the seventeenth na Gaidhlig aig a' choinneamh so agus gu century. The paper was listened to with cinnteach 's fhiach do na h-uile a tha bàighmarked attention, and frequently applauded. eil ris a' chanain tighinn ann. The usual votes of thanks were accorded.

GAELIC EXAMINATION.

The Gaelic class in the High School was examined on Thursday evening of last week. Twenty submitted themselves for examina-tion. We hope next week to give the results of that examination.

PROSPECTIVE MEETINGS.

The annual social meeting of the Ceilidh takes place in the Sauchiehall Rooms on Friday first, 5th inst., under the presidency of Mr Duncan Reid. The meeting will take the form of a concert. The programme, which contains Gaelic and English songs, will be sustained by members of the class.

WEST COAST MISSION.

The forty-first annual meeting of the West the front of the platform was artistically Coast Mission was held on Tuesday in the set off with mirrors and sateen festoons. The Religious Institution Rooms - Rev. Dr same firm supplied a very fine dancing cloth, Religious Institution Rooms — Rev. Dr James Black presiding. There were also present—Revs. James Brown, M.A.; Thos. Somerville, John Hall, William M. Paton, Charles Macewing, and T. Adamson, and Captain Hatfield. The Chairman said the report of the mission for the past year was exceedingly gratifying. The ordinary in-come had been well maintained, and legacies amounting to £540 had also been received. For the galleries, carried out under the of Writers, an office which he held with the amounting to £540 had also been received. The platform, which received spectral acter to platform, which received spectral acter and his sound and extensive knowledge of the bound and extensive here accellent qualities he owed this promotion to the Presidency of the Society the bound acter to to consider an application of Writers, an office which he held with the the bound acter the bas also held the spectral acter to the bound acter The work as carried on by the agents was superintendence of Messrs Laurie and Flem- utmost adceptance. He has also held the being attended with much blessing, and ing. A great number of officers, non-comcopies of the Holy Scriptures were given to missioned officers and men of the battalion persons who were without them. Christian were present, besides representatives of the literature was also distributed, and occasion- same ranks from various Volunteer corps in ally suitable tracts had been translated into the district and from H.M.S. "Benjow" Gaelic, and the last, entitled "Come to (Clyde guardship). Among these were :---Jesus," which set forth in an able manner Brigadier-General Sir Donald Matheson, the way of salvation, had been widely K.C.B.; Major W. W. B. Roger and offi-spread and had been much blessed. The cers Clyde V.D.R.E. (sub-marine miners): more he knew about the work of the mission Col. Denny and officers, 1st D.R.V.; Col. Sir and the benefits it was conferring upon so Thomas Glen Coats and officers, 2nd V.B. many old and sick persons in the Western Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; Colonel Islands, the more did his interest grow and Malcolm and officers, 5th V.B. Argyll and the more did he feel that it deserved the con- Sutherland Highlanders; Colonei Duncan tinued and liberal support of all who desired and officers, 1st R. and D. V.A.; Captain the spiritual welfare of our countrymen in Rooke and officers, H.M.S. "Benbow," and these outlying parts, where so many but for this mission would be left without the mini-strations of religion—(applause). Mr Camp-bell, treasurer, reported that the total in-bell, treasurer, reported that the total income amounted to £2145 6s 4d, and that eight o'clock the scene presented in the hall there was in the bank £423. The Chairman was a most gay and lively one. A long proexplained that there was a very large bal- gramme of dances was gone through, which

Dh-éisdeadh ris an òraid le mór-thaitneas, labhradh air gu fàbhorach, agus nochd a' chuideachd an taing gu cridheil.

Gheibhear òraid aig a' Chéilidh, an nochd option. air "Gnèithean Shluaigh an t-Saoghail." 'S e Iain Mac-fir-na-Brataich is Oradaiche.

SGOIL GHLASCHO.

Bha cuideachd mhor air chéilidh anns an aite ghnàthaichte, 70 Sraid Bhothwell, air feas~ar Dhi-Sathuirne so chaidh. Bha Mr D. Macillernaidh anns a' chathair. An deigh am fear-labhairt Eoghan Camshron, Lochiall. Thug e eachdraidh mhionaidich air an duin ainmeil so bho a bha e na bhalachan beag aon neach. Thubhairt an t-òraidiche nach public recognition. Mr Macphail's two objects have been to secure that a way should be cridheil. An deigh na h-oraide fhuaradh orain agus leughaidhean. Air an fheasgar sc those who took part in the discussion were Messrs Angus and Donald Morrison, F. draidiche. Bithidh coinneamh caidreach na òraidiche. Bithidh coinneamh caidreach n ceilidh 's na Sgoil Ghàidhlig air a ghleidhei air feasgar Dhi-h-aoine an còigeamh latha de 'n ath mhios, agus tha dòchas aig a Chomunn riaghlaidh gu'm bi càirdean na attendance at the Ceilidh under the presi-dency of Mr Duncan Reid, when Mr Hugh agus gun dean aid oidheirp air a bhi a proved such an unqualified success. For these and other services he was appointed a director of the Trust for Education in the Highlands, lathair an oidhche sin, airson misnich a

> "Dùisg suas a Ghaidhlig 's tog do ghuth Na biodh ort geilt no sgaig, Tha ciadan mile dileas dhuit

Nach diòbair thu 's a bhlàr.'



REGIMENTAL BALL.

The annual regimental ball of the 1st (Renfrew) Volunteer Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, under the command of Colonel William Lamont, took place in Greenock Town Hall on Friday last, when over 200 couples assembled. The large hall, which was finely decorated for the occasion, presented a most striking appearance. The pillars were tastefully draped with lace cur-tains by Messrs J. G. Rowan & Co., Cathcart Square, under whose supervision also

Hedderwick, M.P., will preside. also stated that Mr J. Thorley, London, had promised to contribute prizes of £15, subject

Among the applicants for colleagues which

CAMANACHD CLUB. Five teams, each consisting of six players, to specified conditions, and that he was also have entered for the annual tournament, their willing to give a champion cup, which it was respective captains being Mr Ian Mackenzie, left to the Society to accept at their own Mr Alex. Davidson, Mr George Mackenzie, option. Mr D. Themson, and Mr Alex. Macdonald.

postponed until to-day. were considered at the meeting of the Edinburgh Free Church Presbytery on Wednesday GAELIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

was one by the Rev. Dr Macphail, of Pilrig Church. Commissioners were heard in support of the application, it being stated that the stipend proposed for the senior minister was istence as an organised body by doing some Mr Finlayson, Royal Hotel, as convener stipend proposed for the senior minister was istence as an organised body by doing some £275, and for the junor minister, £250 and the practical and useful work. They have be-manse. The application was unanimously gun well by organising a deputation to conagreed to by the Presbytery. Dr Macphail was educated at Edinburgh University. He had a distinguished under-graduate career, had a distinguished under-graduate career, particularly in philosophy, being one of Sir With the Secretary for Scotland upon the they were all willing to join the proposed angling association. Many others besides the proprietors of Loch Eye were willing to join, and they meant to make a fair experi-William Hamilton's best students. Very early Several of the best known Gaelic-speaking ment the first year. gus an deachaidh e do'n uaigh, a's nach pill aon neach. Thubhairt an t-òraidiche nach Scottish antiquities, especially ecclesiastical, themselves with the Society, and will accom-of the golf sub-committee, supported Mr and worked for a series of years with Cosmo pany the President (the Marquis of Tulli- Macbean in urging the Council to improve Innes. Dr Macphail is a specialist and an hardine) and the other officials to the Scotch the approaches to the golf course and the authority in that department. But it is above Office on Saturday. We wish the deputation whole town. He proposed that the Council all as a Highland educationist that he merits every success.

BORN ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

opened to the Universities to every Gaelicspeaking boy of ability, however poor, and way guard named Donald Mackenzie, who boy of ability and the same period.

MR DONALD MACGILLIVRAY.

of which, since its formation, he has been one Donald Macgillivray, honorary secretary of ing, and read the constitution drawn up by the Highland Athletic Club, has so far improved in health as to be able to return to guinea with a view to starting a bowling the city and again take up the appointment club some time ago. They wished to get which he was compelled to resign last ground for a green near at hand, and they autumn. Mr Macgillivray will not for some hoped to get it from the Town Council, and held its annual dinner last week under the presidency of Lord Lovat, numbers amongst Highland affairs as he was wont to do, but his many friends will be glad to hear that double or treble the sums already subscribed, Edinburgh. Among these are Mr Alexander he has made such good progress towards because a good green would cost about £100. complete recovery.



gether in the Imperial Hotel on Thursday either, but he could affor some time for evening to celebrate the annual re-union of be a little more selfish-(laughter)-with the members of the wine, spirit, and beer that club. He hoped that not only three trade of Inverness-shire. Mr J. L. Guild, but more schemes would be brought forpresident of the Association, occupied the ward, and he suggested the formation of a held the office of Solicitor-General for Scotland. For the last quarter of a century he has taken and Mr John Birnie, Glenmore Distillery. in hearty sympathy with all the schemes, Ex-Bailie Macallister provided an excellent and he hoped the members of Council would dinner. The loyal and patriotic toasts were all join the angling association, the golf club, given from the chair, Captain A. K. Find- and the bowling club. Forces.

In proposing the "Scottish Licensed Trade once. Defence Association," the Chairman referred

to the Government Commission on the Licensing Question presently sitting in Lon- A meeting of the Lochcarron F.C. congrega-

PLOCKTON - REFUSING A COLLEAGUE.-

W.S., Deputy Keeper of the Signet. Mr GREENOCK NOTES.

Asher studied at the Academy in the ancient Calledral City of Ligin, and also at the University of Aberdeen, at both of which he showed the highest promise of a-brilliand future. He afterwards studied law in the

University of Edinburgh, gaining high distinction in all his classes, He was a very active and conspicuous member of the Diag-

nostic and Speculative Debating Societies. He was called to the Scottish Bar in 1861, where

his admirable education has borne the fruit of a most distinguished "forensic" career. For a considerable period he has represented the Elgin Burghs in Parliament, and for a time chair, and the duties of croupiers were ful- bathing club. It could be done cheaply. For the last quarter of a century he has taken

a prominent part in almost every "cause celebre" which has been tried in the Scottish

MR LOGAN, W.S.

Supreme Courts.

Mr Charles B. Logan was educated at Edinburgh University. As a student in the University he was specially distinguished in Mathematics. All through his professional career he was noted for his industry and ability

INVERNESS CLUB. The Inverness, Ross, and Nairn Club, which Asher, Q.C., M.P., and Mr Charles B. Logan.

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ance at the close of the year, but it was was kept up with much spirit till well on necessary to know that balance would be in the morning. The festival was as enjoyvery soon exhausted in payments of the sal-aries of the agents. The report would be in charge are to be congratulated on the satheld as read, as friends would soon have an isfactory manner in which all the arrangeopportunity of reading it-(applause). On ments were carried out.

the motion of the Rev. T. Somerville, seconthe motion of the Rev. T. Somerville, secon-ded by Rev. John Hall, the claims of the and Bronchitis. Of Chemists only. Colds, Asthma, mission were commended to the sympathy and support of all Christians. and support of all Christians.

offices of Fiscal and of Crown Agent for Scotland. In the political arena he has also shown a wide and accurate knowledge of public were improvements they would be cordially tice he has no. neglected the scientific side of his profession, for nearly thirty years ago,

at the request of the Juridical Society, he prepared (though he was prevented from deliver- tain the license-holders would defend their ing) a course of lectures on the mysteries of position to the last extremity, and spend the Finance Committee of the Dingwall Town Conveyancing, which was to have been de-livered in a course similar to that in they might retain their property intact— Council was held on Thursday evening— Treasurer Colonel Ross presiding. It was

Edinburgh University in April, 1894.

CELTIC UNION.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Celtic Union was held on Tuesday evening last in the rooms 23 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, There was a large attendance. The speaker of the evening was Sheriff Æneas J. G. Mac-kay, who selected for his subject the life of "St Breudan of Clenfert" Sheriff Mackay "St Brendan of Clonfert." Sheriff Mackay had from his own observation in Ireland dis-covered interesting particulars regarding the Saint. He was well known in Celtic tale, and particularly on account of the tradition that Mr T. G. Henderson responded, and in be discovered America hefere Columbus A

Sheriff Mackav was cordially thanked for his prove to Mr Usher and the Central Associa- meeting, and report. interesting paper.

sideration from the licensed trade, and if there considered that these recommendations of those present having spoken, it was moved they considered that these recommendations and seconded that the congregation do not proceed with the aplication. An amendment affairs. In the must of his professional prac- adopted. On the other hand, if the Com- to proceed did not find a seconder. On the mittee made a recommendation which was motion being put to the meeting, it was de-not approved by the trade, he was quite cer-

TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE .- A meeting of which Dr Hutchison Stirling divulged to the Society the secret of Hegel. Mr Logan re-ceived his degree of Hon. Doctor of Laws at believed they had an honest, praiseworthy, loans would effect no gain to the town, and as well as a lucrative calling. They had been it was agreed that they should therefore placed in their position largely owing to the remain as at present. It was agreed to ne-

he discovered America before Columbus. A doing so gave a retrospective glance at the he had been frequently urged to render his discussion followed on the paper, in which Mr William Mackenzie, Crofters Commission; Mr A. Carmichael, and others took part, and Sheriff Mackenz was cordially thanked for his

Argyllshire.

ARDNAMURCHAN.

PUBLIC HEALTH .- An epidemic of influenza is at present raging in the districts of Tobermory and Morven. It is said to be of a somewhat virulent type. Ardnamurchan is quite free from infectious diseases.

COMMUNION .- The sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed in the Free Church here on Sunday last. The pastor, Rev. Mr Macniven, was ably assisted by Rev. Mr Paterson, Kilmore, Mull. Rev. Mr Macleod, Portree, was also expected to assist; but at the last moment he was debarred. through indisposition, from coming forward. The weather proved propitious, and all the services connected with the ordinance were well attended.

NEW PIER .- The new pier which was erected at Mingarry two years ago at a cost of £1800 has not yet been touched at by steamers. No steps have been taken to remove the sunken rocks lying in the channel leading to it, and until the channel is cleared the structure may be regarded as a white elephant. Unfortunately, an egregious judgment in error was made when fixing upon a site, and the consequence is that the pier can never be of much utility. It seems a pity to waste so much public money.

PRESENTATION .- On the evening of Tuesday last Miss Maclellan, teacher, Salen, Loch Sunart, was waited upon by the pupils attending the school and others, and presented with a handsome gold brooch as a token of esteem on the occasion of her leaving the district. County Councillor Donald Ferguson, J.P., occupied the chair, and there were also present Dr and Mrs Macnaughton, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Matheson, Mr and Mrs Malcolm Macpherson, Mr and Mrs D. Cameron, and others. Miss Macnaughton, in name of the subscribers, made the presentation in a few graceful remarks; and Miss Maclellan made a suitable acknowledgment. Thereafter an interesting musical programme was submitted.

ARDRISHAIG.

The secretary of the Mutual Improvement Society begs to acknowledge receipt of 10s from William Stewart, Esq., towards the funds of the Society.

CONCERT .- A successful concert was held on Friday at Cairnloan under the auspices of the local tent of Rechabites. Rev. D. Campbell, Glassory, presided. Selections on the bagpipes were given by Pipers Crawford, Glasgow University, for his extraordinary Maclean, and Macfarlane. Songs were rendered by Messrs Brown, Jackson, Macdiarmid, MacCulloch, Maclean, and Mactavish. Duets were rendered by Miss Camp- accurately and in good taste by Neil Macbell and J. Mactavish, and by the Misses lellan, Edmund Black, William Anderson, Morrison, Crinan. Miss Whitelaw also sang. Readings were given by Mr Gargan. The Anderson, Jessie Orr, Maggie Macintyre.

THE GLASGOW GATHERING .- Wednesday risk of it at the same time. The fishermen last was the occasion of the thirty- had to be content with whatever the herring last was the occasion of the thirty-fourth annual festival of the natives of the Queen of the Hebrides resident in the herring in the market did not pay ex-Glasgow, and the steamer "Islay" had, on the Tuesday previous, a good complement of passengers going out to be present at the at his next consignment. It took the Lochre-union, and pay a round of visits to their friends in Glasgow. This is one of the red-hend that the monopoly under which they esteem in which he is held, and also as a small letter events of the year to those remaining worked in the shape of the Association did at home, and the annual meeting of the Glasgow Islay Association is looked forward dealing does. The state of matters as reto with great interest, and many a tryst gards return to the fishermen might not be made to meet there and renew in true High- so remunerative even with independent acland fashion the friendships of youth and of tion in selling if the take would be heavy.

KILCHOMAN.-On Friday last the deferred as a railway, many cargoes would require and inducted the Rev. J. Malcolm Munro, ploughing match was held on the farm of Briaghbruich. So keen was the local interest, and so eagerly was the day locked forward to and so eagerly was the day looked forward to, waited for and taken away by the attendthat the school children and the distillery ant steamers. Yet doing all this had nat- dale (moderator of the Presbytery); Macworkmen got a half-holiday to enable them to urally the effect of usually glutting the mar- michael, Graignish; Mackichan, Inverary see the contest. The presence of the ladies ket in Glasgow, where all catches were taken, Dewar, Kilmartin; Robertson, Lochgilphead was most useful when the questions of age, and thus reducing the price very often to a dress, and personal appearance had to be con- minus quantity, which loss, as has been said sidered, and no doubt the ploughboys who above, fell, not on the Association, but upon received prizes for their dress and beauty, as the fishermen who sent the herring. With- Maclean, St Columba, Glasgow. Rev. J. well as for their age, will enjoy them all the out a doubt, railway communication with Dewar, who had been appointed to preach more from the fact that "she" thought them Glasgow by as short a distance as possible, and preside, conducted a most impressive worthy. The most important prizes gained while proving a boon for all parties interwere as follows :-- Senior Class-1 Neil Wood- ested, would be inestimable for the fisherrow, Cruaich; 2 James Maclellen, Islay men of Lochfyne district, as there would House; 3 John Williamson, Skerrols; 4 Hugh not then need to be any glut in any one Rhinns; 6 James Maclucas, Coullabus; 7 Neil Macniven, Coullabus; 8 Archie Mackay, Esk-nish; 9 John Morrison, Corsapool. Junior Class-Alexander Hamilton, Coursel, Lossit, market to reduce the price, seeing that the markets of the towns other than Glasgow has often been pointed out that places such Macnicol, Conispie; 5 John Maclellen, Lossit. market to reduce the price, seeing that the Class-Alexander Hamilton, Gearrach. Best as Belfast, Liverpool, and towns nearer home gence, and zeal. As the congregation re-Crown-1 Lachlan Keith, Coultorsay; 2 John might be available for the sale of Lochfyne Morrison, Corsapool. Best Finish — Hugh herring even as matters are. Whether this Macnicol, Conispie. Best-Dressed Plough-be the case or not is, however, yet to be man-John Mitchell, Octofad. The Oldest demonstrated by a trial. Let the cause be service the members of Presbytery and the Bachelor-Lachlan Keith, Coultorsay. The where it may, it appears that opposition to members of Kirk-Session were entertained to judges in the ploughing were Messrs Murdoch railway schemes for the benefit of Loch- dinner in the Tarbert Hotel, when Mr J. E. judges in the ploughing were Messrs Murdoch Gillespie, Lagamhullian; D. Macmillan, Columkil; and Macnab, Duich. The day was fine, and the onlookers seemed to enjoy the interview of the total of the chair, and Mr Wm. -the isolation of the district from Southern and Northern centres. Though only within and Northern centres. Though only within outing.

PORTNAHAVEN — SOIREE. — The Free Church Sabbath School soiree was held on Friday last, when the schoolroom was filled Friday last, when the schoolroom was filled with scholars and their friends. After tea, the Rev. A. S. Macintyre, B.D., who occupied fyneside. Lochgilphead has its midday the chair, spoke on "Sabbath Schools as I steamer, Inverary its Lochgilphead afterknew them." He contrasted the condition noon route, but the rest of the loch side has congregation assembled in the church, when of Sabbath Schools at the present day with to be content with facilities of communica- Mr Graham of North Erines presided, and that which was common a few decades ago, tion or attendant privileges that might be a lengthy and thoroughly enjoyable proand said that it was the privilege of those expected if the place were double the dist-who were becoming old to tell the young ance from the Southern radiating centres. about the great advantages they now en- Thus the fishing industry is sadly hampered.

joyed. He had not had the opportunity of and does not attract either capital or enterattending the Sabbath School except for a prise to the extent that the return would himself to your confidence and esteem, and

head. Last week the local Court of Foresters generous sympathy and practical support, patience and self-sacrifice. Some hymns were sung in a hearty and tuneful manner owing to this.

The first J.P. Court in Lochgilphead since lies in that of a loving and prayerful people, who was the last to place his offering of time the beginning of the year was held on Wed- whose thoughts and feelings and aspirations and talents at the disposal of the Nairn

TARBERT.

LOCHFYNE-ATHLETIC CLUB.-On Monday the members of the Athletic Club and friends met in the Tarbert Hotel-Mr J. Macleod, Vice-President, in the chair-when Mr John Macalister, Union Bank, who is leaving to fill a position in Alloa, was presented with a gold acknowledgment of the work he has done as Secretary of the Athletic Club. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

INDUCTION OF REV. J. M. MUNRO .- Or Wednesday of last week the Presbytery of Owing to the want of transit facilities, such Inverary met in the Parish Church, Tarbert, ent-Rev. Messrs Campbell, South Knapand M'Coll, Ardrishaig; and Mr William Graham of North Erines (elder), and Rev. Dr service, taking as his text 1st Peter, v., 1-4. The right hand of fellowship was subsequently given to the new minister, and Mr Dewar, in a few well-chosen words, addressed

hrough. In the course of his remarks the nor the son of a prophet, I may safely prehimself to your confidence and esteem, and that, by his broad humanity and kindly disposition, he will readily gain the respect of **LUCHGILPHEAD.** Influenza is very prevalent in Lochgilp-the whole community. As a precursor of this, may I ask you to accord to him your

without which his best efforts will be in vain, by the children, and solos were contributed had fourteen members drawing sick pay for here, as elsewhere, it will be found that be congratulated upon the casting of its to take. the true secret of congregational prosperity

opinion they would soon find their mistake. Inverness Presbytery," to which the Rev. Mr. The Highland people might be patient, but Leishman (the Moderator) responded. there was a limit to their patience, and he thought that limit was now about being Ministers," and thanked the Presbytery for reached — (applause). He spoke on this matter with great reluctance, but before a Rosehall audience so seriously concerned in the leaseholder question he could not keep silent-(applause). The Chairman concluded by congratulating the branch on the splendid appearance they made that night, and counselled the young men to acquire a thorough mastery of political questions from a historical point of view, so that they might when called upon to discharge the duties of electors bring an enlightened political intelligence to bear on all questions that were submitted for their judgment - (applause). Interesting and pointed addresses were de livered by Mr Hugh Campbell, Dunie, Kincardine; Mr Murray, Gruids, Lairg; Mr Ebenezer Grant, Kinloch, Migdale; and Mr John Sutherland, Darcha. The musical part of the programme, both in Gaelic and ray and Watson, Altass; Miss Macleod,

Mr David Munro proposed a vote of thanks suitably replied. Mr William Anderson preto the Chairman, which was responded to sented a purse of sovereigns to the Rev. Mr with great heartiness and enthusiasm. The Robertson, Ardersier, as Moderator of Ses-Chairman having replied, the proceedings terminated.

But we must not omit to mention that the strangers and other friends were with great hospitality entertained, as on former years, at the house of Mr Donald Murray.

ORDINATION OF REV. GEORGE ERSKINE NICOL.

NAIRN U.P. CHURCH.

The United Presbyterian Church of Nairn rejoices in being a prosperous, active, and free body of Christian workers. The congregation may not be wealthy, but they are not burdened with that depressing incubus of debt which hampers the freedom of many a Kirk Session, and is reflected not infrequently in a retarding of that good work which might be done by the congregation. The success of Nairn congregation is due to many first thing in the morning, so I commenced causes, but the credit in a great measure Chairman said-Though neither a prophet may be ascribed to the good fortune of the people in securing in past years pasters of ability and power in preaching the Word, and sympathetic in everything pertaining to the welfare of the congregation. When such a state of things is supplemented by the labours-intelligently directed-of a Kirk Session composed of Christian and business men, a congregation having all these is to ally my fellow-railwaymen as a grand thing

lines. The minister of Nairn U.P. Church Lansdowne Free Church, Glasgow, who has just been succeeded by Rev. George Erskine Nicol. Mr Nicol comes to Nairn with a high character from his professors, and carries with him the best wishes of his friends. The new." I now demit my chairmanship in ceremony of ordaining Mr Nicol and inductyour favour, and trust that you may be long ing him to the overcharge of the congrega-BUNESSAN-CARRIAGE ACCIDENT.-On spared to preside over the destines of this tion took place on Wednesday. The church was well filled, the members of Presbytery of Elgin and Inverness were present in strong force, office-bearers and members of congregations in Inverness, Elgin, and Forres lent their countenance and approval to the ceremony, while the proceedings were of the most interesting character. Rev. Mr Adam, Elgin, preached from the 37th chapter of Isaiah; Rev. Mr Watson conducted the ordination service; Rev. Mr Sharpe, Archiestown, addressed the newly-ordained minister; and Rev. Mr Kerr, Moyness, addressed the congregation. The call was a unanimous THE DINNER. The members of Presbytery and friends to the number of eighty, among the latter being several ladies—including Mrs Erskine Nicol —dined in the Marine Hotel, where an excel-lent repast was purveyed by Mr Sutherland. Bailie Hendrie, who occupied the chair, intimated apologies for inability to be pre-sent, among others from Professor Johnston, Edinburgh: Professor Hislon Edinburgh: Edinburgh; Professor Hislop, Edinburgh; Rev. Dr Black, Inverness; Rev. Dr Mair, Edinburgh; and Mr Cairneross, Helensburgh. Intoxicating liquors were eschewed It is found in the Homes of Hundreds while the toast-list was being disposed of, of Thousands of the People who cannot but the presence of any beverages of the character indicated was quite unnecessary for the promotion of harmony and good feeling around the dinner table. Free, U.P., and Established Church clergymen vied with each other in their expression of good wishes for Mr Nicol; laymen, blackcoated from the west end of Nairn, or bluepilot jacketed from the cottages of the sea toilers, extended a cordial and a hearty

were any in or out of Parliament of that plied. Mr Honeyman gave "The Elgin and the selection of able ministers which had been provided for the congregation during the vacancy. Mr D. Anderson thanked Rev. Mr Robertson, Ardersier (Moderator of Session), for his kindness during the vacancy. Speeches of a complimentary character were also given by Rev. Mr Crichton, Elgin; Rev. Mr Martin, Nairn Free Church; Rev. Mr Macmillan, Glasgow; Rev. Mr Adam, Elgin; Rev. Dr Shaw Stewart, Rev. Mr Mackerchar, Avoch; Rev. G. S. Stewart, Inverness; Rev. Mr Dunlop, Mr Japp, Congregational Church, Nairn; Bailie Lawrence, Forres; Mr J. M. Mackintosh, Nairn; Mr A. M. Dugie, do. At the close of the proceedings the company adjourned to the church and took part in the

EVENING PUBLIC MEETING.

Rev. Mr Robertson, Ardersier, presided. English, was well sustained by Mrs Mackay, There was a very large attendance. Rev. Walkerdale; Mr Dow, Altass; Messrs Mur- Mr Watson, Forres, gave an interesting address. Rev. Mr Martin, Nairn, also spoke, Altass; and Mr Kenneth Stewart, Rosehall. after whom Bailie Hendrie spoke in connec-On the motion of the Chairman, hearty votes tion with the presentation of a pulpit robe of thanks were awarded to singers, speakers, to Mr Nicol. Mrs Hendrie placed the gown and the Committee in charge of arrangements. on the minister's shoulders, and Mr Nicol sion. Mr Robertson thanked the congregation heartily for the gift. Rev. Dr Shaw Stewart, Rev. Mr Macmillan, Mr George Walker, Ness Bank; Rev. John Ireland, Mr Charles Comfort, Edinburgh; Rev. John Dunlop, Mr Thomas Nicol, brother of the lately appointed minister, and Mr Peter Robertson, addressed the meeting. The choir, under the leadership of Mr Rennie, sang several sentences and anthems, for which they received an enthusiastic vote of thanks, on the motion of Mr Honeyman.

A L.N.W. RAILWAY GUARD

AND DR TIBBLES' VI-COCOA.

Mr SAMUEL REEVES, L.N.W. Raiway Guard, Stafford Station, writes (November 15, 1896) :- "For the last few years I have not been able to take any breakfast taking a basin of Dr Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa before going out on a journey. I had not done so many mornings before I wanted something to eat with it, and now I want my couple of rashers of good fat bacon every morning when I am out early. I am a L. and N.W. Railway passenger guard, and ex-posed to cold a great deal. I can honestly and heartily recommend it to anyone, especi-

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Milne (Ardrishaig) and Parr and Semple, from H.M. cruiser "Daisy." A very pleasant evening was spent.

BALLACHULISH.

Notes .- Thursday last was observed as a father, Rev. Mr Macfarlane, Tiree, and the children as they withdrew. Rev. Mr M'Michael, M.A., Fort-William. On Sunday the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed.——Rev. D. Macwas given last week.

SHINTY .- On Saturday last a shinty match was played on a field in Glencoe by junior teams representing East and West of Ballachulish for the trophy presented last year Eudcation Act. by centlemen interested in the time-honoured game of shinty for competition among the juniors. There was a fair number of spectators present. Mr Dugald Macmillan acted as referee, and his decisions gave every satisfaction. Mr D. Livingston discharged the duties of umpire. A very fine display of shinty was shown on both sides. At the close of the stipulated time the East were victorious by 3 goals to 1. The East combined better, and, if anything, were swifter of foot.

IONA.

There has just passed away, at Glasgow,

at the age of ninety-six, the Rev. John Campbell, M.A., retired minister of the parish of Iona and Ross of Mull. Loss of private means caused him to spend his closing days very quietly in Glasgow. He was very active, preaching till very recently, so that his great age was scarcely realised. During the last few months of his life he suffered much, but he passed away very peacefully. He was quiet and retired in manner. His attainments were scholarly, and he was ever ready to help Highland youths in their studies. He was an elo-quent preacher, especially in his own language, in which he had few equals, and an earnest worker among the poor. He leaves a widow and one daughter, who has long engaged in varied Christian work, and has been for some years matron of Lochburn Home, Maryhill.

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PORTNAHAVEN-NOTES .- On Monday, the 22nd, Portnahaven Public School was exam-Portcharlotte Public School was examined on the same subject by the Rev. James Macmillan..-On Monday evening Mr Mackay, agent for the Scottish Temperance League, addressed a Temperance meeting in Portcharlotte Public School.

PORT ELLEN - BUSY BREWING. - The distilleries on the island have been exceptionally busy during the season, and there is the prospect of this continuing till the end

other gentlemen who assisted were Messrs and Neilina Black. Interesting addresses nesday last, when Colonel Carter-Campbell were given by Parish Councillor Duncan Macneill and Mr John Mackay, agent of the Scottish Temperance League. On the motion of Mr John Price League. On the Scottish Temperance League. On the Macheill and Mr John Mackay, agent of the Scottish Temperance League. On the Macheill and Mr John Mackay, agent of the Scottish Temperance League. On the Mr John Mackay agent of the Scottish Temperance League. On the Mr John Mackay agent of the Scottish Temperance League. On the Scottish Temperance League. On the Scottish Temperance League. On the Mr John Mackay agent of the Scottish Temperance League. On the Scottish Temperance League. Scottish motion of Mr John Bicket, a cordial vote of pied about two hours. thanks was given to Miss Campbell, Newton, for a handsome contribution towards defray-

ing the expenses of the entertainment. A very successful meeting was brought to a Notes.—Thursday last was observed as a very successful meeting was brought to a Fast-Day by the Established Church. The close by the pronouncing of the benediction, benediction, saturday last, while the Rev. Mr Stewart favour of the new minister, Mr Munro also Rev. D. Macfarlane was assisted by his and fruit and confections were handed to the

to his teacher, who was known to the scien-

tific world now as Professor Mackendnick, of

JURA.

Murchy, Free Church, intends taking a few months' holidays shortly. — The annual soirce in connection with the Free Church and on the 16th March next. Miss

vassing for her. This will be the first election in the parish since the passing of the

KIL-MELFORT.

LOCH AWE SIDE.

CELTIC GRAVE SLABS .- During the present clearing-out operations in the old churchyard of Kilchrenan, Lochaweside, a unearthed. They are of the fourteenth and overhauled. fifteenth century Celtic type, devoid of any inscription, and showing the characteristic carving well preserved. Two very fine exin portion of the burying-ground. One stone for whom, it is said, the new church was shows a sword of a quaint pattern, unique required. in its plain and distinct outline. Another stone, broken at one end, has a sword and zoomorphic surrounding interlaced work. Reformation chapel have also been met with, curing good takes of haddocks.

and are being preserved. The Duke of Argyll, Lord Malcolm of Poltalloch, Lord Lorne, Lord Archibald Campbell, Campbell of Stracathro, and others have shown much interest in this old burying-ground. The Rev. N. Campbell, the parish minister, and his office-bearers have done good work in ined in religious knowledge, and on Tuesday superintending the proper placing of the Portcharlotte Public School was examined on stones. Mr Glendinning, Fernoch, and Mr Greig, of the Poltalloch estate office, found some more stones on Tuesday last. Dr Macnaughton, F.S.A. Scot., Taynuilt, visited the churchyard on Tuesday, but the day was stormy and wet, so that no rubbings of the stones could be taken.

LOCHFYNESIDE.

of the season. Altogether the trade is in a nace and neighbourhood has been formed However, in spite of the weather, a good few very prosperous condition at present, giving employment to a number of workmen. Last employment to a number of workmen. Last week there were shipped at Port Ellen for Glasgow per steamer "Islay" about 9000 gallons whisky from Port Ellen Distillery, causing great activity about the quay, es-pecially on Tuesday, when the bulk of it was despatched.

KILDALTON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD .- of Mr Mackirdy, Lochgilphead.



was on his way from his manse at orient to fulfil his preaching appointment at Gri-burn, on coming down a hill at Kilpatrick his horse fell, and both trams of the machine his horse fell, and both trams of the machine were broken. Fortunately, the rev. gentle-SCHOOL BOARD .- There is likely to be a man was not hurt, and was able to proceed

had one of the workmen on the estate can-grims Pendreigh and Maclean, of the Faith gall, Macbean, and Burt. In bringing the Mission, have been conducting evangelistic meetings in the Schoolhouse here for the past four weeks. The attendance, especially on Sabbath evenings, has been, considering

the scanty nature of the population, Young Men's Guild. - In connection remarkably good. An earnest seeking spirit is manifested among the young, and the words with the Young Men's Guild of this district a of the speakers will no doubt bring about a pleasant evening was spent last Tuesday in changed life in not a few. The Pilgrims listening to a capable and instructive essay spend a considerable part of the day in visiton "Veterinary Science" by Mr T. M'Cly- ing the people in their homes, and this part mont. There was a large attendance, and of the work is often the most productive of the paper read was much appreciated. The good. Great credit is on all hands frankly essayist went fully and entertainingly into given to the School Board for having placed his subject, and at the close, on the motion the School at the disposal of these missionof the Chairman, Rev. Mr Murray, was aries. At the close of the mission here, if awarded a hearty vote of thanks. to hold meetings in Lochbuy and Lochdonhead.

TOBERMORY.

The mail steamer "Carabineer" has now taken up her station after returning from number of old carved tombstones have been the Clyde, where she has been thoroughly

The building of the new Parish Church is being pushed on with earnest speed, to amples were found in the Sonachan walled- be ready for the birds of passage in August,

Very little fishing is being done here at present, only two boats working. These Broken fragments of what seems to have are very successful, notwithstanding the formed the ornamental portion of the pre- nature of the weather. They have been se-

> Mr J. W. Pender, now of West Maitland, N.S.W., and lately a resident in Tobermory, has, says the "Maitland Daily Mercury,' just received the gratifying intelligence from the Department of Public Instruction that his daughter Elizabeth H., who went up for her final examination in December last for admission to the Training School, had gained Rogart. Mr Ross fully expected to be prea full scholarship entitling her to the full cost of maintenance for twelve months at the Hurtsville College or Training School, and that she obtained the first place in order of merit in that examination, and thus won the

The annual competition of the Mull Ploughing Society was held on Ensay Farm on Fri-

The contractor is Mr A. Brown, Lochgilp-head; and the plumber work is in the hands of Mr Mackirdy, Lochgilphead. FISHING AFFAIRS.—A petition praying for the constitute of the provide th

TAYVALLICH.

ever echo responsive to those of their minlarge gathering I bid you welcome as our minister, and wish you every success and happiness in these "fresh fields and pastures

was on his way from his manse at Creich to delivered an impressive address. Short adlarty and Alex. Mitchell. During the even-Lisabella Campbell, Jura House, is to be a following day. candidate. For a few weeks back she has had one of the workmen on the estate can-crime Pennyghael — Faith Mission. — Pil-farlane, and by Misses Mackellar, Macdouvery successful meeting to a close hearty one and the settlement most popular. votes of thanks were accorded to those who

entertained the meeting, and especially to Mr Macintyre and his staff of Sabbath School teachers, who so admirably attended

to the purveying.

THE HIGHLAND LAND LEAGUE. ROSEHALL SOCIAL.

A SPLENDID MEETING.

Last Friday the district of Rosehall gave a striking testimony to the continued vigour and strength of the local branch of the Land League. That date was the evening appointed for the annual social gathering of the branch. As on former years, the people turned out in large numbers to testify anew their devotion to the principle for which they in common with the rest of the Highlands have been contending for now a considerable number of years. The public school, where these annual gatherings are held from year to year, was literally packed by as attentive an audience of old and young as the most fastidious speaker could desire. The Committee are to be recommended for the excel-lent manner in which they had the school children arranged in one portion of the room, and the boys and girls themselves deserve a high commendation for their orderly be-haviour throughout the entire proceedings.

APOLOGIES.

As on former years, Mr G. G. Macleod, Ardgay, occupied the chair, and in opening the proceedings read letters of apology from the Rev. Mr Ross, F.C. minister of Rosehall; Mr William Black, county councillor, Lairg; and Mr Hugh Sutherland, county councillor sent to take part in the meeting as on previous occasions, but he was on Thursday of that week fulfilling an engagement in Kilmuir, and had hoped to be home in time for the meeting, but he wrote from Kilmuir saying that he regretted he could not get away till Saturday, but that if the people desired it, he would be glad to give a political ad-dress at some future time. Mr Black, Lairg, was detained by a severe cold. In his letter he concluded by saying—"I would counsel you men of Rosehall to be united, and that none of you will prove false to a man when under the cloud of eviction. These things are to be had at the house of understanding next door to reason in charity and manliness."

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

The Chairman delivered an exhaustive address on the present aspect of the Highland

welcome to the new minister and his lady. THE CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

The sentiment of "The Queen" having been proposed by the Chairman in a brief but elever speech, the "Health and Happiness of Mr Nicol" was given from the chair. The young minister, he said, had come amongst them almost an entire stranger, but he came with an excellent record—a record of Christ-ian experience which would be for the mutual benefit of pastor and people-(applause). It was a very important matter to choose a minister, but he (the Chairman) was glad to

say that the utmost harmony prevailed amongst the congregation during the vac-ancy. They were all animated by the same spirit and the same desire, and they were anxious that the vacancy should not be a lengthy or a protracted one. He was sure they would all admit that the congregation had been singularly successful, and he hoped and trusted that the union that had been formed that day should remain unbroken for many years to come-(applause). The present was the fourth occasion in twenty years in which they had met on a similar occasion. He was not guite sure whether it was to their benefit or disadvantage that they had these changes so often, whether they were mostly to be pitied or envied; but his own impression was that it was not desirable that these changes should happen quite so often. The Chairman paid a neat and gallant compliment to Mrs Nicol, who, he was sure, would assist Mr Nicol in his work and duties in the ministry, and would not be behind her husband in reaching the hearts and winning the affections of the people—(applause). After intimating that Mr Nicol was come to

a loyal and attached congregaton, the Chairland question. He made special reference to a question of the leaseholders, in which the coming amongst them might be the means coming amongst them might be the means of greatly increasing the spiritual life of



HAS MADE



PROVED SUCCESS.

be induced to go without it.

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BETTER THAN MEDICINE.

"Jones Memorial Medal."

day last. The day being rather wet, many

WATER SUPPLY .- The districts of Fur- were prevented from appearing on the field.

The Board have fixed Wednesday, the 21st April next, for the election of the new Board for the next term of three years, and have appointed the Clerk, Mr Duncan Mackenzie, Royal Bank, Port Ellen, to act as returning officer. The present Board consists of—Mr Colin Hay, Ardbeg Distillery; Rev. James Mackinnon, Lagavulin, minister of the interested. It is presumed that the portion appointed the Clerk, Mr Duncan Mackenzie, Mackinnon, Lagavulin, minister of the interested. It is presumed that the persis-Mackinnon, Lagavulin, minister of the parish; Mr Peter Reid, Tighcargaman; Mr John Bolland, Inland Revenue officer, Port Ellen; and Mr Dugald Macleod, Islay Hotel, Port Ellen. Mr Hay is chairman.

PORT ELLEN-I.O.G.T.-The members of loch and its outer reaches. Without a doubt vacated by Mr Campbell, have now been let the Independent Order of Good Templars trawling on Ballantrae Banks during the to Messrs M'Nicol, New Danna, and Gillies, held a social meeting in the Lodge Hall on spawning season must be held accountable Monday evening of last week, under the Monday evening of last week, under the The fishermen of Tarbert have sent a counpresidency of the Rev. D. Munro, Kildalton ter petition, setting forth the view that Free Church, W.C.T. After tea and a few trawling is not to be held accountable for words of encouragement from the Chairman, the shrinkage in the catch within recent the meeting took the form of a homely par-lour party, and under the leadership of a few Tarbert, however, it must be borne in mind young lady members suitable parlour games that trawl or seine nets alone form the fishwere entered upon, and heartily enjoyed by all present. During the evening those the evening pleasant, and solos and duets in the state trawf of series alone form the list ing gear of all fishermen, and a change in the net within the loch would mean a heavy outlay for them. While the catch has been less for the past two seasons, the free hand Gaelic and English were rendered in a man- that the fishermen had in disposing of whatner which did credit to the singers. Pleasant over he got to independent buyers, and thus evening parties such as this help in a great parting with the herring and the risk of measure to bind the members together in a great parting with the herring and the risk of its proceeds in the market at one time, has closer bond of fellowship, and give them greater strength to combat the evils arising viduals as the seasons when the Lochfyne from the over-indulgence of strong drink. Fishermen's Association existed, when all After the usual congratulations and thanks had to give their catch to the Association on having enjoyed so happy an evening, the buyers, thus parting with their herring, and members separated, looking forward to at the same time borne down by the ques-

spending such another night.

for the cessation of trawling, by order of dougall, farmer, Ensay; Mr Lothian, Treshthe Fishery Board or otherwise, within Loch- nish; Mr Macmillan, teacher, Dervaig; Mr

halg and Duntaynish, which are about to be Taynish, respectively. Johnstone, London, and of 23 volumes from Mr Hew Morrison, Free Library, Edinburgh. The library now comprises 406 volumes, and includes many of the latest works. Kept in the Post Office, it is managed by a com-mittee of seven, of whom Mr Campbell, Barnashalg, is chairman, Mr Macmillan treas-

> zines, and in both departments additions are made at intervals through the kindness of friends. Altogether it has been a great evidently thought that they in the Highacquisition to the village.

urer, and Mr Carnegie, Schoolhouse, secre-

buyers, thus parting with their herring, and at the same time borne down by the ques-tionable principle of not parting with the CoacuLINE.—Cement for broken articles, 6d and 1s; postage 2d. Sold everywhere. Home and abroad 'LINSEED COMPOUND' (Trade Mark) for Coughs and Colds, 9¹/₂, 13¹/₂d. Sold by Chemists only

people of Rosehall were more especially concerned, and to the efforts that he, along with their own Parliamentary representative, had made since their last meeting in pressing this question on the attention of the Scotch Office, and he expressed his great regret that the Government showed such great reluctance to deal with what was a clamant griev-

ance. In the course of his remarks on this subject. Mr Macleod criticised the manner in which the question was bungled on the FARM LETTING .- The farms of Barnas-

occasion of the recent debate in the House of Commons. They had, he said, some right to expect that, if their question was brought up at all, it should be brought up in the a remark which amused the company immost comprehensive form, so that every part

mensely. He was exceedingly glad, he said, to see ministers of every denomination pre-sent. He could assure them that he had no LIBRARY.—The Committee acknowledge, might be properly discussed, and that proper with thanks, the receipt of £1 from Mr arrangements should have been made to secure the attendance and support of the intention of "sheep-stealing." They would not, however, think too badly of him if he greatest possible number of members in sympathy with the Highlands. But the retried to keep the church door ajar for the wanderers who might have left the U.P. fold sult made it abundantly clear that there was no method whatever observed in the matter or somehow or another became mixed up -(applause). It was not enough that their question be brought before Parliament. If with the other sheep. He hoped that the ministers would live together in the spirit brought up at all, it was necessary to have tary. It has been in existence for three it presented with some knowledge, skill, and of the motto of Swedenborg, who said-"In things essential, unity; in things doubtful, judgment-(apple use). And those who could it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

lands were ME E BABES

Rev. Mr Watson, Forres, proposed "The Congregation of Nairn," and, in doing so, politically, who could be amused by gave interesting details of its early history and the many eminent men who had occupied the dust, Stores, or from Dr Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa (Limi-they were vitally interested. If there the church pulpit. Dean of Guild Innes re-

OTHER SENTIMENTS.

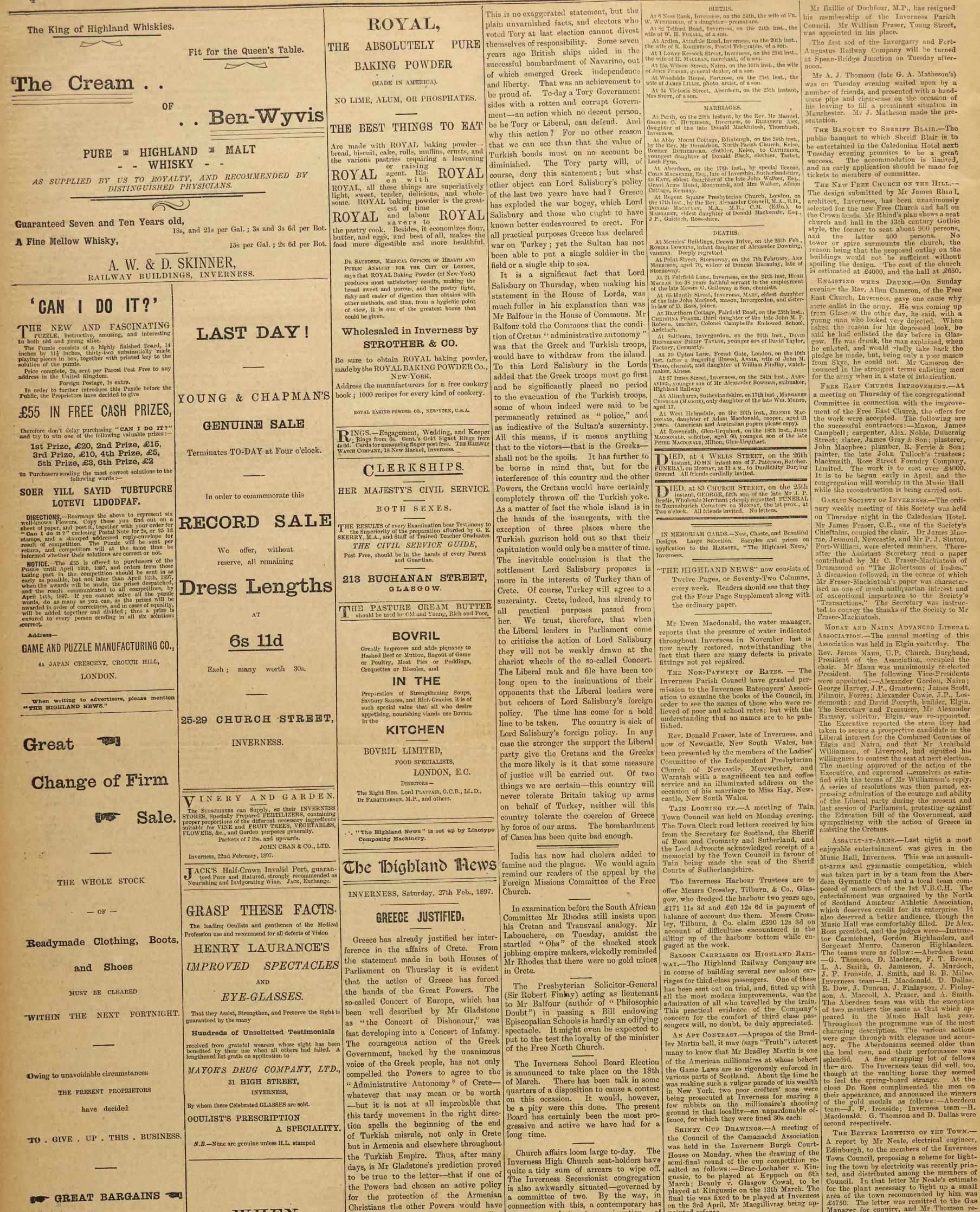
FREE TEST OF MERIT. the congregation and in the community.

NO INTENTION OF SHEEP-STEALING. What does this mean? It simply means Mr Nicol, on rising, was accorded a hearty that, without the use of noxious drugs, ovation. He thanked the company for their medicines, or the many so-called curatives warm welcome. He said the proceedings in the earlier part of the day had been of such which are foisted upon the public, a new nourishing, stimulating, and vitalising Food a solemn and impressive character as to Beverage has been discovered, the merits of leave him but little desire to give an afterwhich have already been recognised to an dinner speech. But Mr Nicol rose above any temporary depression, and before he had extent hitherto u finished had made a happy response to the good wishes expressed by the Chairman. He It is not a dru extent hitherto unknown in the history of said he should be in no hurry to leave Nairn,

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Drummond on "The Robertsons of Inshes." discussion followed, in the course of which Mr Fraser-Mackintosh's paper was characterised as one of much antiquarian interest and of exceptional importance to the Scciety's "Transactions." The Secretary was instruc-ted to convey the thanks of the Society to Mr

MORAY AND NAIRN ADVANCED LIBERAL ASSOCIATION .- The annual meeting of this Association was held in Elgin yesterday. The Rev. James Mann, U.P. Church, Burghead, President of the Association, occupied the chair. Mr Mann was unanimously re-elected President. The following Vice-Presidents were appointed :- Alexander Gordon, Nairn; George Harvey, J.P., Grautown; James Scott, Pilmuir, Forres; Alexander Cowie, J.P., Lossiemouth; and David Forsyth, builder, Elgin. The Secretary and Treasurer, Mr Alexander Ramsay, solicitor, Elgin, was re-appointed. The Executive reported the steps they had taken to secure a prospective candidate in the Liberal interest for the Combined Counties of Elgin and Nairn, and that Mr Archibald Williamson, of Liverpool, had signified his willingness to contest the seat at next election. The meeting approved of the action of the Executive, and expressed ...emselves as satis-fied with the terms of Mr Williamson's reply. pressing admiration of the courage and ability of the Liberal party during the present and

ASSAULT-AT-ARMS .- Last night a most enjoyable entertainment was given in the Music Hall, Inverness. This was an assaultat-arms and gymnastic competition, which Sergeant Munro, Cameron Highlanders. Throughout the programme was of the most Macdonald. G. Thomson and D. Dallas were

A report by Mr Neale, electrical engineer, Edinburgh, to the members of the Inverness Town Council, proposing a scheme for lighting the town by electricity was recently prin-ted, and distributed among the members of

d all bu	WHEN	have compolled to follow suit. But	a most unfortunate conjunction of	pointed referet.	Manager for enquiry, and Mr inclusion re-
THEOREM WEEK		been compensed to follow sure star	sentences. Speaking of the committee	pointed referee. MAN DROWNED AT THE HARBOUR. Owen Brannigan, a pedlar, residing at 18	under-estimated. From all the information he could gather, and comparing the cost in other places to erect buildings, stalks, en- gines, dynamos, accumulators, culverts, cables, pillars, globes, &c., he estimated it would require £15,000. At a meeting of the
DURING THE INCOMING WEEK	YOU WANT TO REALLY ENJOY A GLASS	neither Greece nor Mr Gladstone require	at the Presbytery meeting on Wednesday	Owen Brannigan, a pedlar, residing at 18	he could gather, and comparing the cost in
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Contraction to the second second second second second	OF	based on righteousness and were bound	the falt he would with these men along	drowned at the harbour on Wednesday even-	gines, dynamos, accumulators, culverts,
- AT -	GOOD OLD	to triumph The point we desire to drive	-ith him he would with these the gates of	drowned at the harbour on Wednesday even- ing. Deceased, who was about 45 years of age, was seen going along Shore Street	cables, pillars, globes, &c., he estimated it
AT	HIGHLAND WHISKY,	to triumpil. The point we done to drive	With him be ready to face the gates of	age, was seen going along Shore Street	would require £15,000. At a meeting of the
	HIGHLAND WILDER,	home to the understandings and the	hell. They knew the county wen and	shortly before eight o'clock. He was then	Gass Committee on Weunesday ricasurer in
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	"ENDIDE" PAR	the better part towards their co-religion-	PRESENTATIONS Mr Hugh Paterson,		Bailie Smith seconded. His view of the mat- ter was that they were not in earnest in re-
OUUITAIO GENERAL	"EMPIRE" BAR,	ists in Crete the British Government	lately foreman with Mr Gilbert Matheson		
STANDARD CLOTHING	CASTLE STREET.	wore homharding the Cretan position in	Union Street, and a prominent member of	THE LATE DR KENNEDY OF DINGWALL. Dr Robertson Nicoll gives some striking pen portraits of old Scotch ministers in an article	gard to the electric light. He was sorry
OINIDAID OF THIS	and the second stand and the second stands and the	is is the whood of Canea and as if	number of comrades and fellow-townsmen in	portraits of our scotter minimitetors who have im-	gard to the electric light. He was sorry that the Gas Manager had taken so much trouble in regard to the matter. Treasuren A. D. Ross said he hoped Bailie Smith was only speaking for himself when he said they
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	Proprietor-W. R. HOOD.	to signalise this achievement a Sabbath	the recipient of a handsome testimonial, or	pressed me" to the "Sunday Magazine." Although they have mostly an Aberdonian setting, we get glimpses of other ministers.	only speaking for himself when he said they
AND		morning was chosen for the murderous	the occasion of his departure for the south	Although they have mostly an Aberdonium	were not in earnest, and every community should get the best and the latest informa- tion they could in regard to this subject. They had got the opinion of Mr Neale, and
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BOOT STORES,		wending their way to Unurch and Unaper	friends in Inverness, who sincerely regretted	l eloquence as a Gaelic preacher are well	They had got the opinion of Mr Neale, and now that it had been controverted very ser- iously by Mr Thomson, he thought the Coun-
DOUT OTOTILO,		last Sabbath day, British ships, instructed	Mr Paterson suitably re	- known, but Dr Nicoll thinks he was equally	it is a poor is the trouble he had taken.
	ATCHES.—The Cheapest Shop for all	by a Government which the aforesaid	L. I. J and with toost song and sentiment but	g pread in cardinates r	I agond it to WIT NEALE. THIS WOULD HOV
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	14s 6d. Our Gent.'s Surprise Hunting Watch, 17s 6d;	good people-Onrischard, over, one of			
42 PETTY STREET,	Open-faced, 143 6d. Free per Registered Post. * The RALWAY WATCH COMPANY, Inverness.	them-aided in returning to power at the			
	IVALUAT WARNE COMPANY	last General Election, were doing their	and presented with a Dible and a parts of	an art in English style to which, perhaps, no	taken, when five voted for the motion, and five for the amendment, and the Chairman having given his casting vote in favour of
and the state of the second	LTT ARRIS'S RAMED WILLBRIGE	Is a low about the building of Crete	I and a st of the Machan made the pre	- Scottish minister of the time could make any	having given his casting vote in favour of the latter, is was declared carried.
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INVERNESS.	BACON, Extra Choicest Danish Butter, Fresh Country Eggs, twice weekly, at MACDONALD & Co.'s, 2 Southside Road.	and ald their oppressors, and rand			the first of the second se
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OUR PARLIAMENTARY LETTER.

APOTHEOSIS OF SMALL BEER.

ECHOES FROM THE CELTIC FRINGE.

THE EVENT of the week was the announcement on Thursday night of the policy which Lord Salisbury suggests that the "Concert" should adopt as regards the Cretan question. Otherwise the days have been dull,

divided between Burial Bills and discussions on such recondite subjects as Welsh Freeholders and the operation of the Judicature ances, and administer the affairs of God's Act. The House is now into Committee on kcuse in accordance with the rules of His the Education Bill, but we are scarcely into the swing of it. Two items of interest I may record : first, the summons of Sir William Harcourt to Bow Street for permitting the chimney of his town house to go on fire; and, secondly, the fact vouched by my personal observation that Mr Rhodes plebianly leans towards porter and sandwiches for lunch, and when finished wipes his mouth with the back of his hand. Truly, the chronicle of small beer is a fine art.

CRETE.

The Government came very badly out cf was supported by the Front Opposition vent the members of the Church from meet-Bench as well as by the rank and file of ing shelter ultimately in a promise of full ready to face consideration from the Liberal point of view.

Mr Goschen, however, destroyed any good made in connection with affairs in Crete.

SECESSION DIFFICULTIES.

THE INVERNESS CONGREGATION SAT UPON.

The difficulties of the Inverness Secesionist congregation with its committee are secmingly not yet over. There was a meetng of the Presbytery on Wednesday, at those who were not paying these rents. which five persons were present; and the matter was then considered. A petition was llow the election of elders and deacons, who

or which they are now deprived. The Rev. Mr Mackenzie moved that the petition be granted. He pointed out that he committee which ruled the congregation down your dissent if you like. consisted of two persons, and he asserted if this sort of rule were to be sanctioned

in the congregations of the Church many GRACELESS AND WORTHLESS MEN

would do what they liked, without having the responsibilities of office-bearers, or even of members. Mr Mackenzie went on to dilate on his woes as minister of a congregation governed by such a committee, and retold the story of the forbidden Communion. He wished to ask if it was a law in the Free the discussion regarding the bombardment Presbyterian Church that two men who took of the Capital of Crete by British and other little or no interest in the affairs of the ships. The adjournment of the debate which congregation could thus arbitrarily deprive was moved in order to raise the question the congregation of the ordinance, and pre-

ing Christ at His own table? The Rev. J. R. Mackay then moved the Liberal members. This may be taken as following deliverance:-"The Presbytery, some evidence that at last the Liberal party after due consideration, conclude that they are going to have a foreign policy of their cannot accede to the request, and urge upon cwn instead of acting, with the exception of a few members below the gangway as of a few members below the gangway, as humble echoers of the policy of Lord Salis-bury. There was no mincing of words by any members of the Front Opposition Bench tional and respectful in its terms. Since, who spoke. All equally condemned our in-tervention on behalf of Turkey. Mr Bal-four, in reply, was singularly ineffective, tak-

THE GATES OF HELL.

These men said — and he agreed with this declaration might have made by a most viclent attack upon Sir Robert Reid with-in this declaration might have made by a most no likelihood of getting office-bearers out the shadow of a reason. Ultimately, could recommend, or in whom they might after much heated talk, the motion for ad- have confidence as office-bearers in the church journment was defeated. Sir Howard Vin- The Presbytery could not forget that these cent, with a consideration for the Govern- two elders were men who had come of age, ment which should be some compensation to them for giving him a baronetcy, has put down a blocking motion which will prevent commands as well as the command to do this any further motions for adjournment being in remembrance of Him. There was the command to keep the feast with unleavened

bread.

lected by his committee or by the Kirk-Session, and either handed over to the Town Chamberlain, to be amplied as at present, or applied by the Session in maintaining the fabric of the church and paying its officers, as is now done by the Town Council. Dean of Guild Fraser said the Town Clerk

was going too far. He would agree that the Church Letting Committee should collect the seat rents, but he would remove The Town Clerk-Have you not been able to grasp this point yet? You cannot rematter was then considered. A petition was read, signed by 294 members of the con-gregation, craving (1) that the Presbytery community. If you went into that church next Sunday, and took your seat in it no-

others are willing to pay seat rents. The Town Clerk—I must appeal to the Committee if I am putting nonsense in the minutes or not-("No, no.") We will put Mr Gibson also thought the minute of the Town Clerk went too far. Dean of Guild Fraser-Whether you get

our money or not, you must pay for the abric of the church. The Town Clerk-I have had an oppor

tunity of reading the agreement under which the High Church was built, which Mr Fraser has not had. If he had he would not speak so positively about the matter.

The minute was then agreed to.

We understand that the whole of the arrears prior to 1890 were written off, and most of the arrears since that date. This should If one might judge from the numbers presmake the work of collection comparatively ent and the appearance of the gathering, he



OVER THE RAILWAY SCHEMES.

The Inverness Farmers' Society had a live'y meeting in the Imperial Hotel on Tuesday afternoon, caused by a letter which was real from Messers Innes & Mackay local agents for the Invergarry and Fort-Augustus Railway of Golspie, beneath the shadow of that moun-Company. In that letter the agents asked the tain from which the statue of the Duke of support of the Society for the Company's bill, support of the Society for the Company's bill, empowering the extension of their line in that his two elder brothers were born in Inverness. Mr James Anderson, solicitor, Sutherlandshire, but he himself was the first Inverness, presided.

Mr Howe, Castleheather, proposed that the Society petition in favour of the bill-(cheers

and hisses). The Chairman pointed out that the notice Innes & Mackay's letter on Sa urdav last.

Mr Macdonald, Shieldaig, asserted that to something in continuation of what had been notice-(hear). Mr Alex. Mactavish said that circulars had been sent round by the agents of the Company has passed away—it was natural that the vas strikingly handsome in a white flowered Mr A. Mackenzie—It was not a minute same spirit should revive in associations such the latter had had no opportunity of making as theirs, where by mutual help and syme up their minds on the question. Mr Innes said that, on looking through the pathy, they were enabled to take their part rules of the Society, he saw no rule necessitating any special notice. He had never seen (applause). The Chairman next gave a so crowded a meeting of the Society, and there- short sketch of the fore, to say that members had not got notice of the matter to be discussed was absolute non- of Sutherlandshire, and spoke of the prom-Mr Mackintosh, jun., Raigmore-I got none. The Chairman insisted that no timeous of the country. Coming to later times, they notice had been given to the members, and as he stuck to his ruling, the supporters of the Invergarry Company's bill caused a noisy India sustained the reputation of the Highemonstration of disapproval. The meeting became very excited, and in (cheers). He would give them one instance demonstration of disapproval. the midst of the hubbub, Mr William Burns shouted that as there was a majority against Mr Innes, why not let fewer than seven Victoria Crosses for valthe motion go before the meeting? The Chairman said he did not care in the ment alone. One of these was awarded to least which side had the majority, and he ruled Leutenant, afterwards General Macbean, a Council had under consideration on Tuesday night the question of arrears of seat rents in the High Church. The question are question of the members had not heard that the interests ago, for personal valour, he himself having in one single engagement slain

INVERNESS SUTHERLANDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL RE-UNION.

Last night the first annual re-union of stituted only some three or four months ago, but in the hands of the Secretary Mr John Murray, the association has advanced by

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Provost at the outset intimated apolories from Rev. Mr Macneill, Glenmoriston, Rev. Mr Mackay, Glen-Urquhart; Dr and Mrs Winchester, Fort-Augustus; Rev. Colin Sinclair, Kirkhill; Mr E. Buick, "John o' Groat's Journal;" Mr and Mrs Munro, Strathpeffer; Mr Murray, Station Hotel, Wick, &c. The Provost expressed his pleasure at being present that evening, and thanked his Sutherlandshire friends for the honour they had done him in asking him to used. The favourite flowers worn were roses, the road authority,"

preside over the first social gathering of the Inverness Sutherlandshire Association ever held in the Highland Capital-(applause).

might predict a bright future for the Inver-ness Association—(applause). For one who was not born in Sutherlandshire, he ques-tioned very much if they could possibly have found a chairman more in sympathy with the county than he was (applause). He with rare old lace: and pale blue velvet. Mrs Halg, The Firs, was very sweet in an orange satin skirt, with a tiny bodice of black tulle and jet. Her orna-ment was a diamond pendant. Mrs Murray, Drummond Park, was very elegant in a plum coloured satin skirt, velvet bodice, touched up with rare old lace: and pale blue velvet. The minute which was an interval. Mrs Halg, The Firs, was because in an orange satin skirt, with a tiny bodice of black tulle and jet. Her orna-ment was a diamond pendant. Mrs Murray, Drummond Park, was very elegant in a plum coloured satin skirt, velvet bodice, touched up with rare old lace: and pale blue velvet. The minute which was a minute which was an interval. might predict a bright future for the Inverthe county than he was-(applause). the county than he was—(applause). He sleeves; ornaments, pearls; while her two culated, was held as read. sleeves; ornaments, pearls; while her two culated, was held as read. In time that his parents spent the early gowns, the bodices prettily dotted with sequins previous meeting was like an extract from

years of their married life in THE BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE

Sutherland looked over his wide domains-

member of the family born outside the county—(applause). The best thing it was

petent business." The Chairman said he had no interest in any of the Railway Companies, but the expression "any other competent business" would refer "any other competent business" would refer

THE HIGHLAND CLUB DANCE. DESCRIPTION OF DRESSES.

THE AIRD "MIKADO."

MR J. B. GRANT ONCE MORE.

[BY OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.] The sequel to the finding come to at a The members of the Highland Club last meeting of the Second District Committee night gave one of those happy and pleasant of the County Council of Inverness, held on the Inverness Sutherlandshire Association dances for which this resort has long been 19th January last in regard to the Strathglass was held in the Palace Hotel. There was noted. In response to the invitations, there Roads was witnessed yesterday at the Feb. a good attendance, over 150 ladies and gen- was a large and fashionable attendance, in- ruary meeting of the same Committee held tlemen being present. This, the youngest of cluding the youth and beauty of the local within the Convening-Room of the Castle. the count- societies in Inverness, was in- country folk, together with representatives of In order to have a full understanding of the old and well-known families throughout the subject, it may be mentioned that the Chair-North. The ball-room was prettily got up. man (Mr John Peter) ruled a motion of Mr J. B. Grant's as incompetent, which 'Tall palms, ferns, and pot plants were in progregation, to assist the pastor, attend ordin-ances, and administer the affairs of God's hcuse in accordance with the rules of His government; and (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the congregation the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to restore to the sacraments (2) that steps be taken to the sacraments (2) the sacrament (2) the sa asked for the withdrawal of the application charmingly arranged; while the supper-room was equally inviting. The supper was of the choicest, the dishes being well selected, and the service all that could be desired. The floor was in capital order, and the gay dresses of the ladies harmonised with fine effect with the kilted and scarlet uniforms of many of the center meeting. That meeting was held, and was said to have taken place in a close in the vicinity of Castle Wynd. A minute of that meeting was drawn up and handed in to the Clerks (Messrs W. R. & F. Grant, solicitors). gentlemen. Excellent music was discoursed throughout the evening by Messrs Logan & Co.'s orchestra, with Mrs D. Logan as pianist. The scene was a brilliant one. The gowns of many of the ladice were present, but the minute is signed by three only. Mr J. B. Grant was "moved to the chairl" His request to "the road many of the ladies were exceptionally pretty. Satin brocades were much in evidence. As to colours, white and pink were, perhaps, most structed to communicate this resolution to

> At yesterday's meeting Mr John Peter lily-of-the-valley, and forget-me-nots. Among those present was Mrs Dr Ross, Riverfield, who presided. The other members of Commitwore a handsome gown of peacock blue plush over white silk brocade. Miss Ross looked tait; Mr Alexander Mackenzie, Inverness; very pretty in a dress of white silk relieved with ribbon velvet; while her sisters were similarly attired. Mrs Haig, The Firs, was

He with rare old lace; and pale blue velvet The minute, which was printed and cir-

and trimmed with white chiffon, pink roses, one of Messrs Gilbert & Sullivan's operasand velvet. Mrs Dobie favoured vellow satin that, for instance, of the Mikado, where the brocade, the bodice frilled with white chiffon. Lord High Executioner sits as Chairman. Miss Thomson, Monaliadh, came in a black First, the Chairman of the road meeting belace over yellow. Mrs Harvey Duncan was gan by discussing two motions at once, charmingly dressed in pink satin, the bodice neither of them being before the meeting. prettily done up with white lace and pink roses, The second motion was put first, and an while a girdle of jewelled passementerie com-pleted a delightful gown. The Misses Fraser, Island Bank House, looked extremely pretty in white chêne dresses, the bodices of which ware advised and the first motion was not allowed county—(applause). The best thing to make up possible for him to do in order to keep up his connection with Sutherlandshire was his broidery. Mrs Shaw, St Aubyns, wore a be-competent. Of course their clerks were not broidery of the broider of th going direct to the county and marrying a Sutherlandshire lassie—(cheers). The jus-touched up with a bow of pale green ribbon. The matter as comic as they could. The of meeting did not contain any reference to tification for associations such as theirs was high they lived Miss Gordon was much admired in a gown of minute bore that the business was in the this matter, the circulars having been sent out long before the secretary had received Messrs long before the secretary had received Messrs for theirs had been styled in the times in which they lived, for theirs had been styled in the times in which they lived, for theirs had been styled in the times in which they lived, draped with chiffon and white silk. Mrs Innes & Mackay's letter on Sa urday last. Mr Walker, Torbreck, mought it might come under the designation of "any other com-petent business." AN AGE OF ASSOCIATIONS. They had their civil and religious, their petent business." AN AGE OF ASSOCIATIONS. They had their civil and religious, their trade and professional associations, where

A WARNING TO HIGHLANDERS.

The debate regarding the position of small free-holders in Wales, which took place on Tuesday night, should serve as a warning to small tenants in the Highlands of the folly of purchasing their holdings. In Wales a great many estates have been sold to the tenants, who were compelled to purchase at an exorbitant price, or lose both their homes and their improvements. For the latter they had, of course, to pay as if they had been the property of the landlords. The Welsh Land Commission, who recently reported, recommended that the State should make advances of money so that these small free-holders might be able to borrow at a low rate of interest. Of course the Government opposed the proposal; the Tory party are only in favour of giving .State money where big landlords are concerned. But it was significant that only one Welsh member ventured to speak against the proposal. Towards the close of the discussion the House was entertained to a purel- obstructive speech by no less a personage than the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who was put up 'c keep the debate going while the Government mustered a sufficient majority to defeat the motion.

DEADLY DULL.

The further examination of Mr Rhodes has not evolved much more than Sir Wm. Harcourt was able to extract in his two days examination. The small amount of further information extracted has opened the eyes of the public to how masterly that examination was. It is not generally known that was one of the leaders at the Parliamentary bar, and was credited with earning an income of something like £20,000 a year. To hear the other members of the Committee examine Mr Rhodes irresistibly reminds one of the youngsters running around and lighting the cigar ends their elders had thrown

away.

THE CELTIC FRINGE.

Mr Dillon made a splendid appearance in stinct with life and breathing the spirit of liberty .- The Welsh members completely demolished the Government case against land reform in the Principality .- Mr Cameron, rears go? who is a Gaelic-speaking Perthshire Highlander, moved the second reading of the Burials Bill.

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CONCERT .- Last night a concert in aid of little time, the funds of the Cricket Club was given in the Masonic Hall, Tain. Mr Black, W.S., Edinburgh, ocupied the chair, and there was a large audience. The programme was a very interesting one, and was greatly enjoyed by and collect the rates. What you should do

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO MR LOBBAN, tions. H.M.I.S.-In the National Hotel, Dingwall, last night, a complimentary dinner was given not. to Mr Lobban, H.M.I.S., on the occasion of his leaving the district. Sir Kenneth Mackenzie off all those who are three or four years of Gairloch presided, and supporting him on the platform were Mr Munro Fraser, H.M.IS.; Provost Stewart, Dingwall; Dr Bruce, County Medical Officer; Mr Robertson, H.M.I.S.; and Dr Adam, Dingwall. The toast of the even ing was proposed by the Chairman in felicitous terms. In responding, Mr Lobban said it was with great regret he was leaving the district. He always felt his deficiency in not having the Gaelic, but he vielded to no one in his admiration of the Highlands and Highlanders-(applause).

the Spirit of God was absent from the congregation, and that the prosperity of the congregation was spiritually at an end. The Presbytery should advise Mr Mackenzie to take the first call and leave Inverness. Mr Mackenzie having replied, the motion of Mr Mackay was declared carried.

Mr Mackenzie then asked leave to appeal to the Synod, which was granted, though with reluctance on the part of some of the members.

A petition was read from the Inverness Committee praying to be heard before the Presbytery or Synod in their own defence relative to Mr Mackenzie's statement to his congregation. It was ultimately agreed that the Committee should be allowed to draw up a statement of their case, to be submitted first to Mr Mackenzie so that he might prepare answers.

> PAY UP! HIGH CHURCH SEAT RENTS.

ARREARS-£360.

The Finance Committee of Inverness Town Council had under consideration on Tuesday came up on a letter from the Town Chamberlain to the Town Council on the subject, and the usual remit by the Council was made to the Committee. The amount of arrears reach a total of £360 and the Committee applied itself to the revision of the list of defaulters during the

past eight or nine years. Dean of Guild Fraser asked if those in arrears had been asked to pay? The Town Chamberlain said a day was came to the meeting. before Sir William troubled Parliament he fixed for payment, and previous intimation of that date made from the pulpit of the church. If payment was not made on that while he was in the chair. day notice was given that he (the Town Chamberlain) was prepared to receive payment.

> rents the names of those in arrear should meetings. be mentioned.

sociation might take some interest in it then-(laughter).

The Convener (Treasurer A. D. Ross) examined the ledger, and said he found a the Cretan debate, speaking with a fervour docquet by Mr John Sinclair dated 1890, and exhaltation that made each sentence in- stating that he had gone over the book and say he had done what he thought was right in found the amount of arrears-£93-to be correct. The old arrears, it was stated, amounted to £273 13s 10d-in all, £367 5s 7d. Mr John Clark-How far back do the ar-The Town Chamberlain-They go back

more than twenty years. Mr Clark-They should be struck off. The work of revision was then proceeded

with. After it had been continued for some

The Town Clerk-That is not the work of the Finance Committee. Dean of Guild Fraser-We want to go

into the business thoroughly. The Town Clerk-You might as well go

is to give Mr Paterson general instruc-

Dean of Guild Fraser-We want to know whether the arrears are worth collecting or

The Town Clerk-I think you should strike in arrear, and apply for payment of the others. The Convener-That is what we are doing. The Town Clerk-You are not going over the whole list.

The Convener-Yes.

proposal was to be made. Mr Innes argued that forty-eight hours' notice was the rule.

The Chairman-There is no notice herenot the half of forty-eight hours. Mr Innes said the letter had been read, and 150 years before the Christian era the nots. Mrs Richardson was nicely attired in at all to do with this Committee.

the meeting-(cheers).

ment was proceeding.

said that the matter would not be discussed

Mr Innes asked the Chairman on what rule of the Society he based his ruling.

Mr John Thomson thought that for the argue questions with Mr Innes or anybody early; but he should return, and bring Mrs else. It was the universal rule of business Macbean with him—(cheers).

Mr Howe endeavoured to put a motion in Mr D. Gibson said the Ratepayers' As- favour of the Invergarry Bill in the face of the Chairman's ruling, and he was met with

excited cries of "Chair," "Order," and by counter cheers. The Chairman said he might be wrong-he was not infallible-but he could conscientiously the matter-(cheers).

Mr Innes said the Chairman had no doubt acted honestly, but, being only a temporary chairman, he should not thwart the desire of a hearty welcome. Mr Mackay, British Linen large number of the members by refusing to Company Bank, proposed a vote of thanks put the motion to the meeting.

lectured by Mr Innes.

As the meeting was breaking up, Mr Innes asked those in favour of the motion to wait.

Asked those in favour of the motion of the waste going on, and seeing that the proposed second pipe will form a part of whatever greater extension may be required in future, therefore the Council resolve to lay a second pipe of sufficient size from the Reservoir to he town.' PROPOSED VISIT OF GENERAL GORE-BOOTH TO STRATHGLASS .- Yesterday, at a been a successful exhibitor, again maintained his superiority by winning the premier prizes. The show of turnips was of outstanding ex-cellence as regards quality. Mr Birnie, Well-house, repeated his success of former years by winning the principal prize tickets with turnips, which were finely shaped and of good colour. Potatoes were a fair section. There was not a large display of butter and cheese, but the quality of the exhibits was consi-dered fully up to the average of former years. Mr Birnie, Wellhouse, was successful in securing for the second time the Challenge Cup awarded to the competitor making the highest number of points in seeds and roots. At the annual business meeting—when Mr James Anderson, solicitor, presided — the secretary (Mr D. Gray) read the financial statement, which showed that the members' subscriptions amounted to £191 8s; dona-tions to prize fund, £37 15s; donations for special prize medals, £6 11s; drawings at last provio there of points of the second street fully are financial statement, which showed that the members' subscriptions amounted to £191 8s; dona-tions to prize fund, £37 15s; donations for special prize medals, £6 11s; drawings at last took to prize fund, £37 15s; donations for special prize medals, £6 11s; drawings at last took to prize fund, £37 15s; donations for special prize medals, £6 11s; drawings at last took to prize fund, £37 15s; donations for special prize medals, £6 11s; drawings at last took to prize fund, £37 15s; donations for special prize medals, £6 11s; drawings at last his superiority by winning the premier prizes. Hotel. Messrs R. Macleod and R. Maccoll disspecial prize medals, £6 11s; drawings at last year's show, £93 15s 6d. The total receipts charged the duties of M.C. to perfection, amounted to £468 19s 9d. There was a bal- while the arrangements were well attended ance against the Society of £49 11s 7d. The to in the hands of Messrs Angus Murray, report was agreed to. On the motion of the the treasurer, Messrs Neil Macleod, Sinclair, Chairman, the Duke of York was unani- the Albert Hotel; Mackay, Crown Restaurmously re-elected a patron of the Society. ant; Cameron, the Albion Hotel; M'Coll, The Mackintosh of Mackintosh was heartily East Gate; Angus Mackay, R. Macleod, and for introductions to such first-class plays as "Niobe," "Jane," "The Professor's Love Story," and the "New Boy," and his efforts to familiarise provincial audiences with the best of modern plays acted by first class to an admirable manner by Pipe-meet with the Convener of the High Church and confer best of modern plays acted by first class to an admirable manner by Pipe-meet with the convener of the High Church and confer best of modern plays acted by first class with the best of modern plays acted by first class with the best of modern plays acted by first class with the best of modern plays acted by first class and the modern plays acted by first class which were of the most to familiarise provincial audiences with the best of modern plays acted by first-class com-panies, are deserving, not only of apprecia-tion, but of unqualified success. Friday next.

tion.

their athenœums, lyceums, and benevolent pearance at a social gathering in Inverness a request for a record on clubs of all shades and degrees of excellence on the card. It would not be fair to the meth-bers of the Society to thrust upon the meeting at work for the moral and social well-being Sheriff-Substitute, looked very graceful in a in accordance with facts. He did not think bers of the Society to thrust upon the meeting a piece of business of which they had had no vatice (hear) more barbarous times, which found its prac- sweet in a white chêne silk, the bodice trimmed the meeting subsequently held should in some tical development in redressing clan feuds with chiffon and petunia roses. Miss Innes way be put on the record.

as theirs, where, by mutual help and symtrimmed with lace, and having bows of white cial minute-book of your own. satin ribbon, with sprigs of lily-of-the-valley; successfully in the social circles of life---

EARLY HISTORY OF THE COUNTY inent part which the noble families of Sutherland and Reay had taken in the battles of the manner in which that regiment acquitted itself during the Crimean War. No

black silk dress, the bodice touched up with pale-blue bows. Miss Guild looked charming our in the field fell to the lot of that regiin her white silk gown. Mrs Alex. Fraser,

ELEVEN OF THE ENENY

with his own hand—(cheers) Having spoken of the value of Sutherlandshire as an agricultural county, the Chairman said that black and pale-blue chiffon and forget-metherefore the subject-matter was now before county was well up in the art of smelting, a very common industry in the Highland | Mrs Dr Moir wore a handsome gown of slate-

The excitement became intense as the argu-in the present day of its gold and its coal, Mr Shearer, Croy, said the country members of its home industries in wool, wood carving, Miss Hill, Dingwall,was very elegant in a as part of the minutes. had heard nothing of the matter until they and various other branches which were being while lace frock, with sash of pink silk. Mrs ad heard nothing of the matter until they fostered and patronised by the leading R. L. Mackintosh wore pale heliotrope bro-ame to the meeting. The Chairman adhered to his ruling, and family in Sutherlandshire, the Duke and Cade. Mrs Wm. Burns, Drummond Hill, was Mr Grant—I approve of the minute Duchess of Sutherland-(applause). He wished to repeat the expression of the pleasure it gave him to be present, and he regretted that another pressing en-The Chairman said he was not going to gagement would necessitate his leaving not looked well in a dress of dove silk, touched

The following programme was then gone through :through: — Song, "The Maid of Morven," Mr Lawrence Fraser; song, "Angus Macdonald," Mrs M'Garrol; song, "The Bonnie Lass of Ballochmyle," Mr Macpherson; song (Gaelic), "Farewell to Fiunary," Miss Kate Fraser; dance, Pipe-Major Sutherland; song, "The Kerry dance, Pipe-Major Sutherland; song, "The Kerry low" (Garle), "Fatewein to Fridard," and "The Kerry dance, Pipe-Major Sutherland; song, "The Kerry Dance," Miss M'Kay; song, "Blow high, blow low," Mr Christie; song, "The Maclean's Gathering," Mrs M'Garrol; song, "Is Toigh leam a' Ghaidhealdach," Mr R. M'Leod; song, "Caller Herrin'," Miss Kate Fraser. Pipe-Major Sutherland was awarded a to the singers and all who took part in the The Chairman retorted that he would not be octured by Mr Innes. As the meeting was breaking up, Mr Innes party, and contributed in no small measure to its success.

> The following is the list of those present :---Council on Monday Councillor Maclean will move :-- "Whereas the water pipe from the Reservoir to the town is too small, and it is necessary to increase the pressure of the water in the town, in order to give a sufficient supply during the hours of greatest consumption, to provide enough for emergencies, and to enable the Water Manager to check effectually the

since the appointment of her husband as being refused so long as that request was

Mr Grant (pointing to the printed minute) while her sister was very attractive in white ---It is referred to here, and anything that silk. Miss Mackenzie, Heatherley, looked happens in connection with this Committee charming in a white striped grenadine. Miss should be put on record. The subsequent Macgillivrav. East-Dean, was handsomely proceedings were of interest to some people, gowned in pink satin brocade. Miss Mackin- though possibly not to others.

Mr Maclean-Who called the meeting? tosh, Inchmay, came in a black silk dress, the Mr Grant-The meeting was called here. bodice prettily touched up with pale-blue bows

and pink roses; while her sister wore a be- It was a continuation of the previous meetcoming gown of black satin, with tiny bodice inor

Mr Mackenzie-We have nothing to do of white tulle arranged with jet and pink roses. Mrs Steele word a lavender brocade. Mrs with that meeting.

Mr Grant-The meeting was never ad-William Mackay, Craigmonie, wore a handsome gown of black silk, relieved with a bunch journed.

Mr Mackenzie-Was that the meeting you of pink roses effectively placed on the bodice. Miss Lang, Mayfield, was very pretty in a held in a close?

Mr Grant-It was not held in your close. The Chairman-I think we should agree to the regular minute of meeting, and allow Westwood, was handsomely gowned in yellow this discussion to drop.

satin brocade, relieved with petunia roses. Mr Grant-Certainly not. I ask that this minute be put on record. I may mention that Mrs Andrew Macdonald wore a handsome dress of black silk, tulle, and jet; while Miss Mac- the Clerks have sent a copy of he minute to donald favoured yellow satin, the bodice being the Road Board, and I have sent a copy of of frilled nett. Miss Grant, Reay House, was it to Lord Balfour of Burleigh, and I have in a pretty gown of white brocade, and Miss no doubt, in the circumstances, the matter Paterson came in black satin, with bodice of will come up here again.

Mr Mackenzie-The minute has nothing

The Chairman-No; nothing. lavender satin, with long loops of pink ribbon.

Mr Cameron-I beg to second this motion coloured silk. Miss Buckley, Rossal, looked that the minute of the continuation of a beautiful in white silk with pearl embroidery. former meeting of this Committee be entered

Mr Mackenzie-I beg to move the ap-Mr Grant-I approve of the minute as

becomingly attired in black silk, relieved with far as it has gone, and I want this minute panels of white silk. Mrs James Innes selec- put on record.

The Chairman-You take exception to the ted yellow satin, with crimson sash, the bodice being switched up with crimson. Mrs Arbuthminutes?

Mr Grant-Certainly I don't. But I say the minutes are incomplete.

up with pink. Miss Adams, Island Bank, wore a gown of shott silk, the bodice being Mr Mackenzie-Is the minute approved effectively arranged with white chiffon. Mrs of? Mr Chairman, cannot you give a Dr Keay came in a charming dress of white ruling?

The Chairman-I am asking that the satin brocade. Miss Morin was gowned in a meeting approve of the minute as it stands. pink silk crêpe skirt, with tiny bodice of pink satin. Mrs Cameron, Balnakyle, looked Mr Maclean seconded Mr Mackenzie's mocharming in a handsome gown of black satin,

with puffed sleeves of pink chine. Mrs Col. Gordon wore a handsome gown of canary Mr Mackenzie-My motion is that the minute printed and circulated be adopted as satin. The utmost credit is due to the Comcomplete.

Mr Grant-I made my motion, and you mittee for the excellence of their arrangements, and to the Secretary, Mr Thos. G. cannot get past it. Mr Maclean—Where was the meeting

Henderson, under whose supervision they were so successfully carried out. The Manager. held?

Mr Salway, with Mrs Salway, were unremitt-Mr Mackenzie-Was our Clerk clerk of ing in their attention to the comfort of the

the meeting? Mr Grant-If you will allow the Clerk to read the minute it will tell you all about

Mr Mackenzic-We don't want the minute THE "TWO-STROOP" WATER SYSTEM .--- At the monthly meeting of the Inverness Town read.

The Chairman-We cannot recognise any neeting but the meeting held here.

Mr Grant-Read the minute whatever it

The Chairman-We can only accept the minute of a regularly-called meeting.

Mr Grant-You have got my motion. Mr Mackenzie-Your motion is not com-

petent. If you call a meeting in a close

again it will not be competent here. A vote was taken, and Mr Grant's motion was rejected by 8 votes to 3.

THE ALLEGED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN GLEN-URQUHART .- At a meeting of the Second meeting of the Second District Committee- District Committee yesterday correspondence Mr John Peter, convener, presiding—a letter was read from Mesrs Anderson & Shaw, clarks to the Committee and Mr Rod Scott solicitor, in reference to the alleged obstruction of a footpath at Lewiston, by which it is said the public are prevented from using the road as a short cut to church, and young children from attending school. The Clerks asked Mr Scott to remove the obstruction complained of. Mr Scott in his reply regretted that the Committee should have proceeded on the "ex parte" statement. Scott further said that his clients denied the statement contained in the Clerks' letter, and he offered to attend a meeting of the Committee, and put in a statement which, he ventured to think, would have prevented the Committee from coming to the resolution indicated. He asked the Clerks to assure the Committee that no public road whatever had been interfered with in any way by his clients. Should the Committee insist on further proceedings, Mr Scott concluded, he should sustain service for his clients in any writ that might be issued. Mr Grant, Drumbuie, a member of the Committee, and factor for the Countess of Seafield, submitted ordnance survey plans of the ground through which the footpath passed. After examination of the plans by members of the Committee, a sub-committee was appointed consisting of Major Grant, Mr Don. Grant, Drumnadrochit; Mr A. Mackenzie, Mr J T. Garrioch, to visit the locality on an early

Mr Burns-To see how much money you will

THE STRANGE ADVENTURES OF MISS other. BROWN .-- The engagement of Mr W. Payne Seddon's Company in the "Strange Adventures of Miss Brown" will begin in the Inver-

ness Theatre Royal on Thursday next, and be continued till Saturday. Brimful of comedy and exciting situations, the piece is described as funnier than three pantomines rolled into

one. "Miss Brown" is none other than a tinued. Arrears in individual cases amount-"Captain Courtenay" disguised as a girl in ing to £7, £4, £3, and so on were intimated. a ladies' school; and Messrs Robert Buch- It was stated on behalf of one gentleman anan, and Charles Marlowe, the authors, have that he objected on principle to pay a seat cleverly contrived to make this the means rent. At the close of the examination some of causing both young and old to roar with conversation took place as to whether it laughter for over two hours. The company might not be possible for the Town Council is under the direction of Mr W. Payne Sed- to obtain relief from the work of seatrent don, whose name has become a guarantee collection, and the responsibility attaching for the excellent and high-class in dramatic to the upkeep of the fabric of the church. productions. To him playgoers are indebted The Town Clerk submitted the following

Dean of Guild Fraser-We mean business -(laughter).

The Town Clerk-That's not business. What do you pay your officials for? You might as well come and revise my minutes. The Convener-We just do the same with other arrears.

Mr John Thomson-This is as much in connection with the town's affairs as any

Mr Gibson-We are called upon to pay certain monies, and we cannot pay these unless we get the money.

The Convener-Similar work has been done in other departments.

The Town Clerk-All right, gentlemen; if you are anxious to do the work, go on. The revision of the ledger was then con-

County Clerks, addressed to Mr Peter, with reference to the payment of Colonel Gore-Booth's expenses in connection with his pro posed visit for the inspection of the Strathplass Road. Mr Anderson in that letter said he wrote to the Chairman of the Finance Committee suggesting that that Committee should undertake to pay the expense, but he had taken up the position that the expenses should be borne by the District Committee. That point could be decided at the County Council meeting. Mr Anderson further asked that a meeting of the District Committee should be called for an early day in order that he might be empowered to give an answer to the Secretary for Scotland on the point. Mr Anderson expected the Council would relieve the Second District, but, in any case, the amount was not large (probably £20), and could not affect the assessment. Mr J. B. Grant, Erchless, said Colonel Gore-Booth was

not wanted, and the Committee had no wish to give any guarantee, which was simply another name for payment. The County Council, he said, would assuredly not pay one single penny for the purpose required. He moved that the Committee resolve in the meantime to take no steps in the matter. Mr Cameron, Buntait, seconded, and the motion, after some discussion, was agreed to, several members expressing the convicuon that the subject would come before the meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council on a bus bares to the day and report.

SUTHERLANDSHIRE NEWS.

The schooner "Pioneer" (Captain Love) Ferry.

KILDONAN SCHOOL BOARD. - The School Board of Kildonan met in the Board Room on Wednesday. There was a full attendance of members. It was resolved to have the triennial election on Thursday, 25th March. Sergeant-Major Clarke was appointed to instruct the pupils attending the Public School in drill.

HELMSDALE-PRESENTATION.-On the evening of Tuesday of last week Mr Robert Mackenzie, Dunrobin Street, was presented with a silver watch and chain on the occasion of his leaving Helmsdale for a Govern. ment situation in Glasgow. The Rev. A. B. Scott made the presentation. Mr J. J. Hill, banker; Major Hill, Lieutenant D. Sutherland, and Sergeant Macpherson also spoke.

ROGART-CULDRAIN DEBATING SOCIETY. -The subject debated at Culdrain on Wednesday of last week was "Is the Sportsman beneficial to the Highlands?". Mr R. Mackay, Morvich, led the affirmative, and Mr F Macdonald the negative. A very long and interesting discussion followed, in which to be thorough masters of the argument. On a vote being taken, it was found that the negative won by a large majority.

HELMSDALE NOTES. - On Thursday a

ing in the consummation of a marriage weekly during three successive weeks at maidens quite eligible, but evidently they them tasted the sweets on former occasions.

GOLSPIE-DEATH OF MR DONALD MAC-KENZIE .- Mr Donald Mackenzie, plasterer, after a short illness. Deceased, who had retired from business a few years ago, had taken little or no part in public affairs, being of a quiet, retiring disposition. He was much respected and liked throughout the community, and had a wide circle of friends. Mr Mackenzie spent part of his early life in Australia. Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved widow and relatives.

LAIRG - "CASTE IN CURLING."-In the course of a letter on this subject, "Loch Shin' writes :--- "Let us come to the point. On the morning of the day on which the Lairg Curling Club went to Golspie to a match, in which they were beaten, a gentleman from Lairg was sent to Achany to fork out a curler to go to Golspie. He was successful in getting one, and still the Lairg Club had to fork out another man in Golspie to make up the number required. The missed the action, with expenses. teachers, who, I presume, are members of the Club, and, having holidays at the time, were available to go to Golspie. Were the teachers asked, or did they offer their services and were refused? If they were not asked, or if their services were refused, they must have been slighted. DORNOCH-SHERIFF COURT .-- On Tuesday-before Sheriff Mackenzie-Alexander Macdonald, labourer, Clashmore, and formerly of West Langwell, Rogart, was charged with the theft of a fir tree, supposed to be cut down by him from Clashmore Wood. He pled not guilty, but on evidence being adduced the charge was found proven, and he was fined 20s, with an alternative of seven days' imprisonment .- An old offender, Neil Macdonald, Lairg, also appeared to answer to a charge of breach of the peace,

GOLSPIE-THE WEATHER.-The weather THE QUARRY ROAD.—The liability for the continues changeable, as befits February. maintenance of the Quarry Road has been High westerly winds, increasing to perfect a subject of long continuance at the Coun-

is shipping a cargo of potatoes from Mr gales and dying away as suddenly as they cil Board, and the matter has now been Patrick Sellar, Culmaily, at the Little rise, are paving the way for March. Bril- finally disposed of by the Town Council, liant bursts of sunshine, passing showers, who, after paying a visit to the locality, the song of the lark, and the rapid unfolding have come to the resolution that they canof early blossoms all proclaim the advent of not contribute anything towards the mainspring. The open breezy weather, which it is to be hoped has come to stay, is specitenance of the road. They do so on the ground that there is not such an extraord-

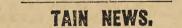
ally welcome after the stormy season, which inary traffic from the quarry to the burgh has held unbroken sway since the New-Year. as to show that the burgh is entitled es-KINLOCHBERVIE-FREE PRESENTERIANS. pecially to contribute towards its upkeep; -On Sabbath last the Rev. Alex. Macrae, that the road has never been properly for med; that a considerable proportion of the Kames, Tighnabruaich, preached at 12 a.m.

stones carried over the road from the quarry in the Public School, Oldshore, taking for is used in the district outwith the burgh his text St John xvi. 8; in the Public School, boundaries, and by parties not resident in Inshegra, at 6 p.m., from Isaiah xxvi. 20 and 21; and on the following Monday in the maintained from time immemorial as a coun. Parish Church at 12 a.m., from the First Epistle of John xi. 28. The schoolhouses, ty road. These reasons for non-contribu-Epistle of John xi. 28. The schoolhouses, which are large and commodious, were over-crowded. There was also a large attendance Committee and Properties Committee, and at the Monday service. A great many traon Monday evening were approved of by the velled a long distance to hear the preacher, Town Council.

who is known as a very fluent and eloquent speaker. All the diets were very edifying and greatly appreciated.

COLONEL MENZIES SUED.-In the Second Division of the Court of Session on Tuesday, from Monday till Friday, the Company havtheir Lordships disposed of an appeal from the ng withdrawn the boats for repairs. the speakers on the negative side appeared Sheriff Court of Dornoch, in an action raised by Adam Robertson, salmon fishery officer at took the form of a musical evening, and was Brora, to recover £250 of damages from well attended. Colonel Menzies of Blarich, commanding the 1st Sutherland Rifle Volunteers, and Granville strong westerly breeze blew, which drove a C. Feilden, the Captain and Adjutant of that number of boats into the harbour for shelter. —A start in the matrimonial market has, holding Saturday evening meetings for the convenience of fishermen. says a correspondent, been made here, result- desirous of being transferred from the Golspie to the Brora Company, and that when the transfer had been effected he was promised a of the little guide "Cromarty and its Neighbourhood." least. There are lots of young men and new uniform by the Sergeant-Instructor. A few days prior to the annual inspection he can't see their way. Some of those who have been joined in wedlock lately have each of lodged an ambiention of the and the second of lodged an ambiention of the second se has been loaded, the "Dispatch" of Avoch having taken in a cargo. lodged an application for leave of absence from the inspection, stating as his reason that he was unable to obtain uniform, and the ap-plication was granted. After the inspection intimated their decision not to assist in making the proposed railway. The promoters died at his residence on Monday evening the applications for leave of absence were have, it is stated, agreed to approach another examined by the Adjutant, who, on investigat-Company. ing the reason assigned by the pursuer, dis-covered that he had been tendered a new uniform, which he had rejected. The circumstances were reported to the commanding officer, with the result that a battalion order was issued dismissing the pursuer from the seem to have quickened interest in matters perbattalion for "obtaining leave of absence from taining to the Shambles. On Tuesday the the annual inspection under false pretences."

The ground of action was that these words were Special Committee appointed for that purpose false and slanderous. The defenders pleaded visited the "policies" preparatory to giving in that the reason assigned for the pursuer's disa report on the same to the Town Council missal was true, and that they were privileged, The recommendation of the Dean and Mr and that the action was irrelevant. Sheriff-Grigor to revert again to holding the subjects Substitute Mackenzie allowed the pursuer a in the town's hands is one well worthy the proof of his averments. Against this judg- attention of the ratepayers, who are already ment the defenders appealed, and argued that severely taxed. there was no relevant case to go to proof. The MORE BENEFICENCE .- Although possibly Court on Tuesday unanimously recalled the Bailie Macrae did not see it in that light, the interlocutor of the Sheriff-Substitute, and dis-Council, on the whole, had no option but to



BLACK ISLE NEWS.

The "Caleb," with coals for Mr J. A. Gordon, is at present being discharged in the Quay, Fortrose.

A grand dramatic concert under the auspices of the Chanonry Lodge of Oddfellows comes off at Fortrose on Friday night. The comedy, to be a main feature in the entertainment, is the production of a local man. Mr W. Macdonald, dancing-master, brought

Wednesday night. This took place in the have been very popular. FORTROSE - EVANGELISTIC MEETING .-

Rev. Alexander Maclennan, M.A., late Congregational minister of Wick, addressed the weekly meeting in the Old Academy on

held on Monday in the Session-House, an application for a colleague and successor from Rev. Mr Mackerchar, Avoch, was received, in the Sheriff Court at Fort William action will permit, viz. :and was forwarded to the Commission of the Church. The cause of ms application is, we tions craving interdict against the contracregret to note, protracted ill-health.

FORTROSE - M.I.A. - A debate on "Conscription" was the subject at the weekly state that the crofters belong to Lochiel, meeting of the M.I.A. on Tuesday night. The and that "notice to treat" has been duly leaders were-For the affirmative, Mr G. Maclennan; and for the negative, Mr J. Maclean, M.A. Both speakers were seconded by a civilian and a retired army man-Messrs Arthur and Scopes for the affirmative, and Messrs Sutherland and Geddie for the negative. When the votes of the members were taken, there was a show of 18 for the negative and only 7 for the affirmative.

NAIRN NEWS.

A very fine example of a cup-marked stone

Famine Relief Fund now amount to £139 8s answers.

A collection in the Nairn Free Church on Sunday for the Indian Famine Relief Fund amounted to £27 3s 6d.

SOCIAL MEETING .- A social meeting of the Congregational Church congregation was held on Friday night-Mr Japp presiding. There was a good attendance, and addresses were given by Rev. J. Bonallo, Auldearn; Rev. J. Shields, Elgin; and the Chairman. During the evening the choir sang several very appropriate pieces. On the motion of Mr Bowie, a vote of thanks was accorded the

FREE CHURCH LITERARY SOCIETY .- The subject on Wednesday evening being "Scot-

FORT-WILLIAM NEWS,

PUBLIC SCHOOL.-This school was inspected on the 19th and 20th inst. by H. M inspectors (Messrs Robertson and Strachan). 265 pupils were presented.

THE FREE CHURCH WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSION .- The work made by the ladies of the Free Church congregation during the past year in aid of this Mission was sold within the hall of the church on Tuesday last. There his classes to a close by an assembly on was a large attendance during the day, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. Sheriff Davidson opened the sale, and referred Drill Hall, Fortrose, and was largely at-tended. The classes, adult and juvenile, to the growing work of women in the church, and how indispensably necessary such work now appears. The sale realised upwards of

Third Class Return Fares.—To return on 12th or 15th March, 1897, 38s 6d; to return on any day up to and including 23rd March, 1897, 42s 6d. The Tickets issued at the above Fares cannot be used from or to any inter-mediate Station, and will only be available for return on the dates specified above, by the routes for which they are issued on the outward journey, and by the Trains mentioned hereunder, viz. :-£52, which is a very considerable advance on last and former years.

MALLAIG RAILWAY-LOCHIEL CROFTERS Sunday night. Mr Maclennan's subject, INTERDICTING.-Messrs Macalpine, the con-"Temptation," was handled in a robust and tractors, having without the Railway Com-INTERDICTING .- Messrs Macalpine, the conpractical style. There was a large audience. pany giving "notice to treat" to the crof-FORTROSE-PRESENTERY MEETING .- At a ters, taken possession of parts of the crofts

tors entering upon their crofts. The contractors have lodged defences, wherein they given to him. It is also stated by them that Lochiel has served notice on the crofters that he is to resume, from and after Candlemas, under the second section of the Crofters Act, the parts of the crofters' holdings

required for the purpose of forming the railway; and that he is to make adequate compensation for them for the land to be resumed, as the Crofters Commission shall determine. The contractors plead that the crofters have no title to sue. Some of the

records have been closed, and proof in one of the cases has been fixed to proceed on the 11th prox. Mr Donald Macphee, solicitor, has lodged a caveat with the Crofters Com-

has been turned up by the plough on Mr mission, craving to be heard in any appli-Gowan's farm of Newton of Budgate, Cawdor. cation that may be made for the resumption The Nairn subscriptions to the Indian of lands. Application has been so made, and the Commissioners have issued an order for

> PORTREE - PARISH COUNCIL. - Portree Parish Council met in the Court-Room on Tuesday. The chief business was the gravevard. Some time ago a spot was fixed upon between Viewfield and Glenvaragill, and this place the Council have decided to abide by, if they can get Lord Macdonald's sanction

KYLEAKIN-READING-ROOM .- The Kyleakin Reading-Room Committee are at present negotiating for the erection of a suitable buildin~ the present accommodation being inadequate since the membership is considerably

For times of Sunday Mail Trains see Time Tables, The following Trains will be run in addition to the above :

640 A.M. Passenger, Struan to Perth ; 40 and 810 P.M., Inverness to Forres ; 80 A.M. Mixed, Struan to Blair-Atholl. a Will stop to set down Passengers from North of Blair-Atholl, on notice being given to Guard at Blair-Atholl. Arrives at Glasgow Central. Does not run on Saturdays. Pullman Sleeping Cars. Fridays only.
Will stop to set down Passengers holding Tickets from North of Dingwall and from Strathpeffer on their informing Guard at Muir of Ord.
G.N.S. Company's Train awaits 15 minutes for Passengers

P.M.

8.15

9.15

Euston ... depart 8.0 King's Cross... ,, 8.15

Liverpool Street "

St Pancras ...

In the undernoted times "a" after a figure stands for a.m., and "p" denotes p.m.

THE Public are respectfully informed that

RAILWAY NOTICES.

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9TH TO 11TH MARCH, 1897.

Cheap Excursion from Inverness to London for 4, 8, or

16 days. On Monday, the 8th March, 1897, Third Class Return

Tickets will be issued from Inverness to London by the 30 p.M. Train at the following Cheap Excursion Fares, available for the undernoted periods, viz. :--Third Class Return Fares.-To return on 12th or 15th

Weekdays Saturdays (except (via Dunkeld Saturdays). only).

8.50

11·30 5·15

11·50 11·30

9.15

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SKYE NEWS.

speakers and choir.

tish Poetry"-an essay to be delivered by over sixty. It is proposed to have a room for

committed in that village. He pled guilty, and expressed regret through his agent, Mi Campbell. Sheriff Mackenzie took a lenient view of the case, and after an admonition dismissed him from the bar.

KINLOCHBERVIE-DROWNING ACCIDENT. 'A very sad drowning accident occurred here on Wednesday. The previous days were so boisterous that no boats ventured out, but on Wednesday six of the Banffshire boats proceeded to the fishing grounds. While the crew of the "Northern Flower," BF. 1669, were hauling in their great lines, and engaged in taking the small boat on board, the hawser gave way. One of the crew, Wm. Watt (Skipper's Brother,") jumped into the small boat to recover it. The boat immediately filled and capsized. The man got hold of a buoy, and kept afloat for a short time, but ultimately disappeared. Unfortunately, there was a strong wind blowing from the south-west at the time and a tremendously heavy sea. The big boat became unmanagable, and all the efforts of the crew to work her round to the spot proved of no avail. The sad news has cast a gloom over the surrounding townships. Deceased was but two years married. Much sympathy is felt for his young widow and relatives in their sudden and sad bereavement.

DECISION OF A DORNOCH CROFTER CASE .---Sheriff Mackenzie has given his decision in the case of Macleod v. Macleod, which is one of ejection and interdict, and arose as follows :---The late John Macleod, father of the pursuer and defender, who are brother and sister, was formerly tenant of a croft at Evelix. During his lifetime he assigned the tenancy of the munity. At the monthly meeting of Town croft to his son, the pursuer in this action, who Council on Monday evening, Provost Mathewas accepted as tenant by the landlord. On the late John Macleod's death, the defender tablished it would be a great matter. He produced a testamentary writing by her late father, which was in the following terms: - had, he said, been in communication with "After May I leave the half of may house to Miss Middleton, the secretary of the Easter may Daughter Bell the low Flat. John Ross District Nursing Association, and other M'Leod Father Janry 31st/94," and on the ladies who have taken an interest in the local strength of this, insisted in her right to occupy, to the exclusion of her brother, the lower half of the main dwelling-house on the croft. The done. If they could not get up a cottage Sheriff-Substitute has decided that she is not hospital for Tain it would be well to join in entitled to enforce this right, his Lordship the county scheme. Meantime, however, he holding that the testamentary document re-should move that further consideration of ferred to was insufficient to secure to the de-the matter be deferred. Dean of Guild Galfender the possession of that portion of the lie-Remit it to a committee to consider.

The Shinty team of Rogart are to play the "youthful Saints" to-day.

Last Sunday the Rev. Mr Grant, of Helmsdale, conducted the services in the Free present thought the matter worthy of the Church.

CONCERT.-A concert in aid of the funds for the Edderton water scheme was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance, and, as all the singers were local, the programme was enjoyed very much.

THE INDIAN FAMINE FUND .- It has been resolved by the Tain Town Council to transmit the amount of subscription received up to date - £64 - for the relief of the sufferers by the famine in India to London direct.

The annual general meeting of the Easter Ross Horticultural Society is to be held in the Royal Hotel, Tain, on Monday evening to elect office-bearers and make other necessary arrangements for the ensuing year. With £18 to their credit, the Society ought this year to Grant, who served his apprenticeship with have a very successful show.

THE REPRESENTATIVE ELDER. - At a meeting of the Town Council on Monday Hotel, and presented with a travelling bag evening, Bailie Maitland gave notice that he would move at next monthly meeting that David Lennox, Esq., ex-Provost of Dumfries, be appointed the Council's Commissioner to the ensuing General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

On Saturday last the St Duthus F.C. were mustered on the Links to try conclusions with the Alness F.C. in the semi-final for the Pattison Cup. The Alness failed to appear, however, and at a meeting of the Association held on Wednesday evening the Saints were awarded the match, and the final tie between the Dingwall Victoria and the Tain team fixed to be played at Tain on the 6th of March.

PROPOSED COTTAGE HOSPITAL .--- In connection with the Royal Diamond Jubilee, the burgh of Tain, it would appear, has not yet decided how that event shall be suitably marked for the benefit of the comson said if a cottage hospital could be es-

a banner, upon which will be emblazoned the burgh's title to rank as an historical unit of the great British Empire. This was the outcome of the meeting of Town Council on Tuesday, and, with a few possible exceptions, those pother.

accept (with thanks) the latest gift from Mr

Littlejohn, Invercharron. From henceforth

Dingwall is to have a seal and arms, and also

CROMARTY NEWS.

Steamer communication was suspended

The Literary Society meeting this week

The Good Templars are contemplating

Mr Bain is about to publish a new edition

The first cargo of potatoes for the season

The Highland Railway Company have now

DINGWALL NEWS.

The recent diseased meat prosecution would

FATAL ACCIDENTS INQUIRY .- In the Sheriff and thereafter the proceedings were brought Court on Monday an inquiry was held regard- to a close. ing the death of Roderick Macaskill, which took place at Duncraig on the 5th February ing, arranged by Mr Cook, was held yesterlast. There were in all ten witnesses examined, and their evidence went to show that dechain attached to it of a crane engaged in so many, that each programme appears ceased was killed by the falling of the jib or chain attached to it of a crane engaged in loading sleepers on to a steamer belonging to Nn Post contractor Kula. There seemed to the next. Dr White appeared to advantage Mr Best, contractor, Kyle. There seemed to be some contradictory statements as to the cause of the jib falling, but the evidence, on the whole, bore out that the accident was purely accidental, and the Jury returned verdict accordingly.

PRESENTATIONS .- On Friday evening week Mr James Black, lately assistant with Mr Crawford, draper, Dingwall, and Mr Kenneth Provost Stewart, Dingwall, were met by a number of companions and friends in the Railway each on the occasion of their leaving for London. Mr W. C. Mackenzie, assistant draper, presided, and, after a few appropriate remarks, called upon Mr Russell, clerk, to make the presentation. The recipients feelingly replied. A very enjoyable evening was thereafter spent. Mr Black is the second son of Mr William Black, Gruids.

A LOCAL LECTURE .- On Tuesday evening ex-Bailie Nicol gave his long-looked-for lecture on "Views and Reviews of Dingwall and its Public Men." Taken on the whole, what shall we say? The audience was one of the best yet seen in the Masonic Hall, many of whom were no doubt attracted by the name and fame of the lecturer. Was the lecture a success? Well, answering in the general way, it was. There were those who thought they received too little attention, and, on the other hand, there were those who fancied they were over-represented on the screen. What shall we say, then? In brief, the lecture was a gigantic success, and the Excelsior Debating Society and the Committee of the Reading-Room ought, as things go, to pocket a few half-pence. The views-so far as they wentwere splendid-nothing could have been better -only we would have liked to have seen more public" men on the screen. Where were the Senior Bailie, the local preachers, the Academy teachers, "cum Multis Alüs?" Practically nowhere! Yet there was no doubt of the fact that the lecture was a general success-none whatever. LETTING THE COMMON GOOD .-- On Thurs-

day a special meeting of the Town Council was held to consider the letting of the Common Good subjects for the year. A quorum

friends. The lecture, though short, was an interesting one, and proved the essayist to be thoroughly acquainted with his subject. Remarks were made by Mr Watt and Mr C. H. Mitchell on the subject of the lecture,

> LITERARY INSTITUTE .--- A musical evenday evening in the supper room. Singers are so few in Nairn, and their performances with an "Arabian Love Song," and Mr H. Simpson with "Anchored." Miss Fraser Simpson with "Anchored." sang very tastefully and sweetly. The other singers were received with great favour by an

enthusiastic audience. MASONIC BALL. - The annual assembly under the auspices of the Nairn St Ninian Masonic Lodge took place on Friday night. There was a large attendance, and the ball was of quite a brilliant character. The arrangements were carreid out by Mr Tocher, the secretary, and a committee, and Dr Cruickshank performed the duties of Master of Ceremonies. Mr Austin supplied the supper in a superior style, and Mr Huggard carried out the decorations and arrangements of the hall with his usual skill and taste. Good music alone was required to make the assembly go off well, and that was supplied Elgin.

MASONIC-PRESENTATION. - A quarterly communion of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nairn was held in the Royal Hotel, Nairn, on Friday. There was a large attendance of the brethren, including representatives from the Elgin, Grantown, Forres, and Nairn Lodges. Colonel Johnston, Provincial Grand Master, presided. After transacting official business, the Lodge visited the St Ninian Masonic Lodge, when the records of the lat ter were duly examined and passed. Thereafter Past Master J. A. Cameron was, on the occasion of his retiral from the office R.W.M. presented by the brethren of St Ninian Lodge with an illuminated address as a recognition of his efforts in furthering the interests of Masonry in Nairn.

CONCERT .- On Tuesday evening an exhibition of the cinematograph and concert was held in the Public Hall under the management of Mr Watt, Elgin. A very large attendance vouched for the interest taken in this new departure of photography. The concert could hardly be called a success were we to take

either the singing or elocutionary part. A word of praise should be given to Miss Elsie Gray for an excellent rendering of "Ora pro nobis" and two Scottish songs. Mr G. W. of members was beat up after some delay, Walker may have impressed Mr Watt as

Mr Watson of Auldearn-there was a very the sole use of the ladies, and one where games gcod attendance of members and their can be played. There will be a large readingroom, and possibly a small hall, which could be utilised for various purposes.

PORTREE - LITERARY SOCIETY. - The fridays only. annual business meeting of the Portree Literary Society was held on Tuesday evening -the Very Rev. Dean Maclean presiding. Reports were submitted showing the Society to be in a most flourishing condition. After their adoption, the meeting proceeded to the election of new office-bearers. Mr John Mac-kintosh, factor, was elected President. Dr Macdonald and Messrs Bruce and Macdonald were elected Vice-Presidents, and Mr G. H. Lo Mackay was continued in the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Various additions were made to the already long list of Honorary Presidents.

DISTRICT NEWS.

Dr Rutherford has entered upon his duties as medical officer for Alness.

BEAULY-CHILDREN'S CONCERT.-One of B the most popular entertainments of the season D. is to come off on Tuesday evening of next week, viz., the school children's concert. Both the boys and girls having been under special training for some time for singing and acting, the whole performance is looked forward to as a most enjoyable treat.

ARDGAY-A SUCCESSFUL MEDICAL STU-Donald Graham, Ardgay, who in former sessions took a distinguished place in his classes, has again this session taken an exceptonally high place in the recent examination in medicine and surgery, gaining in the former 90 and in the latter 84 per cent. of the possible marks. This result entitles Mr Graham to first-class honours in these sub-

KINGUSSIE-SHINTY MATCH. - Another shinty match was played in Kingussie on Saturday, in which great interest was taken, from the fact that the Kingussie Camanachd trophy-holders were on this occasion to face a combination of six clubmen from Newtonmore and six from Laggan. Notwithstanding the strength of the two well-known western clubs, Kingussie once more proved the victors, after a very exciting game, by 4 hails to 1-one being disputed. For Kingussie, Campbell, tailor, was goal, and for the combination Peter Kennedy, Cluny; Colour-Sergeant Macdonald, drill instructor of the Badenoch Volunteers, acceptably officiating as umpire. The game was keenly watched by a large number of spectators.

BEAULY-PROPOSED PUBLIC HALL .- Our correspondent writes :-- Our Parish Council, anxious to show something of a public nature done by them before the expiry of their off the 3.0 Express, and Passengers should give notice to Guard at Forres.

First and Third Class accommodation on all Trains.

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1.45 P.M., reaching Thurso at 7.50 P.M., and Wick at 8.0 P.M.

Passengers from Perth and Stations south thereof booked to Dalnaspidal, Dalwhinnie, and Newtonmore by this train are allowed to go on to Kingussie, and return therefrom to the Station for which they are booked by the 6.0 A.M. Up Trnin ex Inverness without

booked by the 6'0 A.M. Op Trnin ex Inverness without extra charge.
Via Forth Bridge. f Fridays only.
n Mondays excepted. Pullman Cars run by this Train.
Stops to pick up Passengers for North of Blair-Atholl.
Will stop daily by signal to pick up Passengers off the Black Isle Section for Stopping Stations North.
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† Saturday and Sunday Nights Excepted.
§ Departs from Central Station.

DINGWALL AND SKYE SECTION.

dwelling-house in question, and that the The Provost-It is for the county to con-			lease of power, have been for the last few	TO STROME FERRY.
tenancy of the whole croft and buildings sider a matter of this kind, not a commit-	and business was proceeded with. It soon		I mainly in mariana deliberation amon the building	
thereon was, with the consent of the landlord, tee. The Town Clerk-Perhaps you would	became apparent that there was some bad	failed with his audience on Tuesday. His	of a new public hall for the village. A good	Stations.
subsequently assigned by the former tenant, be able to make a recommendation to next		requires a considerable amount of cultiva-	comfortable public hall is a thing much re-	Dingwall dep. 9 35A 1155A 6 15P
the late John Macleod, to the pursuer, and that meeting. The Provost-Yes; we might the latter is entitled to the free and undis- We have a very efficient nursing institution	white washing and carreatering of materigate	tion, and Mr Walker himself should be	quired, and it is hoped the Council will manage	
turbed possession of the same. His Lordship here and the resident nurse is thought a	1 on Idesday evening. The ball was set	taught how to use it. Miss Calder, elocu-		Achnasheen
therefore grants warrant of ejection and inter- great deal of, and we are very much indebted	I rolling by the ex-riovost, who harvery re-	tionist, was not above the average. Several	111 - 1 - 1 C + 1 - Common in to build one with	
dict against the defender, as craved, and finds to the ladies who have got it up. But we	I marked that, after the performance on fuesday	of Nairn's amateur reciters were present in	a hall to hold at least 500 people, to which are	FROM STROME FERRY.
her liable in the expenses of process. had better defer the question in the mean-	night, another gratuitous load of turnips would be carted for consumption by Nicol's	the hall prepared to take unobtrusive les-	to be attached a janitor's dwelling, a reading-	
LAIRG-Y.M.M.I.AThe conversazione time. This was agreed to.	cow. A ripple of laughter went round the	sons from one who, judging by the bills, was	room, and an apartment for the Parish Council	Stations. Mix. Pass. Mix. Mix.
of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement ODDFELLOWS The fortnightly meeting of	table at the ex-Provost's witticism, and all		to sit for business deliberations. There is also	Strome Ferry dep. 6 0A 11 0A 2 10P 5 40P
Association was held in the Drill Hall, Lairg, the St Duthus Lodge of Oddfellows was		Che benene active out of the barry have been	a desire on the part of a considerable portion of the community to have a spire on the build-	Achnasheen , 7 10 12 0P 3 24 7 0 Garve 7 52 12 30 4 6 7 44
on Friday under favourable weather condi- held in the Masonic Hall,' Tain, on Thurs-	tion of Mr A. M. Ross, who wore a jaded and	were all embellished with lime-light views.	ing, with public clock, to which it is expected	Achterneed 8 12 12 48 4 27 8 5 Dingwall arr. 8 25 1 0 4 40 8 19
tions. The desire of the committee to make day evening, when the Brass Band Committee	I melancholy look, and did not so much as	l of which it is enough to say that they were	the promoters will give due consideration.	
the meeting a success was fully realised by reported fully on the subject, and intimated	Cast his eyes in the ex-Dames direction.	only ordinary. Mr Stanley Morris gave a	FORT-GEORGE - PRESENTATION TO A	STRATHPEFFER BRANOH.
The result the ladies are worthy of preise in the second		for or o	C	1 1 2 3 4 5 6
for the response they gave to the invitations	Park should be advertised for sale, but re-	doline, and the animated photographs being		Stations. Mix. Mix. Mix. Mix. Mix. Mix. Mix.
for the response they gave to the invitations by favouring the meeting with their pres-	tirely. The Provost agreed with Mr Robert-	a novelty as yet, were welcomed with en-	Fort-George, was met in the Imperial Hotel,	
once. The hall was beautifully decorated. lause). Certain rules were then unanimously	gon's riow but Bailio Maarga supported by	thusiasm.	Inverness, on Tuesday by a number of re-	1 2 3 4 5 8
After an appropriate address by the Chair- adopted for the regulation of the band. Under	Lithe an Decreat did not think they chould		presentative gentlemen in the district of	Stationa Mir Pass Mir Pars Mir Mir
man, Mr Robert Munro, president, tea was these the Band Committee will consist of the	lloss a montal of \$10 After a good doal of		Fort-George and presented with the hand-	
served out by a willing band of ladies. A Bandmaster, two honours, and four benefit varied programme of songs, speeches, &c., members. Owing to the summer season being	I talk over the matter, it was agreed to let the		some sum of £30 on the occasion of his	
was then gone through, and was ably sus- nigh at hand, those likely to be per-	park as before. The question of fetting the	No. 2, which extends from Ayrshire to the	leaving to occupy the position of station-	BLACK ISLE BRANOH.
tained by the various performers, consisting manent members of the Band are to be chosen	Shambles as in former years, or retaining	North of Scotland – promoted by Lever	agent at Muir of Ord. Mr Shearer, Croy,	
of Mr J. Maclean, teacher; Mr J. Macleod, at once, while the teaching of at least one	them in the hands of the Council, was next	Brothers-have just been issued. Among	who occupied the chair, referred in high	Stations. Mix. Pass Mix. Mix, Pas Mix.
M.A.; Mr J. Mackay, P.C.; Misses Munro reserve man for each instrument will be begun	Committee had any information to give as	North country winners of watches we observe the names of H. R. Potter, 3 Innes Street,	A survey the the survey list and survey in milital Mr.	
and Cameron; Messrs Rennic, Asher, W. and at the beginning of next winter. Another	to the memored alterations and additions at	Inverness: Rod. Maclean. Stromeferry: and	Taylor discharged his duties, and said that	Avoch , 8 7 10 11 12 50 3 1 4 38 7 40 Munlochy , 8 19 10 21 12 59 3 12 4 47 7 56
J. Macleod, Gunn, Cameron, Ross, Mackay, very pleasant business was the intimation that Matheson, Munro, Ross, Black. Fruit was those gentlemen in Invergordon who wish to	I the place. Ex-Bailie Nicol did not think the	John Maclennan, North Beach Street, Stor-	although they regretted his leaving the dist-	Allangrange
partaken of at intervals, and enjoyed by all form a Lodge of Oddfellows there have now	I matter should be gone into by the Council	noway Each of the successful competitors	wish they were placed to know that he was	Muir of Ord Jun ar. 8 45 10 45 1 20 3 35 5 8 8 30
present, and the meeting from first to last unanimously resolved to join Inverness in pre] until they had the Committee's report, but	sent in over one thousand Sunlight Soap	promoted to Muir of Ord. Mr Taylor was	
was harmonious, ever- person appearing to ference to the Keith District of the Order	was shubbed for his parts by the ex-r rovoso,	coupons.	always most attentive to the interests of the	Stations. Mix. Mix. Mix. Pass Pass, Mix.
be satisfied. The following is a list of the Accordingly Bro. James Robertson produced	who asked if the ex-Baille or the Provost	In uninking Cocoa, care should be taken to	Highland Railway Company, and they wished	Muir of Ord Jun
attendance of ladies :- Misses Ross, Loch- a list of forty-two persons, and proposed them	ruled the meeting. Recriminations followed between the parties, and eventually, after a		him every success in his new appointment-	Redcastle , 9 23 11 45 2 10 4 3 6 5 9 1 Allangrange 9 29 11 51 2 16 4 7 6 10 9 7
side; Mackay, Upper Lairg; Gunn, Tomich; for members amidst the ringing applause o		""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""""	(applause). Mr Cameron, viewnill, pre-	Munlochy
Maggie Ross, do.; Mary Ross, do.; Ross, the Lodge, and it was most cordially agreed Toroble ; Mackenzie, do.; Mackay, do.; to admit, and send a strong and thoroughly	aspect of the question, and some harrowing	not only unnecessary, but often positively	sented the sum subscribed to Mr Taylor, and said the subscribers had given their	Fortrose ar. 19 54 12 20 2 45 4 25 6 35 19 35
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ron, do.; Mackay, do.; Graham, Station; the occasion of the opening of the new Lodge	I management, it was agreed to postpone the	reliable Cocoa, containing the full nourishing	(applauce) Mr Taylor expressed his cor-	Bailway Omces, Inverness
Cameron, do.; Shaw, Baldellson; Macdonald, there. Thus what at one time threatened to	guestion of returng the subjects the the com-	properties of the Cocoa bean, without any	dial thanks for the handsome presentation.	January, 1897.
do.; Macleod, Schoolhouse; Murray, Gruids; be a vexed question of Inverness versus Keith	i mittee's report was submitted. A communi-	foreign admixture whatsoever. As a sustain-	He had always endeavoured to carry on his	
Dann, do.; Murray. Shop, do.; Mackenzie, District has been unanimously and very satis-	regard to the proposed construction of a	ing, strength-giving beverage, and a nourish-	duties to the best of his ability, and he was	SANTAL-MIDY.
dressmaker, do.; Murray, Druimnahavin; Fraser, Upper Lairg; Mackenzie, Village; is certainly the most natural and most con-	bridge across the Conon in connection with	auiroment Health says: "CADRURY'S Cores	glad to know that during the eight years	
Mackay, do.; Ross, Woodside; Gunn, Bal- venient centre for Invergordon. Being be-	the projected Dingwall and Cromarty Rail-	has in a remarkable degree those natural ele-	met with the anaroual of the neonle of the	THESE tiny soluble Cansules are superior to Copaiba.
carn; Ross, Ballone: Graham, do.; Mac- tween Tain and Alness, which are both of	way.	l ments of sustenance that give the system	district (applause) Mr. Loss Budgate re-	L Oubebs, or Astringent Liquids, and will cure the
kay, do.; Polson. Bonar-Bridge; Chisholm, Inverness District, it should certainly be a		l endurance and hardthood, with a steady action	formed in appropriate terms to the esteem	Sume discusso in tory eight notice, intereduct moon -
do.; Chisholm, The Manse; Ross, Badhu; little odd for Invergordon to associate itsel	f Mr William Gibson, son of Mrs Gibson,	that makes it a most acceptable and renable	entertained for Mr Taylor in the district.	Each Capsule bears the Name "MIDY."
Mackay, Lairg; Muir and Mackay, Rhean- with Keith.	West End, Invergordon, has been promoted	beverage."	On the motion of Mr Gowans, Newton, Caw-	Price 3s 6d, of all Chemists, or post free from WILCOX
breck: Rae, Village: Rennie, Dingwall; 'LINSEED COMPOUND' (Trade Mark) gives Expectora	from the Commercial Bank, West Calder, to			& Co., 83 Mortimer Street, Great Portland Street. London, W.
and Mackay, Rogart.	Kirkwall, Orkney.	rant for Coughs and Colds, 9 ¹ / ₂ d, 13 ¹ / ₂ d, of Chemists only.	Chairman for presiding.	and and the
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by Sutherland's excellent string band from DENT.-We are glad to observe that Mr

jects.

CONCERT .- We would remind our readers PROPOSED CALL TO REV. MR Major Robertson read an apology for un-LEWIS: woidable absence from Surgeon-Captain Macf the concert to be given in the Drill Hall MARTIN. kenzie. on Friday first in connection with the Stor-On the call of Colonel Campbell, Major noway Tonic Sol-fa Class. Particulars will STORNOWAY OFFICE-3 CHURCH ST. Robertson was awarded a heart-- vote of thanks PROCEEDINGS AT OBAN. be found in our advertising columns. for the part he had taken in that evening's To which complaints as to the defective £66,156 LEWIS FREE CHURCH PRESBYTERY .--- A At a meeting of the Free Presbytery of proceedings. distribution of the paper should be addressed, Major Robertson acknowledged the complimeeting of the Free Church Presbytery of Lorn held at Oban on Wednesday last, Rev. and at which orders for advertisements and nent, after which the gathering broke up. Lewis was held at Stornoway on Tuesday, Thomas Mackenzie, moderator in the vacancy, all Lewis communications may be left. **in PRIZES** when there were present-Rev. H. Cameron, reported that at a meeting on the 1st inst. of PROPOSED PUBLIC HALL AT OF CASH Back (Moderator pro tem); Rev. D. J. Marthe congregation of Argyll Square Church, TIDE TABLE. tin, Stornoway (Clerk); Rev. P. Macdonald, **BICYCLES*** Oban, on the recommendation of the Congre-BROADFORD. High Water at Stornoway. Stornoway; Rev. N. Campbell, Uig; Rev. gational Committee, Rev. D. Martin, Storno-TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HIGHLAND NEWS."] FEBRUARY. George Macleod, Knock; Rev. N. M. Morriway, was elected colleague and successor to the SIR,-In your issue of the 20th inst. Morning. Evening. son, Barvas; Rev. D. M. Macdonald, Ness; Rev. D. D. Robertson. The congregation re-'Ratepayer' writes at some length on the Rev. John Mackay, Kinloch; and Rev. Hecquested the Presbytery to appoint an early Date of Month. Н. М. Н. М. meeting of the ratepayers held at Kyleakin tor Kennedy, Gravir. There was laid on the day for moderating in the call. Su. 28 5 22 5 47 table a call to Rev. Mr Campbell, Uig, from A deputation appeared in support of the anent the proposals of the Strath Parish MARCH. the Free Church congregation of Tarbert, application as follows :- Mr Murdoch Ross, re- Council. He says that the Kyleakin rate-6 6 6 25 Harris, signed by 1494 members and adher- presenting the Kirk Session; Mr Alex. Vass, payers must be under a misapprehension or $\begin{array}{c} 6 & 58 \\ 7 & 28 \\ 7 & 59 \end{array}$ Tu. W. 6 41 representing the Deacons' Court; and Mr were misinformed on the subject before they ents. The Presbytery agreed to meet at $\begin{array}{c} 7 & 15 \\ 7 & 43 \\ 8 & 15 \end{array}$ Balallan on Wednesday, 10th March, to diswould take such a step, viz., to protest agains the proposal of said Council. "Ratepayer" Th. F. William F. Kerr, representing the congrega-..... pose of the call, and Rev. Mr Cameron, 8 30 tion. 8 44 8 59 Back, was appointed to preach at Uig on will understand by the following notice why Mr Ross stated that what led the Session to Sabbath first and intimate the same to the such a step was taken: -- "NoTICE .-- It is think of the Rev. Mr Martin as a suitable STORNOWAY.

The Registrar's returns for the parish cf Stornoway for the week ending Thursday are:-Births, 6 (3 males and 3 females); marriages, 2; deaths, 6 (1 male and 5 fe- and 956 senior scholars, total 3805; as males.)

PUBLIC PARK .- We understand that Mr Donald Matheson of the Lews has instructed half of the Indian famine sufferers. A peti-Mr Orrock, chamberlain, to look out for a town can play. Good news!

EPIDEMIC OF MEASLES .- Owing to the prevalence of measles among the town children Nicolson Public School and Lady Matheson's Seminary have been closed all this week. Several of the country schools are closed for a similar cause. This would be closed for a similar cause. This would be Barvas as formerly agreed upon. This was unfortunate in any circumstances, but is es- all the business of importance. pecially so in view of the near approach of the annual inspections.

LANDWARD COMMITTEE.- A meeting cf the Landward Committee of the Stornoway Parish Council was held on Wednesday-Councillor Torquil Macleod presiding. There ceived with regard to their application to Mr Matheson, the proprietor, for allotments and a site for a meal mill. The Clerk was Orrock.

congregation. The following were nominacandidate for the vacancy was that they had ted for the Chair of Apologetics and Pastorknown him for many years to be an eminent ial Theology in the New College, Edinburgh, Christian minister. A second reason was that namely: - Dr Denny, Broughtyferry; Mr Alex. Martin, Morningside; and Mr Machis labours had been largely blessed in Stor-noway and other places. They hoped the pherson, Findhorn. The report on Sabbath Schools showed an attendance of 2849 junior had heard various candidates, and, so far as against 3166 juniors and 792 seniors, total he knew, none had made such an impression 3958, in 1895. It was agreed to recommend as Mr Martin, and the people were enthusiastic and almost unanimous. He had reason the congregations to hold a collection on beto believe that a number of the minority had fallen in with the majority, and that Mr

tion by Mr Donald Morrison, student, to the Martin would get a unanimous call and a park where the various athletic clubs in General Assembly requesting leave to be hearty reception a. Oban-(applause). re-examined in October next in certain subjects was unanimously recommended. The Presbytery thereafter held a conference on ing for Mr Martin; they believed in prayer and religion and morals, at which favourable rethey made up their minds that they must have ports were given in from several congrega-Mr Martin-(laughter)-because God was the tions. It was agreed to hold the quarterly answerer of prayer. Of all the candidates they fellowship meeting at Balallan instead of at had heard they had made up their minds there was none so suitable as Mr Martin, especially

PARISH COUNCIL.-On Wednesday the

usual monthly meeting of the Stornoway Parish Council was held within the Council Chambers, Kenneth Street. Mr Anderson (chairman) presided, and there were also prewas no business of any importance before sent-Councillors Æneas M. Mackenzie, J. the Committee except that the Clerk had Macleod, Torquil Macleod, Duncan Mackay, to report that no reply had yet been re- Kenneth Maciver, Malcolm Morrison, Ken-Kenneth Maciver, Malcolm Morrison, Kenneth Macleod, Murdo Macleod, and William Macdonald, with Mr Macfarlane, clerk. A instructed to send a strongly-worded letter number of new and continued applications on the subject to Mr Matheson through Mr for relief were submitted and dealt with. The Finance Committee, to which was re-

HARBOUR COMMISSION .- At a meeting of mitted the question of the auditor's remun- and he still reserved his literary tastes. A the Works Committee of the Pier and Har- eration, reported that Mr Thomson, Inverbour Commission on Thursday-Mr Orrock ness, had fixed his fee at fifteen guineas. presiding-it was unanimously agreed, in the They offered ten guineas, which he declined, event of the telephone scheme being gone but as a compromise agreed to accept twelve on with, to subscribe for the placing of an guineas. The Committee recommended that (applause). instrument in the Harbourmaster's house on this sum be paid, but still to press the Local condition that the Commission, as a corporate body and as individuals, and each Commis-

proposed by the Parish Council of Strath to acquire a building in Broadford by a loan (subject to the approval of the Local Government Board). to be partly charged to the rates of

the parish, for meetings of the Parish Council and public meetings generally. The Broad-Presbytery would sanction his election. They ford Reading-Room Committee will contribute £30 towards the cost. Any objections to the proposal to be lodged at the office of the Clerk not later than 17th February. (Signed) P. C. Mackenzie, clerk.'

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Regarding the use of schools for general meetings, I hold that the seven schools in the parish are quite adequate for all the meetings that are held in them. Your correspondent says that the Broadford School has suffered long enough as a meeting-place for the whole parish. We in Kyleakin, when we hold a public meeting, do not travel to the long-suffering Broadford School for that purpose, neither will the ratepayers who are in the proximity of the other schools in the parish. I don't for their church—(applause). They hoped the Presbytery would do all in their power to help dispute the fact that the Broadford School is tary elections; but "Ratepayer" ought to know how seldom these elections occur. But there gation he had come in contact with were most is provision made for schools closed for the above purpose, as the following will show :-"If the school is employed for the purpose of taking the poll at a Parliamentary election, under section 6 of the Ballot Act, 1872, or at election for a County Council, in terms of section 30 (sub-section 5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, or at an election for a Parish Council under the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894, the number of meetings during which the managers are deprived of the use of the schools in consequence of its being so employed may, if necessary, be counted in making up the 400 meetings of the great deal might be said of the field in Oban school." School Board elections are generally on a Saturday, and on these rare occasions regards the opposition, it was a very small when an election takes place the teachers from one, an the leader had told him he acquiesced the six remaining schools are usually at Broadford recording their votes, the children in their

respective schools having a holiday, and not The application was granted, and the Pres-at work, as "Ratepayer" would have us bebytery agreed to meet in the church on Wed- lieve.



RULES. 1. Competitors may enter EACH or EVERY MONTH for EITHER or BOTH "Sunlight" or "Lifebuoy" Competitions, but must SEND IN the "SUNLIGHT" or "LIFEBUOY" Coupons in SEPARATE PACKETS arefully marked on the outside of the postal wrapper "SUNLIGHT" or "LIFEBUOY."

2. For this Competition the United Kingdom will be divided into 7 Districts, and the prizes will be awarded every month during 1897 in each of the 7 districts as itated below.

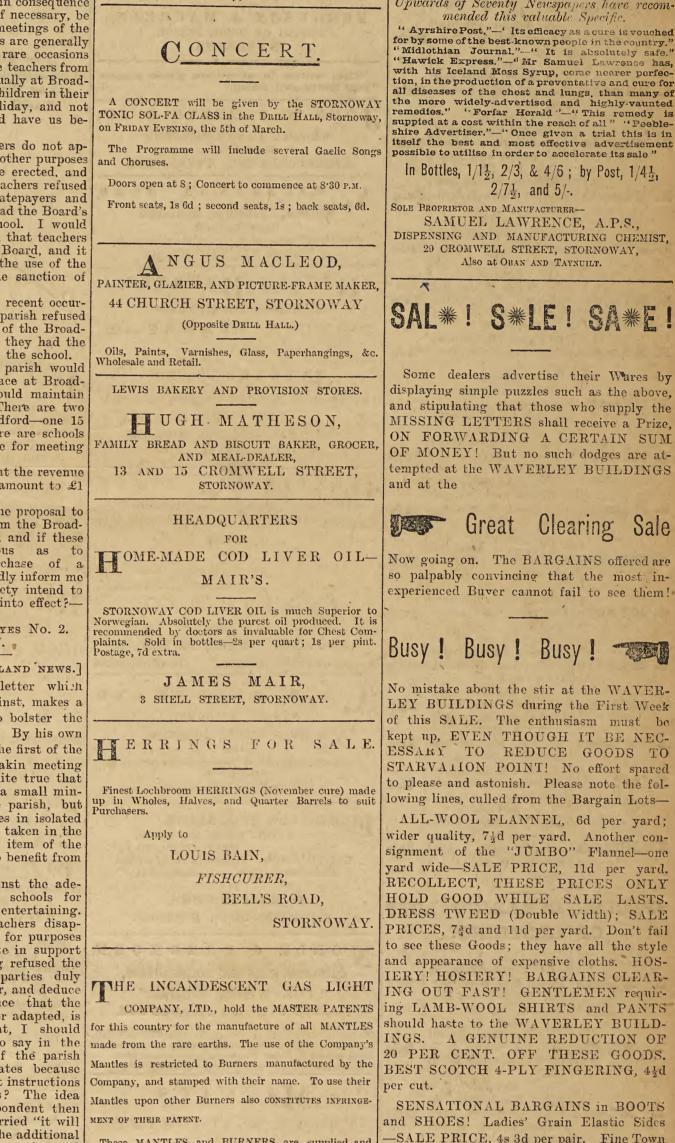
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from competing. 6. A printed list of winners in competitor's district will be forwarded to competitors 6. A printed list of winners in competitor's district will be forwarded to competitors in about 3 weeks after each monthly competition closes.
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SCOTLAND.	The 10 Competitors in each District who send in the wort	£1,764	0	1
LONDON, MIDDLESEX, KENT, SURREY.	largest number will each receive, carriage paid, at winner's option, a Lady's or Gentleman's Helical Premier Bicycle,* with Fleuss pneumatic tyres, price £21		1	I
WALES, LANCASHIRE, CHESHIRE.	The 40 Competitors in each District who send in the next largest number will each receive at winner's option	17,640	0	
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sioner and official be permitted to use the a local auditor. The report was approved. call office at the qua- in order to ring up the The local auditor's fee last year was seven appointed to serve the edict on the congrega-Harbourmaster at his house on purely har- guineas, but it should be explained that bour business.

during the present week endeavouring to arrange for the introduction of the telephone. vided a sufficient support is guaranteed in advance. In the event of this being forthcoming, we understand the Company will establish an exchange in a central part of the town, with a call office at the quay, for the convenience of fishcurers and other subscribers when absent from their offices.

ing of the F.E.C. Literary Society a very the Council that two patients had been retished, of H.M. Customs, entitled "Conti- fever, and holding them liable for any disnental Ramblings," being an account of his own travels in eleven different European were in destitute circumstances. It was countries. Rev. D. J. Martin, president, presided, and there was a good attendance. Among those who spoke at the close were Mr Martin, Sheriff Campbell, and Mr Colin who had been temporarily removed to the Maciver, vice-president. Mr Mortished was Convalescent Home were being attended to. accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his There was read a letter from Dr Macdonald being paid the Chairman, the proceedings able to be about again he had much pleasure

SCHOOLS .- Many in Lewis, and Mr Robert- remuneration he left entirely with the Counson, H.M.I.S., with whom he was long ass- cil. After some talk it was unanimously ociated, will regret to hear that Mr Hugh Welch sub inspector of orbits the Was long ass-Welsh, sub-inspector of schools in the North tee was appointed for that purpose, namely, him, their former respected Captain, with of Scotland, died on Tuesday evening at his the Chairman and Councillors Æneas M. residence in Ferryhill Place, Aberdeen. He Mackenzie and John Macleod, with the sion of his marriage. He (Major Ross) was Training College, Glasgow, under Mr Leitch, on 6th February. A meeting of the Ceme- efficient officers, he had lovally served in the and his first appointment as a teacher was at tery Committee was afterwards held, at ranks, and afterwards as lieutenant and capwas transferred to Morrison's Academy, William Gillanders, Inverness, at a sum of to his Company-(applause)-and, although Crieff, on the recommendation of Dr Robert few years later he was chosen an inspector authorised to issue notices throughout the well-earned and merited promotion to his preyears ago he was promoted to be a subinspector, with his headquarters at Thurso. by the sexton in terms of No. 9 of the Burial Major Ross's other duties to the public were On leaving Aberdeen, he was entertained by the school teachers in Aberdeen city and county, and on that occasion testimony was borne to his capabilities as an inspector, and his high attainments as an educationist. Mr Welsh had not been long in Thurso when he was recalled to Aberdeen, where he had since resided, the district in which he was engaged extending from Aberdeen to Inverness and the Outer Hebrides. Mr Welsh, who was moved to the Mossend Hospital suffering only 47 years of age, had been in bad health from typhoid fever, and in order to cleanse for some time, and the announcement of his death will be received by his colleagues in the teaching profession with profound regret. He was twice married, and is survived by a widow (sister of Mr W. Keith Leask, author of "Hugh Miller" and "James Boswell" in the famous Scot series) and eight children.

week's catch was 561 crans. This week the weather has been decidedly unfavourable for fishing operations, and little progress has been made in consequence. The boats have had to contend all along with very severe gales of wind, and the crews have experienced not a little hardship in pursuing the fishing Wednesday 24 boats delivered 196 crans.

this year's audit entailed a good deal more

PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF TELEPHONE. labour than that of former years. It was -Mr Mackenzie, Inverness, of the National also agreed, on the recommendation of the Telephone Company, has been in Stornoway Finance Committee, to employ the Sheriff officer to execute the summary warrant on the same terms as last year. The Clerk re-The scheme will only be gone on with proreceived and paid into bank. The amounts are, in round figures-Medical relief grant, £99; pauper lunatic grant, £244-total, £343. This shows a decrease of £37 as compared with last year. This is explained by the fact that the expenditure on pauper lunatics was about £20 less this year than last. letter was read from Superintendent Smith LITERARY SOCIETY .- At last week's meet- sanitary inspector for the burgh, informing interesting paper was read by Mr J. Mor- moved to hospital suffering from typhoid bursements that might be made in connecagreed to reply denying liability for the fever patients, but the Inspector was instructed instructive paper, and a similar compliment to the effect that as Dr Macrae was now

in resigning the position of interim medical DEATH OF MR WELSH, INSPECTOR OF officer for the parish. The question of his wick Cemetery have hereafter to be opened Ground Rules and Regulations.

> BURGH COMMISSION .- The ordinary monthly meeting of the various committees consion was held within the County Buildings on Monday. It was reported that the head of a family and his daughter had been reand disinfect the apartments occupied by them the other members of the family-the if not already done, notice should be given to the Inspector of Poor that the Parish

FISHING .- Stornoway, Thursday. - Last Council is held liable for any expenditure the family should be returned to their own apartments as soon as they are properly disinfected. The Sanitary Inspector was also instructed to report as to the condition of the drainage of the house. A memorandum from the Convention of Burghs of proposed this week. On Tuesday 18 boats arrived Bill, which was introduced into the House of with a total catch of 147 crans. Prices ran- Commons on 25th January last, was subged from 13s 6d to 18s 9d per cran. On mitted, and approved of generally. Acknow-Wednesday 24 boats delivered 196 crans. Prices 12s 6d to 18s 6d. To-day five boats passed at last meeting of Commissioners with Prices 12s 6d to 18s 6d. To-day five boats had a total of 80 crans. Prices 12s to 17s. The bulk of this week's catch have been taken Scotland, England, and Ireland were read Scotland, England, and Ireland were read the the Treasury the state of the corps' the the thought it was a good inteness interventing shatch of the corps' that the property would maintain itself from to the continuance of the storm a portion of the week's fishing were landed day after M.P. There was also read from Mr Weir capture, and for this reason the prices have been lower, as well as for the fact that large imports of Norwegian herrings have arrived General and Mr Steel, manager, Highland at the English markets within the last ten days, so that prices have been much de-service. The former's letter was in the folpressed thereby. The winds have been lowing terms: -- "Referring to your letters south-west and westerly all the week, and of the 23rd December last and 5th inst., I to-day there were no signs of abatement of am directed by the Postmaster General to to-day there were no signs of abatement of the storm, and all the boats, with the excep-tion of two or three, were in harbour. On Tuesday the boat "Evangeline," of Port-knockie, had her main mast carried away in the storm, and on the same day the boat "George Wood," of Portsoy, had her main sail torn to ribbons while off Tolsta. She was drifting helplessly when she was obwas drifting helplessly when she was ob-served by the "Clan Macdonald," also of Portsoy. The latter bore down on her and offered a tow, but this the "George Wood" was afraid to risk emine to the herm offered a tow be the herm of the herm of the structure in emetion. The cost of the was afraid to risk owing to the heavy sea the services in question. The cost of the running. The "Clan Macdonald" having on special mail train from Dingwall to Stromeboard a spare sail, passed a line to the crew ferry cannot, as you were recently informed of the other boat, and, fastening it to the spare sail, threw it overboard. Getting it on board after a great deal of difficulty, the crew of the "George Wood" were able to rig it up and sail for Stornovay, where ther are it up and sail for Stornoway, where they ar-rived early on Wednesday morning. Very few white fish have been landed this week. The week's herring catch up to and includ-ing to day is 422 graphs making the concert of the more state of the more state of the state of the more state o ing to-day is 423 crans, making the season's adjourned to meet on the 1st March to go over the list of arrears, and give instructions date last season. date last season date last season. date last season date last season date last season. date last season date last seaso

, 3rd March, to moderate in the call to Mr Martin, Rev. Mr MacAlister being tion to-morrow.

Mr Vass concurred with what Mr Ross had

said. He would add that they had been pray-

Mr Kerr was glad to say tha. all the congre-

Mr Alex. Robertson, elder, moved that the

anxious that Mr Martin should accept the call.

Presbytery grant the prayer of the petition.

After remarking that the congregation had

had a trying time for the past six months, Mr

Robertson said he did not know anyone who

was so suitable for the peculiar circumstances

of Oban as Mr Martin. He was a Highlander

himself, and knew the language, and was deep-

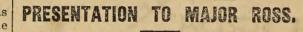
ly imbued with the sound Calvinistic theology

of their Church. At the same time as a stu-

dent they knew he took the very highest places

for a man of Mr Martin's temperament. As

cordially in what the congregation had done-



On Wednesday night an interesting event took place in the Drill Hall, when Major Ross was, in name of the officers non-commissioned officers, and men of the Stornoway Company, H.V.A., presented with a portrait in oils of himself on the occasion of his marriage. In addition to a large muster of Volunteers, there | ford Literary Society, although they had the were present-Colonel Campbell, Major Duncan, Inverness, Acting Adjutant: Major Ross. Major Russell, Major Robertson, Lieutenant Bain, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Ross, and Mrs Robertson.

Major Robertson, in making the presentation, said they, always loyal to Queen and country, had been engaged at drill for the first part of that evening, believing that the best means of preventing war was to be prepared to see that the other members of the family for it. They had, however, formed up on parade that evening for another purpose more peaceful and pleasant than the contemplation of war. It had, he said, fallen to us lot during the last quarter of a century to perform many and varied duties in connection with the Volunteers, but none of them had given him greater pleasure than the duty that devolved ipon him that night as commanding officer of the Stornowav Volunteer Artillery. Addressing himself to Major Ross, he said they were token of their regard and esteem on the occawas a native of Dalmellington, Ayrshire, where he received his early education. Sub-sequently he studied at the Established Training College, Glasgow, under Mr Leitch. Allan's School, Stirling, and from there he which it was agreed to re-purchase from Mr tain, with distinction to himself and honour £7 4s, four of the five lairs owned by him they deeply regretted having lost his efficient Ogilvie, now Chief Inspector of Schools. A in the Sandwick Cemetery. The Clerk was services as their captain, they rejoiced at his Laxdale district that all graves in the Sand- sent rank of Major on the Staff, an appointment that gave every satisfaction-(applause). many and important, and his responsibilities great, yet on all occasions he most willingly and lowall- gave his time and services for the benefit of the Volunteers, and he in no small nected with the Stornoway Burgh Commis- measure contributed to raise this Company to the high state of efficiency which it had at-

tained. Last year they (the Stornoway Company) had added a half company to their strength, and they were there that night to congratulate Major Ross on having taken unto himself a better half during the same period -(laughter and applause). It gave them all great pleasure to see Mrs Ross present that night, and they extended to her a hearty Highmother and five children-were sent to the land welcome-(renewed applause). He would Convalescent Hospital. It was ordered that, ask Major Ross, on behalf of the officers, noncommissioned officers, and men of the 8th Company, H.V.A., to accept that oil painting of himself as a token of their regard for him, on the occasion of his marriage. In conin respect of these cases; and further, that clusion, he expressed the wish that in future years and days to come, when Major Ross happened to look upon this portrait, it would remind him of the days-might he say the happy days-he spent with his comrades of the old 1st Ross, now the 8th Company of the Highland Volunteer Artillery-(loud applause).

Major Ross, in reply, said it was to him a great pleasure to think that any little service he might have been to that corps in the past had been so highly appreciated, and he could assure them he would always retain their gift

'Ratepayer" says that teachers do not approve of schools being used for other purposes than those for which they were erected, and also mentions cases in which teachers refused

others), although these parties had the Board's sanction for the use of the school. I would like "Ratepayer" to understand that teachers are simpl- the servants of the Board, and it is beyond their right to refuse the use of the school to parties who have the sanction of the managers.

Certainly there was a case of recent occurrence in which a teacher in the parish refused to give the key to the members of the Broad-

Board's sanction, for the use of the school. "Ratepaver" says the whole parish would benefit by having a meeting-place at Broad-ford, and that the property would maintain itself from outside sources. There are two

miles and Kyleakin 8-and there are schools in the four which they can have for meeting 1 think 1 am safe in saying that the revenue

from outside sources would not amount to £1 per annum. It is a well-known fact that the proposal to acquire a building emanated from the Broadford Reading-Room Committee, and if these

what benefits do the above society intend to derive if the proposal is carried into effect?--I am, Sir, yours, &c.,

Kyleakin, 24th February, 1897.

SIR,-"Ratepayer," in his letter which appears in your issue of 20th inst, makes a singularly wretched attempt to bolster the proposal of the Parish Council. By his own showing the facts as stated in the first of the resolutions passed at the Kyleakin meeting are virtually correct. It is quite true that the ratepayers of Kyleakin are a small mincrity of the inhabitants of the parish, but there are several other minorities in isolated parts of the parish which, when taken in the aggregate, form a considerable item of the community, which can derive no benefit from this proposal.

quacy or adaptability of the schools for public meetings is really very entertaining. To argue that because the teachers disapprove of the schools being used for purposes of public meetings, and to quote in support an instance of a teacher having refused the keys of the school to certain parties duly authorised by the Board to enter, and deduce therefrom as a logical sequence that the schools are neither adequate nor adapted, is like to ask, have the teachers to say in the matter? Are the ratepayers of the parish to be mulcted in additional 'rates because their servants refuse to carry out instructions issued by the school managers? The idea is preposterous. Your correspondent then states that if the proposal is carried "it will only be a nominal figure," and the additional levy on the rates will be a mere trifle, and that the property would support itself from outside sources. That is "Ratepayer's" opinion. But I would ask what is meant by a nominal figure? If neither Broadford nor Breakish Schools (probably two of the largest in Skye) are adequate or adapted to the requirements of the parish, perhaps "Ratepayer" will inform us of the nature of the building which the Council propose to acquire to meet the parish requirements. It seems to me that a considerable expenditure will be incurred before the ideal is realised.

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(applause). Colonel Campbell, being called upon by Major Robertson, in the course of his remarks, said he would like to emphasise in the strongest possible way the flattering terms in which Major Robertson had spoken of the services rendered to the Volunteers by Major Ross—(applause). He was sure one thing par-ticularly gratifying to Major Ross was that on leaving the 8th Company to serve on the staff of the H.V.A., he left it in a higher state of efficiency than it was before he became its

commanding officer—(applause). Major Russell thought that to endeavour to add anything to what had been already so well said would only mar the proceedings. Referring to the promotion of Major Ross and himself to the Headquarters Staff, he re-marked that had he thought of 11 sooner, he If, instead of offering the money to the Council to augment the Kyleakin rates,

would have declined the honour, preferring to remain connected with the local Company, retaining his old rank, than to assume the

cutside sources. How is this maintenance to be derived? Will it be competent to charge the ratepayers for the use of a build-ing to which they already contribute through the rates? I think not; but, if such should be the case, even Broadford would be better without it.

"Ratepayer" and his colleagues had held the

£30 and made a manly and honest effort to bring the amount up to their requirements, they would have had the sympathy of the

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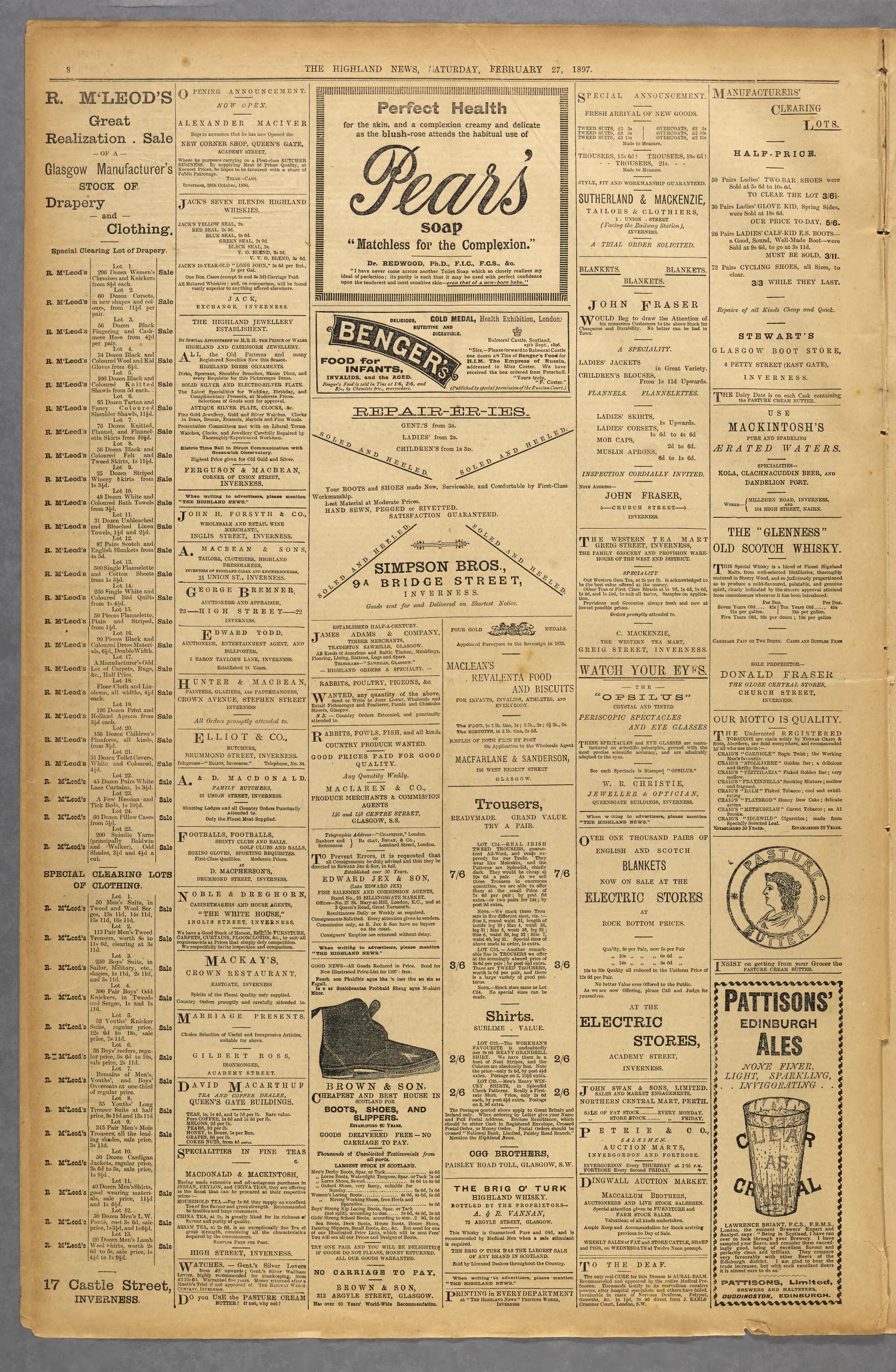
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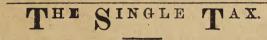
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SHALL THE GAELIC DIE?

The second of Mr Duncan Reid's articles usual way (prefixing cill) in dealing with stepped in to prevent what would otherwise

John Shaw and Duncan Shaw, Keppols; Alex. Macarthur, Mulrees; Archie Bell, Eisgnish; Donald Macneill, Balulve; Dugald Maclachlan, Laoiginn; John Campbell, Laoiginn; Archie Macmurchie, Balulne, and John Macmurchie, his brother. Of these Macmurchies some went to Australia, and I have no doubt that to them a letter to Colin Young. London, referred in mentionin~ a family of Murdochs, from Islay, every one of whom was over six feet. The Macmurchies called themselves Murdochs in English, as do those in Portnahaven still, among them Donald, the great naturalist, and grandson of "Baildi Choillein. which tells me-"These markets at first took On the Rhinns side the "Ceannstuic" was

place only at stated times during the year. too heav-- to take a part, so his brother-in-law, Shrines and burial-places of noted men were GODFREY MACNEILL, EILLISTER,

the most frequented spots for such annual took his place, and with him were Alex. Macfairs. Thus, for example, the origin of neill, his brother; Donald Macfadyen, Eillis-Glasgow may be traced from the burial-place ter, and Duncan, his brother; Donald and of St Ninian (570 A.D.)," where St Mungo raised his "cill." The St Mungo origin of Peter Gillies, Lossit; Duncan Mitchell. Cultunie; Alexander MacaLeora, Greamsay; Glasgow is further attested by the armorial Donald and Lachlan Maclachlan, Balinaby bearings of the city, which reproduce some ather and uncle to the Braigeo family; John Macniven, Carnduncan; and one MacLeargan, Mungo, however, was not the saint's real Athruadh. These are all the names I have name; this- was Kentigern, which the An ever obtained of Rockside's men. An old, nales Cambriar gives as Conthigirn, putting gentlemanly man, Donald Mitchell, at Ardhis death in 612. The older form of Connish, supplied them. They are less than half thigirn would be Cuno-tegernos, High-lord, the number. Indeed, when I think of the or, as Jocelyn, the biographer of Kentigern dispersion which took place in subsequent (A.D. 1185), translates it, "Capitalis domi-nas." Whence Mungo? Jocelyn also tells years, I do not wonder at the blanks in such a list. us that. It was a pet name given him by

THE EVENT WAS A GREAT ONE

his tutor meaning "Carissimus amicus." In in its way, and, with the mass of the people, any case it was the pet name he was known it was quite equal to the Eglintine Tournaby in his native Strathelyde; and Jocelyn's ment, and it was superior to that gathering in further form Mochohe, which he translates the physique of the men who took part in it. Care mi, gives us the clue to the origin of the name. It is simply the Welsh Myn-gu And many a day did it form the chief subject of conversation, and sometimes of hot dispute for Mun-cu, My dear one (from cu, Gaelic -the partizans of the defeated holding that caomh, dear, and the prefix "my," so comthere had been foul play somewhere. But at the first look one would say that the Herris Jocelyn further tells us that he estabmen could sweep the Rhinns men right into lished his cathedral in a town called Deschu the sea, or up the nearest mountain side, so (or, according to one MS., Glesgu), which powerful and so famed were they. On the is interpreted "Cara familia," and is now, he adds, called Glasgu. Upon whatever other hand, the Rhinns men were undoubtedly as good plavers as could be brought together, principle we explain Deschu or Glesgu, it is and they were under more strict rules of playabundantly clear that the Gaels of the 10th century called Mungo or Deschu or Con-thigirn by the name Glas-chu or Grey-hound. On all this Professor Rhys ("Celtic fine, neat-handed men, who always kept their own side, and never gave a back-hand blow, whereas the Herris men struck either way as the ball came handy to them. Besides being Brit.," page 198) remarks - "The name of stronger men, these carried heavy two-hand Kentigern would be pronounced by his kins-'camain," against which the slight one-hand men in his time Cunotigernos or the like, m clubs of the Rhinns men could offer no effecthe first part of which the Gaels discerned tive resistance. But in the open they were as the word for hound and called the saint In quick as "Brideinean" on the strand. At Glas Chú or the Grey Hound; so, though he was a Briton, and though the place he set-tled at finally was in the land of the Cumhome they were accustomed to nice smooth links, whereas

THE GLEBE GROUND WAS ROUGH,

brians, it is now known only by his Gaelic name of Glas Chu as Glasgow." With these being only recently from under tillage crops, views Professor Loth of Rennes and Dr Isaac Taylor, author of "Names and Their Histories," who explains Des-chu as was big Neil Bell, who had to rip open his Southern Hound," both agree. Rev. Mr shoe to make room for his wounded foot. This Johnston in his "Placenames of Scotland" came of what I have said about back-hitting. ventures to disagree without offering any- to which the Herris men were given, while the thing better. He evidently feels that the Rhinns men were always on their own side and did not so readily come in for blows. From title Saint should be present, such as St Glasgow, like St Andrews, St Boswells, St what I have said, it will already be inferred Fergus, &c. This would imply that the that the Balemartine men won the day. At name should have gone through the Anglo- night, I remember, there were some rough Saxon and Norman mill of saint-named words, and big John Bell, who was not in the towns, a view which cannot be maintained, play with his big brothers, was taking the as either the prefix baile or cill may be biggest man of all. Rockside, by the breast, understood before Glasgow. This is the when the Laird, Walter Frederick, himself

able to trace out the Norse "Se" which The worshippers of the new god Science are your hands, into the hand of the speculator Captain Thomas renders the sea-lake bay not necessarily infallible. I happen to have and the gamester; as though they were dumb The word Bost denotes a homestead, not a bay. Sio(r)bost, the homestead of the water or lake, seems a much more likely derivation of Sheabost.

Islay "Howe," which has puzzled Mr Murdoch, I would suggest the Danish word Hoi, pronounced Hoe, signifying a hill, eminence, rising ground, as being more likely than the

Gaelic pronunciation of the Danish Hoe would, in its definite form, be something like an t-oe, or an t-odhe, for according to grammatical rule a definite noun masculine beginning with a vowel requires t- with a hyphen before it in the nominative singular pronunciation of the Danish word Hoe is palpable. I do not know to what kind of

Toe" occurs in Harris; "Rudh na Hoe." 'Leac na Hoe," "Crogaire na Hoe," and 'Gliob an t-Oha" occur in North Uist.

"Quirang," Isle of Skye; Mr Macbain is in error by supposing that "Cuidh-rang is a is no better criticism of Huxley anywhere round-quoy." not a fold; it is a natural hollow, part of of a river.

of the land pit.

Gaelic name, and certainly not a Gaelic spelling of Kvi-rand.

rushing of impetuous tidal river wave, should have read rushing or, &c. Euphomy should have read euphony. Lin (Gaelic) wet, should have read Linn. Re little bay at Aignish, the capital letter V should have

gives utterance to a strange contradiction-The Scotch Celt visibly holds his own with Icelandic "Haug(r)" mentioned by Leod- the Lowlanders wherever he meets him on Daughter, take heed! You put your sword hasach in your issue of the 30th ultimo. The equal terms, and supplies the most energetic element in most of the Colonies." How can there be a difference if not racial? Again. further on, in attacking the Highlanders' religious beliefs-as if all Highlanders were Secessionists-he accuses them of being two hundred years behind the times. (But, of course, Mr Robertson never fails to go out of his way to sneer at religion.) Further, case as An t-Oglach, the servant; and as no he says that Highlanders (I suppose includword in Gaelic begins with the letter H the ing my clansman) "tend to keep the level elision of that initial letter in the Gaelic of town culture at the ecclesiastical orthodoxy of the past." (The culture referred to by the late editor of an athiestical review 1s only too apparent.) If this is what Mr Macnatural feature the Islay "Howe" applies, kenzie considers an "embodiment of the latest shod sentences. But in a work of the mombut in addition to the cases mentioned by research on the subject," I, O Callum, for Leodhasach, where "an Tobha" occurs as a one, consider that it is very like what you place-name, I may mention that "Gob an call "pure nonsense." And rightly so.

Now, as to Professor Huxley (continues

Gaelic spelling of quoy-rand, kvi-rand, than that to be found in an article from This name is locally pro- the pen of the said Mr Robertson himself, one wondering. His latest published work nounced Cuith'ar Reang, which denotes the which appeared in the "Free Review":--"He is "Madge o' the Pool" (London: Archiland pit range. The Cuithe in this case is had no fresh insight," remarks the critic, bald Constable & Co.)-a collection of very which is a deep oblong pit, on the east side "into a complicated problem;" and further, he powerful short stories. The initial tale is a of which a huge range of rocks are standing considered that Huxley laboured under natural grim study of low life in London. "A Thames in an almost perpendicular position. The disadvantages which made it "for ever im- Etching" is the sub-title, and an etching hollow is not altogether round, for there is possible for him to discover a new truth." in truth it is. It is a tragic story told with a spur of the hill jutting into it, named in Gaelic "Am Bord," the table, from its flat surface. The Gaelic word Cuithe means a production of previous discussion." I do cate sympathy, the absence of which quality trench, pit, a deep, moist place; a cattle not wish to accuse Mr Mackenzie of a simi- is so great a drawback to the enjoyment of fold, &c. Rang, or Reang, as it is pronounced lar method. His position, however, is in the in Skye, denotes a rank or series, a row, circumstances untenable. He might as well an order, a range; rarely a wrinkle; the bank tell us that Christ is a myth because Mr Robertson said so, or call the Bible folk-lore, The Danish word Rand does not mean with Professor Huxley's name "signed at the

round; it signifies (1) stripe, streak; (2) bottom." Now, a "word of expostulation" brim, rim, edge, border, margin. Ved with Mr Mackenzie. Does he really believe Afgrundens Rand, on the brink or verge of that the Gaelic-speaking race, who for centhe precipice. It is about twenty years since turies have lived so peculiarly to themselves, I was at the "Quirang," and have no large are one in common with the mongrel Saxon maps of the district now at hand, but, to the, best of my recollection, there is a fresh water lake in the hollow on the south side of the Does he imagine that the modern educa-Quirang hill, named Loch Cuith'ar, the lake tional code will alter the nature of man; that the Highlander who speaks English re-Cuith'ar Reang is evidently a purely tains no longer his inherent characteristics? Mr J. M. Robertson says that "not national

"whatever?"

characteristics, but natural conditions," de-The following erratta occurred in my for-mer communications:—Part I.—Re Barvas, whire of investigation and the mere result of legislation? What brings about the said conditions? Are read U. Part II.—Noes should have read Næs. Re Arnol-Arne, dearth should have read hearth, equivalent to house. Part III. De Medichel — Miel should have read

read Mr Robertson's "Saxon and Celt." It beasts who might be bought or sold? Tako s principally of a political cast, and, in fact, back your sword, Great People-but wipe it is a criticism of Dr Goldwin Smith's volume first, lest some of the gold and blood stick to of essays on racial problems, from a poli- your hand. What is this I see !- the sword of tical standpoint. Considered as such it is the Great People transformed to burrow earth With reference to the derivation of the admirable, no doubt, but it contains many for rold, as the snouts of swine for earth nuts! curious contradictions. It speaks of the Have you no other use for it, Great Folk? worthless traditional terminology of Celt Take back your sword; and, when you have and Saxon" in one breath, and in the next thorough - cleansed it, and wiped it of the blood and mire, then raise it to set free the oppressed of other climes. Great Princo's into the hands of recreant knights; they will dull its edge and mar its brightness, and, when your hour of need comes, and you would put it into other hands, you will find its edge chipped and its point broken. Take heed! Take heed!'" The first part of the book is entirely taken up with Christ's interview with Trooper Halket: the second part recounts Halket's action as the result of the appeals made to him. Altogether the book is eloquent and moving. Miss Schreiner feels strongly and writes strongly. Whether it be the warmth of her passion or not, the writing is scarcely up to that of her former books. Occasionally one comes across slipent and one that makes so splendid an appeal to the good that is in humanity, a slip or two of that kind may be easily overlooked. All who love right should have this book, if only to strengthen the hands of a woman who is so able a champion of righteousness in an

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is a fine study: she is not quite humanised instinct is strong in her. Mr Sharp brings out with subtle power the opposing loves of husband and old haunts; and in the end both loves conquer beautifully. The scene is well set, and the pictures of Thames life most admirably drawn-with restraint and just proportion. "The Gypsy Christ," the second story, is a Derbyshire tale. It is interesting to note in it the germ of that curiously powerful recent novel, "Without Sin." Mr Sharp's tale is sombre and weird, and told as it is on a high Derbyshire moor to the accompaniment of a shrieking wind, the effect is undeniably impressive. The third story, "The Coward," should delight all readers. From gloomy surroundings, we are taken to the clear air of Northern Africa. The idea of the tale is finel- worked out, and the scene in which the "coward's" scarcely admirable love stifles his sense of duty is they not the natural result of the tempera-splendidly telling. The last story in the ment of a people acting under the influences of environment? Could there have been a of environment? Could there have been a solemn league and covenant in France, in John Dorian, a sort of English Rudin, with Spain, or in Italy? Where do the French more capabilities of evil, is delicately filled

The versatility of Mr William Sharp sets

will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

GRIEVANCES OF A GAELIC PHILOLOGIST.

THE NAME OF GLASGOW.

[By WERMUND LIVINGSON, M.A.]

is my real name-I avow me, as Homer says, to the native etymologist. And they have al- has had time to attain fully to the standard be a Pict of Mid Alban by ultimate descent; lowed Andrew Lang cause-just cause-to of sixty years ago, there may be such another and, what is to the point here, I have studied philology scientifically under approved masters,, and know the Celtic languages and "THE QUEEN OF THE HEBRIDES." Gaelic intimately. May I, therefore, protest against popular Gaelic philology, and especially against the etymology of place-names, so often propounded by (so-called) Gaelic scholars with an air of authority that imposes on the northern public, and with a result that makes real Gaelic scholars grieve? Are those individuals who pour their weekly maunderings (about the name Glasgow, for instance) into the columns of a West Coast contemporary aware that there is a Celtic Chair in Edinburgh University, and that a new generation of Gaelic scholars is arisen who can speak with knowledge and authority on the history and philology of their native strenuously to their language being made the laughing-stock of the learned Lowlander and etymology, and by the utter disregard of especially from the Gaelic field. He is a fraud of the first magnitude; only, let us charitably admit, he does not believe this himself. Philology, at the best, is a learned science, requiring training in methods and in inguistic and historic facts; the phlology of the Gaelic tongue is the most difficult of any in Western Europe. Yet here we have the popular philologist at it again, and rushing in with his off-hand Glasgow goods, in all the confi-dence of ignorance, where Celtic scholars alone should tread, and that, too, warily. If we asked him and others of his kind to give us a public lecture in chemistry, for example, they would refuse; they had no training, they would say, in that subject; and if they did try a chemistry performance $a \ la$ their Gaelic escapades, they would get such a literal blowing up that the remarks of the present writer would, as Truthful James would say, interest them no more! Why, then, deal with Gaelic philology as they would not deal with chemical science? Both require expert knowledge and training. Gaelic pullology requires, further, a knowledge of history and of the history of the language. The Gaelic spoken eight hundred years ago, when the name Glasgow must have been applied to the present town, was very different from modern island, and Gaelic-as different as Saxon is from English though not as different as Latin is from the descendant French. Yet these men apply the same phonetic laws to the then language as to the modern one. Besides, they forget history. What was the early history of Glasgow? Was Gaelic always, since the beginning, the language spoken there? By no means. Glasgow belonged to the Strathclyde Britons, and their kingdom did not fall till the middle of the tenth century, when no doubt Gaelic took the place of Cymric. May not Glasgow belong to the Cymric tongue? But history and

saints' names on Gaelic ground; and Glas- have been a terrible fight. However, that was gow was both Gaelic and British, and there- averted, and the gentry part of the company fore apt to be an exception. Glasgow, there- adjourned to the mansion and dined with the fore, means the town of St Mungo or St Laird, the rank and file having already been Glasgu the latter meaning either the grey liberally regaled, and sent off with their pipers dear one or the grey hound; for there is an before them, the Herris men with Donnachadh Mor, Phortaneilein, and the Rhinns men with evident confusion underlying the saint's

various names. I am leaving over my grievances against the "Celtic Renaissance" people for a future occasion; only I may say that I am as little

Though bearing now a Saxon name-and it pleased with their behaviour as with that of blaspheme!



other at Traigh Langa, on the west side of Lochindaal, has called up to my mind some of the great matches which were contested in the same places, and in others, long ago. For a long time Lagbuie, where are the trees which now shelter Islay House from the wind and spray of Lochindaal, was the great central shinty ground of the island in my boyhood, tongue? These same scholars object most and was sure to be alive at Christmas and New Year, and when there was a pitched match arranged for between the Herris and Saxon by the uncritical ineptitudes of popular the Rhinns, or between the two sides of the country. But when the Laird planted Laghistorical science shown by most who dabble in buie there was an end of that. He was, howthese subjects. In English literature the day ever, as favourable to athletics as anyone, and of the popular philologist is over; it is time the Glebe, perhaps the best field in the home now he should disappear from the Celtic, and farm, was readily given for the great game of "hurling," as it was called across the water lander" when it was opening the way for the in Ireland. Donald Gilchrist, one of a fine family of men in Oa, told me in Canada how he went all the way to Lagbuie to have a tussle in the game with Archie Currie, Gartloisgt; and Charles Black, from Ardimersey, at least fifteen or sixteen miles away, coming to try the prowess of the men of the centre of the island in the historic field; and I may add that when I reached seventeen I would have gone any distance to have a trial with any man who was said to be better than his fellows. The game must have been in abeyance in Armagh, Monaghan, and Tyrone when I was there in 1839-40-41, or I am sure I would have been at it among the Irish. I know that some years earlier we had good players in Islay from Antrim, when the intercourse was much greater than it has been since steam has become the great motor. I think it was in the end of 1828 that the two leading men in the island-William Campbell, Balemartine, in the Herris, and Duncan Campbell, Kilchoman, in the Rhinns-had a wager laid over the shinty players of their respective ends of the

THE GLEBE WAS THE FIELD.

There are very few living to-day who saw that contest, and I should hardly think there are any at all to the good who took part in it, unless Alexander MacCainneil, at Coille, Carnduncan, was of the Rockside party, and of that I am not sure, as I never had the names of all the men from the Rhinns, and I forgot to ask him when I saw him. But he is well worthy of mention as being an uncommonly well-built man: His two brothers-in-law Donald and Lachlan Maclachlan, father and philology concern your off-hand popular uncle to the Braigeo family, were with Mr the curve in the coast line at Croulasta. etymologist not a bit. Glasgow is either Duncan, Rockside, but they are not to the

not applicable to Linshader. Lachunn Beag" at their head. Mackay. the Seer, speaks of the coming time in Islay when the country will be under native rule, and the people once more at their best. When that time comes, and the stock

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gathering as I have tried to bring before this generation. I have no doubt that some who did not know the island will think that there is a vein of exaggeration running through this account. I do not write, however, with nothing in my head but what I have seen in Islay. I have seen the men of Waterford, Wexford, Kilkenny, Tipperaray, and Dublin counties: I have seen the Royal Irish Constabulary, but only a few of the men of Kintail, and only an odd Cornishman-and it is after such seein. that I speak. Let me add that I have seen the stalwart men of Cape Breton, Antigonish, and Prince Edward Island, and splendid men they are, and still I hold by my exaggeration as true when writing of the sons and subjects

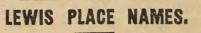
AN T-ODHA.

of the Hebridean Queen.

Before closing, let me thank my Leoghsach friend for taking up the "Odha etymology. One of the objects I have always had before me is that of making Highlanders everywhere fully acquainted with each other. In fact, without this there can be no proper Highland understanding,

NO PROPER DICTIONARY,

no proper Highland movement for the common good. Highlanders to understand each other, from Cape Wrath to Tyree, but I admit that some fear of being charged with exaggeration kept and even if it is one of race, it shows the me from saying all I might in "The Highgood things which have since come. This series of papers will have helped, I hope, to make some Highlanders, North and East, take an interest in Islay, and to be rather proud than otherwise that they belong to the same royal race.



[By EVAN MURRAY.]

PART IV.

The most southern headland of Lewis is named in Gaelic "Rudh Bhalamuis," and the house at the head of the sea inlet is known as "Bhalamus," which denotes the pleasant coast, or sward-from Swedish Vall, a dam, dyke, coast, rampart, sward; and the obsolete Gaelic Mus, pleasant, agreeable, handsome

"Husnish" is situated on the coast, east of vallamus, and signifies House-ness-from the Danish Huus, Swedish Hus, a house, tenement; and the Danish Næs, a promontory or tongue of land. "Back," the Danish Bakke, and Swedish Backe, signify a hill, rising ground, eminence, &c. The Icelandic Bakki denotes a ridge, and is also akin to the English Beach, the shore of the sea or of a lake, especially when sandy or pebbly.

"Croulasta," in the parish of Uig, is evidently from the Danish Krolla, a curl (originally orull; Dutch Krullen), a crease, wrinkle, bending or twist, which applies to "Crulavig," near Eyrrshader, is also in the

read eider duck. I misread from Dr Rask's than the Gael or the Sassenach, whose char-Danish Grammar Sætter, over, cross (as a ferry) instead of Sætter over, &c., which is acteristics have as wide a variety.

THE YOUNG HIGHLANDER.

MORE ABOUT THE CELTIC SPIRIT-"CALLUM" SUPPORTED.

he says he is going to show where I land nyself. Now, with all due respect, I don't hink Mr Mackenzie proves anything in particular. He does not even show that the Celtic race is non-existent, or that it has no Science cannot define) that would answer to special characteristics. the coaxing of the reeds, and set him danc-

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He says something about stirring up racial course, figuratively), or else he is as dour as prejudice. Now, that is a thing that only a themselves when they cried, "We'll have no fool would do: I hope I am yet not quite a king but Charlie." What else can it be fool would do; I hope I am yet not quite a fool. But to stir up racial prejudice is not so easy a matter as Mr Mackenzie imagines. He points to the Irish difficulty as one that should carry warning to Highlanders. Is that difficulty one of race? If so, what are the opposing races? Does not Mr Mackenzie see that the suggestion of ,a racial strife implies In my time I did a good deal to bring races of different characteristics? What, then, about Huxley's "sham and delusion?" But I do not think the Irish difficulty is one of race. long, very long time required to stir up race

contentions. But in the Highlands we are not as the Irish are, and the cases are not analogous. Instead of trying to stir up race prejudicet would take more than humble "Callum" to

do that-my object in reply to 'Loch-Aline' was to show that Celts have something to be proud of in the verv fact that they are sons of a great race. And, as I pointed out, the case is one of respecting yourself, and you'll respect others. Mr Mackenzie has endeavoured to turn my words into a sneer against the Saxon.

Nothing was further from my mind. In many respects the Saxon is as good a man as the Celt: he is an honest, stable, straightforward personality. But I do hold that, as a whole, the Saxon race is wanting in the qualities of ideality and sprituality which characterise the Celtic. Mr Mackenze brings forward Tennyson, Shelley, and William Morris as arguments against this conclusion. Now, this is just the difference between myself and Mr Mackenzie.

He imagines I claim all good qualities for the Celt. I do nothing of the kind. My point is that, regarded generally, modern movements in literature and art and politics are led by men who have Celtic blood-or put it High land, Welsh, Irish, or Cornish blood-in them veins. By the way, Tennyson is a poor argument to use. Does not Mr Mackenzie see that the "Idylls of the King," founded on Celtic stories, are just wanting in that glamour and

magic which they might have had were Tennyson a Celt? * * *

Mr Mackenzie's words of "serious expostulation" do not come home to me. Does he

Re Eng-ey-elder duck should have read nan, speaking, say, a common language, eider duck I misread from Dr Bask's would cease to differ? No more would they the hand of an artistic workman.

CALLUM.

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BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Olive Schreiner holds a unique place in

contemporary literature. One expects from

One passage in "The Story of an African

Farm," that passage which has for its text

the pretty dimple in Lindell's chin fore-

the woman question by the company of

Farm." Miss Schreiner is not a copious

writer: one can imagine with what exquisite

pains most of her work has been produced,

and we have been told of her first book that

the hand of an artistic workman.

To their singularly-beautiful and singularly-cheap "Illustrated English Library," Environment (adds my correspond- Messrs Service & Paton have added Lytton's, ent) will never alter a racial temperament; ["The Last of the Barons." As Lytton points it will only make it more apparent. High- out in the preface, this was his first attempt landers need not shut their mouths because in historical romance on English ground. they are miscalled. Let them rail. The The book is one of the best from that writer's great political questions-"Dicestablish- pen. It is true, perhaps, that the taste for ment," "Home Rule," "The Land Question," Lytton is not so strong as it once was: his I promised last week that I should have and a host of others-are of Celtic birth. he tells a good story, and in "The Last of something to say in reply to Mr William These are the signs of the times. I have the Barons" he gives besides a very fair Mackenzie's attack on me, but the more I not taken Mr Mackenzie in all seriousness. idea of the period in which the events occur. have considered the matter, the less I see No doubt his thoughts are dramatic, just In its present delightful guise, then, the work in his letter to reply to. To tell the truth, I as an advocate's might be when he takes up should increase its circle of readers. As we don't exactly see the point of his communica-tion. He finds fault with a lot of things, and further are with his people. The class novels is about the handsomest and faults he finds in them are common to all cheapest on the market. Printing, binding, mankind. He calls their poverty . . . and illustrations are beyond criticism. Mr degradation! I'm thinking he'll no' have the Fred Pegram is the illustrator, and he has Gaelic. For all that, he'd maybe find in realised the characters admirably. The price himself "something" (that "something" of the volume is 2s 6d.

> From the offices of the Tract Society comes ing his forefathers' own fling (speaking, of the usual parcel of periodical literature. These include the "Boys' Own Paper" and the "Girls" Own Paper" for March, which contain numerous papers replete with interest to the youth of both sexes. In the former magazine the frontispiece is particularly interesting and pretty, being a coloured representation of "The Boys' Own Fowl Yard." Reading of a more stable character is to be found in the "Leisure Hour" and "Sunday at Home." 'Sunday Hours' is a wonderful sixpence worth, and as a source of Sabbath reading for her a strenuous word in the cause of right. the youn~ is inimitable.



stalled all that has been said and written on Mr Fisher Unwin has hit on a happy idea in his "Library of Literary History." Ireland, Sarah Grands. Miss Schreiner's following I notice, has been given to Dr Douglas Hyde, works were slight, and displayed some of the and no one more capable of doing justice to qualities that won a name for the "African the subject could be entrusted with it.

I observe with pleasure that a selection of the charming poems which have headed the 'Sunday Afternoon'' department of the it was the work of her years of girlhood and 'British Weekly" is to be reprinted. These early womanhood. Considering all this, poems are original and selected, but I believe Dr Nicoll himself has written not a few of what is to be said of "Trooper Peter Halket of Mashonaland," which has just been pub- them. The coming book should be worth having. I think I have read most as they lished by Mr T. Fisher Unwin? Truth to appeared, but not having a head to remember tell, the question is somewhat difficult to. poetry, I cut out some to have always near. answer. It is a pity to think that according

to people's politics will the answer in most Messrs Oliphant, Anderson, & Ferrier will cases be. For the book is a tract for the publish during the spring a book by the Rev. times. It is a denunciation of recent actions James Jeffrey, M.A., Trinity United Presbyin South Africa, and in it Rhodes, Barney terian Church, Pollokshields. It is entitled, Barnato, and the rest are held up to the "The Personal Ministry of the Son of Man: world as they are and not as they would have Studies in the Saviour's application of His themselves considered. The book has that own Teaching." The aim of the work is to passion for righteousness which inspires all illustrate the Saviour's personal dealing with Miss Schreiner's work, but one cannot think the various individuals with whom he was brought into contact. The examples selected it over-vehement. Indeed, the passion is re- are typical of the Saviour's method of teachstrained, and the case is made quietly with ing, and reveal His profound insight into words that tell. The frontispiece to the book the heart and conscience.

is the key to the whole, and that a woman's There can be no further doubt about it. heart should bleed at such scenes is no wonder. As we have said, some will regard the It certainly has arrived. I mean, of course, matter as one of politics, and not of humanity; the Celtic Revival. This week was produced but Miss Schreiner cannot be taunted with at the London Globe, the scene of the triumph "Little Englandism;" and her message is of "Charley's Aunt," Jerome K. Jerome's imagine that the Irish and the Highland equally to the black man and to latest dramatic effort. "The MacHaggish." I crofter would have their grievances remedied the white. Courage in both races shall not tread upon the ground of our London "Crulavig," near Eyrrshader, is also in the crotter would have their grievances remedied the white. Courage in both laces correspondent by describing the play, but it is any the sooner by going about labelled stirs her admiration, and one is carried interesting, as showing the desire to be real-

Eaglais-dubh or Eaglais-dhubh, Black Church, fore. Duncan Campbell, an old man at 25 or it is Clais-dhubh, Black-ditch, or it is Canning Street, Bridgeton, I think, was a Glais-dubh, Black-stream. Could Eaglaisabout the affair. dubh, under any known system of Gaelic

phonetics, become Glasgow? The accent is on the first syllable, and ever was. So eag could not go. Could "glais-dhubh" (with ea off, and this answers whether "glais-dubh," stream, could be the origin of Glasgow) become Glasgu, as the old speling is over 700 years old? Why, then, we know, the d was fully pronounced! Where could the g or ch come from? Again, as to "clais-dhubh," is it possibl for initial c to become q in Gaelic? If so, phonetically.

Besides the above philological sins, the, pepular etymologist commits two other

sins: (1) he knows not the history of the name he etymologises, and (2) he ignoresabsent in the results attained to. The early history of Glasgow is entirely concerned call him, Munghu. It is around his "cella' that the early village and town grew; there was the market for a wide radius of country.

spectator, like myself, and can tell something

The day came, and pipers made the country about ring. Iain Og Ile, a small boy, held by the hand of his chief guardian, John Campbell, the Big Piper, was present. Big Duncan Maceacharn, Portaneilein, a marvellous player of the pipes, was there, although almost always mad. John and Neil Macaffray, two army pipers, added to the look and style of the gathering. Big James Stewart, a powerful Athole man, though he did not play, was let us have other instances. I know of none there, ready for any emergency. James was arising in such circumstances; it is impossible strong, and given to practical jokes and tricks, and ran the risk of having to defend himself

against the strong men of the island. William CAMPBELL, BALEMARTINE,

was really the most active and enterprising spirit in the country at that time, and must for he does not know-what eminent and have been a powerful man, too, although we competent authorities have already said or never thought he was that until many years be known of the etymology of Glasgow and Feinne." Along with him were Donald Macthe early history of the name is already eacharn. Duill, my ideal of Naoise, the son of known to scholars. Needless to say, Clais- Uisneach; John Simson, Bowmore; Archibald dhubh and Eaglais-dhubh are conspicuously and Neil Bell, two brothers of the great "Clann Mhic Illamhaoil," of Baleharach; Archie and Lachlan Ferguson, Islay House; with St Mungo, or, as the oldest documents David Torry, same place; James Eadie and David Crawford, do.; Donald, Peter, and Charles Spence, Torre; wee, black Jamie Mackintosh, Bowmore; Lachlan Cameron, In fact, I open a historical school-book, Scarabus; Donald Cameron, Eisgnish; landic Soer, sea; Sior, water; but I am un- subject I consider an open question. you to give up the folk that were given into year, £209,283; increase, £5621.

Krulla denotes to curl, to rise in undulations, and is descriptive of the undulating nature of the ground at Crulavig: vig, or vik, a creek or bay.

ing to say. It is, Mr Mackenzie should know, Kyrvig occurs in the parish of Carloway. quite reasonable to admit that the races in The Icelandic Kyr means a cow. Kyrr the United Kingdom are not very strongly marked, and still to contend that those who (Danish Qvær), silent, quiet, still. "Tolsta," have Celtic blood have characteristics different the Danish word Told signifies toll, duty, from others. Mr Mackenzie catches readily customs. The obsolete Gaelic Tol denotes at the "pure nonsense," but he doesn't put a churchyard, and Tola a church officer. The much sense in its stead. Science may have terminal sta in Croulasta and Tolsta seems to much to tell us on this subject, but I confess be an abbreviated form of the Swedish Stad, that common-sense should have a look in. * * * a place, station, abode.

Since writing the above I have got a let-The well-known Strom, a stream or current, occurs at Little Loch Roag, and also ter from Mr Don. A Mackenzie, Cromarty in a Gaelicised form at a narrow part of Loch So I leave Mr Mackenzie of Glasgow to the Seaforth, in "Aird an Troim." At this point tender mercies of his Cromarty clansman :the sea inlet stretches westward to Ceann Will "Callum" (he writes) allow me to step decided in regard to the name. What can later, when he was like "Oisein an deigh na Tarbhaidh, the head of hindrance or impedi- forward and cross swords with this clansment, and eastward to Ceann na Cairidh, man of mine in answer to his challenge of out among his fellow-men as missionary for corresponding week last year, £4023; dewhich means the head of the mound or wall last week; for, excepting his name, he is against the excesses committed in crease, £146; receipts for goods, minerals, -placed across the estuary of a river, stream, no clansman at all "whatever." He has or arm of the sea for catching fish. "Shea- deserted our ranks, and there is but one bost-the sea lake bay-from se, according hope for him, and that is that he himself that with it you might enforce justice and deal £7689; increase, £8; amount drawn during to Captain Thomas." This is evidently an has "rote sarcastic." Mr Mackenzie lays out mercy? How came you to give it up into previous 24 weeks, £207,207; for correspondto Captain Thomas." This is evidently an great stress on the opinions of two great the hands of men whose search is gold, whose ing period last year, £201,594; increase, authorities he has done us the honour to thirst is wealth, to whom men's souls and £5613; total drawn for the past 25 weeks. So denotes, 1, a lake; 2, the sea, ocean; Ice- quote. As to their being authorities on the bodies are counters in a game? How came £214,904; for the corresponding 25 weeks last

away by the fine uprightness of the book. istic, that the services of Dr H. C. Gillies were 'Saxon?" How long would that sort of fraud Some, too, may endeavour to use Miss hold out? Then, as to the way in which Mr Schreiner's broadmindness against her. For the Gaelic tongue. Mackenzie mixes up "nation" and "race" in example, some may find fault with her when the last paragraph of his letter, I have nothshe claims as Christian a drinking and

swearing white man. But that by the way. man who has left a poor mother in England and joined the Chartered Company's forces

ne relates to the quiet Stranger the story of has been his fortune to occupy. his actions and some of the excesses of the Chartered Company's forces. The Stranger

is Jesus Christ, and when the young trooper has finished his story He convicts the lad of the week ending 21st February, 1897, are as his sinful course, and appeals to him to go follows :- Receipts for coaching traffic, £3877 ; South Africa. This is one appeal: - &c., £3820; corresponding week last year. "Go to that great people and cry aloud to it- 23666; increase, 2154; total for week, "Where is the sword was given into your hand, 27697; total for corresponding week last year,

requisitioned to make the players familiar with

Mr Wallace, M.P. for East Edinburgh, in-There is no story in the book, and few char- forms me that he is not back to his "Reminisacters. Trooper Peter Halket is a young conces," which cannot be a matter of the immediate future, but to his monograph on in South Africa as the readiest means of Buchanan (for the Famous Scot Series), which making a fortune. One night he loses his must be finished in a few months, and will way on the "veld," and as loneliness and take him all his time. "Delay, of course (Mr depression begin to come over him a Stranger Wallace wittily adds) will give me all the appears. Peter Halket is just a careless, more to 'reminiscence.'" Mr Wallace's condevil-may-care young fellow who does evil nection with the "Scotsman" is, of course, but unthinkingly. Over the fire on the "veld" a small part of the interesting environment it

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The Highland Railway Traffic Returns for



THE "H.N." MOD PRIZE FUND.

We shall be glad to acknowledge in this S thain naigheachd gu'r n-ionnsuidh column any subscriptions towards a fund which Dh'fhag sinn uile fodh chùram san àm we propose raising for the purpose of encour- Mu thigearna na dùthcha aging the teaching of Gaelic in our schools. Far robh suinn na Roinn-Eòrpa The proceeds are to be offered, in connection N deigh tarruinn an ordan gu strì with the annual Gaelic Mod, as prizes to the Is lionar curaidh a leonadh schoolmasters who are able to show the highest Agus mile oun ded a dh'fhan shios. percentage of passes in Gaelic as a Specific Chaidh tu a rioghachd na Spàinte Subject at the annual inspection. This fund, Far robh neart aig an nàmhuid gu leòir Subject at the annual inspection. This fund, it should be explained, is quite distinct from Fhuair thu'n urram ged bha thu ro og the usual prizes offered by the Mod. Proprietor, "The Highland News" ... £1 1 0 Caber-Feidh 0 7 6 S thug thu mach a bhuaidh-làrach Ian D. MacAoidh 500 Is lionar corp bha san àrfhaich gun deò London Gaelic Class "Ceilidh" ... 1 13 0 Nam beanadh dhut luaidhe Alex. Anderson 0 5 0 S tu thuiteam an cruadal a bhlàir A. R. Macleod, Stirling ... 0 5 0 S a shileadh an suilean gu làr W. Gillies 0 5 0 Is iomadh baintighearna riomhach Colin Chisholm... 1 1 0 Bhiodh duilich gu dilinn a' d' dhéigh 0 5 0 Leis am b' fheairrd' thu ri d' phòsadh Eric MacAoidh... Collected by Donald MacKay-Teàrlach MacAoidh ... £0 2 6 Donald Mackay ... 0 1 6 Charles P. Stewart ... 0 1 0 P. Macmahon ... 0 1_0_ J. Murray ... 0 1 0 George Moir ... 0 1 0 Thomas Fraser ... 0 1 0 Alex. Mitchelson ... 0 1 0 R. P. Cumming ... 0 1 0 _____ 0 11 0 Duncan MacTavish, Esq., Millburn,

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LEABHAR NAN GLEANN.

CHAPTERS IN GAELIC SONG AND STORY.

[By George Henderson, M.A., Edin., Ph.D., Vienna.]

ORAN NA GRIUTHRAICH.

LEIS AN URRAMACH AILEAN MACILLEATHAIN. Fonn-Och us och us mo dhóruinn Tuigidh móran mo ghalar Trom us tùrsach na d' dhéigh mi

Ghnùis na féile s na glaine. Nur a bha mi ann san Iochdar Dh'fhàs mi bochd le coltas fiabhruis Dh'fhairich mi saighead a'm chliathaich Mar gu'm bi iarunn ga' shàthadh.

ORAN DO MHAC NEILL BHARRAIDH RI LINN COGADH NAPOLEAIN. LE MR AONGHUS CEUDNA.

Bhi 'n Cath Waterloo s bu mhor call

Dhearbh thu spionnadh a Ghàidheil

dhòrn

Thainig litir'á Sasunn

chall.

thonn

Gu'n robh Ludhais na 'éiginn

Chaidh do chur ann san trùpa-

S fhuair an Corsican glaodhadh

Bu tu mhaighdinn ri t' fhaicinn

Mar bha 'chreag bha san fhairge

Seasuidh tusa romh d' nàmhuid

Nur a reachadh tu na d' éideadh

Bhiodh na h-uinneagan lìonta

Bheil do leithid fodh Sheòras

S a chiteadh na dhéigh thu am blàr

Cha bhiodh sùil ach a dh'aon taobh

S iad a sealltuinn sios ort air straid

Bu tu mhisneach an cruadal

Is tu laoch sa chath nach robh crion

Gu bhi mar ris an Diùca bha thall

Claidheamh mór de chruaidh stàilinn na

Is lionar neach bhiodh ga d'ionndrainn

No ged bheirte an Roinn Eòrpa dhaibh fhéin.

Gu'n robh Poni air ais ann san Fhraing

Gu'n robh 'chuideachadh feumail san àm

S theich a ghràisg mar a dh'fhaod iad bho'n

Nach critheadh 'n àm gluasad san t-strìth

Seasamh daingean romh gharg bhristeadh

Doirtidh fuil air do dhearnaibh s do lann.

Gabhail beachd ort le iognadh gun tàmh

Ann am pearsaidh am boichead na'm blàth?

SEANN SGEULACHDAN.

Air an Aithris le FIONN.

"Cha mhisde sgeul math aithris dà uair."

"Ma's breug nam e is breug thugam e."

cùnntadh cha robh e 'ga chùnntadh fhéin idir, agus bha esan a' coimhead so. "Ge dé an duais a bheir sibh dhòmhsa na 'm faigh-inn am fear a tha air chall oirbh?" "Gheibh thu duais air bith ma gheibh thu 'n duine,' thubhairt iadsan. "Deanaibh," ars' esan "suidhe ri taobh a chéile ma tha." Agus rug e air siulpan maide, agus bhuail e an ceud fhear, "Bitheadh cuimhne agadsa gu'n Far nach cluinn thu facal Beurla: robh thu fhéin innte." Lean e air am Ach a' chànain, bhlasda, gheura bualadh gus an d' fhuair e aireamh dà dhuine dheug 's e 'cur fuil gu feur orra, agus ged a bha iad pronnta agus leòinte cha robh comas adh an duine a bha air chall, agus air chùl Ris a' chànain 'bh' aig mo shìnnsear' pàidheidh 's ann a rinn iad cuirm do 'n duine a fhuair am fear a bha air chall. Bha loch aig tuath Sgìre ma Cheallaig

a bha air chall. Agus am fear a bha 'g an

air am bitheadh iad a' cur éisg agus, ars' esan "S ann bu chòir dhuibh an loch a thràghadh gus am faigheadh sibh iasg ùr chun na Cuirme;" agus 'n uair a thràghadh Far an cluinn thu daonan rèite, an loch cha d'fhuaradh dearg éisg air ach Ged air uairean 's duilich éisdeachd aon easgann mhòr. Thubhairt iad an so gu 'm b' i sud a' bhéist a dh' ith an t-iasg orra. Rug iad oirre an so agus dh' fhalbh iad leatha gu 'bàthadh 's a' mhuir; agus an uair a chunnaic esan so dh' fhalbh e dhachaidh, agus air an rathad, chunnaic e ceathrar mullach an taighe. Chunnaic e 'n so gu 'm bu dhaoine gun samhuil sluagh Sgìre ma nuas am feur?" Chaidh e 's gheàrr e 'm feur, thug e do 'n mhart e, agus, dh imich e roimhe. Chunn, aic e 'n so duine a' tighinn 's mart aige ann an cairt, agus dh' aithnich daoine a' bhaile gur h-e goid a' mhart a rinn am fear so. "Agus 's e bu chòir mòd a chur air." Mar so rinn iad; agus 's e 'n ceartas a rinn iad an t-each a' chur gu bàs air son a bhi 'giúlan a' mhairt.

Agus gu dearbhadh a thoirt dhuibhse gu 'm bheil an sgeulachd so fiòr 's e so a thug air Iain Lom am Bard a chantuinn :---"Mar lagh nan línntean nach maireann

A bha 'n Sgìre ma Cheallaig 'Nuair a dhit iad an gearran 's a' mhòd.

CLARSACH NAN GAIDHEAL.

Air a Gleusadh le FIONN.

No. 8.-THUG MI GAOL DO 'N FHEAR BHAN.

We take the melody of the following popular song from Dr Keith N. Macdonald's "Gesto Collection" of Highland music. The air has a strong resemblance to "Cruachan Beann." The words are taken from Sinclair's "Oranaiche" - the best collection of Gaelic songs which we possess. FIONN.

THUG MI GAOL DO 'N FHEAR BHAN. (O. I lo'ed the fair lad).

KEY D-Moderato.

'AN GLASCHU. FONN.

'N téid thu leam a' measg na cuideachd? 'M falbh thu leam a' measg na cuideachd? Tiugainn leam, 's bith d' bhall de 'n bhuidheann. Cha 'n 'eil duin' ann ach na Gàidheil. Tiugainn leam a suas do 'n Chéilidh,

Bh'aig luchd 'n fhéilidh anns na blàraibh. A' chiad uair a chaidh mi-fhìn ann, Thog mo chridhe le toil-inntinn Anns an tìr 's an deachaidh m' àrach. Shaoil mi a bhi ann mo dhùthaich,

'Us mo chàirdean uile dlùth dhomh, 'S tuìnn na mara 's iad ri bùirich, 'Cur na smùid dhiubh null gu Bàin-sgeir. 'S e àite ro-mhath 'th'anns a' Chéilidh,

Targaidean ro-gheur 's a' Ghàidhlig. Cluinnidh tu òraidean 'tha ceutach, Agus ceòl nach toir thu beum dha; S chỉ thu sìol nan seana chéilteach Anns a' Chéilidh 'th' aig na Gàidheil. dhaoinne a' cur suas mart gu mullach taighe Gheibh thu maighdeannan 'tha bòidheach, gus an itheadh i am feur a bha 'cinntinn air 'S bith' na h-uile fear 'an tòir orr'; S gheibh thu cead 'dhol greis n an còmhradh.

'Dh-innse sgeòil dhaibh anns a' Ghàidhlig. Cheallaig. "Ach," ars' esan, "dé 'n duais a bheir sibh dhomhsa 's bheir mi Le bhi 'n Galltach caigean mhiosan, Chaidh iad leinn do 'n "Athensoum," 'S labhraidh iad gun strì mar b' àbhaist. Ach mu 's e 's gun gabh iad mì-thlachd Anns a' bheachd a chuir mi sios orr; Mar do dh-innis mis' an fhìrinn Ni mi dichioll air bhi sàmhach.

> 'Guidhe sonais do 'na chòmhlan, Bliadhna shocrach 'bhi gun dhórainn, 'S barrachd eòlais air a' Ghàidhlig.

Cuiream nis ceanu-crìch air m' òran

DILEAS.

AN DUBH MHAL 'S A MAL UR. Gu tubaisteach choinnich Da leabhar a mhàil, 'S gu'n innis mi pàirt Do'n chòmhradh bh' ac'. Mar so thubh'rt an Dubh Mhàl. Gu h-usaideach, dùr, 'A sgriosair, 'Mhàl Ur, Gam choir na tig.

Gur beag orm t-fhaireachdainn Taic ruim fhéin. A chulaidh gun fheum, Gun mhòralachd.

Gu'n tug thu gu bochdainn, 'Us lot thu gu geur, Na tighearnan treun, Bu phròisel bha.

'S thog thu gu sonas Na bochdan gu léir, Air shadadh gu céin Bu chòir a bhith."

"Ged's guineach do theanga," 'S ann fhreagair Màl Ur, "S e 'm moth bheirt do'n chù Dhuit dheònaichinn.

THE HIGHLANDS.

No. III.

"We know very little of ancient Celtic pharmacy." So sums up Logan in his "Scottish Gael;" and although he gives a goodly number of plants and other remedies which might have been used by the Highlanders, when one time had elapsed the fire was extinguished, looks for his authority, it is found to be an and several layers of straw or hay placed almost one continuous reference to Pliny and on the warm ground. Over all a pail of his statements as to Gallic medicine. How far water was poured, and the patient was placed these may be adopted as applicable to the Scottish Celt it is quite impossible to say; and as resulting, as one can understand, in suitliterature in general gives but little help, we able cases, in a cure of the disease. For must (writes Dr Hugh E. Fraser, of Inverness, fever, a large red onion split in two, and in the "Caledonian Medical Journal") turn to hung, one half at an open window, and the tradition for possible enlightenment. In the other above the door, was thought useful Celtic nations, as in others, the rudimentary the onion assumed a sootblack colour. medicine man was first joined to the priest. and up to the Christian era, probably, his evolution proceeded no further. Thereafter he times a little energetically, as, e.g., by the gradually became emancipated; but, since he tip being snared off by a piece of cord passed was at no time scientific, it is not to be wondered at that, as knowledge advanced, he has lock of hair from the crown of the head, slowly disappeared, and now is practically no or by holding the cheeks and neck of the more. Still, whatever is mysterious is always patient as low as the larynx firmly by the to the popular mind an object of reverence, and old beliefs die hard; so to-day we are able a charm for the purpose of keeping it up locality, fashion, fancy of the physician, and A. B.) the like.

diseases known to the Highlanders, and there-or toe nails, carefully wrapped, along with after at the remedies found to be of use. No a new sixpence, in a piece of paper, on which fixed pathological ideas seem to have been was written, "In the name of the Father, possessed by them, but one can gather from Son, and Holy Ghost," were placed under writings, especially religious, that the pre-taken backwards to the place where the vailing hypothesis was that disease was a patient had had the first fit, and buried distinct entity-a power inhabiting the body, alive by the oldest God-fearing man in the for evil in most cases, for good in some; in the district, who had to watch all night thereformer to be propitiated according as the fancy after by a fire, which must not be let out. of the physician or patient might dictate; in the latter, to be allowed to run its course. Coming to details, one finds no proper classification of diseases owing to the want of a corpse has been washed. Bishops, and in pathology, but diseases with well-marked some places all clergymen, were credited morbid processes were naturally recognised with the power of curing the disease, as also easily. Thus, consumption, whooping-cough, epilepsy, colic, insanity, neuralgia, fevers, and surgical diseases received much attention from a therapeutic point of view, while obscurer diseases, as internal inflammations, cardiac and renal derangements were treated according to their most prominent symptompain, dropsy, shortness of breath, as the case might be. In earlier times material remedies were nonexistent, and ceremonial the prevailing mode of cure, but as observation succeeded dogma, a knowledge of the use and efficacy of remedial round, with the result that the patient's substances began to spread. The most simple of these would be the first used, and thus water was from the first held to be of great utility. It was used with varying rites, sometimes required to be brought from one place, sometimes another, sometimes used internally, sometimes externally, according to the prevailing idea of the time. Of the use of herbs by the ancient Celts, Pliny gives numerous instances, e.g., hyssop for diseases of the eyes (xxiv., 9); samolus for and which had been poured over the leaden diseases of cattle (ibid.); and from Sir R. Hoare's researches we learn that of surgery they were not altogether ignorant. In the middle ages a school of medicine was established in the Western Isles, and of the native physicians, perhaps the most famous was Neil Beaton, or Bethune, of Skye, whose skill was such that, from the colour of the is given by Dr Aitken, who had it from an flower, he was enabled to tell the nature of the remedy! Be this as it may, there is no doubt he attained great celebrity, holding in Professor E. Maclachlan's grandfather, a noted contempt we practice of his contemporaries, and striking out quite an original path. He died about 1780 (Martin, "Western Islands," p. 198). In more recent times we find herbs used for many diseases, and the following may serve as examples. The tops of nettles chopped small, and mixed with the white of an egg, is still used as a soporific, as also is a variety of heather-both in the form of poultices applied to the head. Wild garlic, infused and taken internally, was used for stone. Broom, juniper, and foxglove have been long known as remedies for dropsy, and, of course, in suitable cases, with good results. Foxglove is, in addition, in common use for many other diseases, the last I have come across being "the rose"-a term, in this part of the country at all events, apparently used to denote any erythematous condition of the skin, from simple erythema and eczema to true erysipelas. In this case, which was one of varicose eczema, the method was by direct application of the moistened leaves to this maid to whom the Rev. Wm. Dunbar the skin. Other vegetable remedies for "the composed the song? Is this song sung to a rose" were decoctions of rosewood and leaves, with poultices of the leaves with fresh butter, locally, and infusions of wild geranium and stone crop internally. Remedies other than vegetable were used for this disease, and among these we find the application of red cloth sprinkled with flour or alum, the use of which is common for all inflammatory conditions. Again, as the late Dr Aitken, of the Inverness District Asylum, mentions ("Transactions of the Gaelic Society of Inverness,' Vol. xiv., p. 312), the power of individuals to cure the disease, especially by a "line in LACHUNN. Latin," was firmly believed in.

aon duine deug. 'S cha robh fios cò am fear ORAN DO CHEILIDH NAN GAIDHEAL MEDICAL LORE AND PRACTICES OF A point in diagnosis was the behaviour of the sputum when expectorated on to a plain surface: if it fell flat it was regarded as a pathognomonic sign, while if it broke and scattered the disease was at all events not onsumption.

For diseases commencing with chills sweating was a remedy in great favour, and to induce it a common method was the following :-- A fire was lighted in the middle of the room, and the floor being earthen on the wet straw and covered with blankets. Before long a copious perspiration broke out, in attracting the disease, as in a short time

Elongated uvula was considered a dangerous complaint, and therefore treated somethrough a quill. A more idealistic treatment was by means of pulling upwards a hands, and raising them upwards. Again, was a piece of the small red seaweed (altto find traces of what formerly was regarded uinn dhearg) found in pools of water when as good medicine by former dwellers in these the tide is out, tied with a piece of cord, parts. In their search for remedies for dis- and carried about the person of the patiease, it would be surprising if they did not ent. It had to be gathered by some other come across some of real value among the person, who said, while handing it over to the patient, "Ann an ainm an Athar, a' mass of substances—animal, vegetable, and the patient, Ann an anni an Athar, a mineral-collected together, differing accord- shlugain A.B." (in the name of the Father, ing to various adventitious circumstances- Son, and Holy Ghost, for the uvula of

In regard to diseases of the nervous system the Highlanders were inclined to attribute many of their manifestations to the sible. The following are a few of the means and amulets, good and evil spirits. Accord- employed for its cure :- A black cock was ingly, I must confine myself to the second taken reverently to the place where the perkilled, and carefully buried, a series of in-Let us look in the first place, then, at the cantations being repeated during the cere-'Drinking out of a suicide's skull, a mode of treatment common to many localities, is varied on the West Coast by giving the patient to drink the water with which a footling, which power was supposed to be sometimes transmitted in families. Besides epilepsy, bishops were supposed to be able to cure insanity, which was a disease in which the person's heart was believed to be out of its proper position. In order to get it back, the following ceremony must be performed by some "wise," i.e. sane, person. Some melted lead, after the aid of the Trinity had been invoked, was poured into a wooden vessel containing water, which had been placed on the patient's head, and if any piece of the solidified lead at all resembled a heart, it was taken and turned heart returned to its place, and the disease was cured. The piece of lead was carefully preserved afterwards so as to prevent relapses. This remedy of "casting the lead" is mentioned by the Rev. James Macdonald, Reay ("Transactions of the Gaelic Society of Inverness," vol. xix., p. 274), as being used in his district for the cure, among other dis-eases, of typhoid fever. The patient was given water to drink which had been drawn from a spring-not from a running streamheart, and recovery was confidently expected. thereafter. For the cure of toothache and neuralgias, spine-wort placed in a limpet shell and applied to the jaw, a poultice of red onions applied to the cheek, fly-blisters placed on the back of the neck and on both wrists are common remedies in this district; while the following incantation for the same purpose old inhabitant of Glen-Urquhart. It was repeated by some other person, and written on a piece of paper to be worn by the sufferer:-

With these preliminary considerations one may go on to look at the methods of cure, and working of evil spirits; and epilepsy, being these are naturally two-(1) subjective and (2) an alarmingly sudden and generally striking objective. In regard to the former, one could disease, was looked on as the type of diseases write volumes, including, as it does, the whole due to malignant spirits, which were to be range of mysticism and superstition-charms propitiated or exorcised, if that were posmethod, as far as possible, if I am to put son had been attacked for the first time, limits to a paper such as this.

Oir mo laimhse Mhic do sheanair Gad a fhuair thu mi sa leabaidh Geobh sin sgadan a Loch Carron Dh'fhàgas sinn gu fallain làidir.

Nur a bheir mi dhiom an fhiasag Bunnan móra fada riabhach Cho fad ri ìnean cait fhiadhaich Bheireadh ead am biadh á bairnich.

Nam biodh agam gunna dùbailt Paidhir fhlask s adharc fhùdair Dhianainn ïaladh air mo ghlùinean S chuirinn smùid mü chul a chràdhgheadh.

Leagainn urchair ri bhi smearail Dheanadh tarneineach us torrunn Dhuisgeadh creagan agus clachan Us crith air fearann Chlann-Rà'ill.

Dh'eirich mi gu moch Diciadaoin Cha mi mach a dhianamh ïaladh Thuit mi air mo thaobh sa lionaidh Air mo bhialü s air mo chraigean.* * Crògan.

. Gad tha mise seo na m' ghlagair Is e mo chasan chuid a's airde.

[Father Angus Macdonald died in Rome in 1833 as Rector of the Scotch College. He was of the Mac-ic-Ailein (Clan-ranald) family, and was born in Eigg. "Laoidh A Phurgadair" is said to be by him. I need not give it here as it has been printed in Father Allan Macdonald's *Comhchruinneachadh de Laoidhean spioradail* (Oban: Hugh Macdonald, "Oban Times" Buildings, Esplanade. 1902) news 27-311 1893), pages 27-31].

ORAN.

Le Aonghus Donullach, Sagairt am Barraidh, nuair a bha lionnadh (i.e., leannachadh) fhuair e 'n dithis a' caoineadh 's a' basair s a chaidh a leigheas leis an Dotar Leòdach.

Dà mhios dhiag agus ràthaich Bho'n thàrmuich an enap A fhuair mise fo m' mheòirean Ann an còs air an asnaidh Ged a bha e gun chràdh Gu'n robh e fas mar an rainich S cha'n eil fhios ciod de'n t-aobhar Chuir mo thaobhs air an alt sin.

Ged a bha mì san tigh-òsda Cha d'fhuair mi dorna na bat' ann S cha robh mi air an dòirich Chuireadh taoim ann am phearsainn Cha do thuit mi air garbhlach Ann an anmoch na mochthrath Una mhua thachair mi'n tuasaid Dhianamh tuaireap na lochd dhomh. Nuair a dh'fhairich mo nàdur

Gur fliodh a dh'fhàsadh an cais e Ge do bha e gun chràdhadh S e'n tì gu'n sàruichte m' aisnean: Gu'n robh cunnart no dhà A bhi ga àrach na b'fhaide Ge do dhiante mo riasladh Is e sgriob an iarruinn a's fhasa.

S gur e'n cnap tha mi 'g ràitinn Thog a lance ghabh beachd air; Thug e sgrìob air gach tacbh dheth S a mheoirean sgaoilte ga 'fhaicinn Chuir e null e mu'n fraighe Thug sùid an airde le gradadh Leig e'n comhair a chùil e S thug faobhur ùr e bho'n asnaidh.

Gun d' fhosgail feadannan siùbhlach Nuair a dhlùthaich an sgian ris Chraosgaoil sionnsar fo'n asnaich S - cheann air stad ann sa chliathaich Dh'fhalbh sput as bha sàmhach Chaidh an airde le haradh Us thainig buaidh a bha cradh-dhearg E ruith gur làr s gun e fiaradh.

Gun d'fhuair an lighich air sealladh Mus d'rainig boinne dheth 'n t-ùrlar Bha dual aige na 'laimh Ann san àite chaidh spùt as Thug fear-freasdail da snaithle chaidh chàradh gu dluth ris

II.-SGEULACHD SGIRE MA CHEALLAIG.

Bha Gille òg ann uair 's chaidh e dh iarraidh mnà do Sgire ma Cheallaig, agus phòs e nighean tuathanaich, 's cha robh aig a h-athair ach i fhéin, agus 'n uair a thàinig àm buain na mòine, chaidh iad do 'n bhlàr mhòine 'n an ceathrar. 'S chuireadh a' bhean òg dhachaidh air thòir na diathad, agus air dol a staigh dhi chunnaic i srathair na làrach brice fos a cionn, agus thòisich air caoineadh 's air ràdh rithe féin, de 'a dheanadh ise nan tuiteadh an t srathair, 's gu 'm marbhadh i i féin 's na bha air a siubhal? 'N uair a b' fhada le luchd buain na mòine a bha í gun tighinn chuir iad a màthair air falbh a shealltuinn de bha 'g a cumail. 'N uair a ràinig a' chailleach fhuair i a' bhean òg a' caoineadh a steach, "Air tighinn ormsa," ars' ise, "dé a thàinig riut?" "O," ars' ise, "'n uair a thàinig mi steach chunnaic mi srathair na làrach brice fos mo chionn, 's de 'dheanainn-sa na 'n tuiteadh i 's gu 'm marbhadh i mi fhéin 's na tha air mo shiubhal!" Bhuail an t-seana bhean a basan. "Thàinig ormsa an diugh! na 'n tachradh sin, dé a dheanadh tu, na an t-acras iad.

Dh' fhalbh an seann duine dhachaidh a dh' fhaicinn dé 'bha a' cumail nam Boireannach, agus 'n uair a chaidh e steach, 's ann a bhualadh. "Ochon," ars' esan, "dé a thàinig oirbh!" "O" ars' an t-seana bhean, ""n uair a thàinig do nighean dhachaidh, nach fac' i srathair na làrach brice fos a cionn, 's dé a dheanadh ise na 'n tuiteadh i 's gu 'm marbhadh i i-féin 's na bha air a siubhal.' "Thàinig orms'" ars' an seann duine 's e bualadh nam bas, na 'n tachradh sin.' Thàinig an duin' òg am beul na h-oidhche làn acrais, 's fhuair e 'n triùir a' comhchaoineadh. "Ubh úbh," ars' esan gu de' a thàinig oirbh. Dh' innis an seann duine dha. "Ach," ars' esan, cha do thuit an tsrathair." 'N uair a ghabh e biadh chaidh

so air feadh Sgìre ma cheallaig, agus chaidh e steach do thaigh ann, agus cha robh duine a steach ach triùir bhan 's lad a' sníomh air

còig Cuigeilean. "Cha chreid mi fhéin," ars' Air ur cainnt a chur an cleachdadh." esan, gur h-ann a mhuinntir an àite so a tha a bhean a laidhe, 's chaidh gairm a mach am Gaidheal.

maireach chum an duine marbh a thiodhla- Cha robh ach beagan Gaidhlig aig luchd commonly used in the Highlands for Marcadh; ach cha robh a bhean-san a' leigeil na farpuis, agus cha robh facal idir di aig garet. leis-san éiridh gu dhol ann. 'Nuair a chun- na breitheamhna, agus mar sin bu mhòr naic iad an giùlan a' dol seachad air an uineig dh' iarr i air a bhi 'g éiridh. Dh' Bho 'n a bha an Comunn anns a' bheachd éridh e 'n so le cabhag mhòir 's bha e 'g gu'm bu e teagasg na Gaidhlig anns na iarraidh a chuid aodaich 's e air chall, 's sgoilean a 'chiad cheum a chum litreachas thubhairt a bhean ris gu 'n robh a chuid aodaich uime. "Am bheil," ars' esan, "Tha," sgoilean a chuid chudh cha do thairg iad duais sam bith do mhaighstirean sgoile a ars' ise. "Greas thusa ort gus 'm beir thu bha 'ga teagasg. Rinn ceann-fhear na 1870. Copies can still be had. orra." Dh'fhalbh e 'n so 'n a chruaidh ruith, coinneimh mòran fala-dha de 'n chuideachd agus an uair a chunnaic cuideachd a' ghiùl- a chionn nach cuala e ach a 'Bheurla air a an an dune lomnochd a' tighinn smaoinich labhairt 'nam measg, ged a bha daoine 'san' iad gur duine e a bha ás a chiall, 's theich lathair aig an robh pailteas Gaidhlig. Cha iad féin air falbh, 's dh' fhàig iad an giùlan, robh e a' tuigsinn gu'm b' ann a chum 's agus sheas an duine lomnochd aig ceann na gu'm bitheadh a Ghaidhlig air a cumail suas, ciste mhairbh, agus thàinig duine a nuas a bha na gnothaichean uile air an deanamh ás a' choille, agus thubhairt e ris an duine a anns a' Bheurla. An deidh sin thàinig duine bha lonnochd, "Am bheil thu 'gam athnach- glie à auchaich cein, agus thoisich e air a' adh?"

: m. s | 1.1 : 1.d' | 1SEISD-Thug mi gaol, thug mi gaol, Chorus-Ance I loe'd a laddie fair, :s.1 | dⁱ.dⁱ: 1.s | m Thug mi gaol do'n fhear bhan ; And my sailor he was braw; : m. s | s, m. -: r'., d' | d'Agus gealladh dhuit-se luaidh. I gie'd him a promise truefm.s | 1 : r., d | d

O, cha dual dhomh bhi slàn ! But he's noo far a - wa. . Chaidh am bàta troimh 'n chaol Leis na daoine Di-màirt;

'S mise phàigh am farradh daor, Bha mo ghaoi air a clàr. Thug mi gaol, &c.

Chunn'cas long air a' chuan, 'S i cur suas nan seòl àrd 'Nuair a dhiùlt i dol mu 'n cuairt-Bha mo luaidhs' air an t-snàmh. Thug mi gaol, &c.

Tacain mu 'n do laidh a' ghrian, Bha mi 'm fianuis mo ghràidh, Tha e nis an grunnd a' chuain, O, gur fuar 'àite taimh. Thug mi gaol, &c.

Bha mi bruadar an raoir, A bhi 'n caoimhneas ri m' ghràdh; 'S 'nuair a thug e rium a chùl, Shil mo shùilean gu làr. Thug mi gaol, &c.

Bha mi deas is bha mi tuath Bha mi 'n Cluaidh uair n dhà Dheth na chunna mi fo'n ghréin, Thug mi spéis do 'n fhear bhan. Thug mi gaol, &c.

Cha téid mise 'thigh a chiùil, Thuit mo shùgradh gu làr, Bho 'n a chualas thusa 'rùin 'Bhi 's a ghrunnd far nach tràigh. Thug mi gaol, &c.

GAELIC VARIA.

COSAMHLACHD.

Tha sinn a toirt an sgeulachd a leanas e laidhe, agus anns a' mhaduinn thubhairt as a' "Mhac Talla." Mar thuirt an seanesan, "Cha stad mo chas gus gu 'm faic mi triùir eile cho gòrach ruibh. Dh' fhalbh e SGEULACHD BHEAG MU DHEIDHINN NA

SGEULACHD BHEAG MU DHEIDHINN NA GAIDHLIG.

"Chlann nan Gaidheal bithibh cuimhneach Bha Comunn ann aon uair' a bha air a sibh." "Ta," ars' iadsan, "Cha 'n ann; cha chreid sinn fhéin." "S cha 'n ann," ars' steidheachadh a chum a' Ghaidhlig a chumesan. "Mata," ars' iadsan "tha na doine ail suas, agus bha na buill anns a' bheachd a tha 's an àite so cho faoin, 's gu 'n toir gu'm b' e teagasg na h-oigridh 'nan cànain sinn a chreidsinn orra a' h-uile ni a thoil- fhein, agus gach fear a bhi bruidhinn innte eachas sinn féin." "Mata," ars' esan, "tha e fein, na doighean a's fearr airson an rùn Gaelic air? What does Mr Murdoch say? fàine òir agam 'an so agus bheir mi e do 'n té agaibh a 's feàrr a bheir a chreidsinn air sin a ghiùlan a mach, agus air an aobhar sin dh' aontaich iad gu 'n deanadh iad uile an duine." A' cheud fhear a thàinig dhach- sin dh' aontaich iad gu 'n deanadh iad uile aidh de na daoine thuirt a bhean ris, "Tha ghnothaichean a' chomuinn anns a' Bheurla. thu tinn" "Am bheil?" ars' esan. "O tha," Thagh iad mar fhir-comhairle, maighstirean thuirt ise. "Cuir dhiot do chuid aodaich 's sgoile nach do theagaisg riamh facal Gaidhbi a' dol a laidhe." Rinn e so; agus 'n uair a bha e anns an leabaidh, thuirt i ris, "Tha thu nise marbh." "O am bheil?" ars' esan. "Tha," thuirt ise, "dùin do shúilean 's na gluais làmh no cas." Agus bha e so marbh. Bha iad cinnteach gu 'n deanadh na daoine Thàinig an so an dara fear dhachaidh, agus so an dichioll airson na Gaidhlig, agus thubhairt a bhean ris, "Cha tu a th' ann." chaidh cach a chadal gu latha na coinneimh 'O nach mi?" ars' esan "O cha tu," thuirt moire. Uair-eiginn an deidh so, bha Coise. 'S dh' fhalbh e 's thug e a' choille air. chruinneachadh aca, ann am baile àraidh, Thàinig an so an tritheamh fear a dh' ionn- agus bha duaisean air an toirt airson bardsuidh a thaighe fhéin, agus chaidh e fhéin 's achd, ceòl, seinn, agus litreachas nan correct Gaelic for Margaret. As for Peggy,

an cliu fhuair a' Ghaidhlig air an latha ud "Cha'n 'eil mise," ars esan "gad Ghaidhlig a mholadh agus b i a' Bheurla

A mach air an t-sitig Gu'm bi thu gun dàil A chuideachadh fàs Na h-òtraich dhuinn. Bith' fios agad fathast

Air maitheas bhi luaith, "Gu'n deanamh an t-uachd'ran Tròcair orm'," Mu'n gann a bha'm facal

A mach as a bheul, Gu'n d' thàinig gu séimh An t-òlach ud.

'S rug e air amhaich A Mhal Duibh gu cruaidh 'S chuir e fo'n ghual G'a ròsladh e. "Do'n lasair le'an thusa," 'S am thubhairt e féin "Na seachd-ainte-deug"

A dh'òrdaich mi. 'S na "sanais gu tarruinn" A bh' agam gu léir 'S na "breithean" 'am fheum Thug sòlas dhomh.

Do'n innealan uile Dhomh chumail cha diù Ach Rol a Mhàl Ur Rinn pauper dhiom.

CELTIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

QUERIES.

SONG WANTED .---- Can any one give the song beginning-A cheud latha 'n bhliadhn ùir, Rinn mi labhairt air tùs,

Mu Shir Domhnull nan cursach gorm? The song is said to have been composed by Jacobite bard, to one of the Lochiels. GLENCOE.

PIPE MUSIC.—Did other pipers besides the MacCrimmons write pipe music after the form taken down by Macleod of Gesto? If so, have any other specimens been preserved? Where can they be seen? FEADAN. Where can they be seen?

SONG.—Is the song, "Is rùnach leam an ribhinn donn," usually attributed to Rev. Angus Macintyre, Kinlochspelvie, Mull, an original composition? I have heard it stated that it is a translation from the English. EILEANACH.

PATTISON .---- Is this a Highland name? Were Thomas Pattison's forefathers natives ILEACH. of Islay?

"THE MAID OF ISLAY."----Who was NIALL NEONACH.

GAELIC SONG .---- Could any of your readers oblige with the words of a Gaelic song, the refrain of which is as follows :---"A falbh 'san oidhche 'banail (?) leam,

Ged thug cach an airc dhomh. 'S mi sealltainn air mo leannan, Ged nach robh i fad' an cainnt rium."

ANSWERS.

MARGARET.----In answer to "Anna's' I know nothing about it, although it is A. M. P.

The remedies for consumption were almost query, I may state that "Maircarad" is the of the Edinburgh Gaelic Church, who has had more opportunities than most men, in his

"St Peter sat on a marble stone, Jesus Christ came to him alone, 'Peter, what aileth thee to weep?' 'My Lord and God, it is the toothache.' "

As it stands this is evidently incomplete, and Mr Alex. Macbain ("Highland Monthly," vol. iii., p. 291), and Mr William Mackenzie "Transactions of the Gaelic Society of Inverness," vol. xviii., p. 151), supply us with the complimetary lines, which are :-

Rise up, Peter, and not you alone,

But everyone who in this charm doth have belief

Will from the toothache never lack relief."

Mr Mackenzie says the charm is common all over the Highlands, but, strange to say, rarely met with in Gaelic, probably, as Mr Machain suggests, due to the fact that few old Highlanders could write their native tongue. A Latin version is found in the Maclagan MSS. In the "Folk Lore Journal," lst February, 1894, Mr W. Pengelly, of Torquay, communicates the fact of this charm having been in use in Cornwall for the cure of toothache, which is of interest, as its inhabitants are of Celtic origin. Other incantations exist, some of them implying a belief in the cause of the toothache being a worm eating into the tooth.

(TO BE CONTINUED).



One of the most industrious of our Gaelia as numerous in the Highlands formerly as scholars is the Rev. A. Maclean Sinclair, everywhere now, and I find that Dr Masson, Prince Edward Isand. Some years ago he published two interesting little volumes givdouble role of qualified medical scientist and ing short sketches of the Gaelic bards from clergyman of studying the subject, gives 1411 to 1765. Since then he has published (ibid, p. 298) a most interesting series of the poems of Iain Lorn, and now he has modes of treatment—all the more so as some of them are personal—for the cure of the "white lights," an old Scottish name for tuber-

interesting booklet, in which he gives a

five bards treated of in this interesting

little volume, including such well-known sin-

Sgaoil am bogha ann am briosgadh Us chaidh bhristeadh an ùpraid.

Chaidh an lot ud a dhùnadh S an craicionn dlùth a chur fairis Chaidh na plaistir an òrdan Leis an ordag bha daingean Fo'n chrios a bha null air Gabhail lùbadh us tarruinn S e falbh seachad gu boidheach Anns gach dòigh am biodh bannadh.

Gu'n robh meall air an deili Us bu deistinn an sealladh Gu'n robh meoirean air fhiaradh Chnaipean fiaraidh air bhealaich Gur ioma h-aon ann de'n t-seorsa Le cion foghluim us aithne An àite cobhar g'an slainte Bidh gu cràiteach ga ghearain

Thainig 'sin lighich á tuath dhuinn Bha sgileil suairce gu beachdail Bha measail aig uaislean Thaobh a ghluasad s a bheachda Gur ioma h-aon tha san tìr seo Bha diugh 'crionadh fo leacan Tha gu eireachdail laidir Gniomh do làimh agus t'fhacal.

S gu'm dhiubh sin a bha'n Leòdach Gu'n d'fhuair e fòghlum us aithne Gu'n robh laimh air a dhearbhadh Us ainm anns gach fearann Gu'n d'rinn e'n t-saothair ud cinnteach Gur fad a bhios mi na' anfhiach Mur dian mi ga d' phaigheadh Guidheam grasan dha t'anam.

athnachadh." "O cha 'n 'eil; na 'm bu mhi a ghabh e a chum sin a dheanamh. Thuirt Tòmas dh' aitnicheadh mo bhean féin mi." e nach robh i air a leughadh no air a sgrìobh-'Ach car son" ars' esan, a tha thusa lom- adh mar bu choir, agus le sin gu 'n robh nochd?" "Am bheil mi lomnochd? Ma dol as an t-sealladh, agus gu'm bu i an dòigh tha thubhairt mo bhean ruim gu 'n robh m' a b' fhearr gu so a leasachadh gun iad duais aodach umam." "S i mo bhean 'thubhairt sam bith a thoirt airson leughaidh aig an riumsa gu 'n robh mi fhéin marbh," ars' a' ath choinneamh. Bha oraidean air an liubhfear a bha 's a' chiste." Agus an uair a airt anns a' Bheurla le daoine foghluimte chuala na daoine am marbh a' bruidhinn eile a mhol do 'n choinneamh an ni nach thug iad na buinn àsta 's thàinig na mna- cuir iad féin ann an cleachdadh. Le sin than 's thug iad dhachaidh iad, agus 's i dh' fhàs an sluagh seachd sgith de 'n ghnothbean an duine a bha marbh a fhuair am fàine, ach gu leir, agus sgaoil iad, an dara cuid a' agus chunnaic esan an sin trùir cho górach gabhail feirg, agus a' chuid eile a' deanamh ris an trùir a dh' fhàg e aig an taigh, agus fanaid agus gaire. An deidh do 'n Chomunn Agus chunnaic esan an sin bàta a' dol a Agus chùnntadh dà dhuine uair a thàinig i gu tìr cha robh innte ach a bhí aig an uiread so de shaothair airson na Gaidhlig bha iongantas orra nach robh an uchd-duthcha buidheach dhiubh, agus mar uair a thàinig i gu tìr cha robh innte ach a bhí aig an uiread so de shaothair airson na Gaidhlig bha iongantas orra nach robh an uchd-duthcha buidheach dhiubh, agus mar uair a thàinig i gu tìr cha robh innte ach agus dh' fhàg sinn an sid iad. L. L. b this writer, the Chief of the Chan is James Macintyre, who was born in the State of New York, January 24th, 1864. There was a talk some time ago of getting up a Clan Macintyre Society. Was this done? F.

GAELIC BARD.-John Macdougall-'am Bard Ruadh"-was born at Inversanda, Ardgour. He died at Greenock 20th September, 1891, aged 70 years. His poems, entitled

> PIPE TUNE .---- The tune "Fàilte Phrionnsa" is much older than 1745. In Macdonald's collection of the "Ancient Martial in mild cases of this dire disease. Other reme-Music of Caledonia, Called Piobaireachd," dies taken internally were a jelly made from published early in the century, this tune is said to have been composed by "John Macintyre, black spleenwort (Asplenium adiantum son of Donald Macintyre, Braes of Raineach, piper to Menzies of that Ilk, on the landing of H.R.H. James, Prince of Wales, in Britain, Menzies of that Ilk?

CUL CRUACHAIN.

culous lungs. Nourishing foods and fat substances were found to be of great value—the further instalment of the history of our eily drippings of snails, chopped up fine, and bards-down to 1825. We have in all forty-"Gaisge nan Gaidheal," were published in hung in a flannel bag in front of a fire, and marrow, being the forerunners of the now ubiquitous cod liver oil. Infusions of bitter FIONN. herbs-gentian and taraxacum, for example- gers as "Alasdair Buidhe MacIamhair," Rev.

were given internally, and were no doubt of John Smith, D.D., of "Sean Dana" fame; service in promoting digestion; while chaly-"Ailein Dall," Rev. Jas. Macgregor, D.D.; beate springs were much resorted to, especially Jas. Shaw, William Ross, Rev. Robert Macgregor, Alexander Mackinnon, Ewen Maclachlan, John Macdonald, author of "Mo Mhàiri Laghach;" John Maclean, the Tiree bard; and Iain Gobha. A short biographical nigrum) of heather tops and of nettle roots. sketch of each is given, and one or more of Besides medicinal treatment, another method was in vogue-the mechanical-consist- their best-known efforts. What surprises one 1715." Can anyone say where these Macin-tyres came from? Were they from Argyll-shire? When did they cease to be pipers to by drawing the lower ribs outwards with so much reliable information regarding each shire? When did they cease to be pipers to the hands lubricated with fresh butter, the seeing he lives in another hemisphere. We operator standing behind the patient, who are glad to learn that there is a possibility

was seated in a chair before a fire. I came of the first two volumes of the "Gaelic across a native of Stratherrick on whom a Bards," enlarged and improved, being re-MACINTYRES. — Your correspondent, similar mode of treatment was carried out published, as they are still in demand, and "Saor," will find an interesting sketch of the when he was a boy. In addition, in his in their revised form they are sure of a Macintyres of Glennoe in Vol. XVIII. of the case the performer attempted raising the ready market in curs country. The present "Transactions of the Gaelic Society of Inver-body by drawing upwards the clavicle and volume has been printed in the MacTalla ness." It is from the pen of Rev. A. Maclean head, and this was supposed to be especially Office, Sydney, far from the compiler's supfanaid agus gaire. An deidh do 'n Chomunn Sinclair, Prince Edward's Island. According useful if headache were present. During ervision, and so we are not astonished at bhi aig an uiread so de shaothair airson na to this writer, the Chief of the Clan is James treatment the patient was advised to drink the "errata." We trust Mr Maclean Sinclair

HECTOR MACRAE:

A STORY OF THE WEST.

By Hannah B. Mackenzie, Author of "The Factor's Daughter," &c.

CHAPTER IX. - (Continued).

Val rose too, and stood beside him.

She seated herself without waiting for an agree?" answer, and Hector could do nothing but obey. He did not sit beside her, but stretched himself at her feet, his head resting on his hand, and the Ault-dubh.

am not a conventional society-bred young that I have never quite settled down into orthodox British young womanhood, advanced or otherwise-can you not?"

Hector assented.

I were sent off to Rockhampton, where I acquired my academical knowledge, such as it is. My father remained at the ranche. names, nor where they live. As for my mother, she was a colonial born—a stock-rider's daughter from far up the country. When I was eighteen, she died, and six months afterwards

here. But it is only lately that he has told pass.

"I should like to see you just once again," Presently Val spoke again. "I think I should like to tell you a little think? Will you meet me here on this about myself, Mr Macrae; there is a kind of very spot, a week from to-day? Then, if about myself, Mr Macrae; there is a kind of relief in talking about one's self, and I have really no one in the world to take an interest really no one in the world to take an interest

'It is sufficient that you have asked it,' he answered. Val held out her hand, but ent; then, turning away abruptly, he left the Ault-dubh. "Of course, wou can see for yourself that I m not a conventional society-bred young" day. He had almost forgotten the purpose of study with which he had come to the moors; at least he could study no more that day. He had almost forgotten the purpose wou can see for yourself that I moors; at least he could study no more that wards. his face turned, not towards her, but towards her. He had almost forgotten the purpose

lady," Val began. "That is accounted for by homewards, and paid no attention to Rhu my colonial training. I was brought up in a Bell, who was wildly scampering over the holm, Fred; if he gives his consent, then I— ranche that has had its nearest neighbour noors in search of a stray rabbit or hare. shall think about it." about forty miles away. I could ride a bare- After luncheon she busied herself in the libbacked pony, shoot with any man, and bargain for cattle or land as well as wel for cattle or land as well as my father; these up to her own room. When the sportsmen were my only accomplishments till I was about returned later in the day Fred Moray found and held it tightly. "It isn't true, is it, Val, fourteen. So you can understand how it is Val, after some seeking, seated alone in a little summer-house at the end of the garden.

"Do you wish to do me a great favour?" she asked earnestly, almost before young Moray had begun to describe in moving "Well, when I was fourteen m - mother and terms how long and wearisome the day had been away from her.

He signified his assent with much unnecessary fervour.

"You are sure? Well, it isn't very much hardly think I need describe my father to you; that I am going to ask of you after all. It is perhaps the less said about him the better. I only that you would post this letter for me believe he belonged to a good family in Eng-land, but they had disowned him, and he took his mother's name when he emigrated. I could not find me relations if I had an another in the private bag, and I don't wish could not find my relatives, if I had any, even the answer to come addressed to me, so I if I desired to do so; for I don't know their have done a very clever thing-I have had it addressed to you.'

"To me?" repeated Moray, in surprise and some embarrassment.

"Yes," the young lady replied, coolly. my father fell from his horse, and was killed. He left me Mr Chisholm, then?" "Yes, they had known each other for years, and I think my father was in some way in-debted to Mr Chisholm—at least, so Mr Chis-like nothing better than to serve me in some holm says now. Of course, I had to obey the way. This seemed such an excellent oppor- "What is the good of keeping up this farce terms of the will, and come with my guardian tunity that I could not think of letting it any longer, Valentia? You know quite well

one of the son of the people, pale with passion, but set in lines of pride and determinationthe face of a man whom no woman could permanently conquer, whom ho woman could not permanently enthrall? If she did, she was hardly conscious of it herself; she had not been conscious of the persistence with which that face had dwelt in her memory since she last saw it.

"You really think I am the only living woman predestined to make a man of you, Fred?" she said, carelessly, as Moray paused and waited eagerly for her answer. They had fallen into the habit, as was almost natural, of calling each other by their first names when alone. "I feel quite weighed down by the responsibility, and I have been an utterly irresponsible person all my life. Besides, somehow I can't take it all in. I have a profound conviction that I am not your affinity, your twin-flame, and that you are not mine;

in me or m- affairs. Shall we sit down here on this hillock? It looks comfortable." absorbed into it. You don't know what I am talking about? Why, haven't you even read any Theosophy of 'Corellosophy," Fred? But don't look so despondent; I shall be your sister, detective, and with a display of no small ability too. he only permitted himself to touch it a mom- anyhow, and a sister is a much more influential Charley is arrested on suspicion, but at the inquiry he is person than a wife, I can assure you."

Val was very thoughful as she went do I know? I am my guardian's property, to

isn't true. I'm not engaged at all." "But he wishes-Val, don't be angry at me -he wishes, doesn't he, to marry you him-

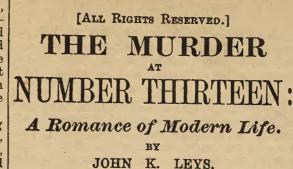
self?"

"I believe he does. Isn't it foolish of him?" she retorted, lightly. She had already touched the bell, and Fred dared say no more. But next morning, immediately after breakfast, Mr Chisholm, looking as black as night, detained her as she was leaving the room. "Go into the library, and I shall join you there in a minute. I wish to speak to you before going out."

Val passed out of the door, which he had ceremoniously opened for her; there was a slight smile on her lips, for she had no difficulty in guessing the subject of the threatened interview.

In a few minutes Mr Chisholm followed her into the library, where, shutting the door, he advanced to the window by which Val was standing. The girl turned and faced him, her hands behind her back. "How long is this folly to last?" her

guardian began abruptly, in angry tones which were, however, carefully suppressed.



Author of "The Lindsays," dec. dec.

SUMMARY OF OPENING CHAPTERS

Ida Braithwaite is a very pretty girl and well connected, and as a matter of course she has many admirers. These include Charley Protheroe, Lord Ormidale, and a Frenchman, Pierre Vinet. Ida finds the Frenchman the most persistent in his wooing, and the most to be feared in his temperament. These two do not appear to get along as smoothly together as lovers sometimes do, and this has been the subject of observation by Mr Clavering, a rising young lawyer of Eastcliff. Early one morning Vinet is found lying dead on the lawn of his house, No. 13 Sea View Gardens. The discovery is made by a Major released, on the ground of the evidence being insufficient "Then there is no hope?" said Moray, tragic-ally. He felt "bowled over," as he said after-wards. "Hope of marrying me, do you mean? How to I know? I am my guardian's property, to be disposed of as he thinks fit. Ask Mr Chis-holm, Fred; if he gives his consent, then I— shall think about it." "Wait a moment," cried Fred, as Val rose to ring for the tea. He was not at all elated by her last words. He felt they were merely uttered to put him off. He caught her hand, and held it tightly. "It isn't true, is it, Val, as Mr Chisholm says, that you are engaged to "Mr Chisholm said that, did he? No, it "isn't true, I'm not engaged at all." to connect him with the crime. Major Bond has made

CHAPTER XIII.—(Continued).

values and whether the states and walted in values. Indeed, Charley told me that he had almost lost hope. He feared that the inten-tion at which Ida had hinted in her letter to her father had been carried out, and that she was tar beyond his reach.

(he told me afterwards) one dreary night alone before a wretched apology for a fire, trying in vain to tear his thoughts away from the subject that occupied them continually, when a tap, so slight that he barely heard it, came to his door.

He, guessing at once that it must be Miss Menteith, sprang to his feet, and in a moment had the door open. He was right. Miss Menteith stood in the

passage. "At last !" she said, laying her hand on Char-ley's arm. "Mr. Dangerfield is in that house," and she pointed towards the street.

Charley ran into his bedroom to put on his boots, and as he did so Miss Menteith told him, the door between the two rooms being slightly ajar, how it was that she had seen him. "Now that the nights have become so dark

air about it; and they walked up the short garden path feeling sure that if Ida were really there, they would be able to make their way to her, and would have little difficulty in persuading her to leave with them. The door was opened by a hideous-looking old woman, who held it open about an inch, while she scrutinised the visitors; and she would have shut it altogether, without giving any other answer to their question than a sulky No, if Charley had not given it a sudden shove, which sent the old woman staggering back for several feet.

They found the house to be an ordinary

eightroomed villa, with nothing of a secretive



EITHER DANGERFIELD NOR HIS DRIVER SEEMEL TO SUSPECT THAT THEY WERE BEING FOLLOWED.

The next instant he and Miss Menteith were in the passage, but before they could reach the not ring, and just as the telegraph boy was foot of the stairs, two burly ruffians darted out from a room at the back of the house, the door to the garden gate, and leaned over it, as if I of which was close to the foot of the stairs, were the master of the house inspecting the and asked Charley, with a string of oaths, what world in general, having nothing in particular he wanted.

Charley said, as calmly as he could, that he had come to see a lady who lived there, giv-ing Ida's name. The men swore there was no lady in the house. He asked that Miss Men-teith should be allowed to go upstairs and satisfy herself that her friend was not in the house. herself that her friend was not in the house. handed over the wire at once, and I presented This was refused. What did he mean? de-manded one of the men. Was he going to allow his house to be searched by any stranger that chose to shove his way in? Charley explained that five minutes conversation with the lady would be enough. The man wanted to know "All's fair in love and war, you know, sir," if he doubted his word, and challenged him said Mr. Jubb, with a modest deprecation of both

ide, not on that of the intruders. My friend came to the conclusion that he, out of one of the front windows. If there side, not on that of the intruders.

or rather the private enquiry agent, had made ain't, you pocket the wire and walk off with it. a mistake, and that the house was neither more If there is, he is sure to call out to you to know

have some breakfast, and then you can tell us all about it."

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"But if they are left unguarded," I began. "No fear of that, sir," said the agent with a confident smile." I gave the policeman on the beat a hint to keep an eye on them, and told him to engage a man to follow them if need be." Charley started at hearing this. He and I

Charley started at hearing this. He and I exchanged apprehensive glances. "What is your name?" said Charley. "Frederick Halbert Jubb," was the reply. "Well Mr. Jubb, sit down," said my friend. "We were just finishing breakfast, and by the time the waiter has brought yours we shall be done, so this table will serve. We will leave you to est and drink in peace and will leave you to eat and drink in peace, and when you have finished we will hear what you have got to tell us."

Half an hour later we were seated in the empty smoking-room of the hotel, Charley on Mr. Jubb's left hand, and I at his right. "Fire away," said Charley. Mr. Jubb care-

fully lit his cigar, and began. "When we got the lady's wire yesterday I and another man were told off to keep an eye on the premises, No. 37, Chepstow Road, East Dulwich, to be relieved at eight p.m. We went straight down there and relieved this gentleman, who was doing sentry-go on the pavement across the street."

pavement across the street." This was familiar, and, of course, highly improper; but the young Londoner's easy con-tempt for Charley's way of conducting that affair made me laugh in spite of myself. "Nothing happened for the first hour or two. About two o'clock a man comes out of the house,

and a very pretty gentleman he was, strikingly so. I signalled to my mate to follow him, for I did not wish to lose sight of the house. In ten minutes my mate came back, and said that the man had gone to the telegraph office, and

after that to a public-house. I guessed that he might be telling his em-ployer of your visit to him earlier in the day, and I was not surprised to see a telegraph boy come down the road an hour afterwards. I was determined to get a sight of the wire if possible, so I tried a trick I have found successful once or twice before. I got into the front garden, and went up to the door, but did to do.

to fight. Charley threatened them with the law. The men guffawed in his face. They knew perfectly well that the law was on their

For some weeks they watched and waited in The summer had faded, and he was sitting

me the whole of these terms-why, I can easily to choose between two alternatives - either one of my own letters."

something?"

Hector moved his elbow a litue uneasily, and felt compelled to turn his face towards her. Val bent a little nearer him; he could feel the scent of the wild violets stuck in her belt; he almost fancied he felt her soft breath on his cheek. A mad desire suddenly sprang into being, almost, as it seemed, out of the very depths of his despair, to tell her all the truth. to seize her for one delicious moment in his compensate for all me dreariness of his afterlife.

His face was pale with the passion so firmly kept under control, and Val's eyes, with a gleam in them almost of triumph, saw it. "What do you wish me to say?" he asked, hoarselv.

Val leant a little nearer him. This time he was sure he felt her breath on his cheek; and her little gloveless hand, slipping from her lap, just touched his-touched it, and then withdrew. Hector could bear no more. With a muttered exclamation he caught the hand; then, raising himself to his knees, he knelt there at her feet, and passionately kissed the palm of her hand.

'Kill me, hate me, if you will-it's yourself has driven me to it!" he exclaimed, his tone unsteady with passion. "You've made me your slave for ever, be you a woman or a witch. I love you-I love you!"

CHAPTER X.

HER SAXON LOVER.

Hector hardly comprehended what he had done. He continued kneeling there, his face almost hidden as he bent it over her hands. It seemed to him as if he would receive his sentence of doom kneeling thus. He did not see Miss Carruthers' face; but had he done so its expression might have puzzled as well as startled him. Its placidity was not in the least disturbed; but there was a reflectiveness about the white forehead, knit into lines of thought and in the curves of the mouth, and a look of quiet introspection almost dreamy in its far-sightedness, which were far enough removed from the love-light in the face of the woman, who, "knowing she's loved beloved, is satisfied.

And yet, when she spoke at last, it was in very gentle tones-Val's voice could be soft and gentle when she liked.

"Why should I hate you for that? I would be very ungrateful if I did; and I assure you I don't feel ungrateful at all. As for killing you-that, of course, is a mere figure of speech. You know very well that I could not if I would, and I certainly would not if I could." Was she laughing at him? There was mockery in her words, but not in her tone. Hector ventured to look up at last. His own face was passion-pale; but hers was unchanged-there was still the slight smile upon it that he had met before.

'It is ludicrous enough to you, I know," he exclaimed, dropping the hand he held as suddenly as if it had hurt him; "but it is not that to me. It seems to me as if I had never known what it was to live till I met vou. I thought of nothing but my studies, my work, my ambition to get onmy world was bounded by these. I was content with the friends I had in Torran, poor and simple as they were; I felt no need of any others. When first I saw you it was as if suddenly the gates of another world had opened, and I passed in. Then, when I saw you day by day . . . Why did you look at me, talk to me, smile at me? Was it is in the total to the total total to the total to the total total to the total t had opened, and I passed in. Then, when have chosen one more worthy of it than I. all-which was not very much at present-I would have kept out of your way if you at her feet. had allowed me. But while I'm near you I am weak . . . I would be content if your slave. . . . My God! what a fool I shall! I shan't care what becomes of me if am! You are thinking what a fool I am you have nothing to say to me. But you making of myself." His eager torrent of words came pouring Val; will you?" out headlong, disconnected, and almost incoherent, but all alive with the passion of hot Celtic blood. Yet when Val, who listened without one perceptibly quickened heartthrob, bent a little nearer him, and laid her hand on his arm, he drew back. "No, no," he said, a little hoarsely, "I'm not going to be laughed at any longer, Miss Carruthers. Now I've said it all. I'll be going away, and you won't expect to see me again. You'll know the reason that I keep out of your way. I don't ask for your pity-I'm not wanting it even. I think pity would be a burden that I could not guardian? It's you I want, Val-your conbear, coming from you. So I'll be leaving sent, your love. You would make a man of you now." He rose to his feet and stood before her. be willing to give up all the world for! And be. Did Val think of the latter as she sat will. Shares

"But," stammered Moray, helplessly, "how enough guess. If I am unmarried by the time am I to know the letter is for you if it is asked the girl, coldly. "Farce? What my twenty-first year is completed 1 shall have addressed to me? I shall not know it from farce? I am not aware of keeping up any.

to choose between two alternatives — church marry my guardian or lose my fortune." Arain there was silence. Val broke it, say-ing impatiently— "Oh, I took good care to prevent that! "You know very well what I mean, to Give me credit for a little ingenuity, Mr Moray. The letter will be addressed, 'Lieu-ing impatiently— who imagines he is in love with you. You mark will be London, W.C., and it will probably arrive by the mail on Friday morning. With all these directions, you cannot fail to recognise it. You will put it into -our pocket unread when Mr Chisholm gives it to done it already without my leave." you, and hand it over to me as soon as oppor-

tunity permits." "Isn't it all a little-deceitful?" protested poor Moray weakly. He hardly liked this trial of his devotion set him by his divinity. arms, and then let her go for ever. It seemed and would have preferred a much more ardu to him as if the memory of that moment would ous task with less doubtfulness about it Miss Carruthers looked into his face with the smile on her lips which Moray always

felt so irresistible. "You don't like the idea? And yet you have just been saying you would do anything -anything-live or die, in fact-for me. Is it wise old Shakespeare who says-

'We men may say more, swear more; but

still we prove

Much in our views, but little in our love'?"

"You know I am ready to do anythingthat is consistent with the honour of a gentleman and a soldier," Moray added as so that the conditions of the will may be ful-way, taking care afterwards to send Ida abroad, had your ears offended by their foul language. an after-thought. He was so sensitive where filled beforehand. With that in view, I have Val was concerned that it struck him she arranged that you should go up to London might consider the words an imputation on about the beginning of the month, take up her own honour, and he would have withdrawn them; but Val took it with her usual coolness.

"Then you agree to my proposal?"

Of course he did. What young fellow of three-and-twenty, over head and ears in love, would have refused? Val went away, and returned triumphantly with her letter; but Moray, being, as he had said, a soldier and a man of honour, posted it next morning without reading the address. Young Moray made the best of his oppor-

tunities at Kissock. He was ready to cry off from the shooting party every day with lady. During that time he suffered all the extremes which only a lover knows. Val's smiles raised him to a fool's paradise; her carelessness or coolness sunk him into the blackest despair. But the most crushing blow of all was dealt him one evening by the Colonel, who, seizing the opportunity of a

moment when they were alone, said to him-

"By the by, my lad, don't make a fool of yourself over that pretty Miss Carruthers; her guardian tells me she is already otherwise engaged. I think he has been spotting you, and he seems annoved at the affair; so take my advice, and give up all thought of her.'

"I don't believe it!" exclaimed the young fellow, trying to conceal the fact that his uncle's words had put him "in a blue funk," as he would himself have expressed it. "She's too straight to deceive me in that way; not," he added hastily, "that she's given me the least reason to suppose she has any thought of me; but I am sure she would have told me if she were engaged. I believe her guardian wants her for himself."

The Colonel laughed. "Not a bad idea; she's got money, you know, and poor Chisholm can't boast of very much. However, your safest plan is to steer clear of both of them; for Chisholm's rather an unpleasant customer to deal with when he's roused." The good Colonel's advice had a very conthings must soon come to a climax. "To what do you refer, Mr Chisholm?"

who imagines he is in love with you. You him as you are doing. The fellow had the it. impudence to come and ask my leave to pay his addresses to you; and I daresay he has

young woman." "A young woman whose marriage has been already arranged has an easy answer to give to any such suitors, and that is the answer you must give Lieutenant Moray," CHARLEY's first impulse, he told me afterwards, said Mr Chisholm, with the kind of deliber- was to go at once to Isaacs' rooms, ask for Dan ateness which his ward knew concealed sup- gerfield, and insist upon his giving him Ida's

day is on the thirteenth of September, being what he wished, because, for obvious reasons.

your residnece with Mrs Newberry-Pitt, whom you already know, and who is willing to act in loco parentis so far as dressmaking affairs are concerned, and remain with her until I follow you, on the day preceding the gentleman whom he would point out to him. marriage."

"Excellent arrangements all, and it is really too kind of you to consider me as you have done in the matter," said Val, making a little mocking bow. "There is only one small—very small—detail which you have omitted, Mr Chisholm-it is, of course, hardly necessary to be considered. Still, let me mention it, for, you know, the mind some lame excuse, and spent his time in Miss feminine can only dwell on narrow personal Carruthers' company, walking, boating, or details. You have forgotten that I have riding with her, as the fancy took that young never given my consent to all these arrangements, nor, indeed, to the marriage at all. "I take that, of course, for granted, answered her guardian. He gave one swift, furtive glance into her face, out of restless, uneasy eyes; then continued, coldly-"I cannot contemplate the possibility of your committing an act so mad as that of throwing away your fortune, and, in consequence, casting yourself on the mercy of a world in which you could hardly do anything for a living. I give you credit for greater good sense than that.

> "Quite right, too; I have always been distinguished for my good sense, which is another way of saying that I am quite capable

of looking after my own interests," said the girl, gravely. She moved from the window. Then our interview is ended, I suppose, Mr his weather eye on Dangerfield all the while. Chisholm?'

"Except as it relates to young Moray, said Mr Chisholm, feeling uneasily that his ward had had the best of it. She had not committed herself in any way, nor even number safely jotted down in his pocket-book. shown her hand. "I desire that you should at once make known to him your exact position. He is leaving on Saturday, it is true; but it is unfair to him that you should give him the slightest encouragement while he is here.

"It is very generous of you to think of that, Val murmured as she moved towards the door. She looked him full in the face as she did so,

she said, "I have felt that my watch was a very inadequate one, and I have worried a good deal about it. But to-night something urged me to go and stand for a short time in the porch outside the street door. I knew I should be perfectly safe there and there was a chance that if anyone called at the house opposite, I might be able to see for myself who it was. The chance came sooner than I expected, and it "We shall do no good bandying words with have no right to play fast and loose with is a mercy that I was ready and waiting for

"A hansom drove up and stopped, and I went straight across the street to see, if possible, who the visitor was. Luckily, he lin-"Well, and what of that?" retorted Miss Carruthers, indifferently. "I suppose it and that detained him long enough to enable isn't the first case of a young man wishing me to have a look at his face. It was Mr. to pay his addresses, as you call it, to a Dangerfield, beyond the shadow of a doubt. He is with Mr. Isaacs now."

CHAPTER XIV.

RUN TO EARTH.

pressed rage. "There is no use beating about address. Fortunately he had time to reflect or somewhere quite havond our reach.

What Charley was to call a hansom, and offer the driver a sovereign if he would Now the instructions he gave him. On the man complying, Charley pointed out to him the door of the house in which Isaacs lived, and told him to wait a short way off, and follow a He had not long to wait. Isaacs and his friend left the house together, and walked down the street, Charley in the hansom following a few yards behind. There is no need to the last of them was a elub-house, at which they remained so long that Charley felt half convinced that they meant to spend the night there. At three in the morning Dangerfield go back at once." came out alone, and at once hailed the hansom "No, no!" sh in which Charley was sitting. The cabman, however, took no heed of the summons, and

another cab coming up the next moment, Dangerfield got into it and set off. As before, Charley's driver followed, but more carefully, the streets being quite empty, and the sound of the horse's hoofs persistently clattering in the rear being much more likely to arouse suspicion. Once or twice, to minimise this danger, the astute cabman cut into a parallel street, catching up Dangerfield's cab again at the next turning. But neither Dangerfield nor his driver seemed to suspect that they were being followed, and at last they came to a halt in a rather shabby street not far from the Hay-

market. Here Dangerfield got out, paid off his cab, and walked on a little way by himself. Charley sprang from his cab, and handing the driver two sovereigns instead of the one he had promised him, crossed the street, keeping

Presently Dangerfield stopped, and putting his latchkey in a door which opened upon the street, let himself in. In less than a minute Charley had the name of the street and the A few hours later I was called into consulta-

tion, and I strongly recommended that a professional detective should be employed to "shadow" our man, till he went to a house which we might reasonably suppose to be the said, and one which required a practised hand. An amateur would be sure to bungle it, and if

nor less than a den of thieves and bad charact- what the devil you are about, and you can preers, when the old woman, who had been stand- tend to be puzzled about the address, and quite ing at the foot of the staircase, seeing that the relieved to hear that Mr. So and so lived enemy was in safe hands, pushed her way past there, and that the telegram was for him. Charley and his companion, and whisked herself into the front room on the ground floor, closing the door behind her as rapidly as possible, so that no one could follow her.

these men. Please come away at once."

Charley was unwilling to obey, but when one he would not be able to keep his hands off the fellow, and the result would be a disreputable row which could not possibly do any good, and might be productive of much harm.

He beat a retreat therefore, making no reply to the offensive remarks which the two men shouted out after him as he followed Miss Menteith down the garden path. "At first," said Charley, to her, as they

went along the street together, "I thought Dangerfield had been sharp enough to find out that he had been followed, and had sent these the bush, Valentia; we may as well under-stand each other once for all. Your birth-means whatever of forcing Dangerfield to do men here on purpose to prevent our trying to force an entrance, but now I think I was wrong. four weeks ahead of us now; and you already he dared not appeal to the police, and he know the terms of your father's will as they knew that any threat of that kind would be respectable suburb too! It does not say very relate to your inheritance from that date. You simply laughed at. Besides, there was noth- much for Mr. Dangerfield, does it, that he should have any dealings with men of that and I almost wished that they would forget to will therefore make up your mind to become ing to hinder Dangerfield from giving him a should have any dealings with men of that and I almost wished that they would forget to my wife by the twelfth day of next month, false address, and getting rid of him in that If I had known-----

"Mr. Protheroe, you are wrong." Something in her tone struck him. He glanced at her as she walked beside him, and us the whole night, and it was all I could do to he was surprised to see that she was flushed. and trembling.

you seen anything?"

"Yes. When that woman opened the door of the room she went into, I saw lying across a chair close to the door, an apron that I am sure on. Ida's maid used to wear at Wingrove House. enumerate the various places they went to, but It was of a peculiar pattern. I do not think could be mistaken.

Charley wheeled round at once. "You stay where you are," he said. "I will

"No, no!" she cried. "They are two to one, and you are unarmed."

"That does not matter ; I have my fists," said he. "I shall be back presently." "Mr. Protheroe, I entreat you to star and

listen to me."

He stopped at once.

"Miss Menteith," said he, "the girl I love better than I love my own life is there, held captive, for anything I know, by these ruffians. I am going to see what I can do for at the bottom, and the house address only at her."

"Mr. Protheroe, do think a moment. You force me to remind you that Ida has a greater danger to fear than anything which these men are at all likely to threaten her with. If you try to make your way to her by violence, how will it be possible to keep the affair from the knowledge of the police? Just think for a moment what your feelings would be, how bit-terly you would reproach yourself, if it were through your rashness that—that—_ " "That she came to be arrested, you mean,"

said Charley. "Yes, you are right. But what shall we do?"

"You wait here," said Miss Menteith, "and make sure that no one leaves the house in the meantime. I will go on to the Private Enquiry office, and tell them to send down two men at once to relieve you. Then I will send a telegram to Mr. Clavering, to join us at your hotel at once; and to-night we will consult together as to what may be best to do. Believe me, dear one in which Ida had taken refuge. It was degrading and unpleasant work at the best, I sides, if Mr. Clavering agrees with you that a policy of brute force, is the only one for the and there was something in her eyes which Dangerfield once came to suspect that he was tion for carrying out your ideas after seeing

can remove Ida without our and what more can you ask?" Charley was overruled, and Miss Menteith's advice was followed to the letter. That after-

"Having got this particular wire safely in my pocket, and having waited just long enough to give any one as wanted to shout out a chance of doing so, I went off with the telegram, leaving my pal on guard. Going into the first pub I came to, I called for some rum and hot water to be sent to a private room, and with the help of the hot water jug I very quickly leave to-night," which was worth something, though not as much as I hoped it would be. Having gummed the envelope down again and let it alone till it was quite dry, I took it back to No. 37, dropped it into the letter-box, gave a sounding double knock, and rapidly departed. That is the only really dangerous part of the business, and even if you are caught, you can easily say that you picked it up in the road. As the envelope shows no sign of having been tampered with, ten to one they think you a good-natured soul who has come out of his way to do 'em a kindness." Mr. Jubb chuckled a distinctly immoral chuckle, and then proceeded.

"Knowing that there was to be a move that night, of course I kept both my eyes open, have the honour and glory of finishing the case off our own bat, as it were.

"Well, I had my wish-perhaps a little more of it than I bargained for. Not a soul came near persuade my pal, who had been on duty (as we call it) for sixteen hours and was dead beat, "What is it?" he asked eagerly. "Have to stick to his post. I took the liberty of saying he would have something extra, gentlemen.

We murmured assent, and begged him to go

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LETTERS AND NOTES,

The proper way to write a letter nowadays is to write on the first, second, third, and fourth pages consecutively, and from top to bottom, and not as formerly to begin on the first page, then turn to the third page, then the second, and then to the fourth. In writing a letter, put at the top of the page the house address and the date. In writing a note omit the date at the top, but put it the top. In writing the date, write the full words thirty-first, and do not use the numerals for a note.

In signing a note or letter it is very bad form to add one's title to the name, as Mrs Franklin, or Miss Franklin, or Mr Franklin; but what man ever thinks of doing such a thing as signing himself Mr? It is also bad form to sign one's name in any way that makes it doubtful whether you are married or single. To one's intimates and friends explanation is unnecessary. The proper way when one is addressing a stranger or a comparative stranger is to sign as follows :--

Very truly yours,

(Miss) Hilda Smith.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs L. B.) Jeannette Brown. It will be quite evident that the word or words in parentheses are meant for purposes of enlightenment only. To sign one's self Mrs L. B. Brown or Miss Hilda Smith is to prove one's lack of polite knowledge.

"She needs taming, if ever woman did,"

muttered Mr Chisholm to himself when she "I know you're miles above me, and that "I know you're miles above me, and that was gone. "By Jove! I would do without the detective promised to send him every week." I could never, by any manner of means, come minx if I could get the money otherwise; for I could only be near you always, and touch your hand sometimes, and see you smile. It I love you with all my soul, and, if you refuse what she may find out next. But once I have seems to me as if I could be content to be me, I'll go straight to the dogs-I know I both safe in my power, I can do as I like." Val went out to the staircase. At the

> won't send me away-you can't be so cruel, her pocket.

She listened to his ardent protestations as she had listened to Hector's-without a change of colour or expression on her fair, pale face. They were sitting in the drawing. room, where Val had been playing and singing before afternoon tea was brought in. She still kept one hand on the keys, and drummed softly with slender white fingers while she answered-

"I am afraid my guardian might object if I were to say I wouldn't.'

"Your guardian? What do I care for your me. I've always felt a woman would make a

man of me, and you are the woman who will Val looked up at him. What a perfect speci- do it. Don't send me to the bad, Val-don't.' men of fine young Highland manhood he His humble pleading was unlike Hector was! Such a man as many a woman might Macrae's proud defiance as anything could well

how proudly he carried his head now, as if, looking down at her white fingers as they slid like Samson, he had just thrown aside the over the notes of the piano? Did she see in ropes which bound him, and stood up a free her mind's eve, not the fair Saxon face of the man, relieved from a woman's sorcery and boyish lover now beside her, with its flushed brow and pleading eyes, but the dark, strong

bottom of it she met Moray, who hastily thrust a letter into her hand. Val coolly put it into her pocket. Charley was staying, with the welcome news that he believed he had got upon the right "When can I see you to-day?" the young fellow asked in low tones, hurriedly. Val shook her head. "Later on, perhaps. But you are leaving n Saturday, are you not?

"He's made it pretty plain that I'd better ro then, the old scoun-He suddenly paused, as steps sounded in the

library, and Val went on upstairs. uickly, and read-

"MADAM,-We are in receipt of yours of twice visited a house in Dulwich, just such a far as we can oather from the terms of the hiding place. will you have quoted to us, a marriage con-

"We are, madam, "Your obedient servants, "BOYD, BOWER, & BOYD.'

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himself to put the case into the hands of a private enquiry agent, and wait with what patience he might for the reports which the For a fortnight the men who had been told night found me in London. off for the work had nothing special to report,

and Charley was sick with hope deferred. But one morning the agent, a pleasant, intelligent looking young man, came to the hotel at which

track at last. So certain, indeed, was he, that he had come at once to inform Charley without waiting to make a formal report.

to be at hand whenever Ida's retreat might be discovered.

Charley took the detective to her at once, In her own room she tore the letter open and together they listened to what the man had to say. It came to this, that Dangerfield had at any decision.

the 16th, and, in answer, beg to say that, so quiet residence as one might have selected as a

The neighbours could tell our agent nothing tracted before the attainment of majority of about the people that lived in the house. This the agents of the Private Enquiry office, Charlegatee would nullify the conditions. We in itself was suspicious; and when he learned ley pitched his napkin down on the table and should not, however, venture to give an that the house had been taken by its present ran out of the room. In a few seconds he came

like certainty.

boldly demand to see Ida. Charley wanted to ately to me and to the agent. go alone in the first instance, but Miss Men-

CHAPTER XV. SUCCESSFUL STRATEGY.

WE sat talking till after two that night, Char ley and I, without being able to come to any decision as to the best way of breaking through the hedge which shut in Ida Braithwaite from Miss M-nteith was living in lodgings not far the knowledge of her fellow men. Charley was off, for though there was now no motive for for hiring one or two fellows of the prizefighter keeping up surveillance on Mr. Isaacs, she had class, and making a raid on the house where preferred to remain in town, as she was anxious we believed her to be staying; and though I dissuaded him from trying that plan, at least for my own suggestions were very greatly superior. We were forced to go to bed without arriving

Next morning as we were sitting at break. fast in the coffee-room of the hotel, a waiter for six months the hernia failed to appear informed Charley that a young man wished to speak to him. Guessing that he must be one of authoritative opinion on the point without first tenant just a week before the date when Ida back, bringing with him the same young man seeing and studying the whole tenor of the left Eastcliff, suspicion became something very whom I had formerly noticed and liked.

"They've gone !" cried my friend, his face The only plan was to go to the house, and radiant with excitement, as he turned altern.

"He says he has traced them to an inn on teith insisted upon accompanying him, and it was a good thing that she did so.

SLY'S IMPROVED PATENT TRUSS (44 prize medals, diplomas, and royal appointments awarded). Experience shows that the oldnoon I got Charley's telegram, and the same fashioned steel-spring trusses necessarily

press upon and often disease parts of the body that before were in a perfectly healthy condition. To those suffering from rupture any invention that gives positive relief is a real blessing. The following valuable testi-

monials prove the worth of our "Special Patent Truss." Sir B. Ward Richardson, the eminent physician, writing to the "Medical Guardian," says-"Sly's truss is one which I should advise patients to try. It is one that is more comfortable to wear, always adapts itself to every movement of the body, the time being, I could not flatter myself that and can be worn with every degree of comfort. It will in all cases be found effectual." In the following, the names are not given for obvious reasons-the originals can be seen

on application :- "After wearing your Truss on standing up without the Truss, even though I coughed. M.D." "Your Truss is more curative than any I know. M.D." 'Truss answers admirably; is a great improvement on the old patterns. M.R.C.S." "I must congratulate you on your success, your specialité alone will be recommended by me. M.D." It was worn and recommended by Sir Andrew Clark (late President of the Royal College of Physicians), and is simple, rapid, and effective. 44 prize medals, diplomas, and royal appointments awarded. Particulars and prices of SLY BROS., Oxford.



to bear the burdens of life. Bella Wilfer is her, even to belated Prince Charming himself. nineteen, and Lizzie Hexam is of about the same age. Kate Nickleby, Madeline Bray, and Dolly Varden-bless her heart !- have al settled down into staid matronhood before the coming of their twenty-first birthdays.

DRESSES AT THE POST-OFFICE DANCE.

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The scribe of to-day, in some cases, follows the example of his great predecessors, and gives us a girl heroine. In the thrilling at the basment door, and the "continuation, at least, mutual help and consideration are romance whereof the first fragment is flung in to be found in the 'Weekly Exciter,' for sale given, and that the most friendly feelings by all newsdealers," the incredibly beautiful factory girl is fifteen or thereabouts. And though the course of her love does not run smoothly, it runs so fast that her highly satisfactory nuptials with her ardent lover, handsome as a dream and rich as Crœsus, are celebrated betimes.

the heroine is older than she used to be. In place of those of my earlier acquaintances. a recent work of one progressive scribe, she Happily, this has in many cases been due to has even passed that "Ultima Thule," her fortieth birthday.

The reason for this change in literary fashion is not hard to seek.

Whatever ideas may be worked into a novel, single-tax, hypnotism, telepathy. esoteric Buddhism, or Christian Science, it is, when reduced to its lowest terms, a love story. Moreover, the novel generally claims to be a picture of life, so the heroine must be of such an age that the hero can make love to her without shocking the reader's sense of fitness.

Now, elderly people remark that the brides of to-day are older than the brides of fifty years ago. Our grandmothers were wedded -so they tell us-at sixteen or eighteen. Distance lends enchantment to the past, and evening was-as one gentleman put it-the femininity, even in cap and spectacles, has its unavoidable absence of the "centre-piece." the little vanities. The dear old souls are proud esteemed Postmaster, Mr Nisbet. There were to have been chosen so soon, and there may be one or two other absentees, but on the whole one, here and there, who adds a few telling the function was thoroughly representative embellishments to her story of the "wooin' o't." But it is true that she was living her romance throughout. The spacious hall lends itself to at an age when her grand-daughter is supposed to be engrossed in study, and "nothing but a child.

the wisdom of the high school, and this takes in providing quiet and attractive corners, where time. Sometimes she goes through college, and this takes more time, so when she makes her bow to society at her coming-out tea, she is at an age which her grandmother's girl contemporaries would have considered perilously near the border of old-maidenhood.

Now, old-maidenhood used to be thought a terrific fate. Our grandmothers saw no opportunities before them save those offered by marriage. The conventionalities of the day prevented a woman from seeking any wide field of usefulness for herself. An ambitious girl must marry a prominent man. An energetic girl must marry a man who would let her assist him in some wide field of labour. Every girl must marry some sort of a manor subject herself to the humiliating inference that no man had ever asked her. So the pruher first lover-who might be her last-and then, as now, the first lover was apt to put in his appearance betimes.

If he faued to appear, the damsel of the past must stay at home and sew, embroider, net, paint a little, sing a little-not "like the professional," that was not "genteel"-dust the drawing-room, and tend her flowers and poultry. Unless she was willing to outrage her family, shock her friends, and scandalize If she worked for a salary, she "lost caste." If she was fond of reading, she was "blue, and people fought shy of her. If she wrote ! In this circumscribed life youth faded fast. old maid," and there an end.

But the woman doctor, artist, author, philanthropist, explorer, editor, or professor at thirty odd is young to-day. Physically as well as spiritually, youth lasts longer than it

MY DEAR MORAG,-The happy gathering of the Inverness Postal and Telegraph officials on Friday evening last showed that in this large and well-conducted establishment, subsist between both sexes. The gathering was the tenth held by the staff, and, having been present at nearly all of them, I cannot help recalling "old faces," and somewhat regretfully observing how quickly, owing to the rapid extension of Post Office work, so many changes have taken place in this short period,

But in most of the novels read above-stairs and the many new faces that have taken the well-deserved promotion, and to the inherent pluck of Invernessians in pushing their fortunes abroad. Few offices, indeed, hold such a high reputation in this respect. The office has also been noted for the expertness with which the officials go through their work, as well as the invariable courtesy they show to the public. It is not surprising, therefore, to find that, owing to the excellence of their training,

so large a number of the young men now occupy important positions throughout the United Kingdom, as well as in the Colonies. But to the gathering. It was conspicuous for its sociability, good-heartedness, and cordiality. It was, indeed, one of the most pleasant dances of the season. The only regret of the and the proceedings were most enthusiastic decoration, and on this occasion it was effectively draped with art muslin, while medallions The modern damsel must be learned in all were much in evidence. No effort was spared one could retire from the heated ball-room, and enjoy a tête-a-tête. The party was a

large one, and at times the hall was taxed to its utmost. Everything, however, went merry as a marriage bell.

The scene, dear Morag, was a gay one. Some very pretty dresses were worn, and I shall do my best to give you an idea of some of those which took my fancy. Mrs Macfadyen wore a handsome gown of black silk, relieved with jet. Mrs Skinner also favoured black silk. Mrs D. Logan came in a dress of black silk, the bodice being of the same material, with frilled sleeves. Mrs Gibson wore a charming dress of black silk, the skirt of which was dent damsel, under the old regime, accepted relieved with a tiny band of insertioned mauve, while the bodice was effectively lected and published by her son-in-law: We touched up with sprays of mauve lilac, and silk

of the same shade. Miss Gibson wore a becoming gown of black silk, the bodice trimmed with violets, while her sister favoured heliotrope. The bodice of Mrs C. F. M. Ross's white satin dress was exquisitely wreathed in yellow tulips. Mrs G. Macdonald "society," no other life was possible for her. looked well in a dress of black silk, with bodice effectively relieved with white satin sleeves and reveres. Mrs Nairne came in a handsome gown of black silk. Miss R. Fraser was The spinster of thirty odd-old style-was "an prettilv dressed in white lace. Miss Gow was nuch admired in a charming gown of yellow

lustre brocade, short waist of folded satin, the bodice trimmed with chiffon and violets. Miss Mary Clark looked quite a picture in her used to. It is cheering to see how many con- green gown, with short waist of white folded temporary women carry into middle life the satin, bodice effectively filled with white chiffon energy, the roses, the bright eyes, even, in and sleeves lined with white satin. Miss Macsome cases, the dimples, and the undimmed andrew was very sweet in pink lustre. Miss Macphee selected black velvet, the bodice being trimmed with downs. Mrs Mitchell for more time in the open air than her grand- chose black silk. Miss Will wore a dress of pale green silk, done up with ribbon velvet Miss Smith looked remarkably well in a pretty frock of pale blue lustre. Miss Kelly came in a dress of pink silk crêpe. Miss Macdonald woman has greatly improved within forty wore a black silk skirt, with bodice of orange all her eggs were broken, to the tune of principall clannit (men) of the Yllis hes haid satin, and streamers of the same material. Miss Gray looked well in black silk, bodice prettily touched up with white satin and jet. Miss Macdonald came in a dress of cream lace There were many other dresses worth noting, showing not only careful selection, but brother," says a silver-haired matron. "It good taste. I must say, dear Morag, I was also impressed with the fine physique and gentlemanly bearing of the members of the staff. In ancient history one reads that there were giants in those days, but even in these later times there are not a few in the Inverness Post Office who can lay claim to be included in the category. As I have said, the gathering was a very happy one .- Your affectionate

fat is peculiarly necessary for them. It instantaneously conferred upon all the in- meagre. In 1769 the New Testament was must be properly prepared and cooked, how-ever, or it will be indigestible. Shave the way produce a marked change in their charraw bacon as thin as possible, have the pan in which it is to be cooked very hot, drop the of itself, and by virtue of any inherent civilin which it is to be cooked very hot, drop the of itself, and by virtue of any inherent civil-ising power in it, make them more intel- floating or oral literature of popular song thinly-shaved slices in it and let them reto look clear. If cooked too long the fat runs out, leaving the meat hard and dry. lectually acute, more moral, or more religious— qualities in which, in spite of everything otherwise inferior in their condition, they

0 0 0 OLD-FASHIONED RICE PUDDING.

The old-fashioned rice pudding is made by in milk in the oven for at least two hours. a power . . . of expressing their ideas ture. Happily, however, things have taken In milk in the oven for at least two hours. a power . . . of expressing their integration of a more favourable turn, and our Highland About two tablespoonfuls of rice to each quart of milk, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, a grating of nutmeg, and a quarter of a cup return. The disadvantage under which High-of a very wide range, yet we can say with a grating of nutmeg, and a quarter of a cup landers, unable to speak English freely, absolute confidence that in no language is of raisins. Stand pudding-dish in oven, cook the crust, for the first hour, as fast as it labour as competitors for employment in the there a literature so pure, and free from any the crust, for the first hour, as fast as it labour as competitors for employment in the semblance of what is immoral and debasing. forms. Then allow a paper-like cover to South, other than the most mechanical, is form, and the pudding is done. This may too obvious to require illustration

be made on Saturday to serve with Sunday's dinner. It is much better cold than hot. 0 0 0

DEGREES OF DIGESTIBILITY.

hours; if eaten with unboiled milk two hours gible form of the English language." and fifteen minutes. Raw egg will digest in about one hour and a-half; fried, three hours and a half; soft-boiled, three hours; hardboiled, three hours and a half. The white lic language, as well as to destroy the disand yellow should be served together, as one tinctive nationality of the Highlander. On assists in the digestion of the other. Salt the 23rd August. 1609, the "Statutes of beef requires four hours and fifteen minutes. to take five hours and a half.

THE GRAVE OF MOTHER GOOSE.

In the old Granary Burying-ground of Boston-so called because it was the site of the first public granary, where, in time of need, corn was sold at a nominal price to the poor-lie the remains of a personage whose attach to them. The most of these statutes name is familiar as a household word whereever the English language is spoken. The inscription on the tombstone reads :-

"Here lyes ye body of Mrs Mary Goose

wife to Isaac Goose who died Dec. 19th, 1690, aged 42 yrs." This was no other than the famous Mother Goose, whose rhymes have delighted children for over two centuries, and shall continue to amuse generations of children yet unborn. It is said that these nursery rhymes were of the saidis Ilis hes daylie incressit be the first composed by her for the amusement of negligence of gaid educatioun and instrucher grandchildren, and were afterwards colcan picture to ourselves the good dame, in within the saidis Ilandis or ony of thame her frilled cap and woollen dress of severe, having children maill or famell and being in Puritanical cut, repeating her quaint couplets, and the absorbing interest of the eager, childish faces uplifted to hers. Did she lawland and interteny and bring theme up croon a soft lullaby of her own to suit the thair quhill thay may be found sufficientlie to words, I wonder? If so, how much the

world of childhood has missed in not knowing these tunes the grandmother sang-sweeter far than the symphonies of the old masters, to the ears of the little ones at her knee.

compassion for the "old woman who lived in her shoe," with her crowd of unruly children, and quite agreed with her when she "whipped them all soundly and put them to bed"? And in

form, and the pudding is done. This may too obvious to require illustration . . Their sensitiveness to ridicule often exposes them to the pain of being reckoned barbarians by perhaps persons inferior to themselves in all the elements that constitute

Boiled rice will digest in one hour; if real civility, but endowed with the precious boiled in milk, however, it requires two faculty of speaking some more or less intelli-Nearly three centuries ago attempts were

made to "abolish and remove," the Gae-Iona" (nine in number) were passed in an requires five hours for perfect digestion. Pork the same. Suct pudding is supposed over by Andrew Knox, Bishop of the Isles. who had special commission from James VI. and supported by a military force. These

chiefs were coerced into passing these Acts or statutes, and though it is regrettable that they did put their names to them all, yet

the circumstances in which they were placed -presided over by a wily and politic bishop. and surrounded by a strong body of soldiers in case of insubordination-free them to a large extent from the blame which some were, to say the least of it, obnoxious, though we find at the present day among our own countrymen some who look upon these nine 'Statutes of Iona' as beneficial, and passed in the interests of the Highland people Looking at these statutes fair and square, I can come to no other conclusion than that their whole aim was the extinction of

the language, customs, and, in short, every characteristic peculiar to the Highlander. The sixth of these is as follows, dated 23rd August, 1609 :- "The quhilk day it being understand that the ignorance and incivilitie tioun of the youth in the Knowledge of God and good lettres. For remeid quhairof it is goodis worth thriescoir, Ky, sall put at the leist thair eldest sone or having no childrene maill thair eldest dochtir to the scuillis in the speik reid and write Inglische.'

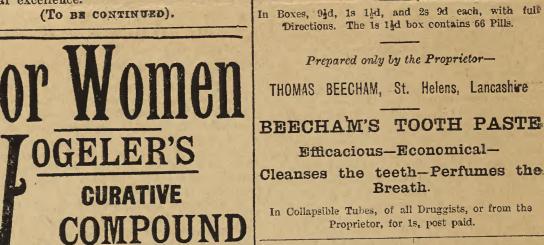
The eighth statute enacted the abolition of Bards and idlers of that class." Now, the Bards were looked upon as an intelligent class of men, who composed songs and poems.in their native Gaelic, inspiring and encouraging Who among us cannot recall our childish the clans to deeds of valour, besides being the chief vehicles of transmitting the traditions, the poems and songs of love, war, and romance, to future generations. They were undoubtedly an educative agency, and as such they were ARE UNADULTERATED. a class against whom the poisoned shafts of hatred were aimed. The acute Bishop Knox, n framing these statutes, showed at once the poison and wisdom of the serpent, combined for the Public Protection. with the ostensible harmlessness of the dove. On the 26th July, 1616, an act of Privy Council was pased anent the education of the **OGSTON'S** children of the Chiefs in the Isles :--"Forasmeikle as the Lordis of Secrete Counsal FINEST SOFT SOAP And then the delightful mystery of vnderstanding that the chief and principal. "Hampty Dumpty on the wall," whom "all causs quhilk hes procuirit and procuiris the S ABSOLUTELY FREE FROMS MELL. Every Cask or Tin that bears OGSTON'S name is genuine, and full weight.

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tresses of girlhood.

This is partly due to a more healthful way ef living. The "fin de siecle" maiden spends mother did. She wears easier and stouter and does not pinch her waist so tightly. he rides, rows, skates, tramps, and plays golf. It is no longer "good form" to be "so delicate." years. Statistics tell us that she is taller than her grandmother was at her age, and broader across the shoulders. There is every hope that this beneficent change will go on, for our ideals of womanhood are changing. Little girls are allowed, and even encouraged, to romp in a fashion which would have petrified dress of white material. the mammas and governesses of fifty years "I was never allowed to romp with my

was thought so very unlady-like." Women, year by year, have been gaining more and wider interests. They lead broader lives than they led even a decade ago. They study medicine and architecture, and even law and theology. They travel in cheery, independent couples, and need not wait in a corner till sovereign man invites them to leave

it. They organize ad conduct societies, musical, literary, artistic, or philanthropic. Fifty years ago an unmarried woman must Cousin, searcely know that vice existed. Now she

The blue jay died with the whooping-cough, it always seemed particularly sad to me that the poor bird should die "a long way off," instead of at home among his weeping friends.

Over the hills and a long way off

the king's horses and all the king's men" continewance of barbaritie impietie incivilitie could never quite put together again. As within the Yllis of this Kingdome, hes proceidit for the hilarious old woman who danced till from the small cair that the chieftanes and "Over the hills and far away"-well, somechildrene in vertew and learning," &c., &c. how the dance music would creep into our This act expatiates on the neglect of the own small feet, till we found it impossible to Chieftains and principal men of the Isles to

hear those jingling lines and sit still. Mother Goose must have been gifted with educate their children in "verteu lernyng and over pale blue. Miss Macleod wore a pretty a fertile imagination, as these rhymes seem the Inglische tounge," and ordains that these BALMORAL EFFECTUAL to have flowed spontaneously from her lips, should send their "bairnis" being past the age

and as we repeat them to our children and of nyne yeiris to the Scoollis in the Inland, children's children, they lose none of their there to learn to wryte and reid and to speak freshness and charm. It seems unfair that Inglische, and that none should be served heir nor acknowledged as tenants to His Majesty she to whom all the world owes a debt of gratitude, should lie thus "unwept, unhonments

oured, and unsung," and when next we meet to decorate the graves of our honoured dead, let some friendly hand place a wreath of immortelles on the tomb of this Shakespeare of our childhood.

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