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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS.

KITSON.—At Granite House, Stornoway, on the 17th inst., to Mr and Mrs Harold Kitson, a son.

CHISHOLM.—At 31 Keith Street, Stornoway, on the 15th inst., the wife of Donald Chisholm, baker, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BOYD—CAMERON.—At the Windsor Hotel, St Vincent Street, Glasgow, on the 8th inst., by the Rev. John Macleod, Mains Street Free Church, Duncan H. Boyd, Captain, Mercantile Marine Service, to Margaret Mary, younger daughter of the late Rev. H. Cameron, Back, Lewis.

MACLEAN—PETTERSEN.—At Punta Arenas, South America, on the 18th inst., Peter William Maclean, accountant, Banco de Punta Arenas, Santa Cruz, Republic Argentina, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Maclean, Paisley, and grandson of Mr Donald Henderson, Stornoway, to Sigrid, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter E. Pettersen, Marine Surveyor, Greenock. (By cable).

DEATHS.

STEWART.—Killed in action, 3rd October, Private Gerge Stewart, London Regiment, aged 38, second son of the late John Stewart, Inspector of Poor, Campbeltown.

SUTHERLAND.—Killed in action, on 4th November, Rose Alexander Stherland, R.F.A., younger son of the late James Sutherland, 40 Newton, Stornoway, aged 25 years.

CRICHTON.—Killed in action, on November 14th, Rev. Norman Crichton, M.A., Second Lieut., Seaforth Highlanders, only son of Mr and Mrs William Crichton, 40 Keith Street, Stornoway, aged 23 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

MACKENZIE.—In Loving Memory of Mr Kenneth Mackenzie, M.A., J.P., who died at Airidhantuim Schoolhouse, Barvas, on 23rd November, 1915.

A year has passed since that sad day
When one we loved was called away.
God took him home, it was His will,
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(Inserted by his Widow and Family).

IN MEMORIAM.

MACKENZIE.—In Loving Memory of our dear beloved son, Private R. Mackenzie, Cameron Highlanders, killed in action, 26th November, 1915.

Now a mother's heart is aching
For a son she loved so well;
He gave his life for his country,
In Honour's cause he fell.
Had I but got one last fond look
Into your loving face,
Or had I only got the chance
To kneel down in that place,
To hold your hand, my dear son,
While your life ebbed away.
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TOWN COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE.

THE LOCH ASHIE DISPUTE.

ENGINEER'S ACCOUNT CRITICISED.

PREVENTING TROUBLE AT THE GAS WORKS.

Committee meetings in connection with Inverness Town Council were held on Monday night. The proceedings occupied two hours.

THE TREASURER'S SNUB.

Provost Donald Macdonald, convener, presided at a meeting of the Water and Gas Committee.

During the examination of the accounts, Mr D. Matheson suggested that the Council dispense with the printing of the accounts, as the Committee now went over them in detail. He thought this was a waste of time.

Mr Duffy seconded.

Treasurer D. F. Macdonald said he must object to the attitude of Mr Matheson. The accounts should be examined by every member of Committee; they should not be content with the printed list. Every account should be scrutinised. That was the only way of doing business properly. If Mr Matheson and Mr Duffy thought it was a waste of time, then they ought not to come to the meetings at all.

Ex-Dean of Guild Maclean—I do not think we should depart from the procedure of having a list of accounts printed.

The Clerk—The accounts must be printed either before or after the meeting, otherwise they won't pass the Auditor.

Mr Geo. Gallon—I think it's a pure waste of time discussing this matter at all—(hear, hear).

The Committee carried on without further obstruction on the part of those who imagined they were attacking an unnecessary extravagance.

LOCH ASHIE DISPUTE.

Bailie A. M. Macewen said he desired to call attention to account No. 8—Mr James Fraser's expenses in the action, Noble v. the Town, being a claim for damage arising out of sheep that had gone astray at Loch Ashie. Mr Fraser's charge was £14. He (Bailie Macewen) had only one comment to make on this account. In addition to Mr Fraser's evidence in the Sheriff Court (which only occupied a short time), the Town had two other expert witnesses—Mr Smeton Fraser, factor for Sir John Ramsden, Ardverikie, and Mr Munro, factor, Glenferness. They had been three times in Inverness in connection with the case, and on one of those occasions they went to Loch Ashie, and walked over the whole ground, and the charge for the two gentlemen—including their outlays—comes to something between £7 and £8. Mr Fraser's was a most exorbitant account, and he thought the Committee should object to paying it.

The Chairman—Is it your wish to delay settling the account, or to pay now?

Mr Macallan—The account should not be entertained. I move that.

Mr Duffy seconded.

Mr Petrie—Is there not a scale of fees to which he would be entitled?

The Chairman It is not so much the scale of fees as the charges. I think the table of fees should cover them.

The ex-Dean—I was going to ask you to read out the accounts so that we can understand the matter.

Bailie Macewen—The account was passed round for that object.

The ex-Dean—Then you all understand it?

A Voice—Yes.

The ex-Dean—Then you're very smart—(laughter). Mr Fraser was asked by you, the Town Council, to do a certain bit of work. His account is now before you. I am perfectly sure that Mr Fraser is not in the habit of charging anything that he is not entitled to charge. It is no use you saying that you should refuse this account. I am quite willing, however, that he should give some form of accounting if the Council desire it.

Mr Gallon—We should make up our minds whether we are going to pay or not.

The matter was postponed for further consideration.

A LOCH ASHIE FENCE.

Mr Munro, tenant of the Town's grazings at Loch Ashie, wrote asking for the erection of a fence.

The Water Manager recommended that the work be carried out.

The Treasurer—What do we get for the grazings?

The Water Manager—£14 a year.

The Treasurer—Loch Ashie itself is not fenced in. How deep will it be near the grazings?

The Water Manager—Eighteen inches.

The Treasurer—What is the width of it?

The Water Manager—The width varies. I should say the average is from 3 to 4 feet.

The Treasurer—I don't see how a sheep could get drowned there unless it should turn on its back.

Bailie Macewen—I move that we agree to the work being carried out.

Mr Gallon—I second that.

The Treasurer—I move the previous question.

Mr Macallan seconded.

The Chairman—If we were to advertise the grazings now, the first thing the new tenant would ask for is a fence.

By 11 votes to 3 the Committee agreed to have the work executed.

WAGES AT THE GAS WORKS.

Basing their application on the high cost of living, the yardmen employed at the Gas Works asked for an increase of 1d per hour.

The Chairman—I understand they did not get an increase when the wages of the stokers were raised.

Bailie Macewen—What are their wages just now?

The Gas Manager—5½d per hour.

Mr Gallon—What is their weekly wage?

The Gas Manager—28s 8d for a week of 57 hours, with the bonus.

The Chairman—We cannot get men to do this work.

Mr Matheson pointed out that in Invergordon labourers are earning from 9½d to 1s per hour. He considered that the Gas Manager was fortunate keeping his men at the present rate.

Mr Petrie, convener of the Gas Works Committee, said it was hardly fair to compare Inverness with Invergordon, because the cost of living there is higher than it is here. With regard to the application now before the meeting, the Gas Manager had made a suggestion which was worth while considering. It was unfortunate that the price of food, etc., had risen so much, but it was inevitable that men should ask for a rise to meet the difficulty. It seemed to him that the country had reached the top of prices, especially keeping in view the drastic action by the Government for the control of food. The Gas Manager's proposal was that all the men employed at the Gas Works should receive an additional 1d per hour, which would work out at 2s 6d per week.

Dean of Guild Fraser—We should fix a period within which no further rise should be asked. It seems unreasonable that we should have these applications coming in from time to time.

Bailie Murray—I think the discussion will only result in the application for a further rise—(laughter).

The ex-Dean—I suggest that the men get a penny per hour extra. That will not be too much. Other men are getting as much.

Mr Duffy seconded.

Mr Gallon—I think it is unfortunate that the stokers should be included. The only application before us is by the yardmen. Let us deal with that. They deserve a rise.

The ex-Dean—My motion deals with the yardmen.

After further discussion it was agreed that the yardmen get an increase of an additional halfpenny per hour, the question affecting the wages of the other grades being remitted to the Gas Works Committee for consideration and report.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

Bailie Macewen, convener, presided at a meeting of the Public Health Committee.

Lengthy correspondence was read between the Medical Officer of Health, the Town Clerk, and the Naval Authorities with regard to the reception of naval cases in the Infectious Diseases Hospital.

To-morrow (Thursday) Dr Dittmar, the medical adviser of the Local Government Board, is to have a meeting with the Committee.

A circular letter from the Local Government Board with regard to the steps to be taken by the Local Authority in connection with the Midwives (Scotland) Act, 1915, led to some discussion.

Dr Macdonald, medical officer of health, stated that no applications had been received from midwives in Inverness in connection with working under the Act.

The Clerk stated that all applications go to the Midwives' Board.

After discussion the Clerk was instructed to reply that no applications had been received by the Medical Officer of Health.

THE MINISTRY OF MUNITIONS

AND INVERNESS GAS WORKS.

It was reported, at a meeting of the Water and Gas Committee of Inverness Town Council on Monday evening—Provost Donald Macdonald presiding—that the Ministry of Munitions, having regard to the size of the undertaking, cannot see their way to declare the Gas Works a controlled establishment under the Act, and that they could take no steps to release former employees of the Gas Works from military service.

DEATH OF AN OUTSTANDING LIBERAL.

EX-PROVOST DALLAS, NAIRN.

It was with feelings of profound sorrow that the news of the death of ex-Provost Dallas, Nairn, was received in Inverness on Monday. Very few were aware of his illness, which was of short duration, consequently the announcement of his death came as a great shock to his numerous friends and admirers. He was a man of strong conviction and outstanding personality, who at all times commanded the highest respect of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Although firm and unbending in his views, yet he was a gentleman possessing the most tender of hearts. For over forty years he has been identified with the public life of the town of Nairn. Mr Dallas was early marked out for a leading place in the municipal affairs of Nairn, of which he was a Magistrate, and latterly, at a critical time, was elected Provost, which office he filled with conspicuous ability, and for which he received the congratulations of his fellow citizens. In educational affairs he took a great interest, being a valuable member of the School Board, and a director of the Nairn Academy. Indeed, it can be said that where wrongs had to be righted, there was Mr Dallas found, giving of his very best to further the interests of the people among whom he resided. Among other things in which he took an interest was the Nairn Harbour. He was a strong supporter of the United Free Church, while in politics he was a staunch Liberal and Land Reformer. He occupied the presidentship of the Nairn Liberal Association for years, during which he secured the hearty co-operation of every Liberal worker. As a speaker, Provost Dallas was in great demand, particularly at election times, and where he led Liberals were sure to follow. We extend our deepest sympathy to his sorrowing wife and daughter.

Among many messages of sympathy received were the following telegrams:—

"Inverness Burgh Liberal Association express profound sorrow for yourself and family in your sore bereavement, and offer warmest sympathy in your great loss, and ours.—Dr F. M. Mackenzie, chairman."

"Deeply grieved at your great loss. He was a good and true man. Accept deepest sympathy in your sore bereavement.—Joseph Macleod."

INVERNESS WAR ORGANISATIONS.

MEETING OF MAGISTRATES.

The Inverness Magistrates, at a meeting held on Tuesday—Provost Macdonald presiding—had under consideration several applications by local war organisations for registration under the War Charities' Act.

Mr G. Smith Laing, Town Clerk Depute, said the Town Council had already this matter before them, and they had decided to depute to the Magistrates to decide what steps should be taken. Action was being taken. Notice by posters publicly exhibited had already been given to all concerned. To-day the Magistrates had before them a number of applications for registration under the Act and two applications for exemption. Various registers would have to be kept.

The Provost—Who is to keep them?

Mr Laing—The Town Council. I suppose, as the Local Authority.

The Provost—We had better consider the applications for registration for exemption.

Mr Laing said he had received applications for registration from the following:—The Sailors' and Soldiers' Tea Room (Inverness Railway Station), the B.W.T.A. (for Rest Room in Academy Street), the Camerons' Comforts Fund, the Highland War Hospital Supply Depot, the Inverness Citizens' Committee, and the Town and County War Workers' Association.

The Magistrates approved of these applications.

The Crown U.F. Church Girls' Auxiliary (Prisoners of War Scheme) asked for exemption on the ground that the sum they had to raise was only £3.

The Magistrates exempted this organisation from the provisions of the Act.

The War Dressings' Association asked for exemption on account of want of funds..

Bailie Macewen—It seems to be that several of these organisations overlap.

Mr Laing—There's nothing in the regulations against that. The whole object is to see that the money is spent for the object for which the various organisations were brought into existence.

The Provost—Have we any control over organisations that are exempt?

Mr Laing—No.

Bailie Macewen—With regard to the application for exemption by the War Dressings' Association, I don't think lack of funds is a sufficient reason.

The Provost—We should ask them to register. ("Agreed.")

Mr Laing stated that organisations should appeal to the Local Government Board for cancelling of registration if they are not satisfied.



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INVERNESS SCHOOL BOARD

AND FOOD PRODUCTION.

Inverness School Board, at a meeting held on Wednesday—Rev. John D. MacGilp, chairman—had under consideration an application by the College of Agriculture apropos the delivery of a series of lectures in Clachnaharry Public School on poultry. Permission of the Board for the use of the School was asked.

The Chairman—I take it that the Board grant the necessary permission?

Approved.

Mrs Hunter—It is a very important matter from the point of view of the national food production.

The Chairman—Yes; we might ask Miss Clarke, the headmistress, to take steps to make the matter as widely known as possible, so that people may take advantage of these lectures.

The Clerk said he would ask Miss Clarke to do so.

Colonel Forsyth—It is a matter of great importance at the present time.

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

"My Lords" transmitted a series of questions with reference to the effects of the Daylight Saving Act for the information of the Committee appointed to deal with the matter.

The Chairman—We entirely approve of the Act. We have seen no evil effects of it: on the contrary, it has been of very great use.

The Clerk was instructed to reply accordingly.

"SOMP" JOTTER.

In view of the great scarcity of slates, the Board transmitted to the headmasters of the various schools a specimen of washable jotter in order to ascertain their opinion as to its future use in place of slates.

CHILD WELFARE CLASS.

Mrs Hunter intimated that ten ladies had already been enrolled in the Child Welfare Class, and six more girls had promised to attend.

The Chairman stated that this was very gratifying, especially seeing that, he understood, the class was the first on this subject to be held in the country.

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WAR BONUS WANTED.

E.I.S. PRESIDENT AT INVERNESS.

Mr Neil S. Snodgrass, M.A., President of the Educational Institute of Scotland, occupied the chair at a meeting of the Inverness Branch held in Inverness on Saturday, and gave an address on "The War and the Teacher." Mr. G. A. Morrison, M.A., introduced Mr Snodgrass, whose views were clearly and forcibly stated in an address which appeared to secure the unanimous approval of the many school teachers present. The war, said the speaker, had brought home to the nation as a whole with startling onviction the fundamental importance of education in the life of the State. We now hear on all hands the sensible admission that educational reform could not be put off, and that it would be cheaper in the long run to make the needed reform at once. Along with that came the cheering admission that the corner-stone of the whole education system was the teacher, that he had been ungenerously treated in the past, and that for the future he must be more fully trusted and more fittingly rewarded—(applause). Yet teachers must constantly bear in mind that the wisest scheme of education reform would be brought to nought if it was not accompanied by such changes in the field of industry and politics as would leave their workers contented, their employers just, and their statesmen unselfish. Our system of education had justified itself in one way most strikingly in the present war. So far as courage, devotion to duty, patience, and self-sacrifice were concerned, we in Britain had nothing to learn from our enemies. In all these personal qualities the lads we have helped to educate have met no superior in the field—(applause). It followed that their education, as distinguished from their instruction, had been on sound lines, that whatever else we have neglected in our schools, character and personality have not been forgotten. That was, perhaps, the greatest comfort Scottish teachers could derive from the war. With a thrill of pride we realise that the boys we taught a few years ago had saved the nation from disaster. The first great lesson of the war was the enormous value of character and the necessity of using every endeavour to raise the mass of the people to a higher moral level. Teachers must bear in mind that the standard for the State must not be lower than the standard for the individual citizen. The second most obvious lesson of the war was the necessity for the raising of the intellectual standard. Our nation had entered on a life-and-death struggle against a highly-organised and thoroughly-prepared enemy. To defeat him we required all our intelligence, the most efficient organisation, the most resourceful effort. Every imperfection in our system of education had delayed the final victory. They would be unwise in the highest degree if they did not take advantage of the present national ferment to introduce those improvements that experience suggests.

Proceeding to deal with practical suggestions, Mr Snodgrass thought that the process of instruction might be lengthened, and that the compulsory school age should extend from the age of 5 to the age of 15. In the interests of the working man's son such a change was a necessity. He suggested that no fees should be paid in any school to which State grants were paid. That might help to break down those artificial class distinctions that imported much bitterness into our national life. From 15 to 18 a compulsory course of vocational education should be instituted, coupled with a compulsory system of apprenticeship in all branches of commerce and industry, even farm labour and domestic work. To help the working classes to keep their children longer in school, he advocated a general raising of wages. He criticised the present national system of education, and emphasised the need for a National Council of Education—a body that would inspire our educational policy and would directly represent all parties interested—(applause). Further, he advocated larger administrative areas, the abolition of the present School Boards, and the substitution of the County Council as the local administrative authority—(applause). In conclusion, Mr Snodgrass said teachers were suffering from an evil tradition. It had never been the custom to pay teachers well. The wretched salaries diverted from the profession many of the best minds, and education suffered, and always would suffer, until the nation awoke to the fact that we have no national service more important—(applause). He strongly advocated a general increase in teachers' salaries, and a uniform scale that would secure the same remuneration for country teachers as for those in towns—(applause).

Mr Snodgrass concluded by moving—"That, in the opinion of the Inverness Branch of the E.I.S., the war hos demonstrated the need for drastic reform in our educational system. Of pressing importance, especially in the interests of the children of the working classes, are (1) the raising of the leaving age to 15, and (2) the institution of a compulsory system of day continuation classes, providing vocational and cultured instruction for the young people between the ages of 15 and 18."

Mr J. Coutts Morrison, Merkinch Public School, seconded.

Mr G. A. Morriscon, Royal Academy, moved—"The necessity for securing to Scottish teachers satisfactory salaries is the central problem in Scottish educational reform."

Miss Kate Fraser seconded.

Mr G. A. Cameron moved—"Whereas the purchasing power of money for the necessaries of life has fallen by at least 40 per cent., and in view of the fact that this has been met in the case of the great mass of the community by an increased spending power, and the teachers, whose salaries are fixed, have thereby been placed in a position of hardship and relative disadvantage, the members of the Inverness Branch of the Educational Institute of Scotland respectfully ask the Managers of all schools within the area to grant to teachers in their service, as from the beginning of the current session, a bonus in some degree commensurate with the increase in the cost of living" Mr Cameron held that on account of the present conditions teachers, whose salaries were fixed, were entitled to a bonus. Tradesmen could increase their prices so as to compensate for the increased cost of living. Workmen were earning increased wages, and had been granted substantial bonuses. Most public servants with fixed salaries had been generously treated, but the teachers had received no advance. With the exception of the landlords—many of whom, he was sorry to say, had been hard hit by the war, although they had freely sacrificed their best blood in the common cause—the teachers stood almost alone. He thought that teachers were as fully entitled to a war bonus as any class in the community.

Mr Macleod, Drumsmittal, seconded the motion, which was supported by Mr Lowson, Inverness, and Mr Moir, Culduthel, and adopted.

After the usual votes of thanks, tea was served by the Ladies' Committee, under the convenership of Miss Maclennan, High School.

Miss Jessie Melville, Rosemarkie, and Miss Elizabeth M. Fraser, Struy, were nominated members of the Institute.

MILITARY MEDAL FOR K.O.S.B. PIPE-MAJOR.—The Military Medal for conspicuous bravery in the field has been awarded to Pipe-Major William S. Mackenzie, King's Own Scottish Borderers, son of Mr and Mrs Mackenzie, Seaforth Villa, Midmills Road, Inverness. The gallant Pipe-Major, returning from India with his regiment, went to the Dardanelles, and, like all others who took part in the sad-fated Gallipoli campaign, endured many hardships and passed through many strenuous days. After the evacuation of the Peninsula Pipe-Major Mackenzie had a furlough, afterwards proceeding to France, where, as is testified by the honour conferred upon him, he has done excellent work with his battalion.



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CYCLING AND MOTORING.

[BY THE HUB.]

CYCLING TO BUSINESS.

Many reasons are combining to increase the popularity of cycling to business. The saving in train fares alone is a powerful argument to-day. The saving in time is another, and finally the most powerful argument of all is the health which it increases and maintains. Taking 3s a week as a low average for the cost of a season ticket, the bicycle has nearly paid for its entire cost in its first year, and the machine is still there as an asset against the expenditure, while except for a new pair of tyres every two or three years, the running costs of a bicycle are practically nil. The saving of time is even of more importance at a period when shortage of labour is causing everyone to economise every hour of the working day. As a broad rule, one can get from house to shop or office quicker by bicycle than by walking to a station, and then a 'bus, or other connection, to the place of business. Even those who are fortunate enough to live on tram routes will find the bicycle will get there nearly as quickly. But it is not only in this respect that the saving in time is so great. Anyone who travels by train must adhere to the rigid time-tables of the railway company, which, morning and evening, may not always be convenient to the traveller. The greatest saving in time, to my mind, is that one is free to leave business whenever one is ready. There is no rush to catch a particular train, or fear if one loses one train there may be half-an-hour or an hour to wait. Consequently, work is not rushed for the sake of five minutes, nor are things left to the next day because that would have meant missing the ordinary evening train. This is a point which employers should consider, and I am sure it pays every employer to provide accommodation for bicycles of the staff or workpeople. Finally, there is the incomparable value to health. A regular daily journey of ten or twelve miles will do more to keep one in condition than any other form of exercise. Its value lies in its easy regularity. Every doctor will tell you that regular exercise is the best thing to keep one well, and the steady, gentle exercise of cycling has no superior to that end.

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THE DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY.

There are, of course, some difficulties in the way of cycling to business, most of which, however, can be overcome with a little care. The greatest difficulty often is that of storage of the bicycle during the day. If there is no means of storing this at the place of business, it is very often possible to store the machine at some cycle or other shop in the immediate vicinity for a small charge per week. Riding through traffic need never worry even the most nervous rider if he or she would invariably remember that speed is of secondary importance to safety. Ride always with the stream; that is to say, let your pace be that of the surrounding vehicles. It is the cyclist who tries to squash in front of other traffic who so often comes to harm. Greasy streets need not cause you any fear if your tyres are good non-slippers, and you will always remember never to do anything suddenly. On a wet day ride always so slowly that you can pull up easily within a length or two. There is no surer method of bringing the machine down than to suddenly apply the brakes. Therefore your pace must be such that you can pull the machine up quickly without having to do it suddenly. It is a good rule I find, too, to keep close to the kerb; fast traffic, which is usually the most dangerous, makes for the middle of the road. At the same time keeping by the kerb you must keep a watchful eye upon pedestrians, who have a knack of stepping off the pavement without looking to see what is coming. You can generally see them moving towards the edge of the pavement for this purpose, and can be on your guard so that they shall not create a collision.

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HOW TO KEEP DRY.

With some months of winter to come we have the least pleasurable part of the year for cycling to business. Many riders follow the practice in the fine days of summer who will shy at it in the winter, but here again, with a little care it is posisble to keep dry under any conditions. Men should fit themselves out with a full-sized cycling cape. Beware of the cheap affairs which do not come down to the bottom of the jacket. The cape should fall six or eight inches below the saddle. On the machine put it over the handle-bars, and hold a small fold of each of the hands at each handle. This will prevent it flying up, which may be very disastrous in the midst of traffic. Draping th cape over the handle-bars in this way keeps the rain off all the person except below the knees. The only part which can get wet is the feet. The risk of sitting about with wet feet all day can be overcome by keeping a pair of dry shoes and stockings or socks at the place of business, but, as a matter of fact, if you wear thick boots and stockings you will find it will have to be very heavy rain indeed that will get through. Ladies can get over the difficulty most easily by wearing a full-length macintosh, which will come an inch or two below the skirt and button right down to the bottom. This will keep the dress thoroughly dry, and the mcaintosh hats, which are so common, should serve thoroughly well for riding purposes, while more ornamental headgear can be kept at the place of business for use during the day.

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A MAGNETO CUT-OUT.

When a motor cyclist uses his machine for touring and pleasure riding only there is no advantage in having a cut-out. It is to the man who uses his machine for racing or hill-climbing contests that it makes so strong an appeal, because for these purposes it is very advantageous to possess some means of cutting out or short circuiting the magneto. A little time ago I read a description of the way to make a thoroughly efficient temporary cut-out from an old hack-saw blade. The plan the writer recommended was as follows:—Take a piece about three inches to three and a-half inches long, with the hole for the frame stud intact. Grind off the teeth, then heat the broken end, and bend a short piece at right angles. This is to enable wrapping the blade with tyre tape to avoid unpleasant shocks to the rider, and at the same time to alow the turned-over end to touch the handle-bar. Take any piece of suitably insulated wire long enough to run from the magneto to the handle-bar, and fasten the wire to a hole in the end of the hack-saw blade. Next wrap the handle-bar with tyre tape for a distance of one and a-half inches, to ensure insulation where the blade is attached to the bar. Put two or three extra layers of tape at the end of the blade towards the grip. Thus, when the blade is wrapped in place it will have a tendency to stand out of the way from the handle-bar. Now place the blade in position, and continue wrapping until sufficient turns have been made to hold the blade securely in place. With the other end of the wire attached to the binding of the magneto it will be thoroughly efficient

TWENTY YEARS AFTER.

The motor car has become such a vital part of our precent day life that it is difficult to realise that it is only twenty years ago since motoring in this country became a possibility. Yet such is the case. It is only twenty years since the old law which necessitated a man with a red flag walking a few yards in front of any mechanically propelled vehicle was repealed. Before that day the motor car had made some progress in France and other European countries, since the people in those countries were not hide-bound by any foolish restrictions such as we were. Great indeed was the interest which was aroused when the law was repeale, motor cars were allowed to dash along our highways at a speed of fifteen miles an hour. I took part in the first great organised run of a thousand miles, though not as a driver nor a passenger, but as a helper. I was living at the time in a small village through which the motorists passed. The village was en fete; if I remember rightly, the school was closed and the whole population was eagerly awaiting the arrival of the procession for many hours. Within a mile of the village one car broke down; in the village itself two more refused to go; while two miles further on a fourth car got into trouble. So there was plenty of work to do assisting those in trouble, and very interesting work it was. It seems well-nigh impossible that that occurred only twenty years ago. In no other industry—save that perhaps of flying, and this is, of course, very closely allied to motoring—have the same wonderfully rapid strides been made. England to-day holds first place among all the countries of the world, notwithstanding the fact that it was one of the last countries seriously to take up the work. We produce the finest cars in the world—the best in appearance, the most reliable, and the most enduring. What our manufacturers have accomplished even since the war started—to say nothing of the previous few years—is most unparalleled in the industrial history of the world.

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THE WOMAN MOTORIST.

The first general meeting of the Scottish Women Motorists' Association was held recently in Edinburgh, and excellent progress was reported. Mrs James Johnston, M.D., who presided, said that no one could for a moment doubt that the woman motorist has come to stay, and because of that fact it was felt that an association would be of great value, not only to those who were driving for the pleasure of it, but also to those who looked forward to earning a living in such a career. Miss L. E. Mears, hon. secretary, submitted a report on the formation of the association, which also contained a recommendation that the following office-bearers be elected for the ensuing year:—Mrs James Johnston, M.D., president; Mrs Mears, L.R.C.P.I., and Miss D. R. Swan, vice-presidents; Miss J. Handasyde, hon. treasurer; Miss L. E. Mears, hon. secretary, and a committee consisting of 11 members. Mrs Russell, M.D., one of the speakers, described at some length the work of the voluntary women chauffeurs attached to the Scottish Women's Hospitals for foreign service We wish the new association every success, and hope that it may be followed by similar societies in other parts of the United Kingdom.

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THE GOVERNMENT AND MOTOR CONSTRUCTION.

The Minister of Munitions has issued a new order regarding the construction of motor cars, which may have a somewhat far-reaching effect upon the industry—an industry which has already been greatly restricted, and which has played a noble part in the war. The new order prohibits, until further notice, any person, firm, or company engaged in the manufacture or repair of any vehicle designed for mechanical transport or traction, or any part of such vehicle, from carrying out in any factory, workshop, or other premises, without a permit issued under the authority of the Admiralty, the Army Council, or the Minister of Munitions, any work consisting in the manufacture, assembling, or erection of any new or unused motor internal combustion engine, designed or adapted for mechanical traction, or of any new or unused motor cycle, motor chassis, motor wagon, or of any tractor or other motor vehicles of any kind propelled by mechanical means, subject, however, to the following exception:—Work required to complete contracts placed by the Admiralty, the War Office, the Minister of Munitions, or an Allied Govenment, on or before the date of his order.

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THE WAR WEEK BY WEEK

THE WESTERN FRONT.

It was reported over the week-end that on both banks of the Ancre the British troops had again pushed forward their lines.

On the south bank they entered the western outskirts of Grandcourt, and occupied high ground due south of Miraumont. On the north bank our front was correspondingly extended.

In these operations the prisoners taken number 772, making the total for the week of 6962.

Berlin announced a fresh great attempt on the part of the British troops to break through on the Ancre, terminating in a sanguinary defeat.

British cavalry, the report says, appeared "behind the enemy lines," and there was a formidable increase of firing. It is admitted, however, that the British gained ground south-west of Serre, at Grandcourt, and at a few points south of the village.

On the French front German attempts near Berny and Biaches failed owing to the French fire.

Monday's bulletins announced nothing new with regard to the situation on the Western Front beyond the capture of 80 additional prisoners on the Ancre.

In the German report it was asserted that British attacks on the Ancre were repulsed. They claim that during the counter-attacks last week 22 officers and 900 men were captured, together with 34 machine guns.

Last night's message from British Headquarters recorded the capture of 80 more prisoners within the previous 24 hours. Yesterday the enemy bombarded Beaumont-Hamel and the neighbourhood of Gueudecourt.

Wednesday's bulletins describe no big incidents. Both in the Beaumont-Hamel and Ypres areas the German artillery displayed activity.

East of Angres and north of the La Bassee Canal our artillery bombarded the enemy lines.

South-west of the La Bassee Canal the Germans raided our front, obliterating part of our trench. Twenty-six men are missing.

On the French front there was heavy artillery fire in the regions of Douamont and Vaux.

THE RUSSO-RUMANIAN FRONT.

The German official reports issued over the week-end gave a grave account (from the Allies' point of view) of the situation in Western Rumania.

The enemy claim to have completely broken through the Transylvanian Alps and to be pouring their troops into the rich Wallachian plain.

Berlin also claimed to be well into the lowlands of the Alt Valley.

To the west the Germans alleged they had reached the Crajova-Orsova railway, thus isolating both Orsova and Turnu Severin.

The possession of these fortresses has enabled the Rumanians to blockade both Bulgaria and Turkey, as the Danube is thus completely in the hands of the holders of these fortresses.

Elsewhere in this theatre the only incident of note has been the recurrence of activity near Silistria, in the Dobrudja.

In the region of Kovel—near Sarny—the Russians have brought down a giant Zeppelin.

The airship carried a crew—put at 16 or 26 by two different reports—600 lb. of explosives, and three guns, besides machine guns.

In the Albesti region, on the Western Moldavian frontier, the Rumanians, according to Monday's bulletins, advanced and captured 100 prisoners, a gun, and two machine guns.

According to a Russian report, the Germans were repulsed by the Rumanians in the Alt Valley, but in the Jiul Valley, farther west, the Rumanians are still falling back to the south in the face of superior forces.

The German bulletin says that the operations against the Russo-Rumanian front continue in accordance with plan.

As the week advanced the news from Western Rumania became more grave. In both the Alt and Jiuli valleys the enemy, with superior forces, were reported as driving the Rumanians southwards.

The German communique announced that the enemy were approaching Crajova, "the headquarters of the First Rumanian Army." One of the Rumanian Army Headquarters, Constanza, is already in enemy hands.

Crajova has been until now the headquarters of General Averescu, the Commander-in-Chief of the Rumanian Army.

From Petrograd, however, came the news that the Rumanians were still to the north of Filiasi, and consequently the Germans had not reached half-way to Crajova from their starting-point in the Vulkan Pass.

Unhappily, this proved a rather belated account, as the Germans announced in the evening that Crajova had been entered by Austro-German troops.

Although Tuesday's German and Austrian communiques announced the fall of Crajova, which lies 80 miles into Rumania, neither the Petrograd nor Bucharest bulletins of either Tuesday or Wednesday admit its loss. Petrograd on Wednesday merely reported that the Rumanians were retiring towards Crajova.

THE BALKANS.

An important success has been gained in the Balkans. On Saturday the Serbs entered Monastir. They seized the town on the anniversary of the day in 1912 when it first came into their possession after the war with Bulgaria.

Berlin at once admitted the evacuation of the town, which became untenable on the capture by the Serbs of Hill 1212, which is about 14 miles east of Monastir. There has been furious fighting in this region for some days. Now the enemy are retreating in disorder, pursued by the Serbs, who have captured much booty.

Monastir is a very strong natural position at the meeting-place of roads from Salonica, Durazzo, Uskub, and Adrianople.

South and south-west of Monastir, on the line of the Bistritza, the defender's line, which is now a pronounced salient, is being hammered at by the Allies, who have reached Holeven.

On the other (eastward) part of the line the British have consolidated the ground gained on the Struma. Our airmen have bombed Borakli

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Monday's French official message gives an account of the big enveloping movement which resulted in the Allied victory at Monastir. Positions have since been won to the north of Monastir, and the pursuit of the beaten enemy continues without respite. Six hundred and twenty-two prisoners and a large quantity of war material were captured.

An official report from Rome states that Italian infantry and artillery effectively cooperated in the capture of Monastir. They advanced on the left wing.

The enemy's losses in the Monastir fighting are estimated at not less than 30,000 men. Yesterday's Berlin message reported the arrival of new German forces on the Macedonian front.

Several Bulgarian villages have been successfully bombarded by British seaplanes and aeroplanes.

Tuesday's bulletins announced that the Serbian, French, and Italian troops continue their advance north and west of Monastir. Many prisoners and considerable war material have been captured, while two new villages have been occupied.

As the week advanced reports came through to the effect that the Allied armies continue their rapid advance beyond Monastir. Nearly 500 prisoners have been captured, among whom are five German officers and a Bulgarian Colonel.



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THE WAR AT SEA.

Since the outbreak of war, it is calculated 1820 ships, with a tonnage of 3,328,000, have been destroyed by the belligerents.

From Brest there comes the report, by a French captain, of the sinking of a U-boat by two mine-sweepers.

Another successful British naval raid was carried out against military works at Ostend and Zebrugge. About 180 bombs were dropped.

The 48,000 ton British hospital ship, Britannic, has been sunk either by torpedo or mine in the Aegean, while carrying over 1150 people, including many wounded.

The official account states that 28 men were injured by the explosion. There are 1106 survivors. It is not thought that more than 50 persons have been lost.

According to an Athens' message, the Britannic was torpedoed while en route from Salonica.

The Britannic was formerly a White Star liner. She cost a million and a-half to build.

VARIOUS ITEMS.

It is reported from Vienna that on December 2 (or earlier) the Austrian Emperor Franz Josef, in commemoration of the 68th year of his reign, will hand over the de facto membership to the heir-apparent. It is also reported that the Emperor's health is giving rise to some anxiety.

The Entente Powers have demanded the expulsion of the Ministers of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey, and Bulgaria from Greece.

From East Africa comes the news of an unsuccessful attempt by the enemy to surprise a small British post. The enemy lost very heavily, nearly 50 dead being found round the post.

DEATH OF THE EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA.

The Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria died at 9 p.m. on Tuesday. He caught a chill on November 10, but he continued his usual mode of life and occupation up to the day of his death. He was born in 1830, and reigned for 68 years. His death, if it had occurred two and a-half years ago, would have drawn from the British Parliament expressions of condolence with his mourning subjects. His long life contained more than the average share of personal sorrows, and sincere sympathy with him was manifested on the occasion of the assassination of his nephew at Sarajevo. Now that he passes away during the war, for which a heavy part of the responsibility lay upon him, the event excites no emotion. It merely serves as the text for the review of a reign of nearly 70 years, which was marked by military defeats and by surrenders of territory to Prussia and Italy. One wonders if in his last days the aged Monarch realised how his Empire was passing under the domination of Germany. His successor is described as very pro-German. Probably he will prove a pliable tool in the hands of Herr von Jagow, hitherto the German Foreign Secretary, who has just been appointed the Kaiser's Ambassador at Vienna.

The heir to the Imperial Throne is the Archduke Charles Francis Joseph, a nephew of the late Archduke Franz Ferdinand. He was born in 1887.

Mrs Birnie's Red Cross Fund.—Mr James Maxwell, Town Chamberlain, acknowledges the following contributions to the above fund:—Amount already acknowledged, £208 7s 5d; Mr J. W. Mactavish, ironmonger, 5s—total, £208 12s 5d.

Prominent Local Footballer Killed.—One of the most prominent footballers in Inverness and the North was Sergt. William Gray, 46 Kingsmills Road, and the news of his death from wounds will be received with deep regret by many devotees of the game. His death was wholly unexpected, as only a day or two ago Mrs Gray received a letter from her husband saying that he had been in action, and had come through without a scratch. Previous to the war Sergt. Gray had been employed in the Highland Railway Stores' Department, where he was much liked by his fellow employés. His widow and two children, as well as his father and mother, reside at 46 Kingsmills Road, and to them great sympathy is extended.

ARMY CASUALTIES.

The following casualties appear in the "London Gazette" under various dates:—

OFFICERS.

Killed.

Macrae, Sec. Lieut. C. E., Seaforths.

N.C.O.'S AND MEN.

Killed.

Cameron Highlanders.—D. Edgar, Govan; J. Ferrie, Glasgow; R. Fleming, Anniesland; J. Fraser, Bathgate; R. Goldie, Glasgow; J. G. Johansen, Inverness; Acting Corpl. W. Macarthur, Govan; C. M'Cormick, Port-Glasgow; M. Macdonald, Daliburgh; L.-Cpl. W. M'Gee, Glasgow; A. Macintyre, Kilpheder, South Uist; W. Mitchell, Hamilton; J. A. Weir, Motherwell.

Died of Wounds.

Cameron Highlanders.—J. Cameron, Tigharry.

Died.

Seaforth Highlanders.—D. Stewart, Inverness.

Wounded.

The Black Watch.—J. Alexander, Glenmoriston.

Cameron Highlanders.—L.-Cpl. G. Alexander, Paisley; J. Anderson, Dumbarton; A. Armstrong, Glasgow; L.-Cpl. R. Baxter, Motherwell; R. Beattie, Glasgow; D. Bickerton, Cambuslang; L.-Cpl. G. Brown, Glasgow; R. Cameron, Invergordon; Cpl. W. Dalglish, Glasgow; W. Dallas, Glasgow; Cpl. W. Denton, Bothwell; Acting Cpl. C. Docherty, Inverness; J. Donald, Milngavie; D. Ferguson, Glasgow; J. Fraser, Daviot; W. Fraser, Portree; L.-Cpl. E. Grant, Glasgow; Sergt. M. Grant, Portree; L.-Cpl. J. Hamilton, Motherwell; J. Henderson, Glasgow; D. Innes, Inverness; L.-Cpl. A. Irvine, Inverness; A. Lyon, Greenock; N. Macdonald, Barvas; A. Macdonald, Bernera; J. Macdougall, Portree; T. Macdougall, Glasgow; R. M'Ewan, Hamilton; J. M'Garry, Hamilton; A. Macgillivrayl, Achnacarry; S. Macgregor, Glasgow; D. Mackechnie, Glasgow; T. M'Laughlin, Nethy-Bridge; Sergt. R. Maclean, Lochmaddy; R. Macleod, Glasgow; J. Macmillan, Paisley; W. Macmillan, Paisley; Sergt. J. Macphee, Motherwell; W. Macrae, Skye; J. Macritchie, Lewis; A. M'Robert, Glasgow; J. Mitchell, Glasgow; Sergt. A. Morrison, Iochdar; N. Morrison, Benbecula; J. Murdoch, Glasgow; R. Paterson, Glasgow; G. Percy, Cambuslang; G. Potter, Glasgow; L.-Cpl. J. Prendergast, Dumbarton; J. Rennie, Glasgow; G. Riddoch, Inverness; L.-Cpl. H. Robertson, Glasgow; Cpl. J. Rodger, Paisley; J. Ross, Ardgay; Sergt. R. Sinclair, Glasgow; J. Stewart, Inverness; L.-Cpl. R. Shields, Glasgow; R. Stewart, Glasgow; W. White, Kilmacolm; J. Wilkinson, Govan; Sergt. S. Williams, Glasgow; Sergt. H. Winning, Glasgow.



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Ten thousand Scottish hearts of steel are keen the foe to beat;
Ten thousand prayers to God are breathed from loyal Scotland's shore,
That He would guard the lads we love and save us evermore
From cursed Teuton's iron heel, when he a land enslaves,
Leaving trail of burning townships, ruined homes, and countless graves
Oh, many a weary vigil on many a pitch-dark night,
Many a chilly waiting for first streak of golden light;
Many a fearful tossing, while snow and sleet are driven
O'er buoyant vessels poising like gulls 'twixt sea and heaven.
And yet the landsmen rarely think, as snug and warm they lie,
Of brave patrols on our seaboard, whose only lullaby
Is the dashing of the fierce waves on nearing rocky cliffs,
And screaming of the cormorant, disturbed on their reefs
In summer time they rock and rock, anchored in b'istering heat,
When the decks feel really burning underneath their naked feet.
They sink a line four hundred hooks from the dingy of the ship,
While sea-swallows, swooping lightly, enjoy their morning dip.
Mother eider ducks conversing in low and serious tones,
Guiding their broods to shelter, while a gathering sea storm moans;
While happy porpoises make sport, chasing shoals of silver fish,
All gambolling around the boat, their active tails aswish.
In the distance whales are spouting, and an eagle on the wing,
Hastening to swoop on timid grouse nestling among the ling.
Passing strange the sights they see, and weird the sounds they hear,
And very rough the life they lead who guard us far and near.
Ten thousand Scottish fishermen aboard our Trawler Fleet,
God grant they are the victors where'er the foe they meet.

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November, 1916.

HATS OFF!

(Dedicated to Corporal Donald Mackay, Cameron Highlanders, an Inverness soldier who was awarded the Military Medal for bravery on the field, and has since won a bar to his previous honour).

Comrade, my fond admiration is boundless,
Brave quiet actions proud passions subdue;
Thoughts on my lips still are hovering soundless.
What speech can ever be worthy of you?
You were so willing, so swift to relinquish,
Ready, all peaceful pursuits to lay by;
Your deeds intrepid all lofty thoughts vanquish.
Bravo! Hats off to the gallant Mackay!

Comrade, a privilege noble is given
Thus to show deference to such a man;
'Twas for no merit or praise you had striven,
Only to win, as a warrior can.
'Twas for no flattery—how do you show it?
There from your smile and your bonny blue eye
Honour shines bright, and I know it—I know it.
Bravo! Hats off to the gallant Mackay!

Comrade, alone 'tis not bravery fearless
Thus that I count meritorious—nay!
Never were you seen remorseful or cheerless,
Sordid, or brooding in troubles all grey.
Never, my hero, your worth in large measure
Lies in the motto, "A smile for a sigh!"
Congratulations I proffer with pleasure.
Bravo! Hats off to the gallant Mackay!

Comrade, turn not from esteem as the foe shuns
Cold British steel. You are worthy of praise.
Some folks, with stagnant and pulseless emotions,
Courage survey with depressing dull gaze.
These might be roused if by act you could render
Earthquakes, tornadoes, or cyclones, but I
Fail to find speech fine enough for your splendour.
Bravo! Hats off to the gallant Mackay!

Comrade, I draw from your lips and from others
Sweet little incidents, human as fair.
Well do I guess how your loving heart smothers
All that is direful and dark "over there."
"Smile, little 'pal,' things are all looking better.
Cheer up, the war is going fine," is your cry.
Well do I read 'twixt the lines of each letter.
Bravo! Hats off to the gallant Mackay!

Comrade, 'mid bloodshed and strife you are toiling,
Worlds of home-yearning your bright words conceal.
"Keep the fires burning, the old kettle boiling."
God! make us worthy such valour to feel.
What may I wish you? Fine laurels can newly
Honour proclaim, but home love is as high.
Highland hearts throb for you proudly and truly.
Bravo! Hats off to the gallant Mackay!

Comrade, I linger with awed adoration
Over the tale so heroic, so fine.
Ah! the brave soul is worth all the laudation
Brain power mastered and tongue can combine.
May the wee son who a grand name is bearing
Rise in your footsteps and hear by and by
Voices ring out of his daddy so daring—
"Bravo! Hats off to the gallant Mackay!"

Delicia Chisholm.

1 Reay Street, Inverness,
20th November, 1916.

WHERE HAVE THEY GONE?

Where have they gone? To yonder city fair,
Where joys outcast the gloom, and life is there?
Or are they low on some wet-trodden plain
In hallowed rest to slumber and remain?
Not there, not there, my friend!

Where have they gone? To darker realms of light,
Where sorrows enter in, and naught is bright:
Where foul men soiled the noble grace they won,
And in their capture toil 'till life is done.
Not there, not there, my friend!

Where have they gone? To yon Celestial Home,
Where Christ, good Pilot, steered the raging foam?
The sea was high, the billows deep, we know,
But they have gone to meet no further foe.
'Tis there, 'tis there, my friend.

Where have they gone? From off the sodden field
The pangs and trials of the earth shall yield,
Each youthful head sealed in the lasting sleep,
Is anchored in the harbour long and deep.
'Tis there, 'tis there, my friend.

Where have they gone? Ah! never to return!
To Scotland, land of good, shall hatred burn
Against the foul trespasser of our youth,
Who knows no law of man, or God of Truth.
'Twil pass, 'twill pass, my friend.

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A TOWN DIARY.

MACALLAN—DICTATOR OF ICE CREAM.

I make no apology in returning to the issue raised by Mr Macallan with regard to ice-cream shops. Inverness is now in the grip of a moral controversy: it inflamed the public mind years ago, when, as a matter of fact, the subject had a right to be discussed by all parties in the community. To-day, however, it has no more right to be discussed than the rights and wrongs of the gamble with splendid young lives on the battlefields of Europe. Most of us had thought—and not without adequate reason—that the ice-cream controversy had received a decent burial, and that over its grave was placed a stone, with the single word, "Pax" (Peace). But Macallan, eager for a whirl before the public limelight, doesn't care a slider for peace: he has declared war against the Italians, and, having resurrected the corpse, carries it on a pole to the Council Chamber, declaring rashly—"We are not only fighting Germany and Austria, but this." And in the wake of the irate Convener of the Lighting and Watching Committee is the urbane Dean of Guild. That this question should never have been raised is as obvious as the Suspension Bridge, or Macallan himself. The raising of this question is, at once, a direct insult to the Police, to whom the administration of the Shops Order has been entrusted. The question should never have been raised at the Town Council by Mr Macallan or any other member. Now that it has been trotted out afresh, it is for an intelligent public to decide whether the Convener of the Lighting and Watching Committee is trying to shoot the moon or spouting for the mere sake of spouting. I hope to show that Mr Macallan is on a wild-goose chase, and that the Italians stand firm behind the legions of Law and Order.

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When the Town Council were at it, why didn't they appoint Mr Macallan Dictator of Ice Cream, etc.? Why didn't they vote him powers whereby he would be in charge of a brigade of inquisitors, whose duty would be to stand in every ice-cream shop, and see that you got a pie or drunk a cup of bovril on the premises? Well, a great opportunity has been literally thrown away! Perhaps Mr Macallan is hopeful that he will become the dictator in connection with a more essential matter than the provision of hot drinks or hot pies. I noticed the other day that my friend, Lord Northcliffe (who, not content with creating the present Coalition, is now terribly keen in having it dismissed) will have nothing to do with the job of Food Dictator, but I have not read a similar announcement with regard to Mr Macallan. He is a man of business, and, like the most of us, has to work hard to earn his daily bread. But has Mr Macallan any spirit of toleration? Won't he live and let live? Or is his policy that of the Dean's—Inverness for the Invernessians, and Clachnaharry for the Clachnaharriers. For, you see, the Dean spoke of our Italian friends as "foreigners." What should be said of an autocratic Town Council who decried that henceforth Mr Macallan will trade not in the centre of the town, but in the Merkinch; and that the Dean—also engaged in business in the Central Ward—should be compelled to sell his goods on the withering heights of Lochness-side? The first thing these alleged critics would do is this—they would appeal to the liberty-loving spirit of the people. Well, that is exactly what the Italians are doing now because of the unnecessary and unjustifiable attack made upon them under the guise of the Shops Order.

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It is the duty of every Town Councillor to make himself familar with the facts of the case ere he sits down and castigates fellow ratepayers. It was the duty of Councillor Macallan, as convener of the Lighting and Watching Committee, to have furnished himself with the history of the shops' question in Inverness. He din't do so: perhaps he didn't think it was worth the trouble. And so we have a very nice proof of the axiom "that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing." Carlyle says somewhere—"Give me facts! Feed me on facts!" Why should it be up to me to instruct Mr Macallan and the Dean? The minutes of the Town Council are accessible to them, and it was their clear duty to diet thereon before coming to last week's meeting. I can forgive the Dean, but I can't forgive Mr Macallan. And he made his debut, too! It is not quite clear even yet whether Mr Macallan is amusing when he is serious and serious when he is amusing.

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And now to business. A few years before the war legislation with respect to the hours of opening and closing of places of public refreshment became an accomplished fact. With one exception, all the local ice-cream shops registered. The shops registered traded from 8 a.m to 11 p.m. on week-days, and remained closed all day on Sunday. The unregistered ice-cream shop keeper could open at 6 a.m. and close at midnight, but he could not sell for consumption off the premises after 8 p.m. He had, further, the right of Sunday trading. Understand that the provisions of the Act with regard to the interior of the premises being "visible from the outside" applied to tea-rooms and temperance hotels as well as ice-cream shops. It was a provision that the windows be so cleared of goods that the interior could be visible from the outside, also that the cubicles be removed. When the Magistrates personally examined certain places of public refreshment, it was found that the law could not be enforced. In several cases a stone wall divided the premises proper from the dining rooms. The thing was a farce on the face of it. "Visible from the outside!" How would Mr Macallan and the Dean like that? Picture these two gentlemen lunching in a temperance hotel and discussing plans to save Europe from the ice-cream peril, and to be visible to all who had the bad manners to stop and watch how they cut their chops, or sugared their tea. They would demand privacy—(Hear! hear!) They would say—"Is this liberty-loving Britain?"—(Hear! hear!)—and say and do lots of other things which would meet with my entire approval. Now, as long as the other places of public refreshment did not toe the line with regard to the phrase, "visible from the outside," the Chief Constable could not, with any sense of justice, prosecute the Italians, who eventually followed the example of the unregistered shopkeeper, and traded on Sundays, and have done so without the intervention of the police.

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For a couple of weeks now I have been hammering into the head of Councillor John Macallan that it is the height of absurdity to ask the Italian community to fall into line with those affected by the Shops Order, 1916, for the very good reason that the law allows them to remain open after 8 p.m. for the consumption of certain articles on the premises. Mr Macallan may defeat a motion in the Town Council, but he cannot defeat an Act of Parliament: he may wade across the Ness, but he cannot wade across the Beauly Firth; he may tell me that gruel is a much nicer night drink than a cup of Bovril, but he cannot drag me outside of an ice-cream shop and compel me to take gruel. Mr Macallan is out for a better Inverness, but he has got to produce his plans and specifications. I tell him that if he continues this fooling, the sooner Inverness hears the last of him the better.

Wayfarer.

THE WISHING CAP.

If you had the prospect of a settled income of five thousand pounds a year you would, doubtless, be prepared to swear that you could be extremely happy. It is tantalising, isn't it, that more of us cannot at least try the experiment for a year? But as you and I and all the world know, money alone cannot bring complete happiness. Probably we should be in agreement if we saidthat at least it would be helpful to that end. We are told by the sages, and experience proves it, that health is the biggest and best asset in life. All the more reason, then, why it should be jealously guarded. We should all, therefore, grasp health with both hands, as it is above and beyond riches. For the every-day ailments which affect us all at one time or another there is nothing that will aid you better than Mother Seigel's Syrup. This great stomach and liver tonic can and does help you to retain and regain health. The daily headache, if not arrested, will surely lead to worse trouble; perhaps biliousness will follow, which is a sure indication that all is not right with your digestive organs. The proper thing, therefore, is to act at once and do as thousands have done—take a course of Mother Seigel's Syrup and thereafter keep it in your home as your family remedy.

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The Highland News.

INVERNESS, Saturday, Nov. 25, 1916.

LORD LOVAT SWEARS BY OATMEAL.

We are hearing less these days about our ability, or inability, to finance the war. People are tumbling to it that the financial side can be manipulated all right. We can print as much money as we choose, and raise loans as big as mountains, so that there's no cause to worry on that score. But the manufacture of money, and the raising of money wages, and the paying of bonuses, it is now recognised, does not carry us very far. Money wages may rise, but if prices rise still further it is difficult to see where any positive advantage comes in. You can have as much money as you choose—tons of Treasury Notes, if you will—but if the necessaries you wish to buy don't exist the money won't help to win the war.

What we do require are men and munitions and supplies generally. And so discussion to-day is not concerned so much with financial operations as with the things that really matter—man-power, food, clothing, coal, iron, guns, explosives, and the things that really count.

One sometimes hears it stated—"Oh! but you can't get food and other necessaries without money!" This is putting the thing upside-down. As a matter of fact food is money. If you have plenty food you have plenty money; if you have insufficient food you can print bank notes until you starve—you will never get fat on them.

This tendency to turn attention to the production of real wealth is a welcome feature. If we fail on the farm, the counting-house will not help us to win the war. First of all we must have food to go round; second, we have to see that it does go round. And we require no more than a sufficiency. In war-time it becomes very obvious that anything more than a sufficiency is a waste of national strength. At the present moment a matter of grave concern is the food supply. How are we to make it pan out? We are likely to be short of wheat. The bad weather (and other causes) has prevented the sowing of so large an acreage as we managed last year. Shall we make up the leeway in the spring? Lord Lovat says that would be a mistake. Better, he tells us to sow oats. The result would be an increase in food value. Perhaps he is right; porridge has been rather neglected of late in Scotland, and in England was never more than an innocent luxury. His Lordship has been experimenting, too, so he tells us, with oatmeal bread. He can stand the taste all right, he confided to his fellow-Peers in the House of Lords, so long as the loaf contains not more than one-third oat flour, the remainder being wheat. If people went in for this kind of bread it would spin out the food supply considerably. In fact, says his Lordship, oats ought not to be wasted. He would allow none be used for feeding horses kept for pleasure purposes. Indeed, if he had his way, he would commandeer all such horses and send them over to France.

That is something like the way to talk. We may increase our war strength to some extent by checking waste and using food substitutes. Still, there is a limit to this sort of thing. If you take oats from horses and milk from pigs you have to find other food stuffs for these animals. The secret for making the most of our resources is to check every form of waste and to increase our production to the maximum. Barley, for example, would be of some advantage to the country if it were used for food. Used for making whisky, it is simply helping the enemy.

It is not generally known that there is sufficient agricultural land in this country to provide for double the population. If we developed our own land to the full we should be quite independent of foreign supplies. Unfortunately, the land is held up. Even in war-time, it is impossible to get access to it. But in war-time there arises another difficulty—the shortage of labour. Clearly, then, there is a limit to the size to which we can safely raise our Armies. We must leave sufficient labour to raise sufficient food. Lord Lovat suggests making use of German prisoners. And we would suggest that there are still a number of idlers in the country who would be better employed planting potatoes than in collecting "money" for war charities and similar objects.

STORNOWAY.

TIDE TABLE—HIGH WATER.

NOVEMBER.

Date	Morning—h.m.	Evening h.m.
Sunday..... 26	... 7·9	... 7·33
Monday 27	... 7·52	... 8·20
Tuesday 28	... 8·37	... 9·10
Wednesday ... 29	... 9·28	... 10·1
Thursday 30	... 10·15	... 10 58
DECEMBER.		
Friday 1	... 11·15	... —
Saturday 2	... 0·6	... 0·28

STORNOWAY SEAFORTH WOUNDED.—Mr Neil Murray, 20 Church Street, has had official intimation that his son, Pte. Murdo Murray, Seaforth Highlanders, has been wounded—shell shock. Pte. Murray has so far recovered as to be able to leave hospital and go into a convalescent home.

WAR SEWING MEETING.—Ten boxes have been sent to the following:—1st, 2nd, and 4th Seaforth Highlanders; two to Casualty Clearing Stations, France; two to hospital ships; two to general hospitals, and one to Refugee Belgian Children; also twenty parcels to Stornoway boys in different other units.

SHADER LAD KILLED.—Intimation has been received of the death of Pte. Donald Smith, son of Mr John Smith, 16 Upper Shader, Barvas. Mr Smith had three sons serving, one of whom, however, has been discharged, permanently incapacitated for service. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved relatives.

LIONEL ROLL OF HONOUR.—The following additional names for the Lionel School District are supplied by a correspondent:—Malcolm Campbell, 18 Lionel; Norman Morrison, 17 Lionel; John Morrison, 11 Lionel; John Macleod, 16 Lionel; and John Macdonald, Port-of-Ness, all young lads who have joined the R.N.R. (Trawler section).

RAERINISH—PATRIOTIC FAMILY.—Among the many interesting Lewis family war records is that of Mr Torquil Macleod, 42 Raerinish. Mr Macleod, who is an Old Age Pensioner, has given his five sons to the King's service on land and sea. His two daughters' husbands are also on service. One of the sons-in-law contributed a couple of interesting letters to our columns some time ago.

"SAFE" IN GERMANY.—Mr John Macleod, 2 Benside, whose son, Pte. A. Macleod, 14th Battalion Canadians, had been posted missing, has had his anxiety so far relieved by a further official communication intimating that he is a prisoner of war at Darmstadt, Germany. The soldier himself, in a post-card to his mother, says:—"I have arrived in Germany. I am in hospital, but am getting on fine. I will write later on. Don't worry."

ROLL OF HONOUR.—The following addition to the Burgh roll is notified:—Pte. Neil Maciver, Canadians. Pte. Maciver, who joined when he was only 16, is a son of Mr Norman Maciver, 30 Bayhead Street.

ROLL OF HONOUR.—An additional name for the Burgh roll is that of Mr Keith Maciver, son of ex-Bailie Maciver, who came home recently from the Malay States, and has enlisted in the A.S.C. (Motor Transport).

IMPORTS.—The following cargoes were discharged during the week:—Nora Elsmie, s.s., Peterhead, stock, Mr Duncan Maciver; Redstone, s.s., Sunderland, coals, Mr Duncan Maciver; Watchful, s.s., Aberdeen, stock, Messrs Bain and Morrison; Sybil, Ardrossan, coals, Gas Company; Texa, s.s., Glasgow, coals, Mr Kenneth Mackenzie; and Emil Stang, s.s., Tyne Dock, coals, ex-Provost Mackenzie.

STORNOWAY TEACHER FOR ANTIPODES.—At a meeting of the Stornoway School Board on Tuesday, a letter was read from Miss Elsie Mair resigning her position on the staff of the Nicolson Institute, as she has received a teaching appointment in Sydney, New South Wales. The resignation was accepted with regret, and the Clerk was instructed to advertise for a successor at a commencing salary of £65 to £70 according to experience.

SANDWICK PUBLIC SCHOOL.—Miss Macarthur, infant mistress, Tolsta Public School, has been appointed to the vacancy on the staff of Sandwick Public School caused by the transference of Miss MacCallum to the Nicolson Institute. It was agreed, at the Board meeting, to offer the vacancy at Tolsta to Miss Mackenzie, Skigersta Public School (one of the applicants for Sandwick), and failing her acceptance, the Clerk was instructed to advertise Tolsta at a commencing salary of £75.

S. AND S. TEA AND MOTOR FUND.—The Hon. Secretary acknowledges, with thanks, the following contributions:—Mrs Morrison, Aasynt House, £3; a Friend, 10s; a Friend in Bolivia, South America, £2; collected in Lemreway by Mrs Hastie and Miss Mackinnon (3rd contribution), 11s; a Friend, 5s; the pupils attending Tarbert Public School, 6s 5d; a Friend, 5s 6d; received from Mr Malcolm Morrison, president, Lewis Society, Boston, U.S.A., per Mr Rudland, the sum of £2 2s 2d, being proceeds of sale of heather by Mrs Morrison; and £3 from Mr A. Murray, Shanghai, China (a native of Breavick, Back).

STORNOWAY TAILORS' ASSOCIATION.—The Secretary of the Stornoway Tailors' Association has received, from Mr Ian Macpherson, M.P., the following acknowledgment of the series of resolutions sent up by them with regard to pay, pensions, and allowances to dependents of soldiers and sailors, and the direct State control of the sale of intoxicating liquor:—"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter containing the resolutions passed by our Association. I propose to give them all my respectful and serious consideration." The Secretary to the Central Control Board (Liquor Traffic) has also written acknowledging receipt of the resolutions, which shall receive attention.

OUR DAY.—The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges, with many thanks, £1 from Mrs Malcolm Morrison, Boston, Mass., U.S.A. Next parcel day falls due on the 28th curt. Will friends kindly remember to send their contributions the evening before. The packers for parcels sent on the 14th November were Mrs Alex. Morison, Miss Jeanetta Nicolson, and Miss C. Maclean. Contributions of cheese, biscuits, and tobacco for prisoners will be welcomed. There are now eight prisoners on our list. Mr Angus Macdonald is thanked for his promptitude in sending two of these prisoners' addresses, and also a number of our brave Aird fighters (one of whom has won the Military Cross) now at the front.

STORNOWAY BOY KILLED.—Deep regret was felt in Stornoway when intelligence was received of the death of Bombardier Rose Alick Sutherland, R.F.A. (Signalling Section), son of the late Mr James Sutherland, 40 Newton. In a letter to his sister his Commanding Officer says:—"I regret to inform you that I buried your brother, Bombardier Rose Alexander Sutherland, this afternoon. He was killed in action on the 4th November. What more fitting epitaph? He is buried in a British soldier's cemetery a few miles behind the trenches, and his grave is well attended to. With much sympathy." Bombardier Sutherland, who was 25 years of age, joined in June, 1915, and had been three months at the front when he met his death. His sisters and brother have the heartfelt sympathy of the community in their sore bereavement.

CIGARETTE GIRLS.—Very sincere thanks are offered to Mr Malcolm Morrison, president of the Lewis Society, Boston, U.S.A., for his contribution of £1 to the Cigarette Fund. Thanks are also due to Mrs Morrison, as it was she who made the money by the sale of Scotch heather. It was through Mr Rudland, who is Mr Morrison's brother-in-law, that the gift came, and oh! you dear provoking boys, who never in days gone by gave a thought to Mr Rudland's comfort, be thankful now that he is not as the man who rushed home from church one Sunday afternoon to put a blazing peat on his wife's head because the minister had eloquently urged "coals of fire" as the proper crown for the head of an enemy. Cigarettes are to be sent this week through various channels. The one direct package goes to Captain Smith for our own boys of the Ross-shire Mountain Battery.

PRESENTATION TO NURSE.—Nurse C. Macleod, Croy, Callanish, Stornoway, has been presented with a purse of sovereigns on the occasion of her leaving Rannoch, where she has been district nurse. Sincere regret has been felt throughout North and West Rannoch. When it became known that Nurse Macleod was leaving, her many friends took the opportunity of her leaving the district to testify to their appreciation of her work. Many can speak with gratitude of Miss Macleod's untiring and cheerful ministrations as a nurse, and it is no flattery to say that she worthily took her place as a member of the scattered community, and now there is due to Nurse Macleod some recognition of her willing service, and that her friends may well permit themselves the pleasure of speaking in a tangible way to the pleasantness of the relations which existed between the Nurse and the community. Miss Macdonald, Georgetown Schoolhouse, was called upon to make the presentation, and said that she had much pleasure in presenting Nurse Macleod with the gift on behalf of her many friends in Rannoch, as a token of esteem and respect, and they all wished Nurse Macleod every happiness and goodwill. Nurse Macleod feelingly replied.

HIS SECOND SUBMARINE.—In our last issue we reported the presentation of a cheque for £50 to Leading Seaman Gunner Malcolm Macleod, 5 Knock, for the part he took in the sinking of an enemy submarine in the Mediterranean on 26th September last. We are pleased to learn that his mate, also a Lewis Naval Reservist, Gunner Donald Macleod, son of Mrs Murdo Macleod, 6 Eoropie, Ness, has also been presented with a cheque for £50 by the owners and time charterers of the s.s. Dunrobin. The good folk of Eoropie are very proud of the honour done to one of their lads, for this is the second money award received by Donald for the share he took in accounting for a German submarine. He was also in several engagements off Ostend while serving on board H.M.S. Brilliant (monitor). He was afterwards for some time in hospital with measles and pneumonia, and on recovering had a special course in the Gunnery School, Portsmouth, before being on board the Dunrobin with Malcolm Macleod. As mentioned in the former paragraph, the two Lewismen stuck to their gun and proved their marksmanship by registering 15 hits out of 22 rounds. After the submarine had once been hit she could not go below, and had to stand up to it. The Lewis lads had five direct hits after her guns were finally silenced, and she took fire and sank quickly. Our readers will join in extending heartiest congratulations to the two Macleods.

STORNOWAY SCHOOL BOARD.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

The monthly meeting of the Stornoway School Board was held on Tuesday. Rev. N. Macintyre, chairman, presided, and there were also present—Rev. R. Morison, Rev. R. Mackenzie, Major Bain, ex-Provost Anderson, and Mr Kenneth Mackenzie; also Provost Maclean, Bailie Smith, and Councillor John McR. Morrison, managers, with Mr W. J. Clarke, clerk, and Mr Norman Forbes, architect.

A letter from the teaching staff of the Nicolson Institute, in reply to the reasons advanced by the Board for declining to grant them an increase of salary was read. (This letter appeared in our issue of 11th inst).

The Chairman, referring to the statement in the letter that the Board had no sympathy with the teachers, said that was not true; the Board had every sympathy with them, and with every other class that is suffering in consequence of the war. He took the trouble to test the figures given by the teachers, and found that they were inaccurate in several particulars. For instance, they gave the average salary of departmental masters as £170. If Mr Pryde was included as a departmental master, then the average was £174. Then the average for class masters was given as £150, whereas the average for the three class masters was £158.

Mr Kenneth Mackenzie—Without taking into account what some of them receive for continuation work?

The Chairman—That is so. If the salaries of the two class masters who are on active service were included, the average worked out at £153. Then there were six class mistresses with an average salary of £105, and ten elementary teachers whose minimum is stated to be £65, but whose average salary was actually £85.

Major Bain—There isn't one of them getting £65.

The Chairman—No; there is only one with less than £70, and her salary is £67 10s. With regard to the teachers' statement as to there being more money in circulation than ever before, that, of course, was true in a general way, but he would invite them to accompany him when he visited among his congregation, and they would find that notwithstanding all the money that was in circulation, some of the ratepayers were never worse off financially than now.

Rev. R. Morison—That letter is vulnerable at a great many points, and it would take too long to discuss them all here. I beg to move that the letter be remitted to the Finance Committee to consider, and advise the Board what answer should be sent to the teachers.

Bailie Smith—Or whether they should try to meet the teachers' demand?

Rev. Mr Morison—Exactly; to consider and report on the whole matter.

Bailie Smith suggested that the Finance Committee take into consideration the statement in the teachers' letter that the incremen to their salaries amounts to only 3 per cent., whereas the increased cost of the necessaries of life was as much as 30 per cent.

The Chairman—Mr Morison has made a motion that the letter be remitted to the Finance Committee for reply.

Bailie Smith—On the assumption that the matter in question has already been decided?

Mr Kenneth Mackenzie—Yes; the matter has already been disposed of by the Board.

Bailie Smith—If the reply is to be merely a defence of the Board's decision, I personally wish my dissent recorded. I think the letter deserves something more than a fighting or legal defence.

The Chairman—I don't think you should assume that that is all that the Finance Committee is to consider.

Mr Kenneth Mackenzie—You have got to bear in mind that this question does not refer alone to the Secondary Department of the Nicolson Institute, and in that connection the views of those gentlemen who were present as representatives of the Town Council and District Committee cannot be entertained in reference to the general question.

Bailie Smith—Do I understand that the representatives of Nicolson Institute have no voice in the disposal of a question affecting the relations of the Board with the servants of the Board as regards the Institution which they represent?

Ex-Provost Anderson—They have.

Bailie Smith—Therefore, when a representative of the Nicolson Institute appears at this meeting he refers only to what he represents, and to nothing outside it.

Mr Kenneth Mackenzie—It is a recognised fact that the Managers have no jurisdiction in the general question.

Bailie Smith—We have not claimed that we have, and you have no right to assume that we have claimed it.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

Ex-Provost Anderson then drew attention to the very sympathetic attitude of the Scotch Secretary with regard to the petition of the teachers of Scotland at this time. At a conference the other day, Mr Tennant practically invited the School Boards to ask him to approach the Treasury for an increased grant to enable them to give their teachers a war bonus, and in view of this fact, he begged leave to move that the School Board, acting on Mr Tennant's hint, apply as indicated. The Board, doubtless, would have to pay a proportion, but if the Treasury gave, say, two-thirds, it would lighten the burden on the Board by helping them to do towards their teachers what he believed was absolutely necessary. He knew men who were making thousands in this war crisis. Why, even miners were making over £3 15s a week, and surely it was time they were doing something to augment the income of the teachers. He therefore moved that they apply to the Secretary for Scotland for a grant to enable them to pay a war bonus to the teachers of all the schools in the parish.

Mr Kenneth Mackenzie—I second the proposal. We have the fullest sympathy with every working man or professional man in the community. They have their hardships here as elsewhere; it is touching us all; and it is not all profit with those who happen to be in mercantile work connected in any way with the war. If in their path it happens that things are a little flourishing, they have to pay a good share towards Imperial taxation. If this application will have the result of getting a war bonus for the teachers, we shall all be very pleased, for we had no intention other than following the course adopted by school boards elsewhere.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

TEACHERS DAMPED IN LEWIS!

[TO THE EDITOR.]

Sir,—Patriots- where are they? On the staff of the Nicolson Institute. On the outbreak of war we find them in a great hurry to enlist. They must just wait a second to make sure of their £ s. d.

The School Board promises to treat them generously. Suddenly, like the snail, they get back into their shells, and no more is heard of their serving their country. They have worried the Board a little, and they have carried their point. Now they are at it again. While so many of their pupils are giving their lives for their country, their cry is—more money so that we may have better-filled stomachs and warmer hearths. Or are they really patriotic again and working for the one or two £65's?

Did any of the Nicolson Institute staff come to Lewis at a sacrifice? Well, now is their chance to get back to the land of milk and honey. Many brave teachers are now in France. Perhaps those who dumped themselves on poor Lewis may have a chance of doing their bit by filling their places. Let them apply there and get the fat salaries. Let them forget any high ideals they may have had of bringing civilisation and education to these remote parts.

Lewis may sill live and her sons still flourish.—I am, Sir, yours, etc.,

ANOTHER RATEPAYER.

STORNOWAY

LEWIS TEACHERS' SALARIES.

[TO THE EDITOR.]

Sir,—Recent issues of your paper have contained reports of the proceedings at the meeting of the School Board of Stornoway. These dealt with an application from certain of the teachers claiming revision of salaries and in particular a war bonus. Will you allow me to draw public attention to another class of teachers in the Island whose lot is much harder, and who have hitherto received less recognition? I mean the teachers in the outlying parishes of Uig, Lochs, and Barvas.

To do the School Board of Stornoway justice, it has not been behind in recognising the claims of its teachers, and its scale of salaries both for headmasters in its rural schools and for its assistants in the Secondary School will bear favourable comparison with School Boards similarly situated throughout Scotland. But it is quite otherwise in the other parishes to which I refer. This is best shown by comparing the practice of the Stornoway School Board with that of the School Boards of Uig, Lochs, and Barvas in the matter of remuneration of their teachers. Two years ago, thanks chiefly to that capable administrator, ex-Provost Anderson, then Chairman of Stornoway School Board, a scheme of salaries for headmasters was approved of, by which the lowest maximum for a headmaster under the Board was raised to £180. This was a reasonable approximation to the standard reached all over Scotland. But no similar scheme can be obtained for the rural parishes, and headmasters in these parishes who formerly enjoyed salaries equal to headmasters in corresponding positions under the Stornoway School Board now find themselves worse by £20 to £30 per annum. The case of headmasters of the smaller schools in these parishes is even worse, and their position is becoming desperate. It is not astonishing that, under the circumstances, teachers are beginning to call out for Trade Union methods, and that a 'strike" is not spoken of with bated breath. All will agree, too, in thinking that it is regrettable that parishes which for many years have been for all practical purposes managed directly by the Education Department through their official representative should thus fall behind the adjacent parish of Stornoway, and, generally, behind corresponding districts throughout Scotland.

But I now desire to emphasise another point and to hold out a warning in a case where there is grave danger of injustice being done. From an interview which took place the other day between the Secretary for Scotland and the Associated School Boards of Scotland it was plain that the justice of the teachers' claim for a war bonus was recognised by both parties, and that application would be made to the Treasury for assistance. But Mr Tennant expressly laid down the condition that part of the bonus must be raised from the local funds. It would be easy to show that this condition is neither just nor necessary. I content myself with pointing out how it would work in the case of the Boards under consideration, namely, those of Lewis, except Stornoway. We are given to understand that these Boards will make no local contribution. This means that the teachers, whose circumstances are most necessitous—and only they themselves know how hard pushed they are at present—will receive no bonus whatever. Can such a method of remedying a recognised grievance—when the worst sufferer is left without relief—commend itself to any reasonable man? Does it not offend against the first principle of justice?—I am, Sir, yours. etc..

JUSTITIA FIAT.

WASTE, AND WASTAGE.

[TO THE EDITOR.]

Sir,—Where Germany has succeeded so wonderfully, and has cut us out so completely in commerce, has been her indigenous thrift and her capacity for turning to her own advantage Britain's wanton waste in every department of her economic life. We do not need to criticise and condemn the waste of men and material during war-time, for our improvidence and thriftlessness, our needless waste, and contempt for little things are legacies from the past, and the result of extravagant ideas and wasteful ways which have all along characterised our nation and our people. We have never been really "careful in little things," and have always loved to "do things handsomely." Our dress, amusements, mode of living, and love of "appearance" have stood out in strong contrast to the habits, thrifty living, and superior education of continental nations, for, when Britishers wished to live cheaply and acquire a more thorough education, Belgium and Germany were chosen for that purpose. No greater test or object lesson of our inherent extravagance can be cited than the manner in which British tourists have "spoiled," commercially, the Channel Islands, Switzerland, and Norway. Before Londoners swarmed to Switzerland, and Lancashire workers flocked to Norway, and English people generally invested the Channel Islands, the cost of living was about half what it is to-day, and foreign hotels really "moderate;" but Britain's emissaries of holiday "kultur" soon changed all that, and engendered Britain's commercial cupidity in the simple natures of simple folk. Germany, for instance, is to-day dearer than England to live in. America, too, has proved a very good second in raising foreign prices.

Now that we may be called upon to fill a higher mission, and to educate the world, it may be well for us to find out a vision—where we have failed to bridge the gulf 'twixt enormous wealth and abject poverty. In a Christian country these two extremes should never have existed side by side—and never must do so again. The agitator and opportunist declare it is the fault of the upper classes: the poorer classes blame everything in general, and the more thrifty in particular, and so on. But that does not explain the reason for, or solve the problem of, poverty. It would be nearer the mark to say that the luxury of the rich, and the improvidence of the lower classes, produce the extremes of riches and poverty. The poor man cannot logically taunt the rich with his reckless extravagance, when he himself spends a much larger proportion of his "income" in deleterious drink! If the rich man cannot get on without the poor man (as agitators insist)—it is patently obvious the poor could not live at all without the Capitalist—and spendthrift. And the reason why Dives goes to the devil, and Lazarus to the workhouse, is that both are in the clutches of "The Trade!" In the gilded bar, and in the public-house, the arch-enemy lurks, and lures his victims to their doom. In "Drink" we have the three-fold curse, the trinity of vice, namely—Waste, wasters, and wastage!

It does not require my feeble pen to depict the degradation, the waste of souls, and the wastage of food products, and hard-earned or ill-gotten money. The Government's revenue proves all that. It does not need an angel from heaven to point out the ruined homes, blighted lives, mis-shapen children, the prostitution and chronic vice that adorn our society, or all the terrible evils that afflict our race. It is writ large in flaming capitals in every town and city. Its enervating influence is apparent in our lack of decision, commercial dishonesty, love of gain, gambling, pursuits of pleasure, waste of time and money, want of principle, and the terrible waste that exists in every department and branch of national life.

Therefore, to get at the spring and fountain head of our principal vices, and of our waste and wastage, we must root out "The Trade" and its nefarious traffic. The rest will follow.—I am, Sir, yours. etc.,

H. F. RICE.—

R.E. LIEUT. SEVERELY WOUNDED.—Dr and Mrs Macfadyen, Academy Street, Inverness, have been notified that their younger son, Second Lieut. George Macfadyen, R.E., is in hospital at Rouen, suffering from severe wounds. At the outbreak of war, Lieut. Macfadyen was in Canada, but came home, and, joining the Engineers, quickly received a commission. All wish for him a good recovery.

NOTES FROM GLASGOW.

In the West United Free Church Hall, Glasgow, two kinderspiels were presented by almost sixty of the young people of the congregation on Friday and Saturday, 10th and 11th November. The object was to procure funds to enable the young folk to send a gift from themselves to each sailor and soldier on the congregational roll of honour. This was accomplished last year, and the enterprise of the children was equally successful on this occasion, the goodly sum of £15 10s being the result of the effort. The kinderspiels were entitled "Aladdin in Japan" and "The Magic Fan," both pieces being given each evening. The children gave themselves very heartily to their parts, and enjoyed it as much as their grown-up friends who looked on. They gave evidence of the skill and care with which they had been instructed. The girls were very dainty in their white dresses, and the boys, many in Highland dress, looked every inch the men we hope they may become. In a number of action songs great taste was displayed, and the entertainment closed in a stirring picture, of which Britannia was the centre. Other items included solos by Misses Flora and Cathie Maclean, and Master Francis Maclean, and a pianoforte duet by the Misses Bruce. The Rev. Peter Macdonald, M.A. (minister) presided both evenings over audiences that completely filled the hall.

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Ceilidh nan Gaidheal had placed before it on Saturday last a rare treat in the Gaelic lecture which was delivered by Mr Neil Shaw, the genial secretary of the Comunn. The lecture dealt with a tour in the Mediterranean which Mr Shaw made some years ago, and in view of the present hostilities in that region, his references to the various places touched at between Gibraltar and Constantinople were invested with peculiar interest. There was a large turnout of members, over whom Mr Malcolm Macleod presided. It was intimated that the lecturer at next meeting would be Mr Donald Currie, and that his subject would be the patriotic one, "Tir nam beann, nan gleann, 's nan Gaisgich."

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Mr Hugh Munro, the well-known Scottish artist, was the lecturer at last Saturday's meeting of the High School Gaelic Class Ceilidh, and his subject was the appropriate one, "The feeling for Nature in Scottish Art." Mr Munro, as was to be expected, dealt with the subject in masterly fashion, and doubtless many of his auditors left the meeting convinced that there was much more in painting and in pictures than they had imagined. Next meeting Mr John MacCormick, the Gaelic author, will lecture on "Highland Brochs and Crannegs."

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There was a large attendance at the monthliy meeting of the Oban and Lorn Association last Wednesday to hear the lecture by Mr Angus Macintyre on "Old Oban." Mr Macintyre belongs to a family which has been connected with the Oban district for many generations, and is otherwise well qualified to speak with some authority on the subject. Oban, he said, was described as being a flourishing village when visited by Dr Johnson and Boswell in their famous Hebridean tour, but it was not until the brothers Stevenson, Hugh and John, settled in the place, towards the close of the 18th century, that it attained to any importance. The Stevensons introduced new methods of trading, and were at one and the same time merchants, contractors, and shipowners. In 1826 the National Bank opened a branch in the town, and thirteen years later, in 1839, the father of the late Rev. David Macrae founded the Oban Scientific and Literary Association, which continues in vigorous life to this day. For over thirty years previous to 1862 Oban was a burgh of barony, but in that year it was raised to the dignity of a Police Burgh, after which its progress was almost as phenomenal as the stories we read of in connection with places in the American Continent. In 1812 the South Pier was constructed to cope with the traffic from Glasgow via the Crinan Canal, and it was not until 1835 that a beginning was made with the North Pier. Gas was introduced in 1848. To show the progress made by Oban in a quarter of a century, Mr Macintyre stated that whereas in 1876 the annual rental was £16,705, in 1901 it had risen to £46,666. Oban, too had many notable visitors besides the irascible lexicographer and his faithful henchman, these including Pennant, Murray, Macculloch, Scott, Hogg, Wordsworth, Shelley, and many others. Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort visited the Bay in the Royal yacht in 1847. The Royal Mail Line of steamers, owned now by Messrs Macbrayne, was started by the late Mr Hutchison in 1851. Mr Macintyre had also a wealth of information to reveal with regard to the better-known business men of Oban of the past generation—the Cumsties, Sinclairs, Anguses, Macdougalls, Macisaacs, and later the Huttons, Munros, MacCowans, and many others, all of whom contributed in the building up of a business community which is now the pride of the whole of the people of the West Highlands. Mr Macintyre was accorded hearty thanks for his lecture on the call of Mr Arthur Hutton, after which a short musical program was submitted.

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On 13th December the Tiree Association is to hold a social meeting, and the proceeds accruing are to be devoted to providing comforts for Tiree men serving with the colours.

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It is particularly gratifying to hear that the membership of the Highland Girls' Club is increasing week by week, and that the girls are finding it a pleasant meeting place after their day's work at munitions and various other callings. The rooms at 106 West George Street are open each evening at 7 o'clock.

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On Saturday last, in the Y.W.C.A. Rooms, 82 Bath Street, the committee appointed by An Comunn Gaidhealach to look after the interests of the Gaelic Ward in the Woodside Hospital entertained the soldiers at present being treated there. An enjoyable concert program was submitted, and was carried through in satisfactory manner by Miss P. Marquis and a number of friends. The wounded men were not slow to express their delight with the kind treatment they received.

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At a meeting of the ladies of the Mid-Argyll Association, held under the convenership of Mrs F. MacVean, it was arranged to hold an "At Home" on 20th December in aid of the funds of the War Work Party. It was also agreed to entertain some of the wounded soldiers on that evening. A large quantity of wool has been distributed for the making of comforts for members on active service. The committee appeal to all local ladies resident in Glasgow, whether members or non-members of the Association, to lend a helping hand. The next meeting will be held in the Central Halls on 8th December.

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Lewis folks would be delighted with the letter of "Special Verdict" which appeared in last week's issue of the "Highland News." Though the statements complained of were so obviously exaggerated as practically to carry their own refutation with them, it is just as well that they should be given in public an explicit denial. Indeed, it was to elicit some such statement as that which was given last week that place was allowed in these notes to the "ravings"—is that the correct description?—of this garrulous visitor to the island. Perhaps, however, he was not so much to blame after all. Conceivably, it may have been the strong Hebridean air that affected his vision, causing him, in tap-room parlance, to "see double." Or—but this is simply guessing—can it be that, like the municipal candidate in a Glasgow ward some years ago, this "writing chiel," though "practically a teetotaler, is not a bigoted one."

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In a letter from the wife of a soldier, written to friends in the city, there is a delightful story about her three-year-old boy that is well worth quoting here. The husband, it should be explained, is at present serving in France, and the family is residing in Woolwich. A friend told the little chap that he would take him to the Arsenal and put him in a gun, and fire him over to his daddy in France. "Yes, do," he replied eagerly; "won't daddy laugh when I bang down beside him, just like a bomb!" And the little fellow knows something about bombs, too, having witnessed the destruction of at least one Zepp. Ever since, the friend has been hard put to it each morning to devise fresh excuses for the postponement of the aerial journey!

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The casualties in the Picardy fighting among Highland officers, published last week-end, includes the names of two gentlemen well known in Argyllshire—Flight Sub-Lieut. Wm. Stewart, of Coll and Ellary, R.N.A.S., and Capt. Alastair Macarthur, A. and S.H., Inveraray. Lieut. Stewart was the elder son of the late Mr Fox Tarratt, of Ellary, and in 1907 he assumed the name of Stewart on succeeding to Coll on the death of his grand-uncle, Lieut.-Colonel John Lorn Stewart. Captain Macarthur was the youngest son of the late Mr John Macarthur, of Barbreck, and on the death of his father succeeded him as agent of the National Bank at Inveraray. He was senior bailie of the burgh, and clerk and treasurer to the School Board. Ex-Bailie Macarthur, Oban, the agent of the Commercial Bank, is an uncle. Inveraray has suffered very heavily in the war, the well-knwn family of the late Mr Smith, headmaster of the Grammar School, having lost four or five of its members alone.

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Mr Charles Dunell Rudd, of Ardnamurchan, who has just died in a London Nursing Home after undergoing an operation, was well liked on the West Coast, and will be much missed by the people among whom he lived in Morven. The sporting estate of Ardnamurchan, which he purchased on leaving South Africa, was a source of great enjoyment to him, and it may be said of him that he spared neither time nor means to further the welfare of all, irrespective of creeds of politics, living in his neighbourhood. Mr Rudd belonged to Norfolk, where he was born in 1844. When a young man he went to Zululand and Swaziland with Mr John Dunn, a famous sportsman, and others on big game shooting expeditions. He was in South Africa when the first rush to Kimberley took place, and was early on the spot, and did good business by purchasing a claim which laid the basis of his future fortune. In his young days Mr Rudd was an athlete. At Harrow he won the mile, quarter-mile, hurdle race, and throwing the cricket ball competition, and at Cambridge he won the inter-University racquet trophies. It was owing to a breakdown caused by over-training that he went to South Africa, where he became so notable a figure almost by a stroke of good luck. He represented Kimberley in the Cape Parliament for several years.

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Principal Sir Donald Macalister, of Glasgow University, was the Murtle lecturer last Sunday in Aberdeen University, and taking for his subject the history of the Westminster Standards, and particularly of the Catechisms, he had something to say which has especial interest for Highlanders, among whom creeds are still more than a name. The Confession of Faith, he said, the Catechisms, and the Metrical Psalms were often taken, both in England and in Scotland, as embodying peculiarities of doctrine and worship that were aboriginally and characteristically Scottish. This, he pointed out, was a misapprehension, the Standards as drawn up at Westminster being designed to govern the Churches in both countries. Continuing, the Principal said it might be that England before long would need a second Assembly of Divines, as comprehensive as the first, that "such a government shall be settled in the Church as may be most apt to procure and preserve the peace of the Church at home, and nearer agreement with the Church of Scotland and other Reformed Churches abroad." When that day came, the "nearer agreement" would be furthered if the great Scottish Churches, which held the ancient standards in common, were already re-united into a Church, national and autonomous. Principal Sir Donald Macallister, it is worth recalling, though born in Perth, belongs to an Argyllshire family, being the eldest son of the late Mr Donald Macallister, of Tarbert, Lochfyne. He is an ardent Celt, and is one of the trustees of An Comunn Gaidhealach.

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It is announced that a life of the late Very Rev. Donald Macleod, of Park Parish, Glasgow, is in course of preparation. The work is in the capable hands of the Rev. Kenneth O. Macleod, Murthly, who is asking for the loan of letters and other documents which may be of service to him in the prosecution of his task.

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An old Indian Army veteran, Mr Alexander Maclean, whose death took place at Oakbank, Mid-Calder, last Friday, may have been known to many Northern readers, for the old soldier was proud to claim Inverness as his native county. He joined the Gordon Highlanders at Aberdeen in 1876, and took part in the march from Kabul to Kandahar under Lord Roberts. Maclean also fought and was taken prisoner by the Boers at Majuba Hill. He saw General Colley fall, and Sir Hector Macdonald ordered him to take off his greatcoat and put it over the dead General. Maclean declined, saying he was wounded himself, and a private, though wounded, was of more consequence than a dead General. For this he was arrested, but afterwards liberated. He retired with the rank of corporal after 12 years' service.

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Worthy of note is the fact that another milestone has been passed in the Glasgow Y.M.C.A. forward movement, the contributions or promises to-day reaching a total of over £50,000. The sum aimed at is £80,000. The alteration of the Lyric Theatre buildings, to adapt them for a soldiers' and sailors' rest and hostel, are being pushed forward, and it is hoped they will be ready for occupation by Christmas. The number of men who have slept in the Glasgow Y.M.C.A. rests has now reached a total of 43,687, while over 188,300 have taken advantage of them for rest, recreation, and letter-writing.

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A correspondent points out that the picturesque village of Rosneath, where the late Duke of Argyll and the Princess Louise had their Scottish home for many years, has many interesting literary memories. As the Knocktarlitie of "The Heart of Midlothian," it was the latter-day home of Jeanie Deans and her husband, the Rev. Reuben Butler. In 1817 Thomas Carlyle spent three days there, and the late Dean Stanley was a frequent guest at the manse during the ministry of the late Dr Story, afterwards Principal of Glasgow University. Another memory was recalled by Dr David Murray in a paper which he read to the Glasgow archaeologists the other night on the Rev. Ninian Campbell, an Argyllshire man who was an M.A. of Glasgow University, Professor of Eloquence at Saumur from 1623 to 1629, minister of Kilmacolm from 1630 to 1651, and of Rosneath from the latter date until his death in 1657. Among his writings was "A Treatise upon Death," a book of exceeding rarity, which was printed in Edinburgh, but published in Glasgow in 1635, for John Wilson, a bookseller there.

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Highlanders will hear with satisfaction that one of the results of the war is the growing popularity of Scottish dances. At the huts "behind the front" it is now a common thing to see Englishmen, Irishmen, and Colonials learning to dance the Highland fling, the sword dance, and Scotch reels. This enthusiasm for things Scottish is not confined to the rank and file. Officers are also taking lessons. The French were the first to show enthusiasm for the dances of Scotland.

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An expert on Friendly Society matters says that many inquiries are being made regarding the position of wounded and discharged soldiers in relation to their friendly society benefit. When a discharged soldier is awarded a disablement pension his benefit from his society is reduced to 5s per week for 26 weeks, so long as he is incapable of working. A man able to do light work is not entitled to sickness benefit, but most of the societies are willing to give their members the advantage of the doubt. It must not be accepted that a discharged disabled soldier in receipt of a pension, and not working, is entitled to sickness benefit from his society.

EARLY EDITION.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

LATEST WAR NEWS.

GRAEME SCOTT AND HODGSON RE-ARRESTED.

POPULATION OF MESSINES IN REVOLT.

London, Thursday.

British Official.—During the night the enemy shelled our new front on both sides of the Ancre and in the neighbourhood of Bensoi-Hebuterne. Otherwise there is nothing to report.

London, Thursday.

Graeme Scott and Edward Hodgson, two of the three men who escaped from Islington internment camp, were re-arrested this morning.

London, Thursday.

Admiralty communiques state that during yesterday afternoon British Naval aeroplanes attacked the seaplane sheds at Zeebrugge and enemy torpedo boat destroyers. Observers state that a destroyer was hit and damage done to the sheds. All our machines returned safely.

Referring to the communique of yesterday, there were no wounded on the hospital ship Britannic. The numbers consisted solely of the ship's crew and the hospital staff.

London, Thursday.

Sir George White, who established the first aeroplane factory in England, died at Bristol.

London, Thursday.

Sir Hiram Maxim passed a very bad night. There is no material change.

New York, Thursday.

The Corn Exchange Bank and other banks made a loan of twenty-five million dollars to the Wheat Export Company of Canada, the central wheat purchasing agency for the British Government.

Amsterdam, Thursday.

The "Telegraaf" says the general deportation of civilians has now extended to Southern Belgium and Northern France.

Details of the German compulsory civilian service scheme show that every male between 17 and 60 not called to the colours must serve the country in munition works, agriculture, or other spheres connected with the promotion of the war.

The "Echo Belge" announces that all deported who refuse to work have been sentenced to two months' imprisonment, and sent to Coblenz or Dusseldorf.

The population of Messines is in revolt. Damage has been done at the Railway Station. The German Commandant will punish the commune.

It is reported from Brussels that machine guns have been lined up in the main streets and squares in view of the inhabitants' excitement.

Copenhagen, Thursday.

The newspaper, "Souderburgen Zeitung," of Schlesvig, publishes a cry of distress from mothers, stating that nothing can be bought from any dealer, and asking, "How shall we feed the children?"

AUSTRALIA SAYS "NO!"

RESULT OF CONSCRIPTION REFERENDUM.

The final figures of the Conscription Referendum in Australia are now announced. The majority against Conscription is 61,000. The Yes votes number 1,085,000; the No votes 1,146,000.

"HIGHLAND NEWS" FUND

FOR LEWIS AND HARRIS SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' TRANSPORT BY MOTOR.

On behalf of the above the following sums have been received at the "Highland News" Office:—

Previously acknowledged	£44 2 1
John Murray, Esq., Shanghai, China	3 0 0
Total	£47 2 1

VISIT OF MEMBER OF ROYAL FLYING CORPS.—Lieut. Robert Cameron, of the Royal Flying Corps, paid a short visit last week to his friends in Inverness and Fort-William. A native of Onich, near Fort-William, he at an early age joined the Motor Car Service of David Macbrayne, Ltd., and after some years he became motor inspector, having charge of cars and motor vessels belonging to the firm. Early in the war he enlisted in the Transport Service, and did good work in France and Flanders. His ambition, however, was to get into the Flying Corps, and an opportunity occurring a few months ago, he transferred. It is a tribute to his ability and services that he has so speedily got his commission in the R.F.C. Lieut. Cameron is a particularly modest and reticent lad, but he appears to have seen considerable service in the air in Flanders, and like so many others who have been there, he is proud of the mastery which British fliers have established on that front. His many friends in Inverness and Glen-Urquhart congratulate him on his promotion, and wish him all luck on his return to the Front.

INVERNESS OFFICER LOSES HIS LIFE.—Plunged for the second time, in a few months, into deep sorrow, Mr Macdonald, Drumossie, Midmills Road, and his family, have the keenest sympathy of the whole community. On Tuesday afternoon, Mr Macdonald received the inexpressibly sad intimation that his youngest son, Lieut. John Macdonald, Tyneside Scottish, had been accidentally killed by the premature explosion of a bomb. At the time of the fatality, he was acting as bomb-instructor at Hornsea. It will be remembered that in the Great Push on July 1st, his brother, Lieut. Simon Macdonald, was killed, and Lieut. John Macdonald wounded about the same time. He was at home for short furlough, after a speedy recovery, and it was a pleasure to many friends to renew their acquaintance with him. At the outbreak of war, he gave up an important position in Calcutta, that he might come home and throw in his lot with our other brave men who are fighting against oppression, lust, and crime. Of a bright, happy disposition, intelligent, and resourceful, Lieut. Macdonald made friends for himself wherever he went, who will for a long time deplore his loss. With his father, brothers, and his sister, sincere regret is expressed in this, their double bereavement.

AT THE MUSIC HALL.—The feature of the Music Hall program this week is "Frame," which is synonymous with laughter of the side-splitting order. W. F. Frame requires no introduction to an Inverness audience. He has been here before, and he is known. On Friday he will give his synopsis, "Happy Moments wi' Burns," which is bound to be a great attraction. The whole program, indeed, is a "top-notcher," and in these days of incessant toil is just the tonic required to relax the tension of hard work. A matinee will be given to-day, at 3 o'clock.

SUTHERLANDSHIRE NEWS.

GOLSPIE—CAPTAIN MORRISON WOUNDED FOR THE SECOND TIME.—News has been received that, for the second time, Captain John B. Morrison has been wounded in action. He is the son of Colonel Morrison, factor for the Duke of Sutherland.

GOLSPIE—A VISIT HOME.—Friends have been pleased to see Lieut. J. K. Matheson, M.C., so far recovered from his wounds as to be able to pay a visit to his old home. He has hown himself a worthy son of the Highlands while fighting with the Canadians.

SEAFORTH OFFICER SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.—Lieut. Adam Gordon, Seaforths, is suffering from concussion, and has also been slightly wounded. He writes to say that he hopes shortly to be back at his post, as he is making rapid recovery. He is a son of Mr J. Gordon, farmer, Golspie.

GOLSPIE—TWO BROTHERS WOUNDED.—Mr W. Mackay, the Point, has been informed that two of his sons, Ptes. William and Donald Mackay, Seaforth Highlanders, have been wounded in action. Two other sons of Mr Mackay are serving their country in H.M. Forces.

DORNOCH—COMMUNION SERVICES.—The preparatory service to the Communion, held on Thursday of last week, was conducted by Rev. Colin Macdonald, Rogart, who assisted Mr Bentinck. On Sunday the Communion was dispensed by Rev. Charles Bentinck, the minister.

GOLSPIE — FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO FRANCE.—It is announced that Pte. George Morrison, South African contingent, a native of Golspie, has had his right arm badly wounded. He has seen a great deal of warfare, having taken part in the Boer war, and participating, before coming to France, in the German South-West African campaign.

BONAR-BRIDGE—"A CHAPLAIN AT THE FRONT."—There was a large attendance at a meeting organised by the Bonar-Bridge Red Cross Work Party, when Rev. Ranald Macdonald, Dingwall, gave a vivid and highly-interesting account of a Chaplain's work at the front. Rev. R. L. Ritchie presided, and a very substantial sum is the outcome of what was to everyone a delightful evening's entertainment.

BONAR-BRIDGE—TWO YOUNG HEROES.—To-day the whole population of Bonar is mourning the death of two young soldiers, who have played their part in the cause of the homeland. Pte. Eddie Stephen, only 22 years of age, was known to all for his bright, cheery disposition, his willingness to lend a helping hand wherever he might be of use, and his fine manly character. He had been in the employment of Mr Donald Macdonald, tailor and clothier, Bonar-Bridge, and will be greatly missed in local football circles, in which he was regarded as almost indispensable. Death has also bereft Bonar of another young life. Alexander Gordon, who was recently killed in France, was in the employment of Mr Anderson, Bonar-Bridge, who, with many friends and acquaintances, will mourn the loss of one who was greatly esteemed.

ASSYNT—YOUNG OFFICER DIES IN FRANCE.—Deep regret is felt in this district at the death, from wounds received in action, of Lieut. Alexander Munro, 10th Scottish Rifles, son of Mrs Munro, Drumbeg, Assynt. As a student, Lieut. Munro showed promise of a future brilliant career, as in the local school, the Higher Grade School, Kingussie, and Edinburgh University he took foremost places. Joining the Lovat Scouts at the opening of the war, he went through part of the Gallipoli campaign, and afterwards was invalided home for a time He was later gazetted to the Scottish Rifles, and, with them, went to France. A brother is still in the Lovat Scouts. Lieut. Munro was a nephew of Colonel J. W. Stewart, of Vancouver, the proprietor of Assynt.

DINGWALL NEWS.

WEDDING BELLS.—A wedding which has aroused much pleasureable interest in Dingwall took place in the Royal Hotel, Inverness, when Mr John S. M. Dewar, solicitor and Town Clerk Depute of Dingwall, was married to Miss Bessie Gilmore Smith, Rosemount, Dingwall, daughter of the late Bailie Smith, Fraserburgh. Miss Smith was attended by her sister as bridesmaid, and Captain W. S. Dewar, brother of the bridegroom, was responsible for the duties of groomsman. Rev. Mr Macpherson, Dingwall, officiated, and Miss Smith was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr Watt. A luncheon followed the ceremony, when congratulatory telegrams were read and toasts proposed. A blue costume, with skunk trimming, was very becoming to the bride.

WESTER ROSS NEWS.

POOLEWE — APPEAL REFUSED.—Simon Maciver (18), a crofter's help and shepherd, from Poolewe, lodged an appeal at the Ross and Cromarty Appeal Tribunal. His father, aged 66, is in delicate health, and he is the only son at home to work the croft of five acres. Refused.

TORRIDON—APPLICANT AT APPEAL TRIBUNAL.—At the Ross and Cromarty Appeal Tribunal, held in Dingwall on Wednesday, Roderick Mackenzie (41), a mason contractor, with two brothers on military service, appealed on business and domestic grounds. Continued for medical examination.

GAIRLOCH—COAST WATCHER AT APPEAL TRIBUNAL.—Conditional exemption was granted to Farquhar Macrae, Cambusnerlan, the only son at home of a helpless widow. He has two brothers serving, while he himself is employed as a coast watcher. John Mackenzie, croft labourer, Gairloch, who appealed on domestic grounds, was refused. He stated that his father was advanced in years, and the mother ill.

AULTBEA—A LABOURER'S APPEAL.—At the Ross and Cromarty Appeal Tribunal, held in Dingwall on Wednesday, Duncan Maclean, labourer, Slaggan, Aultbea, appealed on domestic grounds, as he looked after his father's croft of four acres. His father is 77 years of age, and there is no woman in the house. All provisions have to be carried a long distance. Consideration of appeal continued.

LOCHBROOM SEAFORTH KILLED.—Sergt. A. MacCaskill, Seaforth Highlanders, missing, believed killed on 16th October, enlisted in the Seaforths in November, 1914, and was trained at Cromarty and Nigg. In November, 1915, he was transferred to the Machine Gun Corps, and in the following February proceeded to France. He was a son of Captain D. MacCaskill, late of Leckmelm, who, along with Mrs MacCaskill, resides now with his daughter in Greenock.

GAIRLOCH—CHAUFFEUR'S APPEAL REFUSED.—William Fraser (35), Achadale, at the Ross and Cromarty Appeal Tribunal, appealed against the decision of the Wester Ross Tribunal, who refused him exemption, which had been applied for by the manageress of the Gairloch Hotel, where applicant was employed as a chauffeur. He now appealed on his own behalf on domestic grounds. Appeal refused, but not to be called up for a month.

ROOTFIELD, MULBUIE—DISTINGUISHED OFFICER ON LEAVE.—Captain Maclennan, son of Mr Maclennan, Rootfield, is at present home on short leave. He is attached as a scientist to the Sanitary Corps, a branch of the R.A.M.C. At Aberdeen, where he graduated, he had a distinguished career, afterwards studying along the lines of his present profession. Joining soon after the commencement of hostilities, he has seen much arduous work in the Western area of the war.


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EASTER ROSS NEWS.

ALNESS—SEASONABLE CONTRIBUTION.—Mrs Young, London, whose husband was the lessee of Novar in 1889, has sent Rev. Wallace Brown the sum of £5 for distribution among the poor of Alness. This sum is sent annually by Mrs Young in remembrance of happy days spent in the neighbourhood of Alness.

ALNESS—THREE LOCAL BOYS WOUNDED.—Intimation that three Alness boys were wounded recently was received from the Front on Saturday. Lieut. Finlay Cramb, Lieut. Ross, and Corpl. A. Watt all joined the Army at the commencement of the war, and have proved themselves efficient and brave soldiers of the King. Lieut. Cramb, who is the son of Mr Cramb, Balnacraig, is a Lieutenant in the Gordon Highlanders, and is rather seriously wounded, but Sergt.-Major Ross, Seaforth Cottage, and Mr Watt, Station Hotel, have received news that the wounds sustained by their sons are not considered very serious. A speedy recovery to the three brave lads!

INVERGORDON NEWS.

PRESENTATION.—Last week Mr David Robertson, who has been an assistant with Bailie D. A. M. Ross, was met by his fellow-employés and presented with a handsome smoker's outfit and a fountain pen.

LOCAL OFFICER IN INDIA.—Second Lieut. R. George, the second son of Mr Wm. George, Town Clerk, Invergordon, has been posted to the 10th Ghurkas. He has had six months' training at Wellington College, India.

SAD ACCIDENT.—An accident, which, unfortunately, terminated fatally, occurred on Saturday night, when Herbert Denham, warrant officer, was knocked down by a motor car. He was at once conveyed to the Naval Hospital, but succumbed in a short time.

P.S.E.—The Hall of the Y.M.C.A. Naval Institute being now completed, a service was held on Sunday evening, when Mr Hogge, the manager, conducted, and Mrs Hogge accompanied the singing on the organ. It is arranged to hold a P.S.E. service each Sunday evening at 8, and arrangements are being made for lectures, concerts, and magic lantern entertainments to be given during the winter months.

XMAS GIFTS FOR OUR VERY OWN BOYS.—F Company, 5th Seaforths, are going to be specially remembered by Invergordon friends this year, and Councillor J. A. Ross is busy preparing a pleasant surprise for them. Mr Ross has forwarded several parcels to the lads during the year, but this one is going to be "extra special," and it is hoped all who can will take their share in sending a Xmas greeting to our brave men of F Company. When Saltburn has responded so nobly, Invergordon must not lag behind.

BEAULY AND DISTRICT NEWS.

CANADIAN CAMERON KILLED.—Sergt. William John Fraser, Canadian Highlanders, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Fraser, Rose Cottage, Beauly, has been notified killed on 8th October. As he had previously been reported missing, hopes were entertained that he might yet turn up. Before emigrating to Canada, some years ago, Sergt. Fraser had been in the Lovat Scouts, and on the outbreak of war, he joined the Canadian Camerons, and, with them, came to England in the spring of that year. He had been about a year in France. A younger brother is serving in Mesopotamia, while a brother-in-law died of wounds received in action on 25th October. Sergt. Fraser leaves a widow to mourn his loss.

NAIRN NEWS.

FORMER TEACHER WOUNDED.—Second Lieut. Robert W. Ferguson, Gordon Highlanders, youngest son of Mr Ferguson, 62 Queen Street, Peterhead, has been wounded in action. This young officer was, for a time, mathematical master in Rose's Academical Institution, Nairn.

WOUNDED SEAFORTH.—Intimation has been received by Mr John Morgan, Milton of Delnies, that his son, Pte. John Morgan, Seaforth Highlanders, has been wounded in the left arm, and is now in a Leeds hospital. He had been a clerk in the H.R. Estates' Office.

SKYE AND THE ISLANDS.

KILLED AT THE SOMME.—Much sympathy is felt for Mrs Macdougall, Wentworth Street, Portree, who has recently received the sad intimation that her son, Private John Macdougall, Cameron Highlanders, has been killed in action. Private Macdougall has been with the battalion since August, 1914, and has been over 18 months in France. At the battle of Neuve Chapelle he was wounded, but quickly recovering, went back to duty. Last April he was time-expired, but, loyally, he rejoined, and has been at the Front since that time.

PRESENTATION TO MISS CATHERINE MACFARLANE.—On the occasion of her leaving Macdiarmid School, Portree, to take up duties under the Inverness Landward Board, Miss Catherine Macfarlane was presented with a beautiful travelling rug as a gift from the pupils she was leaving. The gift had its origin with the pupils, who subscribed and collected. The headmaster, in announcing the presentation, dwelt on the evidence of a strong bond of sympathy between Miss Macfarlane and the children. That Miss Macfarlane had endeared herself to the hearts of her pupils was manifestly shown in the gift. Her work in Carbost had been recognised by all, but by none more so than by the children. Miss Mary A. Beaton, Skeabost Bridge, in the name of the pupils, handed the rug to Miss Macfarlane, who very feelingly replied, and warmly thanked the children.

WEDDING OF MR RONALD MACKINNON.—At St Philip's, Kensington, on 14th inst., Miss Lily Mary Rumsey Tapply, L.R.A.M., eldest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs Frederick Tapply, of Lyminge, and granddaughter of the late Rev. John Williams Rumsey, vicar of Rolvenden from 1855 to 1884 was married to Mr Ronald Mackinnon, third son of the late Mr Ewan Mackinnon, of Staffin House, Portree. The Rev. Canon W. W. Hough, vicar of Lewisham, officiated, assisted by the Rev. E. Marling Roberts, vicar of the parish. The service was fully choral, Dr Herbert Hickox, F.R.C.O., being at the organ. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr F. R. Rumsey, of the Bank of England. She was attended by Miss Ishbel Mackinnon, sister of the bridegroom, and by two children, Miss Beryl Taylor and Master Denys Gale. Mr Angus Mackinnon, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. The reception after the ceremony was held at 103 Abingdon Road, Kensington, the residence of Mr Fred Gale, the bride's sister. Mr and Mrs Ronald Mackinnon are returning to Calcutta in a few months hence.

KENSALEYRE — FOR CAMERONS AND SCOUTS.—With the object of providing funds to purchase comforts for Camerons and Lovat Scouts belonging to the district, a most successful concert was organised and held in Kensaleyre Public School on Friday last. Major Mackinnon was unavoidably prevented being present, so the Rev. H. Mackay, B.D., presided over an audience which filled the school to its utmost capacity. A program of unusual excellence was submitted and thoroughly enjoyed, and the committee—Messrs John Beaton, D. Gordon, J. A. Beaton, D. H. Lamont, D. A. Murchison, H. Macleod, Alex. Beaton, A. Nicolson, Wm. Maclachlan, and Angus Budge—are to be complimented. The following was the program:—Gaelic songs, Angus Budge, Norman Macleod, Bella Macdonald; gramophone selections, A. Budge; Gaelic song, Wm. Maclachlan; duet, Mary Nicolson and Joan Macinnes; recitation, Murdo Ferguson, Portree. Gaelic sketch—"An Gaoil Bheir Buadh":—Eoin Ruadh, D. A. Murchison; Fionnaghail, Mrs Murray; Calum Tailor, Hugh Macleod; Mairi, Tina Lamont; Alasdair Saighdear, D. H. Lamont; Seamas Macphuithar Fionnaghail, Alex. Nicolson. Gaelic song, Bella Graham. Interval for tea, served in the Public Library, the material for which was supplied by ladies resident in the district. Part II.—Songs, Flora Maclachlan, Sandy Lamont, Joan Macinnes. Gaelic sketch—"Calum Posta":—Maighstir Sgoile, J. A. Beaton; Calum Posta, A. Murshison; Eoin Feadear, R. Lamont. Songs, Bella Graham, Bella Macdonald, Murdo Ferguson, Mary Lamont. Catherine Lamont, Mr Dingwall, Sandy Lamont, Angus Budge, Joan Macinnes, Murdo Ferguson, Bella Graham, Andrew Macleod. The amount drawn (with various ubscriptions) amounted to about £18.

THE CLIMAX.

THE PATRIOTIC COW!

[TO THE EDITOR.]

Sir,—The other day, in your valuable paper, I read something about the climax of the war, and I thought of the glorious time when friends and relatives who are spared will be united, a time when joy and gladness will cheer many a heart at the sound of victory and peace. To another class the cessation of hostilities will mean the reverse; it will mean the cessation of big profits, the stoppage of that which will swell the pocket books of our food producers, etc., who, with the excuse of war-time, have advanced their prices far above what we believe they ought to be. And not only in having advanced their prices are they content, they even attempt to stretch the article, like India-rubber, until it is almost unrecognisable, so that the consumer alone may have the honour of bearing the brunt of the times. And then, forsooth, it generally turns out to be a mistake (according to defence), and only happened "the third time."

Mr Editor, in your edition of the 10th inst., in the report of a trial in the Sheriff Court, we read "the public made no complaint." A good proportion of the public won't trouble to do so; many are too nervous, others feel it won't pay to say anything, and try to imagine all's well.

I wonder what Mrs Cow would say if one morning she was told her milk had a nice blue tinge, and at another time a pink hue? Perhaps she would say "Three cheers for th red, white, and blue."

A year or two ago we had a discussion as to what whisky is? To-day we might ask—"What is milk?" We don't require specialists to define what milk is, although, perhaps, many townspeople can't do it. There is another class, even in this fair town of Inverness, to whom cessation of hostilities would spell a slight reduction in profits in these times of house-famine, when the Highland Capital is full to overflowing. I refer to those who, at times, have a "but-and-a-ben" to let. Very often the first question they put to the applicant is—"How many children have you got?" And if the applicant is "unfortunate" enough to have one or two to add to Britain's future welfare, he is politely told—"Oh, no, I can't let!" Now, Mr Editor, what I want to emphasise is this. As we take into consideration the above, is it fair? Is it conscientious, this greedy, grasping, and selfish attitude towards the future of our nation, at a time when we deplore the loss of the best of our manhood; at a time when we discuss in all anxiety the decreased birth-rate all over?

What an awful contrast from the ideals of the Saviour of Mankind, the pattern Man, when he said—"Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such—of such—like spirit—is the kingdom of heaven:" and to-day, we might add in all solemnity—"For on such depends the kingdom of Great Britain."—I am, Sir, yours, etc.,

A WORKING MAN.

CAMERONS' XMAS FAIR.

FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The success of the Fair, measured as such events are, is assured, and it is now a question of how much will be produced. Therein a little examination of the facts is necessary to the proper realisation of what amount should be raised. Suppose you want to raise £1 per man of the Camerons. Would that be considered too much? We hardly think anyone would answer "yes" to that question. But that figure would run the total up to thousainds of pounds. A total, say, of £12,000 seems gigantic, but it is a detail when you begin to allocate it amongst the men, as it is likewise a detail to the individual when you have the whole town and county of Inverness to collect from. Let the amount aimed at be considered at so much per man and we are sure the net proceeds of the "Fair" will be a revelation.

Mrs George Gallon, convener of the Tea Stall, begs to acknowledge the following splendid donations:—

Mr Anderson (of Messrs Anderson and Co., bakers and grocers, Academy Street)—all the bread required at the tea tables.

Mr Ettles, the Crown Grocery—one dozen Windermere iced cakes.

Messrs James Dow, bookbinders—10s.

5TH CAMERONS' STALL.

Lady Hermione Cameron of Lochiel, Drummond Hill, Inverness, desires to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, the receipt of the following sums towards the 5th Battalion's Stall:—

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James G. Jenkins, Airedale, Cambuslang	10 10s
Sir John Dewar, Bart., M.P., Dupplin Castle	10 0s
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W. G. Taylor, 123 Hope Street, Glasgow	10 0s
Major Murray, Polmaise	5 5s
Lord and Lady Dewar, 8 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh	5 0s
Sir Reginald Macleod, K.C.B., 12 Ennismore Gardens, London	5 0s
Mrs Bergius, 12 Montgomerie Crescent, Glasgow	5 0s
Mrs Gray, The Kilns, Falkirk	5 0s
Mrs Cameron-Head, Inverailort	5 0s
J. C. Cameron, per Mrs Keith-Cameron	5 0s
2nd Lieut. F. Innes, 5th Camerons	5 0s
Dr J. W. Allan, City of Glasgow Sanatorium, Bellefield	2 2s
Dr Robert Jardine, , 20 Royal Crescent, Glasgow	2 0s
Mr and Mrs Hindmarsh, Fassfern, Kinlochiel	2 0s
Wm. C. Teacher, Kilarden, Glasgow	2 0s
Mrs Doak, Struan, Carr-Bridge	1 0s
Mrs W. Burns-Cowan, 44 Queen's Square, Glasgow	1 0s
Gilbert Taylor, 40 Queen's Square, Glasgow	1 0s
John S. Gibb, 25 East Claremont Street, Edinburgh	1 0s
Miss A. M. Penney, The Cottage, Irvine	0 10s
Mrs Wilson, Enmore, Kelvinside, Glasgow	0 10s
Mrs Gray, 2 East Newington Place, Edinburgh	0 10s
Mr and Mrs James Mackenzie, Thornly, Fort-William	0 10s
Mrs Boyle, Inversnaid	0 5s
Robert ("Dick") Martin, late Corpl., 79th, Crimea and Indian Mutiny, Cuper-Fife	0 5s
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BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.—Mr James Maxwell, Town Chamberlain, acknowledges the following subscriptions to the Inverness Home for Belgian Refugees in Glasgow:—Amount already acknowledged, £1062 16s 3d; Petty Parish Church, per Rev. D. Macgillivray, B.D. (4th contribution), £1 6s 1½d; Ness Bank U.F. Church (66th weekly contribution), £2—total, £1066 2s 4½d.

MAJOR G. I. FRASER LOCHARDIL, INVESTED BY KING GEORGE.—Major G. I. Fraser, Cameron Highlanders, who is at present home on leave from Salonica, where he is serving on the Headquarters Staff as D.A.M.Q.M.G., was received by His Majesty the King at Buckingham Palace on Saturday, and invested with the Distinguished Service Order.

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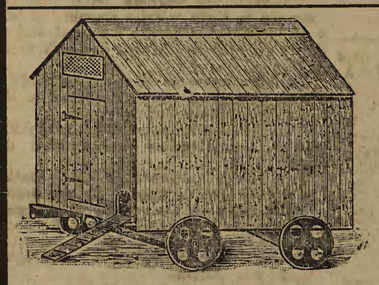

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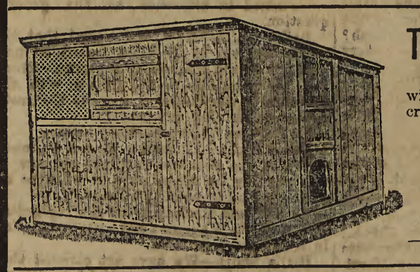

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THE BURGH TRIBUNAL.

AN EX-MINER AND THE ARMY DOCTORS.

DISSATISFIED WITH THEIR DECISION

Inverness Burgh Tribunal met on Thursday evening, ex-Provost Birnie, chairman, presiding. There were present—Dr Mackay, solicitor; Rev. John D. MacGilp, Treasurer D. F. Macdonald, Councillor George Gallon, Mr J. J. Ross, Mr T. Stewart, Colonel James N. Forsyth (Military representative), and Mr G. Smith Laing, clerk to the Tribunal.

A Travelling Manager.

Claude MacCulloch, travelling manager in connection with the 6½d Bazaar, applied for exemption. Applicant is 36 years of age, and married.

The Advisory Committee recommended that the claim be declined, but that MacCulloch be not called up for a month.

Mr J. S. Watson, W.S., appeared on behalf of the employer, Mr Maclachlan, Glasgow. The two previous exemptions granted in favour of MacCulloch were the result of his own personal applications. The application on this occasion was by the employer, who had branches in Perth and Aberdeen. The calling up of MacCulloch would result in the closing of the local and other branches.

The Chairman—What is the rent of the Inverness branch?

Mr Watson—£100 a year.

The Chairman—It is a question whether the business is of national importance, and as to the indispensability of the man.

Councillor Gallon—That is the whole point.

The Chairman—Is it not possible to get a local man to look after the business?

Mr Watson—I am afraid it is not possible. A man over military age would not be appropriate for the work.

The Military Representative—A woman could do the travelling to and from these branches.

Mr Ross—She could not buy the stock so well.

Treasurer Macdonald—What are the rents of the Aberdeen and Perth branches?

Mr Watson—I cannot say, but I should think it would not be less than that paid for the Inverness branch.

The Military Representative—They don't depend on this man.

Treasurer Macdonald—They say so.

The Chairman—A business may not be carried on as well as formerly, but that is nothing. Everybody has to make some sacrifice.

It was reported that MacCulloch is passed for garrison duty at home.

The Military Representative—That is the class of men who are wanted just now, to take the place of men fit for foreign service.

Treasurer Macdonald—Why don't they take the women for that duty?—(laughter).

Mr Ross—I think the man would be better employed as he is than in the Army.

It was agreed not to call up MacCulloch for two months.

A Skilled Shepherd.

Messrs Macdonald, Fraser and Co., Ltd., live stock salesmen, applied for the exemption of Wm. Martin (40), a single man, who is the firm's shepherd.

Martin is passed for labour service.

The Advisory Committee recommended that the claim be declined.

Mr Kennedy, auctioneer, said that Martin could not be replaced. His duties consisted in looking after sheep and cattle in the firm's mart and parks.

The Chairman agreed that this was an employee who would be difficult to replace. There was no doubt about the expert nature of the work done by this man. Had he been passed for general service the decision would be different.

Three months' exemption.

"If the Germans Came."

Fraser, Kennedy and Fraser, butchers, asked for the retention of Henry Macarthur (25 and single), employed as a vanman.

Mr Charles Fraser, on behalf of the firm, said they had got a fresh Government contract, and Macarthur's services were absolutely indispensable in that connection.

Correspondence was read which showed that the Admiralty had no power to badge, but that they would support the firm in their application on behalf of Macarthur.

The Chairman said surely the firm could get a carter over military age.

Mr Fraser—It is impossible. The job involves physical strength, and the man is working very hard.

The Chairman—Every man is working hard just now. The Admiralty refuse to badge him.

Mr Fraser spoke of the bother which these appeals occasioned to him.

The Chairman—There would be more bother if the Germans came here—(laughter).

The claim was refused.

Other Cases.

Alex. Melville, 34 (single), with Mr Critchley, advertising agent, was given six weeks' exemption (final).

Aged twenty-five, and married, W. J. Wilson, hairdresser, said he had been passed for general service. It was agreed not to call him up till 31st December

John Robertson (33), and married, general assistant with Messrs Fraser and McColl, ironmongers—Refused.

W. S. Kemp (30), and single, office and counter assistant with Strother and Coy., asked for exemption.

Kemp has been passed for garrison duty at home.

Mr Kemp, sen., said that applicant had defective eyesight. He was, nevertheless, irreplaceable in the department.

The Military Representative—If he is so useful to you, why can't he be equally useful in the Army? He wouldn't require very much eyesight for service at home.

Two months' exemption.

Hugh Brodie (40), and single, carpenter, Crown Street—Declined.

W. Faunt, watchmaker with Mr D. Macrae, Eastgate—two months.

F. D. Maciver (22), and single, assistant manager—not to be called up till 31st December.

Appeal Against Medical Decision.—

Kenneth Mackay appealed against the decision of the Medical Board, who had passed him for general service.

The Chairman—We have power to make arrangements for dissatisfied parties being examined by the Appeal Board in London.

Mackay—I appeal against the decision of the Military doctors. I am suffering from miners' phthisis.

Rev. J. D. MacGilp—Did you tell that at the Barracks?

Mackay—No.

Rev. Mr MacGilp—Well, go back to the Barracks again and tell them that.

By the Military Representative—Mackay was under Dr Kerr.

The case was continued in order that Mackay might submit himself afresh to the Medical Authorities at the Barracks.

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SMALL TRADERS' GRIEVANCES.

The past fortnight's experience of the compulsory "curfew" closing has enabled shopkeepers to discover, in a measure, the effect which a continuance of the Order will have upon their business. The larger establishments have little cause for concern, but for small tradesmen the outlook is not very comforting. More especially does this apply to the small trader dealing in tobaccos and sweets. In the case of necessaries, customers may adjust their shopping hours; but the trade in chocolates or matches, or even tobacco, is an "on the spur of the moment" sort of business, without any guarantee that the "spur" will come before 8 p.m. There are many small shops where the bulk of the day's drawings are obtained between 7 and 10 p.m. The small tradesman entertains a strong conviction that he—and he alone—is being victimised, for even in normal times almost all of the larger establishments close at an early hour in the evening.

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THE LAW'S LONG ARM.

FROM GREENOCK TO INVERNESS.

A case illustrating the long arm of the law was heard at Inverness Police Court on Monday morning, when two young music hall artistes, named James Dayne and Wm. Albert Oldershaw, pleaded guilty to the theft, from a local temperance hotel, of a lady's Geneva watch and gold guard.

The Chief Constable, who described the complaint as a contemptible one, said the accused were staying in the hotel. The articles were taken from an unlocked sideboard. Accused were followed from Perth to Coatbridge, and from Coatbridge to Greenock. When arrested the watch and guard were in the possession of Dayne, who said he had got the articles from Oldershaw.

For the defence, Mr Morris said that the watch was broken when taken from the hotel. It was not considered of any value by Oldershaw, who handed it over to his companion without asking anything for it. This was the case of a youth yielding to sudden temptation. Oldershaw was the younger of the two. He had been both in the Army and Navy, but was discharged on account of his being under age.

Bailie Robert Macdonald said there could be no doubt but this was a deliberate theft. The mere fact of the watch being broken did not matter one bit: he believed it would have been taken away if it were whole. It was too bad of these young men to abuse the confidence of the lady who owned the hotel. Each of the accused must pay a fine of £3, or go to prison for twenty days.

AT THE THEATRE.

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Not on Saturday nights or Monday mornings

B Via Forth Bridge. C Via Inverness. D Saturdays and Sundays excepted. E Sunday nights, but not on Saturday nights. F Departure times from London on Saturday nights. f Arrives 2.33 p.m. on Saturdays. i Runs via Larbert.
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STEAMER SAILINGS

FOR NOVEMBER OR UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

(Subject to Alteration or Withdrawal Without Notice).

The Public are respectfully informed that for October, or until Further Notice, the Service will be as follows (weather, etc., permitting):—

INVERGORDON AND CROMARTY.

The Cromarty Steamship Company, Ltd., give notice that their Royal Mail Steamer the "Saga" or "Sutra" will ply between Invergordon and Cromarty on Week-days until further notice, as under:—

From Invergordon at 8.0, 9.45, and 11.0 a.m., and 1.45, 3.0, 5.15, and 7.15 p.m. From Cromarty at 6.30, 7.45, and 9.30 a.m., 12.0 noon, 1.45, 4.15, and 5.30 p.m.

SUNDAY SAILINGS.—From Invergordon at 8.45 and 11.30 a.m., and 3.0, 5.0, and 7.0 p.m. From Cromarty at 7.45 and 10.30 a.m., and 1.45, 4, and 6.0 p.m.

KYLE, PORTREE, AND STORNOWAY MAIL STEAMER.

Mail Steamer will leave Kyle of Lochalsh every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 2.15 p.m. for Applecross and Stornoway, and Stornoway every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 3.30 a.m. for Applecross and Kyle of Lochalsh.

On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays Mail Steamer will leave Kyle of Lochalsh at 2.15 p.m. for Kylesakin, Broadford, Raasay, and Portree, returning from Portree every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7 a.m. for Raasay, Broadford, Kylesakin, and Kyle of Lochalsh.

MAINLAND AND ORKNEY ISLES.
STROMNESS AND SCRABSTER.

The North of Scotland and Orkney and Shetland Steam Navigation Company intimate that their Royal Mail Steamer, "St Ola," will (weather, etc., permitting) ply as follows:—

The usual hours of sailing are in abeyance, and the probable arrangement will be a Service on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from Stromness to Scrabster Pier (Thurso), leaving Stromness 9 a.m., and returning from Scrabster at 12.30 p.m. There is a Motor Service between Stromness and Kirkwall in connection with Steamer Sailings.

OUTER ISLANDS AND HARRIS MAIL STEAMER.

Steamer leaves Castlebay on Tuesdays at 7 a.m. for Lochboisdale and Lochmaddy; and Lochmaddy on Wednesdays at 6 a.m. for Rodel, Tarbert (Harris), Scalpay (Harris), and Kyle of Lochalsh.

RETURN JOURNEY.—Steamer leaves Kyle of Lochalsh on Thursdays at 6 a.m. for Scalpay, Tarbert, Rodel, and Lochmaddy; and Lochmaddy on Fridays at 5 a.m. for Lochboisdale and Castlebay.

Note 1.—The Company do not guarantee time being kept by the Steamers, and they reserve the power to call at intermediate places to suit the requirements of the Traffic

Note 2.—Tickets for the Steamers must be taken out after going on board at Scrabster and Orkney.

Note 3.—The Company reserve the right of making alterations in the above arrangements at any time they find it necessary.

For further particulars as to Freights and Fare apply to the Traffic Manager or to the Company's Agents.

ROBERT PARK, General Manager

KINCARDINE CATTLE MARKET, BONAR-BRIDGE, TUESDAY, 28th November.

ADDITIONAL TRAIN SERVICE.—The 7.50 a.m. Passenger Train from Inverness to Tain will be continued to Bonar-Bridge, calling at Edderton at 10.12 a.m. A Passenger Train will leave Bonar-Bridge at 3.10 p.m., calling at Edderton, and connecting with the 3.40 p.m. Train from Tain to Inverness. Live Stock Traffic for the South will be taken forward by Train leaving Bonar-Bridge at 4.0 p.m.

ROBERT PARK, General Manager

AN APPRECIATION

OF JOHN MACDONALD, A NATIVE OF GAIRLOCH.

[By M. Mackenzie, J.P.]

It was my great pleasure to have met the subject of this sketch about twenty years ago. He was then at home on holiday, staying with his mother in Gairloch. Of his mother all I need to say is that she was a mother in Israel—beloved by all who knew her. I do not remember having met his father, who died before I went to live in Gairloch. All the children were talented. Alas! that only one of them should now be living, Miss Mary, who remained at home, nursing her mother, while she lived. She is a poetess, whose poems have appeared in our Northern Press on several occasions. But to return to the subject of the sketch. He was born in Lewis in 1843, where his father was grieve on a farm. When a child he removed with his parents to Gairloch, where he received the rudiments of his education. At the age of 19 years, he went to London to seek his fortune. While acting as a clerk there he attended classes in the Working Men's College, where he heard lectures by Ruskin, Charles Kingsley, John Bright, and others. At this time he was greatly encouraged by a Mr Lushington, who took an interest in the College, and who advised him to pursue his studies, assuring him of the success that was in store for him. He did pursue these studies. A few years afterwards, he emigrated to New York; started as a teacher; was so successful that he was appointed Inspector of Schools. Finding the constant moving about tiresome as years advanced, he, about 27 years ago, became owner and editor of "The Western School Journal," which was a decided success under his guidance. He sent me a copy of this journal monthly ever since. I had the pleasure of meeting him. He was a man of wide culture, had a most retentive memory, had a large store of stories and anecdotes, and was possessed of caustic wit: could hit off the situation in the neatest possible fashion, and yet he had a most kindly and lovable nature. He was a most popular lecturer. In May, 1899, he lectured in 72 different places in the United States. He was a life abstainer: expressed that young men should be so foolish as to drink ardent spirit, which softened their brains and made them less fit for fighting life's battles. He sent me figures showing the great prosperity that followed the adoption of Prohibition in the State of Kansas.

As soon as he found that I was interested in education, we became fast friends, and continued so to the end. Pity that I have now to mourn the loss of one whose friendship was an inspiration to me all these years. Shortly after he returned to the States, he wrote asking me to ascertain for him the salaries, the number of children in the various schools, the housing accommodation, and any perquisites received by the teachers in this country. Through the courtesy of the clerks to various school boards I was able to send him these particulars. On receipt of them, he wrote a series of articles advocating more liberal treatment of the teachers in the States. I used to send him copies of Highland papers; but a few years ago he asked not to send the "Highland News," as he got it regularly.

He retired to bed on 11th October, apparently in good health, and was found dead in bed on the following morning, from heart failure. The following resolution was passed by the Topeka Teachers' Association:—"The members of the Topeka Teachers' Association feel a deep personal sorrow in the passing of their friend, adviser, and fellow worker, John Macdonald, editor of the "Western School Journal." It is not too much to say that every teacher in Kansas was his friend, and that every school was his personal interest. The city of Topeka, the State of Kansas, and the National Educational Association are the richer that he has lived among them."

In an eloquent sermon, preached by his minister immediately after his death, Dr S. S. Estey concluded his discourse in the following words:—"Splendid has our friend served his generation. A certain Greek said to a visitor, 'I will show you the glory of Greece,' and then he took him to see Solon, their great philosopher. If you will show some visitor the glory of Kansas, you must bid him look upon the stalwart men of integrity who have builded this State, and made it a moral giant among the States of the Union. Because such men as John Macdonald have helped to mould her history, Kansas is what she is—a leader in all reforms and all philanthropies. We honour John Macdonald here to-day as a great educator, an upright citizen, a true friend, a sincere Christian. This church, in which he was for many years a Bible teacher and a faithful member, will miss his face. No more shall we hear his voice, with the quaint Scotch brogue which we loved. No more shall we receive, when the Xmas bells ring, the card with Gaelic words and the bit of heather, which told us at the same time of his abiding love for old Scotland, his true friendship for us, and his reverent remembrance of the Christ of Bethlehem."

Mr Macdonald is survived by a son, Roderick Macdonald, of Lowel, Mass., and a daughter, Mrs David Chandler, of Chelmsford, Mass

CELTIC PLACE-NAMES OF SCOTLAND.

In the third Rhind lecture on "The Celtic Place-Names of Scotland," delivered at 77 Queen Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, Professor W. J. Watson, in discussing the coming of Gaelic to Scotland, stated that it came from Ireland. The presence of an Irish chief at Agricola's headquarters was the first recorded instance of Scots in Scotland. There was no reason to doubt the historical settlement of Scots from Ireland in Argyll in the latter part of the second century, and about 500 A.D. this settlement was reinforced, and became the Gaelic Kingdom of Dalriada. The Dalriadic Scots came from the North of Ireland. In addition, Irish tradition claimed a settlement from Munster on the east coast of Scotland about 400 A.D. This claim was confirmed by the place-names and by the presence of Ogham inscriptions on the east, while the west had produced only one. The home of the Ogham cult was Munster. Gaelic influence in the Lothians and southwards came later, and was fairly well marked, a number of the place-names indicating settlement. Ayrshire and Galloway were thoroughly Gaelicised, and the Gaelic influence in Strathclyde was strong. The earliest recorded Gaelic names were found in Adamnan's "Life of Columba," c. 700 A.D., but several of Adamnan's names were not Gaelic, but British. Discussing these names in detail, he pointed out that Adamnan's river Sale was the Shiela of Moidart, the continental Salia. The Island of Colosus was Coll, not Colonsay; the latter was Norse Kolbeinsey, Kolbein's Isle. The Isle of Hinba he inclined to identify with Jura; the term "murbulc," which occurred twice, meant a sack-shaped sea-inlet. Later it became "murghlag," and appeared in Beinn Mhurbhlaig, Ben Vorlich, Peak of the Inlet on Loch Lomond, and on Loch Barn. The diminative form "murbhlagan" appears, as now, as Mulagan, a name of fairly common occurrence by the side of lochs, and even rivers. The river Lochdia, Black Goddess, was now the Lochy, in Lochaber. The name recurred at Tyndrum, and at the head of Loch Tay and elsewhere.

Professor Watson's Fourth Rhind Lecture.

In the fourth Rhind lecture, delivered at Edinburgh, Professor W. J. Watson dealt with the British element in Scottish names of places, meaning by British the Celtic language of the P-type which was spoken in Alba in the first century. Most of these names had been transmitted through Gaelic and influenced by Gaelic phonetics. In all cases the geographical distribution required attention; it revealed striking differences between east and west, and also between north and south. The term preas, Welsh prys, a copse, occurred on the east from Coldingham to Sutherland. Perth, wood, was in France Perthes, from Gaulish Perta, a wood. Parr, a parcel of ground, was found in Brittany, and with us in such names as Pardovan, Parbroath, and Perwinnes. Ag or agaidh, a cleft, was common in the north, as in Rogie and Aviemore, both meaning "great cleft." The Welsh caer, a stronghold, was common in the south, and was found in the midlands and north-east as Keir. The term treb, Welsh tref, a settlement, appeared from Inverness to the Forth on the east, and south of the Forth and Clyde in such names as Fintray, "whitestead." The ancient form was seen in the name of the Gaulish tribe Atrebates, "near dwellers," and Con-trebia, in Spain, meaning "community, township."

LITERARY NOTES.

"PEARS' ANNUAL."

For the modest sum of 1s you can have a copy of "Pears' Annual," containing a fine collection of Christmas art and literature—not to mention three magnificent presentation plates, each quite worth the price of the entire compilement. It will be sufficient guarantee of the literary merit of the "Annual" if we mention the names of John Oxenham, Max Pemberton, and Boyd Cable, as being among the contributors. The presentation plates are of extreme beauty and interest, and comprise "Reverie" (after the Alma Tadema school of design and colouring; "A Bid for Friendship" (a homely subject, engagingly dealt with by G. Sheridan Knowles, R.I.; and "The Matchmaker," by Charles Brock, R.I.—a title which speaks for itself. Nor does this exhaust the list of attractions offered with "Pears' Annual," a production to which many, old and young, look forward with each returning Xmas. There is also presented a four-page supplement in colours, humorously illustrating "An Old-Fashioned Christmas," with verses by James Burnley. The outside cover is an attractive one, adorned with a facsimile drawing, entitled "Home from the Wars, 1815." Attention is directed to the advertisement of "Pears' Annual" which appears on another page. The advice given therein to order your copy now, so that you may not be disappointed, is doubly necessary in these days of restricted paper supply.

ANOTHER LINK WITH FORRES.

Another link with our neighbouring town of Forres is provided in the following grateful and generous statement of a well-known residenter there.

On November 22nd, 1909, Mr G. Wiseman, of 32 Pilmuir, near the Station, who has resided in Forres for twenty-six years, said:—"I believe I contracted a chill through sitting on damp grass, and that this was the beginning of the sciatica and kidney trouble, which for at least twelve years worried me considerably. I was never free from it for long; there was a most acute pain in the small of the back, which affected the right sciatica nerve down to the foot. I had to rest three or four times in a walk from the station to Pilmuir. If I stopped I came over dizzy and felt as if I were going to fall. The urine was disordered; I seemed to lose all energy and strength.

"I had the best of treatment, but nothing did me any good except Doan's backache kidney pills. After two boxes my back was easier, so I continued with the medicine. Nine boxes in all completely cured me; I lost the sciatica entirely, and my back and kidneys got all right again. Experience has taught me the value of Doan's pills, which I would recommend to anyone. (Signed) G. Wiseman."

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"THE CHILDREN OF THE GHETTO."

DRAMATIC PLAY OF JEWISH LIFE AT THE CENTRAL HALL.

A picture which should prove a great draw at the Central Hall during the last three days of this week is Israel Zangwill's great dramatic play of Jewish life, "The Children of the Ghetto." This masterpiece, now produced as a William Fox super-production, vibrates with human emotion. It is a simple story—its very simplicity is its chief charm; but, as Mr Zangwill himself declares, it reveals the soul of the Jewish people. When the play was first produced in London it created wide-spread interest, and immediately became the centre of Press and public discussion. The William Fox screen version has been created with the utmost fidelity to the play itself, with the result that the picture will appeal not only, of course, to those of Jewish persuasion, but to the huge number of cinema patrons, upon whom it will make a profound impression. There is a high-class caste, headed by Wilton Lackaye, creator of the original charcterisation of the aged Rabbi, while the people seen taking part in the street scenes of New York's crowded Ghetto are not by any means the ordinary type of "extra" employed in the pictures: they are "the real thing."

"A Dash for Life," episode 4 of the "Perils of Pauline," is an exciting chapter, while "Two Mothers" is an excellent one-reel drama by the Laemmle Coy. Comedies will include Frank Daniels and Mrs Anderson in "Kernel Nutt and Prince Tango" (Vitagraph), "Good-Night, Nurse" (Nestor), "Love and a Tiger" (Bison), Mr and Mrs Sidney Drew in "His Little Spirit Girl" (Vitagraph), and "Oh, What a Night!" a most laughable Gaumont film.

"AN ENEMY TO SOCIETY."

FINE EXCLUSIVES AT LA SCALA.

The feature of the program at La Scala for the latter part of this week is a superb Metro picture in five reels, entiled "An Enemy to Society." All Metro pictures are great human dramas, produced by the cleverest masters of the art, and acted by actors and actresses who have reached the highest pinnacle of fame. Among the characters in "An Enemy to Society" are:—Hamilton Revelle as "Stephen Adams," a modern Robin Hood, who robs the rich that he may help the poor; Lois Meredith as "Decima Duress," a wealthy philanthropist, ward of Stephen Janissary; H. Cooper Cliff ("Stephen Janissary"), the head of a big multiple shop concern, who undersells the small grocers until he has captured their trade, and they are obliged to shut up. Janissary then raises his prices, and so recoups himself, to the disadvantage of the poor; Henry Bergman, as "Van Tromp," a victim of Janissary's methods; and W. C. Cooper as "Wulf Axtel," a master criminal, and head of gang which Van Tromp joins. This picture is a real gem, and all cinema-lovers should make a point of seeing it on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday of this week. Another excellent film to be shown is "Idols of Clay," an "Ideal" picture play, in three parts—a beautiful tale of human disappointments, and how they may be made good.

Transfer of License.—At a sitting of the Magistrates on Tuesday, Miss Forsyth was granted a transfer of the grocer's license formerly held by her late mother at 32 Upper Kessock Street.

THE CURWEN CENTENARY.

CELEBRATION IN INVERNESS.

On Friday night Inverness participated in the John Curwen centenary celebrations. The demonstration held in the Dr Black Memorial Hall attracted a large audience, who were afforded an excellent opportunity of appreciating the great services rendered by Curwen. Excellent work was rendered by a Girls' Choir from the Royal Academy and by Miss Chrissie Miller and Miss Anna Mackenzie. Tributes to the genius of the founder of the Tonic Sol-Fa system were paid by Rev. John D. MacGilp, chairman of the School Board, who presided; Mr W. S. Roddie, and Mr L. J. Owen, the music teacher under the School Board.

Mr Owen's pupils demonstrated the utility of the system, and went through several severe tests in a highly creditable manner. The musical program proved a most delightful feature of the proceedings.

The Chairman's Tribute.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him in asking him to take the chair as Chairman of the School Board on the occasion of the celebration of the centenary of the birth of John Curwen. He had no doubt that the arrangements made by the committee in charge of the function would enable the audience to form a just and true estimate of the great services which John Curwen had rendered to the world of music, and to their own Church and country in particular—(applause). It was certainly true that Curwen does not belong to the ranks of great musicians who are regarded as the immortals, and on that account it might be that in certain quarters he is disparaged. But he (the Chairman) thought it was right to say that if Curwen does not belong exactly to that rank he belongs to the rank next in order to it, for his services had been specially in the direction of popularising music. He had opened the doors of knowledge to Continents which before his time were practically inaccessible except to a few. It is in that direction in which the memory of John Curwen might be fully appreciated. Human nature is strangely jealous, and there is always a great deal of destructive criticism indulged in. For example, there are people who delve into the pages of history and continually come to the conclusion that there is nothing new under the sun, and with reference to what John Curwen has done we have criticism of this kind, pointing to what had been done by people before the advent of Curwen. For example, if such criticism held good, it could be said in the case of James Watt that there were numbers of people who had anticipated that which led to the great discovery in connection with the steam engine. In regard to Robert Burns, he had a rich heritage of Scottish song from which he borrowed to a very great extent. If we are inclined to criticise John Curwen's contributions, they ought to remember that the same kind of criticism was applicable to all men who had made discoveries and who had popularised great movements—(applause). That night they were going to have a long and varied program, and he had no doubt that from it they would be able to form an estimate of the debt which they owed to John Curwen—(loud applause).

Curwen—The Man.

Mr Roddie, after remarking how much he enjoyed the address of the Chairman, gave a brief sketch of the life of Curwen and an analysis of his character. Curwen, he said, was born in Yorkshire a hundred years ago. He was a Dissenting minister, as was his father before him. He was no musician, and yet at this time his name was being honoured in every civilised country in the world because of the great services he had rendered music, and because of the fact that he had brought sunshine into the lives of all classes—(applause). Before his time music was for the few. It was wholly protected, because it required money and time to master it. The common people had little of either to spare. Nevertheless they had the heritage of song, and the love of it was deeply rooted in their hearts. The story of the Tonic Sol-Fa system with which the name of John Curwen is bound up was the story of a plain man whose faith was strong. He spoke like a child. He spoke slowly and carefully; he was never ambiguous, and those who listened to him found him easy to follow. He was much in request at children's meetings, and he often remarked—"I must not neglect my own people at my Sabbath School." It was truly said of him that he was engaged in sacred work—that he aimed at getting near the soul of the child and implant the seed of God's Truth there. Mr Roddie recalled Curwen's visit to the Capital of the Highlands. Forty years ago he stood on the platform of the Music Hall. Those who were present would never forget that occasion. Personally, he (Mr Roddie) would never forget it. The system of which Curwen was the founder had won its place in the hearts of all musicians. It is accepted by every musician, and at the present moment the President of the Tonic Sol-Fa College is a professor of music at Oxford University—viz., Sir Hubert Parry—(applause). In conclusion, Mr Roddie referred to the great popularity of the system.

The Master Hand.

Mr L. J. Owen spoke a few words in admiration of Curwen. He said they were met that night to do honour to the memory of one who was a great organiser and compiler. They might liken the system to a patchwork quilt, but yet they saw in it the master hand of a genius. The most unique testimony to the system was that to-day thousands—yea, millions—of soldiers were keeping their hearts up under very trying and unaccustomed circumstances in a variety of "sing-songs." Even tunes learned by the ear, such as "Tipperary" and "Keep the Home Fires Burning," were sung with remarkable power by these brave men, and often they went forth to battle with such songs on their lips—(applause).

Ex-Provost A. D. Ross gave an account of the early days of the Tonic Sol-Fa system in Inverness, referring more particularly to its introduction by the late Mr Lawrence, Mr Roddie's predecessor as conductor in the High U.F. Church.

Mr George Morrison spoke of his own early connection with the Sol-Fa movement and his great indebtedness to the enthusiasm of his first teacher in Sol-Fa. He enlarged on the benefit and pleasure it was to those musicians, who, in addition to enjoying musical sounds, were able to listen intelligently to form and meaning of a composer.

Mr Cameron, Central School, spoke of the enjoyment children derive from folk songs and the national songs.

Votes of thanks were proposed by Rev. A. A. Cooper.

Presentation to Post Office Official—The postal staff at Leek, in Staffordshire, presented Miss Bessie Macbean, who had been a fellow-member of the staff for two and a-half years, with handsome gifts on the occasion of her departure to take up an appointment in the Lairg Post Office. The Postmaster of Leek referred to the feeling of esteem felt by all the members of the staff for Miss Macbean, their regret at her departure, and their sincere wishes for her future advancement. Miss Macbean is a daughter of Mr John Macbean, sub-inspector of poor, Inverness.

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ON FARM AND CROFT.

THE OUTLOOK IN ROSS-SHIRE.

A Ross-shire correspondent writes:—Despite the fact that on almost every farm throughout Easter, Wester, and Mid Ross only the minimum of labour is available, remarkable progress with the late autumn work is being made. Ploughing is well advanced in most districts and the potato crop, which is better than anticipated, has been almost secured.

In the crofting districts of the west, and on upland holdings, things are not too favourable and the outlook for the winter anything but promising. On the heights unseasonable weather at the close of the harvest damaged a considerable amount of the grain crop, some of which never reached the ripening stage. In some of the crofting townships——as has been proved before the Tribunals—there is scarcely any young men left, with the result that the greater part of the work has to be undertaken by those over and under military age.

IN THE HANDS OF THE GERMANS.

CANADIAN PRISONER OF WAR'S REQUEST.

From the prisons of Germany have come, during the past two years, many touching requests by soldiers who have been unfortunate enough to fall into the hands of the enemy. Among the latest is that of a Canadian soldier named Miller, who asks for information regarding his deceased wife's relatives, who are supposed to reside in the Capital of the Highlands.

A London lady engaged in philanthropic work among our fighting men, who has been regularly in communication with Miller for a considerable time, writes to an Inverness citizen asking if he can assist her in obtaining the desired information. The late Mrs Miller's maiden name was Margaret Ann Mackintosh, and the marriage took place several years ago in Canada. Should any of our many readers be able to give information regarding this family we will be delighted to receive the same at this office and will at once forward it to the enquirer.

MOONSTRUCK "SPECIAL."

AN INTERESTING INCIDENT.

A "Special" on duty in one of the business thoroughfares the other night "spotted," as he thought, a beam of light thrown from a shop window on one side of the street on to the wall of a building on the opposite with the following result:—

Special.—"Now, now, Mr Blank, this won't do. You must obscure your lights. Look how they brighten up the building on the opposite side."

Shopkeeper.—"I'm surprised at that. Surely these miserable lights could not account for that."

Special.—"Oh yes, they do. Screw them down at once."

Shopkeeper.—"All right," and suiting the action to the words, he screws them well down.

Both (together).—"There seems to be no difference."

Special.—"Of course not. Put your lights out if you cannot get proper blinds."

Shopkeeper.—"Right! Out they go." (Turns off gas at meter).

Shopkeeper (chuckling)—"It's off at the meter now, but still the beam of light remains."

Special essays to speak, but having first looked at the heavens, makes a rapid exit.

Shopkeeper—"Poor beggar, he's moonstruck!"

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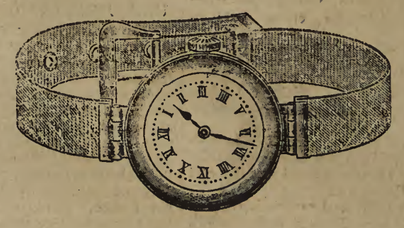

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