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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS. MACKENZIE—At 21 High Street, Invergordon, on the 17th inst., the wife of M.A. Mackenzie, butcher (of Messrs Mackenzie Bros., Outram Street), of a daughter. ROSS—At 7 Juncus Street, Invergordon, on the 17th inst., the wife of John R. Ross, Royal Flying Corps, of a son. MORRISON—At 31 St. Kilda Road, Rosebery, on the 16th inst., the wife of Sgt.-Instructor of Mackenzie D. Morrison, late Canadian (nee Kitty Douglas), of a daughter. Both well.

MARRIAGES. FORTH—MACDONALD.—At the Ballinore Hotel, Forth, Ross-shire, on the 9th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Mackay, Kingussie, Elphinstone, only son of Ebenezer Forth, Edinburgh, and grandson of Mr. George Mackenzie, late sheep manager, Cadboll, Forth, to Dinah, eldest daughter of Andrew Macdonald, merchant, Ballinore, Forth, and granddaughter of the late Mr. Norman Morrison, shoemaker, Stornoway. WILSON—ROSS.—At the Argy Hotel, Argy, on the 20th June, by the Rev. Hugh Macdonald, Archdeacon, only son of Ebenezer Wilson, Glasgow, Constabulary, to Margaret, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Ross, Clunzie, Drummond, Inverness.

MACLEOD—DONALD.—At Stornoway, on the 20th June, by the Rev. D. G. Brown, assisted by the Rev. Alexander Bain, United Free Church, Kingussie, Finlay Macleod, draper, Craigview, Kingussie, to Margaret Helen Donald, third daughter of the late Robert Donald, farmer, Upper Town, and Mrs. Donald, the Poplars, Stornoway.

DEATHS. MACRAE—At 14 Bayhead, Stornoway, on the 12th inst., Catherine Macdonald, wife of John Macrae, baker.

KILLED.—In Action, 20th May, 1917, Sgt. ROBERT BRUCE, LL.I., youngest son of the late JOHN BRUCE, telegraph lineman, Stornoway, and of Mrs. Bruce, 3 India Street, Park, Glasgow, sadly missed.

IN MEMORIAM. WOODLAND.—In Loving Memory of my dear Husband, Pte. W. H. Woodland, R.I.M.S., who was killed on H.M.S. "Southampton" in the distant Battle, May 31st, 1916. One year has passed since that sad day when one I loved was called away. God took him home, it was His will; Forget him? No, I never will. (Inserted by his sorrowing Wife).

IN MEMORIAM. SMITH.—In Affectionate Remembrance of Armourer-Sgt. Andrew A. Smith, second son of Mrs. Smith, Boyville Villa, Huntly, who died while on active service in Gorman East Africa, 31st Jan., 1916. A man resolute in the prosecution of his ideals.

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INVERNESS, SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1917

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ENTERTAINMENTS.

COMING BIG EVENT. MONDAY, June 25.—Secured at Exceptional Expense—Fox's Super Production of "ROMEO AND JULIET," the Most Gorgeous Spectacle ever seen in the North of Scotland.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

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CHAMPIONSHIP HOEING MATCH. A HOEING MATCH (Open to All) will be held at BALNAFFRACK FARM, MURTOON, on MONDAY, 25th inst., at 8 p.m. ENTRIES ON THE FIELD. 1st Prize for Men, Gold Medal, and for Women, Gold Locket.

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S HOSPITAL FOR FOREIGN SERVICE. (NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES). THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE urgently Appeal for further DONATIONS to carry on Work of Nursing Wounded and Sick of Allied Nations. Fully-equipped Hospital Units have already been sent out to work with French, Belgian, and Serbian Red Cross. Gifts of Material and Clothing should be sent to Dr. Elsie Inglis, 2 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh: Subscribers to Mrs. Laurie, Red House, Greenock; Cheques crossed Royal Bank of Scotland.

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FROM WEEK TO WEEK.

AFTER TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS. THE MAN—

From the land known as "Down Under" there has arrived in Inverness a Merkinian, as he likes to be called, who last saw his native heath twenty-eight years ago. Since the world went mad with the vodka of militarism, this sunny but extremely reticent man has been on War service of a particularly exciting character. What the exact nature of his employment is I am not permitted to say; suffice that he has been dodging, and dodging very successfully, "the tin tin" being the name given to the destructive enemy submarines. If you were to judge from the buoyancy of his conversation, then it is safe to assert that we have mastered Germany on sea, as we have done on land. To get from this far-availed man a narrative of his experiences in relation to the War was not possible. But a word here and a gesture there were eloquent in themselves. Likewise they seemed to furnish manna for the optimists in exiles. A man of few words, he prefers to talk of the old town and of the times that were; of landmarks which have mocked the vandalistic spirit of the age in which we live; of experiences on the great highway of the young era the High Street of Europe; of the sailor friends of his eventful life; of happy and strenuous days in a land of sunshine and liberty—aye, and of bits of songs which helped to hold his friendship thrown out by some Mysterious Hand on the surging seas. Men who go down into the depths are born diplomats, and wild horses will not draw from them the things they know; they will not commit themselves to their intimate friends, "Verboten" is their watchword. The life story of this man is the story of the old pioneers; it has the glamour of adventure, and if you don't get the taste of salt or the smell of oil-soaked waste, your imagination requires a bath.

AND HIS JOURNEY.

In the old days—why, it is only a matter of thirty or forty years ago—Inverness was a Mecca of old "salties" and "sea-birds." And they had their recognised place of meeting; in this case it was the west end of the old Black Bridge—a relic of modest workmanship, if ever there was one. I should have dearly loved to have been of an age in those days as would enable me to see and hear for myself, but my own people were among those who did the listening to tales—mighty strange and exciting they were—on the high seas. "Old salties" had touched nearly a coast; they had seen strange lands and strange peoples, had run the whole gamut of wild, reckless adventure—ay, had looked into the face of Death itself. Some there were who came back to talk of the adventures, but the fortunate ones—they did, and they found what is known in Inverness as "The Sailors' Corner." Here the younger generation of the period were wont to assemble, sitting as it were at the feet of the type of men whom Joseph Conrad has immortalised in his stories of the sea—listening to the song of adventure and the cry of the wind as it swept along—beautifully violent and splendidly triumphant. And I can say the old sailors of Clachnacunnin told of treasure islands and other allurements, and the young fellows were quickly caught up in this vortex—lifted out of a hum-drum existence, and cast into a kingdom of lovely argosies and gaily-tipped craft and the sound of many bells and the crashing of the waves against new-found islands. It was the call to sea—the breaking of family ties—the taking up of a great adventure, so they went out—many of them to Australia—with no great prospects, but with a tremendous courage and an abiding faith. Nearly thirty years ago this son of the Old Town, along with several others, got the painter and began THE GREAT DRIFT. The journey occupied eighty-four days then—ample time to evolve plans for the future, provided the gods were not unkind to you. Such then is the man and such the journey. But for the war—so he assured me—he would not be in the Northern Cape. He is knocking around but a well—na poe!

THE NINETY STRIKE.

It cannot be said that the beneficent rays of fortune smiled on our friend when he landed in Australia. Unfortunately, there was a great industrial upheaval in the shape of a Ninety Strike, which was followed by the collapse of several banks. But nothing lasts for ever in this world—not even European War! The horizon cleared beautifully, and once again things reached their normal condition. Other Invernessians came out, and I suppose it was real good to hear the familiar tongue of the "Clach" spoken in strange out beautiful surroundings. Perhaps it is too much to say that there is an official entente between Inverness and Australia. Certain it is that natives of the Old Town have made good over there, and that their abilities in the liberal arts have been fully and promptly recognised. In the early days of the War our friend was held up by the notorious Emden—no longer potting about the high seas doing the work of the nautical heathen. Latterly he has been very much in the danger zone nearer home, but a British sailor goes on the journey smiling, no matter whether it be the last long trail. As for modern Inverness, he confesses that it does not strike a very sympathetic note. Great changes—personal and material—have taken place since the Nineties. The Black Bridge has been succeeded by a distinctly city type of means of access to and from the Mecca of the "old salts" and "young salts." The Sailors' Corner is still there, and men gather about it to talk of the times that were. The railway system has shattered the dreams of those who never imagined that the world would give up old fetiches for new. But the exile from Inverness invariably returns to have a survey. And he comes back with a great deal more money than he possessed when he heard the last sob of the rattle and the receding chimney-tops and the bonnie, bonnie hills of Home. THE TAILOR.

SCOTTISH LAND COURT.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.

The June number of the Reports of the Scottish Land Court, published by Messrs Hodge and Law, publishers, Edinburgh, as a Supplement to "The Scottish Law Review," contains the report of a Lewis case. The Board of Agriculture had applied to the Land Court for the constitution of some acres of new holdings in Lewis and these had almost reached the stage of decision. For various reasons connected with the war the Board desired to sist proceedings and they applied to the Land Court accordingly. Major Mathew, the proprietor, objected and appealed to the Court of Session, who have upheld the decision of the Land Court.

COURT OF SESSION.

SALE OF INVERNESS INN. In this case, Thomas Macanadie, Plough Inn, Inverness, sued William Finlayson, 33 Baron Taylor's Street, Inverness, for implementation of the contract entered into between them by which the pursuer sold to the defender the Plough Inn, Inverness, and goodwill thereof for the sum of £2000. The defender maintained that the contract was not binding on him in respect that the letters containing the bargain were not all probative, and that the license was not transferred to him in terms of his stipulation. The pursuer explained that the contract had been homologated in respect that the license was transferred to the defender's nominee with his consent. The case was down for proof on Tuesday, but the Lord Ordinary was informed that the parties had come to a settlement. Counsel for the pursuer—Mr. Chree, K.C., and Mr. D. M. Wilson. Agent—Alex. Ross, S.S.C. Counsel for the defender—Mr. Moncrieff, K.C., and Mr. Lippe. Agents—Crawford and Crawford, S.S.C.

INVERNESS AND SUGAR TICKETS.

PROGRESS REPORTED.

5000 FAMILIES TO BE CATERED FOR. No time is being lost by the Inverness Special Food Supply Committee in organising a system for the more equitable distribution of sugar in the community. The Committee met on Tuesday evening under the convenship of Councillor George Gallon.

A proof was submitted of a suitable sugar ticket. The Convener—This ticket will enable you to get no more sugar than you are entitled to. Dean of Guild Fraser—And that we are entitled to get sugar. The Convener—You cannot demand it. The grocer will give you sugar if he has it. It was stated at this stage that the Convener had been successful in obtaining the vacant shop in High Street which was used in connection with the Derby recruiting scheme, for the purpose of issuing the tickets.

The Convener—We will require some voluntary workers, but that can be overtaken. Bailie A. M. MacEwen—When do you propose to start this? The Convener—As soon as possible when we get the Declaration Forms ready for issuing. That would be a necessary preliminary. We should like to make a start by the beginning of July.

Bailie MacEwen—We will require to get a grant from the Town Council to cover the cost of printing. The Clerk—You will have to deal with about 5000 families.

Bailie MacEwen—I think this ticket is excellent.

The Convener—Yes, I think so. Bailie MacEwen—We might to-night approve generally of this proof of the proposed sugar ticket, and ask the Town Council for a grant to cover the cost of the printing. The details could then be advertised on Saturday. We can then call a full meeting of the Committee for Friday night and draw up a Declaration Form. The multiple shops will require to be written to on the subject.

The Dean—We should bring them all into the scheme.

The Convener—That is what we hope to do. Bailie MacEwen—I think they should be approached by this Committee. Mr. Gallon, as Convener of the Committee, might write a letter to the multiple shops, and the forms should be distributed through the various grocers and thereafter sent to the office in High Street.

The Dean—The Grocers' Association might arrange for this. The Convener—Every grocer should have a few of the forms to be distributed. Other points were discussed.

It was then agreed to call a meeting on Friday evening and to discuss the matter further.

A FARM SERVANT'S DEATH.

INQUIRY AT INVERNESS.

LADY DOCTOR GIVES EVIDENCE. Miss Mary E. Maciver, M.B., house surgeon, Northern Infirmary, gave evidence in Inverness Sheriff Court on Tuesday, when Sheriff Grant and a Jury held an inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Charles Macgregor, a farm servant, in the employment of Mr. Ian Fraser, Ballachraggan, parish of Kiltarity.

Mr. David Macdonald, Depute Fiscal, conducted the inquiry.

A FATAL FALL.

The first witness was Mr. Ian Fraser, who said that the deceased was in his employment.

What was he doing on 23rd May?—He was putting out dung on the drills.

What were you doing?—I was at the same job.

About four o'clock in the afternoon did you observe his horse coming up a field alone?—It was going down the field. I saw Macgregor lying towards the cart.

Lying on the ground?—Yes.

Did you go down to where he was?—Yes.

What was his condition?—He was quite conscious.

Did you try to get him to stand?—No. I did not. He did not seem able to stand. I picked him up thinking that he would get better, and I dusted him. Eventually I conveyed him home.

You went to Beaulieu for Dr. Leach?—Yes. He was from home and could not come that day. He, however, came the next morning. I understood that Macgregor's spine was injured. On the Friday he was conveyed to the Northern Infirmary.

Was he accustomed to do this sort of work?—Yes.

Sheriff Grant—What was his age? Witness—About 46.

No ONE TO BLAME.

P.C. John Macneven, Lentrain, stated that on 24th May he went to Ballachraggan, and saw the deceased. He seemed to be suffering pain.

Did he tell you how the accident happened?—Yes. I took a note of it.

Sheriff Grant—Were these notes taken at the time? Witness—Yes, my lord.

Proceeding, witness said the deceased told him that on 24th May he was standing on the top of a cart, putting manure on the drills. When about half way along a drill the horse gave a sudden spring, causing the deceased to lose his balance, falling back, head foremost on to the ground, a distance of about ten feet. Deceased further stated that he was unable to rise and suffered great pain in the region of his back. No blame attached to any one.

Sheriff Grant—That is what the deceased said? Witness—Yes, my lord.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

Miss Mary E. Maciver, M.B. (Glasgow University), house surgeon at the Northern Infirmary, said that she had prepared a report regarding the death of Macgregor.

The Depute Fiscal read the report to the Jury.

Sheriff Grant—From what you say were the injuries consistent with his falling off the top of a cart a distance of ten feet?

FAILING TO EDUCATE.

"SCHOOL BOARD MEAN BUSINESS," SAYS SHERIFF GRANT.

Among those who appeared as respondents in Inverness Sheriff Court on Tuesday, charged with failing to provide the necessary education for their children, were the wives of soldiers at present on active service in France and elsewhere. All the respondents pleaded guilty, and while his Lordship was disposed very sympathetically, he stated that the School Board meant business in the direction of whipping in the defaulting parents.

Mr. Hugh M. Graham, clerk and legal advisor to the Board, prosecuted.

A DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATE.

In the first case it was stated that two of a family had made 39 out of 47 attendances, and 46 out of 47 respectively. This, said Mr. Graham, especially in regard to the first child, was not quite satisfactory.

Sheriff Grant—I cannot see that.

Mr. Graham—Your Lordship might continue this case till the beginning of October.

Asked why one of her sons had only made 39 attendances.

The mother said the boy had been medically attended.

Sheriff Grant, in continuing the case, said the mother ought to have procured a doctor's "line" for the satisfaction of the School Board. If the boy was kept out of school again without such evidence he would have to fine the respondent.

Case continued.

ILLNESS OF A FATHER.

A hard-working-looking citizen, whose illness was responsible for the adjournment of the case on the last occasion, appeared in the dock. He pleaded guilty.

Mr. Graham said the parents had been before the Board on several occasions. Latterly the attendance had improved.

The father stated that the boy had been in the hospital at school, and was now out of that institution he was not quite recovered.

Sheriff Grant—The production of a doctor's certificate will always save the situation.

In continuing the case till October, his Lordship indicated that unless the boy was kept regularly at school he might have to be sent to an industrial school. If at any time he was ill, it was the duty of the parents to get a medical certificate and bring it to the School Board.

Case continued till 9th October.

The irregular attendance of two girls belonging to Jessie Mackenzie was admitted.

In this case also the respondent pleaded as a mitigating circumstance that one of the girls had been ill.

Case continued till 9th October, and respondent seriously warned as to the consequences that will follow if the attendance does not improve.

Sheriff Grant—Is there any suggestion here that the children have been employed? Mr. Graham—No, my Lord.

WANTED—A GOOD HINDING.

In another case it was stated that the boy was beyond the control of his mother.

Sheriff Grant—If you cannot manage to control him, I shall have to take him away and send him to an industrial school, which is a thing I should not like to do any more than you would.

Respondent—I cannot leave the house to see that the boy goes to school.

Sheriff Grant—There are methods by which you should get your children to obey you. You should give that boy a thorough talking to.

Case continued till 9th October.

Two other respondents were dealt with.

KILLING RABBITS.

A new Order has been issued by the Scottish Board of Agriculture which authorises the occupier of any agricultural land in Scotland, either by himself or any other persons not exceeding two in number, and duly authorised by him in writing, to enter any woodland, moorland, or heath adjoining his holding at any time between 1st July and 30th April for the purpose of taking rabbits by means of trap, snare or net. The Order further provides that spring traps may only be used in rabbit holes, and that any person exercising the right so conferred will be liable for damage to fences and trees.

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Witness—Yes, my lord. This concluded the evidence.

THE SHERIFF'S COMMENTS.

Sheriff Grant, in his address to the Jury, said the case presented absolutely no difficulty. Deceased was engaged in work with which some members of the Jury were not unfamiliar. It was a surprise that this class of accident did not more frequently occur. In this particular case there was no one to blame. There was no evidence that the deceased told any other story than the one he had related to the constable.

A formal verdict was returned.

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SUTHERLANDSHIRE NEWS.

ROSEHALL—A GENEROUS ACT.—Messrs Douglas and Budge, outgoing tenants of Lavercaessley farm, bought, at their own despatch, a calf, which they immediately put up again for the benefit of the Red Cross Working Party fund.

POSTAL-BRIDGES—DEFECTIVE MAIL SERVICES.—The Parish Council, after discussion of the inconvenient mail services at present existing in the district, agreed to communicate with the Postmaster-General with a view to obtaining a delivery of mails in the outlying districts after the 2 p.m. mail train instead of as at present, after the morning train.

ARGDAY—SITTING OF LAND COURT.—The Land Court held a sitting at Ardgay on Tuesday last, when Commissioners W. Murray and E. G. Morrison, with Mr P. MacIntyre as clerk, heard several cases of re-valuation of crofts or less short duration.

POSTAL-BRIDGES—HOME, BOYS, HOME.—Several of our local boys have been paying visits of more or less short duration to the old home recently. Among others we may mention Pte. George Macleay, Seaforth, who has a brother also serving, and whose two cousins, it will be remembered, were killed in action.

ARGDAY—MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD.—The School Board which met recently at Ardgay, had before them the estimates for the year 1917-18, and it was decided to re-estimate for £282, being £50 less than last year.

ARGDAY—PARISH COUNCIL AND POSTAL FACILITIES.—At a meeting of the Parish Council the question of the existing postal facilities in the district came under consideration, when it was unanimously agreed to enter into correspondence with the Postmaster-General, more particularly as regards the morning dispatch for the South from Ardgay Post Office.

ROBERT—LAND COURT DECISIONS.—Mr Morrison acted as Commissioner at a sitting of the Land Court held last week at Robert, and had three cases for his consideration. The first case was one for re-valuation of the holding and the settlement of a dispute with a neighbour as to the keeping of gates open.

BLACK ISLE NEWS.

FAIRBURN, MEET OF OLD—CONCERT FOR WORK PARTY FUND.—Mr Roderick Macleod, Inverness, was responsible for the program of music rendered at a highly successful concert held in Marybank School last Friday, the proceeds to go to funds for providing material to supply the Burn Work Party. Mr Macleod's efforts for our men at the front, The chair was occupied by Mrs Stirling of Fairburn, who extended a welcome to the wounded soldiers from Fairburn House, and thanked the concert party from Inverness who had come to entertain them.

DINGWALL NEWS.

NEW ACADEMY RECTOR APPOINTED.—From the short list of three candidates for the position of Rector for Dingwall Academy the Board have appointed Mr Turnbull, M.A., classical master of Ayr Academy, to succeed Mr F. Macdonald, who retires at the close of the session. There were 60 applicants. Mr Turnbull has had extensive experience as an educationist, and the Academy under his guidance will doubtless sustain the high reputation enjoyed in the past.

DINGWALL TENANTS

AND RIGHTS OF GRAZING.—Mr Norman Reid held sittings of the Scottish Land Court at Dingwall on Friday and Monday. The one outstanding case related to the township of Knockfarrel, on the estate of Cromarty, in which tenants (apart from applying for fair rents), were in issue with the estate over a question as to the grazing rights of ground cleared by the tenant cutting down of Fodderly wood. The tenants held that they enjoyed the rights of grazing in a wood uninterrupted for a period of 40 years, and deemed it part of their holdings. Evidence was led at length, and Mr Reid adjourned the session for inspection. It is interesting to note that the tenants of Knockfarrel were removed from Strathconon in 1850, which was then held to be congested. The predecessor of the Countess of Cromarty, Lord Macleod, gave 18 out of 20 families holdings on the present townships, which is well-cultivated crofting area. Only two of the holders took advantage of the Crofters' Act. The remainder received a reduction equal to 25 per cent. of rent. They won the claim to the small landholders.

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BEAULY AND DISTRICT NEWS

BOWLING MATCH.—Lovat Scouts and Beaully bowlers engaged in a two-rink match on Thursday, when Beaully won by 23 shots. Following are the skips and scores:—Beaully—Mr T. G. Gillespie, 27; Mr Kenneth Mackenzie, 28—total, 55. Scouts—Quartermaster Robertson, 12; Lieut. Finlayson, 30—total, 32.

RESULT OF MIXED FOURSONS.—The golf competition arranged for the Red Cross funds, took place on Thursday, the following being the prize-winners:—1 Miss Bessie Cameron and David Maclean; 2 Miss Mary A. Maclean and John Mackenzie (registrar); 3 and 4 (equal) Miss A. Macrae (teacher) and John Mackenzie (wanker), Miss W. Mackay and J. A. Campbell. Mrs Dobie got the special prize for lowest scratch score. Mrs Macaulay and Mr A. Ross are to be congratulated on the excellence of the arrangements and the satisfactory financial result.

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NAIRN NEWS.

WOUNDED AUSTRALIAN.—Mr Corbett, water bailie, has been notified that his son, Pte. A. Corbett, Australian, has been wounded.

REBURNAL SITTING.—On Friday all the members were present at a sitting of the Nairn Burgh Tribunal. Provost Macrae, chairman, and Lieut. Garrett representing the military. The Military Authorities asked for the withdrawal of exemption granted to George Tolmie, mason-contractor. This was granted; Tolmie not to be called up until September 1. An application by the Prudential Assurance Company for Charles Rose, collector, was dismissed; not to be called up until August 1. Application by Messrs Knowles and Cumming for James Mackintosh, chauffeur, was withdrawn. Robert Burnett, draper, who was discharged from the Army in 1915 as being medically unfit, and since passed as fit, got exemption until September 1. Messrs Sinclair and Asher, bakers, got conditional exemption for R. Sinclair and P. Milne respectively. Other three cases were withdrawn and one continued.

PROUD OF BEING A HIGHLANDER.

INVERNESS BOY IN THE GREAT ADVANCE.

Writing to his parents, who reside in Inverness, an Inverness lad who took part in the recent Great Advance has the following to say among other things:—

It is likely you will have heard of the great advance we made. Well, it is a day I'll never forget. We went over the parapet at dawn that morning to try and take the first three German lines. It was a rush, men falling by the dozen on all sides. Our boys had to take the third line, so we rushed over the first and second lines, but had our work cut out for us at the third line. I must tell you we were up against the flower of the German Army, the 2nd Bavarians. We were warned of this beforehand to prepare for a desperate struggle. It was desperate, I can assure you. The brutes wouldn't give in.

Well, I think I have given you a good description of the affair, only be sure and send me papers to see what those at home have to say about it. I have lost some extra good pals, but must try and forget all that.

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AFTER-THE-WAR PROBLEMS.

COUNCILLOR PETRIE AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Owing to the war the Inverness Chamber of Commerce has been in a state of suspended animation. At a general meeting held last Thursday night immediately after the conference addressed by Captain Crawford, Director of Recruiting, a general meeting of the Chamber was held in the office of the Secretary (Major David Ross).

ROLL OF HONOUR.

In the report by the Council it was said that owing to the war and the absence of the secretary on military duty, the Chamber had not met for two years. It was thought that the time had now come when many questions could be usefully dealt with by the Council. Of the members of the Chamber the following had been killed in the war since the time of the last meeting:—Lieut.-Colonel Alex. Fraser, Captain D. F. Mackenzie, Lieut. Angus Urquhart, and Pte. D. Melven, while Mr Charles Maclean, solicitor, who was a most regular supporter of the Chamber, had been carried away by death, as well as Mr Hugh Thomson, the auditor of the Chamber.

AFTER-THE-WAR PROBLEMS.

Councillor Petrie, the president, said he was sure that each one of them could say that the period through which they were passing was the most strenuous that they had ever experienced. There would be in the Chamber were to take its proper place, a great many problems which they could help to solve. These questions were of national importance, and he thought that the Inverness Chamber had a part to play in dealing only with questions of local importance. He thought that was a mistake. The Chamber was taking itself too cheaply by doing such a thing. They should have a meeting to deal with every question which interested and concerned the commerce of the country. There was the question of the fiscal policy. They would require to look into that and ascertain their views as to whether they were going to continue on the lines of the past or whether they were going to adopt new ideas which had been forced upon them in connection with the war. There was also the question of international trade and imperial trade—the question of production of food—railway transport, freights, and the relation between Capital and Labour, perhaps the biggest question of all. He thought they should be able to give a lead to both Capitalists and Labourists. There claim to be no doubt that they would be able to meet their men in a more liberal spirit than they had done in the past—that the men must not only have a living wage, but something more; of course, that would upset things at the time, but they would adjust themselves in the course of experience. Then there were questions affecting men holding land. He did not refer to land owners, but to land cultivators, and his impression was that something would require to be done that the men who held the farms and land generally should cultivate them for the good of the community. Perhaps Government aid would be required in order to develop the industries of the country. Other questions would claim their attention, and in order to exercise their influence they ought to raise their voices, and associate themselves with other Chambers.

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L.C.M. PASSES.—The following students at the Franciscan Convent, Inverness, have successfully passed the London College of Music examination, of which the Convent is now a centre:—Misses Mary McLaughlin, Peggy Whitten, Greta Macdonald, Sarah McLaughlin, Hilga Wilson, Mary Innes, Misses Doreen Flannery, Crissy Hassan, Nellie Farquharson, Rose Simcox.

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving memory of Private William Pocock, A.S.C., who was killed in action in France, on May 13th, 1917, aged 22 years.—By request of his father, Mr Pocock, Eynsford, Kent, England.

God gave him youth, all fair and bright— It called him with its promise, God gave him will to do the right, A noble part to nobly share. God gave him hope—to lead him on, To bear him through—oh! shining star, God gave him strength—till strength was gone. And he had "crossed the Bar."

God gave him sense and power, so To face the dark tempestuous stream, To brave his way—at length to grow Assured to see the beacon gleam. The surge swept round him, man to man, With all the deadly force of war, When fought as only Britons can— And many crossed the Bar.

God gave him life, that hever was Afraid nor yet ashamed to stand Up, fearless, in his Master's cause, The soldier's life was fine and grand. And when his life's career was sped, He thought there remained his name to mar, All's well, with our heroic dead, When they have crossed the Bar.

God gave him nerve to carry through, With stern set face—yet bravely sad For lo! at home, his loved ones knew Of risks he bore, their soldier lad. For his dear land, and all it meant, He fearless fighting, fell for King, May God to friends sweet comfort bring, While he has crossed the Bar.

God gave him skill to act his part— Now high our praise of valour soar, He braved, till death had stilled his heart— But ah! it was for England's shores. For his dear land, and all it meant, He'd silent, suffer wound or scar, Aye, e'en his young face smiled content— When he had crossed the Bar.

God gave him calm to suffer all, His fair, fresh life had early sought The Master, and his Master's call. He was restful, after battles fought. For of the sea of death and pain, The Pilot's eyes still watchful are, And lo! His child returned again, To drift across the Bar.

God gave him love of kith and kin To make his purpose sweet and pure, God gave him land, and all it meant, For death or glory, ever sure, God gave him rest when all was past— The gates of pearl stood well ajar, God gave him peace to seek at last His home, across the Bar.

DELICIA CHISHOLM, 1 Reay Street, Inverness, 18th June, 1917.

[TO THE EDITOR.]

Sir,—Please allow me to thank "Three Clach Boys" 1/1st Highland Mounted Field Ambulance, for their charming letter sent from Palestine. A more inspiring one I never received, and I hope that these boys will give me their permission to have the letter printed, as I should like others to enjoy its perusal, as I have done. I regret that our heroes in Palestine should think themselves neglected by Highland writers, but I trust that they remember "the heart thinks more than pen can write." I shall be pleased to consider a few verses for the 1/1st H.M.F.A., but, meantime, "Three Clach Boys" will know that I have received their letter. Wishing them all that is best.—I am, Sir, yours etc.

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A YOUTHFUL HERO'S DEATH.

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The following letter has been received from the C.O. of his Company:—"Dear Mrs Thomson, I deeply regret to tell you that your son Duncan has fallen in action while fighting very bravely. The officer to whom he was acting as batman was also killed, and your son died the death he would have chosen. He always did his duty very well, and I know his officer, Mr Waddell, could say nothing but good of your son, but he also is dead. Your boy was very highly thought of by his officers and non-commissioned officers, and well liked by the men. We all miss him. If I can do anything for you, please let me know."

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EASIER ROSS NEWS

INVERGORDON

Mackinnon of Mackinnon, Dalroos Castle, visited Invergordon on Saturday.

It is understood that the proposed window-dressing competition has been indefinitely postponed.

Mr Grieve, of the Scottish Churches' Hut, Invergordon, preached in the U.F. Church, Strathpeffer, on Sabbath last.

The Communion services were dispensed in the Roskeen Presbyterian Churches on Sabbath last.

In another column will be found a stirring sermon by the Rev. Andrew Douglas, M.A., the able and popular pastor of Invergordon U.F. Church.

The evening service in the Scottish Churches' Hut on Sabbath last was conducted by the Rev. David Woodside, B.D., Glasgow, the new president. In the forenoon the usual Gaelic service was conducted by the Rev. J. Shaw, Buckie.

SALE OF PROPERTY—Two houses in Saltburn, belonging to the estate of the late Mr Alex. Munro, retired merchant, Saltburn, known as Clifton House and Clifton Cottage, have been purchased by Miss Alice J. Macandie, daughter of Mr A. Macandie, Reaycove, Invergordon.

The Rev. Andrew Douglas M.A., U.F. Church, Invergordon, will assist the Rev. John Ross, Queen Street U.F. Church, Inverness, at the Communion service tomorrow. The services in Mr Douglas's Church will be conducted by the Rev. John Shaw, Buckie, who is at present working in connection with the Scottish Churches' Hut.

TOBACCO FUND.—Councillor J. A. Ross acknowledges, with thanks, the following additional subscriptions to his Tobacco Fund on behalf of local lads at the Front—R. Ross, plasterer, Saltburn, 2s; Mrs Forsyth, Ballintraid, 10s; Mrs Kirkman, Natal (per Mr Forsyth), 10s—total, £1 2s.

Councillor Ross, who has just dispatched another large consignment of "smokes," desires us to state that further contributions to the fund will be gratefully received.

EASIER ROSS QUERY ANSWERED.—"Invergordon Reader" says:—Some time ago I observed in your Easter Ross columns a query as to how the Black Isle came by its name. While I am not prepared to give it as an historical fact—possibly others better versed in Highland history than I am may give further particulars—I believe the name was given in the long-gone past by an old woman. A clan raid was, it is said, made on the district lying between the Cromarty and the Inverness Firth, and the aged crone, in her lamentations, spoke of the ill-fated fate of the ravages as "An Eilean Dubh."

BURGH POLICE COURT.—In the Invergordon Burgh Police Court on Saturday—Procurator Macdonald on the Bench—three labourers pleaded guilty to having defrauded Messrs Topham, Jones and Railton, contractors. It appears that they had been engaged to work in the North with the firm named, and had their faces from the South paid and an advance given, but that after arrival at Invergordon they entered the service of another firm. Fines of 10s, with the alternative of five days' imprisonment, were imposed. At the same Court a workman employed at the Dockyard was charged with stealing a small sum of money from a fellow-lodger in the Hutments, and was fined £1 or ten days.

THE LATE MRS MACKIE.—It is with deep regret we have to record the death of a very old and highly-esteemed resident of Invergordon in the person of Mrs Mackie, widow of the late Mr James Mackie, saddler, and mother of Mr A. S. Mackie, cabinetmaker, High Street. The deceased lady, who was 89 years of age, had been in a weak state of health for a considerable time. A week or more ago she took a seizure, from which she did not rally, and passed peacefully away on Sabbath last. A daughter of the late Mr Smith, farmer, Kinkeas, she took up her residence in Invergordon with her husband so far back as 1863. Of a kindly and amiable disposition, she was much esteemed by all who knew her; and possessed of a keen and retentive memory, she could vividly recall many long-gone happenings in the district. The deepest sympathy of a wide circle of friends goes out to Mr Mackie, the only son, in his bereavement. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place to Cromarty on Wednesday.

PRESENTATION.—On Monday afternoon Mr James Mackie, who for a considerable time acted as barman in the Royal Hotel, Invergordon, was met by a large number of friends and well-wishers and presented with a purse containing a handsome sum of money as a token of their esteem on the occasion of his leaving to join the Colours. Mr Mackie, who was in the employment of Mr D. Barnett, greener, High Street, prior to going to "The Royal," is a native of Nairn, and was exceedingly popular during his stay in Invergordon. The chair was occupied by Mr Lewis Ross, senior, Sydney House, who in making the presentation, expressed the hope that Mr Mackie would come scatheless through the fray, and that he would, among the conquering heroes, return not only with the laurel wreath of victory on his brow but with the D.C.M. as a reward for personal valour, or better still, the Victoria Cross, the most highly-cherished of all trophies. Eulogistic speeches were also delivered by Messrs Peter Macconnachie, David Barnett, Rod. Corbett, and Tom Macdermaid. In the course of a feeling reply Mr Mackie expressed his regret at leaving Invergordon and so many warm friends, and he could only assure them that wherever his lot might be cast, "neath the flag of his country in the exciting days yet to come, it would be his aim to perform his duty like "a soldier and a man."

ANOTHER MISSING SOLDIER TURNS UP.—The many friends of Sapper Evan Fraser, Royal Engineers, son of the late Mr A. D. Fraser, plumber, and of Mrs Fraser, Castle Street, will be gratified to know that he is found to be a prisoner of war in Germany. He had been missing since April 23rd, and we are pleased to know that the suspense of his relatives is now at an end.

ABRACHAN—WELFARE OF YOUTH EXAMINATIONS.—Out of 43 entrants from Abrachan Sunday School for the Welfare of Youth Examination (Doctrinal Section), 33 obtained full marks, and therefore win book prizes awarded by the Welfare of Youth Committee. Of the remainder, first-class certificates (over 195 out of a possible 200 marks) were gained by eight candidates, second-class certificates coming to the other two entrants.

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WITH THE CAMERONS.

WORK IN THE SCOTTISH CHURCHES' HUT.

The Rev. David Sutherland, presently at Rosyth, who was for several months stationed at the Scottish Churches' Hut, Invergordon, has contributed a special article on the latter to the "Kirkcaldy Gazette," from which we take the liberty of making the following quotation:—

"The work in connection with the Hut is no easy task. It is not a holiday as some have imagined it to be. It requires a good constitution, mental ability and love in the heart towards God and the soldiers. While these are lacking the worker will be dissatisfied, and the results will be nil. Where these abound it is one of the finest works in which a man or woman can engage, and it is one of the privileges offered by the present war in which God makes the wrath of man to praise him. The Hut, with which the writer was connected, was a large one, and at a concert or lecture had seating accommodation for a thousand men. Its doors were opened at 9.30 in the morning and were not closed till 9.30 in the evening. There were two counters—one for tea, coffee, and the other for dry goods. The Hut afforded the soldier freedom where he might write letters home or to his friends. To show how greatly the soldier appreciated the Hut, a census one week was taken, when it was found that more than 2700 letters and postcards, registered letters, telegrams and parcels had passed through the postal department. At different times concerts were arranged by the officers to relieve the monotony of camp life. Lectures were also given, which were well attended, but music has more charms for the soldier than the lecture. The Hut possessed a piano, around which the men gathered and had their sing-song. It has been said that the spiritual work of the Hut has been subordinated to the secular. It is not the case. Every night at 8.15 the counters were closed, and the prayer meeting was held. A member of the staff stood on one of the tables and gave out a hymn, in which the men joined with all reverence. A portion of the scriptures was read and a running comment made upon it, followed by prayer. The meeting closed with the reading of the National Anthem. Every Sabbath evening

EASIER ROSS QUERIES.

If "cross-cropping" is likely to be a success in Easter Ross this year?

If it is really the case that Horatio Bottomley, as already hinted, is to speak in the Empire Theatre, Invergordon, shortly after it is opened?

And if so what his subject is to be? If it is generally known that there are several first-class amateur actors at present resident in Invergordon?

And why some attempt has not up till now been made to form an Amateur Dramatic Society?

When the "Invergordon Wasp" are to play the "Nigg Grasshoppers" and the Portmahomack sandpipers?

If, instead of a bat, the goalkeeper of the "Wasps" would not be more effective with a tennis racquet?

Why the recently-proposed Invergordon window-dressing competition, in aid of the Red Cross did not come off?

And what was the reason? If the Food Controller's injunction, "Eat less bread," placarded everywhere, is necessary in view of the unappetising quality of the preparation now known as bread?

If the forthcoming Easter Ross Free Gift Sale will break all records, as it ought to do, in view of the financial success of farmers during the past three years?

When "Alness Querist" is going to the Front? If the grain and potato supply of Easter Ross is yet anything like exhausted?

If some recent happenings on High Street, Invergordon, in the early hours of the morning did not point to the necessity of night police protection?

If it is generally known that Invergordon can boast of four lady "postmen" and two lady railway porters taken in connection with the formation of a Curling Rink and Tennis Court for Invergordon will ever come to anything?

If there is as much economy exercised in the use of petrol in Easter Ross as there is, for instance, in the consumption of whisky?

If it is true that the "Invergordon Wasps" are prepared to challenge a team of Easter Ross septuagenarians?

If it is possible to find a less enviable public position than that of member of a local Tribunal under the Military Act?

If the Invergordon Town Council will have any difficulty in filling the vacancy on the Burgh Tribunal caused by the resignation of Councillor J. A. Ross?

If the illicit distillation of "cusnebagh" is completely stamped out in Easter Ross?

If the war bread throughout the country is to get any "wau?"

And if those responsible for the food control recognise that in interfering with the reduction of the staff of life they are reducing the vitality of the nation?

NIGHT POLICE FOR INVERGORDON.

MORE PROTECTION URGENTLY WANTED.

[TO THE EDITOR.]

Sir,—I observed that at the last meeting of the Town Council they desired to ask for a night policeman for the burgh. As a ratepayer, I think it is high time we had some extra protection in Invergordon. Our local force, which only consists of a sergeant and two men, are responsible, in addition to their town duties, for the policing and patrolling of a wide stretch of the surrounding countryside, and cannot, I venture to say, be expected to give the attention due to duty. They are simply ideal guardians of the peace, but they are not superhuman, and therefore cannot be expected to be on duty night and day, although, in their eagerness to serve and see everything right, they have but very little off-time indeed.

I know for a fact that two a.m. seldom sees them off the street. This is a state of matters which should at once be rectified. One extra policeman in a populous centre like Invergordon would not be anything like sufficient. At least two are required, and I trust the Chief Constable and those responsible will at once see the way to make the necessary appointments. It may be argued on the plea of economy that it is not advisable to go in for such expenditure meantime, and further, that young men are not meantime available for the police force. My answer to the first argument is that anything—and this certainly is a case in point—in the shape of false economy is not commendable,—and in answer to the second I would point out that it is quite possible to obtain men up in years—retired policemen for instance—for the job. If I ask if there are any special constables in connection with the district, and if so, could their services not be utilised until "the powers that be," after the customary prolonged deliberation, think it advisable in their wisdom to appoint permanent men?

There is no use closing the eyes to the fact that the extra policemen are needed, and the appointment will have to come sooner or later. Let it not be a case of seeking the stable door when the horse is stolen. "What about the —?" I seem to overhear some reader ask.—I have not forgotten about them. They have their own particular duties to perform, and they are in no way responsible for the policing of the town.—I am, Sir, yours etc., INVERBRECKIE, Invergordon, 18th June, 1917.

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SKYE

Macleod of Macleod, Mrs Macleod, and Miss Macleod have arrived at the Castle. The people of the district extend to them the warmest of welcomes.

UTO-HOME ON LEAVE.—Pte. Neil Macdonald, Scottish Rifles, is at home this week on a short furlough, from a training camp, somewhere in England. We are pleased to see him looking so fit after his spell of hard training.

RAASAY—MEN CALLED UP.—Four of the workmen (natives) in the employment of Messrs Baird and Co., received calling up notices through Mr Munro, a Baird representative on the 11th inst., and have to report at Inverness on the 14th inst., for medical examination.

BRACADALE—HOME ON FURLOUGH.—Ptes. John Bain, A. and S.H., and Norman Bain, Scottish Horse, were home last week on furlough. Pte. Donald Macaskill, Cameron Highlanders, is home spending a few days' well-earned rest. Pte. James Macdonald, wounded on the 11th April at the Battle of Arras, but undaunted, despite hardships, he is in good health, and as jovial and gay-spirited as ever.

STAFFIN—HOME ON LEAVE.—Captain Ronald Mackinnon, R.A.M.C., and his brother and Lieutenant J. Mackinnon, Royal Scots, have been at home for a few days' leave. Capt. Mackinnon was among the first to be sent across to France in 1914, and has been continually on duty there since. Lieut. Mackinnon originally belonged to the 1st Battalion of the 4th Cameron, and was wounded in France about the time that battalion distinguished itself in May, 1915.

STAFFIN—COMMUNION SERVICES.—The Communion was dispensed here on the 10th inst. in the United Free Church. The Rev. Mr Macdonald, Kilmarie, was assisted on the occasion by the Rev. D. Fraser, Dalriada, and the Rev. Mr Macrae, Edderton. The weather was all that could be desired, and there was a large attendance. The church was so full on Sabbath that the service was held in the hall. The Rev. Mr Fraser presided again to a large congregation.

HONOUR FOR DUNVEGAN SOLDIER.—The many friends of Captain J. T. Mackenzie, R.A.M.C., will be glad to learn that he has been awarded the Military Cross in recognition of good work carried out consistently under very trying and dangerous conditions on the field of battle. Capt. Mackenzie is the youngest son of the late Mr J. T. Mackenzie, J.P., Dunvegan, and brother of the late Captain Mackenzie of the 4th Cameron, who fell in action at Festubert.

RAASAY—VISITORS.—Men representing the Ministry of Munitions, visited Raasay on the 6th inst., and went all over the iron works. They left again on the 9th inst. During their sojourn in the island, they stayed with Mr Munro, Messrs Baird's representative, Mr Macleod, one of the directors of the firm, also visited the island on the 7th inst. He came by motor to Scooner, Skye, where some of the workmen met him with a boat and took him across. He left again by steamer on Monday morning, the 11th inst.

HOME ON LEAVE.—Lieut. J. J. Matheson, Cameron Highlanders, is at present home on a few days' leave. Lieut. Matheson received an injury in the recent fierce fighting where the Camerons got their full share, but despite his trying experience he looks remarkably fit and well. He has seen much severe fighting in France, and has already been wounded twice.—We were also pleased to see amongst us Ptes. Duncan Macdonald, and Seaman Duncan Macdonald, R.N.R., Pte. Duncan Macdonald rejoined his unit last week, and has since gone to France. He takes with him the best wishes of the community for a safe return.

POSTER—SAD NEWS.—Mrs Macrae, P.P. Manse, referred to in these columns last week, has died in her 70th year. She was born at her son, Pte. William Orme, Royal Scots, has died in Germany, from wounds received in action in April last. On Wednesday evening, information was received that she had been killed in action in Germany, but hopes were held out for his ultimate recovery. On Friday the sad news was received that Pte. Orme had succumbed to his wounds. (The deepest sympathy is felt for the bereaved family, and other members of the family in their praiseworthy loss. Pte. Orme is the second son of Mrs Macrae who has given his life in the great cause, his brother, Capt. John Orme, having been killed about two months ago.)

BRACADALE—DIED OF WOUNDS.—We greatly regret to announce that Gunner David Lottner, R.G.A., late of the 1st Battalion, Glentauchers Distillery, Mulben, Keith, died of wounds last week. The news has been received with deep sorrow in the Minginish district, where deceased was identified with the Talisker distillery. Carboon for many years. He was educated in the Carboon School, and was known by everybody in the district as a man with a bright, happy nature, and a kindly smile for every one he knew. This gallant soldier, whose death at the post of duty, having a look over the hills a little over a fortnight in France. The deepest sympathy is felt throughout the whole community for his wife, young son, and two daughters and many other relatives.

POSTER—FROM SOMEWHERE TO SKYE.—Corpl. John Macleod ("The Kaid"), Royal Engineers, paid a flying visit to his native health this week, having a look over the hills. Little need telling of the part played by Corpl. Macleod in the present struggle. He has been on active service since the outbreak of war, and has seen much severe fighting. It is interesting to relate that he has already been wounded twice, once killed and once drowned, but our old friend seems to be made of the proper stuff, for so far he has turned up smiling, and in spite of all he has come through he looks well and is as cheery as ever. His many friends in Portree throughout the island will be pleased to see him looking so hale and hearty. Corpl. Macleod is a son of the late Mr Norman Macleod, Sluagans.

STAFFIN—AN OLD STORY.—A few crofters in Portree, in the pursuit of a sporting sheriff who pretended to be a devil, had a very amusing time. The incident happened in the eighties at Staffin in Skye. It will be remembered that some British Expeditionary Forces were sent to the island in order to defeat the League movement there. The first of these expeditions was passing Staffin, a field officer of land steward, belonging to a Major Fraser, came out to review the troops as they marched, followed by an insignificant detachment of men, named Ivory, Fraser, and a trump of common camp follower, shouted to him, "Who are you?" Ivory, who took the field officer for a private crofter, replied, "I'm the Devil from Hell, and these are my angels." Whereupon a few crofters, acting on the advice "resist the Devil and he will flee," set upon this infernal human, who immediately took to his heels like blazes.

DUNVEGAN—WOUNDED.—Official information has been received by Mr Kenneth Macphie, M.P., that his son, Gunner Neil Macphie, R.G.A., has been dangerously wounded in action. Neil's many friends in the district, however, will be glad to know that further news has been received which shows that he is making satisfactory progress in a hospital in England to which he has been brought. Gunner Macphie has seen much service in France, and has taken part in most of the big battles. His brother, John Macphie, was wounded at the Battle of Arras, and his brother-in-law, Mr. Macphie, is also serving with the Dominion Forces.—A letter has been received by Mr. Alex. Montgomery, Yattea, from his nephew, Pte. John Montgomery, of a famous Highland Regiment, saying that he was wounded in the Somme some time ago, and is now in hospital in India making good progress. The news has caused great relief in the district where John was very popular, and no word having been received from him since the time he was entertained for his safety.

THE RAASAY CORRESPONDENCE

[To the Editor.] Sir,—I have been following with great interest the correspondence between "Justice" and "Delta." Please let me tell them what the Raasay people think of them. "Delta" shows clearly that he is a real enemy to the Raasay natives. He is doing his utmost to keep them as far down as he can, but it is a good thing he hasn't much power. He says "Justice" has got water on the brain. In my opinion he, himself, has double the quantity. In one of his first letters "Delta" said that the natives of Raasay would only do work of their own choice. This is false. The fact is they would not continue working in the mine on such a small wage as they were getting. I defy him to get any fault with them regarding their work. Next we find him casting up things to us, which I defy him to prove, either in history or from any man living. We therefore do not trouble ourselves the least about it, but it shows his badness. Suppose it happened to be as "Delta" puts it, he may find out some day that a cross-breed is always a success, and none the worse for strength or sense, or any other way for the like. "Delta" is fishing for more mischief, when he takes up what happened about the school-house and concert. He need not think that the people of Raasay are so far back as to let either him or the soldiers hold a concert in their prayer-meeting house. "Delta" saw a soldier, but I have come to the conclusion that he never saw the inside of a church, when he is wasting his time writing such nonsense, and so many families in Raasay and all over the country with very sore hearts. I don't think that either "Justice" or "Delta" has felt much of it yet. I would also advise them both to burn their Latin dictionaries and not to be giving as a prochein in languages in their letters. They do not write very well in any of their languages. It does not matter what "Delta" says or writes, he cannot get away from the fact that the Raasay people are not getting justice. He calls "Justice" a would-be leader of the people. He, himself, tries to be a voice for the leaders of the land in Raasay, but why is he so two-faced as to niscall them at their backs? The natives of Raasay and the shepherds and gamekeepers have always been on friendly terms. "Delta" takes exception to being called a "farmer" in his opinion he is proved himself a stranger to the truth in most of his statements. Likewise he has failed to explain the good points in the landlords of Raasay and the bad points in the leaders.

"Delta" says further that if "Justice" would write more and write less, perhaps he would have more sense. I say, if "Delta" would sleep more and eat less, he would not have such a big mouth. I see they are both away off the agitation started first and are now on the wrong side outside the original argument. The people of Raasay conclude they are both a bit off their heads, so I will bid them farewell.—I am, Sir, yours, etc.

NEUTRAL. Raasay, 18th June, 1917.

"DELTA'S" ANSWER

[To the Editor.]

Sir,—I thank you for an extended courtesy. There is not much said about the iniquities of the Raasay landlords now. Only ominous allusions as to what is to be published of certain "findings" at a political meeting held at Raasay some time ago. If nothing more convincing of the existence of a grievance be published than what has already been published the future of our Raasay agitators, qua agitators, is very bleak indeed. To say that a man gets his week and stop there is absurd and futile. To be worth any consideration whatever the statement must also indicate what demands the work makes upon the energy and skill of the recipient of this wage, and how it compares with that paid to other people engaged in similar work in other parts of the country. This vital information—if the statement is meant to convince and not mislead—is omitted, however. Again, it has been published in the press, that an enquiry held at Raasay disclosed the fact that the grievances of the Raasay people had been exaggerated. The above are only a few of the things that I, as a thumb agitator, must satisfactorily explain before they can get anybody to listen to them.

"Justice's" last letter betrays a very character of blood. No wonder, for it had been revealed to him that while he was writing he was actually "putting his foot in it." Not only did he contradict himself, but he emphasised the point in a conglomeration and confusion of adjectives uttered since the days of the Tower of Babel. I am not surprised that his mind was dazed and he wrote his last letter. He had not recovered from shock. He saw things in my letter that did not appear therein. I would spoil the joke, however, if I made any reference to the ignorance revealed. The man who contradicts himself sees things that do not exist, and still talks, should consult a brain specialist and not an editor. Not one of the shepherds, etc., he traduces has ever been called upon to give an undertaking not to break the peace.

These Baron Munchausens who have come out in their strength cannot boast of what they would have done if the €tro had only let them. I think I can answer the monomanias "D" and "A" looker, better if I relate an old story. They are still at their one and only job, "Blankets and black fellows"—and shrieking to be noticed. There was once a farmer "billed" to speak at a meeting at which the doctor and the minister were also to speak. The farmer, who spoke last, began his oration thus: "The doctor is full of medicine. The minister's head is full of sermons. But my head is full of beasts." The heads of "Disgraced" "Onlooker" etc. When they have finished fishing for bait they should try saving the man whose correspondents derive infinite satisfaction from the accomplishments of each other.

"Justice" is "Colonel Diver" and the rest are "Jefferson Bricks." The "Voice" (Glasgow) reminds me of those pious people who put questions at municipal elections. It is patent to everybody that they spent the whole time since last election framing their pet question. Life is too short to be bothered with their nurslings. The "Voice"—what a hoarse or it is!—should take Gaelic lessons from "Justice." One P.S. has made that pundit in other things an authority on that language also. "Cianalus" who wrote a week or two ago, said "Delta" is as great a liar as the cat is a thief. I think I can explain to you how he became the pessimistic person his language implies and his name suggests. It happened one bright, pleasant morning, when soft was the sun, that he sat down to a fresh herring breakfast. When he had finished grace all that was to be seen of the herring was the tail disappearing down the cat's throat. I don't know or rather will not say what made this catastrophe possible—the length of the grace or the slaricity of the cat—but I am told that "Cianalus" was so much affected by the circumstances that the last words he uttered before saying grace are, "Cait a bh'oil an cat?"

Your correspondents' idea of fairplay is that they should be allowed to hit, but no one should hit back. Anything I have said was simply to put them right where they are and what they merited. It is not what I have said that they are sore about. It is at the stupidity and supineness of "Justice" that made such retorts not only possible—but inevitable.

So now the world must wait with bated breath for next week when Mr Justice Sturdy will up with a learned exegesis on how to square the circle. Then exeat, Braxy Bard, Staccato Sutor, Disgraced "Onlooker," and the "Voice" per marem ad Dei gloriam.—I am, Sir, yours, etc.

Glasgow, 18th June, 1917.

RIGHT AND MIGHT

[To the Editor.] Sir,—We have Scriptural authority for the assumption that "the sword shall be drawn, and shall perish by the sword, as we have no authority, human or divine, that might necessarily imply right. When the two principles are, or can be, morally combined, then we come to the dogma of inviolability, which is the only complete and true unity of attributes that spell "Victory!"

For some time the righteousness of our cause made us purlind to the urgent need of putting forth our full strength. At that time we have corrected and amended that error of national judgment, and Britain to-day is armed with all the panoply of war. To-morrow, please God, we hope to see the development of plenary spiritual power. But potent spirituality comes not by Act of Parliament, nor by the orders of Cabinet, War Office, and Food Controller. It comes from within! Prohibition, social morality, self-sacrifice, patriotism, the subordination of profligacy, of money-making, of national unselfishness, and of clear conscience of steps by means and ends, and the power of a British House of Commons, or of the most perfect combination of a New Democracy. We may have an "Uncrowned Republic" to-morrow, but its advent may not mean spiritual regeneration any more than in Russia. Unless there be the dawn of a democratic spirituality, the probability of a "lasting peace" is no nearer consummation than before the War, and "Victory" will have no meaning, and peace terms no guarantee for future security.

If we have the will, the trust and the fullest sense—it must be through our superior spiritual force. "South Africa" has never been a successful "conquest," because we won it by foul means, and expanded its conquest from avaricious motives. Had there not been a spiritual reformation of the Dutch farmer, would he have continued to enjoy the immunity from our aggressing "military necessities." A former Liberal Government did not perpetuate the moral errors and injustices of preceding Tory administrations, but it was not a Boer-poll-bellum concessions to a courageous and patient people. The disaffection of South Africa two years ago might have cost us Empire, let alone "Victory," to-day. And this example demonstrates the unfailing power of spiritual reformation, and illustrates the contention for the attainment of a fuller spirituality more commensurate with our Imperial might wedded to righteousness.

It is the rottenness at the heart of Germany, and the failure of her spiritual and moral culture, which has neutralised her men and women of the Homeland alike. Community of blood, community of language, were, of course, theirs, but alas! communion in sorrow also, and this threefold cord cannot easily be broken. What if therefore, for a brief hour, they endeavoured to forget their bereavements and trials, and as Gaels lost themselves in the land of Gaelic dreams and hopes and aspirations?

As a Macpherson, from his over-present load of care at War Office, ladies suffering from recent losses of those nearest and dearest, or worn out with incessant work for the dear ones afar; the family man, with his combined and pressing duties of home and State; the soldier who has seen it all, and with its memory; and the young soldiers suffering from the drudgery of drill, all found their joy doubled and their sorrow halved in this great gathering of sea-divided Gaels.

The past was forgotten, the present was the future, and the future some of us dreamt dreams, and although we know Mairi Matheson was singing, or Miss Burnley Campbell was solacing us with her bird-like flute, or Miss Stoddart pouring out "Cumha na h-òighe," somehow we seemed to hear it with love, and to be far away. And in the state of sweet dreaming of the world-to-be after the War we remained until the gathering ended with "Donald from the Door," a marching tune of the Cape Breton men. They sang it, and the Sabbath morning version composed by their gallant "Colonel," but the tune is one of the old folk airs of the Gael, an old "come all ye" which in Ireland tells of "Brennan on the Moor."

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DONALD FROM THE DOOR

AN IMPRESSION. Sunday morning in a dingy street of London Town, almost deserted, however, from the memory of its week-day state by the glorious sunshine, the freshness of the morning air, and the absence of human life on the pavement. It is a thoroughfare, however, leading to pleasant villas and suburban homes beyond, and in that direction tramped the only pedestrians to be seen.

Three men in the prime of life, two of them in the "trusgan dubh" of the Saxon, the other in the garb of the Gael, but all Gaels at heart, and all of them Scots, and conscious of it, and, strangely enough, representing three great types of the races which go to make the modern Scot—one, which go to make the modern Scot—one of the alert, keen, mixed-blooded race of the East; the second of the heavy North "foghainteach" type personifying the Pict with the dash of Norse blood; and the third, with all their enthusiasms Scotch-Irish stock, with all their enthusiasms Scotch-Irish stock, say—a little also of the dourness which their Ulster brethren show.

The War had meant much to them, and so to all of us—loss of health and touch-and-go for life, the loss of the kilt, the man who had been struck as he tipped the men of the Borders and Galloway to the charge at Loos; to the man of the North-West it had brought life-long sorrow, tinged with pride, at the death of his heroic lad in the war; to the other, the loss of much material wealth, which, though it is of no great consequence to the true Gael. Yet the three were happy, although tired, and they trudged along, almost breaking into song, for their hearts were full of the sour of victory, and they, thank God, were strung with the sights and sounds of the last few hours of the week just ended.

And what was it? A beautiful amphitheatre, bounded on every side by far-reaching woods of pine, and men of their race "laying sorrow and raising joy" with song, and dance, and music, all redolent of the days that were of old. Had it not been for a glimpse of practice trench and Boche models for bayonet fighting in the background, both the men of Canadian blood and their brothers of the Homeland would have thought it a "Sacramental Sabbath" on a far-away hillside. Not in this alone were the thoughts of the Cape Breton Gael, the "sìol nam fearasail" and the men and women of the Homeland alike. Community of blood, community of language, were, of course, theirs, but alas! communion in sorrow also, and this threefold cord cannot easily be broken. What if therefore, for a brief hour, they endeavoured to forget their bereavements and trials, and as Gaels lost themselves in the land of Gaelic dreams and hopes and aspirations?

As a Macpherson, from his over-present load of care at War Office, ladies suffering from recent losses of those nearest and dearest, or worn out with incessant work for the dear ones afar; the family man, with his combined and pressing duties of home and State; the soldier who has seen it all, and with its memory; and the young soldiers suffering from the drudgery of drill, all found their joy doubled and their sorrow halved in this great gathering of sea-divided Gaels.

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LOCAL NEWS

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CHAMPIONSHIP HOWING MATCH FOR MEN AND WOMEN.—We have pleasure in calling attention to what, no doubt, will be an interesting howing match, which will be open to all, and which will take place on Monday evening next at 8 p.m. on Balnakeck Farm, Muirtown. The first prize for men will be a gold medal, and for women a handsome gold locket. Entries on the field.

WOOD FIRES IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.—The police have been notified of two rather serious outbreaks of fire which occurred in the neighbourhood of the town. The more serious of the two broke out in the Englishtown Wood, Bunkhrew, where, before efforts to extinguish it were successful, the fire raged over an area of forty acres, destroying a considerable quantity of crops which were stacked and ready for removal. The other fire took place on the Ness Castle Estate, where damage done to about three acres of heather and brushwood.

SUGAR FOR JAM-MAKING.—We are informed that, with regard to the applications lodged by private growers of fruit they will probably receive about one-third of the quantity applied for to preserve soft fruits, and allocations on this basis are expected to be made shortly. It is understood that the Royal Commission on Sugar Supply has taken over a large quantity of fine sugar manufactured by refiners, and dealers have been informed that for ordinary trade purposes they will be able to supply a number of tons at a time, and the public may therefore expect that for domestic uses they will require to accept this class of sugar when offered.

A PRETTY WEDDING.—On Wednesday the wedding took place at the Royal Hotel, Inverness, of Miss Ella Russell, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Russell, Rhodaville, Muirton Road, to Lieut. J. Grant-Murray, Royal Marines, elder son of Mr and Mrs Murray, Oakbank, Drumadrochit. Rev. J. D. MacGill, Crown U.F. Church, and Rev. B. Mackenzie, Glen-Urquhart, officiated at the ceremony, and a number of guests were present to wish all happiness to the bride and bridegroom. Miss Russell is very popular among many Inverness friends, who will wish her prosperity in her new sphere. Lieut. Grant-Murray, previous to the war, was a member of the Gresham Insurance Company, London, of which his uncle is manager.

THE LATE ALEXANDER MACGREGOR, SOLICITOR.—We regret to announce the death of Mr Alexander Macgregor, who, for many years, practised the profession of solicitor in Inverness. Mr Macgregor, who was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him, had been in failing health for some years, and as a result gave up business and went to reside in Edinburgh. His death was kindly disposed Mr Macgregor had many friends who will hear with regret of his demise well within the allotted span. Two of his brothers reside in Inverness—Mr Macgregor, ironmonger, Bridge Street, and Mr Robert J. Macgregor, joint Unionist agent in Inverness.

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MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

IN THE ISLANDS. It looked like a revival of pre-war times in the beautiful Ness Islands on Wednesday afternoon and evening when excellent musical programs were submitted by the band of the Great Seaforth Highlanders from Fort-George (Bandmaster Wiltshire), arranged by the Citizens' Committee, the occasion brought together large crowds, especially when the music was heard in an ideal setting. The band did creditable work. The soloists were Bandmaster C. Eldrick, Boy C. Watson, Boy E. Elliot, and Boy C. Makin, while Boy E. Shirley gave a saxophone solo. A Celtic touch was introduced by the prettily executed dances of Miss Margaret Sutherland, of Edinburgh.

WAR WORKERS' LEAGUE

At a meeting of the War Workers' League, held in their Rooms on Saturday last, Mr D. Forbes, of the Slipway P.C., presided. The Secretary, Mr Geo. Taylor, submitted the financial statement, which showed a very satisfactory balance. The handsome sum of £20 was unanimously agreed to be contributed to the following deserving military and local charities:—Cameron Comforts Fund, £5; Red Cross, £2 10s; Station Buffet, £2 10s; Northern Infirmary, £2 10s; Highland Orphanage, £2 10s. It was agreed that a five-aside tournament be organised for the All-Scotland Week for the Red Cross, etc. An advertisement regarding the same will be found in another column. It is hoped a goodly number of teams will come forward. All the proceeds will be united to those of the various other local sporting bodies, who are working hard to make the All-Scotland Week for the Red Cross a huge success. After a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and congratulations to the secretary for services rendered in connection with the War Workers' League, the meeting closed.

ONE-MAN BUSINESS

AND SERIOUS HANDSHIP. Mr Donald Maclean, M.P., Chairman of the House of Commons Appeals Tribunal, on Thursday gave a decision affecting one-man business exemptions and other cases involving hardships. He said illusory hopes had been raised by a recent decision relating to the one-man business class. It was desirable to make it as clear as possible that the decision implied no difference, either in principle or the policy of applying that principle. Where serious hardship was proved on the domestic position as much as on a man's exceptional or business position, it was incumbent on the tribunal to grant exemption as in a one-man business case. The one-man business case belonged to no special or privileged class. It all turned on the degree of hardship. As long as the present drain on man-power existed the more difficult was it to prove a case for keeping fit men of military age out of the Army.

RAASAY—COMMUNION.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in the Raasay Free Church on Sabbath, the 10th inst. Rev. Mr Kennedy was assisted by Rev. Mr Macdonald, Roskeben, and by Rev. Mr Galbraith, Lom