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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

At Dalmore, Rogart, on the 18th inst., the wife of Alex. Campbell, of a daughter.

At Killearnan Manse, on the 22nd inst., the wife of the Rev. A. J. Macdonald of a son.

MARRIAGES.

At the Imperial Hotel, Inverness, on the 25th inst., by the Rev. W. Todd, M.A., Crown U.F. Church, Inverness, John Reid Henderson, chemist, Glasgow, to Mary Europa, eldest daughter of the late Roderick Macrae, Eastgate, and of Mrs Macrae, 28 Hill Street.

At Queen's Hotel, Helensburgh, on Thursday, 17th inst., by the Rev. John Baird, B.D., West Parish Church, John Smith, police constable, Helensburgh, to Annabella Macleod, eldest daughter of the late John Macleod, Laxay, Lochs, Stornoway.

At the Station Hotel, Perth, on the 22nd inst., by the Rev. D. W. Kennedy, Perth, Rainey Munro Ross (Egypt), eldest son of the late John Ross, merchant, Inverness, and Mrs Dunnet, Balmoral Lodge, Strathpeffer, to Jessie Melville, third daughter of Wm. Brown, Esq., fruit merchant, Bronville House, Perth.

DEATHS.

At Killin, Garve, on 22nd inst., George Maclennan, J.P., farmer, aged 88 years.

At Achne, Spinningdale, Ardgay, on the 15th September, William Ross, in the 83rd year of his age.

At West Kensington, W. on September 16th, Mary, the beloved wife of Thomas H. Firth and younger daughter of Capt. Kenneth Maclean. Aged 27.

Drowned at Sea, on Friday, 18th September, John Rennie, youngest and dearly beloved son of Mrs Mackintosh, Myrtle Cottage, King Street, Aberdeen, and the late Angus R. Mackintosh, shipmaster, Inverness.

DIED, at 29A High Street, Inverness, on Wednesday, 23rd inst., Elizabeth Watt Gerrard, beloved wife of Alexander Fraser, writer. Funeral to-day (Saturday), to Tomnahurich Cemetery, at 2 o'clock p.m. All friends respectfully invited.

DIED, at Claremont, Lovat Road, on the 23rd inst., Katherine Mackenzie, widow of the late Daniel Gibson, J.P., clothier, Inverness. Funeral to-day (Saturday), 26th inst., at one o'clock, to Tomnahurich Cemetery. Friends please accept this (the only) intimation.

DIED, at Gask, Strathnairn, Angus Fraser, tailor. Funeral on Monday, at One p.m., to Dunlichity. All friends invited.

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BAPTIST CHURCH, Friar's Lane.—Service To-morrow (Sabbath), 11 a.m. and 6·30 p.m. Rev. Alex. Bremner. All seats free.
The Ordnance of Believer's Baptism will be observed at the close of the Evening Service.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

CROWN CHURCH.

Rev. PROFESSOR IVERACH, D.D., will preach To-morrow (Sabbath), 27th inst., at 11 a.m. and 6·30 p.m.

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Any person finding the same, or any trace, please at once communicate with the Chief Constable of Ross-shire, Dingwall.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

HIGHLAND Bowling Club, Ltd.—Green will be closed on 1st October. Match for benefit of Greenkeeper to-day. Draw at 3 p.m. D. R., Secy.

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SHOPKEEPERS' HALF-HOLIDAY.—The Weekly Half-Holiday will be resumed on Wednesday, October 7th, on which date and following Wednesdays Shops will be CLOSED at 2 p.m.
A. M'P., Secretary,
Scottish Shop Assistants' Union.

NOTICE.—Intimation is hereby given that the Sheriff will hold a Public Inquiry, within the Sheriff Court House, The Castle, Inverness, on Wednesday, the 7th October, 1903, at 11 o'clock forenoon, in regard to the death of James Mackintosh, lately residing at 6a Culduthel Road, Inverness.
AND. MACDONALD.
Inverness, 11th September, 1903.

UNITED FREE CHURCH TRAINING COLLEGES.—Candidates for admission to the Colleges by higher grade leaving certificates (articles 70 (d) 6 (a) and 95 (a) 3 Scotch Code) will be examined with a view to selection on Wednesday, 14th October. Applications should be in the hands of the Rectors not later than 1st October.

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T. EATON ROBINSON, City Registrar.

BURGH OF INVERNESS.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

Notice is hereby given, that lists of Persons Claiming to have their names inserted in the List of Persons entitled to Vote in the Election of a Member of Parliament and of Town Councillors and Parish Councillors for the Burgh of Inverness, have been prepared by me, and that Copies thereof will be affixed on the Burgh Court-House, Castle Wynd, and will also, with the Notices of Claims and Objections, be open to be perused by any Person, without payment of any fee, at the Office of the Assessor, 13 Lombard Street, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., daily (except Sunday), from the 25th inst., to 1st October next. Copies of the said Lists can also be had at the statutory prices from the Assessor.
D. W. CALL, Assessor of Burgh of Inverness.
Assessor's Office, 13 Lombard Street,
Inverness, 24th Sept., 1903.

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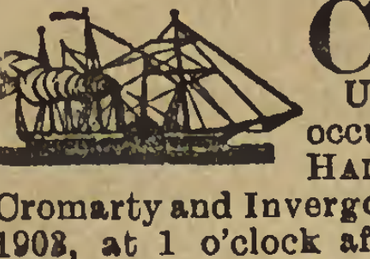
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Gas Works, Inverness, 23rd Sept, 1903.

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Dundee (East) ,,	12 9p	—	—	7 30	—	9 3
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(Waverley). ,,	1 57	5 18	7 9	9 16	11 3	9 37
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(Euston).... ,,	10 45	3 50a	—	7 30a	8 0	7 10p
(Ki'g'sCross),,	10 45	—	5 50a	6 40	7 35	6 25
(St Pancras),,	11 10	4 45	—	7 50	8d 5	7 50

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Bha iad an déigh gabhail mu thàmh 'san oidhche an uair a thàinig an losgann do 'n dorus ag ràdh, "A chaomhag an cuimhneach leat an gealladh beag a thug thu aig an tobar dhomh? a ghaoil! a ghaoil!" An uair a bha e gun tàmh ag ràdh mar so, dh' éirich an nighean agus thug i stigh e, agus chuir i cùl an dorus e, agus chaidh i 'laidhe; ach cha robh i fada 'na luidhe an uair a thòisich e rithist air a ràdh, "A chaomhag, a chaomhag an cuimhneach leat an gealladh beag a thug thu aig an tobar dhomh? a ghaoil! a ghaoil!" Dh' éirich i 'n sin agus chuir i fo noigean e. Chum sin samhach e tace.n; ach cha robh i fada 'na luidhe an uair a thòisich e rithist air a ràdh, "A chaomhag, a chaomhag an cuimhneach leat an gealladh beag a thug thu aig an tobar dhomh? a ghaoil! a ghaoil!" Dh' éirich i rithist agus rinn i leaba bheag dha taobh an teine; ach na robh e toilichte. Co luath agus a bha i 'na leaba thòisich e rithist air a ràdh, "A chaomhag, a chaomhag an cuimhneach leat an gealladh beag a thug thu aig an tobar dhomh; a ghaoil! a ghaoil!" Dh' éirich i 'n sin agus rinn i leaba dha làmh ri leaba féin; ach bha e gun tàmh ag ràdh, "A chaomhag, a chaomhag an cuimhneach leat an gealladh beag a thug thu aig an tobar dhomh? a ghaoil! a ghaoil!" Ach cha robh i 'tabhairt feairt air a ghearan gus an dubhairt e rithe, "Tha seana chlaidheimh meirgeach cùl do leapa leis an fheàrra dhuit an ceann a thobhairt dhiom, na 'bhith 'ga ruchunail an péin ni 's faide." Ghabh i 'n claidheamh agus ghearr i 'n ceann deth. An uair a bhean an stàilinn da dh' fhàs e 'na òganach dreachmhor, agus thug e iomadh buidheachas do 'n ògbhean a bha 'na meadhon an druidheachd fodh an robh e ré uin' fhad' a' fulang, a chur dheth. Fhuair e 'n sin a rioghachd, oir bu righ e, agus phòs e 'bhana phrionnsa, agus bha iad fada beò gu subhach còmhla.

CLARSACH NAN GAIDHEAL.

AIR A GLEUSADH LE FIONN.

No. 357.—A MODERN SONG.

The following is the air which gained the first prize at the Mod as an original melody for Neil Macleod's song, "Mo Bhothan taobh na tràigh."

FIONN.

MO BHOTHAN TAOBH NA TRAIGH.

(My Cottage by the shore).

KEY F.—*Heartily.*

{ :m | r :—. d | l, | r | d : l, | s, : . }
O! nach robh agam both-an beag
Had I a little cottage neat
{ .s, | l, : d | r : —. r | m : — | — }
An so ri taobh na traigh,
Close by the sounding shore.
{ !m | d :—. r | m :s | l : —. l | s :—. }
Aig bonn mam beann fodh sgàil nan creag
Beneath the shadow of the ben
{ .l | m . r :—. | r :—. m | l : — | — }
'Sgu'm faighinn fois is tamh;
I'd never seek for more;
{ :l | s :—. s | l :—. m | r : —. m | s }
Cha 'n iarr-ainn ceòl ach eoin nam preas
The little birds from tree and cloud
{ : s | l : m | r : —. d | l, : — | — }
A beadradh shuas le'n al
Their ringing notes would pour
{ : s, | m :—. d | r : —. m | d : —. l, | s, }
Is guth nam tonnis fuaim nan eas
The rolling wave, the water fall,
{ .s, | l, . d :— | r :—. r | m : — | — }
Thoirt fragradh dhaibh le'n gair.
Would answer with their roar.

'N sin laidhinn sios 'us dh' éirinn suas
Gu suaimhneach mar a b' àill,
Air m' ùrachadh le caochan cruaidh
An fhuarain fhallain làin—
Cha 'n fhaicinn fòirneartan an t-sluaigh
'S gach buaireas agus plàigh,
'S na milltean deòiridh breòite truagh
Fodh uallaich throm an sàs.

Tha sàmhchair, neo-chiont, agus sìth
'Còmhnuidh an so a ghnàth,
Gun fhoill, gun fharmad, 'us gun strìth
Aig dùil a th' ann a' tàmh.
Tha 'n còmhdach glan, 's an lòn gun dìth
Na ni bho thràth gu tràth,
Iad beò gun lochd, 's an òran binn
An so ri taobh na tràigh.

Gach feòirnean maoth 'tha 'n còs no 'n glaic,
Gheibh iad an cuid de 'n driùchd,
Tha 'ghrian 'g an àrach suas gun airc
Air àithne Rìgh nan dùl;
Gach lus no cré a 's isle staid
Tha iad am beachd a shùl,
'S an Tì 'tha 'freasdal dhaibh air fad
Cha chuir e mis' air chùl.

Tha gàir na mara 's gaoth nam beann
Le 'm fuaim cho tiamhaidh trom,
Cho freag'rach dhòmh-sa aig an àm
'S do 'n ionndrainn 'tha na m' chom;
Cha 'n iarrainn lùchairt mu mo cheann,
Cha 'n iarrainn òr no fonn,
Na 'm faodainn fuireach shios an gleann
'G éisdeachd ri guth nan tonn.

Tha cuid an tòir air stòr 's air maoin,
'G an ruith bho 'm breith gu 'm bàs;
Cha 'n fhaigh iad fois 's cha bhi iad saor
Ma chi iad sin aig càch;
Thoir dhòmh-sa sìth, is gràdh, is gaol,
Aig taobh nan sruthan tlàth,
Mo bhothan beag fodh sgàil nan craobh,
'S mo lios ri taobh na tràigh.

SEAN-FHACAIL.

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Cha b'e chomain.
Cha b'e 'n t-uisge nach ruitheadh ach am muileann nach bleideadh.
Cha bu ruith ach leum leis.
Cha bhi cuimhne air an aran ach fhad sa mhaireas e 's a sgòrnan.
Cha bhi thu na 's òige r'a ionnsachadh.
Cha bhi meas air an t-slainte gus an tig an euslaint'.
Cha bhi piseach air suiridh na Sabaid.
Cha bhrist achmhasan cnaimh.
Cha b' ionnan a's athair.
Cha bu mhac mar an tathair e.
Cha chluinn e ach na's binn leis.
Cha chreidear an t-aog gus am faicear an t-adhlac.
Cha chuir bean-tighe ghlic a h-uibhean fo aona chirc.

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Do Chuineag, 's do Shùilbhein,
O mhullach Stròin-chrùbaidh
Gu sceann Rudha Stòrr,
Gu'm faic iad mi tighinn
Chur fàilt' orra rithist
Mar chàirdean 's mar chinneadh,
Mar rinn ni na m' òig'.
Cha 'n 'eil eadar Asair,
Is Cóigeach na h-àirde,
Cnoc, beallach, no bràghad,
Eilean, àiridh, no beinn
Nach toireadh dhomh uaram,
Ciad fàilt' agus furan,
Nan tighinn o Lunnai an
Gu dùthaich nan gleann!

Nuair dh' éirinn 's a mhaduinn,
'S a' ghrian air a casan,
Thar bheanntaic' Sean Asaint,
O dhùthaich Mhic-Aoidh;
'S an uiseag, 's an fhaoileag,
'S na smeoraich bu chaomh leam
'Deamamh ceol dha 'n an t-saoghal
Le furan a gle bhinn.
Co 'n cridhe nach éireadh,
Le iorram cho éibhinn?
Mac-talla ga éigheach
O chnoc agus beinn.
Mi-fhéin agus Màiri
Air mullach na h-àiridh,
'S a broilleach cho àillidh
Ri éirigh na grein.

Bu bhinn leam gach feadan
O mhaduinn gu feasgar,
Bu ghreadhnach gach sealladh,
'S bu taitneach gach fuaim;
Bu cheol leam an cànran
Aig tonnan na tràghad,
Ged bhiodh iad ri ranail
Fo shlat na gaoith tuath.
Bu toil leam do chomunn,
O dhùthaich na seallan,
Ann an samhradh na lusan,
Na geamhradh na fuachd;
Bu shlainte dhomh t' fhàileadh,
'Fhir dhligheach nan Gàidheal,
'S i sin a rinn m' àrach
Mar dharach nan dual.

Thoir mo shoraidh gu Cròna,
Far am b' àill leam 'bhi seòladh
Mar ri Iain Mac-Dhòmhnuill
Agus Aonghas Mac-Aoidh;
'S nuair a thogadh i dosan
Ri stròin nam fear dosach,
Bhiodh na seòid ud air thoiseach
Ann am peirceall na gaoith.
Bu cheol leam a farum,
Eadar shiùil agus sparran,
Troimh stuadhannan mhara,
'Dol seachad nan caoir;
Dheanainn uaill anns na balaich
'Bheireadh fàilte dhomh dhachaidh;
Dheanainn sùgradh is aighear
Ann am fochar nan laoch.

SEALG NA PAIRCE.

[LE DONULL MACCALUM.]

XXXII.—INNLEACHD NAM BAN-TIGHEARNAN.

Anns a' phaipeir nuair a leugh iad
Fios mu'n léir-sgrios thug na balaich
Air na daimh a bha 's na sléibhtean,
'Us mu'n fhùsd air feasgar ghabh iad
'N Airidh-Dhòn'll,
'S ioma diùc 'us iarla treubhach
Bh'air an léireadh mar a thachair
'Silleadh dheòir.

'Leantuinn eisimpleir Righ Ahab
'Nuair chuir Nàbot airsan doran,
Cuid an leabaidh thug gun dàil orr'
Gabhail gràin air lon 'us solus,
Ri'n luchd-comhfhurtachd ag ràdhtuinn,
Gu'm be'm bàs dhoibh bheireadh sonas,
'S thug iad bòid
Chaoidh nach rachadh cas air làr leo,
Fad' thar sàil' gu'm biodh am brochan
Aig na seòid.

Thuirt na ban-tighearnan gu seòlta
Ris na h-òlaich bha fo mhulad,
'S a bhi bàsachadh nan seòmar
'Ghainne tròcair a bha'n cunnart—
"Eiribh, ithibh agus òlaibh,
Tha gu leòir a sin do thuireadh,
Bheir sinn féisd
Do na laoich 's na tighean mòra
'Us ri'n lò cha téid iad tuile
Mhort nam féidh."

'S ioma ceannaiche beag dìblidh
Feadh na tìr a mhol an latha,
'S an deach ban-tighearnan cho riomhach
Dh'fheòraich pris gach dad abh'aca,
God nach d'aidich iad gu dìleas
Gur h-i'n sgriob ud rinn cho math e,
'S chuir na'n dòrn
A thrì luach air biadh bha'n ire
Dol a dhìth fo luchaidh 's radain
Ghabh air còir.

Thuirt na bodaich aosda, leòmach,
Fhuair gu leòir o'n lamh ri itheadh—
"'S mairg nach faigheadh daoine mòra
H-uile còir a ni iad breòiteachd
Bith' gach lò mu'n earbull iomall,
'S bheir sinn féin,
Urram dhoibh a thug o'r 'n òige,
Rabhadh sonraicht' do na gillean
Leag na féidh."

Mach o'n là sin thug na h-uachd' rain,
Chaidh nan truaghain leis an eagal,
Do na ban-tighearnan a fhuaras
Anns a' chruadail duineil, seasmhach,
Bhi nan ceannardan gach uair orr'
Chosnadh buaidh ri aghaidh teine,
'Us ri'm beò
Faodaidh iad cho lueag de smuaint bhi
Ris na h-uain a chi thu beicil
Air an lòn.

CELTIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

QUERIES.

CLAN CUSTOMS.—Can any of your readers inform me where I can find a description of the ceremony of electing a Highland chief? CLANSMAN.

GAELIC SCHOOLS.—What is the origin of the Gaelic schools in the Highlands? When was the Gaelic Schools Association formed? SGOILEAR.

ORGAN.—Is there any Church in Lowlands or Highlands where the Gaelic Psalms are sung with organ accompaniment? CEOL-BINN.

BAGPIPE.—What references have we to the "piob-mhor" in our Gaelic proverbs? A list of proverbs and other sayings bearing on the pipe would be interesting. What is the oldest reference to it in Gaelic poetry? FEADAN.

ANSWERS.

CARSWELL.—There is a biographic sketch of Bishop Carswell in the edition of his Gaelic prayer-book, published in 1873. The Bishop is buried at Ardchattan. F.

BAGPIPE.—There are Gaelic names for several parts of the bagpipe. Valve is "sionnach," big drone is "dos mor," little drone, "dos beag," chanter, "seannsair," reed, "rifeid," bag, "màl," in tune, "air ghleus," tune your pipe, "gleus do phiob," wind-pipe, "gaothaiche." OINSEACH.

"CARAID NAN GAIDHEAL."—Norman Macleod, of St Columba's Church, Glasgow, was the son of Norman Macleod of Fiunary, Morven, and was born at Morven 2nd December, 1783. He died at Glasgow 26th November, 1862. He was buried at Campsie. The statue in Cathedral Square, Glasgow, is that of Dr Norman, of the Barony Church, son of "Caraid nan Gaidheal." F.

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BENBECULA PRESENTATION.

REVS. DR RAINY AND MR LEE'S LETTERS.

THE GAELIC ADDRESS.

The following letters were read at the presentation to the Rev. Mr Macphail, late of Benbecula, and now of Nairn, who celebrated his jubilee last week:—

Dear Mr Macdonald,—It gives me the greatest pleasure to know that Mr Macphail's friends are to present him with an address and with some premanent embodiment of their admiration and regard. It is fit that we should thus mark our thankfulness that he has been spared to see his jubilee, and that we should commemorate the good deeds he has done for the house of our God. Very many will be present with you in spirit on the 16th September.

If it could have been arranged, I should have been glad to be present and to speak. As the case stands I willingly write.

We reverence in Mr Macphail the consistency of Christian character and the persistent and fruitful Christian work, maintained for many years. These years have not been without their trials. But the trials have only brought into clearer relief the fidelity to his own convictions and the patience in well-doing which we honour. These qualities, noble as they are, are happily not rare in the ranks of our ministry. But in turn they have been dignified by his meekness, wisdom, his brotherly kindness, his gentleness, goodness, and faith. The gracious elements of the ministerial character have been so richly bestowed on him that in a singular degree he has been, and is, an ensample to the brethren in charity, in faith, in patience. So that when we think, as the Apostle has admonished us, "as whatsoever things are true, whatsoever are honest, whatsoever are just, whatsoever are pure, whatsoever are lovely, whatsoever are of good report, if there be any virtue and if there be any praise," there rises to our minds the remembrance of John Macphail. How much this must have contributed, under God's blessing, to render his ministry persuasive and successful!

With all this we honour his sound judgment and his masculine good sense, by which his brethren have so often benefited.

In the remarkable family to which he belongs a variety of good gifts has been bestowed on our Church. We thank God for them all. And we rejoice that both his brothers are spared to rejoice with our friend, and to welcome with him and for him the large share which God has given him in the love and reverence of good men.—Always dear Mr Macdonald, yours very truly, ROBERT RAINY.

Dear Mr Macdonald,—I am greatly interested in your coming meeting at Nairn to do honour to our esteemed friend, Mr Macphail, of Benbecula, on the jubilee of his ministry in our Church.

We owe much as a Church to the Macphail family. The Rev. Dr James Calder Macphail has rendered services to the Church in connection with his Grammar School Bursary Scheme which are simply invaluable; and those of us who are interested in the work of our Church in the Highlands are specially indebted to him for that department of his public work in connection with our Church.

Dr Simeon R. Macphail, of Liverpool, discharged his duties as Moderator of the English Presbyterian Church last year in a way that won the admiration of his brethren. But those of us who knew him during his most acceptable and fruitful ministry in Elgin rejoice to think of him specially as the devoted and warm-hearted evangelist.

Personally, I greatly regret that the native modesty of our friend of Benbecula prevented his occupying the Moderator's chair of our Assembly. I believe no minister in the Highlands would have been more cordially welcomed to that high position, or would discharge its varied duties with more marked ability. You and your brethren in the West know well what Mr Macphail has been during his lengthened period of service in the Presbyteries of Skye and Uist. He was emphatically "a man greatly beloved." No congregation could have a more devoted minister or sympathetic pastor; while it would be difficult to find anywhere a wiser counsellor in connection with Presbytery affairs. To know Mr Macphail is indeed to love him.

It was under his auspices that I had my first introduction to the Outer Hebrides, and I recall with deep interest the views he then expressed as to the necessity of our Church doing more for those districts than had been done in the past; and I can well understand the satisfaction he must have now in seeing his proposals of those days carried out throughout the Presbytery of Uist.

I regret that I cannot have the privilege of joining you and the other friends in person in conveying our cordial congratulations to our revered friend. I have no doubt you will have a pleasant meeting, and I pray that dear, good Mr Macphail may enjoy a quiet eventide in Nairn—a place which is dear to me by many sacred associations.

With warmest thanks to you and other friends who have taken the initiative in doing honour to our friend.—I remain, yours very sincerely, ALEXANDER LEE.

Do'n Urramach Iain S. Macphail, ministear, coimhthional na h-Eaglais Shaoir Aonaichte ann am Beinn-na-faodhlach an an Cleir Uidhist.

A Charaid Ionmhuinn,

Tha sinne Seisean agus Coimhthional Eaglais Shaor Aonaichte Chillemhuire agus an taobh Sear ann an Cleir an Eilein Sgiathanaich, ag iarraidh ar deadh-ghean agus ar dillseachd a nochdadh dhuibh an uair a tha sibh air a' bliadhna so, a' ruigheachd leth cheud bliadhna ann am ministreileachd an t-soisgeil. Tha e 'na aobhar Comh shàirdeachais agus taingealachd mhòir, e a bhi air a cheadachadh dhuibhse a 'bhi a' searmonachadh an t-Soisgeil re' ùine cho fada. Tha e air fhaicinn ann am freasdal maith an Tighearna gu'm bheil cuid d'a shoirbhisich air an gairm dhachaidh mu'm bhi an gnàth fathast 'ard 'san iarmailt, tha cuid eile air an gairm mu mheadhon an làtha, acu do àireamh bheag tha e a toirt comais a bhi a' saothreachadh 's an fhion-lios gu feasgar. Buinidh sibhse do'n àireamh so, oir le deadh-ghean an Ard-mhaighatier, tha e air a cheadachadh dhuibhse fathast a bhi cir rògha sil an uair a tha na sgairean a sineadh a mach, agus tubhar ao a nmoich ag nadhach mu'n cuairt. Tha a' chuid mhór de chomh luchd-oibre agus de chairdean lathean bhur n'-òige air criochnachadh an turuis, agus tha iad a nis a' sealbhachadh a' chruin.

Tha e 'na aobhar buidheachais mòr dhuinne gu'n do shaoithrich sibh 's a' chearn so fad ceithir bliadhna deug. Rè na hùine sin bha bhur teagasg a ghnath fallan, tomadach, eideachail, agus sgriburail, agus air a dheanamh màisaich le caithe-beatha cùbhaigh do'n t-soisgeil.

Cha do sheachainn sibh uile chomhairle Dhe fhoillseachadh dhuinn, a roinn focal na firinn gù ceart. Tha aobhar a bhi a' creidsinn nach e a mhain gu'n robh treud a Bhuachaille mhaith air am bheatha chadh, ach gu'n robh mar an ceudna àireamh nach eil beag air an treoireachadh gu Criosda tre bhur saothair-se anns na laithean ud. Ach bha sin uile chum clui gloir grais an Ti a dh-or-duich dhuinn uile, criochan ar n-aiteamcomhnuidh.

Anns an Sgireachd fharsuinn so bi faireachdainn choitchionn an t-sluaigh, gu'n robh bhur n-obair trom, gidheadh an am broin is caslainnt fhritheil sibh; an am iomagain thug sibh comhairle; an am teanntachd thug sibh fuasgladh; agus mar sin bha Iam chinnte againn gu'n d'thainig sibh d' ar n-ionnsuidh 's an aite so le lànachd e beannachadh an t-soisgeil.

Dh-fhag na bliadhachan sin cuimhne chubhraidh 'n an deigh, a bhitheas air a tasgaidh leinne mar dhileab do'n linn a tha ann, agus do'n àl a thig na'r deigh.

A nis leis gach uile dhurachd agus leis gach deadh run tha sinne a' guidhe gu'm bi na bheil roimhibhe de'n turus luchdichte le comhfhurtachd, agus cuartaichte le fabhar an Tighearna.

Ann an ainm Seisean agus Coimhthional Eaglais Shaor Aonaichte Chillemhuire agus an taobh sear san Eilean, sgiathanach, tha sinne g'ar fo-sgriobhadh fein.

Domhnull Alasdair MacDhomhnuill, Ceannsuidhe an t-Seisean; agus Domhnull Ross, Cleireach an t-Shoisean.

DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN HIGHLANDER.

The air on the banks of Lochness (writes a correspondent) must be conducive to a long life, for we have known several who passed their nineties on or near its primrose and violet producing birken slopes. Among these has been James Smith, Erchite Wood. In his early years he was for a time a ghillie to an English gentleman, who took him to Kent. This event was quite a term in his education—it broadened his mind in every sort of way, and taught him to address gentle and simple without giving offence to either. The allotment of wild land which he reclaimed was given him by Sheriff Fraser-Tytler, and he built and slated the dwelling in which he lately breathed his last. He saw seven, if not eight, heirs, to the Aldourie estate. Having lived so long, and being a shrewd and observant man, he knew a great deal of interesting folk-lore, local events, and the history of private and public families in a wide circle. He was a great smuggler in his early years, but, strange to say, was never convicted. He has been known to smoke his black cutty and grin at the "excisemen as they passed within a few yards of his smuggling bothy." Yes! and that not so long ago! Of course the argus-eyed preventive officer will say "Booh!" But we know better. Have the P.S.O.'s ever discovered the smuggler's cave at Loch Duntelchaig, where smuggling has been going on since the Act against smuggling whisky has been passed? No; nor never heard of it! Yet appointments and rapid promotions are frequently reported in this branch of the civil service. Old Gow was much interested in clan feuds and battles. Sergeant Smith, late of 78th Highlanders, and who distinguished himself in the Kaffir war, was a brother. Gow had also a daughter married to Quartermaster Strachan of the Indian Army. One of his sons is an operative in the far-famed aluminium factory at Foyers, a second is employed in Hydepark Works, Glasgow, and a third is a contractor on a section of the county roads. His son James succeeds to the tenancy of the allotment, of which he has been a partner for some time. Hoary old Gow now slumbers peacefully in the primeval burying-ground of Boleskine and "until the eternal morning wake the slumbers of the tomb." He is survived by his widow, and his funeral was attended by a most respectable company of relations and friends, and not only did Mrs Fraser-Tytler and Miss Fraser-Tytler attend, but the Aldourie family sent two beautiful wreaths. Major Fraser-Tytler was prevented from attending because of other engagements, but he sent his manager as a representative. The funeral service was conducted by the minister of the parish, of whose church the deceased was an adherent and member for many years.

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DEPARTURE OF A YOUNG OFFICER.—Lieutenant Campbell, 2nd Cameron Highlanders, Inverness, has been placed under orders to embark with the draft of the 1st Battalion, which is being prepared at Fort-George, for Malta.

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THE INVERNESS GAELIC SOCIETY.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HIGHLAND NEWS"]

SIR,—A short time ago I ventured to support in your columns the requests which were being made for a statement as to the work being done by the Gaelic Society of Inverness in the field of Gaelic cultivation. From that date up to the present Mr Mackay has not seen fit to give any satisfaction to those who are taking an interest in the matter. If Mr Mackay is in a position to clear his Society from the very definite charges made against it, then his silence is very regrettable, for it cannot be otherwise than hurtful to the Celtic cause that a body professing to do Celtic work should be regarded with needless suspicion by the public. If, on the other hand, Mr Mackay is unable to do this—and when the clear and specific charges made by the critics of the Society remain unanswered the public will be forced to the conclusion that his silence is an admission of guilt—then there is also cause for regret—intense regret—that the Gaelic Society of Inverness should continue to cumber the ground of the Celtic vineyard. During long years people of Celtic sympathies have been anxiously scanning the branches of this alleged "Gaelic" fig-tree, and to such the profusion of literary and gastronomic foliage affords but poor consolation for the entire absence of fruit.

Now, Sir, it may not be possible in this case to apply the ultimate Scriptural method of dealing with barren fig trees; but I should like to make a respectful suggestion to Gaels in the Inverness district. It is this—plant a new fig tree, taking care that it be one of the genuine fruit-bearing variety. I am sure that there must be in Inverness a considerable body of Celts who would be prepared to give hearty support to a Gaelic Society meaning real business. The present moment would seem most opportune for getting something done towards the formation of such a Society, as advantage could be taken of the enthusiasm roused in the district by the Mod. I hope to hear ere long that a Gaelic Society on the lines I have indicated has commenced operations in Inverness, and I feel confident that in the event of such a happy consummation its members will not allow their Celtic fire to be wholly expended on the consumption of an annual "Gaelic" pudding.—I am, Sir, yours, &c.,

MORE LIGHT.

Glasgow, 22nd September, 1903.

AN IMPROVED SODA SCONE.

The soda scone, the stand-by of Scotch home baking, does not always do credit to the national taste. It requires skill to strike just the exact amount of soda to the butter-milk, and scones are often either spoiled with too much soda and soda lumps, or sour with old butter-milk, doughy and unattractive. Now you can make a very much improved scone by using Brown & Polson's raising powder called "Paisley Flour" and sweet milk instead of soda and butter-milk. Mix one part "Paisley Flour" with eight parts of ordinary flour, make into a soft dough with sweet milk and bake in a hot girdle, and you will have an evenly-raised, very light and pleasantly flavoured scone, with never a lump of soda or any sourness in it. These scones are so light that they can be eaten safely when new, and next day re-heating makes them almost as good as new. Little skill is required to bake them, so that even beginners in baking get good results. And they are so quickly and easily made that many bake them daily for breakfast or tea. Try the "Paisley Flour" scones next baking day—others are delighted; you will be, too.

APPOINTMENT TO GENERAL HUNTER.

Lieutenant-General Sir Archibald Hunter has been appointed to the Madras command in succession to Sir George Wolsey. General Hunter leaves to take over his new command on 2nd October. Many will regret the departure of this popular officer, as during the period he has acted as Commander-in-Chief in Scotland he won the respect and esteem of his superiors and others. His new appointment will be received with approval.

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THE SCOTTISH CHURCH DISPUTE.

It is expected that the appeal in the actions raised by the Free Church of Scotland against the United Free Church will be heard in the House of Lords during November. The counsels who have been retained for the appellants, the Free Church, are Mr A. Graham Murray, K.C.; Lord-Advocate for Scotland; Mr Henry Johnston, K.C.; and Mr J. Robertson Christie, advocate; and those of the U.F. Church are Mr Asher, K.C., Dean of the Faculty in Scotland; Mr R. B. Haldane, K.C.; Mr Charles J. Guthrie, K.C.; and Mr R. L. Orr, advocate.

A CURE FOR DIABETES.

Daniel Healey, of 113 Lower Oxford Street, Swansea, has published a statement which is completely verified, and which will come as quite a surprise to many who think that Diabetes is an incurable disease. He says:—

"I suffered from Diabetes, and was twice in the hospital, where they treated me for that disease. Each time I came out no better than I went in. I had several doctors attend me, and each did his best, but they all failed to find a cure for my trouble. I had to give up my work, and I thought I should never return to it again.

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MACDONALD'S DEATH.

VERDICT OF "NOT GUILTY."

The report of the commissioners appointed to enquire into the circumstances affecting the death of the late General Sir Hector Macdonald, K.C.B., D.S.O., has now been published. By its publication the question which has been so long troubling the mind of Highlanders in general as to whether Sir Hector Macdonald was guilty of crime is now answered. The report says:—

Government Buildings,
Colombo, June 29th, 1903.

In reference to the grave charges made against the late Sir Hector Macdonald, we, the appointed and undersigned Commissioners, individually and collectively, declare on oath that, after the most careful, minute, and exhaustive inquiry and investigation of the whole of the circumstances and facts connected with the sudden and unexpected death of the late Sir Hector Macdonald, unanimously and unmistakably find absolutely no reason or cause whatsoever which would create feelings such as would determine suicide in preference to conviction of any crime affecting the moral and irreproachable character of so brave, so fearless, so glorious, and unparalleled a hero, and we firmly believe the cause which gave rise to the inhuman and cruel suggestions of crime were prompted through vulgar feelings of spite and jealousy in his rising to such a high rank of distinction in the British army, and, while we have taken the most reliable and trustworthy evidence from every accessible and trustworthy source, have, without hesitation, come to the conclusion that there is not visible the slightest particle of truth in the foundation of any crime, and we find the late Sir Hector Macdonald cruelly assassinated by vile and slandering tongues. While honourably acquitting the late Sir Hector Macdonald of any charge whatever, we cannot but deplore the sad circumstances of the case that have fallen so disastrously on one whom we have found innocent of any crime attributed to him.

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THE MOD.

RECEPTION IN TOWN HALL.

On Wednesday evening the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council gave a reception in the Town Hall to the members of the Mòd Association and to the judges and competitors. An excellent tea having been partaken of in the Council Chambers, the guests adjourned to the large hall, where a most enjoyable evening was spent. The chair was occupied by Provost Arthur D. Ross, who was accompanied on the platform by the members of Council.

Provost Ross, in welcoming the guests, said—It is with feelings of more than ordinary pleasure I welcome to Inverness, in the name of our community and Town Council, the officials, the members and associates of the Mòd, and the choirs and individual singers and reciters who on the morrow are to meet in friendly rivalry in this and other halls in town—(applause). To having you with us to-night is to us an honour, and we trust that to you it may be a pleasure thus to return after a lapse of six years to the Capital of the Highlands there to revel in such charms of scenery as we possess, and, as our burgess charter quaintly expresses it, "to haunt, use, and exercise within the burgh and liberties thereof, all the privileges pertinent and known to appertain to such as come within the burgh." In those past six years you have wandered over a good deal of Scotland, and enthusiastic Highlanders (and Lowlanders too, I presume) have lavished upon you princely hospitality which puts to the blush any little attempt we may have made to make your visit to us in any way agreeable. Comparisons are odious, our copy-book head lines used to say, and you will not make them nor look below the surface for a reason why your reception in one place may be more conspicuous than in another, but speaking for ourselves I may put forward a homely illustration which will be understood by all, but especially by the ladies here, who are blessed with families and are in charge of households. When you expect a visitor to come and stay with you, especially for the first time, you have a great many preliminary arrangements to make. Carpets are lifted, the duster is strong in evidence, the best china and silver spoons are unwrapped, and other mysterious ongoings are daily and hourly practised, so that when the guest arrives he or she (and especially the latter) may be awed into admiration or at least uncritical acceptance of the spick and spanness of the surroundings. When, however, one of our own bairns who may have left the parent nest comes to see us, or an old and tried friend of the family, do we make all this fuss? Assuredly no. The younger folks may get on clean pinafores, as I myself appear at present, and perhaps for the first night the best china may be out, but beyond that (unless it be a prodigal returned) no outward manifestation of the heart's welcome is exhibited, because in these cases it is not needed. It is simply one of our own come back, or the renewing of old friendship, and it is in this latter characteristic that the Mòd is welcomed once more to the Capital of the Highlands—(applause). Last week, at our Northern Meeting Games, we saw Highland customs pourtrayed by the exhibition of physical exercise and by music of a distinctly Highland character discoursed from a distinctly Highland instrument, and in the crowded park we had abundant evidence that these phases of our country's sports and pastimes have their votaries and their admirers. It is eminently appropriate that this week, and in the same locality, there should be shown to the world by this Mòd gathering the fact that there is another, and—if I may so say it—a weightier and more important side to the Highland character, and that is the feelings which prompt investigation into the wide field of Gaelic literature in its songs, its traditions, and all the wealth of prose and poetry which lie before the fortunate student who is able to grapple with its intricacies. To my own shame be it spoken I am not yet in the infant department so far as knowledge of the Gaelic language goes, but I have an hereditary reverence for it as a language from what I used to hear of it at home in my younger days, and that respect is materially increased when I see and know of the interest—indeed I may say the enthusiasm—which the knowledge and study of it calls forth from the Gamalials in Inverness and elsewhere, at whose feet I should feel proud to sit. Scoffers there are in abundance who say, "Let the Gaelic die"—it is a hindarnce to business and to the free intercouse between town and country, now that distance is annihilated by railway and telegraph. These are the people whom one might expect to say, "Remove the Clachnacuddin stone, and break it up for road metal—it is an obstruction on the Exchange." I would fain throw a veil over the fate of such as would thus even in thought anathematise our palladium, the Clach stone, and yet are they far removed in depravity from those who desire the effacement of our old mother tongue? Even were it only a curious relic of byegone ages, it is worthy of preservation, but when it has proved itself to be a language brimful of interest to the historian, the poet, and the musician, and when it contains within it the germ of languages spoken at the present day by peoples widely apart on the face of the earth, even a limited intellect should cry out against such as would even sneer at the Gaelic language, much less seek to suppress or destroy it. In the interval since your last visit the town funds have on several occasions been wisely and willingly spent in subscriptions to your prize-lists, and the fact of your gathering here to-night by the Town Council's invitation is an indicative that Inverness recognises the high aims laid down in your constitution, and would desire for everything connected with the Mòd a higher measure of success in the future than has hitherto attended the praiseworthy efforts of your Committee and membership. Much has been done in the past, but more will be done year by year if the earnestness and enthusiasm so prominent within your ranks remain at its present high level. That it will do so is a matter of course, for is not the institution Highland to the core, and are not its office-bearers and its members Highlanders of the bluest blood? With these words I again offer you the welcome of the Highland Capital—(applause).

A most entertaining vocal programme was then gone through as follows:—Gaelic song, Master D. Macrae; Gaelic song, Miss Gardener; part songs, Inverness Gaelic Choir; selections on clarsach, Mrs Martin, as representing the Irish Gaelic League; song, "The maid of Malabar," Mr J. Campbell Smith; song, "Afton Water," Miss Watt; song, "Sound the Pibroch," Miss Macleod Thorburn; Gaelic song, Mr R. M'Leod, Inverness.

Mr John M'Leod, Woodlands, Inverness, said—I have very great pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to those who took part in the programme, but before doing so, perhaps you will allow me to make a few remarks germane to the objects of the Society that has brought us together this evening. In the first place it is a matter for sincere congratulation that the Chief Magistrate of the Highland Capital should have felt it to be his duty to publicly and formally receive the members of An Comunn Gaidhealach at the Town House. This is as it should be. I think we may take it as a distinct sign of progress in the work which this Association has set itself to do that it can make an official welcome wherever it goes. As a sociologist and politician, my point of view is probably different from most of you who are here this evening, but my sympathies with the objects of the Association is none the less warm and disinterested on that account. Mr Provost, I was listening the other day, and I think you were too, Sir, to a perfervid Scot who postulated the question to his audience, "What makes a nation?" and he proceeded to answer it himself—a proverbially wise way to get an agreeable reply—by saying "language." I am not myself prepared to accept quite so narrow a definition, but in early times such a definition was certainly true, and even to-day it applies in a very large degree. Is it then any wonder that by means of An Comunn Gaidhealach we Highlanders are determined to keep alive the language and the literature of the Gael? I do not hesitate to say that so soon as the Gaelic language ceases to be spoken, and just to the degree it ceases to be spoken, so many of the finest traits in Highland life and character will disappear. That the educative work of An Comunn Gaidhealach is also necessary is beyond question. Surrounded as we are by another tongue our language, unless stimulated, would be sure to show a waning vocabulary and tendency to the use of English words. In the same way the tendency would be to use English instead of Gaelic idioms. These tendencies the Society's competitions are calculated to counteract. But even if we assume the extinction of Gaelic as a spoken language, the need for An Comunn Gaidhealach is all the greater, for then it should be our business to collect materials and commit them to writing. It would be for us to describe the peculiarities that are distinctive of the living language for the use of those who hereafter may only be able to study it in books, where emphasis, tone, and accent are entirely unknown, and where the comments and expositions of living men familiar with the language and the literature from their childhood would be altogether awanting. We are, however, I feel sure, very far indeed from that day, and to those who are constantly harping on the string of what is the good of the Gaelic I merely use this argument as a complete answer. For the reasons I have given and for many others I could give An Comunn Gaidhealach has a distinct place in our Highland economy, and I trust its present work is but a small earnest of what it will ultimately accomplish. It has often been made a charge against Highlanders that it is only on rare occasions they can be got to combine, and that usually for some object injurious rather than otherwise to their continuance as a distinctive people. My experience is of a very different nature. I know of no people who are more given to organisation, although I admit the tendency is to spread rather than to concentrate effort. But surely it is not beyond the wit of Highlanders to devise a plan by which every Highland or Gaelic Society could affiliate with An Comunn Gaidhealach, and in that way put all the influence of every force that is truly Highland behind it—(applause). To make Highland men and women better citizens should in my judgment be an aim upon which all men and all Societies could unite, and better citizens they undoubtedly would become by a reasoned knowledge of their native language and by the study of Celtic literature—(applause).

Mr Henry Whyte (Fionn) in a few sentences proposed a vote of thanks to the Provost and Magistrates.

Provost Ross briefly replied, and the entertainment was brought to a close.

AN COMUNN GAIDHEALACH.

ENTHUSIASTIC GATHERING IN INVERNESS.

THURSDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The various competitions commenced in the Town Hall and Music Hall on Thursday at 9 a.m., and with the exception of a brief interval, continued all day.

OPENING CEREMONY.

The opening ceremony was performed in the Music Hall at mid-day by the Most Noble the Marquis of Tullibardine, D.S.O., in presence of a large audience of ladies and gentlemen. As his Lordship made his appearance on the platform, the splendid band and pipers of the 1st Battalion Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, under Pipe-Major Mackenzie, "blew their chanters," and while the platform party were taking their seats, discoursed the music of the Gael.

Among those on the platform we observed the Countess of Cromartie, Lady Mary Grant, Miss Farquharson of Invercauld, Madame Gwyneth Vaughan, the Very Rev. Dr Macleod, Inverness; Mr J. P. Grant of Rothiemurchus, Major-General Thomason, Surgeon-General John Macgregor, M.D., Ardgay; Provost Ross, Inverness; Mr Wm. Mackay, solicitor, Inverness; Mr John M'Leod, Woodlands, Inverness; Dr Macbain, Inverness; Rev. C. Robson, Rev. Angus Macdonald, Killearnan; Mr M. Macfarlane, Elderslie; Mr J. Grant, Glasgow; Dr Albert Grant, London; Mr Peter Grant, Glasgow; Mr Henry Whyte ("Fionn"), Glasgow; Mr John Whyte, Inverness; Mr J. Nicholson, Greenock; Rev. Mr Macechern, Coll; Rev. Mr Sinton, Dores; Rev. D. Lamont, Glen-Urquhart, Rev. G. R. Maclennan, Edinburgh; Mr N. D. Mackintosh of Raigmore, ex-Provost Macbean, Inverness; Mr And. Macdonald, Sheriff-Clerk, Inverness; Sheriff Campbell, Portree; Rev. Father Macqueen; Bailie Lyon Guild, Inverness; ex-Bailie Mackay, Inverness; Mr Arch. Menzies, S.S.C., Edinburgh; Mr And. Mackintosh I.R.; Mr Duncan Mactavish, corn merchant; Rev. Mr Macgillivray, Petty; Provost Macrae, Dingwall, &c.

Mr John Mackintosh, solicitor, secretary to the Association, intimated letters of apology for absence from Lord Lovat, Lord Breadalbane, Lord Provost and Mrs Hunter, Dundee; Dr Blair, Edinburgh; Mr Mackenzie of Farr, the Secretary of the London Gaelic Society, and others.

THE SPEECHES.

The Marquis of Tullibardine, in the course of his opening address, said that he felt very much honoured indeed at having been asked by the Association to preside at their annual gathering. He felt that although they could have got one more suitable for the position, at all events they certainly could not have got one who was prouder of being a Highlander and more interested in his native language. In speaking of the work of the Association his lordship said that its object was to foster all that was good and true, and to eliminate all that was bad in these modern days—(applause). One heard at similar meetings that Highlanders generally are not half up to what their forbears were. He, however, did not agree with that. His lordship then proceeded to draw a comparison between Highlanders of the past and present. In dealing with the Gaelic language, he said that there was nothing to be ashamed of in having a unique language, but there was indeed something to be proud of. One only knew what the language really was when they went abroad and mixed among Highlanders as he had done. It was kept together by sentiment, and that the very best kind of sentiment—(applause). He would therefore earnestly ask them to do all in their power to back up this Association and kindred Societies, for they were working for good. He felt that they (the audience) did not come there to listen to him; they came there to listen to all kinds of excellent music, and he would not detain them. It was with the greatest possible pleasure he came to Inverness to open the Mòd. As showing the interest taken by him in the Mòd he would mention that he had this year given a challenge trophy in connection with the competition upon which the names of the winners would be engraved, and he hoped it would go on long after they had passed away—(applause).

RECEPTION OF DELEGATES.

The Chairman then intimated that the next item on the programme was the reception of delegates, and in a few sentences he welcomed them to the gathering, expressing the pleasure that it gave him to do so.

Madame Gwyneth Vaughan, representing the Welsh Eisteddfod, who was enthusiastically received, expressed the pleasure it gave her to be present at the gathering. She regretted that she was unable to speak to them in the Gaelic language. She however, felt very much interested in watching the proceedings. If the Highlanders wanted to keep their language they would have to do so by united effort. No nation, she maintained, could give its best thoughts in any language but its own. She brought them the greetings of their brothers and sisters in Wales. She then referred to the forthcoming Pan-Celtic Conference at Carnarvon, and concluded by saying that the Welsh people would then give them a right royal welcome, and it had been said that they could give as good a welcome as the Highlanders—(applause).

Very Rev. Dr Norman Macleod said he was asked to discharge a very agreeable duty. He had been asked to propose a vote of thanks to their Noble Chairman for the very thoughtful and interesting address with which he had favoured them. He (Dr Macleod) thought he could claim acquaintanceship with Lord Tullibardine for a longer period than most people, a fact they would appreciate when he said that he it was who baptised him. In his boyhood, Lord Tullibardine could speak Gaelic equally as well as he could English, as indeed all of the Atholl family could. From that day till now he had watched the career of Lord Tulibardine with great pleasure and satisfaction. They all knew how he had distinguished himself in the Soudan, and more recently in South Africa. They all knew the magnificent corps he had raised—the Scottish Horse—in very much the same way as Lord Lovat had done his Lovat Scouts. Dr Macleod then referred to the interest taken by the Marquis in social matters. His Lordship was, he said, Highland born and Highland bred. He loved Highland music and Highland traditions, and what was more, he loved the Highlanders themselves—(applause). He (Dr Macleod) did not know a better landlord than his noble father. During all the time he had lived in Blair-Atholl, he had never heard of a complaint from farmer, crofter, or cottar, and there had been no evictions. Dr Macleod concluded by referring to the excellent work done by the Mod.

A hearty vote of thanks was awarded to the Marquis, who afterwards briefly replied.

After the opening ceremony, the Marquis of Tullibardine was entertained to lunch in the Royal Hotel. The Provost, several of the Magistrates, and a number of delegates to the Mod, were among the invited guests.

At two o'clock a resumption of the competitions was made, large audiences being present in both halls during the afternoon.

THE PRIZE-WINNERS.

The following are the prize-winners:—

LITERARY COMPETITIONS.

I.—Poetry.

For the best original and unpublished Gaelic poem, not exceeding 100 lines, on "Clarsach nan Gaidheal." £2 10s, £1 15s, £1, by the Highland Society of London—1 Rev. D. Macechern, Coll; 2 Rev. D. Maccallum, Lochs, Lewis.

For the best and most appropriate original Gaelic song suitable to be sung to Mr Scott Skinner's tune, "Farewell to Gairloch," as given in "The Logie Collection of Music." £3; £2, by A. Burgess, Esq., Gairloch—1 M. Macfarlane, Elderslie, Paisley; 2 Mrs K. W. Grant, New Zealand.

For the best and most appropriate Gaelic song to any bagpipe march, suitable for vocal rendering. £1 1s; 10s 6d (by "People's Journal," Dundee, £1 1s)—John Macfadyen, Glasgow.

For the best Gaelic poem on a patriotic subject. £3 3s; £2 2s, by Gaelic Society of London—John Macfadyen, Glasgow.

For the best Gaelic "Highland Crofters' Song of Hope," suitable for singing to an old or new tune, preferably one with a chorus, the suitability of the air to be taken into account in the adjudication. £5, £2, by Walter B. Blaikie, Esq., Edinburgh—1 M. Macfarlane, Paisley; 2 John Macfadyen, Glasgow.

II.—Prose.

For the best translation from English into Gaelic of any of the tales published in "The Lost Pibroch," by Mr Neil Munro. £3 3s; £2 2s, by the Hon. Stuart Ruadri Erskine—1 Rev. D. W. Mackenzie, Islay; 2 John Macphail, Guisachan, Beauly.

For the best short Gaelic tale of adventure associated with the Highlands or Highlanders. £2 2s, £1 1s, by the Clan Mackay Society—1 John Macfadyen, Glasgow; 2 John Maccormack, do.

For the best Gaelic essay, not exceeding 2000 words, on "The Influence of the '45 on the Highlands." £2 2s by Nicol Macneill, Esq., Argentine Republic, per "Celtic Monthly;" £1 1s by Provost Macrae, Dingwall—1 Mrs K. W. Grant, New Zealand; 2 J. Macphail, Beauly.

For the best Gaelic letter on a simple subject within the knowledge of the authors. Open only to pupils attending schools in Argyllshire in which the Gaelic language is taught. £1 10s by Mrs Burnley Campbell or Ormidale, and "Clarsach nan Doire," by Mr Neil Macleod—1 R. L. Gillies, Morven; 2 K. A. Johnstone, do.

For the best Gaelic letter on a simple subject within the knowledge of the authors. Open to pupils attending any school in the Highland counties in which the Gaelic language is taught. £1 15s by the Hon. Mrs Stuart Ruadri Erskine, and "Clarsach an Doire," by Mr Neil Macleod—1 K. A. Johnstone, Morven; 2 E. Lawrie, Poolewe.

For the best correct writing from dictation of any unfamiliar Gaelic prose piece. £1 15s by the Hon. Mrs Ruadri Erskine, and "Clarsach an Doire," by Mr Neil Macleod—1 Ronald Gillies, Drumin; 2 James Macdonald.

For the best reproduction in writing of a short Gaelic prose piece, read three times in the hearing of the competitors by their schoolmaster. £1; 15s by the Hon. Mrs Stuart Ruadri Erskine—1 Ronald Gillies, Drumin; 2 James Maclennan, Poolewe.

For the best Gaelic translation from Gaelic into English of 20 verses of St Luke's Gospel, and from English into Gaelic of 10 verses from St John's Gospel. Confined to juniors under 16 years of age. £1 and "Caraid nan Gaidheal," by the Greenock Highland Society—1 R. Mackinnon, Greenock; 2 R. Mackenzie, Poolewe.

For the best essay on "The Advantages to Highlanders of an Early Union of all the Scoto-Celtic Societies in Scotland, and practical suggestions as to the best manner in which to bring about such Union." £5 5s by Dr Donald Macgregor, ex-M.P.—Only one competitor came forward, and the prize was withheld for another year.

III.—Musical Composition and Compilation.

For the best original and unpublished melody suitable for Mr Neil Macleod's poem, "Mo bhothan taobh na traigh." £1 1s; 10s 6d, by John A. Stewart, Esq., Perth—John Maccallum, Glasgow.

For the best vocal arrangement of a pibroch not hitherto so arranged. £1 1s; 10s 6d, by W. S. Roddie, Esq., Inverness—No competitors.

For the best original and unpublished bagpipe march. £1 10s by Coatbridge Highland Association—Pipe-Major Taylor, Edinburgh.

For the best and most interesting collection of unpublished Gaelic vocal music. £2; £1 by the Clan Grant Society—John Cameron, Paisley.

MUSICAL COMPETITIONS.

Quartette Singing (confined to male voices). For the best rendering, as a quartette, of any Gaelic song. £2; £1 by W. D. Mackenzie, Esq., of Farr (part of £5).
1 Dundee; 2 Perth.

Solo Singing. Open to professionals, former gold medallists, and prize-winners. For the best Gaelic solo. Male voices—One prize of £3 3s, by Bailie Macdonald, Dundee.
J. H. Matheson, Stornoway.

Solo Singing (confined to Gaelic-speaking natives of the counties of Ross, Sutherland, Cromarty, and Caithness, including the insular parts). £2 10s; £1 10s; £1 by Provost A. Y. Mackay, Grangemouth.
1 John Macleod, Glasgow; 2 Dorothy J. Murray, Stornoway; 3 Miss K. Kennedy, Inverness.

Solo Singing. For the best Gaelic solo (confined to those capable of conversing in the Gaelic language). (1) Female voices—gold medal and £1; £2; £1. (2) Male voices—gold medal and £1; £2; £1 by Inverness Town Council.
Females—Anneta C. Whyte, Glasgow; 2 Bella Matheson, Edinburgh; 3 Margaret A. Cameron, Blackmount. Males—1 John Mowat, Inverness; 2 J. H. Matheson, Stornoway; 3 John Macleod, Glasgow.

Choral Singing. For the best rendering of a Gaelic song, with or without chorus, in four-part harmony. Challenge trophy by the Most Hon. the Marquis of Tullibardine and the Right Hon. Lord Lovat; £10 by A. Bignold, Esq., of Lochrosque, M.P.; £7 by John A. Dewar, Esq., M.P.; £4 by W. Mackay, Esq., Inverness.
1 Dundee Choir; 2 Oban and Inverness Choirs (equal).

Choral Singing (confined to choirs who have not formerly gained a prize at the Mod). For the best rendering of a Gaelic song, with or without chorus, in four-part harmony. One prize, £5 5s, by the Dundee Highland Society; second prize, if three or more choirs enter, £3 3s, per Mrs J. M. Campbell, Oban.
1 Stornoway; 2 Easdale, Argyll.

Choral Singing (confined to Ladies' Choirs). For the best rendering, in two-part or three-part harmony (1) of the song "Am faigh a' Ghàidhlig bàs," and (2) of any Gaelic song chosen by each of the competing choirs. £5, per Miss E. Carmichael, Edinburgh.
1 Stornoway; 2 Edinburgh.

Quartette Singing. For the best rendering, as a quartette, of any Gaelic song. £3; £2 by Sir R. B. Finlay, K.C., M.P.
1 Perth (No. 1); 2 Perth (No. 2).

Solo Singing with Clarsach Accompaniment. For the best rendering of a Gaelic song with clarsach accompaniment. £3; £2, by Lord Archibald Campbell.
Mary Ann Mackechnie, Dunblane.

For the best rendering of a selection of Gaelic airs on the clarsach. One prize of £5 by Lord Archibald Campbell.
Mrs Martin, Ireland.

Solo Singing. For the best rendering of any of Rob Donn's songs. £1 10s; £1; and 10s, by Donald Mackay, Esq., Edinburgh, and John Mackay, Esq., Edinburgh; and "Orain agus Dain," le Rob Donn, by John Mackay, Esq., editor, "Celtic Monthly," Glasgow.
1 Margaret E. Stewart Moodie, Edinburgh; 2 Miss Thorburn, Dundee; 3 John Macleod, Glasgow; 4 Malcolm Campbell, Glasgow.

Solo Singing. Open to professionals, former gold medallists, and prize-winners. For the best Gaelic solo. Female voices—£3 3s by J. E. B. Baillie, Esq., of Dochfour (part of £5).
Mrs Bisset, Perth.

Solo Singing (confined to those capable of conversing in the Gaelic language). For the best rendering of any of the following "Orain Mhor"—"Abadair Ghlinne-Garadh," "An Dubh-Ghleannach," "Moladh Bheinn Dorain," and "Failte Bhraid-Albann." £3.
John Macleod, Glasgow.

Choral competition for juniors under 16 years of age. For the best rendering of a Gaelic song, with or without chorus, sung in two or three-part harmony. £5 by the London Inverness-shire Association; £3 by Mrs Fraser-Mackintosh of Drummond.
Poolewe Gaelic Choir.

Solo singing for juniors under 16 years of age (confined to those capable of conversing in the Gaelic language). For the best Gaelic solo. (1) Female voices—Gold medal and £1 1s; 10s 6d. (2) Male voices—Gold medal and £1 1s; 10s 6d (£2 2s by St Columba Gaelic Choir).
Females—1 Maggie M. Duncan, Glasgow; 2 Maggie Maclennan, Poolewe. Males—1 Kenneth J. Macrae, Inverness; 2 Charlie Macdougall, Inverness.

For the best rendering as a duet of any Gaelic song. £2; £1 (by Neil D. Mackintosh, Esq., of Raigmore, £1 1s).
1 Margaret E. Stewart Moodie and Kate Bruce, Edinburgh; 2 Miss Rodgers, Dundee, and Mr Allan.

For the best rendering as a duet of any song by Rob Donn. £2 10s and "Orain agus Dain," le Rob Donn; £1 10s and "Orain agus Dain," le Rob Donn; £1 and "Orain agus Dain," le Rob Donn (£5 by John Mackay, Esq., Hereford; books, John Mackay, Esq., "Celtic Monthly.")
1 Mrs Bisset and Miss Stewart, Perth; 2 Miss Whyte and Mr J. Macleod, Glasgow; 3 Miss Macrae and Miss Thomson, Perth.

For the best rendering of a Gaelic humorous song. £1 1s; 10s 6d, by Archd. Menzies, Esq., S.S.C., Edinburgh.
1 J. H. Matheson, Stornoway; 2 Mrs Sim, Edinburgh.

RECITATION.

Seniors.

For the best Gaelic Recitation. £2; £1. £2 2s by Dr Blair, Edinburgh; 10s 6d by Mr A. Munn, Oban.
1 Mary Mackinnon, Oban; 2 J. Macfadyen, Glasgow.

Juniors.

For the best Gaelic recitation. £1 1s by Bradley-Martin, Esq., Balmacaan; 10s 6d and "Clarsach an Doire;" 5s and "Clarsach an Doire;" (10s by "A Friend.")
1 Maggie Duncan, Glasgow; 2 Jessie Ferguson, Morven; 3 Ronald Gillies, do.

READING.

For the best Gaelic reading. £2; £1; 10s 6d and "Clarsach an Doire." £2 2s by Mr Peter Macintyre, Balvicar; 10s 6d by Mr A. Munn, Oban.
1 M. A. Mackechnie, Dunblane; 2 Mary Mackinnon, Oban; 3 John Macaskill, Inverness.

CONVERSATION.

For the best Gaelic conversation, to be carried on between the competitors and judges, or some one or more persons to be appointed by them. Confined to juniors under 16 years of age. £1 and "Clarsach an Doire," per Miss E. Carmichael and Mr E. K. Carmichael, Edinburgh.
Kenneth Mackenzie, Poolewe, and Katie Ann Johnstone, Morven (equal).

ORATORY.

For the best delivery, without written or other aids to memory, of a prepared speech in the Gaelic language. £2; by Edinburgh Skye Association; £1; 10s.
John Macaskill, Inverness.

VIOLIN PLAYING.

For the best rendering of a Gaelic air, Strathspey and Reel, on the violin. Gold medal; silver medal; bronze medal, by Sir Jas. Colquhoun of Luss, Bart.
1 D. Mackenzie, Inverness; 2 Frances Arthur, Dundee; 3 Daisy Taylor, Glasgow.

THE COMPETITIONS.

The competitions in the Music Hall included quartette singing, solo singing, choral singing, and singing with clarsach accompaniments and clarsach playing of Gaelic melodies. There were numerous competitors forward, and the standard of merit was fully equal to former years. The judges were—Messrs Murray, Glasgow; Waddel, Edinburgh; Rev. A. Macdonald, Killearnan; and Rev. Charles M. Robertson. Mr W. Stewart Roddie, junr., acted as accompanist. The competitions simultaneously carried on in the Town Hall included solo singing by juniors and humorous songs, the adjudicators being Mr Adamson, Dundee; Mr Litster, Aberdeen; Rev. Mr Sinton, Dores, and Rev. Mr Lamont, Glen-Urquhart. Miss Anna Taylor acted as accompanist. The third competition was also held in the Council Chamber, and included oratory, conversation and recitations. The judges were Miss Carmichael, Edinburgh; Miss Macgregor, Perth; Dr Campbell, Oban; Dr Norman Macleod, and Mr Wm. Mackay. The violin playing of an air, strathspey and reel, was judged by Mr Menzies, Edinburgh; Mr Roddie, and Mr And. Mackintosh.

CONCERT IN MUSIC HALL.

A BRILLIANT FUNCTION.

On Thursday evening one of the most successful concerts which was ever held in the Capital of the Highlands took place under the genial presidency of the Most Noble the Marquis of Tullibardine, D.S.O. So great was the demand for admission tickets to this brilliant function, that early in the evening the Committee were reluctantly compelled to stop the sale, and long before the advertised time of commencement the large and commodious hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, while at the main door were to be seen hundreds who were unfortunately unable to obtain admission, many of them indeed expressing their willingness to pay double price. Among those present we observed many distinguished ladies and gentlmen who take a deep interest in all Celtic matters. The proceedings were opened by the Pipe Band of the 1st Battalion Cameron Highlanders, under Pipe-Major Mackenzie, who, in their usual splendid style, rendered stirring selections, much to the enjoyment of those present.

The Marquis of Tullibardine, who was loudly cheered, apologised for the concert starting so late, and said it was their own fault, as so many people were trying to get into the hall that none could get in—(laughter). One of the first items on the programme was the President's address, and he thought they were following the example of the music halls in London, where they usually put the poorest items first—(laughter). He had not the least notion why they should expect a speech from him when they came to hear good music. There was one thing of which he might remind them, as he had done in the morning. They were fond of praising their native land, and talked a great deal of "Tir nam Beann" and "nam Gleann," and a great deal about "gasgeachs." The first two were an evident fact. They had got a very fine country, but they had not themselves to thank for it. He could assure them that they would never be able to call it the land of the "Gasgeach" if they were to let the Gaelic language die out—(applause). They would be like the Irishman, who said they would never be able to look their forebears or descendants in the face—(laughter). It was a great pleasure to him personally to see such interest taken in the songs of their native land that evening. He could promise them that they would hear a concert that night which they would not hear in any other part of the world—(applause). He was sure the performers would feel grateful to them for the encouragement given them by such large numbers turning out to hear them. There was an old Scotsman who had been at Waterloo. His name was Louie Grant. He was orderly to the Duke of Wellington—at least he said so himself—(laughter). Louie took a spying-glass, and said to his Grace, "I see Napoleon Bonapartey coming." His Grace said, "Then, Louie, the battle may begin"—(laughter). He (the Marquis of Tullibardine) would say no more, but "let the battle begin"—(laughter and applause).

The programme, which was a long and varied one, composed entirely of Gaelic songs, was then proceeded with. The combined choirs, under the able leadership of Mr W. S. Roddie, commenced the vocal part of the programme by a spirited and patriotic rendering of "Na Gaidheil an guaillibh a cheile," which was warmly and justly applauded. Mr John Macleod, Glasgow, who is, in our opinion, second only to his brother, Mr R. M'Leod, as a popular Gaelic singer, next appeared, and the manner in which he rendered "Gur gile mo leannan" earned for him round after round of applause, and proved that his popularity as an exponent of Gaelic song was at least within measureable distance of that of the "Prince of Gaelic singers," of whom Invernessians and Highlanders generally are so justly proud. During the evening the Highland Reel and Strathspey Band enlivened the proceedings with selections, their efforts being much appreciated, as was sufficiently evidenced by the animation which became apparent amongst the audience as the musicians struck up their lively airs. The efforts of the various choirs were much appreciated, and while it would be invidious to single out any choir in particular for special mention, we can scarcely refrain from remarking that the Dundee Gaelic Choir were particularly happy in their rendering of "Suas leis a Ghaidhlig," while the Poolewe Junior Choir also received a hearty reception, their singing of "Ho ro mo nighean donn bhoidheach" being admirable. The waulking song, as rendered in character by the Edinburgh Gaelic Choir, was, perhaps, the feature of the evening. The energetic manner in which the young ladies went about their business of waulking the homespun web, while at the same time singing the sweetest of Gaelic melodies was a source of much merriment and enjoyment to the audience, who did not refrain from giving expression to their hearty appreciation. Encores during the evening were few, there being only two, which is perhaps accounted for by the fact that the programme was an exceedingly lengthy one. One of the singers fortunate enough to secure an encore was Miss Lizzie Mackenzie, whose inimitable rendering of "Fear a Bhàta" entirely captivated the audience. She was, however, unable to respond owing to the length of the programme. Of course, as would naturally be expected, the next to be encored was Mr R. M'Leod, and in his case the audience would take no denial, so that he was compelled to reappear. The various prize-winners during the day also took part in the programme, and the manner in which they performed their respective parts was sufficient proof of the fairness and impartiality with which the somewhat difficult task of judging was carried out. At an interval in the proceedings the Marquis of Tullibardine presented the prizes to the successful competitors. The Marquis, who was leaving by train, was compelled to vacate the chair before the programme was completed.

Mr Menzies, Edinburgh, accordingly proposed that a hearty vote of thanks should be accorded to his lordship for his conduct in the chair that evening, and for the admirable manner in which he fulfilled the duties, which were somewhat onerous in connection with such a large event. The audience heartily responded, rising in a body and giving three hearty cheers, followed by the chorus, "For he's a jolly good fellow."

The Marquis of Tullibardine acknowledged the compliment, and said it was both a duty and a pleasure to him to be present at the Mod. He thanked them for the way in which they had backed up the chair in carrying out the programme. He was proud of being a Gaelic speaker—(cheers)—but he did not think his Gaelic was good enough to be used in front of such a critical audience—(laughter and cheers). He wished good luck to all, and hoped they would meet at the next Mod, wherever it might be held—(cheers).

The chair was then taken by Mr Menzies. The concluding item on the programme was a part song, "Suas leis a' Ghaidhlig," which, as sung by the combined choir, was most inspiriting, and was certainly most appropriate to the occasion.

It is only fair to mention that the success of this function was due in a very great measure to the indefatigable efforts of Mr John Mackintosh, the energetic secretary of the Association, who is a most enthusiastic Highlander, and who is deeply interested in the welfare of the Highland Association, as well as in all that tends to promote Celtic interests. To those who assert that the Gaelic language is dying out, and who predict that ere long it will have no existence, we take this opportunity of recommending them to attend the concerts held under the auspices of the Highland Association, and they will find that, as the years go by, the interest taken in the language of Eden increases.

The accompaniments during the evening were ably played by Mr W. Stewart Roddie and others.

The following is the original programme, which was gone through with slight alteration:—

PART I.—Selections, Cameron Highlanders' Pipe Band; part song, "Na Gaidheil an guaillibh a cheile," Combined Choir; song, "Gur gile mo leannan," Mr John Macleod; selections of Strathspeys and reels, Highland Reel and Strathspey Band; part song, "O, tha mo dhùil ruit," Easdale Gaelic Choir; song, "Tàladh," Miss K. MacColl; part song, "An t-Eilean Muileach," Oban Gaelic Choir; song (with Highland harp accompaniment), "Rùn geal dìleas," Mrs Martin; solo, "Fear a Bhàta," Miss Lizzie Mackenzie; part song, "Air fal-al-al-o," Inverness Select Choir; song, "Cead deireannach nam beann," Mr R. M'Leod; part song, "An Gàidheal 's a leannan," Stornoway Gaelic Choir.

PART II.—Selections, Cameron Highlanders' Pipe Band; part song, "An Gaol a thug mi òg," Combined Choir; song, Gold Medallist (gentleman); part song, "He 'n clò dubh," Inverness Gaelic Choir; song (with Highland harp accompaniment), "Faill ill ó agus ho ro éile," Miss Mary Ann Mackechnie; part song, "An Gille dubh Ciar-dubh," Dundee Gaelic Choir; song, Gold Medallist (lady); waulking song, "Gur moch an diugh, &c." (in character), Edinburgh Gaelic Choir; song, First Prize-winner in Open Solo Competition (lady); duet, First Prize-winners; part song, Perth Gaelic Choir; song, First Prize-Winner in Open Solo Competition (gentleman); selections of Strathspeys and reels, Highland Reel and Strathspey Band; quartette, First Prize-winners; part song, "Suas leis a' Ghaidhlig," Combined Choir.

NOTES ON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPETITORS.

LITERARY COMPOSITIONS.

As usual the majority of prizes went to natives of Argyllshire—some of them resident far from the homeland. Mrs K. Whyte Grant, New Zealand, who has more than once carried prizes at the Mòd, was again successful. She is a native of Appin. One of her pieces, that set to music, is a lament for General Sir Hector Macdonald. Mr M. Macfarlane, Elderslie, a well-known Gael and a close friend of the Mod, has carried several prizes. Another old friend of the Mod, Mr John Macfadyen, was again successful. Both Mr Macfarlane and Mr Macfadyen are natives of Argyllshire—the former being from Lochawe and the latter from Mull. Another Argyllshire Celt is Rev. Donald MacCallum, Lochs, Lewis, who takes a prize for poetry. Rev. Mr Macechern, Coll, is a native of Inverness, but has been minister of Coll for some years. Rev. D. W. Mackenzie, Islay, is a former prize-taker at the Mòd. He is a native of Lewis. Mr John MacCormick, Glasgow, is a native of Ross of Mull, and a well-known Gael. Quite a number of the prizes for juveniles went to the district of Morven. In the musical competitions Argyllshire takes several of the prizes. Mr John MacCallum, Glasgow, a former prize-winner, is a native of Taynuilt (Argyll). Mr John Cameron, Paisley, is a native of Lochaber or Ballachulish.

MUSICAL COMPETITORS.

Mr Matheson, who carried away the prize for the open competition, is a native of Uig, Lewis. Mr John M'Leod, Glasgow, who won the prize for solo singing confined to Ross, Sutherland, Cromarty, and Caithness, is a native of Elphin, Sutherland. He carried away several other prizes. His singing of the "Oran Mor" gave him easily the first place. The "Oran Mor" he sang was "Alasdair Ghlinn Garradh." The Mod medallists—the blue ribbon of the Mod—were Miss Annetta Campbell Whyte, Glasgow, and Mr John Mowatt, Inverness. Miss Whyte won the medal in the junior competition last year at Dundee, and is the first junior prize-winner who has secured the much-coveted senior medal. The third prize-winner in this competition, Miss M. A. Cameron, Blackmount, carried away the junior prize in Glasgow two years ago. If we mistake not, Miss Moodie, the lady who won the Rob Donn first prize, is a daughter of a Kintail lady. Mrs Bisset, Perth, has won several prizes at former Mods, and carried away the prize for the open competition on this occasion. Mr Mal. Campbell, another prize-winner, is a native of Dalmally. Mrs Sim, Edinburgh, is a native of Argyllshire, and appeared in the prize-list of former Mods.

READINGS AND RECITATIONS.

In these competitions Argyllshire lads and lasses came out well. The little children from Drimnin were particularly bright and intelligent, and much credit is due to Miss Stewart, their teacher, for the appearance made. Mr Matheson sang "Caol Muile" in place of the gold medallist, Mr Mowat, who was absent. The quartette party sang "Rùn geal dìleas." The concert was most enjoyable, and Mr Menzies and his Reel and Strathspey Band, by their accompaniments to the songs rendered by the combined choirs, are deserving of the highest praise.

NOTES ON THE CONCERT PROGRAMME.

[By Fionn.]

The opening song, "Na Gaidheil an guaillibh a cheile" (Highlanders, shoulder to shoulder), is a prize competition as regards words and music. About ten years ago Dr Fraser-Mackintosh offered a prize of £20 for the best original melody for a Gaelic patriotic song, and the melody which carried the prize was that of Mr Lindsay Mackay, M.A., LL.B., Glasgow. A year or so later Mr John Mackay, Hereford, offered a prize of two guineas for the best original and unpublished Gaelic song written on a patriotic theme, and suitable to be sung to Mr Lindsay's prize air. The prize was awarded to Mr M. Macfarlane for the song, "Na Gaidheil an Guaillibh a chéile." This excellent song, although published, was not sung until about two years ago, when Mr Rod. M'Leod, Inverness, sang it at the Gaelic Society concert in London. He also sung it at the Dundee Mod last year, and since then it has been arranged for choral performance.

"Gur gile mo leannan" is an old favourite. It is the composition of Ewan Maclachlan, the Lochaber Bard, who also wrote a translation of the verses, which is also popular.

"O, tha mo dhùil riut" is a song by Neil Macleod to a Rob Donn air, heard for the first time at the Oban Mod some ten years ago. It has since found its way to the "Coisir Chiùil."

Miss K. MacColl's "Tàladh," or song of carressing, I got from the late Sheriff Nicolson as far back as 1879. It is supposed to have been sung by a good fairy, who, having entered a house, found a baby sleeping in a cradle, its mother having deserted it.

"An t-Eilean Muileach" is a well-known song in praise of the Island of Mull. The author, the late Dugald Macphail—the "Muileach" of Gaelic literature—composed several songs which have attained well-deserved popularity.

"Mo rùn geal dìleas" is an Islay song of long ago. It is said to have been composed by Maclean of Torloisg, Mull, to Isobal Campbell of Ballinaby, Islay, probably two centuries ago.

"Fear a' bhàta" is one of the many anonymous Gaelic songs which have attained popularity.

"Air fal-al-al o" is an old Hebridean air, probably a spinning song, to which some love verses have been written.

"Cead deireannach nam beann" is the composition of Duncan Ban MacIntyre, the hunter bard of Glenorchy. It was written on the occasion of his visiting his native district after some years' residence in Edinburgh. He spent the day on his favourite mountain, Ben Dorain, and then poured forth his soul in lamenting the changes which had taken place since he had left his favourite Ben. The bard at this time was about 80 years of age, and so he bids a last farewell to the hills of his youth. He concludes:—

"Then wild heath forest, fare you well,
Ye wonderful bright hills;
Farewell, sweet spring and grassy dell,
Farewell to running rills.
Farewell, vast deserts, mountains grand,
With peaks the clouds that sever;
Scenes of past pleasure pure and bland,
Farewell, farewell for ever.

"An Gaidheal 'sa leannan" consists of a few modern verses to the air of an old waulking-song. It has a fine swing, and enjoys great popularity.

"Am gaol a thug mi òg" is a modern song by Neil Macleod to an old refrain with a touching air.

"He 'n clo-dubh" is a Jacobite song by Alex. Macdonald (Mac Mhaighstir Alasdair) on the prescription of the Highland dress, which immediately followed the Battle of Culloden. It is composed to the air of an old waulking song. The wonder is that such a song was allowed to be published so soon after Culloden.

"Faill ill ó, agus ho ro eile" is an old love song, the author of which seems to be unknown.

The next item, "An gille dubh, ciar-dubh" is an old Lochaber song dating as far back as the thirteenth century. The Gaelic words appear in Ronald Macdonald's collection of 1776, while sets of the melody are to be found in Findlay Dun's "Orain na h-Alba" (1848) and Campbell's "Language, Poetry, and Music of the Highland Clans." The heroine of the song was ultimately married to her "Gille dubh ciar dubh"—Cameron of Glen Nevis.

"Gur moch an diugh a rinn mi éirigh" is a popular waulking-song with excellent "go" for the operation for which it is intended.

"Oran an ainm Iain Mhic Eachainn" is the composition of Rob Donn, the Sutherlandshire bard. It has a pleasant melody.

"Suas leis a' Ghàidhlig," or the rallying song of the Mod, is a modern composition. The words are by Mr Duncan Reid, Glasgow, while the melody is by the writer of these notes.

The Poolewe Choir gave a nice rendering of "Mo nighean donn bhoidheach." The prize duet was "Maile bheag òg." The lady medallist sang an Argyllshire song, "Thug mi gaol do'n fhear bhàn."

"AT HOME" BY INVERNESS GAELIC CHOIR.

The competitors at the Mod afterwards attended an "At Home" in the Music Hall given by the members of the Inverness Gaelic Choir, of which Mr Rod. M'Leod is the conductor. A large number of ladies and gentlemen availed themselves of the invitation of Mr M'Leod and his choir, and a most enjoyable night was spent, dancing having been kept up with great spirit for several hours.

VISIT TO JACOBITE EXHIBITION.

On the invitation of Mr Wm. Mackay, solicitor, Inverness, vice-president of the Association, the competitors at the Mod (including choirs) visited the Jacobite Exhibition, which, as already stated, was kept open for a week longer than was at first arranged in order that those attending the Mod might have an opportunity of viewing the relics of the '45. Much interest was evinced by the visitors in the many quaint and curious exhibits; and while expressing the pleasure it gave them to have had the opportunity of viewing such a unique collection of articles connected with the wanderings of Bonnie Prince Charlie, they were loud in their praise of Mr Mackay for his forethought in extending to them an invitation to visit the Exhibition.

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SUMMARIES.

At the Rochester election on Wednesday Mr Charles Tuff, the Unionist candidate, was elected in succession to Lord Cranborne.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, speaking at a Liberal meeting at Blairgowrie on Thursday, said the country was not surprised at the recent resignations, but rather surprised that they stopped where they did.

An Aberdeen contemporary informs us that there is no truth in the report that Mr Whitelaw, Chairman of the Highland Railway, has accepted the position of Conservative candidate for the Inverness Burghs.

THE MOD.

The Highland Capital have this year had the honour of entertaining AN COMUNN GAIDHEALACH, the association which, more than any other individual organisation, represents Highland sentiment. It was a graceful acknowledgement of the good work The Highland Association is doing that the Magistrates and Town Council should have entertained the members and their friends. Six years have passed since AN COMUNN GAIDHEALACH was in our midst, and the most casual observer could not but admit the great advance that has been made in the number and quality of the competitions. The public interest in the various competitions is also obviously on the increase. This is as it should be, as no worthier popular force could be at work in the Highlands than AN COMUNN GAIDHEALACH. As usual, the number of musical competitions easily exceeded those in other departments, and the tendency is constantly in the direction of improvement. Unfortunately, in modern years more than perhaps in any other direction, has the Highlander in his native land become silent in the matter of song. Happily this does not apply to those who have been expatriated, and the result is to-day that by means of The Highland Association choirs and individual singers are springing up in our large towns as well as in the Highlands itself. The quality of the singing this year is a distinct advance on past years. Poetry, both in quality and quantity, is behind previous years, but we do not look upon this as any reflection upon the good work the Association is doing. The production of much poetry is not, in our judgment, altogether an evidence of strength. The real test of the progress of a literary people is, in our opinion, their prose, and in this respect excellent progress is being made. The cultivation of prose is not only spreading among the older members of AN COMUNN GAIDHEALACH, but is also showing itself in the younger generation. To particularise the translation of a portion of one of Mr Neil Munro's English compositions goes to show how wonderfully near the author is to actuality, and how easy it is for the capable translator to give a close version in the Gaelic tongue. The prose competitions of the young people in our schools are beyond praise, and we trust the Association will see its way to give further encouragement in this department, a line of effort first pointed out and stimulated by "The Highland News." The competitions of the young people may indeed be described as exceedingly good, many of the letters showing a bright and lively wit that pleasurably surprised even case-hardened judges. The only regret is that the districts should be so circumscribed from which competitors come, counties like Sutherland being wholly absent, while Inverness-shire did not take that place which its position as the premier county of the Highlands—as of Scotland—entitled it to. But that will come. With a greater encouragement to Highland teachers, as well as to those taught, we have every confidence in the movement which AN COMUNN GAIDHEALACH is doing so much to foster. A full report of the various functions in connection with this great Highland gathering will be found on page 3.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

Rochester comes as a reminder to Free Traders that the battle of preferential tariffs is by no means over. No doubt there are special circumstances in connection with this particular constituency that go to explain the result, but there is no getting away from the fact that the Tory majority is slightly greater than on the last occasion when there was a contest. We hope that the existence of a considerable body of opinion favourable to Mr Chamberlain's proposals will be borne in mind, as only in this way will his pernicious proposals be defeated. Meantime Mr Chamberlain has re-named his organisation which he has now christened the Imperial Tariff League. To Mr Balfour it has not been so easy to reconstitute his Cabinet, which now no longer holds Lord Balfour of Burleigh, while Mr Arthur Elliot has resigned his secretaryship at the Treasury. But no ultimate difficulty is anticipated, and there seems now no doubt that the Government will meet Parliament in the spring. The line the Prime Minister has taken has apparently paralysed the action of the Free Trade Unionists, who, while opposed to taxing food, have no particular opinion as to retaliatory duties. The probabilities, therefore, are that Mr Balfour will meet Parliament with a majority quite strong and coherent enough for some attempt at legislative work—that is if the country will allow him. The political immorality of the situation does not appear to weigh with him one little bit. That he should hold the same opinions as Mr Chamberlain, and yet propose a line of policy entirely arranged and designed merely to keep himself in power, while his old partner works the country, is one of the worst scandals of which our political history holds any record. But to the Prime Minister, who can argue himself into any belief he pleases, such a situation no doubt appears quite tolerable, and only the country will compel a change of view. It is therefore for Liberals, and those who sympathise with them, to be up and doing, and insist upon the real issue being put before the country. Veil the proposal as the Prime Minister may, the ultimate result of his policy means the taxation of the food of the people.

SAD DEATH OF A YOUNG MAN.—Many friends will regret to hear that among those who were drowned in the recent sad disaster which resulted from the collision last Friday between H.M.S. "Sutlej," of the Channel Fleet, and the "Charles Chalmers," Aberdeen, was John Rennie Mackintosh, youngest son of the late Angus Rennie Mackintosh, shipmaster, Inverness. Mackintosh, who was only 21 years of age, was a smart and promising young man, and to his bereaved mother and the rest of the family much sympathy is extended. It may be remembered that for some years deceased's eldest brother was assistant registrar in Inverness. The family are now resident in Aberdeen.

For articles on Automobilism in the Highlands and Inverness Valuation Appeal Court see page 8.

Sheriff-Principal Johnston, K.C., was in Inverness yesterday, and held a sitting in the Castle.

Last night a dancing assembly was held in the Music Hall, Inverness, by pupils of Professor Gillies. There was a large attendance, and dancing was kept up till an early hour this morning. Excellent music was discoursed by the orchestra.

BOWMORE LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.—As a result of the great Liberal victory in Argyllshire we are pleased to observe that the electors of Bowmore have formed themselves into a Liberal Association, and there is every likelihood that other districts in the county will follow suit.

RAMBLERS' DANCE.—The season for annual dances is now on us, and the Ramblers, in the forefront since their institution, lead the way with holding their first annual hop in the Alexandra Hotel on Wednesday, 8th October. The dance promises to be a success, and tickets should now be secured.

CROWN CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.—Special anniversary services are to be conducted in the Crown Church to-morrow (Sabbath) morning and evening by Professor Iverach, D.D., Aberdeen. Special collections will be taken at both services for the purpose of reducing the debt that still remains on the building. Such a well-known and popular preacher as Professor Iverach should not fail to draw out large and appreciative audiences at both diets of worship.

ON THE CUMBERLAND STONE.—Several of the Mod visitors, after examining the relics in the Jacobite Exhibition yesterday, drove out to Culloden Moor, there to view the spot where the last dread scene was enacted which for ever crushed the aspirations of Prince Charlie. Among the visitors to the Battlefield were the members of the Easdale Gaelic Choir, numbering about thirty, who assembled on the stone and sung, with much feeling and patriotic fervour, "Bonnie Charlie's noo awa'." They were thereafter photographed by Mr Adam Cooper, Market Brae, both on the stone and by the side of the memorial cairn.

AN INVERNESS PHOTOGRAPHER COMPLIMENTED.—The Photographic Society of Great Britain are presently holding their forty-eighth annual exhibition in the New Gallery, Regent Street, London. Scottish pictorial photographers are largely and well represented, and it is gratifying to observe that Inverness is in evidence. The London correspondent of the "Scotsman" says:—"Mr Andrew Paterson, Inverness, is seen to much advantage in the 'Head of a Man,' a serious head, and face as of the age of Cavaliers and Roundheads." Such a criticism is in itself sufficient to show the high position attained in the profession by Mr Paterson.

ACCIDENT TO RAILWAY OFFICIAL.—A slight accident occurred at the Goods Station, Inverness, on Wednesday forenoon. It appears that while a goods train was slowly moving into the shed, Mr Maclennan, goods superintendent, stepped on to the footboard. On coming to the shed, however, the aperture was too narrow to admit of his entering, with the result that his shoulder came in violent contact with the wall. His shoulder blade was injured, and he was otherwise slightly bruised. He was conveyed home in a cab and attended to by Dr Mackay. His condition is considered satisfactory, and it is anticipated that it will not be long before Mr Maclennan will be able to be at his post again.

HOTEL EMPLOYEES' TRIP.—Yesterday the employees and staff of the Caledonian Hotel, Inverness, were entertained to an excursion by Mr Frank Steven, manager. The party left Inverness early in the forenoon for the Falls of Kilmorack, where they stayed for a short time. They then proceeded to Beauly, where they were entertained to luncheon in the Lovat Arms Hotel. In the course of the afternoon a variety entertainment was gone through in the form of songs, recitations, &c. Tea having been served, the party then left for Inverness. A halt, however, was made at Bogroy, where dancing was indulged in for a few hours. The trip was greatly enjoyed by all, much credit being due to Mr Steven for the admirable arrangements.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION TO A TOWN'S SERVANT.—Last night Mr John Hay, who has acted as cashier in the Town Clerk's Office for the last fourteen years, was, on the occasion of his retiral from active work, made the recipient of a purse of fifteen guineas, subscribed by his many friends in Inverness. Mr Laing, Town Clerk Depute, who made the presentation, referred to Mr Hay's many good qualities, and the general esteem and respect in which he was held by those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Mr Hay, in replying, said that in his retirement in Dingwall he would always remember his friends in Inverness with affection. Mr G. C. Watt moved a vote of thanks to Mr Laing for making the presentation.

INVERNESS DRAUGHTS CLUB.—Last night the Inverness Draughts Club held their annual general meeting in the Workmen's Club, Inverness. There was a fair attendance of members present, while Mr James Munro, vice-president, occupied the chair. Mr David Ballingall, secretary, read the minutes of last meeting, which were adopted. The Treasurer's report was considered very satisfactory. On the motion of Mr Munro, tailor, seconded by Mr Brickman, the Chairman (Mr Munro), was appointed president. The other office-bearers were appointed as follows:—Vice-President, Mr Wm. Chisholm; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr Brickman; Committee, Messrs Don. Grant, D. W. Ballingall, Wm. Ross, Alex. Munro, A. Jenkins, John Macgilivray, and John Urquhart. In appointing the Secretary, the Chairman referred to the zealous manner in which Mr Ballingall, the retiring secretary, had discharged the duties of that office, which did much towards the success of the club. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

GARDEN PARTY AT DOCHFOUR.—On Monday afternoon a very smart garden party took place at Dochfour, under the auspices of the Primrose League. The weather being ideal, there was a large turnout, and Mr and the Hon. Mrs Baillie entertained their guests with the warmest hospitality. In the brilliant sunshine, the grounds and gardens looked their best. The Dochfour pipe band discoursed excellent music while refreshments were being partaken of, the purveying of which was done by Mr Mirtle, Castle Street. Before dispersing, there was an hour or two's enjoyable dancing. Mrs Baillie was gowned in a beautiful tucked white silk voile, trimmed with exquisite deep lace flounces; ornaments, pearls and a black hat which had white feathers. Mrs Fraser Tytler was gowned in black silk, trimmed with white, and wore a large black hat. Another handsome lady, of Mrs Baillie's house party, wore a lovely white serge gown, with a touch of orange velvet.

HONOUR TO AN INVERNESS TEACHER.—The annual meeting of the Educational Institute of Scotland was held at Edinburgh on Saturday last. Mr A. T. Watson, Dumbarton, retiring president, nominated Mr Thomas Wallace, High School, Inverness, as his successor to that office, and in so doing referred to Mr Wallace as a scholar and gentlemen who had long been prominent in the educational world. Mr Wallace, in reply, thanked him for his kind remarks, and said they were face to face with great educational reforms, and while it was necessary that they should have a very decided policy with regard to the rearrangement of areas and new educational administration, he trusted they would still have a stronger policy of representation, so as to secure for the teachers of Scotland a share in the framing of a truly national system of education. He was personally opposed to large schools, both in the interests of education and the large body of class teachers. The mind of the Education Department was at present, he thought, open to suggestions, and now was the time to make them if they were to receive due consideration. Teachers would be severely to blame if they did not take steps to have some share in the framing of future legislation.

RESIGNATION OF CAPTAIN MONRO.—Captain Monro, R.M. Inspector of Constabulary, has tendered his resignation to the Government, and will retire in May next year. This is his last annual tour over Scotland.

S.S. "ROSEHAUGH" HAVING A DAY OFF.—We are desired to state that the s.s. "Rosehaugh" will not sail as usual between Fortrose and Inverness to-day owing to being on a special trip from Fortrose to Cromarty in connection with the visit of the Channel Fleet.

ASSAULT BY A CAB-DRIVER.—At the Burgh Police Court on Monday—before Bailie Lyon Guild—WM. Smith, a cab-driver, residing at Carlton Terrace, was brought up on a charge of having assaulted Simon Chisholm in Maclennan's yard. Accused pleaded guilty, and a sentence of £1 or 14 days' imprisonment was passed.

SHOP EARLY.—It is announced in our columns to-day that the local shopkeepers will resume their usual weekly half-holidays, commencing on Wednesday, 7th October. Shoppers would do well to note this and shop early, and so encourage the merchants in keeping to this custom, thereby shortening the long hours of the assistants.

NORTHERN COUNTIES' FAT SHOW CLUB.—The annual show and sale under the auspices of the Northern Counties Breeding and Fat Show Club will take place in Messrs Macdonald, Fraser & Co.'s Auction Mart, Inverness, on Tuesday, 6th October. We understand that the entries are fully up to the average of former years.

SALVATION ARMY HARVEST FESTIVAL.—Adjutant Stoddart, who is in command of the local branch of the Salvation Army, will be busily engaged to-day, along with a band of willing workers, in decorating the Music Hall in connection with the annual Harvest Festival, which is to be held there this evening and all day to-morrow.

PRESENTATION TO A SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER.—At the close of the weekly prayer meeting in the Free North Church on Wednesday the Rev. Murdo Mackenzie presented Mr Farquhar Macrae with a teacher's Bible bound in morocco as a token of esteem and appreciation of his services as a Sabbath School teacher on the occasion of his leaving town to prosecute his studies in Aberdeen University.

CONVERSAZIONE AND DANCE AT BEAULY.—On the eve of the opening day of the Phipps' Institute, Beauly, a very happy conversazione and dance was held in the newly-opened building. The concert programme was a high-class and enjoyable one, while the dance that followed was a very enjoyable one to all who attended. Mr Leslie-Reed's well-known and much appreciated orchestra discoursed suitable music at the latter function.

THE JEWISH NEW YEAR IN INVERNESS.—On Tuesday the Jewish community in Inverness began the celebration of the new year of 5664, the festival extending over Wednesday. All their respective places of business were closed, the New Markets presenting a very dull appearance. Several of the community journeyed to Edinburgh and Glasgow to attend worship in the synagogues there, although the majority of them remained in the Highland Capital.

GIFT TO NORTHERN INFIRMARY AND CONVALESCENT HOME.—We learn that Mr Frank Grant, Maryhill, has just presented the Northern Infirmary and Convalescent Home, Bona, with twenty beautifully upholstered chairs for the use of patients. Mr Grant has always taken a deep interest in these institutions; and this is only one of the many gifts which they have received at his hands. We may mention that the chairs were specially designed and made by Messrs Maciver & Co., cabinetmakers and upholsterers, Church Street.

RESULT OF CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.—the Scottish Education Department held in July has now been announced as follows:—Final Examination—Miss Taylor, High School, which gives her the status of a certificated teacher. First Year's Examination—Miss Husband, High School, has gained a place in the First Class, while the names of Miss Christina Maclean, Miss Anna B. Fraser, Miss Annie Mackenzie, Miss Jessie Mackenzie, Merkinch School, and Miss Kate Mackenzie, Central School, appear in the Second Class, and Miss Falconer, Kirkhill, in the Third Class.

A SASSENACH AND THE KILT.—Sir Benjamin Stone, M.P. for East Birmingham, attended the Northern Meetings last week. Sir Benjamin, as is well-known, is an expert photographer, and has for a number of years been engaged in making a collection of characteristic scenes, buildings, costumes, &c., with a view to a permanent record in the British Museum. His motive in attending the Northern Meeting was to obtain photographs of the Highland dress, which he intends to include in his collection. The garrison at Fort-George was paraded before his camera, and he obtained some successful pictures.

SPECIAL SERVICES IN UNITED FREE EAST CHURCH.—From our advertising columns it will be seen that the Rev. W. Ross, Glasgow, is to conduct a series of meetings in above church from Sabbath first till Monday, 5th October. Mr Ross's reputation as a preacher is such that mere mention of the fact that he is to occupy the pulpit is sufficient to fill the church. On Sabbath first (to-morrow) Mr Ross will be accompanied by the Rev. John Mackay, M.A. At all the services Mr J. R. D. Macausland, a former eminent operatic tenor, who renounced the stage to take up Gospel singing, will take part. Mr Macausland is no stranger to Inverness audiences, and doubtless will be heartily welcomed.

COOKERY CLASSES.—Last Monday the evening classes in connection with the School of Cookery, Church Street, were begun for the session, and will be continued every Monday and Wednesday evenings. There will be a cookery demonstration on both Monday and Wednesday of next week, when members will have an opportunity of joining the class. The fee is only three shillings, returnable if not more than a certain stated number of attendances are made. These classes are splendidly conducted, and those desirous of learning the best and latest methods of cookery should take full advantage of them. Miss Stronach, as usual, will be in attendance, and will be assisted this session by Miss Gow.

MUSIC IN THE DOCK.—John Stewart, a blacksmith, appeared before Bailie Lyon Guild on Wednesday on a charge of having assaulted Mrs Macintyre, residing in Queen Street, Inverness. Accused pled not guilty. Evidence was led by several witnesses, who bore testimony to the nature of the assault. Mrs Stewart, who was examined by Mr David Munro for the defence, said that the row all arose out of a melodeon which her boy had, and which Mrs Macintyre's son wanted. Bailie Guild sentenced accused to pay a fine of £3, or go to prison for one month. After the sentence had been passed, accused struck up a defiant attitude, and plunged and kicked madly in the dock. He was ultimately secured, and confined to prison.

PLEASANT SATURDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENTS.—As will be observed from our advertising columns, the pleasant Saturday evening entertainments will be resumed in the Music Hall on Saturday next, 3rd October. These entertainments are always popular, and consequently secure large audiences. It is particularly worthy of note, however, that they have also secured the approval of prominent citizens and different societies in town on account of the entertainments being a means of keeping the youth of Inverness from drink and mischief on Saturday evenings. The programmes submitted are always varied, the management saving no expense in this direction. Apart from this, it also affords an opportunity for local amateurs to air their elocutionary powers, more than one prominent actor having made their debut at these entertainments. The present season, we understand promises to eclipse all previous efforts. The popular comedian, Mr Walter Osborne, will appear on Saturday, 17th October, when he, no doubt, will receive a great reception. Much credit is due to Messrs Todd and Reade for their efforts in promoting these entertainments.

THE CROY TRAGEDY.—Wm. Maclaren, reservist, who is in Inverness prison awaiting trial for the murder of Alexander Mackinnon, farm servant, Croy, will appear at the Castle to-day for the first pleading diet. In the event of his tendering a plea of not guilty he will be tried at Aberdeen on 7th October.

ROUND THE WORLD IN A PERAMBULATOR.—Auston Hanslian, an Austrian, who is travelling round the world in a perambulator for a wager of £2000, arrived in Inverness on Tuesday evening. Hanslian wheels his wife and child before him. The time allowed is six years. He left Inverness on the following day en route for Glasgow, where he is to join the steamer for Monte Video.

"THE HERO OF THE FLAG."—On the first three nights of this week "The Hero of the Flag" was presented in the Theatre Royal by Miss Lillie Mowbray's Company. The drama is one of exciting incidents following each other in quick succession. The part of "Johnny Truckle" was well pourtrayed by Mr J. Macelroy, while Nellie Brash as "The Hero of the Flag" performed her part very well. The other parts were ably sustained.

VISIT OF A DISTINGUISHED MISSIONARY.—As will be observed from another column Dr Karl Kumm, a son-in-law of Dr Grattan Guinness, is to preach on Sunday first (to-morrow) in the United Free High Church. Dr and Mrs Kumm have been labouring in the mission field in the Soudan for some time, and are, we learn, bringing out a band of missionaries to carry on the work of evangelisation there.

DEATH OF A LOVAT SCOUT OFFICER.—Many will regret to hear of the death of Lieutenant Charles Stirling, youngest son of Mr John Stirling of Fairburn, which took place at Aliwal North, South Africa, on the 20th inst. Deceased, who was only thirty-two years of age, served with the Lovat Scouts, and in that capacity was highly esteemed. In January last Lieutenant Stirling was married to Miss Monti Garden, eldest daughter of Mr C. H. Alston of Letterawe, to whom much sympathy is extended in her sore bereavement.

THEFT FROM PARCEL OFFICE.—Before Bailie Lyon Guild at the Police Court on Monday, Ann Mackenzie or Hardie reappeared on a charge of having falsely induced a clerk in the Parcel Office of the Highland Railway, Inverness Station, to hand over a parcel addressed to John Hardie, which she appropriated to her own use. Accused was represented by Mr W. F. Macpherson, solicitor, who explained that the theft was committed under a misapprehension, and with no criminal intent. Bailie Guild dismissed accused with an admonition.

DEATH OF A YOUNG INVERNESSIAN ABROAD.—There took place with startling suddenness at Buenos Ayres the death of Mr John Mackintosh, son of the late Mr Donald Mackintosh, engineer's department, Highland Railway. Deceased, before going to America, was employed in the accountant's office, Highland Railway, from 1886 to 1896. Only quite recently he was married, and was to have started on his honeymoon to Scotland, when he took suddenly ill, and died a week afterwards. Much sympathy is extended to the young widow, as also to Mrs Mackintosh and family in their bereavement.

SUCCESSFUL CANTATA.—On Wednesday evening a successful cantata was held in the hall of the United Free West Church. There was a large audience, the hall being crowded to the door. The cantata "Laddie" is a most pathetic story of a young man who ascends the steps of fame, but in the meanwhile forgets about his old mother. She, however, pays him a visit, but he is ashamed of her, and she is consequently turned adrift on the streets of London. Ultimately, however, he regrets his foolish act, and rectifies all mistakes. The musical part was sweetly sustained by a juvenile choir under the leadership of Mr D. Miller. The lime-light pictures illustrating the story was also very interesting.

CHURCH SERVICES TO-MORROW.

The pulpits of our local churches will be occupied to-morrow by the following clergymen:—

HIGH CHURCH—11 a.m., Very Rev. Dr Norman Macleod; 6.30 p.m., Rev. J. Oliphant, B.D.

GAELIC PARISH CHURCH (ST MARY'S)—Gaelic at 11 a.m.; English at 6.30 p.m., Rev. Charles Macechern.

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, OLD EDINBURGH ROAD—11 a.m., Rev. J. Oliphant, B.D.; 6.30 p.m., Rev. Mr Fraser, Croy.

FRASER STREET CHURCH—Gaelic, 11 a.m.; English, 2 and 6.30 p.m., Rev. Allan Mackenzie.

UNITED FREE HIGH CHURCH—11 a.m., Dr Karl W. Kumm, Upper Sudan; 6.30 p.m., Dr Black.

CROWN UNITED FREE CHURCH—11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Professor Iverach, D.D., Aberdeen.

UNITED FREE EAST CHURCH—11 a.m., Rev. W. Ross, of Glasgow; 6.30 p.m., Rev. John Mackay, M.A.

UNITED FREE WEST CHURCH—11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Rev. D. Connell.

QUEEN STREET UNITED FREE CHURCH—Gaelic, 11 a.m.; English, 2 and 6.30 p.m., Rev. Mr Grant.

NESS BANK UNITED FREE CHURCH—11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Rev. C. Robson, M.A.

FREE NORTH CHURCH—Rev. Murdo Mackenzie all day.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH—11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Rev. Arthur Reeve.

BAPTIST CHURCH—11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Rev. Alex. Bremner.

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST ANDREW—11 a.m., Rev. Canon Hay Wilson, Dingwall; 6.30 p.m., Very Rev. Provost Staley.

ST JOHN'S (LATE ST COLUMBA'S) EPISCOPAL CHURCH—11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Rev. J. H. Crick, M.A.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, KING STREET—11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Rev. W. L. Mackintosh and Rev. A. Chadwick.

ST MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH—11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Rev. Father Macqueen.

INTERESTING BAKERY CASE.

WEBSTER V. BAIRD.

The following is the Sheriff-Principal's interlocutor in the above case, which has just been issued. Full particulars concerning this action was, as will be remembered, already given in our columns:—

INVERNESS, 25th September, 1903.—The Sheriff affirms the Sheriff-Substitute's interlocutor of 3rd July, 1903, and decerns; finds the pursuer entitled to additional expenses, to be included in the account already allowed to be given in, and remits the cause to the Sheriff-Substitute.

(Sgd.) CHRISTOPHER N. JOHNSTON.

NOTE.—The defender desires to have the terms of his contract modified, because, as he avers, he was taken in by the pursuer. He alleged four acts of misrepresentation:—(1) That pursuer mis-stated the account of flour used. This, however, was not insisted in, pursuer having apparently vouched his purchases of flour. (2) That the annual profits were stated at £130. I do not think it satisfactorily proved that this was stated, and I do not find any clear evidence as to what the annual profits were from which I could infer that the statement that they amounted to £130 was given erroneous. (3) That the drawings per week amounted to £30. I think that it is proved that pursuer represented that the drawings were "about £30 per week." The average for the three years preceding had been £30 per week, and though they were some pounds less at the date of the sale, I cannot regard this as a misrepresentation which would vitiate a contract of sale. (4) That pursuer concealed the fact that the great bulk of his bread was sold at less than the market price. I do not think that it is proved that any conservation upon this matter took place prior to the sale. On the other hand, I think it proved that the great bulk of the bread was so sold, and pursuer's evidence in regard to the matter does not impress me favourably. But was this information which the seller was legally bound to volunteer to intending purchaser of his business? The question whether concealment is fraudulent or only mean is one of degree. The seller of a horse by description is not bound to disclose that the horse has chapped knees if he is not questioned in the matter. On the other hand, the sale would not stand if he failed to disclose that the horse was stone-blind. Now, there is no evidence that warrants me in holding that in the case of mill bakery business of this kind competitive undercutting of the current price was so unusual that pursuer was bound to volunteer information in regard to it. (Intld.) C. N. J.

Agents—For pursuer, Mr Hugonin, solicitor, Inverness; for defender, Messrs Morris & Macdonald, solicitors, Inverness.

OH! MY HEADACHE.

A little man thinks he aches just as hard as a big man, and it's the same way with a head. Kann's Headache Wafers make no distinction. Big or little, the ache must go. Seldom takes more than two doses. 7½d and 1s 1½d boxes. MACKENZIE, chemist, Inverness.

WEDDING BELLS.

PRETTY MARRIAGE IN INVERNESS.

Yesterday afternoon an exceedingly pretty wedding took place in the Imperial Hotel, the contracting parties being Mr J. R. Henderson, Glasgow, and Miss Mary Europa Macrae, Hill Street. There was a large and fashionable gathering present, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Wm. Todd, M.A., pastor of the Crown United Free Church, Inverness. Mr G. Henderson asted as groomsman, while two sisters of the bride acted as bridesmaids. The bride, who looked exceedingly handsome, wore a pretty pale-blue tucked and frilled silk voile, having cream lace insertion and black satin waist band, while her large black velvet hat had chiffon and plumes. The bridesmaids looked pretty in white lace insertioned silk frocks, and yellow hats.

After the ceremony, the large party sat down to a sumptuous repast purveyed and served by Mr Macallister and his staff of qualified assistants in their usual efficient style. Thereafter the young couple left by the 5.50 p.m. train for the south, a large party accompanying them to the Station, where they took their departure amid a shower of confetti. We may mention that Mr Adam Cooper took a photograph of the marriage party in front of the Imperial Hotel immediately after the ceremony.

Among the presents, which were handsome and numerous, were the following:—

Bride to Bridegroom—Pearl pin and Cairngorm watch pendant.
Bridegroom to Bride—Pearl brooch and gold chain pendant.
Bridegroom to Bridesmaids—Gold brooch.
Groomsman to Bridesmaids—Gold bangle.
Bride's Mother—Bed and table linen.
Sister—Gold-mounted purse and blankets.
Mr and Mrs White and Miss White, Strathpeffer—Bed and table linen.
Misses Macdonald, Fife House, Strathpeffer—Cheque.
Mr J. Macdonald—Cheque.
Mr D. Macrae, America—Cheque.
Sisters of Bride—Silver teaspoons.
Mr Macrae and family, Hill Street—Marble clock.
Mrs and Miss J. Shortt, Argyle Street—Quilt.
Miss C. Shortt—Silver fish knives and forks.
Miss Shortt, Edinburgh—Bed linen.
Mr and Mrs Macdonald, Nelson Street—Bed and table linen.
Mr Macdonald, Wells Street—Cheque.
Mrs Macrae, Reay Street—Tea gown.
Mr Macrae and family, Reay Street—Cutlery.
Miss Noble, Denny Street—Cheque.
Mr H. D. Simpson, Glasgow—Blankets.
Mrs Mackenzie, Invergordon—White skin.
Sergeants Keats, Aitken, and Macpherson, Cameron Barracks—Silver tea and coffee service.
Mr and Mrs D. Macrae, jeweller—Silver-backed brushes.
Mr Henderson, Perth, to Bridesmaids—Gold curbs.
Mrs Macdonald, Castle Street—Silver teapot.
Mr Drynar, Glasgow—Barometer.
Mr Ingram Toshing, Glasgow—Cake basket.
Mr Taylor, West Africa—Silver cake basket.
Mr Grigor, Millburn Distillery—Cake basket.
Mrs Wilkie, Tillicoultry—Silver afternoon teaspoons.
Mr and Mrs Henderson, Perth—Cheque.
Mrs Henderson, Pitlochry—Cheque
Mr and Mrs Maclaren—Cutlery.
Mr and Mrs Gill, Lovat Road—Bed linen.
Rev. Mr and Miss Todd—Bible and table centre.
Miss Macpherson, Station Hotel—Tea set.
Mrs Fraser, Denny Street—Quilt and linen.
Mrs Macdonald, Crown Drive—Brass fireirons.
Mr and Mrs Geo. Mackenzie, Ballifeary—Silver butter dish.
Mr Macrae, Edinburgh—Silver toast-rack.
Mr Meldrum, Moyhall—Cruet.
Mr and Mrs Shirrock, Perth—Cruet.
Mr and Mrs Mann, Union Road—Silver teaspoons.
Miss Johnstone, Briton Lodge—Coal skuttle.
Miss Munro, Asylum—Silver jelly spoons.
Mrs Campbell, America—Teaspoons and neck ruffle.
Mrs Macrae, Falconcliff—Serviettes.
Mr D. Jenkins, Telford Road—Brass fireirons.
Miss Lucy Macdonald, Ardconnel Street—Hall brushes.
Mr Macleay, Denny Street—Silver jelly-dish.
Miss Simpson, Denny Street—Jelly dish.
Miss Wilson, Lovat Road—Pair opalines.
Miss Eyval, Castle Wynd—Pair of frames.
Miss Macneill, Ardconnel Street—Pair views.
Miss Gordon, Stephen Street—Butter knives.
Miss Ballantyne, Aberdeen—Silk blouse.
Mr Fraser, Millburn—Carved ring.

FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE IN THE CATHEDRAL.

In the Cathedral on Wednesday afternoon a fashionable and very pretty wedding took place, the contracting parties being Mr E. F. Hill, Raddery, Fortrose, and Miss Lena Ruth Maxwell, daughter of Col. Maxwell, Castlecraig Lodge, Nigg. The church was decorated with palms and the musical service fully choral. The Rev. Spence Ross, Fortrose, officiated, assisted by Provost Staley of Inverness Cathedral. As the bride entered the church the choir, who stood at the entrance, sang "Thine for ever, God of Love," and after the first part of the ceremony, "Oh! Perfect Love," and later that beautiful hymn, "Holy, Heavenly Love," those all being splendidly rendered by a full choir. The bride was very pretty, wearing a magnificent ivory satin gown, with court train, the skirt being cross-tucked and trimmed with chiffon roses, which had an admirable effect. The full pouched bodice had a deep round yoke, back and front, of rucked chiffon, from which fell a deep flounce of exquisite ivory tinted lace, and finished with satin chiffon frilled tabs. The sleeves were of chiffon and lace. A full long tulle veil covered a spray of orange blossom and white heather, and she also wore the bridegroom's presents—a diamond star and an opal ring. The bride carried a most exquisite bouquet of lilies of the valley, white roses, white heather, myrtle, and orange blossoms, with roses and smilax trailers fastened with white chiffon streamers. The bridesmaids were—Miss Enid Maxwell (sister of the bride), Miss G. Hill, and Miss Phyllis Hill (sisters of the bridegroom), who looked very pretty in beautifully designed gowns of white silk muslin over silk, the skirts cross tucked and finished with five dainty f[illegible]s. The bodices had transparent lace yok[illegible] draped with muslin frilled fichus and blue satin sashes. They wore large white hats, with heavy folds of white chiffon and choux of same material, and folds of blue satin. They also wore beautiful diamond and enamel pendants, the gifts of the bridegroom, and carried choice bouquets of Katherine Mermet roses and maiden-hair fern. Mr Geoffrey St Quentin acted as groomsman. After the conclusion of the service the young couple left the edifice to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March. Subsequently Mrs Maxwell held a short reception in the Royal Hotel, in the course of which Mr and Mrs Hill left by the 3.50 for the south, the latter travelling in a navy blue costume, with short pleated coatee over white satin and pale yellow. She wore a hat with long black feathers and chiffon. Mrs Maxwell was handsomely gowned in black silk voile, opening over blonde laces. Mrs Hill was attired in an elegant tucked trained black satin gown, with narrow black velvet, and had a white hat with black feathers and white feather boa. Mrs St Quentin was handsome in a blue gown opening over exquisite lace, with black hat, trimmed chiffon, and feathers. Miss St Quentin had a pretty pale green gown over lace; her white had had black feathers. Mrs Hall Crave was in pale grey tucked voile, with cream insertion, and black hat trimmed with feathers.

MARRIAGE IN PERTH.

The Station Hotel, Perth, is the scene of many pretty weddings, and the marriage of Mr Rainey M. Ross, Damanhour, Egypt, to Miss Jessie M. Brown, Bronville, Perth, on Tuesday afternoon was no exception. There was a very large number of guests present to witness the ceremony, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. D. W. Kennedy, United Free Middle Church, Perth. Miss Sinclair, Craigie, Perth, presided at the piano. The bride looked extremely pretty in a magnificent trained gown of ivory satin merve, each seam of which was hand-veined in silk. The decolletage was finished with a tabbed collar of Honiton lace. She also wore the orthodox wedding veil, and carried a handsome bouquet of flowers, comprising orchids, roses, and white heather. The ornaments worn were a necklace of rubies and pearls, an opal ring, and Sphinx Egyptian brooch, the latter the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were the Misses Lizzie and Jeannie Brown, sisters of the bride, whilst Mr David Williams, Craigie Crescent, Perth, was in attendance on the bridegroom. The Misses Brown (bridesmaids) were attired alike in gowns of ivory silk voile, the seams strapped with rich Paris lace insertion, caught at the waist with folded band, with which was worn black picture hats. They also wore gold bangles of lover's knot design, gifts from the bridegroom, and handsome gold brooches set in pearls, gifts from the groomsman. They carried choice bouquets of pink carnations. The bride was given away by her father, and the Rev. Mr Kennedy impressively performed the ceremony. Hearty congratulations were tendered the bride and bridegroom, and afterwards the guests were entertained to dinner. In the evening a bonfire was lit, and rejoicings were continued at Bronville House. Mrs Mather, sister of the bride, was handsomely attired in black silk voile over satin, and had a black picture hat. Mrs C. F. Ross, another sister of the bride, wore a beautiful black strapped satin lace gown over satin. Three little nieces, Misses Thomson and Miss Daisy Ross, were dainty in white silk liberty dresses and picture hats. They carried little baskets of white heather. The young couple received over 190 magnificent presents, representative of her numerous friends in the north generally.

A POPULAR LOCAL PHYSICIAN.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HIGHLAND NEWS"].

SIR,—I would be obliged if you will allow me to draw attention in your columns to the kindly generosity and prompt benevolence shown on many occasions lately by one of our local physicians. I could at least enumerate six instances which came under my notice during the last fortnight. Dr Kerr and his able assistants, Drs Brown and Livingstone, are so well known that any flattery on my part would fall very far short of their real worth, but I cannot refrain from making this public testimony to their promptitude and zeal wherever and whenever their services are required, especially in cases of accident, which have lately been of frequent occurrence.—I am, Sir, yours, &c., OBSERVER.

DINGWALL SHERIFF COURT.

A SUTHERLANDSHIRE CONTRACTOR EXAMINED IN BANKRUPTCY

Yesterday, in the Dingwall Sheriff Court, Donald Macleod, farmer and road contractor, Glenmarksie, Scatwell, Muir of Ord, was examined in bankruptcy before Sheriff Shennan. Mr W. R. J. Middleton, solicitor, appeared for the trustees; Mr T. S. H. Burns, solicitor, for Mr Cunningham, farmer, Strathconan, one of the creditors; while Mr Donald Mackay, solicitor, Thurso, was present as trustee; and also Mr G. T. Sinclair, ironmonger, Dingwall, also a creditor.

In answer to Mr Middleton, Macleod stated that he had come to the sheep farm of Glenmarksie under a lease in 1899. He took the lease for a period of nine years, with a break at the year 1905. Before he came to Ross-shire he lived at Melness, Sutherlandshire, where he had a grocer's shop, and carried on contracts for works and roads. He did not make money in that business. He also used to deal in sheep, and he took 53 of them from Melness to Glenmarksie, when he took it over from the outgoing tenant, Mr Matheson. He was due a lot of money in Thurso when he left the north. He owed Mr Sinclair, Thurso, about £300. He was due a party in Tongue something like £40, a sister of his £30, a Mr Macdonald, Thurso, £70. Altogether he was due about £500. When he came to Glenmarksie Mr Cunningham acted for the outgoing tenant, and he paid him £353, and also about £25 to Messrs Maccallum Brothers, auctioneers. He got an advance of about £100 from Messrs Maccallum on coming to Glenmarksie. His position, strictly speaking, was that when he entered Glenmarksie he was due about £600, of which he paid £353 to Mr Cunningham, while the sheep he took from Melness was all he had in his possession. He was practically bankrupt at the time. In the month of April last year he took a contract for making a road at Drumbeg, near Lochinver, his offer being about £3300, and he entered into a contract with the Sutherland County Council. One of his cautioners was Mr Cunningham, and the other Mr John Sutherland, Melness. In attending to the contract he was a good deal away from Glenmarksie. He pulled along for a year in the hope that the contract would turn out all right for him, and by borrowing and getting money from the County Council he kept the work going till the month of July. In that month he had a number of claims against him, and a Sheriff Officer was sent to Glenmarksie to issue a trust deed in favour of Mr Sinclair, which he signed. There was another trust deed in favour of Mr Fraser also signed by him. On the 4th of August it was found necessary to sequestrate him. In regard to his assets, he had £311 12s 5d for sums due by the Sutherland County Council and for the value of his plant, now in Sutherlandshire. In addition to that he had stock in Glenmarksie. In July he clipped 380 sheep and 135 lambs. Those sheep were his. The only claim he had for these sheep was a letter from Mr Cunningham, who claimed 75 wedders, 103 hoggs, and 30 cast ewes. He also claimed a mare and some cattle. He signed letters in his own handwriting, bearing the dates 18th May and 7th April, for the claims in Mr Cunningham's favour, but they were really signed on the 6th of August. He put down these dates at Mr Cunningham's request, who advised him as to what he was to write. His explanation of his conduct in dating these letters on these dates was that he knew Mr Cunningham had the money to get, and he did what he was advised. He was willing to do what he could for his creditors. Before that time he had a meeting with his creditors in Dingwall. The whole position and matters were discussed, and attempts were made by Mr Cunningham and Mr Mackay to do something in the way of carrying on his contract in Sutherlandshire, but they did not manage it. He became bankrupt after he had signed these documents. He gave a letter in the month of March to Mr Cunningham that he would give him the stock off Glenmarksie in security of a bill of £150. That letter was left with Mr Brodie, agent of the North of Scotland Bank at Dingwall. He saw the letter about a week or ten days ago at Glenmarksie with Mr Cunningham. There was no stamp on the letter, and six penny stamps were put on the old signature and he (bankrupt) signed his name to it. That happened since the date of his sequestration.

By Mr Burns—Did you not sell the sheep to Mr Cunningham? Answer—I wrote what he wanted me to do. I did not price the sheep; I put down the figures Mr Cunningham told me. He was very embarrassed when he got the £150 for paying his workmen. The agreement made at that time was that he would resign the lease on security, and give up possession of the farm and the stock. Before his sequestration he divested himself of his lease and all his stock. He signed an assignation of the lease, and gave over the stock. He considered that he would be entitled to the stock when they would have the lease. Q.—Did you not sell the stock? A.—That was to pay the arrears of rent, and give him £150. The money was handed over to him by Mr Peter Maccallum, who was responsible for it along with Mr Cunningham. It was in part return for this money that they were to get the farm. He did sign this agreement about the lease, so that at the time he was sequestrated he had not a single sheep or lamb on the place, as they were sold before his sequestration. He signed a trust deed before the sequestration, and the sheep belonged to all the creditors. He saw that the assignation would not work. Some time ago he was going to sign a trust deed in Golspie, but did not. Unless he had given over the stock and his lease he would never have seen a cent of the £150. The people who gave him the £150 were entitled to do what they liked with the stock as long as the arrears were paid. Mr Cunningham was entitled to the stock seeing he (bankrupt) was paid for them.

Re-examined by Mr Middleton, Macleod deponed that he signed the assignation in the office of Mr Dewar, solicitor. The Messrs Maccallum tried to take him out of his difficulties. Mr Dewar told him that no assignation would be of any use unless accepted by the landlord. He got £150, and the balance of the £200—£50—was to pay off arrears. He got £50 from the County Clerk of Sutherlandshire in July, and with that he paid money to Messrs Fraser Brothers, Inverness; Mr Macdonald, Castle Street Stores, do.; his own shepherd his wages, £6 to Mr Cunningham for interest, and also his own rates.

The customary oath was administered. The state of the bankrupt's affairs are:—Assets, £946 16s 5d; liabilities, £1920 6s 5d, being a deficiency of £973 10s.

THE CHANNEL FLEET AT INVERGORDON.

THE WEEK'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Channel Fleet, under the command of Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, arrived off Invergordon at 10 a.m. on Sunday. The following were the order of the vessels as they sailed up the Firth:—Majestic (flagship), Prince George, Hannibal, Magnificent, Mars, Jupiter (battleships), Doris (cruiser), and Promethus (scout). The fleet, however, were minus the Sutlej, the Hogue, and Pactolus, the latter two of which were left behind at Devonport for repairs. The Sutlej joined the other vessels on Tuesday, and anchored further down than the Mars. On Sunday the ships were not open to the public, but Captain Macleod of Cadboll, Sir Charles Ross of Balnagown, with Lady Ross, Lady Constance Mackenzie, Miss Chaplin, and Colonel Payne, tenant of Novar shootings, called on the Admiral in the flagship.

A BUSY SCENE.

On Monday the Prince George alone was open for public inspection. The little town of Invergordon presented a bright appearance. Dimly on either side of the firth rose the serrated hills reaching far away in a succession of heights, while on the sea men-of-war boats flitted to and from the shore carrying guns, provisions, &c., to the battleships. The sight was one which will long be remembered by the inhabitants. To add their quota to the stir around them, the search-lights of the fleet played for a time and sent great shafts of radiance over sea and land. So strong was the shadow thrown that any person in a boat could have sworn that another galley was racing them. It was like a Brocken spectre, and the passengers could only be satisfied of its unreality by their simalcrum. The long beams did not gradually fade in the distance, but seemed to be cut off suddenly, and to have a square termination beyond which all was dark. Anyone who looked towards the ships and encountered one of those eyes of intensest glow would be temporarily blinded; and it can be easily understood that if the beacon was turned upon a battery no gunner could lay a piece of artillery with any effect. On Monday a contingent of over 200 men, with 12 field guns (12 pounders) marched to Balblair Park, Rosskeen, where they were drilled in gun exercise.

EXPLOSION OF MINES.

On Tuesday the fleet was in great activity. Drill and gun exercises were engaged in extensively. Several gun-cotton mines were exploded in the Firth, with the result that heavy volumes of water rose in the air, acompanied with loud detonations. The number of visitors was on the increase, and thousands of people arrived in Invergordon by train or steamer.

GUN PRACTICE.

On Wednesday the weather was again favourable, and the ships were seen to advantage. A number of launches, in which were mounted quick-firing guns, sailed out to Saltburn Bay, where they engaged in gun exercise. The reports of the guns, accompanied by that of the exploding mines, evoked much interest among the inhabitants and spectators. The ships were also open to public inspection, and large crowds visited them. The Majestic, however, was the chief centre of interest.

A RECORD DAY.

Thursday was perhaps the busiest day experienced at Invergordon since the arrival of the Fleet. Early in the forenoon the ships' boats were busy conveying to land over 3000 sailors, who, headed by brass bands, marched to Balblair Park, Rosskeen, where they engaged in field drill and volley-firing. Huge crowds watched the manœuvres, while the number of visitors to the ships numbered over 4000. In the evening a searchlight display was given by several of the ships.

TIME OF DEPARTURE OF FLEET.

Yesterday the fleet was further augmented by the arrival of H.M.S. "Hogue," a sister ship of the "Sutlej." The "Mars" went outside the firth in the forenoon for gun practice, and returned in the evening. Large numbers of people visited the Fleet during the day, coming by train and steamer. The s.s. Forth made another trip from Nairn, bringing a large complement of visitors. The Fleet leaves on Sunday about nine a.m. for Queensferry, where they remain for four days.

APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.

IN ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY.

The competitive examination for the Chair of Systematic Theology at Aberdeen University, vacant through the appointment of Professor Paterson to Edinburgh, in succession to Professor Flint, was concluded at King's College yesterday afternoon with the appointment of Rev. William Alexander Curtis, B.D., Edinburgh.

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ANNUAL SOCIAL MEETING.

The annual social meeting of the Inverness and district staff of the Prudential Assurance Company was held in the Queensgate Hotel on Wednesday evening, when over thirty agents, along with their superintendent, assistant superintendents, Dr F. M. Mackenzie, medical referee, and Mr Joseph Macleod, Liberal Organising Secretary, sat down to a sumptuous supper admirably purveyed by Mr Macgregor, the proprietor. Mr Wm. Stevenson, the respected superintendent, presided, and after a most inspiring address, wherein he complimented his assistants, Messrs Aitken, Forres; Adam, Nairn; Rae, Inverness, and agents on the success obtained during his time in Inverness, a lengthy programme, consisting of songs, recitations, pianoforte and pipe music was sustained by the Misses Stevenson and other members of the company. Dr Mackenzie said that the good things that evening were so numerous that it would be impossible for him to add anything. He would, however, urge the agents to become masters of their business, as such was necessary to the success of an agent; and to become thoroughly posted up in the business of the company they must be prepared to learn from their superiors, whose lengthy experience enabled them to know much about the work of insurance. It was also necessary for an agent to study humane nature, which would enable an agent to deal with the people more successfully. In the world of insurance many discouragements were met, and these would have to be overcome by steady perseverance and cheerfulness—(applause). Mr Joseph Macleod said he had to thank Mr Stevenson and his assistants for their kind invitation to such an excellent meeting as he saw there that evening. He took it that he was invited there on account of his long connection with the Company—(applause). He had been present at many such meetings, and it afforded him much pleasure to be once again associated with the staff of the Prudential in Inverness, nearly all of whom were special friends of his in the political world, and who had given him very cordial and warm support in his work since coming to Inverness. He was sure that Mr Green's absence that evening was a source of disappointment to them all, as a more worthy gentleman could not be got over a staff of men. He was genial, kind-hearted, and a more considerate gentleman with his men could not be—ever ready to advance the interests of those under his supervision. They all hoped he would soon be restored to vigorous health—(applause). Mr Macleod, after referring to his own long connection and experience with the Company, and the cause of his success, proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies, and those who sustained the programme. Speeches were given by Messrs Macarthur, Aitken, Rae, and others. On the motion of Mr Machattie, Forres, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Chairman, when a most interesting and enjoyable meeting terminated.

CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN AND INVERNESS-SHIRE LIBERALS.

The following letter has just been received from Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman by the Joint Secretaries of the Inverness-shire Liberal Association:—

"Belmont Castle,
"Meigle, Scotland,
"22nd Sept., 1903.

"Dear Sirs,

"I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday conveying the terms of a resolution passed by the Inverness-shire Liberal Association on the Fiscal question, and I am glad to notice so strong an expression of opinion, most opportune at this moment.

"Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) "H. CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.
"Messrs Mactavish & Gibson."

INTERESTING PRESENTATION LAST NIGHT

TO MR JAMES ROSS, MERKINCH SCHOOL.

In the United Free East Church Hall last night Mr James Ross, headmaster, Merkinch School, Inverness, was waited upon by the congregation and presented with a handsome revolving desk on the occasion of his retirement from the office of the clerkship of the Session and Deacons' Court. Rev. Allan Cameron occupied the chair, and referred in eulogistic terms to the excellent qualities of their guest, especially in the capacity of clerk to the Session. Mr Ross had been connected with the congregation for thirty-three years, during which time he had rendered true and laudable service. Mr Munro, bookseller, in name of the congregation, presented the desk to Mr Ross, and in doing so spoke of his gentlemanly bearing and also of the yeoman service he (Mr Ross) had rendered to the Free East Church. Mr James Cameron, headmaster, Central School, and Mr Mackay (of Messrs Duncan Ross & Co.) also spoke. Mr Ross made a suitable reply.

HIGHLAND AND JACOBITE EXHIBITION.

THE CLOSING DAY.

We would remind our readers that this is the closing day of what has been a most interesting and successful Exhibition. For the week ending on the 21st inst the number of paying visitors (exclusive of season ticket-holders) was 2036, making over 15,000 since the opening. The drawings for the week amounted to £85 12s, of which £74 17s was for admissions, and £10 15s represented the sale of catalogues. As was naturally expected from the Northern Meeting week, this constituted a record for the eleven weeks of the Exhibition duration, being nearly £20 over the next highest week—that of Lord Roberts' visit. Up to last night the drawings for the four days of the current week have reached the sum of £52 16s 3d. It is confidently anticipated that there will be a surplus over the whole working of the Exhibition, which is, we believe, to be devoted to the purpose of forming a permanent Exhibition of Highland memorials in Inverness. The following are the band programmes for to-day:—

SATURDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER.

3 till 5.

March......"The Chariot Race"......Paull
Overture......"Light Cavalry"......Suppé
Waltz......"Pomona"......Waldteufel
Selection......"A Runaway Girl"......Godfrey
Cake Walk......"Ma Lit'l Topsy"......Myddleton
Waltz......"The Belle of New York"......Kerker
Selection......"A Country Girl"......Godfrey
Galop......"Post Horn"......Koenig

7·15 till 9·30.

March......"Sons of the Brave"......Bidgood
Overture......"Prince Charlie of the '45"......Stuart
Waltz......"Amoureuse"......Berger
Selection......"The Girl from Kays"......Jones
Cornet Solo.."Come back to me" (by request)...Hayward
American Sketch......"Down South"......Myddleton
Contra Bass Solo......"Air Varie"......Ferara
Waltz......"Doctriven"......Strauss
'Cello Solo......"Lamento"......Marie
Violin Solo......"Culloden" (by desire)......Murdoch
—— ......"The Jacobite Exhibition"......Gillies

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

LARGE NUMBER OF EXCURSIONISTS ON MONDAY FIRST.

Monday first, being the Glasgow Autumn Holiday, the committee in charge of the excursion which visited Inverness three weeks ago have arranged to repeat the visit on this occasion. The number of visitors expected is between two and three thousand, and coming on a Monday this large crowd will tax the efforts of local caterers. This is the last big excursion expected this season, and it is to be hoped weather conditions will be such as will warrant the committee in arranging to again visit Inverness on two or three occasions next year.

Wednesday is a local holiday in Perth, and although no specials are being run from the Fair City to Inverness, it is expected that a considerable number may find their way north.

TO-DAY'S EVENTS.

In view of the visit of the Channel Fleet to Invergordon, the steamship, "James Hall," will sail from Inverness to Cromarty and Invergordon at one p.m. The fare is 2s 6d for the round, and tickets can be had from Mr D. Macpherson, steamboat agent, Union Street. As the Fleet leave Invergordon to-morrow, intending visitors would do well to take advantage of this trip, as it combines a bracing sail with the opportunity of viewing the best of Britain's bulwarks.

The Highland Railway Company's special arrangements for parties visiting the Fleet are still in operation to-day, and fares are being issued at very cheap rates.

The Inverness Bowling Club have a "bogey" competition on the links at Culcabock to-day, while the Highland Bowling Club and the Inverness Club have arranged matches on their respective greens for the benefit of the greenkeeper.

The Academicals' Tennis Club hold their closing American tournament to-day at 3.30.

RAILWAY ALTERATIONS.

The tourist season being now practically closed, the Highland Railway Company announce several important changes in their time-bills for next month. Regular local travellers would do well to note these alterations, and so avoid mistakes. Among other changes the following are several which will affect local travellers considerably;—The 7.45 a.m. train from Inverness to Tain will leave at 7.50 a.m.; the 12.20 p.m. to Dingwall will be discontinued; the 2.40 p.m. to Helmsdale will now leave at 2.35 p.m.; the 4.55 p.m. to Tain will leave at 4.50 p.m.; and the 8 p.m. to Tain will leave at 7.35 and run earlier throughout. Several alterations are made on the Dingwall and Kyle trains. The 5.30 a.m. train from Kyle to Dingwall will leave at 6.10 a.m. and run later throughout, while the 11.25 a.m. will leave at 11 a.m., and run earlier throughout. The 1.25 from Kyle will be discontinued. From Dingwall the 8.55 a.m., the 10.36 a.m., and the 6.5 p.m. trains to Kyle will be discontinued, while the 3.44 will now leave at 3.40. On the south section the 5.30 a.m. train Perth to Inverness and the 8.50 a.m. from Aviemore to Inverness will be discontinued after 17th October. The 11.50 a.m. from Perth will be altered, and run by Carr-Bridge, reaching Inverness at 4.20 p.m., while the 4.10 p.m. train from Perth will be altered throughout, and reach Inverness at 8.40 p.m. On the Inverness, Forres, and Aviemore section the 6 a.m. train to Forres will be continued to Aviemore, while the 12.30 p.m. train to Aviemore, the 3.35 to Forres, and 10 p.m. Saturday train to Forres will be discontinued. The 1.40 p.m. from Inverness to Forres will leave at 1.20, and stop at all stations, and a new train will leave Inverness at 3.20 for Forres. The 7.35 for Forres will leave at 7.40. Several important changes are also announced on the Black Isle section, the 8.5 p.m. from Fortrose and 8.50 p.m. from Muir of Ord being discontinued. Alterations are also announced on the Wick and Lybster Light Railway and the Invergarry and Fort-Augustus Railway, but sufficient has been noted to put travellers on their guard, and show how necessary it is at this time to consult a time-table before being sure of the trains.

THE MOD.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual general business meeting of An Comunn Gaidhealach, or Highland Association, was held in the Royal Hotel, Inverness, yesterday forenoon, Mr Archibald Menzies, Edinburgh, in the chair. The minutes of last year's meeting having been approved of, the Secretary read a letter from the Gaelic Society beseeching the Association to hold the next Mod in Greenock. The letter stated that the deputation present would explain the matter.

Mr Macdonald then spoke in Gaelic on the convenience of holding next year's Mod at Greenock, and of the interest taken in Celtic matters in that town.

Mr Carmichael, Edinburgh, objected to this on the ground that it would be more becoming to have it in the Highlands rather than in the Lowlands. He asked if it would not be more suitable to hold the gathering at Dingwall or any other local place.

The Secretary remarked that Provost Macrae was most anxious that the Mod should be held at Dingwall.

Provost Macfarlan thought Stornoway would be a suitable place, but at the same time he moved that the matter be remitted to the Executive Council to deal with.

After considerable discussion a vote was taken, when it was agreed, by 11 votes to 8, that the next Mod be held at Greenock.

Mr Carmichael, Edinburgh, moved that a committee be elected, to consist of not more than nine members, to carry out a reorganisation of the Society on a basis of district societies, and a Central Committee consisting of representatives from these societies.

After some discussion an amendment moved by Provost Macfarlan was adopted.

Several other motions were brought up and disposed of.

The following office-bearers were then elected for the ensuing year:—Honorary Presidents--Sir Jas. Colquhoun of Luss; John Mackay, Esq., J.P., Hereford. Honorary Vice-Presidents—The Countess of Cromartie, Miss Farquharson of Invercauld, Mr John A. Dewar, M.P.; Mr Peter Macleod, Glasgow; the Hon. Stuart Ruadri Erskine, Lieut.-Colonel Macgregor, Dr Alex. Macbain, Inverness; Professor Magnus Maclean, Glasgow; Provost Anderson, Greenock; Bailie Macdonald, Dundee; Dr Young, Dundee; Madame Gwyneth Vaughan. President—The Marquis of Tullibardine. Vice-Presidents—Dr Blair, Edinburgh; Mr John Campbell, Oban; Messrs William Mackay, Inverness; John A. Stewart, Perth; Archibald Menzies, Edinburgh; Provost Macfarlan, Dumbarton; Mr Norman Macleod, Thorburn, Dundee; Provost Mackay, Grangemouth; Messrs John Mackay, Edinburgh; Donald Mackay, Edinburgh; J. M. Campbell, Oban; A. S. Macbride, Glasgow; M'L. Macdonald, Greenock. Secretary—Mr J. Mackintosh, Inverness. Treasurer—Mr Mackay, Dundee. Auditors—Messrs J. A. Stewart and H. Campbell, Perth. The Executive Council was also duly elected.

PAN-CELTIC CONGRESS.

Madame Gwyneth Vaughan, a Welsh lady who was present at the meeting, referred to the forthcoming Celtic Congress at Carnarvon, and expressed the hope that the members would endeavour to be present.

On the motion of Mr And. Mackintosh, Inverness, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman for presiding, while a similar compliment was paid to Mr Mackintosh, solicitor.

Full reports of other functions in connection with the Mod will be found on page 3.

THE DRESES AT THE MOD.

[BY OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT].

The same regal weather which attended the Northern Meetings also prevailed this week, thereby favouring the large number of strangers who came to compete at the Mod. Warm soft breezes and a brilliant sun lighted up the autumnal tinted foliage. One does not often asociate autumnal beauty with so much pleasing warmth, therefore the praises of our beautiful surroundings by the strangers have been exceptionally strong. At the opening ceremony of the Mod we noticed the young Countess of Cromartie, wearing a pretty light blue gown, with short coatee, and a large white felt hat, with white satin. She was accompanied by a lady dressed in a navy blue gown, with white braid. At the concert in the evening the Music Hall was crowded with an enthusiastic and very fashionably dressed audience. The dresses worn by the choirs were principally white with tartan sashes. In the Easdale Choir Miss Macinnes was gowned in a pretty blue tucked chiffon, with blue satin. Miss Johnstone wore a pretty crepe-de-chene, Miss Macintyre attended in a black sequinned gown over satin. In the Stornoway choir (who seemed great favourites with the audience), Miss Ross looked pretty in cream silk. Miss Young had a white gown trimmed with pink roses. Mrs Rose was dressed in black satin, and Miss J. Nicholson in pink. In the Dundee Choir, who scored quite a number of successes, Miss Rodgers, a favourite vocalist, wore a white silk gown, with a touch of turquoise blue. Miss Lennox donned a pretty cream silk. The smart contingent from Edinburgh was also much admired. Miss Gardener, the gold medallist of 1902, was wearing a white tucked silk gown, with lace and a tartan sash. Miss Macphail was gowned in white net over blue satin. Miss C. Macrae was dainty in white silk, with tartan sash. Mrs Moody was in black satin; and Miss Matheson had a white silk gown with snowdrops. In the Inverness Choir the members all wore Macleod tartan badges in honour of their president and conductor. Miss J. Fraser was gowned in white moire velour, with lace. Miss Macneil was in black stripped satin, with net frills; and Miss A. Taylor, their accompanist, was attired in a pretty pink gauzed silk gown. Mrs Bisset, Perth, was in a black jetted trimmed silk gown. Miss Whyte, Glasgow, who won the gold medal, has the honour of being the youngest lady who ever received it, and among the learned her Gaelic is spoken of as being the very purest, every word being distinctly understood. She is a daughter of the well-known Gaelic scholar, "Fionn," the Glasgow representative of "The Highland News." A like compliment was paid the Inverness Choir for the distinct enunciation of their Gaelic singing.

BALL AT ROSEHAUGH.

In the week following the Northern Meetings, house balls follow in quick succession, and on Monday a very fashionable dance was held by Mr Fletcher at Rosehaugh. It was held in an admirably adapted ballroom. The floor was in excellent condition. A large party kept up the dancing until five in the morning. Miss Hope, the young hostess, was dainty in a white spangled net over satin; ornaments, pearls and diamonds. Mrs Macpherson Grant was stately in white crepe-de-chene, with a touch of blue. Lady Hilda Murray was gowned in silver spangled net over silk, with chiffon frills, and a diamond tiara. The Hon. Miss Muriel Fraser wore her Friday night's Northern Meeting gown of lovely white satin. Mrs Mackenzie, Flowerburn, was gowned in pale yellow satin, while Miss Mackenzie had a lovely blue ray pleated crepe-de-chene gown. Miss A. Mackenzie wore pink satin, and Mrs Burton Mackenzie looked well in black satin, and wore some of her lovely diamonds. Her daughter looked pretty in a pale blue satin gown. Mrs St Quentin looked very handsome wearing an elegant black sequinned net gown, over satin; ornaments, diamonds. Mrs Macleod of Cadboll looked pretty in a beautiful gown of white lace, with black insertion and frills, and a touch of bright scarlet on the bodice, with a scarlet sash. A pretty white net, over silk, trimmed with chiffon frills and pale blue sash, was worn by Miss Brodie of Brodie, while Miss Davidson of Cantray favoured an elegant gown of Brussels point lace, over satin. Mrs Bankes looked particularly well in a white satin gown with touches of black velvet.

BURGH REGISTRATION.—Of the 315 claims lodged with Mr Call, burgh assessor, for enrolment in the new register 160 are Unionists, and 154 Liberals, and one Independent. The total number of claims last year was 262.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

CABINET RECONSTRUCTION.

The Cabinet is still not reconstructed. Mr Balfour remains at Balmoral, and, in spite of semi-official denials, it may be accepted as a fact that he and the King are not in agreement as to one or two important appointments in the Government. His Majesty is concerned mainly with the condition of affairs at the War Office, and it is stated on good authority that after his return from abroad he ordered to be sent to him not only the report of the Royal Commission, but copies of documents submitted to that body, and, for public reasons, not included in that report. Mr Balfour's personal loyalty to his colleagues, and his old friendship for Mr Brodrick, is perhaps standing in the way of a settlement. As to that one can only guess.

That the King would like to see Lord Rosebery's notion of Viscount Kitchener at the War Office is well known; that he suggested it to the Prime Minister is pretty certain; that Mr Balfour, with his knowledge of the House of Commons, suggested Constitutional difficulties is probable. From this we may conclude that Lord Milner has been sounded as to whether he cares to exchange Cape Town, not for Downing Street, but for Pall Mall. Those who know the High Commissioner think he will say no; those who are aware of what is going on in South Africa hope he will stay there. So far there is good reason to think that Lord Selborne, who was asked by his chief if he would succeed Mr Chamberlain, and who expressed his willingness to do so, has heard nothing to lead him to believe that in this respect at least the Prime Minister's suggestions have been received with anything but favour in the highest quarters.

The Press Association says that the reconstruction of the Ministry is going forward, and the Prime Minister remains with the King at Balmoral. On Thursday evening the Prime Minister's private secretary was able to state most definitely that there was not the remotest probability of new appointments being communicated to the press that night. It is over a week since the momentous announcement of Ministerial resignations was made at Downing Street, and the time which has elapsed seems long for the accomplishment of reconstruction; but having regard to the generally accepted that negotiations of some kind were in progress with Lord Milner on the Continent, and that these, whatever they might be, were deemed important enough to send by messenger, a week is by no means a long period. Mr Ritchie was again in attendance at the Treasury on Thursday, and Lord Lansdowne remains in town for the present.

A rumour is reported current in influential Liberal quarters that the delay in making the Cabinet was due to further resignations, the name of Mr Brodrick being especially mentioned.

LORD GEORGE HAMILTON AND MR RITCHIE.

No date has yet been fixed for a public statement by Lord George Hamilton to his constituents. A meeting of the Central Conservative Council of Ealing Division has been called for next Wednesday, and Lord George will attend. It is understood that neither Mr Ritchie nor Lord George Hamilton is free to make any public statement till after Mr Balfour has spoken at Sheffield next Thursday.

GRAND AQUATIC GALA

AT INVERNESS SWIMMING BATHS LAST NIGHT.

A grand aquatic gala was held at the Inverness Swimming Baths, Montague Row, last night. There was a very large gathering of spectators present, while the chair was occupied by Provost Arthur D. Ross. Among those present we observed ex-Provost Macbean and Mrs Macbean; Mrs Mackenzie, Dundee; ex-Bailie Cook, Mr and Miss Cornet, and many others. The programme was of a varied nature, and competitors were forward in large numbers.

Provost Ross in his opening remarks expressed the pleasure it gave him, as one of the directors of the Baths, to be present on that occasion. The art of swimming was, he said, not only an ornamental but a useful accomplishment. It was an art which should be acquired by all, because they never knew when they might require it. He was pleased to learn from Mr Watson, the manager of the Baths, that this year the youth of the town had taken a very much greater interest in the art than they had been accustomed to do. It was also very encouraging to the Bath Company to see the interest taken by the School Board in swimming, and he trusted that the young would avail themselves of the opportunities afforded them—(applause).

The programme was then proceeded with, the first item being a school team race, and the eager manner in which the little fellows who composed the three contesting teams entered the field—or the bath rather—went to show that individually they were determined to bring honour to their school. The lucky team, however, was the High School, and the hearty greeting which they received from their schoolmates who lined the bath upon being declared the victors was most enthusiastic.

In the quarter-mile championship there were four competitors. Two, however, retired before the finish, and for some time S. Mackintosh and K. Macpherson, both with a powerful overhand stroke, swam neck-to-neck. Mackintosh, however, pulled away, and breasted the tape half a bath length ahead.

At this stage of the proceedings Sergeant-Instructor Keith, Cameron Highlanders, gave an excellent Indian club exhibition, for which he was accorded a hearty round of applause.

In the schoolboys' race, which was keenly contested, J. Macleod, Farraline Park School won the first prize.

The feature of the programme, however, was the exhibition of diving and swimming by Mr H. Macneill, the bathmaster, who seemed quite as much at home in the water as if he were a fish.

In the club 50 yards' handicap J. Stewart won in splendid style; while in the senior team competition, in which there were only three entries, honours went to the Inverness Amateur Swimming Club.

The gala was brought to a close by two polo contests, the first being between Nairn and the I.A.S.C. (No. 2), and the second between the Camerons and the I.A.S.C. (No. 1). In the first match the Inverness juniors won easily by 5 goals to 1; while in the second contest the Inverness seniors defeated the Camerons by 5 to 0.

At the conclusion of the programme Provost Ross called upon Mrs Mackenzie (wife of the Rev. Angus Mackenzie, Dundee), who is at present on a visit to Inverness, to present the prizes to the successful competitors, which duty she performed in an exceedingly graceful manner.

On the motion of Mr Cornet, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs Mackenzie; while a similar compliment was also paid to Provost Ross, and the proceedings were then brought to a close. We may mention that Mr H. J. Macneill acted as referee and starter, while the judges were Mr Cornet, Mr Wm. Craik, I.A.S.C.; Mr James I. Fraser, I.A.S.C; with Mr W. R. Christie as timekeeper.

The following are the prize-winners:—

Team Race (Schools)—High School—W. Stevenson, H. Logan, W. Macbean, and J. Fraser.

Quarter-Mile Championship (Bath Cup)—1 S. Mackintosh; 2 K. Macpherson.

Schoolboys' Race—1 J. Macleod, Farraline Park School; 2 G. Mackay, Merkinch School; 3 G. Garden, Merkinch School.

Club 50 Yards' Handicap—1 J. Stewart; 2 H. Macpherson; 3 H. Mirtle; 4 G. T. Cornet.

Team Race—1 I.A.S.C. (No. 1); 2 Cameron Highlanders.

Polo Matches—Inverness Juniors beat Nairn by 5 goals to 1; and Inverness Seniors beat the Cameron Highlanders by 5 goals to 0.

INDIGESTION

Is becoming a very dis[illegible] complaint, no doubt due to this age of worry. Of the many remedies put forward from time to time—supposed cures—none equals the mixture com[illegible] and vegetable tonics put up as a scientific combination by Mr T. MACKENZIE, F.C.S., Inverness, and sold in bottles at 1s 6d and 2s 6d each.

ARGYLLSHIRE.

OBAN NOTES.

The "tripper" who tramples and destroys and roots up is already at work on the new road to Ganavam Sands. The opening up of the Dunolly Castle demesne has exposed numerous rowan trees, and now the red berry of the rowan is a beautiful touch in the wood-fringed roadway. The "tripper," however, wages a continual warfare against the beautiful and lovely, and he (or is it she?) has taken to not only stripping the trees of the berries, but breaking off the berry-laden branches and bearing them off in triumph. A more ruthless and devastating vandalism could scarcely be imagined of a sylvan beauty unsurpassed in the Highlands. One could bear to see severe corporeal punishment administered to the Goths from Glasgow and Edinburgh who carry off these woodland adornments. Deprivation of privileges remain for those who take delight in this unsurpassingly beautiful walk by the shores of Lochs Linnhe and Etive.

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The political outlook in the Ayr Burghs group—Campbeltown, Oban, and Inveraray being included—is particularly rosy for the Liberal candidate. Mr C. L. Orr-Ewing, the present Tory member, has held the seat for some years; but apparently the late Liberal victory in the county has given him a fright. He is announced to visit the Burghs in Argyllshire on an early date. Mr Orr-Ewing is invariably accompanied by his wife, who is a daughter of Earl Glasgow, and they cultivate the social aspect, attending balls and re-unions of the Tory party, the aristocratic element being a strong attraction for the dames of the Primrose. But as a member Mr Orr-Ewing cannot be said to be a success. He is no great speaker—a little above mediocrity—and his public record in the House of Commons is almost nil. But he always votes Tory. He can be depended upon to do that. In his forthcoming visits to the Burghs in this county he should be requested to explain his votes on the English Education Act, so directly in the teeth of the political principles of the electorate. He may never have another opportunity of doing so, for if the late county election is any index to the political feeling in the Burghs, Mr Orr-Ewing will never sit in the new Parliament as their representative.

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Rev. James Mackay, who is a north countryman, and formerly of the Baptist Church here, preached a most excellent sermon in Argyll Square U.F. Church on Sunday morning. A few months ago Mr Mackay was called from the Oban Baptist Church to Port-Glasgow; but he has now left the Baptists and joined the U.F. Church, having lately been appointed to the Wynd Church, Glasgow, of which the Rev. Mr Riddell is the senior pastor. Mr Mackay is a pulpit orator of outstanding ability, and he will yet doubtless come to the front in the U.F. Church. Rev. D. J. Martin, M.A., pastor of Argyll Square Church, has been preaching during the past summer to very large audiences. Usually a pulpit "star" is obtained for the summer; but Mr Martin's pulpit ministrations are of such a high order that his people grumble when he is too often from home, and this summer he was invariably in his own pulpit.

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We had fourteen torpedo destroyers on the week of the balls in Oban lying out in the bay. The men, however, did not get often ashore. Of course the officers were at the balls, and no doubt had much enjoyment. We expect the Home Fleet at the latter end of this week. Let it be hoped that on this occasion the men will be allowed some periods of recreation and amusement ashore.

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There has been a very popular open-air entertainment in Oban for the past week or two—pictures of the "Passion Play," given as a cinematograph entertainment on the open space in front of the Victoria Crescent on the Esplanade. The young people and their elders have crowded to the place each week-night evening; but when the management announced a Sunday evening performance in the Volunteer Hall, many were the inquiries as to the name of the gentleman who let the hall. Of course the hall is available for letting on any evening, but the really religious portion of the community doubtless felt that running the entertainment on a Sunday evening savoured rather much of the worldly, secular, and devilish—to use a good Biblical word. At anyrate the hall was well filled, for if the churches of Oban do not provide Bible and other classes for the young people of the town, other and sometimes very questionable educational agencies will be provided by energetic men, who have no other aim or object but to make their ventures pay. After all, "spectacular religion" is not indigenous to the Highlands.

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The progress made during the summer months with the railway pier and station extension works has been considerable. A new double line dock for the Ballachulish extension and north seaward traffic is almost completed, when Euston carriages can be run to the pier. The work is of a most substantial character. Double-sheeted greenheart piles are used in the front of the pier, said to be the heaviest in any pier in Scotland, and the pile-work covers fully an acre, taking this large piece of foreshore from the bay. The dullest dullard can now see the triumph the Railway Company achieved over the Town Council when the Board of Trade Inspector sanctioned the throwing of the drainage of the south of Oban towards the North Pier. At anyrate it is directed away and off the Railway Pier. Oban Railway Pier and Station, when completed, will be the best in the Highlands.

ARDNAMURCHAN.

Sawmill.—A much-felt want is about to be supplied by the erection of a powerful sawmill at Glenborrodale. Mr Rudd, the proprietor, recognising the usefulness of such a mill on the estate, has taken the matter in hand, and we have no doubt that when complete the Ardnamurchan Sawmills will be second to none in the Highlands. The machinery is to be driven by turbine power.

School Report.—H.M. Inspector's report on Kilmory School is as follows:—"This school, which is intelligently and successfully conducted, is in a very satisfactory state of efficiency. The tone is pleasing and the organisation very good." Amount of grant, £41 14s; grant per scholar, £2 1s 8d. A merit certificate was enclosed along with the report to Elizabeth Cameron, Swordle. The teacher, Miss Mackellar, is to be congratulated on the very excellent position to which the school has attained under her management. The reports on the other schools will be given in an early issue.

Harvesting.—The weather which, for the whole of August and up to the beginning of last week was extremely wet and cold, has now taken a very welcome turn. For some days back we have been favoured with ideal autumn weather—clear, dry, and sunny—and harvest work has been well pushed forward. The most of the hay crop is now safely under thack and rope, and corn shearing is generally finished. Another week of the present atmospheric conditions would suffice to allow the grain to be all secured. It has been a very late harvest, as the absence of warmth and drought made ripening slow. On the whole there will be a fair yield in hay and grain. Potatoes are not nearly so good as they were last year, and the same applies to turnips.

NORTH KNAPDALE.

We understand that the Rev. A. Macinnes, B.D., North Knapdale, who is spoken of in connection with the appointment of a successor to the Rev. Mr Macaskill, of the United Free Church, Dingwall, has withdrawn his name from that congregation.
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Hylipol Church.—A supplementary sale of work in aid of the Building Funds of the above church will be held in the Waterloo Rooms, Glasgow, on Wednesday and Thursday, 4th and 5th November next. It will be remembered that a bazaar was held for this purpose last year by which a substantial sum was raised, but which left a considerable sum still to be made up. The cost of this handsome church was over £2000, and it is hoped that the balance required will be realised by the forthcoming sale. At last year's bazaar a prominent feature was the large collection of carved woodwork, by the sale of which a goodly sum was realised. The carving was the work of Tiree boys, and it is understood that a large number of similar articles will be this year again exposed for sale, and also a large assortment of specimens of Tiree pottery. It is to be hoped that natives of Tiree everywhere and also that other friends will rally round the promoters of this undertaking and do all in their power to make it completely successful.

BALLACHULISH LOCK-OUT.

MASS MEETING OF QUARRIERS.

STICKING TO THEIR GUNS.

A meeting of the Ballachulish Quarriers' Union was held on the evening of Monday, the 21st inst. The chair was taken by Mr A. Clark, who was supported by Messrs A. Maclaren, J. M'Taggart, P. Mackenzie, J. Mackenzie, and D. Vance. There was a full attendance of members.

The Chairman said the Committee thought it right to call the meeting to discuss the questions arising out of a communication they had received from Mr Thomson, one of the shareholders. They had laid their grievances before Mr Thomson at his own request, and he brought these before the directors. They were obliged to Mr Thomson for the trouble he had taken, but he regretted to say that he did not seem to be more successful in securing satisfactory concessions than they had been themselves. The Chairman then read Mr Thomson's letter. They would notice there was scarcely one definite statement in it—(applause). He never said the directors would do such-and-such, but every statement was qualified by such phrases as "I think," "It appears to me," "I suppose," "The directors might be willing," &c. The letter stated that owing to the high rent paid for the quarries an increase in wages would lead to the closing of the quarries. He (the speaker) did not believe that. Ballachulish slate was the best. It commanded the highest price, and yet their wages were lower than in any other quarry in Scotland—(cheers). Again, the letter stated that before the dispute started everything had been put in order for the building of the houses promised five years ago—(much laughter). The directors now said that the stoppage of the works made new houses unnecessary. As to work on wet days, they were asked to arrange that amicably with the manager. Well, they knew the manager, and it was for them to consider whether it was worth their while trying to arrange anything with him—(cries of "No.") About the money pay. Mr Thomson did not say they would get that, but he thought it would be possible to arrange fair terms. If they appointed an efficient doctor, the directors were good enough to say they might confirm the appointment—(laughter). But their opinion was that the directors had no business whatever with the doctor—(loud cheers). There was nothing in Mr Thomson's reply that would help to further a settlement. They must have everything in plain terms. They were not in the Company's reverence, and they had made up their minds to have nothing to do with them again until the matters laid before the directors were fairly and reasonably considered. A representative of the Company had lately been telling some of the men that the Committee were keeping them out of work because they (the Committee) knew that there would be no work for themselves. That was false—(loud cheers). They sought to do the best they could for the redress of their grievances. Let them pay no attention to people who were not worth listening to. If the Committee had to go they could do without the Company, and get better pay and better conditions of labour elsewhere—(loud applause).

Mr James Mackenzie, one of the deputation who visited their brother-quarriers in the West, gave an interesting account of their visit. Speaking particularly of Balvicar, the quarriers there said that none of their demands were to be modified in the slightest degree, and they were stronger than ever in demanding the dismissal of the manager. This remark called forth a prolonged outburst of cheering, renewed again and again. The Balvicar men hoped their friends at home would be independent. The Company would become grey with age, and would spend all their capital before the Balvicar quarriers would agree to work unless the former conditions were wiped out—(loud applause). Those of them at home were making a mistake in not going away—(applause).

Mr Peter Mackenzie, another member of the deputation, spoke of their visit to Cullipool and Toberonochy. He explained that Mr Thomson's letter was laid before them there also. Their friends there were of the same opinion as themselves. They said, in fact, to the directors—"We cannot alter our demands or terms, but you send your terms to us and we shall consider them." The quarriers in these two places he had mentioned had put it to the vote, and had decided unanimously not to come back on the old terms—(cheers).

Mr Maclaren said that they visited all the various groups of their late fellow-workmen, now scattered over the slate islands of the West. These sent greetings to those still at home, and urged them to be strong and of good courage—(applause). There was plenty of work, and more men were wanted. This was no boasting; they saw and heard for themselves. One of the Ballachulish crews had already made 100,000 slates for this pay—(applause). Toberonochy never produced so many slates as now, and the other places were all very good. This was encouraging to them, and the directors would not need to think that one person would put his nose inside their gates until they got proper terms—(loud applause). The directors blamed the large rent for not increasing their pay; but that was their look-out. He believed Mr Thomson was doing his best, but he would compare him to the boy who was "thinking" when his master's coat-tails were on fire. Let him make up his mind and give them some distinct offer. The directors were throwing dust in his eyes. They were old hands at that game. As to what was said in the letter about the building of houses, he would not say it was false, but he would ask them if they believed it—(great laughter). Regarding the matter to be arranged with the manager, he said it might be possible elsewhere to do so, but not here—(applause). It was the opinion of the men in the West that the letter contained nothing on which to base a settlement—(a voice, "Let them make it clear," and applause). With one exception, their demands did not cost the Company a penny; and that being so, the directors must show clearly that they mean to deal reasonably with them (the workmen)—(applause). The Company had played a dirty trick on them and their doctor already, and they could not be trusted again. They told the Company that they had no right to interfere with the doctor, and they would stick to that—(prolonged cheering). It had been said that the directors would do no business with the Committee chosen by the men. What then would they do?—(laughter). It took two to make a quarrel. They did not want that. Let the Company keep to themselves, and they would not trouble them; but if the Company sent them terms, whether good or bad, let them make these clear—(cheers).

Mr John M'Taggart thought the position which they should take up was clear. He asked Mr Thomson whether any of their demands were unreasonable, and that gentleman, who was one of the largest shareholders, said at once that everything they asked was quite reasonable, although, he added, he had only their (the men's) side of the question as yet. Their opinion was that anything which could truthfully be urged on the other side could make no difference. They therefore proposed to keep to their first programme—(applause). He had to tell them that Messrs Macintyre and Maclean were ready to give employment to 100 more men—(loud cheers). He had that on the best authority; there was no doubt about it. There was then no reason for any one going idle or giving in—(applause). He concluded by moving that they adhere to their original programme—(applause).

The Chairman then explained that Mr Thomson's letter concerned each of them as individuals. He asked what had they to yield on. The people in the West were unanimous. What right had the directors to their doctor? They would not yield on that—(prolonged cheering). Then, there was nothing in the month's pay that would affect the Company in any way. It was sheer stubbornness on the part of the directorate. Colonel Malcolm declared that they must not, and would not, yield to the men. He asked Colonel Malcolm to yield to truth, justice, and right—(applause). That was what they wanted. Till they got that it would be better for them and for their interests to hold out—(loud applause). He concluded by asking any of those present to give their opinions.

A quarrier remarked that they seemed to be standing where they were—(applause). Another suggested that a reply should be sent thanking Mr Thomson for the trouble he had taken, and asking the directors to send on terms, if they had them. This was received with loud cheering. Another voice cried, "Draw back on nothing," and the cheers which followed clearly indicated the feeling of the meeting. Another speaker evoked the cheers of the audience by saying that they wished to go in on fair and honourable terms. A shout of "Do without them" called forth a chorus of approval, the most frequent comment being "Direach sin" (just so).

The motion that they adhere to the demands already submitted to the directors was put to the meeting from the chair. An amendment was called for, but none being forthcoming, the motion was carried amidst loud cheering.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr Rankin, Tighphuirst, offering to supply coal, delivered at their houses at 17s 6d per ton. or 8s 9d per 10 cwts. Amidst applause and laughter, the Chairman made the remark that coal was still coming down.

Some discussion followed regarding the distribution of the Relief and Union Funds. The Committee entrusted with this task are doing much good work in a quiet unostentatious way. So far as their funds allow they give assistance to those out of work who are unable, through infirmity, to go in search of employment away from their homes.

THE CASE OF DR LACHLAN GRANT.

The "Lancet" of 19th September says:—On Thursday, September 10th, Dr Lachlan Grant, in accordance with an order of the Court of Session, had to cease from practise in Ballachulish. The quarriers are still standing by him, and during the time for which he may be debarred from practice in the district they have appointed a substitute to attend to themselves and their wives and families. Dr Grant is continuing to practice outside the prescribed area, and in the meantime is awaiting the result of the appeal to the House of Lords. A very enthusiastic meeting of the quarriers was held on September 4th, when the decision was expressed to stand by Dr Grant. The defeat of the Government in the recent Argyllshire election is attributed in some quarters to the Ballachulish case, for the Unionist candidate had among his supporters a "gentleman who is believed by everyone in Ballachulish to be mainly responsible for the present deplorable situation." So says a correspondent writing in the "Glasgow Herald" of September 7th.

NAIRN NEWS.

Liberal Unionist Association.—The annual meeting of the Moray and Nairn Liberal Unionist Association was held in the Mechanics' Institute, Forres, on Tuesday—Mr G. R. Mackessack of Ardgye presiding. It was decided by the meeting that the Association adopt Mr Harry Hope as candidate for the combined counties.

The New Post Office.—A special meeting of the Nairn Town Council was held on Tuesday to consider the question as to whether they could enforce the placing of the new Post Office building at a distance of 25 feet from the centre of the roadway. A lengthy discussion took place, after which it was agreed that they could take no action in the matter.

I.O.G.T.—On Monday night the programme in the Star of Hope Lodge of Good Templars was under the charge of Sis. Mrs M'Currach, and took the form of a "Sacred Night." Several solos, readings, and violin selections were rendered. The attendance was small, only about forty members being present. It is a pity that any counter attraction should be able to spoil the attendance at a Lodge meeting. There was one addition to the membership.

DISTRICT NEWS.

Kingussie—Concert by Oban Gaelic Choir.—On Wednesday evening the Oban Gaelic Choir gave a most enjoyable concert in Kingussie. There was a large audience, the chair being occupied by Mr Donald Campbell, who is himself an enthusiastic Highlander. The Choir fully maintained the high order of merit which they have already attained, and their efforts were much appreciated.

Fort-Augustus—In a Perambulator.—The villagers were somewhat amused on Wednesday evening when a man arrived in their midst wheeling a huge perambulator, in which was seated a woman and child, neither of whom had the appearance of being invalids. It was soon discovered that the little party were no other than Anton Hanslian, the Austrian, and his wife and child, who are making a tour round the world in this unique fashion, and who have already covered a distance of 20,000 miles.

Fort-William—Destroyer Ashore in Loch Nevis.—On Wednesday morning about 3 o'clock the torpedo destroyer Charger went on the "Bowlby's Monument" rocks, Loch Nevis. Two of the fore compartments were stove in, and the water pressed the decks open. Pumps and jets were set to work. The full extent of the damage is unknown, but is believed to be serious. It is expected that in order to save the ship it will be necessary to beach her. For that operation the weather and beach are favourable.

Fort-Augustus—New Golf Club.—On Monday a meeting of the villagers was held for the purpose of forming a Golf Club, and the following office-bearers were appointed:—Patron, Lord Lovat; president, Dr Johnston; treasurer, Mr W. W. Jack; secretary, Mr John M. Aitchison; Messrs R. M. Cameron, Douglas Hotel; Angus Grant, Bridgend; Robert Grant, Parish Councillor; and R. M'B. Fraser, Inland Revenue—members of committee. The secretary was instructed to communicate with Lord Lovat as to the granting of a portion of Achteraw farm grazing, and the Committee are meantime waiting his lordship's reply.

SUTHERLANDSHIRE NEWS.

More Carnegie Gifts.—Dr Carnegie has promised Tottenham £10,000 for the provision of two additional branch libraries, while he has also offered £5000 to Cardiff subject to the usual conditions.

Bonar-Bridge — Renovation of Viaduct.—Mr G. Ross, painter, Dingwall, and a squad of workmen have for the past few days been busily engaged repainting the Bonar viaduct which, we understand, has not had a "brush on it" for the past six years.

Retirement of Volunteer Officer.—Lieut.-Colonel J. Mackintosh retires from the 1st Sutherland Rifle Volunteers in accordance with paragraph 55a of Volunteer Regulations. He will, however, be permitted to wear the uniform of the corps, and retain his rank and commission.

Glasgow Sutherlandshire Association. — The syllabus for the session is now ready, and includes papers from Mr J. Macnaught Campbell, curator, Kelvingrove Museum; Mr D W. Kemp, J.P., Edinburgh; Professor Magnus Maclean, Technical College; Rev. Colin Macdonald, M.A., Rogart; and the Rev. John Gunn Nicolson, M.A., B.D., Strathpeffer; and a MS. magazine edited by Mr Thos. Chisholm, Dennistoun Public School.

Acharry Muir — Presentation.—On Thursday evening of last week Mr David Campbell, secretary to the Skibo Grazings Committee, was waited upon by a deputation and presented with a silver chain and pendant attached, on which was a suitable inscription, and also a hand lamp. Mr George Graham occupied the chair, and called upon Mr George Murray to make the presentation. That gentleman did so in a few well-chosen remarks, referring to the services rendered by Mr Campbell during the last six years, and the part he took in the proceedings for the enlargement of their holdings. Mr William Dingwall and Mr Donald Mackay spoke in a similar strain. Mr Campbell in a few and appropriate words thanked the deputation, and wished his thanks to be conveyed to all those who had subscribed to the very handsome presents, which would always remind him of their great kindness.

Bonar-Bridge—Volunteer Shooting Competition.—On Saturday of last week the members of the Bonar-Bridge Company of the 1st Sutherland H.R.V. held their annual shooting competition on the Rhinamain Range. The weather was unfavourable, a thick fog prevailing throughout the day. The following are the top scores:—1 Sergt. W. A. Bethune, 86, Ladies' Challenge Cup and £2; 2nd Col.-Sergt. J. Gunn, 81, £1 15s; 3rd Sergt. D. Campbell, 81, £1 10s; 4th Corporal D. Sutherland, 78, £1 5s; 5th Private D. Ross, 73, £1. The remainder fired in the following order of merit, with prizes accordingly:—Pte. A. Neish, Corpl. W. Mackay, Lance-Corpl. J. Mackay, Pte. D. Mackenzie, Pte. A. Ross, Lance-Corpl. D. Mackenzie, Sergt. J. Murphy; Bugler A. Mackay, Pte. Philip Ross; Pte. A. Macdonald, Lieut. Macrae, Piper J. Fraser, Pte. A. S. Macbon, Pte. R. Ross, Lieut. Macmillan, Pte J. Gordon, Lance-Corpl. F. Matheson, Pte. J. Leslie, Pte. R. Mackay, Pte. E. Grant, Pte. D. Stewart, Pte. N. Macleod, Pte. G. Murray, Pte. J. Ross, Pte. F. Mackenzie, Pte. J. Cameron. At the hotel the prizes were presented to the successful winners by Lieutenant Macmillan, convener of the Shooting Committee.

Creich—Dr Carnegie and the Crofter—For some considerable time past a story has been going the round of the press to the effect that a Creich crofter met with rather a severe rebuff at he hands of Dr Carnegie. The story is, however, one of those "old chestnuts" which, with a little colouring and a few local touches here and there, can be attributed to any person or district. In its connection with Creich the yarn is to the effect that Dr Carnegie, on observing a crofter engaged in repairing the roof of his cottage on one occasion, asked him how much it would cost to do the necessary repairs, whereupon the son of the soil informed him of the amount he thought the repairs were likely to cost. Dr Carnegie, with his usual generosity, is said to have handed him a cheque for the amount. On the crofter showing the cheque to his better half, it is stated that she berated him soundly for not having mentioned a larger sum. The result was—so the story goes—that the wily countryman made his way to Skibo Castle, and with much humility informed the multi-millionaire that he had made a mistake, and that he ought to have stated that the repairs to his cottage would cost double the amount indicated by him. Dr Carnegie, it is alleged, asked for the cheque, which the Creich man is supposed to have handed to him, no doubt expecting a more substantial one in return, whereupon the American Crœsus tore it up, threw it into the wastepaper basket, and, pointing to the door, intimated to his astonished and crestfallen visitor that the interview was over. We have in our time come across this story in many garbs, and we were consequently not surprised, on a recent visit to Creich, to find that, while Dr Carnegie was certainly a reality in the district this particular crofter was quite unknown to any of the parishioners, and was looked upon, indeed, as nothing more or less than a "fictitious character." We are rather inclined to think that the average Creich crofter would have cashed the one cheque before he attempted to get another, as he is doubtless acquainted with the old proverb that "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

DINGWALL NEWS.

We are pleased to observe that Miss A. C. Davidson, daughter of Mrs Davidson, Nicol's Court, and presently on the teaching staff of Crail Academy, has passed the final examination of the Scottish Education Department for the teachers' diploma held in Edinburgh recently.

Presentation to a Townsman.—Mr John Hay, Greenhill House, Dingwall, has retired from the office of cashier with Mr Macdonald, solicitor and Town Clerk, Inverness. On Tuesday he was presented with a handsomely-bound Church Hymnary by the members of the U.F. Church Missionary Sabbath School.

The Glasgow Ross and Cromarty Association.—The Glasgow Ross and Cromarty Association has now completed its arrangements for the coming session. The meetings will be held as usual in the Christian Institute. On 13th October Mr Gilbert Thomson, C.E., will lecture on "Mountaineering in Scotland." Some unique limelight views will be shown. On 3rd November the Rev. D. F. Macleod, of Partick, will lecture on "Highland Character and Characteristics." On 1st December a concert will be given. On 12th January the Society unites with the County of Sutherland Association for a joint debate on a Highland problem. On 4th February the annual re-union will be held; and on 1st March Mr Robert Munro, M.A., LL.B., a prominent member of the Scottish Bar, will lecture on "Recollections of Ross-shire." The Secretary, Mr David Mackay, 118 Byres Road, will be glad to hear from ladies and gentlemen who would like to become members of the Association.

Kingussie—Appointment of Recruiting Officer.—Sergeant Farquharson, of 3rd Battalion Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, has taken up duty at Kingussie as recruiting officer for the county regiment.

We learn that Miss Winifred Macrae, daughter of Mr Macrae, stationmaster, Plockton, has gained a county bursary, value £20, tenable for two years.

Avoch—New Fishing Boat.—A new boat, the "Mizpah," has been added to the Avoch fishing fleet, and left with the other boats for the English fishing grounds a few days ago. She is owned by the Messrs Jack, and is the largest of the fleet.

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		Morning H. M.		Evening H. M.
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Monday	28	11 31	...	11 59
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OCTOBER.				
Thursday	1	3 22	...	3 57
Friday	2	4 16	...	4 51
Saturday	3	5 13	...	5 29

SURVEY SHIP.—H.M.S. Research, on survey service, is at present engaged in Stornoway harbour.

COURT-HOUSE.—Mr A. Bain, plumber, is at present fitting up a steam heating apparatus in the Court-house to be ready for use after the vacation.

THE MOD.—On Tuesday night the Gaelic Choir and a considerable number of the general public left by the mail boat for Inverness to attend the Mod, which was held on Thursday and Friday. There was a large crowd at King Edward's Wharf to see them off.

POLICE COURT.—Before Provost Anderson on Friday Donald Macdonald ("Red") was charged with committing a breach of the peace in town the previous night. He pled guilty. This, unfortunately, was not Donald's first appearance in the dock, and a fine of 10s was imposed, and paid.

The Secretary of the Stornoway Gaelic Choir acknowledges, with thanks, the following subscriptions to the choir funds:—Col. Stewart Mackenzie, Brahan Castle, £5; Major Matheson of the Lews, £2 2s; Provost Anderson, £1; Bailie Maclennan, £1; Mrs Platt, Eishken, 10s 6d; D. Murray, Esq., London, 10s; W. C. Mackenzie, Esq., do., 10s.

HARVESTING IN LEWIS.—Harvesting operations have now started in the Lewis district, the weather being favourable. Notwithstanding the late spring, there was an excellent crop, but the gales at the beginning of this month, accompanied by steady rain, played sad havoc, and the greater part of the crop will only be fit for fodder. The potato crop, so far, promises well.

LEWIS CREWS AND THE ENGLISH FISHING—To say that the Lewis fisherman is as daring and enterprising a seaman as sails salt water is to make a statement that cannot be gainsaid. On the Shetland coast, at Wick, or Fraserburgh, more so even than at home, "SY." on a boat's bow is a synoym for intrepid industry and success. While this is so, the fishings on the English coast, which are year by year becoming more important, have been all but neglected by our Lewis crews. As a rule they have preferred to remain at home in the hopes of a fishing breaking out in the mainland or Skye lochs, but the past two or three seasons have been very disappointing ones in this respect. The boats and gear now used at the herring fishing represent a large capital outlay, which, to pay, must be kept in constant employment. The English fishing, it may be said, is practically being developed by the Scotch, and this season our fishermen determined to accompany their East Coast brethren to the south in something like representative numbers. The following ten boats, which may be styled the Lewis First Division, have sailed for England:—Magnificent, Tolsta, skipper Angus Macleod; Dutiful, Back, Malcolm Graham; Director, Portnaguran, Donald Macleod; Transvaal, Portnaguran, Donald Campbell; Jessie and Ann, Shader, Donald Mackay; Winsome, Garrabost, Murdo Macsween; Murnag, Knock, Alex. Macleod; Tubal Cain, Knock, Angus Macdonald; Balgownie, Tong, Malcolm Thomson, and Sunbeam, s.s., Tong, Murdo Thomson. In every case the crews are "made-up," most of them including skippers of other boats, who will in all probability go with their own crews next year should this year's venture prove successful. The best wishes of the entire community accompany the little flotilla. May they have a great run of luck, and come back with sporrans well lined with Sassenach gold.

INDUCTION AT CARLOWAY.—The U.F.C. Presbytery of Lewis met in the church at Carloway on Wednesday at noon to induct the Rev. Duncan Macleod, M.A., colleague and successor to the Rev. Roderick Macrae, who has retired, and now resides in Dunoon. The members of Presbytery present were—Revs. D. H. Morrison, Barvas; G. Macleod, Knock; D. M. Macdonald, Ness; J. Mackay, Kinloch; J. H. S. Hunter and W. Calder, Stornoway; and Messrs M. Maclean, merchant, Stornoway; R. Macdonald, Carloway, and J. Maciver, Kinloch (ruling elders). Considering that the people are very busy with harvest work, there was a very good congregation in the church, over 260 being present. The Rev. D. H. Morrison, Barvas, preached an able evangelical sermon from John xii. 32, after which the usual questions were put to Mr Macleod and satisfactorily answered by him, and on his signing the formula he was duly inducted to the pastorate of the congregation, and received the right hand of fellowship from the members of Presbytery. Thereafter Mr Macleod, Knock, suitably addressed the minister, and Mr Calder addressed the congregation. At the close of the service the congregation, as they were retiring, had an opportunity of welcoming their new minister by shaking hands with him. Mr Macleod is a native of Carloway, and after passing through the University and Divinity Hall with distinction in Aberdeen and Edinburgh, he laboured for several years in America, where his services have been highly appreciated. After service in church the Presbytery and friends were entertained by the congregation to a sumptuous repast in the Schoolhouse, where a number of speeches were delivered, in which satisfaction with the settlement and hope for the future of the congregation under the ministry of Mr Macleod were expressed. Sympathetic references were made to Mr Macrae, senior minister, who had laboured so long and so well in Carloway, and appreciative references to the very acceptable services of the Rev. Farquhar Mackenzie, who has been labouring for about five months in the congregation. The settlement promises to be a very happy one.

TORPEDO FLOTILLAS AT STORNOWAY.—The Devonport flotilla of torpedo destroyers which had been cruising on the West Coast arrived at Stornoway from Lochmaddy on Friday. The fleet consisted of the Falcon, (flagship, under command of Captain Cowan), Charger, Skate, Tiger, Osprey, Gipsy, Contest, and Hasty. On Saturday a number of the officers went golfing, while several of the captains fished over the Angling Association's waters. Unfortunately the day was rather bright for fishing, but one angler secured a salmon weighing about 10 lbs. On Saturday evening about 160 of the sailors and artificers, being 20 from each ship, were entertained to tea by Provost Anderson in the Social Institute. After a blessing had been invoked by Rev. A. Murray a substantial tea was served, in the disposal of which the handy men gave, as is their wont, a good account of themselves. A very enjoyable programme of songs and music was afterwards gone through, taken part in by men from the various ships, assisted by Mrs Anderson, Misses Dutton and Aikman, and Mr Paul, organist. The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Provost, proposed by one of the petty officers, after which the National Anthem was sung. The ships sailed on Monday morning, and were succeeded on Wednesday by the Portsmouth flotilla, consisting of the following 8 ships, which arrived from Ullapool via Lochs Erribol and Glendhu:—Syren (flagship under command of Captain Barttelot), Fervent, Porcupine, Zebra, Sylvia, Lightwing, Electra, and Shark. Immediately on their arrival Provost Anderson proceeded on board the flagship to pay his respects on behalf of the community to Captain Barttelot. On Wednesday afternoon several of the officers fished on the Angling Association's lochs, while two fished the Creed loch by permission of Major Matheson. In the evening 160 of the men were entertained to tea in the Social Institute by Provost Anderson, and on Thursday a like number was similarly entertained. All the ships coaled on Thursday, and the fleet proceeded south on Friday.

VITAL STATISTICS. — The Registrar's returns for the parish for the week ending Thursday are:—Births, 9 (four males and five females); marriages, one; deaths, 6 (two males and four females).

THE HOME SQUADRON.—Provost Anderson has received telegraphic information from the Admiral commanding the Home Squadron that one of the ships will lie at Stornoway from Wednesday first till Sunday, but that the fleet will not call.

TOWN HALL.—Building operations at the Town Hall, which were practically suspended for nearly a month owing to the delay in transit of a cargo of freestone, are once more in full swing, and rapid progress is being made.

EMIGRANTS.—On Monday Duncan Murray, Donald Murray, and Donald Macrae, three masons in the employment of Mr James Macrae, contractor, left Stornoway for South Africa, where they have secured a three years' job. They sailed from London on Thursday.

IMPORTS.—The following cargoes arrived during the week:—Rebecca, s.s., Troon, coals for Messrs J. N. Anderson & Co.; Arrandale, Easdale, slates for new infant school; Maggie Ker, Orkney, freestone for Town Hall; Laura, s.s., Sweden, timber for Messrs Bain, Morrison & Co., and Pebble, s.s., Cardiff, coals for Messrs J. N. Anderson & Co., to coal the torpedo flotilla.

DEPARTURE OF MR MACKINNON.—Rev. D. Mackinnon occupied the pulpit of the Established Church at the various services on Sunday for the last time before leaving for his new sphere of labour at Glengarry. The Stornoway congregation were much attached to Mr Mackinnon, who is an able evangelical preacher, and his departure is regretted, not only by them, but by the community in general, among whom he was very popular.

PRICE OF GAS.—At a meeting of the directors of the Stornoway Gas Light Company, Limited, held on Friday last—Mr Æneas M. Mackenzie, chairman, presiding—it was decided to reduce the price of gas to a uniform figure of 5s per 1000 cubic feet as from 1st August. The price formerly was 6s 3d for illuminating, and 5s for power purposes.

"GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENT TO A LEWISMAN IN SOUTH AFRICA.—Many of our readers will be pleased to hear that Mr W. Macrae (son of Mr Angus Macrae, Vatisker) has secured an important appointment under the Education Department of the Transvaal in the Inspector of Schools Office. Mr Macrae, who served his apprenticeship as a pupil teacher in Back Public School, was well known in town and country. He left Edinburgh early in 1902 for South Africa, having joined the Army Service Corps as a special clerk, and was for most of the time employed with the Military Compensation Board at Johannesburg. Shortly after being discharged he received the above appointment and left for Pretoria some months ago, where he is at present. We all wish our countryman every success and prosperity in his new sphere."

BOAT RACE.—A race for small sailing boats took place in the Bay on Monday at noon. There were five competitors, viz., Mr Angus Maclennan's "Katie" and "Star of the Sea," the former sailed by Mr James Munro and the latter by the owner; Captain Morrison's "Volonel" sailed by Mr John Maclean; Mr Louis Bain's "Matje" sailed by owner; and Mr Alexander Macdonald's "Alexandra" sailed by owner. The course, a three-legged one of about three miles, was a reach to the hulk Andalina in Glumag Bay, a beat to windward round a mark in Stoneyfield Bay, and a free run home. Mr John Mackenzie, Lloyd's agent, acted as commodore. There was a strong south-easterly breeze blowing, and a good start was made, all the boats crossing the line soon after the off gun was fired. The "Katie" got away first, and continued increasing her lead during the whole race, finishing 5 mins. 23 secs. ahead of the "Alexandra," which was 7 seconds ahead of the "Volonel." The "Matje" was fourth and "Star of the Sea" fifth.

RECOLLECTIONS OF LEWIS.

Oh! to see the loom of Lewis
 Break the sunset's golden rays,
And the mists trail o'er its mountains
 Like the ghost of other days;
Mellow tints and trailing glories,
 Dew drops gleaming all around,
Made this lake bejewelled island
 Seem a fairy haunted ground.

Nature shows her greatest splendours
 On these islands of the west,
Sun and moon and glorious rainbows
 Give to them their very best;
And Aurora, child of morning,
 With her mission to inspire,
Breaks through night's enshrouding vesture
 With a play of lambent fire.

Oh! the grandeur and the splendour
 When the northern streamers play,
When the heaven is luminescent
 With their ever changing ray;
And when Venus from her toilette
 Shines her pure and crystal light,
Man, in humble adoration,
 Worships glad the beauteous sight.

Waves and wavelets chase each other
 Lamb-like to these northern shores,
Fleecy white when winds are raving,
 Booming strong when Neptune roars;
'Neath the stars that twinkle brightly
 When old night her wings has spread,
Million rays of phosphorescence
 O'er deep ocean's face is shed.

Twilight steals o'er Lewis softly,
 Day recedes and night comes on,
Mountains cast their softened shadows,
 Gruagachs chant their milking song,
Peace reigns ever, save when Æolus
 Sweeps in wrath across these isles,
And the natives "pass" the gloaming
 With a sgeultachd that beguiles.

S. Y.

YEAR AFTER YEAR.

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FISHERY BOARD FOR SCOTLAND.—The following statement shows the progress of the great summer herring fishing on the East Coast of Scotland, in Orkney and Shetland, and on the Northumberland Coast from 1st July to 19th September, 1903, and for the corresponding period last year:—

Locality.	Catch. Crans. 1903.	Catch. Crans. 1902.	Cured gutted. Bar'ls. 1903.	Cured gutted. Bar'ls. 1902.
East coast	574,467	682,008	635,895	729 508
Orkney	12,835	18,647	15,366	22,257
Shetland*	307,597	306,551	344,490	374,058
Northumberland	28,855	37,964	25,357	32,440
Total	923,754	1,045,070	1,021,108	1,158,263

Exported

	1903. Barrels	1902. Barrels.
East Coast	490,735½	684,846½
Orkney	5,297	11,768
Shetland	322,891	341,747½
Northumberland	6,192	8,394
Total	825,115½	1,046,756

*Figures for Shetland are as from 1st June.

NOTE.—The East Coast exports include a considerable quantity of herrings taken in June and also a large proportion of the herrings taken off the Northumberland coast, West Coast, and Orkney and Shetland, which are sent to Leith coastwise and by rail for trans-shipment.

IN THE INTERESTS OF FISHERMEN.

OFFER BY ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE.

Henry N. Malan, Registrar-General of Shipping and Seamen, has just issued a notice bearing on the Royal Naval Reserve, and which should prove of more than ordinary interest to fishermen and others interested in seafaring life. The notice states that three months' satisfactory training performed will entitle a man to promotion to the "qualified seamen" class, with increased pay and retainers, and two further periods of three months each as a "qualified seaman" will render him eligible for a pension of £12 a year at the age of 60, subject to the due performance of his duties as a member of the reserve during a period of at least twenty years' service. In future also Royal Naval Reserve seamen, who volunteer for naval training, and who have not already been embarked for three months, will be received as far as possible in the six sea-going drill ships attached to the several districts. The Home Fleet, however, will still be available for embarking men. Short cruises along the coast will be taken by the sea drill ships, and every endeavour put forth to make the men conversant with the practical details of the ship, including handling of guns and other gunnery duties in magazine and shell rooms. This splendid offer by the Government will, no doubt, strongly appeal to fishermen who may feel inclined to join the Royal Reserve.

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ITS INVENTOR.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HIGHLAND NEWS"]

SIR,—I observe in last week's "Highland News" a note relating to "Iona pebble jewellery," which induces me to say that, like Plato who invented Socrates, and Boswell who invented Johnson, the man who invented Iona pebble jewellery ought to get the credit, and that is Mr John Macgilvray, of 9 George's Strreet, Oban, and in confirmation of this allow me to draw the attention of your readers to the following cutting from the "British Journal of Commerce," which I happen at this moment to be reading.—I am, Sir, yours, &c.,

M. E. C.

Mr John Macgilvray is a watchmaker and manufacturing jeweller, and proprietor of "the shop with the projecting clock," 9 George Street, Oban, who is known throughout Scotland as the originator and manufacturer of beautiful souvenirs of historic and romantic Iona. Mr Macgilvray has been established in Oban for a quarter of a century, and about eighteen years ago he commenced to make up jewellery mounted with shells gathered on the shores of the isle which is sacred to St Columba. He then turned his attention to pebbles, and, finding them the best, spent much time in drawing patterns, taking years to bring them to perfection, and produced among others his far-famed Iona Cross (registered design), which is regarded as a most elegant and interesting specimen of the lapidary's art. He manufactures an artistic variety of gold and silver jewellery mounted with Iona pebbles, representing ornaments for Highland costume, also sporrans, skiendhus, &c.; gold and silver brooches in pebble, cairngorm, and amethyst; studs, links, scarfpins, rings, necklets, seals, crosses, pendants, and a large selection of novelties. These include silver-mounted pebbles, snuffboxes, matchboxes, vinaigrettes, buckles, trinket boxes, paper-knives, and souvenir tea-spoons in fifty different designs, and altogether Mr Macgilvray has the largest retail stock of Scotch pebbles and cairngorm jewellery in Great Britain. It will be readily appreciated that in drawing his pebbles from the island which is not only associated with St Columba but which is the resting place of many of the ancient Kings of Scotland, Ireland, and Norway, and was a wonderful seat of learning, the gems manufactured by Mr Macgilvray become invested with an interest and degree of importance which is beyond price, and to this fact, combined with artistic design and good workmanship, much of the great success which has attended his enterprise is due. He is an antiquary as well as a far-seeing business man, and his shop resembles a museum of antiques as much as it does that of a progressive jeweller and watchmaker. He possesses many rare antiques of historical interest, formerly the property of Sir Walter Scott and others, and has a hobby for the collection of old miniatures painted on ivory and for solid silver goods. Mr Macgilvray has supplied goods to members of the Royal Family, and, as he makes it his business to anticipate public requirements, he commands a yearly increasing trade.

MEETING OF ROSS-SHIRE VALUATION COMMITTEE.

An adjourned meeting of the County Council of Ross and Cromarty was held within the Convening-Room, County Buildings, Dingwall, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., to resume consideration of appeals and complaints not disposed of at the meeting on the 11th inst. The sederunt consisted of Sir Hector Munro, convener, in the chair; Mr Cameron, Balnakyle; Mr G. G. Macleod, Ardgay; Bailie Macleay, Tain; and Mr James Steven Morangie. The first appeal was that of Mr Wylie Hill, Lemlair, against the assessor's valuation of £511 10s. Mr Hill appeared for himself, and contended that the valuation should be reduced to £393 10s. Having heard the Assessor, the Court fixed the valuation at £482. The next case was that of the Braemore Forest. This case involved two points of interest, viz.:—(1) Whether the sum of £300 paid for the feeding of the deer should be allowed as a deduction, and (2) whether all the deductions should be calculated for a year or for seven months, the period for which the subjects were let. Mr Mackay, Inverness, appeared for the estate, and Mr Middleton, Dingwall, for the Parish Council of Lochbroom, who contended that the valuation fixed by the Assessor, instead of being reduced to £693, as held by Mr Mackay, ought to be increased to at least £1200. After parties were heard, the Court sat in private, and on the public being admitted, the Chairman intimated that the Court had gone carefully over the various deductions, made some alterations on those allowed by the assessor, but the result worked out at practically the same figure, viz., £1100. It was understood that both parties acquiesced in the decision arrived at. In the case of the appeal of Sir Arthur Mackenzie, Coul, whose assessment was entered at £213, was, after hearing parties, fixed at £157. The Parish Council of Kilmuir, represented by Provost Macrae, Dingwall, complained of the assessment of Pollo House. After hearing parties, the appeal was dismissed. A complaint by the same Parish Council in the case of Delny House was also dismissed, and the Assessor's valuation of £40 confirmed. In the case of the deer forest of Glasleitcailleach, Lochbroom, complained of by the Lochbroom Parish Council, the assessment, after parties were heard, was raised from £102 to £140. In the case of the complaint of the Urray Parish Council against the valuation of Tarradale and Port of Hilton Farm, the valuation of £212 fixed by the Assessor was confirmed. Mungaston, Lochbroom, was fixed at £590. Some other appeals were either settled out of Court or withdrawn. At the close of the business Mr Morin, the Assessor, said that as that was the last Valuation Court at which he would be present he desired to thank the Committee for the courtesy with which he had always been treated and the help he had received in the discharge of his duties as Assessor. The Chairman said that the Committee were sorry to be losing Mr Morin's services, who had discharged his duties in a thorough and conscientious manner.

NORWEGIAN HERRING FISHING.—The following official information has been received by the Fishery Board for Scotland from the Norwegian Fisheries Commissioner for Great Britain:—"Norwegian summer herring fishing to 19th instant 237,927 barrels cured gutted. Last year, 137,910 barrels."

ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF ALMA.

The seventeenth annual gathering of former members of the Black Watch was held in the Union Restaurant, Glasgow, on Saturday night—Lieutenant-Colonel G. Duff, commanding 1st Battalion, in the chair, supported by Captain J. G. Rennie, L.S.O., and others. After dinner the hon. Secretary read letters of apology from General the Hon. R. Rollo, C.B., also from Colonels A. G. Wavell, C.B., Wm. Gordon, G. A. Furse, C.B., and Colonel the Hon. W. Rollo (Master of Rollo). The gallant Chairman recounted the many battles in which the Black Watch had borne an honourable part since that of the Alma. Colonel Duff had served under the late General Wauchope at Magersfontein, and said that no nobler or more gallant soldier had ever served his country or worn the uniform of the Black Watch than did Andy Wauchope.

We have just received a copy of Messrs John Noble, Limited, Manchester's latest catalogue, containing illustrations of all the very latest goods of every description for ladies' and children's wear, as well as in household drapery and gent.'s outfitting. They are manufacturers for direct supply to the public, and their immense organisation enables them to deliver their goods at wholesale prices to any address in the known world with no more trouble to the purchaser than the writing of a letter. In addition to their made-up garments, they can supply any description of dress material at first cost, for the benefit of ladies who prefer to have their dresses made up under their own supervision. Their stock of dress fabrics is said to be the largest in the kingdom, and embraces every new weave and every fashionable shade. The well-known cloth, John Noble Cheviot serge, appears in new guise for the autumn and winter. In appearance it has been vastly improved by the delightful shade of old rose and a very chic French grey are included in the new colourings of this splendid wearing fabric.

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A meeting of members of the Choral Union will be held in the Francis Street School on Monday next 28th September at 9 p.m. for enrolment for the coming session and to transact other business.

The committee of management cordially invite new members who are also requested to attend this meeting.

WILLIAM A. ROSS, Honorary Secretary,

Stornoway, 24th September, 1903.

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	1 AB	2	3 B	4	5 B	6 Mid-night	7 Mid-night
LONDON—(King's Cr'ss) lv	p.m. 8s15	p.m. 8 45	p.m. ...	p.m. 11 45	p.m. 11 45	...	...
(St Pancras) ,,	7n30	..	9 30	9 30	...	12 0	12 0
Manchester—(Victoria) ,,	...	...	12 50	12a50	...	...	...
Liverpool—(Exchange) ,,	..	...	12 45	12 45	...	a.m.	a.m.
Aberdeen ,,	...	...	...	...	6a20	10 20	10 20
Dundee—(Tay Bridge)	...	...	..	6 40	8 15	p.m. 12 25	p.m. 12 25
Perth ,,	...	...	..	6 30	9 20	1 25	1 25
EDINBURGH—(Waverley) ,,	a.m. 4 30	a.m. 6 10	a.m. 7 10	9 5	11 30	2 5	2 5
Glasgow (Queen St. Low Level) lv	a.m. ..	...	7g50	10†55	..	4†10	...
GLASGOW (Queen St. Hi'h Level) lv	5 50	7 13	...	..	12 45	...	4 50
Greenock (Princes Pier) lv	...	...	8 10	11 0	1 0	4 10	5 0
Craigendoran lv	...	7 57	8 44	11 42	1 31	4 45	5 37
Helensburgh—(Upper) ,,	...	8 4	..	11 49	1 37	4 52	5 43
Row ,,	...	8 9	...	11 54	c	4 57	5 48
Shandon ,,	...	8 15	8 56	11 59	1 45	5 3	5 54
Garelochhead ,,	..	8 22	...	12 5	1 52	5 10	6 1
Whistlefield ,,	..	8h27	...	12 11	W	...	6 h6
Arrochar and Tarbet ,,	7 2	8 51	9 24	12 30	2 15	...	6 28
Ardlui (head of Loch Lomond)	...	9 10	...	..	2 34	...	6 7
Crianlarich ar	7 38	9 30	10 0	...	2 54	...	7 5
OBAN arrive	...	11 55	11 55	...	4 52	...	9 5
Do. leave	...	7 45	...	...	12 40	..	4 15
Crianlarich. leave	7 41	9 35	10 12	...	3 14	..	7 17
Tyndrum ,,	...	9 47	10 24	...	3 26	...	7 29
Bridge of Orchy ,,	...	10 10	10 39	...	3 41	...	7 44
Rannoch ,,	Q	10 40	11 9	..	4 13	..	8 14
Tulloch ,,	Q	11 20	11 49	...	4 59	..	8 55
Roy Bridge ,,	...	11 32	12 1	...	5 11	..	9 8
Spean Bridge ,,	9 26	11 41	12 10	...	5 20	...	9 19
FORT-WILLIAM ar	9 43	11 59	12 28	...	5 38	...	9 38
FORT-WILLIAM lv	9 47	12 10	...	..	5 45	...	..
Banavie ,,	9 53	12 16	...	..	5 51	..	...
Corpach ,,	9 58	12 21	...	...	5 56	..	...
Locheilside ,,	10 12	12 35	...	...	6 10	..	...
Glenfinnan ,,	10 27	12 50	..	...	6 25	...	...
Lochailort ,,	10 51	1 14	...	..	6 49	...	...
Arisaig ,,	11 12	1 35	..	...	7 10	...	..
Morar ,,	11 24	1 47	...	...	7 22	...	...
Mallaig arrive	11 32	1 55	...	...	7 30	...	..
STEAMER	F	G	...	...			
Mallaig lv	11a40	11 40	...	...	...	...	...
Isle Ornsay ,,	12 40	...	...	...	...	...	...
Glenelg ,,	1 10	...	..	...	...	...	...
Kyleakin ,,	2 10	1 45	...	...	...	...	...
Broadford ,,	2 50	2 45	...	...	...	...	...
Raasay ,,	3 30	3 50	...	...	...	...	...
Portree ,,	4 15	4 30	...	...	...	...	...
Stornoway ar	7 p 30	7 30	..	...	...	...	..

Additional Trains will be run as under:—Leave Glasgow (Queen Street Low Level), 8†7 a.m.; Greenock (Princes Pier) 8·10; Craigendoran 8·54, Helensburgh (Upper) 9·1, Row 9·6, Shandon 9·12, Garelochhead 9·19. Also leaving Glasgow (Queen Street Low Level) 5†26 p.m., Greenock (Princes Pier) 5·0, Craigendoran 6·15, Helensburgh (Upper) 6·22, Row 6·27, Shandon 6·33, Garelochhead 6·52, Whistlefield 6·59, Arrochar and Tarbet 7·18.

† Passengers from Stations marked thus (†) change carriages at Craigendoran.

A Through carriages from London (King's Cross and St Pancras) to Fort-William by this train.

B Through carriages from Edinburgh (Waverley) to Fort-William by these trains.

s Does not leave London (King's Cross) on Saturday nights.

h Accommodation is not guaranteed in these trains to or from Whistlefield.

c Calls at Row at 1·40 p.m. when required to pick up passengers for Crianlarich and beyond.

n Does not leave London (St Pancras) on Saturday or Sunday nights.

g Passengers from stations marked thus (g) change carriages at Dumbarton.

Q Calls at Rannoch and Tulloch when required to set down passengers from Glasgow, Edinburgh, and south thereof.

W Calls at Whistlefield daily except Saturdays (and also on Saturdays on and after 12th September) to set down passengers from Glasgow and beyond on notice being given to the guard at Glasgow.

F Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, till 12th September.

G Mondays Wednesdays, and Fridays, till 11th September, and daily thereafter.

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Holders of season and traders' tickets from any North British Station West of Edinburgh to Dumbarton, Craigendoran, or Helensburgh Lower, and vice versa, will not be allowed to travel between Glasgow and Dumbarton, Craigendoran, or Upper Helensburgh by West Highland trains.

Holders of ordinary, &c, tickets from any North British Station West of Edinburgh to Dumbarton and vice versa will also not be allowed to travel between Glasgow and Dumbarton by West Highland Trains.

	1 a.m.	2 p.m.	3 a.m.	4 p.m.	5 a.m.	6 a.m.
STEAMER Stornoway lv	...	10g20	..	..	..	...
			F	G	H	
Portree leave	...	...	7 15	8 30	7 15	..
Raasay ,,	...	...	7 50	9 10	7 40	...
Broadford ,,	...	..	8 45	9 40	8 35	..
Kyleakin ,,	...	...	9 50	10 15	9 15	...
Glenelg ,,	...	...	10 50	11 0	...	–
Isle Ornsay ,,	...	a.m.	11 30	11 35	...	..
Mallaig ar	...	6 0	12 45	12 45	11 20	..
Mallaig leave	...	6 25	..	...	p.m. 1 15	p.m. 2 15
Morar ,,	...	6 34	..	...	...	2 24
Arisaig ,,	...	6 48	..	..	1 35	2 38
Lochailort ,,	...	7 8	..	...	...	2 58
Glenfinnan ,,	...	7 31	...	...	2 15	3 21
Locheilside ,,	..	7 45	...	...	..	3 35
Corpach ,,	..	7 59	...	..	2 40	3 49
Banavie ,,	..	8 3	..	..	2 44	3 53
FORT-WILLIAM ar.	...	8 10	...	...	2 51	4 0
		A			A C	A B
FORT-WILLIAM lv.	5 50	8 25	...	1 10	3 20	4 20
Spean Bridge ,,	6 8	8 43	...	1 28	3 39	4 38
Roy Bridge ,,	6 15	...	..	...	3 47	...
Tulloch ,,	6 28	9 8	...	...	4 1	4 58
Rannoch ,,	7 5	9 44	...	...	4 40	5 35
B'dge of O'chy ,,	7 34	..	..	2 43	5 10	..
Tyndrum ,,	7 52	..	...	3 2	5 27	..
Crianlarich ar.	8 0	10 32	..	3 12	5 37	6 22
OBAN arrive	11 55	2 10	...	6 30	9 5	9 5
Do. leave	6 0	7 45	...	12 40	2 15	4 15
Crianlarich leave	8 10	10 35	..	3 22	5 47	2
Ardlui (head of L'ch L'mond) ,,	8 28	...	..	3 42	6 6	6 58
Arrochar and Tarbet ,,	9 0	11 9	p.m. 3 36	4 0	6 29	7 20
Whistlefield ,,	9f22	...	3 56	..	6kf48	7f42
Garelochhead ,,	9 27	...	4 0	..	6k 53	7 47
Shandon ,,	9 33	11 38	4 7	4 30	6 59	7 55
Row ,,	d	...	4 13	...	7 5	d
Helensburgh—(Upper) ,,	9 42	...	4 18	...	7 10	8 5
Craigendoran ar.	9 47	11 52	4 24	4 45	7 16	8 13
Gr'nock (Princ's Pier) arrive	10 50	3b55	4 55	6 35	...	...
GLASGOW (Queen St. High L'v'l) ar	...	12 37	...	5 35	8 5	9 0
Glasgow (Queen St. Low L'v'l) ar	10 24	...	5†25	...	..	..
EDINBURGH—(Waverley) ar.	12 5	2 5	7 6	7 6	9 28	10 40
Perth ,,	3 55	3 55	9 45	9 45	..	...
Dundee—(Tay Bridge) ,,	2 4	3 45	10 28	10 28	..	...
Aberdeen ,,	6 0	6 0	12a50	12a50	..	...
Liverpool—(Exchange) ,,	8 18	8 18	..	...	4 45	...
Manchester—(Victoria) ,,	8 15	8 15	...	...	4 35	..
LONDON—(St. Pancras) ,,	11 10	11 10	...	...	7 50	8 t 5
(Ki'gs Cross) ,,	9 0	10 45	5a50	..	6 40	7a10

The following additional trains will also be run:—Leave Arrochar and Tarbert 7·30 a.m., Whistlefield 7·51, Garelochhead 7·55, Shandon 8 2, Row 8·8, Helensburgh (Upper) 8·13, and arrive Craigendoran 8·19, Greenock (Princes Pier) 9·20, Glasgow (Queen Street Low Level) 9†3, Edinburgh (Waverley) 11·11, Dundee (Tay Bridge) 2·4 p.m. Leave Garelochhead 10·0 a.m., Shandon 10·7, Row 0·13, Helensburgh (Upper) 10·18, and arrive Craigendoran 10·24, Greenock (Princes Pier) 10·50, Glasgow (Queen Street Low Level) 11†34, Edinburgh (Waverley) 2·5 p.m., Perth 3·55, Dundee (Tay Bridge) 3·45, Aberdeen 6·0 p.m. Leave Garelochhead 5·22 p.m., Shandon 5·29, Row 5·35, Helensburgh (Upper) 5·44, and arrive Craigendoran 5·50, Greenock (Princes Pier) 7·20, Glasgow (Queen Street Low Level) 7†1, Edinburgh (Waverley) 9·28, Perth 9·45, Dundee (Tay Bridge) 10 28, Aberdeen 12·50.

† Passengers for stations marked thus (†) change carriages at Craigendoran.

d Calls at Row only when required to set down passengers from Crianlarich and beyond on notice being given to the guard.

g Leave Stornoway on Sunday nights but not on Saturday nights.

b On Saturdays arrives 3·5 p.m.

B Through carriages from Fort-William to London King's Cross) by this train.

t Except Sunday and Monday mornings.

f Accommodation is not guaranteed in this train to or from Whistlefield.

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With the view of adding to the comfort of the Passengers, arrangements have been made to provide at Arrochar and Tarbet, Crianlarich, Fort-William, and Mallaig Stations baskets with breakfast or luncheon. Passengers desiring to avail themselves of this arrangement will require to give previous notice to the Guard.

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September, 1903.

AUTOMOBILISM IN THE HIGHLANDS.

INVERNESS AS A MOTOR CENTRE.

A few years ago, with the advent of that demon of the highway—the motor car—we were told by pessimistic croakers that the day of the patient plodding horse was gone, and that in all likelihood the time was not far distant when he would have to take his place among other rarities in the Zoological Gardens. Strange to say, notwithstanding the speed and staying powers of the automobile coupled with its marvellous utility, the horse—to use the words of a certain Yankee admirer of "horseflesh"—"aint gone yet," and we venture to go a step further and say that he "aint likely to go." Automobilism is not of yesterday, and notwithstanding its popularity to-day it certainly cannot be said of the motor that it "caught on" right away. It, however, slowly dawned upon some of the more influential members of the "uppah crust" that from the motor they could derive a certain amount of pleasure and excitement in whiling away their hours of ease "whirring" along the dusty highways at lightning pace, to the danger and annoyance of the lieges, and, of course, as was to be expected, motoring all of a sudden became a fad—a craze among the aristocracy—and these possessed of that very requisite commodity without which it would be utterly impossible to indulge in the pastime. Only a few years ago these vehicles as they sped on their way through the Highlands used to attract much attention even among those mechanically enlightened, who looked upon the horseless car as a marvellous piece of mechanism. So numerous have they now become, however, that they are scarcely noticed by the most unsophisticated rustic. It is somewhat amusing to observe the look of superiority the aristocratic automobilist—as he scuds past on his Daimler—bestows upon the ordinary horse-car as it rattles slowly onward, and the overheated cyclist, who has laboriously to peddle his way along the King's highway. A noticeable feature on the streets of Inverness during the past few months was the huge number of motor cars passing to and fro, and it may be interesting to note that among some of the distinguished automobilists who visited the Highland Capital durng the season were:—

Mr Cornwallis West, Mr Clayton Swan, Ceannacroc; Mr Bradley-Martin, Balmacaan; Earl Craven, Balmacaan; Mr Port, Nairnside; Mrs Bell, Flowerburn; Mr Vickers, Lord Lovat, Beaufort Castle; Mr Phipps, Beaufort Castle; Lord Burton, Glenquoich; Mr Goschen, Dunlichity; Mr Wright, Tomatin House; Mr Beckwith Smith, Aberarder; Mr E. Wolseley, Aberchalder; Colonel Digby, Mr Wm. Sopper, Mr Wm. Low, Mealmore; Mr Barrow, Mr Emerson Bainbridge; Mr Sedgwick, Farraline House; Mr Singer, Aldourie Castle; Mr Beardmore, Aberfeldy; Mr Singer, Ullapool.

BURGH VALUATION APPEAL COURT.

SOME NOTEWORTHY REDUCTIONS.

On Monday, in the Council Chamber, the Valuation Appeal Court for the Burgh of Inverness was held—Provost A. D. Ross presiding.

A VACATED HOUSE.

Mr J. F. Smith appealed against the valuation of £25 on his house in Rangemore Road. He said the house had been vacated since June, and it was his intention to sell the furniture at the first favourable opportunity. The Assessor said that the house must be held to be in occupation so long as the furniture was there. Provost Ross held that the law appeared to be against Mr Smith's appeal, but that Mr Call, assessor, would give the necessary certificate when the house was vacated.

HIGH RENTS IN HIGH STREET.

An appeal was lodged by Mr Wm. Macdonald, Lovat Arms Hotel, High Street, against the valuation of £100 on his premises. Mr Macritchie, solicitor, who appeared for the appellant, said that Mr Macdonald's lease of ten years at the rental of £75 expired two years ago, and his present rent as a yearly tenant was £85. The Court fixed the rent at £85.

A COAL MERCHANT'S RENT.

Mr D. Petrie, coal merchant, appealed against the valuation of £15 put on the small store occupied by him on Shore Street. He said the rent fixed by the Assessor was absurd. Mr Call, however, upheld the valuation he placed on the store. The rent was fixed at £5.

THE ROYAL BANK.

An appeal was presented to the Court by Mr David Cargill, agent for the Royal Bank of Scotland, against the valuation of £190 placed on the bank's offices in Union Street. He offered £150 as a reasonable figure. Mr D. F. Macdonald (of Messrs Macandrew & Jenkins), who appeared for Mr Cargill, asked their Honours to compare the premises with similar premises in the town. The Bank of Scotland and the British Linen Bank were, roughly speaking, about the same area as the Royal Bank. The Bank of Scotland extended to a floor area of 156 square yards, and the rent was £140, giving 18s per square yard. The British Linen Bank was 135 square yards, and the rent £125, giving 18s 6d per square yard. Now, the floor space of the Royal Bank was 144 square yards, and a valuation of £150 worked out at £1 0s 10d per yard, while Mr Call originally asked £190 for it. The £150 would include the area of the bank, and yet be an increased rate of £8 to £10 over the average rate per square yard. Mr Macdonald also mentioned that, when building, the bank put 500 square feet into the street without any consideration in return. Then, the premises were specially built for the bank, and if they came into the market no doubt their valuation would be adversely affected by that fact. The Court sustained the appeal, and fixed the valuation at £150.

NEW PREMISES IN UNION STREET.

A. Fraser & Co., cabinetmakers, appealed against the valuation of the new shop occupied by them in Union Street. Mr Fraser explained that if the extra shop space were used by a draper it could contain £2000 worth of stock, but they could not put more than £200 worth of furniture stock in it. They paid taxes on a total of over £700, and it was mounting up at such a rate that the question began to present itself to them that, seeing that the great proportion of their business was done in the South, they should move to one of the centres in the South, which would suit them better, considering the amount of business done by them in the North. An addition of £60 to their present rental should be satisfactory. After some discussion the Court fixed the rent at £350.

AN APPEAL REFUSED.

Mr Isaac Mackenzie, 5 Arcade, Queensgate, complained against the additional rental of £5 on his premises. The appeal, however, was repelled.

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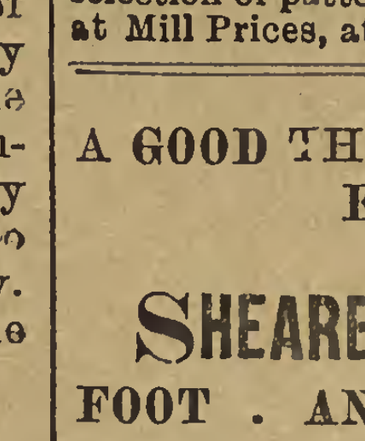
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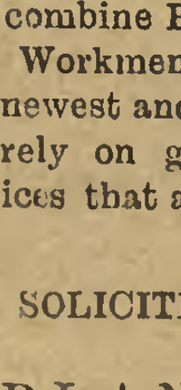
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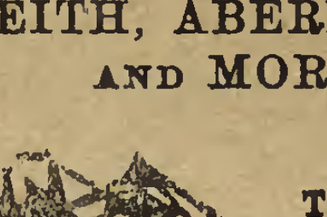
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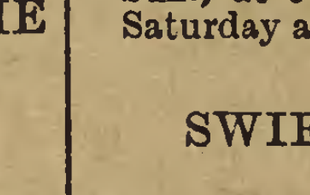
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Inverness, 25th September, 1903.

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INVERNESS FOR FORT-AUGUSTUS. — Daily (ex. Sun.) at 10·30 a.m. and 3·30 p.m., and Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 a.m.

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INVERNESS TO GLASGOW. — Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 21st till 30th September, at 7 a.m., arriving at Oban same evening, Glasgow following day.

OBAN TO GLASGOW—Daily (ex. Sun.), 8·40 a.m.

GLASGOW TO OBAN.—Daily (ex-Sun.), 7 a.m.

GLASGOW TO INVERNESS.—Monday, Wednesday and Friday, till 30th September, at 7 a.m. Trains from St Enoch's, 8·20; Central, 8·30 a.m. Passengers arrive at Oban same afternoon, Inverness following day.

OBAN AND BANAVIE TO INVERNESS. —"FUSILIER," Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, till 30th September, at 6 a.m., to Fort-William; and "GONDOLIER" same days from Banavie, at 9·30 a.m.; from Fort-Augustus, 2 p.m., arriving at Inverness, 5·15 p.m.

OBAN TO STAFFA AND IONA.—Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 8·30 a.m. (till 30th September).

MALLAIG TO GAIRLOCH.—Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday till 30th September at 11·40 a.m. From Kyle at 1·30 p.m., leaving Gairloch Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 4·30 a.m.; Portree, 7·15 a.m.

INVERNESS TO GAIRLOCH VIA LOCH-MAREE.—By Rail at 9·50 a.m. Daily to Achnasheen, thence Coach to Rhu-nohar, Steamer on Loch-Maree, and Coach Tollie to Gairloch or vice versa.

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STORNOWAY, KYLE OF LOCHALSH, & MALLAIG.—Mail Steamer leaves Stornoway daily (ex. Saturday) at 10·20 p.m. Returning daily (ex. Sunday) from Mallaig about 11·40 a.m. and from Kyle about 1·30 p.m.

CARGO STEAMERS.

INVERNESS TO GLASGOW.—"CAVALIER" or "ETHEL" Monday at 4, and Thursday at 4 a.m., Fort-William and Oban same evenings.

GLASGOW TO INVERNESS.—Every Monday and Thursday, at 11 a.m. Train to Greenock, 3.42 p.m. From Banavie Wednesday and Saturday morning, arriving at Inverness same afternoon.

GLASGOW TO OBAN, TOBERMORY, MALLAIG, KYLE OF LOCHALSH, PORTREE, and STORNOWAY: —"CLAYMORE" or "CLANSMAN" every Monday and Thursday at 12 noon. Train 5·20 p.m. calling at Craignure, Lochaline, Salen, Eigg, Armadale, Isleornsay, Glenelg, Balmacarra, Kyleakin, Broadford, and any other places agreed upon.

RETURNING SOUTH.—From Stornoway Monday and Thursday mornings, from Portree Tuesday and Friday at 2 a.m., from Kyle of Lochalsh at 6 a.m.; Oban same afternoons.

GLASGOW TO MALLAIG.—By "CLAYMORE" or "CLANSMAN" every Monday and Thursday. To Inverie (Loch Nevis) every Thursday, calling inward. To Totaig (Loch Duich) every Monday, calling inward. To Gairloch, Aultbea, and Poolewe every Thursday, calling out; To Tarbert (Harris) and Lochmaddy every Monday and Thursday, via Portree. To Ullapool, Baden Tarbert, Lochinver, Lochnedd and Badcall, every Monday calling outward. To Lochinchard (Loch Clash Pier), Mondays, 12th and 26th October, calling outward. To Loch Torridon Thursdays, 8th and 22nd October, calling Monday after. To Samalaman and Roshven, Thursday, 15th October, calling inward. To Calgary, Gometra, Sound of Ulva, &c., per "Ethel," Thursday, 8th October, calling following Tuesday.

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INVERNESS, Saturday, Sept. 26, 1903.