



THE WAR WEEK BY WEEK

THE WESTERN FRONT.

There were no events of outstanding interest on the British, French, or Belgian fronts during the week-end, although a number of air raids and bombardments were carried out.

North-west of Neuve Chapelle the British artillery destroyed an enemy bridge and effectively bombarded his lines of communication.

Monday's bulletins reported that a number of raids were carried out by both sides on the French and British fronts.

On the right bank of the Meuse the Germans attempted a costly dawn attack against the trenches captured by the French east of Des Chambrettes, which failed.

Two German attacks failed against the French positions west of Auberville (Champagne).

North of Ypres on Tuesday a strong German patrol of some forty men approached the British lines and suffered heavy losses. A few who succeeded in reaching the trenches were immediately ejected.

At different points between the Somme and the Ancre and south and east of Ypres there was considerable artillery activity at intervals.

The enemy's positions were also shelled near Neuve Chapelle and Armentieres.

Wednesday was another uneventful day in the West. On the British front near Sochez and in the Ypres salient the German artillery displayed considerable activity.

THE RUSSO-BULGARIAN FRONT.

A number of successful reconnaissances were reported from Petrograd over the week-end.

The Russians admitted a number of reverses in Otus valley and further east, while the Germans claimed a steady advance towards Tokenny, in Mid Moldavia, and are about 15 miles from it.

German reports also stated that between 600 and 700 Russian prisoners were captured on the West Moldavian frontier.

Progress has also been made by the enemy towards Braila.

On the Danube, however, the Bulgarian advance has been held up at the Mocin bridgehead.

According to the bulletins dated Monday, the Germans appear to be expecting a new offensive in the region of Stanislaw, where the last great Russian advance was held up.

South of Pinsk the Germans succeeded in occupying temporarily a number of Russian positions.

South-west of Brody the Germans bombarded the Russian trenches.

On the Moldavian frontier German attacks on a number of heights failed, but further east the Russians had to give some ground.

Towards Foksan, both to the west of the Panna and to the south-east, the German advance continues.

At both the Braila and Macin bridgeheads the Russians were obliged to give ground. At Macin the Germans claim 1000 prisoners, four guns, and a number of machine guns.

Tuesday's bulletins report that in Moldavia the Russians repulsed numerous attacks, some with great losses to the enemy, and at one point took some prisoners.

The Rumanians, north and south of the River Karazin (on the Hungarian border), regained their positions and still hold them despite the enemy's continuous fierce attack.

In the region of Andron-Chudichos (south of the confluence of the rivers Putna and Zavola, north-west of Foksan) the enemy pressed back the advanced Russian cavalry, while in the Dobruja, so Petrograd reports, the Tur's troops withdrew to new positions.

From Berlin comes the report of steady German advance toward the Foksan bridgehead (Foksan lying due north of Rimnik Sarat), the enemy progressing both from the south-west and south-east.

A late Austrian communique, dated Tuesday, contains the words, "The Allied (Austro-German) forces are before the defensive lines of Braila and Foksan."

In addition to holding the Germans near Foksan, the Russians in Wednesday's bulletin claim the recapture of the village of Galuiba and an advance south in the direction of Rimnik, with the capture of 213 prisoners, five guns, and eight machine guns.

The Rumanians are conducting attacks north of the Karino River, eight versts east of the Hungarian front.

On the Moldavian frontier the enemy (says Petrograd) twice resumed the offensive, but was everywhere repulsed with loss.

The German communique contains the steady advance of the enemy towards the line of the Sereth, and the capture of Macin and Jujita, in the Dobruja.

A number of townships have been occupied by the enemy, while the Germans also claim to have recaptured Pinteceni and Mera (north and west of Foksan), which they state were carried by storm, and 400 prisoners taken.

GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

A Note has been presented by the Allies demanding guarantees and reparation from Greece in connection with the events at the beginning of December, and stating that the blockade will be maintained until satisfaction has been obtained.

The first object was to effect that the whole of the Greek forces, except the necessary troops and garrisons to maintain order, shall be transferred to the Peloponnese (the southern part of Greece), and also there shall not remain any artillery, machine guns, or mobilisation material outside the Peloponnese.

Other demands are—Prohibition of Reservists' meetings, restoration of Allied control, release of imprisoned Venizelists, indemnity for those who may have unjustly suffered in consequence of the events of December 1 and 2, degradation of the General responsible for the disturbances, and an apology on the part of the Greek Government.

The Allies undertake to prevent troops of the National Defence movement from crossing the neutral zone.

The Allied Ministers state that they are also charged by their Governments to remind the Greek Government that military necessities may lead them shortly to land troops at Itea (on the Gulf of Corinth), and take them to Salonica by the Larissa Railway.

THE WAR AT SEA.

The French Minister of Marine has announced the torpedoing of the French battleship Guelette, a vessel of 11,250 tons, armed with four 12-in. guns and with a crew of 631.

Although the vessel sank in 30 minutes, only four lives were lost, thanks to the excellent discipline which prevailed till the last moment.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

An Italian semi-official communique states that since August last nearly 43,000 British crosses have fallen into the hands of our ally.

THE PEACE OVERTURES.

Last week-end the Allies replied to the German Peace Note.

Fully conscious of the gravity of the moment, but equally conscious of its requirements, the Allied Governments refuse to consider a proposal which is empty and insincere.

Once again they declare that no peace is possible so long as they have not secured reparation of violated rights and liberties.

RECOGNITION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF NATIONALITIES AND OF THE FREE EXISTENCE OF SMALL STATES.

Peace is also impossible so long as they have not brought about a settlement calculated to end, once and for all, the forces which have constituted a perpetual menace to nations and to attend the only effective guarantees for the future security of the world.

The Allied Powers protest strongly against the two material assertions in the German Note, the one professing to throw upon the Allies the responsibility of the war, and the other proclaiming the victory of the Central Powers.

This "sham proposal" of the German Government they consider to be less an offer of peace than a manoeuvre.

In reality the overtures are nothing less than a calculated attempt to influence the future course of the war and to end it by imposing a German peace.

The objects of these overtures are to create a discussion in public opinion in Allied countries, to stir public opinion in Germany and countries allied to her, and to attempt to justify in advance in the eyes of the world a new series of crimes and outrages.

Note, which is from the Allied Governments of Russia, France, Great Britain, Japan, Italy, Serbia, Belgium, Montenegro, Portugal, and Rumania, has been presented to the United States Ambassador in Paris for communication to the Central Powers.

Spain has declined to support Mr Wilson's Note, believing that any demarche she could make would be ineffective, all the more so as the Central Empires have already expressed their firm intention that the conditions of peace should be concerted between the belligerent Powers alone.

The Germans consider the Allies reply to their Peace Note a "flat refusal" to enter the war. They express regrets for the sake of neutrals.

According to Count Andrássy, Leader of the Hungarian Opposition, the Peace conditions of the Central Powers have been communicated to President Wilson. He added that the Entente can learn them from that source.

HIGHLAND CASUALTIES.

TROOPER GEO. SUTHERLAND. Mrs Sutherland, Moyness Lane, Golspie, who has had two sons killed in the war, has received word that her third son, Trooper George Sutherland, Lovat Scouts, is slightly wounded.

PRIVATE S. SUTHERLAND. Pte. Sinclair Sutherland, Fishertown, Golspie, has met with an injury which has necessitated the amputation of his foot. He had a brother killed on active service.

GUNNER ANGUS SHAW. Intimation has been received by Mrs Shaw, Wester Croachy, Aberarder, that her son, Gunner Angus Shaw, R.A., has died at the front. He had several comrades were killed, and was about 30 years of age.

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HIGHLANDERS ABROAD.

ST ANDREW'S AND CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF VANCOUVER.

A well-attended and enthusiastic meeting of the St Andrew's and Caledonian Society was held in Vancouver last month, when officers for the ensuing year were elected. Mr R. G. Macpherson, for several years president of the society, voluntarily retired from office, his successor, Dr J. R. Atkinson, was elected Secretary.

The complete list of officers follows:—Hon. President, Colonel J. W. Stewart; President, Dr James R. Atkinson; First Vice-President, Mr John A. Campbell; Second Vice-President, Mr D. G. Campbell; Hon. Secretary, Mr A. G. Dickson; Financial Secretary, Mr David Paterson; Treasurer, Mr Robert Kerr; Physician, Dr Seldon; Solicitor, Mr D. G. Campbell; Chaplain, Rev. A. E. Mitchell; Bard, Mr Hector Morrison; Standard-Bearer, Mr John Morrison; Piper, Mr Donald Maciver; Pianist, Mr Robert Kerr; Warden, Mr J. M. Ross; Hon. Historian, Mr Donald Downie; Directors, Messrs H. Macaulay, D. M. Mackenzie, W. B. Craig, A. W. Sterratt, A. R. Wynnes, D. Macaskill; Auditors, Messrs N. Jessiman and A. H. Bain.

SONGS OF THE STRATH AND BRAE.

MR JOHN MACLEOD SCORES IN VANCOUVER.

"Songs of a doer of the strath and brae, of the heart and of the heart from the treasure-store of national song awoke countless tender memories of a distant land and evoked endless enthusiasm that led to the repeated recall of the galaxy of singers chosen to interpret Scottish folk song and ballad to the hundreds of expectant and eager auditors packing the Vancouver Opera house last night."

Thus, with hardly a comma to dam the enthusiasm of the Western journalist, a popular Vancouver sheet in far-away British Columbia has been active on the night. And although "last night" should now read "last month," the spirit and freshness of the gathering seem to have survived the passage of time.

The concert was the eighth under the auspices of a doer of the strath and brae, the national airs on the pipe band of Highland regiments the Macleods, No. 189, O.S.C., and as befitting a war time concert was designed to provide members of a Canadian Scottish regiment with the garb of the Highlands, a purpose without doubt, a name, proved a fitting fulfilment if numbers and enthusiasm count.

A brilliant opening was provided with stirring music by the brass band of the 231st Battalion, C.E.F., and a melody of national airs on the pipe band of the same unit, making a fitting introduction to the martial "Hail to the Chief" sung with fine martial spirit by the Aeolian Quartette. Miss Olga MacAlpin, true to the ancestry implied in her northern name, proved a fitting exponent of Scottish song, and on giving the plaintive "Jessie's Dream" with its highly dramatic ending was applauded to the echo and recalled again and again.

A similar outburst of enthusiasm awaited her on the completion of the gay, blithing Jacobite air, "Cam' ye Athol," the last item on a lengthy program. Another prime favourite, Mme. Lilian Daver, already known as an excellent singer, gave a fine rendition of a similar enthusiastic reception, giving the popular "Angus Macdonald," and the breezy, martial border ballad, "Wi' a hundred pipers," in splendid style. Mr Conrad White, who sang "There's a Laid," and "The Bonnie Broom," and Mr J. Z. Pacey, who gave a vivid rendering of "The Gunner," were also accorded a rousing welcome.

"Gaelic songs, including the clan rally, "The Bonnie Broom" and the tenderly reminiscent "Anny a Gleann" (an robb mh' woi) won for Mr John Macleod (Elphin, Sutherland) instant recognition, and he was forced to comply with the demands of his audience for encores.

Highly amusing episodes of provincial life were presented by Mr J. A. Crann, a talented reader, who has a fine Doric accent that captured the goodwill of all. Highland dancing also filled a large place on the program, and with sympathetic art, and skill at the command of these adept dancers, the Misses Macrae and Messrs Nicol and Ross, whose chief number was a sprightly lousome. That test of Highland dancing, the "Dance of the Reel," was enthusiastically received, and given by Mr R. Nicol, who did not fail to sustain the laurels he has to his credit as champion Highland dancer of the Pacific Coast. Mr Andrew Milne acted as accompanist throughout his accustomed finish and restorative skill.

DISTRICT BOARD OF CONTROL.

Inverness District Board of Control met in the County Buildings on Friday.

Chief Clerk, Mr D. Shaw, W. J., said the first business was to elect a chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr J. S. Robertson, Nairn, said he had very great pleasure in moving the reappointment of Colonel Stewart as Chief Clerk. (Applause.)

Seaforth, in taking the chair was received with applause. He heartily thanked the Board for their renewed confidence and was glad to see the members of the Board, originally appointed by the chairman, re-elected to their positions.

A letter was read from the General Board stating that the District Board would consist of 24 members, and that the members of the Board should be elected by the parish Councils, viz.,—11, will retain their seats owing to the postponement of the election of members for the year 1916-17.

Mr Kenneth Macdonald, solicitor, Inverness, seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

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IN MEMORIAM.

(In loving memory of Gunner James Angus Macdonald, R.F.A., who was killed in action, in France, on October 19th, 1916, aged 23 years.—By request of his mother.)

A new year comes all fresh, and pure, and sweet. Unfaded yet—its blossoms from the old; They bear it in with song, and laurels hold To greet the year which soon shall pass as fleet.

They say—"Have hope, and be ye of good cheer." What irony a bitter fate can show; They bid me dry my tears—ah! can they know That all I love, lies with the fallen year?

'Tis not for me, this joyous welcome in; To me the New Year seems intrusive yet; But lives must live, and peace must conquer yet.

With tender smiles, which wead of tears must win. He lies afar, my boy, my precious child; His days were bright: had Death a jealous hand?

Alas, he died beneath his Chief's command; To that sweet truth compared—Death's sting is mild.

They laid him low, in some far foreign soil; They turned the sod above his brave young face

Where heroes sleep—each in his narrow space; The restless sleep which follows after toil. They left him there—no fellow-man could stay

To keep lone vigil o'er the silent dead; His comrades turned aside, while o'er his head Low winds took up the tale and sobbed their lay;

I could not stretch my arms to fold him, fond; I could not smooth his hair, nor seek his eyes

So loving, ere death claimed another prize; A grief exerts 'twixt this world and its beyond.

I could not kiss the face, so set, so calm; With grim determination to the end; I could not cross his hands—Oh, God! the Friend

Of all his hard—and I his mother am. His mother! No more sacred word can be: Yet I might not be with him at the close Of Life's short day; but then, his Captain chose

A braver way than I could wish and see. I may not see the place where life he gave, Nor lay my aching heart close to his grave.

My darling, there I cannot stray around, Or strew God's flowers upon my soldier's grave.

Perchance my love has made me selfish now; But he was good—so good! No mother's son Could better be, in all things said and done

Nor hostile foe nor danger made him cov. He sleeps! And I, 'mid memories which stand So sacred, and so tender and so sweet, Tread Life's dim ways, until my boy I meet

Across the borders of the Silent Land. DELICIA CHISHOLM. Reay Street, Inverness, 1st January, 1917.

A SERIOUS TALK ON A SERIOUS SUBJECT.

When getting over a cold, fever, or illness of any kind, be careful to guard your kidneys against a breakdown. Every day thousands are recovering from one disease or another, and it's while "convalescing" that great care is needed to avoid falling into the clutches of kidney trouble.

The kidneys, when in health, are the hardest worked organs in the body. No wonder that when the blood is loaded with uric acid poisons and the work of the kidneys is doubled, that they break down. Kidney weakness follows as naturally as night and day.

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Your kidneys will need help for a while. There is nothing more soothing, nothing better than Doan's backache kidney pills. This medicine is for the kidneys and bladder only, and has no action on the bowels. With the temporary assistance of Doan's pills, care as to diet, more rest and sleep and exercise in the open air, you can soon get back to normal.

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REGISTRATION STATISTICS.—From a return just completed it appears that during 1916 there were 526 births registered in the Borough of Inverness, in comparison with 476 in the year 1915, an increase of 50.

Contrary to popular notion, there was no abnormal difference between the number of boys and girls born during the two and a half years of war, the proportion being practically the same as in peace years. Deaths in the borough for 1916 numbered 475, as compared with 501 in 1915, a decrease of 26. In 1945, however, the death-rate was unusually high, so that the figures for 1916 only denote a partial return to ordinary conditions.

In 1916 the number of marriages in the borough was 283, in comparison with 286 in 1915. In both years, as well as in the last few months of 1914, the marriage rate has been considerably higher than under the same conditions, the average for several pre-war years being 232. Marriages by declaration (so-called "irregular" marriages) have been much more numerous than usual. In ordinary years the average number of such marriages is 18 or 20, but from 5th August 1914 there have been 132 such marriages in Inverness, or an annual average of about 60. Practically all these marriages have been of soldiers and sailors on active service, on short leave from abroad or from their training stations at home.

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THE NEW YEAR.

INVERNESS CELEBRATIONS.

Falling as it did on a Sunday, Hogmanay nevertheless attracted a surprisingly large crowd of both sexes to the Exchange. The night was beautifully mild, and while the throng were very happy, yet it was not difficult to recognise the vast majority entered into the spirit of the great occasion with the feeling that a Hogmanay overshadowed by the tragedy of war could not possibly have anything like its wonted vigour. A good many soldiers and sailors could be observed, but it can truly be said that no class behaved themselves so well as did these men. The conduct of the civilian population, barring periodic outbursts on the part of a few youngsters, was also above criticism. Not a cheer was very loudly uttered in the hands of the crowd, but there was the proverbial cluck of friendship and good luck. Thereafter the crowd very quietly dispersed.

OF SAINTED MEMORY.

New Year's Day brought hundreds of people together, and the streets were animated. Although the licensed houses remained open for a few hours, it could not be said that even the most ardent well-wisher indulged in a wild orgy. Indeed, there was no orgy about it, and here again the general conduct of the people was above criticism. In spite of the facilities for strong drink, and the close observance of the conditions associated with a hospitable occasion, they fully realised the importance of proving to the critics that they do think of the war, and the sacrifices to be expected of all.

OVER 200 PEOPLE—men, women, and children—were made happy on New Year's Day by the activities of the very excellent gentlemen entrusted with carrying out the wishes and honouring the memory of John Hay, of sainted memory—a local St. Francis, who, while he lived on earth, brought sunshine into many hearts. For many a year now thousands of poor people—many of them have long since died—have been made exceedingly happy owing to the fact that such well-known and thoughtful citizens as the late Mr Donald Beaton, ex-Provost A. D. Ross, Mr Hugh Thomson, and others have seen to it that the desires of John Hay had not been overlooked on the threshold of a New Year. It is a fine thing to have in our midst such gentlemen, and to know that they have not failed to carry out the injunction of a truly sainted townsman.</





DONATIONS.—Mr R. Steven, Librarian, begs to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of £2 from John Bain, Esq., Chicago, towards the endowment fund of the library.

SUBSCRIPTION.—Mr Duncan Macdonald, Galston Farm, has forwarded on the sum of 3s. to be given to "any fund" considered worthy. We have accordingly forwarded his subscription to the Treasurer for the fund for tea at the Quay.

FOR THE TROOPS.—At the request of the United Free Church, Rev. George Macleod, Garraboth, has undertaken to conduct services at Military Depots throughout the Kingdom for a period of three months. Mr Macleod left on Wednesday morning to take up his duties.

LADIES' WAR SEWING MEETING.—The young ladies of the town are invited to attend a meeting to be held in the War Sewing Room, Town Hall, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, 10th January, to discuss the formation of a Young Ladies' Knitting Club in connection with the above.

HEALING THE WOUNDED.—Provost Macleod desires to acknowledge receipt of one bag sphagnum moss, received from Mrs Maciver, The Cottage, Bayvas. The moss has been forwarded to the Sphagnum Moss Store, Aberdeen. Further contributions in this way are urgently needed. Remember our wounded soldiers and sailors and help to heal their wounds. You can do it in this way.

PRESENTATION TO MISS MAIR.—On Wednesday evening Miss Elsie Mair was waited upon by the members of the Stornoway Parish Church and the teachers in the Sunday School at the Church Hall and made the recipient of a beautiful gold pendant set with amethyst and pearls on the occasion of her leaving for Sydney, N.S.W. The presentation was made by Rev. Mr Gillan, who is at present continuing the E.C. congregation, regret that Miss Mair was leaving, but the whole community would feel her departure. Miss Mair had taken a prominent part in church work, and had discharged her functions in that connection with the same zeal and ability as she displayed in her profession. He knew he spoke for the whole congregation and many outside it when he wished Miss Mair every prosperity and success in her new sphere. What was Stornoway's loss would undoubtedly be Sydney's gain. Mr John Maciver, chairman, thanked her on behalf of Miss Mair, thanking them for their gift. He also expressed his own personal regret at parting with Miss Mair.

STORNOWAY WAR SEWING MEETING.

LETTERS OF GRATITUDE.—Miss Morrison, Cromwell Street, has received the following letters acknowledging comforts:—

From Miss Macleod (Portvoller)—"H.M. Hospital ship, 'St Andrews.'—We are just about to sail, but I must send a few lines to thank you most cordially for the box of comforts which I received from your Sewing Meeting a few days ago. These comforts, etc., are most useful and greatly appreciated in this cold weather, when our men need all the warmth and comfort we can give them. I hope you will be able to carry on your good and extremely useful work while it is needed. I wish you every success. What you would do without the help of our good people at home to back us up? We value it more than we can ever tell you."

From the Officer Commanding 4th Batt. Seaforth Highlanders, B.E.F.—"On behalf of the Battalion I beg to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, the receipt of the following articles from the Ladies' Sewing Meeting:—Shirts, socks, mufflers, canvas jackets, mittens, helmets, hosiery, cigarettes, and soap. The above, with various other similar gifts, have been issued to the men of the Battalion, and are greatly appreciated by all. Again thanking you and your Committee for their thoughtful and valued presents, and wishing all the compliments of the season."

Stornoway boy in the 7th Seaforth writes:—"I take this opportunity of writing you this note, thanking you for the parcel, which I received on 1st December, in the trenches. I put the cardigan jacket and muffler on, and I felt quite warm and comfortable. Dear friends, I sit in my little dug-out writing you this letter after doing my 'sentry go.' We have got very wet weather just now. I am longing to have a trip to dear old Stornoway once again, but we see the Stornoway girls remember the Stornoway boys in the trenches. I wish you all and God bless you till we meet again. You can excuse my writing, as I have not got much light. You can picture me in my mind writing this note by candle light in my dug-out, where the shells are bursting galore. I must close now. I sit in my little dug-out in the trenches. I wish all a merry Xmas and happy New Year."

BENEFICENT NEUTRALITY.

AMERICA'S GIFT TO INVERNESS.

PROVOST MACDONALD RECEIVES HANDSOME CHEQUE.

It is an interesting and significant fact, that in New Jersey, United States, a society should have been organised for the purpose of collecting funds to relieve the distress of the women and children of the British Isles, caused by the war in Europe. The British Isles Relief Society of Trenton, N.J., has sent to Provost Macdonald, Inverness, a cheque for £20 "to be used in buying tobacco, cigarettes, and other small comforts for the sick and wounded in hospitals, in your city, and we trust this gift will help to cheer the brave men who are fighting for their homes and country, and the peace and safety of the civilised world."

THE PARENTS AND GAELIC.

THE NEED FOR HOME READING.

The usual Celdih of An Comunn Abrach was held in the Masonic Hall, Fort-William, on Friday, 22nd inst.—Mr Macintyre presiding. The lecturer for the occasion was Mr John N. Macleod, Stratherrick, who took as his subject "The Parents and Gaelic." In a lengthy address he referred to the many ways in which Gaelic-speaking parents could foster interest in the native language. He laid stress on Gaelic teaching in the home, Gaelic services in the Highland churches, Gaelic Sunday Schools, and close attention to the reading of Gaelic Scriptures and Shorter Catechism among the young. A varied musical program followed.

WEST PARISH CHURCH VACANCY.

SHORT LEET SELECTED.

At a meeting of the West Parish Church Vacancy Committee, held on Wednesday last, the following list was drawn up from the list of names presented for consideration:—Rev. A. Maclean, Grosvenor Square Church, Manchester. Rev. Neil Maclellan, Kirkhill. Rev. Mr Thomson, Kirkhill Church, Paisley. It was agreed to call a congregational meeting for Tuesday, 9th January, when the list will be submitted, and it is expected, the final decision of the congregation will be made.

KIRKPATRICK.—New Year's Day services were held in the U.F. Church on New Year's Day. There was a large attendance, and the Rev. Mr Macdonald conducted the service. The church-door collection amounted to £5 10s 6d.

UNDER SECRETARY FOR WAR.

VISITS DINGWALL.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION.

What was certainly one of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held of the Executive Committee of the Liberal Association in Cromarty took place in the Temperance Hall, Dingwall, on Tuesday last, the occasion of the visit of Mr Ian J. Macpherson, M.P., Under Secretary of State for War, to his constituents, being utilised to honour him on the occasion of his advancement in political life.

The chair was occupied by Mr Jonathan Middleton, Davidson, who said it was a pleasure to him to see Mr Macpherson, who had done such useful work for his country. He was sure that Mr Macpherson had the good wishes of all of them, and the great work he had already accomplished was sufficient to warrant their having complete confidence in him.

Mr Alex. Ross, solicitor, the Secretary of the Liberal Association, read a paper for absence from Mr J. M. Small, solicitor, Cromarty, Mr R. Macdonald, Carloway; Mr D. Fraser, Cullicudden; Mr John Ross, Strath, Gairloch; Mr Alex. Macrae, Ardelve; Mr Allan, Dingwall; Mr P. Macrae, Dundonald; Mr Robert Muir, wired regret at his inability to be present, as did also Count de Serra Largo, who said he would "put his money on Haig—not on the Hague."

The following resolution, ably put by Mr Jonathan Middleton, Davidson, and seconded by Mr J. M. Small, solicitor, Cromarty, was unanimously agreed to:—

"That this meeting desires to express its deep regret at the loss sustained by the Association since its last meeting by the death of Mr Wm. Ross, Pitmaduthy, who for many years, was an enthusiastic and valuable supporter of Liberalism and Land Reform in the Highlands."

A resolution in support of Mr Asquith, moved by Rev. Mr Kerr, Avoch, and seconded by Mr Rose, Abichterned, was in the following terms:—

"That this meeting desires to record its sincere thanks to Mr Asquith for his long and magnificent services to the nation and to the cause of Liberalism in the country, and its determination to give hearty support to the King's Government in the effective prosecution of the war."

Ex-Provost Anderson, Stornoway, moved a resolution congratulating Mr Macpherson on the great honour conferred on him, which, he said, gave some idea of the great work he had done during the past 3 years, and the confidence placed in him. In connection with the war, he had shown very great ability, and it reflected great credit on them and their young member that he should have entrusted to him the task of moving the Address in the House of Commons (cheers). Sometimes complaint was made that they heard little about Mr Macpherson. He was not eternally worried by the Government with questions. He (the speaker) was an old stager, and knew what it was to get behind at the Treasury. The speaker put questions was not the most useful Member of Parliament. He could be of greater benefit to his constituents by giving direct to the permanent officials and educating them. It was to his credit that Mr Macpherson had exercised great discretion in the matter of putting questions to Ministers (cheers). As the representative of his constituents, Mr Macpherson should be interested in all. Many poor people, to the speaker's own knowledge, had written to Mr Macpherson when they were in trouble. They never wrote him in vain—(cheers).

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NOTES FROM GLASGOW.

The fact of Hogmanay falling on Sunday was doubtless mainly responsible for the quiet, unadorned welcome with which Glasgow signalled the advent of the New Year. Ordinarily, a huge concourse of people of both sexes gathers in the vicinity of the Cross at midnight approaches, and as the Tron clock strikes the hour friend greets friend with the vocal salutation which found usage by many generations of our ancestors has hallowed for the Scottish race. On this occasion, however, as was met considering all the circumstances, the gathering was of smaller dimensions than usual, and so it has to be chronicled that the "bringing in" of the New Year at the Cross on Sunday night last was but a travesty of the celebration that takes place in normal times. There were no chimes from the church bells, and not even a clock struck at the fateful hour. Consequently it was some minutes past midnight before it was generally recognised that the New Year had begun, and after exchanging greetings the crowds dispersed, apparently with some sense of disappointment. In these days the ringing of church bells is as much an offence as the wearing of bright lights, and the majority of those present were either unaware of or had forgotten the restriction. On the other hand, there was rejoicing among officials responsible for orderliness in the streets. Deputy Chief Constable Orr declared that it was the "quietest" New Year gathering at the Cross he had experienced, and he has been attending them without a break for 29 years.

Sunday was the day appointed for observance throughout the Empire as a day of humble prayer, intercession, and thanksgiving, and as such it was held in many of the Glasgow churches. The service in the Cathedral was attended by representatives of various public bodies, including the Corporation, the Deputy Lieutenants, the Lord Merchants of the City, the School Boards, and Parish Councils, and also by representatives of the military forces and of military hospitals. The Rev. James MacGibbon preached the sermon, and the lesson was read by Lord Erskine, Bishop of the Town Clerk. The offering was on behalf of the Princess Louise Scottish Hospital for Limbless Sailors and Soldiers.

Various aspects of the war as it touches the national side were the subject of discourses in many of the city churches, and opportunities were taken in some of the churches to exhibit the roll of honour of those connected with the congregation.

On New Year's Day all the public buildings were, of course, closed, as were also all public-houses and licensed grocers' premises. In other years a big contingent of visitors from the country used to come to the city for the purpose of purchasing pantomime and visit friends. This traffic, however, according to the reports of the railway officials, was considerably reduced last Monday, the 50 per cent. increase in the fares having acted as a reticent travelling. A notable feature was the large number of soldiers home on leave. Colonials were everywhere observable. Indeed, the Y.M.C.A. officials who specialise in the work of catering for the comfort of the troops arriving in Glasgow report that they have broken all records in their premises at Mitchell Street, and those recently opened at the Lyric Buildings, where the accommodation was taxed to the very utmost, as evidence of the necessity that existed for the national use of the Y.M.C.A. quarters in the city, and it may be mentioned that on Tuesday night 333 soldiers and sailors slept in the home and rest in Mitchell Street and the Lyric Buildings, part of which were taken over as an additional rest. On Monday night the total was 282, making an aggregate of 615 sleepers for the two nights.

Work was resumed in some cases on Tuesday, but in most of the workshops and yards it still stands until Wednesday, and in some cases even Thursday. There is now a clear run to the Spring Holiday, during which time Glasgow will devote itself with undiminished ardour to the manufacture of presents of the shape of shells, etc., for our friend the Hun.

It is gratifying to hear that the Glasgow Inverness-shire Association, as a result of the "At Home" they gave in the Masonic Halls, have remitted to Lady Hermione Cameron of Lochiel, the sum of £34 15s 8d (American Comforts Fund). The "At Home" yielded £19 10s 3d. The donations amounted to £15 5s 3d. This satisfactory result indicates the warmth of the interest taken by Inverness-shire folks in their famous county regiment.

Celdih nan Gaidheal are to resume their weekly meetings in the Masonic Halls, West Regent Street, on Wednesday evening, 11th inst. There will, however, be no meeting this week of the High School Gaelic Celdih, their first meeting this year being fixed for 13th inst., when the Rev. Douglas Clark, B.D. of Bonhill, who speaks in the Highlands by his uncompromising advocacy of land reform, and because of his undoubted gifts and his record of good work in a good cause the Celdih gave him a great reception.

On the afternoon of New Year's Day An Comunn Gaidhealach Ward Committee entertained the wounded soldiers from the Highland Ward Woodside Hospital in the Grand Hotel. The soldiers were accompanied by Sister Campbell and Nurse Matheson. The large company—over two hundred—being present, that awaited the soldiers including Count de Serra Largo, and a few others, he kept the heather burning in the Highlands by his uncompromising advocacy of land reform, and because of his undoubted gifts and his record of good work in a good cause the Celdih gave him a great reception.

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LOOKING BACKWARDS.

A DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS.

Following our usual custom, we give a list of the principal local events during the year now drawing to a close.

JANUARY.

Special services of intercession were held in the churches.
Corpl. Pollock, V.C., was met in the Provost's room by a few Masonic friends and presented with a gold watch.
Lively scene at School Board meeting in connection with filling up vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr F. W. Fraser.
Trades' Council protest against the closing of Ness Islands.
Boths "boys"—all natives of Inverness—arrive on short furlough.
Retirement of Mr Corner, of the Savings' Bank, after forty-three years' service.
A symposium is given with regard to the Military Service Bill.
Good progress is reported by the Inverness-shire Derby Recruiting Committee.
Reference is made at the meeting of U.F. Prosebytery to sinking of the Persia by German submarine.
Dr Lillian Cook, daughter of ex-Bailie Cook, was among the saved.
Death of Mr Kenneth Maclellan, post-master of Croy.
Colonel J. Forsyth appointed member of Burgh School Board.
Glowing reports are published concerning the working of the Citizens' Committee.
Death of Miss Isabella Munro, sister of the late Mr Alex. Munro, the famous sculptor.
Trades' Council pass a resolution protesting against Conscription.
A list is published giving the names of Highland Territorials recognised for distinguished conduct.
Sudden death of East U.F. Church of Mrs Mackel, mother of our well-known singer, Miss Margaret Macleod.
Dr Sarolea, Belgian Consul, speaks in Music Hall on Balkan muddle.
Provost Birnie makes a final appeal in order to obviate the actual operation of "Conscription."
Distress in the Highlands are subjects of letters to the Editor.
Landslide at Fort-Augustus. Invergarry Railway Line blocked.
Second annual report of La Scala Picture Palace is printed.
Death of Pipe-Major Mackenzie, the official piper of Inverness Gaelic Society.
"Burns' Night" held in Workmen's Club. Speeches by the Provost and Mr J. C. Moorison.

FEBRUARY.

Retirement from active service of Mr T. S. Macoswen, South African Railway Board, a well-known Invernessian.
Choir of St Andrew's Cathedral do honour to Mr Tom Taylor, their organist.
Solicitor-General addresses annual meeting of Inverness-shire Liberal Association.
Food production is discussed by Inverness-shire and Ross-shire agriculturists.
The report of the Cottage Home in Charles Street is published.
Duncan Maclellan, 27 Tomnahurich Street, drowned in the Ness.
Details of the new Lighting Order are given.
The Town Council discuss to what beneficial purposes refuse can be turned.
Soldiers and sailors entertained by Mrs H. H. Kennedy, Dunain Park.
Death of ex-Bailie Snowie.
Farmers' Society discuss the employment of discharged soldiers on the land.
A sum of £1000 is collected by Cameron's Comforts Fund.
Magistrates refuse to alter present scale of cab fares.
Annual social meeting of East U.F. Church.
The Institute for the Blind hold their annual meeting.
First meeting of Burgh Tribunal under Military Service Act.
The death is announced of Mr Robert Campbell, tinsmith.

MARCH.

Meeting of H.R. shareholders. Resignation of Mr Whitelaw. Mr W. H. Cox appointed chairman.
Rev. Andrew Cumming, assistant, East U.F. Church, called to Dundee.
Progress with the help industry is reported at the Finance Committee of the County Council.
Annual meeting of the "Trade." Mr E. C. Jack, the president, criticises emergency legislation.
Mr Greenhowe, of the Aberdeen College of Agriculture, lectures in the Academy on the importance of food production.
Advent of the conscientious objector at Local Tribunal. Lively proceedings.
Chief Constable's annual report is published.
Conference of Northern Inspectors of Door held in the Imperial Hotel.
Flora's Court prices quoted.
Parents are fined in the Sheriff Court for the irregular attendance of their children at school.
The provision of food in licensed houses is discussed at special meeting of the Magistrates.
The death takes place at Aberfeldy of Mr Duncan Campbell, a well-known Highland journalist.
Women's work on the land is discussed by Agricultural College Committee.
Junior Liberal Association pass resolution advocating tax on land values.
Grateful acknowledgment is made from the Front of the comforts sent by the Cameron's Committee.
An exhibition of art and needlework takes place in the Lively Academy.
East U.F. Church congregation honour Rev. Mr Cumming on the occasion of his leaving for Dundee.

APRIL.

Dr Gordon Lang explains scheme of child welfare to Aird District Committee.
Accommodation secured in Castle Street for a Baby Home.
Married men make their first appearance before the Tribunal.
The death is announced of Mr Simon Gerber, the local Jewish Rabbi.
Annual meeting of local branch of Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses.
Town Council, among other things, discuss the Kappeln pearl garden allotments, and the price of coal.
First sitting of Appeal Tribunal in Sheriff Court-House.
Death of Mr Rod. Noble, auctioneer.
Great success of allotment scheme. Fifty-nine plots taken.
The Licensing Court refuse three applications.
Several arrests were made by the police of military absentees.
Steps are taken to organise women workers for the land.
Lady Jellicoe addresses a crowded meeting of the Tipperary Club.
Co-operative Society adopt new insurance scheme.
Rev. E. E. Williamson, assistant, West Parish Church, receives a call to South Yell, Barra, and is honoured by congregation.
Annual business meeting of Crown U.F. Church.
School Board receive a deputation from employers proposing the death of apprentices.

MAY.

Town Council formally approved of an annual grant of £180 towards the deficiency of the Baby Home in Castle Street.
Shakespearean tercentenary celebrated in the Burgh Schools.
Twelve conscientious objectors are granted permission to appeal to the Central Tribunal.
County Council agree to relieve the surveyor of the First District for military service. Mr Alex. Grant appointed interim.
Parish Council criticise inactivity of Prince of Wales' Fund.
The Volunteer Training Corps discuss an invitation from the War Office as to doing home duty.
The Chief Constable reports to the Control Board that the Board's policy, so far

as Inverness is concerned, has been most successful.
The "Trade," at a specially-convened meeting, resolve to appeal to Northern M.P.'s to remove the restrictions of the Control Board in the north-western area of Inverness-shire.
Free Presbyterian Synod at Inverness.
Farmers' Society complain of scarcity of labour consequent upon recruiting.
The Town Council increase the price of coke by 6s 8d per ton, and gas by 5d per 1000 cubic feet.
Advent of summer time.
Beauly hotelkeeper convicted of "treating."
The report by the Highlands and Islands Medical Service Board.
Several interesting cases engage the attention of Lord Kennedy at a sitting of the Land Court.
Town Council are sued in the Sheriff Court by John Noble, farmer, Bunauchon Mains, for damages in respect of lost sheep, etc., at Loch Ashie.

JUNE.

Both the School Board and the U.F. Church Prosebytery receive a deputation from the B.W.T.A. on the necessity of prohibition of the drink traffic.
An inquiry is held into the death of Donald Mackenzie, who was injured at the Thornbush Slipway.
Rev. E. E. Williamson inducted to the parish of South Yell.
First sitting of Munitions Tribunal held in the Police Court.
The tragic death of Lord Kitchener calls forth eloquent eulogistic tributes.
It is reported at meeting of School Board that no increase in the rate is necessary.
Children's Mod at Stratherrick.
Victims of the great Jutland battle arrive in Inverness, and are visited at the Infirmary by Lady Jellicoe.
Gas workers got an increase in pay.
Vigorous controversy proceeds on "The Disease of Landlordism."
Free gift sale in Theatre Royal in aid of Inverness boys at the Front.
Open-air fete in Academy Grounds to assist Cameron's Comforts Fund.
William Fraser, an Inverness man, dies in Infirmary from wounds received in motor smash at Gollanfield Railway Crossing.
General Sir H. F. Grant, O.B., K.C.B., G.C.V.O., retires as military representative of the Aird Tribunal.
Lieut-Colonel G. H. Duncan, R.H.A., appointed successor.
Schools closed for midsummer vacation.
Death of Mr Adam Cooper, well-known local photographer, and the henchman of Theodore Napier in his annual pilgrimage to Colinton.
Councillor Macallan's wedding announced.
Mrs H. H. Kennedy repeats her entertainment, 'mid the sylvan surroundings of Dunain Park, to wounded heroes.
Movement on foot to increase Kessock Ferry fares.
Lively discussion at Free Church Presbytery re vacant clerkship.
Committees in connection with administration of Naval and Military War Pensions Act get to work.

JULY.

Kenneth Stewart, of Inverness charged at Glasgow for distributing seditious literature.
"San Moses," a well-known local character, dies in the workhouse.
Town Council receive a deputation from B.W.T.A. re prohibition.
A long list is given of local lads who have paid the great sacrifice on the field of battle.
Wool Fair held in Station Square. Notwithstanding the commandeering of the wool clip by the Government, surprisingly big prices obtained.
Great meeting of sheep farmers and others held on same day, when resolution passed asking Government to fix the price for the current clip on the basis of the 1916 one.
Lochiel presided at concert in Drill Hall in aid of Cameron's Comforts Fund.
The glorious deeds of the Camerons at Loos were eloquently set forth by the Chief of the Cameron's Band.
Lively meeting of Finance and Law Committee with regard to the budget.
Pupils attending the Ladies' College at Heatherlie hold their annual sports.
Inverness and portions of the West and North created a special military area under the Defence of the Realm Regulations.
Lieut-Colonel Donald Walter Cameron of Lochiel appointed Deputy Commandant.
Office for receiving permits opened at 24 Hamilton Street.
Railway Station closed to all but travellers and privileged persons. Barriers erected at various points leading to the Burgh.
Lochiel gives "Highland News" a special interview in which the new regulations are explained.
Mr Rod. Maclean, stationer, Drummond Street, killed in motor accident at Kinlochleven.
Parish Council by a majority agree to the abolition of present rating system.
New regulations in connection with special Military Area come into operation.
Local War Savings Committee appointed.

AUGUST.

Mr John A. Mackay, B.D., ordained as missionary in the Free North Church.
On occasion of anniversary of the declaration of war, impressive services held in all the churches.
The death is announced of Mr Kesting, former piano master of the Academy.
Patriotic Fete held at Alnassan.
School Board temporarily appoint a lady as janitor of Merkinch School.
Dispersion of Cradlehall Holstein stock.
Local opinions are published regarding the control of the liquor traffic.
A description is given of the Baby Home in Castle Street.
Frederick Jacobs, a chauffeur, brought to Inverness and charged with culpable homicide in connection with a motor fatality between Newtonmore and Laggan.
Death of Mrs H. A. Braine, wife of the Rector of the High School.
Professor Paterson, Edinburgh, addresses meeting in Town Hall on economy in wartime.
John Curwen centenary celebrations.
Substantial progress is reported at the quarterly meeting of the "Co-op." Society.
Prosecutions in the Sheriff Court in connection with contravention of the Military Order.
Death of Mr Hugh Kelly, hatter.
Dairy farmers increase the price of milk.
Heavy list of local casualties appears.

SEPTEMBER.

School Board discusses clobbering for boys.
College shareholders decide to close institution. Resignation of Mr Upward, headmaster.
Inverness celebrates "France's Day."
Burgh Police demand a war bonus.
Several prosecutions for contravening the Lighting Order.
Fred Jacobs, chauffeur, tried for culpable homicide, and sentenced to 42 days.
Inverness Bowling Club entertain wounded soldiers.
Exhibition in connection with Child Welfare Scheme opened in Town Hall.
Visit of Liquor Control Board, who receive deputations from various organisations.
John Budge, Thurso, before the High Court on a charge of reckless shooting. Sentenced to six months.

OCTOBER.

Proposals for settling the controversy between the Town Council and the High Church are submitted and approved.
Highland Railway employ girls as cleaners.
Special Committee issue their application to increase Kessock Ferry rates, which they do by one half-penny during the period of the war.
Resignation of Provost Birnie.
Local opinions are given regarding the right of soldiers to vote in elections.
Bailie Macoswen enters the contest for the Provostship.
Annual Meeting of Hamilton and Co., Limited.
Mackinnon of Mackinnon, Dalross Castle, convicted and ordered to pay £1 for con-

travening the Order respecting entry to the Railway Station.
A final settlement adjusted between the Admiralty and the Town respecting the admission of cases from the Fleet into the new Infectious Diseases Hospital.
NOVEMBER.
Rev. R. M. Bright, locum tenens, High Church called to Heatherlie Parish, Selkirk.
The new scheme for sending parcels to prisoners of war is explained by Colonel Davidson at a meeting in the Town Hall.
Ex-Bailie Macdonald unanimously elected Provost.
At a meeting of the Parish Council a sharp attack is made on the profiteers.
Further increase in wages is granted to all grades of Corporation gasworkers.
DECEMBER.
David Donald Macdonald, Aberdeen, fined £2 for unlawfully entering the Railway Station.
Special meeting of War Pensions Committee to consider widow's complaint as to stoppage of allowance.
Parting gifts to Rev. Mr and Mrs Bright.
Great Xmas Fair opened by Mackintosh of Mackintosh and Lochiel.
Parish Council resolve to petition in favour of Prohibition.
Teachers refuse to publicly discuss bonus question before School Board.
County Education Committee generally approve of schools for the Highlands.
Protracted sitting of Munitions Tribunal, Slipway men fined.
Settlement of claim by Harbour Trust against Admiralty.
The week's obituary include Mrs Macdonald, Athole Villa, Midmill Road, and mother of Mr Chas. A. Macdonald, solicitor, and Mr John Dallas, one of the principal assistants of Messrs Innes and Mackay, solicitors.
Reports show that the great Xmas Fair including other efforts, realise over £4000.
Elevation of Sir John A. Dewar to the Peerage.
Vacancy in Inverness-shire.
Burgh Liberal eclogist services of Mr Asquith in the Premiership.
Xmas Day celebrations.
Great Prohibition meeting held in Central Hall Picture House.
Town Council resolve to approach Board of Agriculture respecting the development of allotments.
Magistrates decline to entertain a suggestion of Chief Constable as to stopping the ringing, at 10 p.m., of the High Church bell.

THE FISCAL AND "ANNIE LAURIE."

AMUSING CASE.

A case in which it was stated that the complainant persisted in singing "Annie Laurie" afforded a deal of amusement in Inverness Sheriff Court on Friday, when John Stewart, a foreman carter pleaded not guilty to having on the 8th December assaulted James Macgregor, a pedlar. It was stated that the accused dashed the complainant's head to the ground. Mr J. Sinclair Fraser, solicitor, defended.

ALLEGATION OF ROBBERY.
Replying to the Fiscal, Macgregor said that he knew the accused by sight only. He met the accused on 8th inst., just as he (witness) was coming off the train. He saw the accused outside his house at Kincaig, which was near the loading bank at the railway station.

The Fiscal—Did you and accused get into a heated argument?
Mr Fraser objected to the manner in which the Fiscal framed his question.
Sheriff Grant—Were there words passed between you and the accused?
Witness—Yes. I accused him of robbing me.

The Fiscal—You mean that stuff was taken from your pocket?
Witness—Yes.
Did you take off your jacket?—No.
Are you sure, now?—Yes; certain sure.
Did you have a fight with the accused?—How could I have a fight with him when he got me and put me down and hammered my head to the ground?—(laughter).

What grounds had you for accusing him?—Because his was the only house that I was in.
Did you miss much?—Yes; over £3 worth.
Is it a fact that after the hammering you became unconscious?—Yes; and was silly for a week after—(laughter).

Did you strike back at all?—I never got the chance—(laughter).
Not Drunk.
By Mr Fraser—You were in Kingussie that day?—Yes.
Mr Fraser—And you got drunk?—No—(laughter).

You were locked up at Kingussie?—No.
You were travelling with some soldiers on the train?—Yes.
You got drunk from them?—I spoke to them.
Were you pretty drunk, I suggest?—No.
But you had a drop?—Oh! yes; I had a drop, for otherwise the accused would not have taken advantage of me—(laughter).

Further examined, witness denied that at the locus of the alleged assault he created a disturbance.
Mr Fraser—Were you in Stewart's house when he arrived?—Yes. I was showing some goods to his wife. Stewart pulled me outside.
Is it not the case that he ordered you out of the house?—They had my basket inside.

By the Fiscal—Witness was well known in the district where he was popular.
THE ASSAULT.
Jas. Macbean, carter, deposed that he saw both men take off their jackets. The accused knocked Macgregor to the ground and began thumping his head and shoulders.
The Fiscal—Did you see Macgregor do anything to Stewart?—No.
By Mr Fraser—Macgregor took off his coat first.

Jas. Bonside, carter, corroborated. He told the police that Stewart was not much of a man to lift his hand to Macgregor, who was older and weaker.
Mr Fraser—Did you see Stewart take his jacket off?
Witness—I did not.
Mr Fraser—Is not Macgregor rather fond of a dram?—He can take a little like the rest of us—(laughter).

The Fiscal—That doesn't make him a bad sort of a chap—(laughter).
Mr Fraser—It improves him if he does not do it to excess.
Stewart, in his evidence, said that his attention was drawn to Macgregor by his wife calling him (witness). Macgregor was making a disturbance at the door of the house. Macgregor was very drunk. He tried to put Macgregor away quietly. He fell and was unable to get up again—(laughter). It was untrue to say that he banged Macgregor's head. He might have given him a push. As to the evidence that he had taken off his jacket he explained that he had his jacket off from morning till night. This took place while he was selecting pit props, and when his wife called him he went across without his jacket. It was a made-up complaint.

Mr Fraser—What about the allegation as to the neck?
The Fiscal—That case is under inquiry.
ENTER "ANNIE LAURIE."
For the defence, William Mackintosh, carter, stated that two hours after the alleged assault, Macgregor was drunk. He was singing "Annie Laurie"—(laughter).
Mr Fraser—Oh! Do you think he made a finished job of it?—(laughter).

Witness—It was too slow for me—(laughter)—so I asked him to pick it up a bit.
So that he was in quite good humour?
Witness—He was in good form—(laughter).
Donald Jack, carter, also spoke as to the elated condition of Macgregor.
Mr Fraser—What was he singing?
Witness—"Annie Laurie"—(laughter).
Mr Fraser—He's a musician, is he?—(laughter). Was it a good rendering?
Witness—No—(laughter).
Mr Fraser—Was he going too fast or too slow?—(laughter).
The Fiscal—Oh! What does it matter whether he was singing "Annie Laurie" or



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LEWIS IN 1916.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

In common with all the rest of the world, the one absorbing topic of interest still continues to be the war.

JANUARY.

The Y.M.C.A. members entertained sailors to a sumptuous Xmas treat—Rear-Admiral Tupper presiding.

The "Ligawette Girls" were much cheered by the gift of 46 11s 6d from Chelsea, Mass.

An interesting paper by R.M.S., on "Stornoway Reminiscences of Hogmanay," appeared in the "H.N."

Stornoway V.C. held a very successful shooting competition.

The Brethren of Lodge Fortrose celebrated the festival of St John, and the Odd-fellows held a largely-attended meeting of members.

A districtly successful charity entertainment was held in the Town Hall, at which Rear-Admiral Tupper made an ideal chairman.

"Stornoway Reminiscences" of Schools and Schoolmasters.

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Death of Seaman Donald Macleod, a native of Garinish, a prisoner of war in Holland. The results are published in connection with the Welfare of Youth examination (Knockandoo Public School).

Mr. R. M. Fraser, Sandwick Schoolhouse, won Admiral Tupper's Club (Golf).

Pupils of Baybui Public School contribute for provision of comforts to fighting tars.

Lewis District Committee resolve to have a conference with the Highlands and Islands Medical Service Board with regard to the improvement of nursing facilities.

A list is given of brave sons of Lewis who died nobly in the Julian battle.

Reference is made to this society by Provost Mackenzie at a meeting of the Town Council.

The death in action is announced of First Lieut. Macdonald Smith, 12th Battalion Cameronians (S.R.), an old Nicolsonian.

Captain Alfred L. Robertson, R.A.M.C., son of Mr Ossian Robertson, National Bank House, Stornoway, mentioned in dispatches.

Finlay, Acting Battery S.M., of the 1st Lovat Scouts (T.F.), son of Mr Alex. Kennedy, of the Lewis Hotel, awarded the D.C.M. He was an old Nicolsonian.

Mr Charles Record, assistant science master, Nicolson Institute, convicted by Sheriff Squair for being a military absentee. He pleaded conscientious objections to service.

At a meeting of the School Board, ex-Provost Anderson moved that Mr Record be dismissed from the Board's services. Motion agreed to.

Death of Police Constable Kenneth Maciver, Minnig, He was 45 years of age.

The Burgh Tribunal have a protracted sitting.

Death of Mrs Peter Maclean, of Crowl, Uig.

Records replies from the Guardroom, 3-4th Seaforth's, at Ripon.

Closing of Nicolson Institute for the holidays.

Sitting of the Appeal Tribunal.

A very good fishing is reported.

Died in France, Mr John Mackenzie, son of Mr Angus Mackenzie, fisher, Stornoway.

Action for alleged slander raised by Kenneth Macleod, weaver, etc., 19 Balallan, Lochs, against Wm. Macdonald, crofter and weaver, 19 Balallan, Sheriff Squair dismissed the action and found the pursuer liable to the defender in expenses.

A long list of leaving certificates in the Nicolson Institute is published.

Stornoway Gas Light Co., Ltd., raise the price of gas and coke.

A letter of appreciation of the services of Provost Mackenzie appears under the signature of E. O. Thomson, 4th Scottish General Hospital, Stobhill, Glasgow.

A native of North Shawbest, in the person of Sergt. Neil Macleod, of the Glasgow Police Force, promoted Inspector.

Meeting of Stornoway Tailors' Association, at which important business was passed.

Fifth exhibition of comforts held in Town Hall.

It is reported that Malcolm Macleod, a gunlayer, R.N.R., sunk a German submarine in the Mediterranean. He is a son of Mr Alex. Macleod, 5 Knock, and received a cheque for £50 for his good work.

A well-known Stornowegian, in the person of Mr Alex. Macdonald, dies in Glasgow.

Town Council appoint ex-Bailie Maclean to the Provostship, Councillor Macleod appointed Senior Bailie, and Councillor Smith Junior Bailie.

On the occasion of her leaving Rancho, where she has been district nurse, Miss C. Macleod, Croy, Callanish, receives tokens of esteem.

Miss Macarthur, infant mistress, Tolsta Public School, appointed to the vacancy in Sandwick Public School.

Miss Elsie Mair, of the Nicolson Institute, receives scholastic appointment in Sydney, New South Wales.

RECORDS. Record prices prevail at the lot of the Caring Stations.

Miss Hilda Taylor, of the Employment Department of the Board of Trade, concludes a successful campaign in Lewis in connection with the demand for forms for farm work on the Mainland.

Death in action of Lieut. the Rev. Norman Crichton, only son of Mr and Mrs Crichton, Keith Street.

At the close of the English service in the U.F. Church, Rev. R. Morrison pays eloquent tribute to this gallant son of Lewis.

There is published full text of the letter sent by the Lewis Branch of the E.I.S. to the Secretary for Scotland apropos a war bonus.

Meeting in connection with Red Cross work held in the Carnegie Hall.

"Fairplay" writes on the price of food in Stornoway.

Death of Mr Donald Macdonald, blacksmith, 23 Upper Rancho, widely known as the Lewis Bard.

"Battery Boys" in Yorkshire send congratulations to the new Provost.

In commemoration of the attainment of his semi-jubilee, the U.F. Church of Glasgow, Regent, is pleased to present to Rev. Mr Morrison, Uig.

The question of workmen's wages occupy the attention of the Town Council.

Deer poaching in Lewis is the subject of a candid epistle by Lewisian to the Rev. Mr Morrison, Uig.

A distinguished student of Glasgow University.

Navalmen entertained in Y.M.C.A. Institute.

IN AID OF THE RED CROSS.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.

On New-Year's night a most successful concert in aid of the Lewis Branch of the Scottish Red Cross Brigade was held in the Town Hall.

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TEACHERS' SALARIES.

LANDWARD BOARD GRANTS WAR BONUS.

A meeting of the Landward School Board was held in Inverness on Friday, when it was agreed to grant the teachers a war bonus.

There were present—Mr John Smith Fraser, clerk; ex-Provost Birnie, chairman; Messrs Wm. Macintosh, Raimond, W. Johnston, Braeton; T. Macdonald, Inverness; and Johnston, Balloch.

After discussion it was agreed to grant the application of the teaching staff for a war bonus—Headmasters to receive £10 per annum, and female teachers £7 10s.

The finding of the Board was ultimately unanimous, but during the discussion Mr T. Macdonald argued that each case should be considered on its merits. The question before them, he said, was not one of an ordinary increase of salary.

They were asked to deal with special circumstances caused by the war. Teachers with families to support, he thought, ought to have a preferential claim. It was a question of enabling their staff to meet the increased cost of living, which pressed hardest on those with dependants than on those without any. The cost would fall largely, if not wholly, on the ratepayers, many of whom were themselves as hard put to it to cope with the high price prevailing as any of the teachers. He was, however, not against a war bonus where it could be shown that the salary paid at present was inadequate.

Ex-Provost Birnie thought that if they had to go into individual cases the harmony which had always prevailed between the Board and the teaching staff would be sure to be broken. He thought they should agree to a fixed bonus without regard to individual circumstances, and this, as stated, ultimately became the unanimous decision of the Board.

TEACHERS AND A BONUS. [TO THE EDITOR.] Sir,—While our brothers are shedding their precious blood for home and freedom, the teachers of Inverness (including lefty men of military age) are following loudly for a war bonus. Supporting this application, they have made a plea about the increased cost of food, etc. It is clear that the teachers have never heard of the Government economy campaign. This is not at all surprising, because they have always been a selfish crowd.

When they talk about feeling the pinch they speak with their tongues in their cheeks. I tell them that they are Carnegies compared with the average wage-earner, who is responsible for the handsome salaries of the present staff. If they will confine themselves to the production of life and expense with luxuries they will not mope so foolishly about feeling the pinch. There are scores of equally able men who would, if they could, gladly exchange places with the teachers, and it is to be hoped that the School Board will not permit the ratepayers by acceding to their unjustifiable demand.

The Board are very generous as it is. I know of one case where a teacher has been off duty for many months and his salary is paid him in full. Other cases might be cited in proof of the generosity of the Board.

The idiotic action of the Teachers' Deputation in refusing to state their case in public shows the kind of men we are dealing with. It is about time the ratepayers walked upon the Board and demanded a stoppage to this fooling. These are not days for comic opera "in excelsis"—I am, Sir, yours etc. FATHER OF ACADEMY PUPIL.

P.S.—The School Board should call for the production of the names of all the teachers to ascertain whether they are really cognisant of the fact that the world is at war and that food tickets are more than possible.

PROHIBITION. A REPLY TO REV. MR COOPER. [TO THE EDITOR.] Sir,—Will you allow me, as one who has done his bit for the country, to offer a few comments on the prohibition meeting held in Inverness last Sunday night, and at which Mr Alex. Cooper, of the High Church, was the principal speaker?

I may say that I served for one year in France and unlike platform critics I know what I am talking about. It will surprise Mr Cooper and his friends that although France has prohibited the sale of alcoholic liquors, it has not prohibited the sale of various intoxicants that can be had at any farm-house in that country. I have always been a temperate man, but when it is a question of life and death I have never hesitated to take to the rum provided by the Army Authorities. Perhaps it will interest and shock temperance advocates to know that I met a man in France who used to industriously circulate pledge cards to all and sundry, and who took his rum with right good relish! I don't say he was a rotter for doing so, but this little incident proves that traditional hatred to strong drink can be broken down when you are up to your waist in mud or feeling as if you had died of your wounds! And so many of us—yes, thousands of brave British lads have thanked God for a stimulant. Mr Cooper has never been in the trenches, so he does not understand. If he had he would not talk at large of a legitimate trade and yap like an oracle without a label! Any man who has passed through the inferno of war cannot and ought not to be falsely adjudged because he may while on furlough, have a glass or two perhaps three.

I would like to confess that I have done so. And here I ask—what has the clergy of Inverness done in this war? What is the extent of their sacrifice? Have they given one half or even a particle of their large salaries to assist the Government in the prosecution of the war? Let them answer. It is all very well for our clerics to sit at home and talk of prohibition. Will they take immediate steps to rid their respective congregations of this alleged baneful influence, or are they to continue accepting the patronage and support of the people whom they desire to crush? Let the clergy be consistent—the well-fed, well-housed, and well-clothed "clergy" is ever in their mouths, but only say what sacrifices have they made since the war began? Here are some questions for Mr Cooper.

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PRETTY WEDDING. MACDONALD-BEATON.

Quite a pretty wedding was solemnised in the Queensgate Hotel on the 29th ult. the contracting parties being Mr William Macdonald, fourth son of Mr and Mrs Macdonald, 12 Friars Street, Inverness, and Miss Helen Beaton, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Beaton, Nairnside, Daviot. The Rev. Alex. Stewart, Daviot, officiated. The bride wore a blue travelling costume which suited her to perfection. The popularity of the bride and bridegroom was evidenced in a very tangible way by the numerous and valuable presents sent by a wide circle of friends.

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