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INVERNESS, SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 18, 1899.

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Births, Marriages, & Deaths.

BIRTHS. At Brora, on the 9th inst., the wife of Kenneth Gordon, of a daughter. At 32 Harcourt Drive, Dennistoun, on the 13th inst. the wife of R. J. M'LEOD, of a son.

At Free Church, Cromarty, on the 15th inst., by the Rev. A. J. Macnicol, assisted by the Rev. John Mackay, Inverness, and the Rev. Louis Macpherson, Fearn, Alex. Ogilvie Stewart Spence, Seafield, to Katherine Mary, daughter of Thomas Middleton, Farness, Cromarty.

At St. Margaret's, Rochester, on the 14th inst., by the Rev. A. Thorndike, M.A., Lieutenant Colin Mackerzin, R.N., H.M.S. "Orlando," eldest son of Donald Mackerzie, J.P., Gairloch, Ross-shire, N.B., to Clare, widow of Henry Stanford-Harris, of Eltham, Kent, and daughter of Franklin Homan, J.P., ex-Mayor of Rochester.

DEATHS.

At Braefoot, Campbeltown, on the 12th inst., WM.
MAONAIR, wood merchant, in his 75th year.
At Woodlee, Bridge of Allan, on 10th inst., aged 71
years, COLIN HAY, of Ardbeg, Islay. At the Lodge, Lochranza, Arran, on 12th inst., the Rev. Donald Gray, senior minister of Gaelic Church,

At Brule, N.S., on December 19th, ALEX. M'LEOD, aged 34 years, a native of Scotland. At Balcraig, Perth, on the 15th inst., JOHANN TOD, wife of John A. Dewar, Lord Provost of Perth. At the Royal Hotel, Dunoon, on the 13th inst., John Sulloch, ared 66 years. At Rosebery House, Inverkeithing, on the 13th inst. DOUGLAS DONALD CAMBRON MENZIES, L.R.C.P., F.R.C.S. At Fort-William, on the 15th inst., JAMES MILLER, aged 82 years.

DIED, at 17 Ardconnel Terrace, Inverness, on 17th instant, Margery Shaw, widow of the nairn, and mother of Donald Mackintosh, grocer, 6 Hamilton Street, Inverness. Funeral on Monbay first, the 20th current, at 11:30 A.M., to Dunlichity. All friends invited. Funeral expected to reach Tordarroch Bridge about 1 P.M.

AMES L. HORNE, 45 CASTLE STREET, FUNERAL UNDERTAKER. IN MEMORIAM CARDS .- New, Chaste, and Beautifu

K. A. GILLANDERS begs to intimate that, being desirous of devoting his whole attention to his business in Queen's Gate, and developing the Business of the INVERNESS STEAM BAKERY, which he has recently acquired, he has DISPOSED of his BRANCH SHOP, 59 CHARLES STREET, to MR WILLIAM ETTLES, who has had charge of the Branch Business for some time, and has been in his service for the past nine years. He feels sure that Orders entrusted to Mr Ettles will receive every attention Designs. Large Selection. Samples and prices on application to the MANAGER, "The Highland News,"

MEMORIALS of all Kinds in GRANITE,
Messrs J. & A. Fraser, Sculptors, Inverness, who give
best value in Memorials to be got in the North. QUEEN'S GATE (OPPOSITE THE POST-OFFICE). Designs and Prices on Application.
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CHURCH NOTICES.

B A P T I S T C H U R C H.Services To-morrow-11 o'clock and 6.30. Subjective Evening Service-"Hindrances," Luke 9th, 50-60. CAELIC PARISH CHURCH, Church Street. Rev. CHARLES MACECHERN will preach to-morrow night at 6:30 on "Some great trials the greatest of all, and the lessons annexed thereto" (English). Collection at doors.

CROWN FREE CHURCH. TH (TO-MORROW), FEBRUARY 19th, 1899. REV. WILLIAM ROSS, M.A., of Oullen. Forenoon, 11 A.M., Evening, 6.30 P.M.

Sabbath School at 3 P.M. HIGHLAND TEMPERANCE LEAGUE AND BRITISH WOMEN'S TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

Gospel Temperance MEETING To-NIGHT, at 8 o'clock, in Northern Meeting Rooms. SPEAKER-DR MACKAY. Collection to defray expenses.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

Full particulars from

KLONDYKE Has it!—See our Advertisement on page 2 for Bargains. N COMUNN GAIDHEALACH The Eighth MOD or Gathering of this Association will will be held in Edinburgh in October, 1899. Over £100 offered in Prizes for Gaelic literature and music, &c.

JOHN MACKINTOSH, solicitor, Inverness, Secy. CALEDONIAN BANKING COMPANY,

A SUB-BRANCH of this Bank will be Opened at BROADFORD on the 21st curt., under the charge of Mr DUGALD MACLACHLAN, Agent at Portree, to be open for the present on Tuesdays only.

Inverness, 13th February, 1899. QUTHERLAND FIARS' COURT.

Notice is hereby given that a COURT for ascertaining and fixing the Fiars' Prices of Grain and Victual, the product of the County of Sutherland for crop and year 1898, will be held within the Court-House, Dornoch, at 1806, no Tuesday, the 7th day of March next. THOMAS MACKENZIE, Sheriff-Substitute.

Dornoch, 31st January, 1899. NORTHERN COUNTIES INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND.

The Annual General MEETING of SUBSCRIBERS will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, the 20th inst., at 4 o'clock Afternoon.

Sheriff Scott-Moncrieff, Chairman of the Committee of Managers, will preside. DUNCAN SHAW, Hon. Secretary Inverness, 9th February 1899.

H E HIGHLAND ARTILLERY. A SIGNALLING OLASS WILL BE FORMED UNDER SERGEANT-INSTRUCTOR ADAMS, R.A. The GYMNASTIO CLASS meets every TUESDAY and THURSDAY at 8 p.m. There are a few vacancies for recruits, both in the Position Battery and the Garrison Companies. Applicants should apply at the DRILL HALL, or to any of the Sergeants.

TST V.B. CAMERON HIGHLANDERS. RECRUITS' DRILL will commence in the DRILL HALL ON MONDAY, 13th inst., at 8 p.m., and will be continued every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday until further notice.

Recruits will be enrolled on the above nights from 8 till 10 p.m.

By order,

S. CLARKE, Captain and Adjutant, a 1st V.B. Cameron Highlanders. COMPANY 1st V.B. CAMERON HIGHLANDERS.

A MEETING of the N.-C. Officers and Men of the above Company will be held in the DRILL HALL, Rose Street, on Tussday, 21st February, at 9 r M. ALEX. FRASER, Captain, Commanding D Company.

NORTHERN COUNTIES FAT SHOW

BULL SALE. The Twenty-fifth Annual SHOW and SALE will take place in Messrs MacDonald, Fraser, & Co.'s Yard, Inverness, On FRIDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1899. Judging at 8.30.

TERMS-CASH. The following Herds will be represented :-SHORTHORN BULLS. .. 7 HOLME ROSE ..
... 5 LENTRAN ...
... 6 WELLHOUSE ... BALNAKYLE b LEGAL.

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10 BALLACHRAGGAN ...
8 KEITH (Cran)
4 MEIKLE TARREL ...
4 CULNAHA ...

FINDON Lots of Two and under 13 Heifers 5

16 Union Street,

Inverness, 14th February, 1899.

Entries Close TUESDAY, 21st inst.

INVERNESS BURGH ASSESSMENTS

ROD. PATERSON, Town Chamberlain. Town House, Inverness, 16th February, 1899.

25 BRIDGE STREET.

TRANSFER OF BUSINESS.

With reference to the above, WILLIAM ETTLES begs most respectfully to inform his many Friends that, having been enabled by Mr Gillanders to acquire the BRANCH BUSINESS on exceptionally fayourable terms, he will be in a position to carry it on in the same manner as formerly. It will be his endeavour to maintain the reputation of his former Employer in supplying Goods of the best quality at keenest prices; and in soliciting support, he begs to assure his numerous Friends that he will do everything in his power to merit a continuance of their Patronage.

59 Charles Street, 13th February, 1899.

GREAT NORTH OF SCOTLAND

TRAINSERVICE

WICK, THURSO, KYLE OF LOCHALSH AND

THE NORTH,

MONTROSE, ARBROATH, DUNDEE. GLASGOW,

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TO THE NORTH VIA ABERDEEN.

CROSS COWS. - There will be offered for public competition on Monday first, 20th February.

Sale at 12.15 P.M. prompt.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

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TAILORS AND CLOTHIERS,

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INVERNESS,

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MACDONALD, FRASER, & CO., LTD.

Queen's Gate, 9th February, 1899.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

FREDK. A. BLACK,

Agent for the Trustees and Executors.

HOUSES, &c., TO LET.

ALL Persons having CLAIMS against the late Mr John Brown, Plumber, Inverness, are requested to lodge the same with me, duly vouched, within Ten Days from this date; and all Persons INDEBTED to Mr Brown are requested to make payment to me within the same period. Let, OFFICE, in Queen's House, second floor, three rooms, &c. Apply to Davidson & Scott, 42 Union Street, Inverness. TO Let, HOUSE, and garden ground adjoining, at No. 3 High Street, Campbelltown. Apply, JOHN BURN, solicitor, Inverness.

TO LET, Two, Three, and Five-Roomed HOUSES. Apply to James Macgregor, Orown Lands, Inverness. ST ANDREW'S CRICKET CLUB. OUSES to Let, on Hamilton Street.
Central locality. Immediate entry. Apply to
Messrs Fraser & Maccallum, solicitors, Inverness.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in lower Room, Workmen's Club, Bridge Street, on Tuspar, 21st February, at 8 P.M.

Large attendance requested. OMFORTABLE LODGINGS to Let, at a Moderate Charge. Apply Mrs Ross, 11 Charles

INVERNESS ORNITHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION. ROOM to Let. Apply, 3759a Highland News First Annual Club SHOW of Canaries, British Birds, Pigeons, and Bantams, will be held in Kindergarten Hall, Academy Street, on Saturday, 25th February, 1899. Schedules from A. Urquhart, 44 Wells Street. Lands, Inverness.

MACDONALD ESTATES, SKYE. To Let, with entry at Whitsunday, 1899, for such term of years as may be arranged, The period prescribed by Act of Parliament for the Collection of BURGH ASSESSMENTS, payable for the current year, has now elapsed, and parties in arrear are hereby informed that failing immediate payment a warrant of poinding will be enforced, and a penalty of one penny per pound of rental, with ten per cent. of costs, will be incurred. Parties are requested to produce the original notices when making payment.

BOD PATERSON. Town Chamberlain. First, KINLOCH, in the Parish of Sleat, extending to 9000 acres or thereby, of which about 24 acres are arable. Presently in Proprietor's hands. The Stock consists of about 2500 Blackfaced Ewes and Wedders

of all ages.

Second. KYLE, in the Parish of Strath, extending to 9490 acres or thereby. of which about 30 are arable. Presently possessed by Robert Ryrie, Esq., who is not an offerer. The Stock consists of about 2000 Blackfaced Ewes and Wedders of all ages.

The Farms adjoin, and will be let separately or as one Holding. There is no Farm-house on either. Shepherds' Houses, &c., are conveniently situated. Both Farms are well adapted for Summering Highland Cattle. Kyle carries a herd of about 20 Highland Cows and followers. Sheep to be taken at Valuation in usual manner.

Further particulars from James Mackintosh, factor, on the Estate, who will receive Offers up to the 11th prox. Estates Office, Portree, Skye. SCHOOL OF COOKERY AND High-Class Cookery DEMONSTRATION on TUESDAY, 21st February, at 2'45 o'clock afternoon. Admission 1s 3d.
Savouries—Devilled Biscuits, Croustades with Cheese,
Ham, Tosst, Tomatoes & la Verrey, Sandwiches à la
Royale, Scotch Woodcock.
The School Session ends March 11th.

Estates Office, Portree, Skye, 11th February, 1899. PROPERTY, &c., FOR SALE. ROR Sale Dairyman's BUSINESS and PROPERTY in Muirtown Street, by private bargain. For particulars apply to AND. J. &. J. MACRITCHIE, Solicitors.

ROR Sale DWELLING-HOUSE, No. 16 Waterloo Place, by private bargain. Six apartments and conveniences. Apply, And. J. & J. Macritchie, solicitors.

FOR Sale, by private bargain, HOUSE No. 14 Madras Street. Four apartments, backyard, and stable. Apply at HOUSE. POR Sale, by private bargain, Two Semility, £5. For particulars apply George Ross, solicitor, to hombard Street.

FOR Sale, by private bargain, COTTAGES in CROWN STREET, Inverness, containing four rooms, with good gardens, w.c., &c. Apply, R. Fraser, contractor, Inverness.

MOR Sale, Estate of LEYS CASTLE, within four miles of Inverness, extent about 974 acres, of which about 260 acres excellent arable, remainder pasture, moorland, woods, and policies. Leys Castle is a magnificent house of modern construction, surrounded by ornamental policies and woods. There is a commodious villa at Leys Grange. For further particulars apply to Alfred N. Macaulay, Solicitor, Golspie.

DESIRABLE VILLAS FOR SALE. For sale, by private bargain, pair of Semi-Detached YtLLAS in kidmills Road, Inverness, opposite Victoria Circus, within five minutes' walk of Station and Post Office. Each Villa contains parlour, three bedrooms, kitchen, scullery, bath, w.c., &c., with small piece of ground attached.

Apply to DAVIDSON & SCOTT, solicitors, 42 Union treet. Chambers of Messrs Anderson & Shaw, solicitors, Inverness, on the 28th day of February, 1899, at One o'clock - sternoon, that Area or Piece of Ground measuring 901 square yards or thereby, imperial standard measure, situated at Ardconnel Street, Inverness, and belonging to Her Majesty's Prison Commissioners for Scotland For further particulars apply to Messrs IRONS, ROBERTS, & COSENS, W.S., 22 York Place, Edinburgh, or to Messrs Anderson & Shaw, solicitors, Inverness.

TAND TO FEU. GORDONVILLE and BELLFIELD PARK, in Lots to suit Feuars. There are still several Good FEUS to Let on the CROWN LANDS for the best Class of Villas.

ALSO,
Two or Three FEUS on Milburn Road, most suitable
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Apply to the proprietor, JAMES MACGREGOR, Esq.
Craig Royston, Crown Lands, Inverness.

POR Sale, by public roup, on TUESDAY, 28th February, 1899, at 12 o'clock noon (unless previously sold privately), within the Office of F. A. Black, Solicitor, 16 Union Street, Inverness, The Two Semi-Detached VILLAS on Harrowden Road. Inverness, known as Rockville, as occupied by Mr James Forrest, and Mr D. Miller. The Houses have been recently erected, and are all well built and finished, and supplied with all conveniences. Rental, £50. Feuduty, £3. Low upset price £300. If not sold in one lot, the houses may be sold separately.

Further particulars may be obtained from Mr Black. DESIRABLE COTTAGE FOR SALE. MAYFIELD COTTAGE, Southside Place, Inverness, containing two public rooms, three bedrooms, kitchen, soullery, bathroom, W.C., &c. Feu-duty £3 10s.

Offers to be lodged with Frassr & MACALLUM solicitors.

Queensgate, Inverness, who will give all further particulars required. FOR SALE, BY PRIVATE BARGAIN. (1) HOUSE in KENNETH STREET, containing two dwellings with separate entrances, known as "Craigneidh." Each dwelling contains three rooms, w.c., &c. Feu-duty, £1.78 6d.

(2) HOUSE, 63 MUIRTOWN STREET, and HOUSE behind * Saturdays excepted † Leaves Central Station.

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e Also runs on Sundays.
c Also runs on Sundays; the departure time on
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and Lighted by Electricity, run from and to Aberdeen in
direct connection with the Oaledonian and North British
Companies' Fast Trains. same. Feu-duty, £1.

The above subjects can be sold either separately or in one lot. For further particulars apply George Ross, solicitor, 12 Lombard Street.

ROR Sale, by private bargain (First), the SUBJECTS in DOUGLAS STREET and KING STREET, Nairn, consisting of (1), DWELLING-HOUSE in Douglas Street, known as GLENGE HOUSE, containing 2 public, 6 bedrooms, kitchen, &c., and (2), the adjacent coach works, with ground in King Street, presently occupied by Messrs James Auckland & Sons, coachbuilders.

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W. MOFFATT, General Manager.

As also (Second), Large HOUSE in SMITH'S LANE, Nairn, with Frontage to St Ninian Road of 59 feet 2 inches or public competition on Monday first, 20th February, at the INVERNESS AUCTION MARKET, 12 Superior ORCSS OOWS, newly calved or at the drop of calving, to which the attention of farmers, dairymen and others is specially Feu-duty, £2. Entry to both properties at Whitsunday. For futher particulars apply George Ross, Solicitor, 12 combard Street, Inverness, who will receive offers.

HERITABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE BY PRIVATE BARGAIN. VILLAS SITUATED ON CROWN LANDS.

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2 Pair of Semi-Detached VILLAS, each containing
7 apartments with outhouses.
1 Pair Do. Do., 8 apartments, &c.
1 Pair Do Do., 9 apartments, &c.
1 Self-Contained VILLA containing 10 apartments,
2 w.c. s, outhouses, and garden.
1 Do. Do., 16 apartments, &c.
1 Do. Do., 11 apartments, &c.
1 Self-Contained VILLA containing 15 apartments and outhouses, 2 w.c.'s, good garden.
ALSO,
Several Semi-and Self-Contained VILLAS in other

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12 Self-Contained Workmen's HOUSES, containing 2 and 3 apartments each, situated in various parts of the Also, several Large BLOCKS of TENEMENTS for Sale, at prices which will ensure a safe and profitable Apply to the Proprietor, James MacGregor, Esq. Craig Royston. Crown Lands, Inverness.

DESIRABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE

SITUATIONS WANTED AND VACANT WANTED, Strong Message BOY Apply, GILBERT ROSS, Inverness.

CLERK.—Wanted, Smart Youth about 15 years, with a little experience, for a country office. Apply, with references, to No. 513 Highland News Office. INVERNESS BURGH SCHOOL BOARD

ASSISTANT MASTER wanted for the High Public School (Elementary Department). Must be certificated, Normal trained, able to teach Latin, French, Mathematics, Drawing, Physical Drill, and to enter upon duty as soon as possible. Salary, £85 stg. per annum, rising in them years by comal kestalments to £95. Apply to Rod. Gott, clerk to the Inverness Burgh School Board, 42 Union Street. RAPUPIL TEACHER (male or female

wanted for Aird Public School, Stornoway. Salary &40. Apply immediately, with copies of testimonials and stating Code qualifications, to the CLERK, School Board, Stornoway. CERTIFICATED FEMALE ASSISTANT (second mistress) wanted for Bayble Public School, near Stornoway. Music a recommendation. State qualifications and experience. Salary £60 increasing by £5 annually to £70. Apply with two copies of testimonials to the CLERK, School Board Office, Stornoway.

TURSERY GOVERNESS wanted immediately. Must be well recommended, and able to speak Gaelic. MRS ALEXANDER, The Register. YOUNG LADY wanted who can retouch and spot. Apply No. 453 High and News Office. CHAMBERMAID, experienced, wanted, also housetablemaid, and Dairy Laundrymaid wanted. Private Nurse, experienced, age 29, wishes engagement. Mrs Robertson, Registry, Young Street.

OOK, experienced, age 39, wishes immediate engagement, town or country; good reference. Mrs ROBERTSON, Registry, 9 Young Street. MACCONNACHIE'S REGISTRY, 49
Academy Street.—Open for Engagement, Cooks,
Housetablemaids, Housemaids (for hotel and private),
Generals Servants and Nurse Girls.

WANTED, Good Plain Cooks, House Tablemaids, Nurse and Tablemaids, Apply, at once, to Miss Melven, Northern Register. WANTED, Plain Cooks for town; also W we have on books experienced Laundrymaids Cooks, Housemaids; useful Man wanted for Farm, good wages, all provided. Skinner, 73 Academy Street.

SPECIFIC ARTICLES FOR SALE. WRECKED CARGO Sale at CLIFF BRACH, Valtos—Extension of time. Parties in ant of Flooring and Lining good and cheap should cure their lots not later than 23rd inst. POR Sale Two Second-Hand Irvine Stone Oven Soles, Oven and Furnace, Doors and Fittings, Fire Bricks for Arches. A Bargain. JOHN MACLEON,

REMEMBER, London Scottish Boot Coy., Ltd., Bankrupt Stock will be on sale at STEWART'S Petty Street only. Terms—Cash only. ROR Sale, by private bargain, COTTAGE,
Self-Contained, in Crown Street, Inverness.
Four Rooms, with garden, water supply, w.c., &c. Rent,
£ 5 Feu-duty, £2. Apply to DAVIDSON & SCOTT, 42
Union Street, Inverness.

BOTTLES Wines and Spirits by Post, at 5d on One, 7d on Two, 9d on Three Bottles Extra Charge. Jack, Exchange. NSIST on getting from your Grocer the PASTURE CREAM BUTTER. URRAY, Butcher, for finest and cheapest Ayrshire Bacon, Hams, and Roll Bacon; Rabbits; Eggs; and our prime Roasted Ham. VICTORIA ARCADE.

URRAY, Butcher, for cheap, cooked Pottedhead, Tripe, Roasted Fresh Pork. Sausages from 44d, Boiling Beef in great variety, none to surpass. VICTORIA ARCADE. SPLENDID Value in suits to measure at THE THRIFT CLOTHING STORES, Eastgate. SEE the grand value in clothing, hats, shirts, &c., &c., at The Thrift Clothing Stores, Eastgate.

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Ladies' and Gentlemen's wear, any length cut, at GENTLEMEN'S Suits made to Measure from our own Manufactured Tweeds, at 478 6d to

ADIES' CIRCULAR CAPES made to measure in Reversible Cloths, from 32s 6d to 38s. CLAN TARTAN RUGS, in Best Saxony Quality, to clear, 20s. CALEDDNIAN TWEED COY, LTD, WAREHOUSE Victoria Arcade, Queen's Gate. Official Handbook for the Lewis, invaluable to natives of the island, 6d, by post 74d, from the Publisher, The Highland News, Inverness or Stornoway.

RINGS. — Engagement, Wedding, and from 4s 6d. Cards for measuring finger post free. This RAILWAY WATCH COMPANY, 18 New Market, Inverness. POINBURGH 7-Guinea SWEET ALE, Younger's, in Pints at 2s 6d per dozen. D. OAMERON & Co., 12 Church Street, Inverness.

BLACK SEAL Highland Malt WHISKY, 5 years old, 36s per dozen, 3s per bottle. D CAMERON & Co., 12 Church Street, Inversess. VISITING CARDS (50) Name and address printed on finest ivory—Gentleman 1s, lady 1s 6d post free. Send postal order to The Highland was Printing Works, Inverness.

OES your Grocer supply you with the PASTURE CREAM BUTTER? If not, why not? TOR Finest New Season's OATMEAL, try Macdonald, Imperial Stores, 29 Grant Street; only 14s 6d per boll, 1s 6d per stone. Special offers for

OR Genuine old HIGHLAND and IRISH WHISKIES try Macdonald, Imperial Stores, 29 Grant Street. Pure malt only. PURE CEYLON PEKOE, only is 6d per lb. Once used always used. Trial solicited. Samples free. Macdonald, Imperial Stores, Inverness. SPECIAL Blue Seal, 2s 6d Bottle; 15s gallon; Black Seal 3s bottle, 17s 6d gallon. JACK,

TEA SETS, 40 pieces, 6s 9d; Bedroom Sets, 4s 6d per set; and all other Crockery equally Cheap. ED. TODD, Auctioneer. Saleroom—52 Academy Jack's Jamaica Rum, 2s 6d, 3s, and 3s 6d per Bottle. Cognac Brandy, 3s 6d to 6s per Bottle Exculange.

THE Dairy Date is on each Cask containing the PASTEUR CREAM BUTTER. BALL PROGRAMMES—The latest designs at prices to suit all classes. Despatch guaranteed within a few hours after receipt of order. The Highland News Printing Works, Inverness.

JACK'S Half-Crown Invalid Port Guaranteed Pure and Matured; strongly recommended as a nourishing and invigorating Wine. JACK, Exchange. WEST COAST HERRINGS — Quality guaranteed, in Whole, Half, and Quarter Barrels, also, Lochtynes in Kegs and Firkins. Jack,

THE PASTURE CREAM BUTTER should be used by Old and Young, Rich and Poor. HANDBILLS printed at bedrock prices with new type on good paper: an invalvable method of making a Trader known to new customers. Send for prices to The Highland News Printing Works,

ENTERTAINMENTS. &c.

MUNICIPAL PROMENADE CONCERT. CLERK.—Boy wanted immediately for merchant's office. Apply No. 514 Highland News. Saturday Evening (To-night), February 18th. 8 to 10 p.m.

> VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY BAND AND PIPERS. Admission-One penny.

INVERNESS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A LECTURE, under the auspices of the Chamber, will be delivered by Thomas Kyd, Esq., Manager, Northern Assurance Company, Aberdeen, within the Royal Horse, Inverness, on the Evening of Friday, the 24th curt., at SUBJECT-"COMMERCIAL EDUCATION."

Members of the Chamber, their friends, and all others interested in educational matters, are cordially invited. Registered Office, 36 Academy Street, Inversess. 17th February, 1899.

ATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.—
SOCIAL MEETING and CONCERT in WEST
PARISH HALL, THURSDAY, March 2nd. Tickets 6d each,
to be had from Councillor Sinclair, Academy Street;
Councillor Young, New Market; Mr Grant, Abban
Street; Mr Watson, Church Street; and Members of
Committee.

MULL. AND IONA ASSOCIATION The Thirty-first ANNUAL GATHERING will be held in the WATERLOO ROOMS, Glasgow, on Friday, 24th inst.

Colin A. MacVran, Esq., of Kilfinichen will preside. Tickets from Members of Committee, or at the Hall door on the evening of Soirre.

JUL Crean Rood.

111 Govan Road, Glasgow, 14th February, 1899. GLASGOW INVERNESS-SHIRE ASSOCIATION

THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL GATHERING NATIVES OF INVERNESS-SHIRE Will be held in the QUEEN'S ROOMS, GLASGOW, On FRIDAY, the 24th February. Doors Open at 7.30; Concert at 8 P.M.

CHARLES FRASER MACKINTOSH, Esq. of Drummond, LL.D., F.S.A. Scot., in the Chair. Concert Tickets, 2s and 1s. To be had from Members of Committee or at the Boor An ASSEMBLV will take place immediately after the Concert. Tickets (admitting Lady and Gentleman), 28 6d. PETER GRANT, Hon. Secretary.

MACKENZIE'S famous CINEMATO-GRAPH exhibiting at Inverness Workmen's Club, on WEDNESDAY, 22nd inst., at request of Club Committee. MACKENZIE'S famous CINEMATO-GRAPH exhibiting at Contin, Strathpeffer, on THURSBAY, 23rd inst., at request of Sir Arthur Mackenzie of Coul.

12 Kew Gardens, Hillhead, Glasgow.

MACKENZIE'S famous CINEMATO-GRAPH exhibiting at Marybank (return visit), on FRIDAY, 24th inst., at request of influential Local

MACKENZIE'S famous CINEMATO-GRAPH exhibiting at Ullapool, on Tuesday, 23th inst., at request of Major Walter Mundell. ACKENZIE'S famous CINEMATO-graph.—Newest, best and brightest moving pictures. Gramophone combined when desired. Moderate terms. Mackenzie, Cinematographist.

GREAT ALTERATION SALE

The Goods will be offered at less than COST PRICE to

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For Prices, see Windows.

REDUCTION IN PRICES OF COAL

The SUBSCRIEBR begs to advise that he has REDUCED the retail prices of COAL, and, in order to induce cash ouyers, gives discount of 1s per ton for cash. VESSEL DISCHARGING TO-DAY. Quotations for large quantities invited

D. PETRIE, 2 LOMBARD STREET.

13th February, 1899. COLONIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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MR MITCHELL, Junior Counsel for the defence. (A Keith Boy.)

C. Outram Morris and Mr Macdonald, the local agents for the prisoner, were in attendance. The charges against the prisoner were two, the first to the effect that accused, on 20th December last, threatened to shoot Constable
John Macniven and do him grievous bodily
harm; and the second that accused had
murdered Constable King by shooting him.
It was intimated that, as a special defence,
the prisoner was inspected to shoot Constable
it was quite dark, and it had no windows.
He heard a dog barking at him, and drew
his baton to keep it off. He walked towards
the ted, and heard the report of a gun
three or four seconds after he had entered
the place, with King. He thought the shot
had been fired in the room in which he was,
and to windows. December last, threatened to shoot Constable



of murdering Constable Thomas King, of not see anybody in the house. 4 Lb. of our 1s 8d Tea, Post Free for the Inverness County Police Force, took place at a special sitting of the High Court to show anybody coming from the outside? Lb. of our 2s Tea, Post Free for 8s. 4 Lb. of our 2s 2d Tea. Post Free for 8s. 8d. 4 Lb. of our 2s 2d Tea. Post Free for 8s. 8d. 4 Lb. of our 2s 2d Tea. Post Free for 8s. 8d. 4 Lb. of our 2s 4d Tea. Post Fr

shire Constabulary, stationed at Boat of Garten, and threatened to discharge the gun at him and kill him, or do him grievous gun at him and kill him, or do him grievous bodily harm and (2) with having, on the said date, in the house occupied by Marjory Macpherson, outdoor worker, Milton of Tullock, shot Thomas King, constable, Inverners-shire Constabulary, stationed at Abernethy, and killed him, and murdered him. The evidence for the prosecution was opened by Robert Black, civil engineer and architect, who spoke in support of the plan pregared by him of the house at Milton of Tulloch, parish of Abernethy, in which Constable King had been shot dead.



Constable MACNIVEN.

John Macniven, the leading witness in the ase, told the story of the fatal occurrence. He is a policeman, twenty-eight years of age. He said he was instructed to go from Boat of Garten to assist Constable King in the apprehension of Allan MacCallum at Milton of Tulloch, where he stayed with Marjory Macpherson. They went to the house in the morning and found the woman and daughter in bed. The accused was not in After waiting three-quarters of an hour

Witness (continuing) deponed that Mac-Callum then said—"They would be after me about the poaching fine. He would pay the fine, but he was damned but he would fight for liberty." Witness offered to take the fine in instalments, but they did not apfins in instalments, but they did not approach each other any nearcr, and witness went away slowly to inform King of the interview. They kept in the vicinity of the house, and in the afternoon they met a lad who told them that MacCallum had just gone into the house. As King and witness approached the house, King called out—"Halloa, Allan!" or, "Halloa, MacCallum! Are you going to open?" MacCallum! arswered—"Yes, what have you got to say to me?" King did not answer. They entered the house, witness going into the room on the right, and King going into the room on the right, and King going into the kitchen on the left. The room witness went



JOHN GRANT, Farmer, Aundaroch.

int. was quite dark, and it had no windows the prisoner was insane at the time the deed was committed.

REPORT OF THE TRIAL.

had been fired in the room in which he was, and he shouted—"King, he has discharged the gun at me." He got no answer from King. Witness was not sure whether he struck a light or not. He left the room and went into the kitchen, and again shouted for King. On entering the kitchen door

HE STUMBLED ON SOMETHING, but he went in and struck a light. He saw a box-bed in the room, and he jumped into it to search it. He found no one in it, and he lighted another match, and saw the body of Constable King lying in the doorway. He lay face downwards—his feet towards the door and his head towards the fire. There was no fire, but a person in the kitchen could see anyone entering by the light of the gleaming. A gun (which the witness identified) was found lying across the legs. Witness picked up the gun and thought it was warm. He saw Alexander Grant, postunan, outside, and he shouted to him to come to the house. They went in and struck another light. Witness placed his forefinger in the muzzle of the gun, and found it quite black, showing that there had been a recent discharge. The body was taken out, and found to be dead. Dr Barclay, Grantown-on-Spey, was called, and he saw it about 7 p.m. There were holes in the roof of the The trial of Allan MacCallum on a charge kitchen in addition to the windows. He did

MACCALLUM'S RETREAT.



MRS MARY LAMONT OF STEWART.

Mrs Mary Lamont or Stewart, who resided

seven years. Witness paid the visit in order gun. She also heard the shot and saw MacCallum running.

Lewis Rattray farmer, Strawn, spoke to meeting MacCallum on Tuesday. 20th December, about three o'clock in the afternoon on the north side of his own farm. He had a conversation with MacCallum, and he said to witness that he offered the fine to Constable King, who refused to take it. MacCallum also said that that day he had been followed by Constable Macniven, and he said to Macniven, "If —ou come another step I will shoot you in the heart." Witness said to MacCallum, "Surely you will not do that." MacCallum replied that Macniven did not further come near him. MacCallum then left and went towards his house. He had known MacCallum for three years, and he did not notice anything peculiar about him. He was sensible in his talk.

Mr John Stewart, Tonterie, stated that on the night of the trawedy MacCallum called at his house and asked for a piece of bread. MacCallum also said he leat his house and asked for a piece of bread. MacCallum also said he leat his house and asked for a piece of bread.

at his house and asked for a piece of bread. MacCallum also said he lost his boots, and witness gave him a pair of old boots. Mac-Callum was in his stocking soles. The night was dark, and MacCallum went away. He took the boots with him. By Mr Blair—He never saw anything wrong with MacCallum. He was quite the same as other people.

DR MACKAY.

The next witness called was Dr Alexander The next witness called was Dr Alexander Mackay, M.B., C.M., Inverness, and during his examination all the other medical witnesses were asked to leave the Court. Dr Mackay said he was a graduate of the Universit— of Aberdeen, and had practised in Inverness for seven years, and had a wide knowledge of post-mortem examinations. Along with Dr Grant, he made a post-mortem examination of the body of Constable King in his house at Nether-Bridge. Dr Mac. LOTW.O.6.—A BEATTHULLINE IN DOLLER WIDTH

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Is it your view that the muzzle of the gun was either level ~ slightly depressed because the course of the shot was downwards? -There was no scorching of the outer garments and no blackening or bruising of the

Q.—Did the absence of that indicate the probable distance which the muzzle was from King's breast?—Yes; I think not under two

the point.
Mr Blair—Would the appearance of the wound be the same if the gun were dis-charged at a lower level than the shoulder?

Q.—You found in the chest cavity paper and wads, and does that not lead to the conclusion that the gun was fired at close Lord Trayner-If you have information to ask, Mr Blair, ask it. He has already said that it could not have been under 21 inches

and not more than three and a-half feet. Cross-examined — Have you considered whether the wound could have been caused accidentally?-I have. Is there anything in your report to exclude the idea that it was accidental?—No.

Then I may take it that the report is quite

Then I may take it that the report is quite consistent with the idea that the gun was discharged accidentally?—No, certainly not; it gives my report describing the wound without drawing conclusions from it.

Is there anything in the opinion you have expressed inconsistent with the theory of accident?—Yes. He had made experiments with three guns similar to those belong ag to MacCallum.

Would you he surprised that other doctors Would you be surprised that other doctors

(a laugh). The wad was about an inch above the

tondency.
The cross-examination was directed to bring out that the shot might have been delivered from a different position than gonia. He had told them about an illness from the shoulder.

from the shoulder.

Lord Trayner said the report was exceedingly intelligible and clear and well put, but he could not understand the examination on it. Had you, he asked, any reason to believe that the thing was committed by the man himself?—It would be a most unlikely the man himself?—It would be a most unlikely the idea that King shot the could not stand it?—Yes: that was all. thing. I discard the idea that King shot himself, and most undoubtedly it was not accidental. I have taken considerable pains,

Lord Trayner—The result, then, is that you think that it was neither accidental nor suicidal?-That is my opinion. FURTHER MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

John Grant, M.D., Grantown, said that along with Dr Mackay he made a post-nucrtenn examination of the body of Constable King, and he considered that death a little wrong in his mind, and afterwards a little wrong in his mind, and afterwards

the report was not influenced by the experients, but confirmed by them.
The Court now adjourned for iuncheon. When the case was resumed



DE MACKENZIE BARCLAY, Grantown:



John Keay (39), medical superintendent of Inverness District Asylum, said that he had had charge of the Inverness District Asylum, with 550 patients, since 1894. He corroborated the previous witness as to accused being of sound mind.

CONSTABLE MACBETH.

Alex. Macbeth, of the Inverness-shire Constabulary, stationed at Nothy-Bridge, said he had satisfied himself by examination on the night of the murder that the gun was not loaded. This concluded the evidence for the pro-

EVIDENCE FOR THE DEFENCE.

THE QUESTION OF INSANITY.



DONALD MACCALLUM, Gamekeeper, Insh,

Donald MacCallum (38), brother of the prisoner, and a gamekeeper at Insh, Kinghave obtained other results from similar ex-periments?—I do not express surprise at He said his brother had been in the Straits ther people's work. I only do my own- of Magellan for four years. He came back in 1891. He noticed a change on him. He The wad was about an inch above the aper of the heart, and the external wad was between the fifth and sixth rib. The track of the wad contained evidence which justified the description that it had a downward the description that it had a downward conducted himself wildly to-

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about the sun was that it was too hot, and he could not stand it?—Yes; that was all. B- Mr Blair-One afternoon prisoner beaccidental. I have taken considerable parts, accidental. I have taken considerable parts, by placing men in positions required at various distances, and concluded that it was impossible for a man to have inflicted the wound himself.

Lord Travner—The result, then, is that the come and see him. Witness went to Rose. came very wiid, and as they thought he was insane, they sent for Dr Barclay who, howto come and see him. Witness went to Rose-hall, and found that prisoner had locked himself into the house, and would allow no one to enter. He let witness in, after speak-

Q.—Were von on bad terms with your brother?—Yes. Q.—In consequence of this you went to Dr Barclay because you thought he (your brother) was insane? Was your brother indignant at it being suggested that he was insane?—Yes. He did not quarrel with him

Q.—Did you get into difficulties with your employer—Lord Zetland—in consequence of your brother being in the house?—Yes.
Q.—Was that Lord Zetland's objection to your brother staying in the house?

not the objection taken to your brother because he was a poacher —No; he was not a poacher at that time.

Lord Trayner—What was Lord Zetland's objection to his staying in the house?—It

was because he was my brother, and was conducting himself wildly.

Cross-examination continued—Witness had a quarrel with his brother in the winter of 1893, and it was after that that he started to peach. His brother had a very violent temper, and that was the reason he could not live with him. When he left the house at Glenmore, he left his brother there. Afterwards there was a summons served by witness to make him quit the house. He then went and lived in an unoccupied house about a mile off. He left the house in Glenmore in March, 1883, and he had not seen him since then, except one day at a distance. He did not see him since then to speak to.

THE OVERSEER AT ROSEHALL. Alexander Graham, overseer, Rosehall spoke to having had prisoner in his service in 1893, and to MacCallum having barricaded himself into his house. He declined to let witness in, and witness went away, but could not say it was because he was afraid.

Mr Blair read a letter from witness to the inspector of poor stating that MacCallum had become insane, that he considered him a dangerous person, and requesting the inspec-tor to have him examined and declared insane Mr Blair added that he had got the letter only that day, and it was not among the

Lord Trayner—That is quite irregular, Mr Blair. You had no right to read it when it

was not produced.

Mr Blair—But, my Lord——
Lord Trayner (warmly)—It is no use arguing about it, Mr Blair. It is quite irregular and wrong.

Mr Blair—I got the letter to-day only.

Lord Trayner—That might be an excellent

reason for asking me to read it, but it is no excuse for anyone else reading it.

Mr Blair—May I put the question, my
Lord, if he (witness) wrote this letter? Lord Trayner-Certainly; but you should

not have read it.

Mr Blair—I beg your Lordship's pardon.

Witness then admitted writing the letter,
but did not remember the circumstances under which it was written.

Did you also write to accused's brother,

Donald MacCallum?—Yes.
Did you remember what you wrote him? Did you have at the time of this Rosehall incident conversations about religious mat-

What did he say?-He asked to be introduced to the Free Church minister, stating that he wished to join the Church.

Did he say anything about his labouring under a conviction for sin?—No.

Cross-examined by Mr Mackenzie, witness said that accused complained of being depressed, and he asked him to come and stay with him. Accused stayed with witness a few days, and behaved very quietly the whole time. One day he took a gun out of witness's house, and shut himself up in his own house. The facts on which he thought accused was insane were because he locked himself up, and because he was depressed.



REV. JOHN Ross, F.C. Minister, Rosehall. Rev. John Ross, Free Church minister, Rosehall, said that in June of 1892 he was asked to go and see Allan MacCallum, because the had shut himself in a house, and would let no one in. In consequence of the report, he went down to see him. He found the door callum's excited appearance seemed somewhat strange to him, and naturally he tried to reason with him, but he seemed quite incapable of grasping anything he said to him, and the came away with the impression that he was mentally unsound. He sat in a bowed attitude, and his face was covered with his hands, he only occasionally taking them away.

Oross-examined—He had been twice at the

Your memory is blank on that, but it is not blank as to the result left in your mind?—No.
Were the subjects of conversation abstruse?
—Oh, I do not think they would be.
Lord Trayner—That is not an answer. Were

they or were they not?—No.

Were they simple statements?—Yes.

Would he not have grasped them?—Not if he was mentally unsound.

THE DOCTORS DIFFER.

Dr John Macdonald, Bridge Street, Inverness, was then examined on the medi-cal report, and said the direction of the shot

than suicidally?
Lord Trayner — Suicide would not be

Lerd Trayner-Is there anything in your experience, doctor, known to be more irregular, or which gives more frequent surprise, than the course a bullet or pellets may take after penetrating a man's skin?—That may

Witness then said that, in conjunction with Dr Lang, he made some experiments about gun wounds with a No. 16 smoothbore gun. The appearance that most resembled the one described in the doctor's report was produced at 18 inches. In his opinion, after these experiments, the shot was fired between 15 inches and 21 inches. Their experiments at a distance of three feet did not coincide at all with the opening in the coat. He had heard most of the evi-dence, and he considered that at the time of the Rosehall incident accused was suffering from melancholia. He had examined accused with reference to his sanity. He understood that prisoner had been in Patagonia, and that he could not stand the sun. Witness inferred that accused had had a truck of supervisors.

witness inferred that accused had had a touch of sunstroke.

Cross-examined — He did not think the wound had a downward tendency. He would not expect to find blackening and bruising at a distance of 15 inches.

Re-examined—Assuming the direction of the shot to be slightly upwards, would it account for the left lobe of the lung being injured? You could account for that by



DE GORDON LANG, Inverness.

Dr Gordon Lang, M.B., C.M., of Aberdeen University, said he had been in practice in Inverness for six years, and was altogether

Q-Was that in consequence of a family quarrel?—No; I could not make out the away, and the other appearances which are had been fired at a distance of 18 to 21

Now, what do you think about the Rose-l'all incident?—My opinion is that at that time accused was in a state of dangerous Lord Trayner-What was his mania?-

Lord Trayner-But melancholia is not nania medically?—No.
Well, how would you class his mania?—I

do not know.
You say he was a dangerous lunatic. How would you class his mania?—I am not sure, except as melancholia.

Lord Trayner—And that is not mania?-

That is not mania.

Lord Trayner—Your opinion is that he suffered from melancholia. He did not say anything as to the sun having caused his illness in Patagonia?—No.

Aiter slight cross-examination of this witness, the case was closed, and the jury fetired for a little before counsel spoke. The speeches of counsel and the Judge's charge to the jury occupied more than an hour.



Mr C. KINCAIRD MACKENZIE, Advocate-Depute.

Mr Mackenzie, for the prosecution, said Dr Gordon Lang, M.B., C.M., of Aberdeen University, said he had been in practice in Inverness for six years, and was altogether in practice for nine years. He had read the report of the case, and there was nothing in the account of the nature of the gunshot which could not have been accidental. The direction of the shot had a somewhat upward tendency. If the shot had entered herizontally he should have expected that the central tenden of the diaphragm would have been injured and the front portion of the lung. He had made experiments with a gun somewhat similar to MacCallum's. Mr Morris, the solicitor, was with him at the time. He had no doubt that MacCallum's gun was loaded, because a large part of the chamber was occupied with some substance, and no air went through the he felt it was his duty to ask for a verdict



PATRICK J. BLAIR, Senior Counsel.

Mr P. J. Blair, for the defence, said the first thing they had to do was to satisfy themselves that the case presented by the Crown returned, and through the foreman, Mr Macrested upon substantial evidence. The very fact that there were these two charges in the case was an acknowledgment that the Crown would have been unable to prove the second charge without the first. It was not for him to say how the gun had gone off. The slightest knock against the butt of a ricketty old gun like that produced might have done it. The importance of the defence of insanity could not be over-estimated. There were circumstances amounting to weakness of mind which would entitle them to bring a readilet of enthered and through the foreman, Mr Maccorquodale, gave a verdict of unahimously guilty of the charge of threatening Constable Macniven, and by a majority guilty of culpable homicide on the second charge.

The Advocate-Depute moved for sentence, and Lord Trayner said the Jury had taken a very merciful and humane view of the rase. Culpable homicide was sometimes of a very trivial character, and at other times so close to the capital offence as to be on the very verge of murder. He did not wish to say anything that would aggravate prisoner's position, but he was unable, in the circumstances, to pronounce sentence of less than were circumstances amounting to weakness of mind which would entitle them to bring a the had shut himself in a house, and would let no one in. In consequence of the report, he went down to see him. He found the door shut, and the window, or windows, covered with a bedcover or something like that. He was not admitted at first; but, so far as he remembered, he thought MacCallum asked if the were alone, and one or two who were with me I told to go away, so that I could see him alone. He then opened the door. MacCallum's excited appearance seemed somewhat extrange to him and which would entitle them to bring a verdict of culpable homicide. If the jury found the accused guilty of murder, the course of law required that the last penalty should be passed upon him. If they were satisfied that there was something in the man's mental condition which, though actually not amounting to insanity, would be understood by most as weakness of mind, that fact would entitle them to bring a verdict of culpable homicide. If the jury found the accused guilty of murder, the course of law required that the last penalty should be passed upon him. If they were satisfied that there was something in the man's mental condition which, though actually not amounting to insanity, would be understood by most at weakness of mind, that fact would entitle them to bring a verdict of culpable homicide. If the jury found the accused guilty of murder, the course of law required that the last penalty should be passed upon him. If they were satisfied that there was something in the man's mental condition which, though actually not amounting to insanity, would be understood by most at weakness of mind, that fact would entitle them to bring a verdict of culpable homicide. If the jury found the accused guilty of murder, the course of law required that the last penalty should be passed upon him. If they were satisfied that there was something in the man's mental condition which, though actually not amounting to insanity, would be understood by most at weakness of mind which the course verdict of murder meant a penalty of death -(slight applause).

LORD TRAYNER'S SUMMING UP. young man who was preaching for him (witness) preached at him. he committed the act had sufficient mental Macleod. Lord Trayner—You said that on a first visit act was against the law, and punishable by said to him. What were your topics?—I law, it would be their duty to convict him. His lordship pointed out that absolutely not a single witness spoke to insanity on 20th December last. All the evidence led had been to the effect that nothing was seen wrong; that accused was sensible; and that there was neither action nor gesture to indicate that his mind was off the balance. It would have been far more important if there had been evidence as to the state of mind of the prisoner on 20th December. He was glad to see that one consideration might present itself to the jury—that they were of opinion that this man was entirely upset prior to December last, so that a little or less excite-ment than might affect other people preseemed to be upwards.

Lord Trayner—If the gentleman who drew up the report said that it took a different course, that would simply be an incorrect expression of views?—Yes.

Mr Blair—Do you think the wound might have been caused accidentally otherwise than spicifally?

ment than might affect other people prevented him fully realising he was committing an offence—in short, made him not fully responsible for the moment. They would be quite entitled to take that into account in the verdict. They had also to distinguish between the control spoken to in this case and the control every man ought to have of his the control every man ought to have of his tomper. The law gave no protection to what had been done in the exercise of violent police constables throughout the country have witness in answer to further questions, said there was nothing in the appearance to exclude the idea of accident. If a man had been cleaning the gun for example, with the stock lower than the barrel, and it was accidentally discharged, the course of the shot might be as in this case.

Lord Trayner—There is nothing in the report inconsistent with the gun having been fired with intention to kill?—No. If the gun was fired horizontally I would have ex-

EVIDENCE AND SENTENCE.

The Jury, after a few minutes' absence, returned, and through the foreman, Mr Mao

nounce sentence of less than 15 YEARS' PENAL SERVITUDE.

Prisoner, evidently much relieved, bowed

to the Judge.

The Judge thanked the Provost, Magistrates, Town Council, and Jury for their attendance, and the Court rose. Ten of the Jury were for culpable homicide, four for murder, and one for not proven on the second charge.

Mrs Macleod of Cadboll was, next to the residing Judge, the most noticeable figure on the Bench. She was richly attired, and wore a magnificent diamond brooch, a triple tude, and his face was covered with his hands, he only occasionally taking them away.

Cross-examined—He had been twice at the house, and MacCallum seemed low-spirited and melancholy.

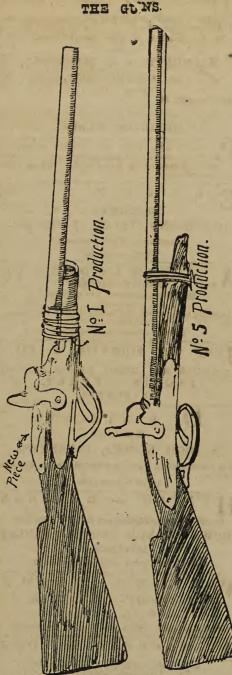
Do you think that the prisoner was then suffering from remorse?—He had the impression of hearing that MacCallum said that a woung man who was preaching for him

Lord Trayner, in his charge to the jury, referred to the serious nature of the case in its aspect for the prisoner, and also as to personal violence, especiall— directed against those doing duty as officers of the law. As to the plea of insanity, a high authority had said, if the jury believe that a prisoner when accompanied by her husband. Captain accompanied by her husband, Captain



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SUMMARIES.

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day. Page 8.

M. Felix Faure, President of the French Republic, died in Paris on Thursday evening, the result of an apopleptic seizure.

Londonderry City yesterday returned Count Arthur Moore (Nationalist) as member of Parliament by a majority of 42 over his opponent, Mr E. Herdman (Unionist). Page 5.

Inverness Liberals met last night, and elected Dr F. M. Mackenzie president of the Burgh Association, in room of Mr Henry Munro, who, to the regret of every member, has been obliged to resign on account of illhealth. Page 5.

THE HIGHLANDS IN PARLIAMENT.

House of Commons it is well known that desire to occupy new holdings. question before the attention of Parlia- waste straths and glens of their native ment. But as things go now it is about land await the answer. How long? the only opportunity that is left to private members to bring questions in which they are interested before the House. Follow ing the usual custom, the Member for Ross and Cromarty raised a discussion on the Highland question on Tuesday last. Notwithstanding that the result was a foregone conclusion, the discussion and the PUBLIC THRIFT CLOTHING division which followed showed that Liberals had lost none of the interest of former years in the condition of the Highlands, and it also showed that the obduracy of the Tories against the amendment of the Crofters Act remains unchanged. That, it has to be confessed was about the only result of the discussion, and to most people neither position

needed any fresh proof.

The amendment itself, compared with some of the amendments submitted by the Member for Ross to the Queen's Speech of past years, was somewhat better drafted, and it enabled the question to be discussed from two well-defined standpoints, namely, the admission of the small office of Registrar for the parish of Inverleaseholders to the benefits of the Crofters Act, and the proper utilisation of the land scheduled by the Royal Commission of 1892. The Lcrd Advocate's argument against the inclusion of the small leaseholders was not new, and will not bear holders was not new, and will not bear young man a strong appeal was made by a moment's examination. No one knows Bailie Clark. Messrs Stewart and Macgre-HIGHLAND ORDERS A SPECIALTY—
that better than the Lord Advocate first vote was—Call 10, Macbean 6, Mackin-himself. He claims to take his stand on The Great Vaulue in the Lord Advocate first vote was—Call 10, Macbean 6, Mackin-tosh 3, Humphrey 1. The second vote showed the historical facts on which the Crofters' 10 for Macbean, and an equal number for Call. Macbean was appointed by the cast-Act is based. We have often been not a ing vote of the Provost little amused at the zeal with which leading Tories for some years past desire

who knows the facts it is as clear as noonday that there never was a real contract entered into in the case of the contract entered into in the case of the small leaseholders in the Highlands. The Munro, recently killed at Inverness Station. tenants in question had to accept such leases as the landlord chose to give them, under threat of eviction. The so-called Council. leases was a cunning device to endeavour to win the Highland people Chronicle," read a selection of "Notes on the from the belief that the land belonged to them and not to the landlord, and to accustom them to a terminable tenure. Happily, the device did not succeed, and the Crofters Act will be a perpetual witness to that important fact.

Ross, Inverness, at the monthly meeting of Inverness Scientific Society and Field Club, held on Tuesday evening in the Royal Hotel. Against the Lord Advocate's views we may quote the definition of a crofter given in 20 UNION STREET, INVERNESS. the report of the Royal Commission of 1883, where it is declared that a crofter is 1883, where it is 1883, whe a tenant of a holding not exceeding thirty BEST pounds of annual rent with or without a were exposed for sale in two lots in the Calclease. Further, some of the Highland landlords, recognising that the leaseholders were practically in the same position as the other crofters, permitted their leaseholders to apply to the Crofters Com-mission, to which course the Com-mission took no objection. But for many years factor and commissioner on estates in the county of Inverness, has been appointed by the Earl of Craven land agent on his lordship's estates in England. argument and fact are lost on

> determined not to budge on the question. determined not to budge on the question. corresponding period last year. Mr Munro, But from some news published in another the collector, has been instructed to enforce column it will be seen that the small payment from the fishermen, many of whom leaseholder question in certain quarters is assuming a grave aspect, and it is quite possible the Lord-Advocate may, when it stances attending the death of Wm. Munro, is too late, see the error of the inflexible The Government's answer to the other part of Mr Weir's amendment was the

that that Board had made much progress with the extension of holdings. He claimed that they did some other useful the chair. things. But that was beside the question. The question was the a crowded audience in the Theatre Royal, extension of holdings and the formation of new holdings; and if the Government have no better plan than that of the Congested Districts Board time will show that in the passing of the Act constituting that Board they have A special report of the Nethy-Bridge murder trial, profusely illustrated, will be found on pages 2 and 3.

The Inverness-shire Farmer Society held

The Invernes their annual seed show and dinner yester- the bye election in Inverness-shire in the summer of 1895. A settlement of the CAMP. - The Highland Volunteer Brigade Highland question is not to be got from the present Parliament. Any attempt will be held on Gordon Castle grounds from 17th to 24th June next. The brigade will be under the command of Brigadiermade there is but beating the air. It General Cluny Macpherson of Cluny, and will consist of the following battalions:—

may help to keep the question before the list (Ross Highland) V.B. Seaforth Highpublic, and may enable certain members landers, 1st Sutherland V.R.C., 3rd (Morayto keep themselves before their constituents. But that is all. Before any Parliament will deal radically with the question much work has to be done outside Parliament. It was not in Parliament that the original Crofters Act was really won, but on the Braes, on Ben Lee, and in the valleys of Glendale. It is that the Highland Land Restoration Act of the future must be made possible in Parliament by the action, determination, To those who have experience of the and decision of the people who an amendment on the Queen's Speech is Is the young and rising generation of not the best means of bringing any public Highland men equal to the task? The

Congested Districts Board. But not even

OUR NEW STORY .- For particulars of our New Story, "Princess Delilah," by Mrs George Corbett, see page 10,

A thrilling and absorbing tale. Notices of births, marriages, and deaths,

funeral announcements, &c., will be found To Correspondents .- Pressure of a more than ordinarily heavy nature on our space this week has compelled us to hold over

many items of interest. HOUSEBREAKING .- Yesterday three men, named Frank Donelly wm. Kirkland, and Wm. Tolmie, were charged before Sheriff Scott-Moncrieff at Inverness, at a pleading diet, with the theft by housebreaking of a jacket and vest. The alleged offence was committed at Fort-Augustus. Wm. Kirkland pled guilty, and was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment. The others pled not guilty, and the case against them was adjourned until the second diet, which will be held to-day. diet, with the theft by housebreaking of a

APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REGISTRAR .-Last night Mr George Macbean, chief assistant in the office of Mr James Ross, law agent for the town, was appointed to the ness and Bona at a meeting of Inverness ness and Bona at a meeting of Inverness Town Council. There were six applicants for the post, namely, Messrs George Macbean, D. W. Call, vvm. Mackintosh, J. C. Stewart, Robert Macgregor, and Alex. Humphrey, all of Inverness. Mr Mackintosh had been assistant with the late Mr Fraser, registrar, for five years, and on behalf of this received many many appeals was made by

THE KIRKHILL CATTLE-DEALING CASE. -In our last issue there appeared a parato vindicate the historic basis of that Act. graph relating to the liberation of Mr At the time of the passing of the Act Andrew Fraser, cattle-dealer, Kirkhill. The they, led by the present Leader of the paragraph, as furnished, we regret to say, GRANTE, FRESTONS, AND MARBLE.
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Second Reading of Sir George Trevelyan's Crofters Amendment Act in the session Is not put up in Rolls, as is the Dutch goods, which many buy under the impression that they are getting Danish Products

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Sinclair Fraser, at the trial, but the Sheriff found him guilty, and sentenced him to twenty-one days' imprisonment. His friends twenty-one days' imprisonment. His friends then came forward, and he instructed an appeal, and he was liberated with no other bail than his own recognisances. The hearing of the appeal was not put down for the Circuit Court, as mentioned in the parality of the appeal was not put down for the Circuit Court, as mentioned in the parality of the appeal was not put down for the Circuit Court, as mentioned in the parality of the appeal was not put down for the Circuit Court, as mentioned in the parality of the appeal was not put down for the Circuit Court, as mentioned in the parality of the appeal was not put down for the Circuit Court, as mentioned in the parality of the appeal was not put down for the circuit Court, as mentioned in the parality of the appeal was not put down for the circuit Court, as mentioned in the parality of the appeal was not put down for the back of the continuance of this form of raising money. He would pay careful attention to what had been said, but the Sheriff found him guilty, and sentenced him to twenty-one days' imprisonment. His friends then came forward, and he instructed an appeal was not put down for the circuit Court, as mentioned in the parality of the appeal was not put down for the court many of the second parality of the court many of the second parality of th

A Sutherlandshire F.C. minister's letter in reply to a Free Church Catechist on the Union question will be given next week.

Sir Robert Finlay, M.P., has sent a cheque Mr Geo. Gordon, C.E., Inverness, has: been appointed engineer of the water works

Mr D. Campbell, editor of the "Northern Exchequer Rolls of Scotland" at the ordinary meeting of the Gaelic Society of Inverness on Thursday evening.

An interesting and informative paper on "Brochs' was read by ex-Provost Dr Alex. A motion of no confidence in the Government was moved at a political debate by the

Raining's School buildings and grounds was adjourned.

Mr P. Burgess, bank agent, Fortrose, and

The dues collected at Inverness Harbour the Government. They are evidently during the past nineteen weeks amount to £627 10s, being an increase of £64 over the t present evade the tax.

Sheriff Scott-Moncrieff and a jur- on Wednesday conducted an inquiry into the circumprivate policeman, who was recently killed on the Highland Railway at Inverness. The jurymen's fees, amounting to 35s, were ordered to be given to the widow.

The congregation of the Inverness United Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening held Congested Districts Board. But not even their annual social and business meeting in the Lord Advocate could pretend to say the Bank Street Hall. Mr John Chisholm, Chairman of the Managers, presided during the transaction of the annual business, Rev. Mr Stewart the pastor, afterwards taking

> Mr Ernest Denny on Wednesday delighted Inverness, with his masterly recital of several well-known elocutionary pieces, including a condensed version of "Macbeth." The entertainment, given under the auspices of the Ettles' Trust, was an unqualified success. PERSONALTY OF THE LATE MRS BURTON.

> -The estate of the late Mrs Katherine Innes or Burton, Boleskine, Fovers, who died on THIS YEAR'S HIGHLAND VOLUNTEER

> shire) V.B. Seaforth Higrlanders, 6th (Banffshire) V.B. Gordon Highlanders, 1st (Inverness-shire) V.B. Cameron High-

FORTHCOMING EVENTS .- During next week several events of considerable interest to people in the town are advertised to take place. On Monday the annual meeting of the Blind Institute will be held, when Scott-Moncrieff is expected to preside. In and in the valleys of Glendale. It is expectation of the coming cricket season, becoming clearer and clearer every day that the Highland Land Restoration Act for the election of office-bearers and other preparatory business. The Royal Hotel dining-room should be well filled on Friday, when a lecture under the auspices of the Inverness Chamber of Commerce is to be delivered on the subject of commercial educa-tion by Mr Thomas Kyd, whose position as manager of the Northern Assurance Company, ensures thorough practical knowledge of commercial methods. Local bird fanciers will be much interested in the Club show of the Inverness Ornithological Association on Saturday first, which will take place in the Old Kindergarten School, Academy Street.

GLASGOW INVERNESS-SHIRE ASSOCIATION -People are looking forward to the annual social gathering of this Association on Friday, 24th inst., with considerable pleasure. The chair is to be occupied by Dr Charles Fraser-Mackintosh—the prince of Highland gentlemen—and from a letter recently received by Mr John Maclean, Mitchell Street, from that gentleman, he is looking forward to his visit to Glasgow with keen pleasure. The musical programme to be presented on that occasion programme to be presented on that occasion is one of exceptional excellence, the artistes being Miss Jessie N. Maclachlan, Mr Scott Skinner—the Strathspey King—Miss Kate Fraser, Inverness; Miss M. A. Mackechnie, Mod Medallist; the Misses Downes, Mr George Neill, and Mr A. B. Worth. The Association pipers, Messrs E. E. Henderson, W. Macdonald, and R. S Robertson, will attend, along with a company of Highland dancers. Everything points to an excellent gathering in the Queen's Rooms.

"PULLMAN, LIMITED."-Travellers on the Highland Railway are familiar with the Pullman cars which run regularly on the night trains between Inverness and Porth and vice versa, but it is necessary in this country to pay a visit to the Metropelis in order to see a train made up solely of Pullman cars. Such trains are run between London and Brighton from the London Bridge and Victoria Stations of the London Bridge and South Coast Pallman Country. Brighton, and South Coast Railway Conpany; and recently, through the enegetic counsels of Mr Marks, the managing director to the Pullman Car Company in the country, the time occupied by this train-deluxe between the Metropolis and Brighton, a journey of 51 miles, has been reduced to 60 minutes. An interesting fact in connection with the Pullman trains is that rearly all the attendants hail from Scotland, if not from the Highlands.

THE PETTY CUSTOMS .- Lord Balfour of Burleigh, the Secretary of State for Scotland, received in his office in Edinburgh on Monday a deputation from the Convention of Royal and Parliamentary Burghs on the subject of the legislative proposals made in last session of Parliament, and likely to be renewed in the present session, for the compulsory aboli-tion of the Petty Customs in all the Scottish burghs. There were representatives from nineteen burghs, including Inverness, Elgin, Dingwall, and Dornoch. Inverness was repre-sented by Bailie Macdonald, Treasurer Ross, and Mr Kenneth Macdonald, Town Clerk.
The deputation was introduced by Mr J. B.
Balfour, Q.C., M.P., who stated that these
burghs would be willing to consider the Bill if any adequate compensatory provision was made from the source from which the customs came or from any source other than rating the community. Treasurer Ross stated the case for Inverness, stating that the abolition of the Petty Customs would mean a loss of £2000 annually, and to provide that sum a tax of 5d in the £1 would have to be imposed. Lord

INVERNESS BURGH LIBERALS.

ELECTION OF DR F. M. MACKENZIE

M'Leod, M.P.; Dr F. M. Mackenzie, Dean of Guild Fraser, Treasurer A. D. Ross, Bailie of Guild Fraser, Treasurer A. D. Ross, Bailie gentleman when he came round to address and sponsible duties, showed how well he inter Elliot, Councillor Melven, Councillor Mac- electors of Inverness to find so worthy a gen-Elliot, Councillor Melven, Councillor Macdonald, Councillor Young, Mr W. J. M.

Burrell, Clachnaharry; er-Bailie Maclennan, Plause). Mr Maclennan expressed the hope that Mr Munro might be long spared to take the Mr Munro might be long spare Burrell, Clachnaharry; er-Bailie Maclennan, Mr Duncan Macpherson, Mr T. D. Campbell, Mr Donald Murray, Treasurer; Mr George Ross, solicitor, Secretary; Mr Wm. Webster, pass through the time of difficulty and the Organiser, and others.

The Chairman remarked that the meeting The Chairman remarked that the meeting that night was of more than usual interest to himself personally, inasmuch as it was probably the last occasion on which he should have the honour of occupying the chair in the capacity of President of the Association. It was now more than a year of every man to stine ascendant, in the government of the country—(applause) a majority of the House of Commons—the amajority of the House of Commons—the heart would be promoted; when class legislation should be shattered and done away with; when it should be easy for men to live; and when it should be easy for men to live; and when it should be easy for men to live; and when it should be easy for men to live; and when it should be easy for men to live; and when it should be easy for men to live; and when it should be easy for men to live; and when it should be easy for men to live; and when it should be easy for men to live; and when it should be easy for men to live; and when the liberty and prosperity that it was the right of every man to spiroty of the House of Commons—the amajority of the House of Commons—the heart would be promoted; when class legislation should be shattered and done away with; when it should be easy for men to live; and the proper place, even coming to the ascendant, a majority of the House of Commons—the amajority of the House of Commons—the fear majority of the House of Commons—the amajority of the House of Commons—the fear majority of the House of Commons—the amajority of the House of Commons—the fear majority of the House of Commons—the amajority of the House of Commons—the fear majority of the House of Commons—the amajority of the House of Commons—the fear majority of the House of Commons—the amajority of the House of Commons—the fear but that support, he did not fear but that support at the should be easy for men to live; and the should be easy for men to live; and the should be easy for men to live; and the should be easy for men to live; and the should be easy for men to live; and the should be easy Association. It was now more than a year since he gave notice of his intention to Association. It was now more than a year since he gave notice of his intention to vacate the chair at the next annual meeting, so that it could not be said his retirement came upon them as a surprise. It was about twelve years since they first did him the honeur of electing him to be President of their Association, and during all that time that of Honeury President and to attain— (applause). He begged to move that they pathetic, he thought he could promise him past services, and their most sincere wishes for his future welfare—(applause). Among the proposed new rules submitted for their approval a new office had been arranged for—that he proposed the proposed new rules are the proposed in the next Parliament—loud applause). Mr Birrell, in seconding the resolution, said it was well for them and the party, when the proposed new rules are the right attitude on Highland questions he (Mr Leod) did not know; but if it was sympathetic, he thought he could promise him a solid support from the North of Scotland in the next Parliament—loud applause). Mr Birrell, in seconding the resignation of Sir Wm. Harcourt came their Association, and during all that time it gave him pleasure to say that he had not their Association, and during all that time it gave him pleasure to say that he had not been absent from a single meeting, public or private, excepting on one occasion during a period of illness—(applause). All the time that he acted as President he received the greatest kindness and consideration from every member of the Association. No one knew better than himself of the many defects with which he might have discharged the duties of his post, but he had done his the duties of his post, but he had done his best to do what was right in the Associa-tion's interests, and with the sole desire to plause). He vacated the chair, not by desire, but of necessity, and with the sincerc wish and expectation that they would have secured the services of a successor who have secured the services of a successor who would do the work better in the future than he himself could possibly do it, owing to considerations which he need not there state. It was needless for him to say that he vacated the chair with very great regret indeed, but that regret was very much softened by the hope he entertained that they would that night agree to elect as his successor a gentleman who was well known as a citizen for his high character, for his nature than average intelligence, and for a lifelong adhesion to Liberal principles—(applause). It would be idle to deny that the Liberal party had sustained a very severe floss owing to Sir William Harcourt having resigned the Liberal leadership in the House of Commons. The Liberal party, and indeed the whole country, owed a great debt of gratitude to Sir William for his inestimable services at a time of unparalleled. would do the work better in the future than inestimable services at a time of unparalleled difficulties—(applause). It was no easy task to take up the reins of leadership when they had fallen from the hands of such a mighty captain as the late Mr Gladstone-one who was probably the greatest states-man of the nineteenth century—(applause). The Liberal party should never forget what benefit Sir William had conferred upon the country by his great Finance bill, although AN UNEVENTFUL YEAR.

AN Unevented by the extravagance and reckless who can look back twenty years or more, and survey the questions which then engaged public attention, will have no difficulty in accounting for the comparative calm which at present reigns in the Political world.

The matters then in dispute have been so far settled, and the keen excitement and successor as Sir Henry Campbell-Banner
Thus ended the first part of the promote admired with white ribbon, and worn with a dainty with white cashmere skirt, hoped around with white ribbon, and worn with a dainty white satin bodice draped and arranged the first part of the promote held their annual with white ribbon, and worn with a dainty white satin bodice draped and arranged the first part of the promote held the first par his labours had in great measure been dis that the party had secured such a masterful successor as Sir Henry Campbell-Banner-far settled, and the keen excitement and heat generated at the cross of these creat public questions have died down. But this heat generated at the president. The president. The president with sequins and brightened with white presiding over a large attendance of members in the unavoidable absence of Mr E. Charming in a pretty white silk dress, the bodice of which had a berth of crystals and

A BRILLIANT LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION -(applause). Sir Henry possessed many of those gifts which constituted successful leadership. He possessed good sound sense, alertness, and patience, and knew well blow to manage and focus the everchanging conditions under which he would be called upon to lead his party—(applause). It was no easy task which had fallen upon him, but they had the utmost confidence that he would bind the party tegether, and ultimately lead them to victor —(applause). They were sometimes taunted with the divisions which existed among the Liberal Party, but that was nothing new. Wherever there was an inclination to press forward towards reform, that was an essential if not an indispensable-condition of progress, more particularly as the members of the Liberal Party had never yet been trained to follow any leader without first thinking out for themselves the subject on which they were being led—(applause). It might be perfectly true that the Liberal Party was at the present time labouring under considerable difficulties, and subject to various adverse influences, but there was nothing they should complain of in that. Perhaps they should rather welcome the ordeal of fire through which the Liberal Party was at present passing. If they would take the trouble of looking back upon the history of their country, they would see that the periods of our national life which we most admired and took pride in were not those in which the country was in the highest state of prosperity and peace. Take, for example, the history of the country during the reigns of the two Charleses, when the Liberalism and liberty of the country stood, as it were, with their back to the wall, and men who advocated freedom of religious and political opinions were like hunted hares upon the hill-side. Well, that was a period which was really the beginning of the greatness of this country—a period which gave birth to a Cromwell and Hampden, and which gave to the United States that which was pre-eminently great in her national history. It might be that all the turmoil and trouble through which they were at present passing was forming and great in the history of Liberalism-(applause). But, after all, it was not the question of party distractions or party secessions which should chiefly concern them; but, Were they doing the work which lay at their own door to be done?-work which their hands alone could form and fashion—(applause). Were they seeking to perfect their own party organisation? Were they striving to remove all social inequalities? Were they endeavouring to adjust the responsibilities of citizenship and the burdens of taxation to the strength of the burden-bearer? Were they striving to inagurate a reign of justice and fair-play-a reign of justice, too, which should know no geographical limits, and in its operations should recognise no difference of race or colour or oreed, but should seek to embrace all mankind opportunities for all classes and conditions of and all nations?—(applause). When they set to work with these high ideals before them, men, where ability, honesty, sobriety, application, and real merit are sure to meet their due and just reward—(loud applause). they would succeed, because they would deserve to succeed, and they would get strength themselves in giving strength to others—(applause). At all events, they would leave an example to others of how men ought to conduct their political work—(applause). It only now remained for him to move that Dr Mackenzie be elected President of the Association, and in doing so he was sure he need not ask for him that cordial co-operation and support to which he was so justly entitled at their hands—(applause). He had no doubt, if they were loyal to him, Dr Mac-

LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE. Ex-Bailie Maclennan said that he regretted the cause of the Chairman's address—they all regretted that their respected and esteemed Chairman during the past twelve years had, for reasons of health, to resign that position: but they would all likewise with him be glad to hear that though retiring from the leading position that he had occupied, and so honourably occupied, during that time, Mr Munro was not to dissociate nimself from the Liberal party in the Burghs, but would, he had no doubt, when he had the opportunity, work as he had hitherto done, to the best of his ability in the interests of the great principles that the Council's election will take place under bound them together—(applause). Now that they had to accept the inevitable, he thought

kenzie would prove a credit and an acquisition

to the Association-(applause).

along the cause at heart, and spared no pains to occupy the position—a position for which shrank from no effort to fulfil the duties of the his great qualities and his long and valuable AS PRESIDENT.

Last night the annual business meeting of the Inverness Burgh Liberal Association was held in the Waverley Hotel, Inverness. Mr Henry Munro, President, occupied the chair, while among those present were—Mr John M'Leod, M.P.; Dr F. M. Mackenzie, Dean shrank from no effort to fulfil the duties of the high position that he occupied in the Liberal Party of the Burghs; and he thought they could do no less than tender to him their very best and their most sincere thanks for the great ervices he had rendered—(aplause). They knew that few men could have adorned the chair in public meetings in the burgh as the meeting of it showed how heartily the meeting concurred. He could not profess to any more intimate knowledge of their new Leader than any of those present; but he action, since called to his high and re-(applause). It was always a pleasure to ary pass through the time of difficulty and the democracy. It must be the duty of the rank time of growth, and live to see the party take and file to make him feel that he had what its proper place, even coming to the ascendant,

carried with acclamation. In accepting the post and returning thanks for the vote, Mr Munro said that he need not tell them he felt very much touched by the generous terms in which ex-Bailie Maclennan had spoken of him. He felt very grateful to Mr Maclennan and Mr Gill, and to them all for the hearty way in which they had received him. They could rely upon this, that Pr Mackenzie was just the man to render them that which they might claim at his hands -(applause).

Mr Donald Murray briefly seconded Dr Mackenzie's appointment, which was unanimously carried

THE PEOPLE'S WILL. Dr Mackenzie took the President's chair should remember that raw-haste is half-sister ent upon the life of any one man. When the hour comes the man will appear, provided the rank and file of the Liberal army will stick true to their colours—(applause). But there is one thing that applies to political parties, as it does to individuals and

any people," "for the throne is stablished by righteousness." The object of all legislation should be to make the practice of virtue easy and the practice of virtue easy and the practice, I have no doubt but social questions will bulk largely in the near future. How to deal with our poor and our criminal classes, and what lies very close our criminal classes, and what lies very close to the roots of these questions—the land and liquor laws of our country—must occupy a first place—(loud applause). How to raise and humanise our fellow-men deserves the best gifts and energies of our hearts and brains. But in order to be able to carry out these reforms some change will be necessary in the machinery of Parliament itself—(hear, hear). The House of Lords, as at present constituted, acts as a barrier against the carrying out of the people's will. I may also mention that the principle of "one man one vote" is sure to receive early attention—(applause). But, gentlemen, the duty of an opposition is not to declare a policy, but to watch and criticise; and in criticising the Tory party, let us be generous and give them credit for learning many things during the last 20 years. The measures we fought for for years, and which were strenuously opposed by the Tories, have been granted, and have been generally ad-mitted by themselves to be just and righteous -(applause). As their teachers, we have some reason to be proud of this achievement, and I think this fact should give us a moral and presumptive right to lead the van in declaring what future reforms are necessary.

BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS. On the motion of Mr Maclean, seconded by Mr Macleay, Mr George Walker, Mr John Macdonald, ex-Bailie Maclennan, Mr W. J. M. Birrell, Mr Dun. Mactavish, and Mr John Chisholm were elected Vice-Presidents; while Mr Donald Murray, Hon. Treasurer; Mr George Ross, Hon. Secretary; and Mr Wm. Webster, Organising Secretary, were re-appointed to their respective posts.

The financial statement, submitted by Mr Murray, showed that after meeting all outstanding liabilities, the year closed with only a few shillings due the Treasurer. The income amounted to £56 178 8d, and the expenditure to £57 10s 9d.

A new set of rules, revised by the Council, were then submitted to the meeting for approval. The principal changes referred to the membership subscription, now fixed at 1s, and to the formation of Ward Committees, by whom the Council are in future to be elected. The date of the annual meeting of the Association has also been changed to November. The new rules were adopted, and, on the Chairman's suggestion, the present Council were continued in office until October, when

very few could have served them so well- dership in the House of Commons, and (applause). He knew that Mr Munro had all sincerely trusts that he may be long spared

his action, since called to his high and retaken, he would -ave to resist many temptations to deviate from the path of pure was, after all, far more important than even the resignation of Sir Wm. Harcourt came

hon. member who leads the House of Commons for the Tory party, was represented as asking for a strong leader of the Opposition. "Punch" said, "My faith, he's got him noo!" He thought they all could endorse that statement-(applause).

Mr Henry Munro said that it was right to congratulate the coming Leader, but they must also speed the parting guest, and ten-der him their thanks for his past services. He therefore moved—"That this meeting

should be sent to the right hon. gentlemen, and a vote of thanks having been accorded, on the motion of Treasurer Ross, to Dr Mackenzie for presiding, the meeting terminated.

INVERNESS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

AN UNEVENTFUL YEAR.

circulated among the members, was taken as read. The report states that the past year to delay, and that ill-considered measures are a political mistake. Let us remember that a great historical part— is not depend- questions having arisen calling for active work or discussion on the part of the Chamber or its Council. Consequently it has her or its Council. Consequently it has Miss Tolmie favoured a white brocade, not been found necessary to hold so many touched up with pink. Miss Macpherson meetings of the Chamber or Council as in chose a toilet in pale blue; while her sister former years. The Council has met four wore black brightened with pink. Miss Franations, and that is—that "righteousness times during the past year, and there has ser, Church Street, wore white muslin draped with lace. Miss Maclean, Ardconnel Terbeen but one general meeting of the Chamber. The membership of the Chamber is material, worn with a moire sash. still maintained, the number on the roll at Clark, Innes Street, was rowned in cream the end of the year being 107. The Council brocade, garnished on the shoulder with pink regret to record the deaths during the year of Sir Henry Cockburn Macandrew, Kt., and Mr John Mackenzie, (banker both) in white cashmere, worn with a white satin original members of the Chamber, and also of Mr Jonathan Ross, who, from the incorporation of the Chamber until his death, was one of the most enthusiaction. was one of the most enthusiastic members, yellow underslip. A stylish toilet in yellow and one of the most attentive Councillors of material, wreathed with purple primulas, and one of the most attentive Councillors of the Chamber. The confidential inquiry and debts recovery department has been carried on as an adjunct of the Chamber for the with posys of violets. past four years, and from its infancy has been considerably taken advantge of by the numbers. The accounts for the year ending 3ist December, 1898, show a balance at the credit of the Chamber of £41 9s 11d. This the Council consider eminently satisfactory, showing, as it does, a large increase on the

The Chairman made a few remarks on the report. Speaking of technical education, he said it was one of the most important subjects before the country. They heard on all sides of the country falling back, comparatively speaking, in the race for the comperce of the world; they heard of special training in the schools of other nations enabling them to be the special training them. abling them to beat us in this race. This country was now waking up, and technical also the matter under their consideration, and he considered that possibly the combined Chamber of Commerce, School Board, and headmasters might be able to give the matter a little lift up in the North—(applicate) nlause).

The report was unanimously adopted, likewise the balance-sheet, read by Mr P. D. Mactavish, solicitor, the secretary and treasurer of the Chamber.

A number of communications from the Lendon and Edinburgh Chambers were afterwards submitted to the meeting. Reports on commercial training in London and in the Heriot Watt College, Edinburgh, were remitted to the Council, along with a letter from the London Chamber on municipal trading. An interesting discussion took place on the subject of the new bills being promoted by the National Telephone Com-rany. Mr J. L. Guild moved that the Chamber petition Parliament against the talls, and memorialise the Government to as scon as possible take the entire telephone system of the country under thier own control Mr Keeble seconded the motion. Mr Henry Munro said he did not wish to say fore committing the Chamber to any definite action, and therefore suggested that for Edinburgh. the subject be submitted to the Council with powers to take action as they see fit. This was put in the form of an amendment by Mr J. T. Melven, seconded by Mr Macpherson, and on being put to the meeting, was carried

WORKMEN'S CLUB REUNION.

[By OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.] Last night the members of the Inverness Workmen's Club, Bridge Street, held their annual supper and ball in the Station Hotel. The Club, formed many years ago by the late Mr Macdougall, Dunolly, still maintains its popularity, and is strenuously supported by quite a large number of the young men of the community. The dance eagerly looked forward to-was, as upon former occasions, a delightful success, and to the zealous Committee and their capable Secretary, that fact | well be otherwise than cheering to the permust indeed be gratifying. There was a large attendance of members and their lady friends. Excellent music was discoursed by a band led by Mr D. Mackintosh, and dancing was heartily engaged in. At midnight, supper, which included the choicest of viands, was served by a staff of willing assistants. After supper the feature of the evening took place, that of presenting Mr John Don, late of Raining's School, and now of Peterhead Academy, and late Chairman of the Club, with a handsome gift in recognition of his past services in that institution. Mr Mellis, commercial traveller, who presided, in a neat and appropriate speech, welcomed their guest, and called upon Bailie Maclean, Vice-Chairman of the Club, to perform the pleasing duty. The Bailie, who on rising was heartily cheered, said—Ladies and gentlemen, I am called upon to perform a very pleasant duty to-night, and it gives me very great pleasure to see our friend, Mr Don, sitting with us once again—(applause). Mr Don has been a member of the Working Men's Club for a number of years, during which time he has a district to the front with the action song "Who Killed Cock Robin?" acquitting themselves with distinction. For their violin selections Messrs Kirkwood, A. Munro, jun., and Thos. Aitchison were cordially accorded well-merited applause. acted as director, treasurer, and latterly as chairman. Mr Don took a great deal of nterest in the Club and in its members, with the result that he was greatly instrumental in increasing its popularity, reducing its debt, and placing it in its present sound financial condition—(applause). I am asked to present him with this American roll-top writing-desk n the name of the members of the Working Men's Club, and I am sure we all wish he may ong live to use it. I may read the inscription that is written on it—"Presented to John Don, Esq., M.A., B.Sc., Chairman of the Working Men's Club, by the members, in recognition of his valuable services to the Club and as a mark of their esteem .- January.

1899"—(applause).

Mr Don's health was thereafter pledged in true Highland fashion, the company singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Mr Don, in reply, said he could scarcely find words to express how much he appreciated the kind words spoken by Bailie Maclean, and he thanked them all for their very handsome gift, which he would ever value as a memento of many happy days spent in the Working Men's Club—(applause). THE DRESSES.

Notwithstanding the lateness of the season, the dresses worn at the gathering were fresh and most becoming to the wearers. Miss Maciver, Forest Hill, Muir of Ord, looked very pretty in a white silk dress, the bodice frilled with Brussels lace and garnished with dark crimson roses. Miss Macpublic questions have died down. But this is only for a time. Whenever the great mass of the people grasp the questions which should now engage the public mind, the tide will again begin to flow, and slowly, but surely, measures will be carried out in like manner to previous reforms—(applause). We must not forget that as a nation we are very conservative, and move very slowly from the old moorings. But once convince the British public that a thing once convince the British public that a thing of Gallon, Falcon, Square, The vacancy in the borth with a posy of pink anemones. plause). We must not reach nation we are very conservative, and move very slowly from the old moorings. But once convince the British public that a thing is right and advantageous, and they do not hesitate to change. If we look to the past and the present we have every reason to take heart for the future. In order to do anything good or great, the human mind must have periods of rest and retirement; must, have periods of rest and retirement; must, have periods of rest and retirement; must, have periods of the Liberal material thanks for their appointment, promising to do all in their power in further ance of the interests of the Chamber.

John Mackintosn, right Mackenzie and Mr George Gallon, Falcon Square, The vacancy in the berth with a posy of pink and Miss Mackenzie's (Bunchrew) pale blue "own is the Council caused by the death of Mr Miss Mackenzie's (Bunchrew) pale blue "own is the Council caused by the appointment of Mr R. O. Wark. The new members returned thanks for their appointment, promising to do all in their power in further ance of the interests of the Chamber.

Street, had her white brocaded gown trimmed with passementerie. Miss Carter Looked pretty in pale blue silk, wreathed looked pretty in pale blue silk. with narcissus. Miss Mair, Tain, favoured black, brightened with geraniums. Miss Maclean ws admired in white cashmere and dainty satin bodice, and her sister was similarly attired. Miss Craig came in a smart toilet in white brocade ruched with chiffon.

THE MOD.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

The next Mod or gathering of the High-land Association is to be held in Edinburgh early in October, and promises to be a very great success. The Town Council of Edinburgh have agreed to confer their patronage with ten guineas for prizes. Mr Mackay, Hereford, and Dr Fraser-Mackintosh are again giving £21 and £10 respectively. Mr M'Leod, M.P., as in two previous years, has charge of a special fund to be devoted to been arranged by the Association. Mr Archibald Menzies, S.Sc., whose Edinburgh Reel and Strathspey Band, it will be remem-bered, proved such an attraction at the Inverness Mod concert, is taking a great in-terest in the coming Mod in Edinburgh, and, under his able guidance, the Gaels of Edin-burgh may be expected to give the Mod a worthy reception.

The marriage took place at Blair-Athol on Thursday of Mr Alexander Bruce, I.C.S. (son of Dr Bruce, the Castle, Dingwall), to Miss Fraser (daughter of Rev. Mr Fraser, Blair-Athol, formerly of Dingwall).

A very successful concert was given last night in Dingwall ov the members of the Star of Ross-shire Lodge of Oddfellows. An extended report will be found in our evening

Thursday last Mr A. Munro, who has been countenance his entertainment. in the employment of Mr Souter, bookseller, Dingwall, for a number of years, was waited upon by a number of friends and made the recipient of a handsome Gladstone bag, a anything against the motion. He would, however, like to have fuller information before committing the Chamber to any sum of money, on the occasion of his leaving "God Save the Que the hall was cleared for

MARKET HALL CONCERT .- The following programme of music will be played by the night—Mr J. H. J. Leslie Reed, band-master:—March, Soldier's Dream;" selecit due to Mr Munro that they should express most heartly their appreciation of the usinguished services he rendered to the party in the position which he occupied and filled so honourably. He knew no gentleman who could have served to a Association better—

CONGRATULATIONS.

Mr M'Leod, M.P., moved—"That this meeting of the Burgh Liberal Association heartly congratulates the Right Hon. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman on his being unanimously appointed to the Liberal Lear try, the meeting terminated.

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Solder's Inverness, were elected to the party bridal march, "Lohengrin;" selection, "Scotland;" in the position which he occupied and filled march, after votes to sold the Chapman, drapers, Inverness, were elected to the Chapman and the Secretary, the meeting terminated.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT AT FORT-AUGUSTUS.

Consequent upon the splendid success that

PRESENTATION TO MR DON. THE DRESSES AT THE DANCE.

happily attended the last two entertainments held in the Public Hall, Fort-Augutsus, in aid of the funds of that institution, a third, organised by Mr Jack Aitchison, Richmond Heuse, was given on the evening of Thursday, 9th inst. Mr Richard A. M. Young, of Messr's James Young (Ltd.), contractors of the Invergarry and Fort-Augustus Railway, was, amidst deafening applause, invited to take the chair. In doing so, Mr Young intimated that, as the programme placed in his hands was a lengthy one, he would, beyond the pleasure it gave him to preside, simply observe that it could not formers to act to so well-filled and enthusiastic a house. The Chairman then called upon Mr Roderick Macpherson-MacCrimmon to open the programme with a selection of popular Highland airs on the bagpines, which he executed in masterly style. The pianoforte duet, "Faces in the Fire," by Miss Cameron, teacher, and Mise Aitchison, Richmond House, was rendered most effectively, and a recall was only refused on account of the length of the programme. The song "My Nannie's Awa," by Miss K. Campbell, was so exquisitely given that the audience signified their appreciation of it by long-continued applause. The school children, under the able training of Miss Cameron, came well to the front with the ccrdially accorded well-merited applause. Mr Hopkins, Invergarry, who was in excelleut voice, treated the audience to "Scotland Yet" with a sweetness and pathos that simply took the house by storm. Misses
Cameron and Aitchison, who were here
heartly greeted, delighted the audience
with a faultless tandering of the word duet

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when the Company, of which he was a
director, presented a petition to the Dean
of Guild Court for warrant to rebuild the
Music Hall. The Town Clerk pointed out with a faultless rendering of the vocal duet that Mr Fraser, as a shareholder and direcwith a faultless rendering of the vocal duet "Flew on, thou Shining River." The action song "The Merry Sailors," by Masters P. Campbell and Billy and Bobbie Munro, was right merrily rendered, and these three little gentlemen proved themselves typical sailors in the accurate performance of their joint duties, and by way of reward were enthusiastically applauded. Mr Mundell, in his song "She wore a Wreath of Roses," made his debut before a Fort-Augustus audience, and made so favourable an impression that he is universally looked for audience, and made so favourable an impression that he is universally looked forward to contribute equally as felicitously

imagicary but seemingly present bagpipes.

Mr Patterson was universally complimented for the masterly manner he displayed the peculiarities of this unique instrument. the glce "Tho Mighty Norseman," which was so cheerfully executed, and with such tact and taste, as to call forth a demonstrative eneure, which for the reason already assigned could not, it was regretted, be complied with. As no concert "Among the Heilan' Hills" could correctly be complete without a Gazlic song, the audience were lavish in the reception they accorded Miss Macgruer, Oich Cottage ou coming forward with "Giun Chrodh gun Aighean" and which she sung with such taste and feeling as called forth the unmeasured plaudits of the houss An action song, "Ding-Dong Daisy," by the Misses C., C. and E. Aitchison, and "Daisy," Jessie Munro, gave much pleasure, and their attractive manner, together with an exceptionally pretty "Daisy," was greatly admired The rendering of the piancforte duet, "Old Gold," by Misses Cameron and Aitchison left nothing to be desired, and these ladies made themselves favourites with the audience. As the action songs were so greatly appreciated, space was alloted to another, "The Gardeners," by the Misses C., C. and E. Aitchison, who, metaphorically, proved themselves commendable songs were so greatly appreciated, space was alloted to another, "The Gardeners," by the Misses C., C. and E. Aitchison, who, metaphorically, proved themselves commendable and he considered the Dean had done right phorically, proved themselves commendable in the particular case under considered the Dean had done right in resigning his position, but he did not think that was at all necessary. If he demitted office for the one particular case under consideration, he could resume his duties at once. Treasurer Ross considered that even Misses Cameron and Aitchison was as fer-vently appreciated as were the former con-tributions of these ladies, all of which were exquisitely rendered, and met with unbounded applause from a critical audience. Miss K. Campbell, Rose Cottage, in happy atti-tude, sang "Comin' through the Rye" with unsurpassable taste and expression, and which stamp her as a young lady of much promise. A comic sea recitation, "Paddy the Valiant," by Mr William Macdonald in commanding nautical phraseology, was much appreciated. The last item on the programme, the "Sword Dance," by Mr William Macdonald, Invergarry, to the soul stirring strains of Mr H. Wilkinson's bagnines and which was appreciated, greatered pipes, and which was appreciatively greeted y an attentive audience.

The Chairman then announced that "a splendidly executed and interesting programme had been brought to a close, and a concert which reflected great credit on the organiser Mr Jack Aitchison, had come to a termination. Where all had done so well, t might, he said, be considered out of place to mention any one performer in particular; but, notwithstanding, special thanks were deservedly due to the Misses Cameron and Aitchison for the excellence of their personal contributions to the evening's enjoyment. To the former, also, for the pains she had taken in training the children to so high a state of efficiency in their action songs and to the latter for the efficiency of her accompaniments on the piano throughout the even charge of a special fund to be devoted to the giving of prizes to teachers who teach Gaelic, and towards this fund Mr M Leod has given £10. The general list of prizes the devoted has given £10. The general list of prizes the devoted has given £10. The general list of prizes the devoted has given £10. The general list of prizes the devoted has given £10. The general list of prizes the devoted has given £10. The general list of prizes the devoted has given £10. The general list of prizes the devoted has given £10. The general list of prizes to teachers who teach has given £10. The general list of prizes to teachers who teach has given £10. The general list of prizes to teachers who teach has given £10. The general list of prizes to teachers who teach has given £10. The general list of prizes to teachers who teach has given £10. The general list of prizes to teachers who teach has given £10. The general list of prizes to teachers who teach has given £10. The general list of prizes to teachers who teach has given £10. The general list of prizes the first of t offered promises to be the best that has yet been arranged by the Association. Mr Archibald Menzies, S.Sc., whose Edinburgh Mr Young on the agreeable and efficient Deal of State of St manner in which he discharged the duties of Chairman, and expressed a hope that the deep interest he had now manifested in the welfare of the Institution would long continue-a The Secretary, Mr Wm. Macdonald, on

behalf of the Managing Committee, in a few well-chosen sentences thanked the visitors from Invergarry in particular-for their valuable and kindly co-operation in furthering the interests of the Fort-Augustus Public

Mr Maclean, forester, Invergarry, suitable responded, and added that it was in a great measure in order to tender a reciprocation of the kindly interest the organiser of the concert, Mr Jack Aitchison, always took in the Invergarry community, as well as out of their appreciation of his obliging disposition, that led to so many of his Invergarry friends to

Mr Jack Aitchison thanked Mr Maclean for his kindly reference to him, and hoped that such kindly feeling as was expressed

"God Save the Queen" having been sung, the hall was cleared for the Cinderella dance, in which the younger portion of the audience engaged with much spirit. On the termina-tion of the dance, Mrs John Aitchison kindly band of the H.V.A. in the Market Hall to- treated the ladies to a service of tea and cake,

LATEST NEWS.

LONDONDERRY CITY ELECTION.

NATIONALIST RETURNED.

The result of the polling in Londonderry City for a member of Parliament in room of Mr Vesey Knox, who vacated the seat, was declared yesterday afternoon. The candidates were Count Arthur Moore (Nationalist) and Mr E. Herdman (Unionist). The result was as follows:-

Moore (Nationalist) ... Herdman (Unionist) ... Nationalist majority ... 42 The figures at last election were:-E. F. V. Knox (Home Ruler ... 2033 J. Ross, Q.C. (Conservative)... 1954 Home Rule majority ...

THE NEW MUSIC HALL.

A TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT.

Last night a special meeting of Inverness Town Council was held to consider an application to the Dean of Guild Court by the Inverness Public Hall Company for warrant to rebuild the Music Hall. Provost Macbean presided, and the only member of Council absent was Mr Mackintosh, yr. of Raigmore. At the outset of the meeting a lengthy correspondence was read between the Town Clerk; Messrs Stewart, Rule, & Burns, solicitors, Inverness, agents for the Public Hall Company; and Mr Kenneth Fraser, Dean of Guild. The gist of the correspondence was to the effect that Mn Fraser had consulted the Town Clerk about the course he (the Dean) bught to pursue petition either by appointing a Magistrate to preside in the Dean of Guild Court or in ward to contribute equally as felicitously to the next concert programme. Mr Fred. Ferguson entertained the audience to a pleasautly-rendered recitation. Mr Alex. Patterson, electrician, Cullachy estate, exhibited a powerful gramophone, kindly lent for the occasion by Messrs P. C. Middleton & Co., Inverness. The selections given were truly delightful, and so audibly rendered that the assembly were disposed to dance the "Reel of Tullech" to the strains of the imagicary but seemingly present baspines. cation said that if Mr Fraser had done so it materially altered his (the Dean's) position, but, none the less, in the circumstances the

Treasurer Ross considered that even though financially interested in the Music Hall the Dean would err on the side of fairness, and conduct the case in such a way that the public would not run away with the idea that he was prostituting his private feelings

to his public duties.

Bailie Macdonald considered that far too much had been made of the matter; it was simply "a tempest in a teapot." The Dean could have simply demitted his office for the time. For his (the Bailie's) own part, he should divest himself of any responsibility attached to the rebuilding of the Music Hall. The means of ingress and egress were not sufficient, and he could not be a party in allowing the plans to pass without saying something about them.

Mr Melven moved that, having heard the

correspondence on the subject, and knowing that Dean of Guild Fraser is neither a director nor a shareholder of the Inverness Public Hall Company, the business go to the Dean of Guild Court in the usual way. The Provost pointed out that such a motion

was quite unnecessary. The Council could not now, he held, prevent the Dean from sitting on the Bench. Mr Mactavish asked if any steps were to

be taken in regard to representing the public interest in the question. The Provost said they would come to that when they were considering the plans of the

Mr Wm. Mackay was also of opinion that there was no necessity for the Dean resigning his directorship of the Company. He had simply to stand aside, but as he had resigned his position—and he asumed that that reigna-tion was effectual, and that he was not interested in any way whatever in the concern, and that he did not intend to go back to itit was desirable that he took his seat on the Bench of the Dean of Guild Court.

This was agreed to, and the matter ended

THE MUSIC HALL PLANS. The plans of the Music Hall prepared by the architects, Messrs Ross in Macbeth, Inverness, were then submitted to the meeting. In connection with these, a report from the Burgh Surveyor was read, in which he took exception to the means of exit from the hall. An amended sketch plan was, however, submitted to the Council, which, not having been before the Directors of the Company, had not authority. It would remove the objections of the Surveyor. The Council, in the event of the substitute plan being carried out and the gallery exit always available, agreed to withdraw their objections, subject to the plans being approved by the Dean of Guild Court. Further, the matter was remitted to the Magistrates, with powers.

Highlanders: Their Heroes and Battles was the subject of a lecture delivered on Tuesday evening by Mr James Ross, headmaster of the Merkinch Public School, to the members of the Free East Church Literary Society .-School in connection with the church was held last night within the hall of the church. Rev. OUR NEW STORY.—For particulars of our New Story, "Princess Delilah," by Mrs George Corbett, see page 10.

A thrilling and absorbing tale.

A light within the half of the chair. During the evening addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr Withington, Wesleran Methodist Church; Rev. A. M. Macleod, assistant to Mr Cameron; Mr James Ross, Merkinch Public Charles Mr William Murra, and others. School; Mr Wilham Munro, and others.

A BONAR-BRIDGE WORTHY.

THE LATE MR JOHN BARCLAY. ["HIGHLAND NEWS" SPECIAL.]

It is with no ordinary sorrow that wa have noticed the death of Mr John Barclay, Benar-Bridge. Mr Barclay was in failing health for some time, but more especially during the past winter, and the end came calm'y and peacefully on Thursday of last week. The funeral took place on Saturday last, when a large concourse of people assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to their departed friend. During his long illness the deceased was lovingly, patiently, and skilfully nursed by his devoted wife, to whom and to his brothers we offer our deep est and sincerest sympathy. To his intimate friends his death has caused a blank which time cannot fill up, but it is not only in his own family that John Barclay will be missed. The whole parish of Creich and natives of Creich wherever they may be found mourns his loss as that of a personal friend. Mr Barclay was in many respects a unique man A shoemaker by trade, his workshop for a long number of years was the general "ceilidh" ouse for the parish of Creich, and few "ceilidh" centres in the Highlands bore such good fruit as the nightly gatherings held in the workshop of the deceased has borne during the last sixteen years. When the oppression and exactions of the late laird of Skibo became intolerable, Mr Barclay gave a whole-hearted support to the cause people. A man of rare integrity and uprightness, his advice and counsel was often sought for in times of difficulty, and though he could not, to the great regret of those who knew his ability, knowledge, and sincerity, be prevailed upon to take any public part in the discussion of the various matters which have been occupying the attention of the parish of Creich since 1883, yet his wise counsel and warm-hearted sympathy was a tower of strength to those upon whom the discharge of the public duties fell. Night after night the young and old congregated to "Barclay's shop" to discuss and resolve in regard to the public affairs of the county of Sutherland as well as that of the parish of Many were the difficult questions that were solved in the early days of the land movement in the workshop of the deceased, and many a wise and fruitful course of action was resolved upon as the result of our departed friend's penetrating and sagacious guidances. Mr Barclay was a type of a Highlander whom we could ill afford to lose at any time, but more particularly at a transition time such as the Highlands is passing through at present. For many years to come the memory of John Barclay will be green in the parish of Creich, and we hope that the good example which he gave during his life-time will tell for good on the younger generation of his native parish.

SUTHERLANDSHIRE ROAD BOARD.

THE DUKE AND THE ROADS. BRIDGE OVER THE HOPE.

met on Wednesday in the Library, Lairg, when the Rev. John Murray, Brora, was unanimously re-elected chairman on the boat at all. During this time all foot passenmetion of Councillor Wm. Black, Gruids, gers have either to wade through the ford or seconded by Councillor Mackay, Clyne. The Clerk read the following communica-tion, dated February 6th, 1899:—

and small tenants in our respective districts constantly complain of this, and they do so with more reason because of the fact that the road rates have seriously increased within the last few years.
"We respectfully ask the Road Board to

give their attention to this matter. (Signed)

"DONALD MACLEAN, "Factor for Dunrobin Management.

"John Box, "Factor for Tongue Management." The Chairman said that of course they were quite accustomed to complaints about the roads and the Road Surveyor—the Surveyor, he thought, was quite hardened now—but this was a new complaint, because it came not only from the two factors on the Sutherland estates, but had been sent at the Duke's desire. Mr Murray went on to say that he did not know to what extent the Duke was acquainted with the roads in the He was afraid the Duke had not been making the acquaintance of the roads for some time. Still, the Duke was here giving authority to the factors, and thus giving an importance to the domplaint it not help, he thought they must face their

otherwise would not have. Councillor John Fraser, Helmsdale—Here the crofters are mentioned. The Chairman-Yes; a new position to take up, and I hope they will continue to represent them in other grievances in the county. The Chairman said he wanted to call attention to one statement in the petition which he thought ought not to be there, namely-"And they do so with more reason because of the fact that the road rates have seriously increased within the last few years." Now, the County Clerk had made a calculation of the road rate charged in the county since the County Council came into existence. In 1889-90, the first year of the County Council, the rate was 8d; in in 1893-94, 8d; in 1894-95, 9d; in 1895-96, 9d; in 1896-97, 10d, in 1897-98, 10d; and in the present year, 101d. The average during all the years the County Council had been in existence was 83d and it records. been in existence was 81d, and it was 8d per £1 the first year the Council came into office. He asked whether this statement by office. He asked whether this statement by the two factors, acting in their official cap-acity, was warranted by the facts of the case? Evidently they had not taken the trouble of going into the figures, and he submitted that, before going to the Duke of Sutherland with a statement of this kind, they should be aware of the facts and able to justify the statement made. There was another thing. The County Council had borrowed—this might look extraordinary, in fact he did not himself believe it was true until he looked into the figures-during their existence a sum of £10,000 for road purposes. In 1890 the mileage of roads maintained out of the rates was as large as 617 miles. Since then the Council had constructed 29 miles, so that the mileage was botween the representatives of the Northern now 646 miles. Yet the average road rate, and Central Districts, Caberfeidh and Kinnotwithstanding all this work, was only 83d. He would be inclined to lay these facts before these two gentlemen. Councillor Fraser-Does that include ex-

the extraordinary work done.

The Chairman, continuing, said that the rate would not be even so high as it was, only they had expended £7400 on the bridge

at Bonar.
The Clerk—That amounts to 1d in the £1. leaves Inverness at 12.5, Beauly twenty minutes later, and Muir of Ord at 12.33. The The Chairman, continuing, submitted that before Mr Maclean, who was the principal man, he supposed—he did not wish to say anything derogatory to anybody—before he wrote that letter, and represented the state of matters to the Duke of Sutherland, he later that letter is the did not wish to say fare from Newtonmore is only 3s 6d; Kingausie, Kingausie, Kingausie, Kingausie, Kingausie, Kingausie, Kingausie, State Bridge, 2s 6d; Inverness, 1s 6d; Beauly, 1s 1d; and Muir of Ord, 10d. should have been aware of the facts of the case. He submitted that if the Duke was to look into the state of the roads, he hoped he would look into the representations made by his two factors—they evidently required to be looked into as well as the Council's management of the roads. They knew that the roads were not in a good state, and it did not require the representations of these two gentlemen to acquaint the Council of the fact. Everybody was complaining. He would not have said a word on the matter holding the high positions of Mr Maclean Western Section—Foyers or Oich v. were it not that statements n and Mr Box did might have created a wrong

ment in the complaint was not warranted. The members expressed hearty approval of this course, and it was suggested that in addition to the new bridge at Bonar the broken articles.

other capital works throughout the county should be mentioned in the reply, the Road Surveyor remarking that twenty or thirty new bridges had been built within recent

Councillor Andrew Lindsay, Golspie, remarked that besides this the roads in Sutherland only came to one-third of the cost of the roads in other counties. Their roads cost about £6 or £7 per mile, including management; the roads in Caithness cost about £21 per mile, and in Sutherland they had many more miles to maintain.

Councillor Wm. Black, Gruids, said that if the old Commissioners of Supply had still been in charge of the roads, there would be

fewer complaints.

Councillor Lindsay—Yes this is a popularly-elected Council, and every man thinks he is a road surveyor.

The Chairman said he believed the Duke of Sutherland wished to do onl- what was fair and right, and he thought, seeing this matter had been brought before him, His

Grace should be informed of the facts of the

The Chairman's suggestions were unanimously agreed to.

PROPOSED BRIDGES AT HOPE, CASHELDHU. AND DRUIM

In accordance with instructions, Mr Bax ter reported on the cost of new bridges over the Strathmore river at Casheldhu Ferry and Druim-an-Droinne Burn, one of its tribu-taries. hr Baxter said—These waterways are both on the line of road from Altnaharra and Eriboll, and on the most direct road from Lairg to Durness. Good building materials can be conveniently got for both bridges, and the foundations for the abutments and piers would be on rock. For the Casheldhu Ferry, which is about 100 feet wide, I would propose a bridge of three spans, with strong superstructures consisting of iron girders, filled between and over with concrete, supported by curved and corrugated iron plates, with protection railings on each side formed of tubing resting on T iron standards fastened to the side girders. The cost of such a bridge, with the necessary adjunct approaches, I estimate at £300. Fo the crossing of the Druim-an-Droinne Burn a bridge of two spans, or openings of about 22 feet each, would be required; and if similarly constructed to the one above de-scribed, the cost of it, with the necessary masonry, iron, and earth works, would amount to about £200.

The Clerk also read the following petition bearing on the same subject, signed by seve-

ral hundred persons:—
"We, the undersigned ratepayers and others, inhabitants of the districts of Altnaharra, Strathmore, Eriboll, Laid, and Durness, respectfully desire to bring to your notice the neglected state of the communication between Altnaharra and Durness through Strathmore,

Althaharra and Durness through Strathmore, with the view of enabling you to judge of the state of matters and adopt a remedy.

"The county road from Althaharra to Durness has since its construction been kept open by the proprietor, His Grace the Duke of Sutherland plying the ferry at Casheldhu. Since the adoption of the Roads and Bridges Act His Grace considers he is no longer re-Act His Grace considers he is no longer responsible for the upkeep of this ferry; that it now lies with the County Council to do so. The ferry has in consequence fallen into a miser The Sutherlandshire County Read Board able state of neglect. The old boat, which had become water-logged, rotten, and unsafe, has been swept away by the floods, and the ferry has been for many months without a go round by Hope Ferry, a distance of eight miles, and conveyances of all descriptions have had to do the same when the river has been in flood and not fordable—a very "To the Road Board of the County of frequent occurrence. This state of matters is "Gentlemen,—We, as representing the Duke of Sutherland, and by his desire, beg to lodge a formal complaint of the bad state of the public roads in many parts of the a source of great inconvenience, loss, of the public roads in many parts of the county, and which apparently are yearly getting into a worse condition. Both large exist the road from Eribol to Casheldhu and from Casheldhu to the junction with the Strathmore road is rendered useless. We would therefore respectfully urge the County Council, in the interests of the ratepayers, to step into the breach and put an end to this disgraceful state of matters, either by sancticning the erection of a bridge at Casheldhu or by pressing His Grace the Duke of Suther-

> alternative is that which would best meet the wishes of your petitioners." The Chairman said that the opinions of the lawyers were divided, but as he understood the Duke of Sutherland denied liability for the maintenance of the ferry, he saw no good in raising a case against him; it might involve the expenditure of more money than the whole thing was worth. Then the Board ought to consider whether these bridges should be erected. They might ask the Duke of Sutherland for a contribution.

land to ply the ferry and to uphold a suitable

ferry-boat, landing stages, and efficient ferry-

men. We need hardly say that the former

Councillor Fraser remarked that this ques tion had been so long before the Board that he would simply move that plans and specifications of the proposed bridges be obtained.

The Rev. Cathel Kerr, Melness, referred to the greater need for a bridge at Hope. Ferry. The traffic at Casheldhu, he said, was not one-tenth of the traffic at Hope. He was quite favourable to Casheldhu, but thought Hope ought also to be kept in view. Petitions were being signed in favour of a bridge at Hope, and would have been pre-sented at that meeting but for a misunder-

standing.
Councillor Lindsay said that the Council hau always been under the impression that

that an estimate of the cost of a bridge at Hope placed the amount at £3000. Ultimately further consideration of the project was delayed, Mr Baxter being meantime asked to report on the cost of a bridge

acress Hope Ferry.

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THE SEMI-FINAL.

The semi-final for the Camanachd Trophy guesie, takes place a week to-day at Strathpeffer, when a good exposition of the game should be witnessed. The Caberfoidh are by no means a weak team, but it is generally expected that the Kingussie Club will prove traordinary work?

The Clerk replied that £11,000 represented the victors. In connection with the match, intending spectators should note that the Highland Railway Company have very kindly made special arrangements for their bonefit. A special train, at reduced fares, starts from Newtonmore at 10.15 a.m., running all the way to Strathpeffer. The train

> MACTAVISH TROPHY DRAWINGS. The drawings for the first and second rounds in the Mactavish Trophy are as follow:—First Round—Northern Section—Lovat v. Portree; Caberfeidh v. Beauly. Central Section—Grantown v. Glen-Urquwart; Strathdearn v. Inverness. Western

Section—Vale of Oich v. Foyers; Glengarry, a bye. Second Round—Northern Section—Caberfeidh or Beauly v. Lovat or Portree. Central Lection-Strathdearn or Inverness v. Grantown or Glen-Urquhart. garry. The first-named clubs in each case impression had they been passed without a word of explanation. He thought the Clerk falls to be played off by the 4th March should be instructed to reply that this state- the second round by 18th March.

COAGULINE.—Transparent Cement, for bazzer, and Dr Mackenzie asks the in of his congregation to assist his wife.

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ROSEHALL-GENEROUS DONATION .- N. J. D. Kennedy, Esq, advocate, Edinburgh, has sent, as usual, to the Rev. John Ross his annual donation of £5 for the poor of Rosehall.

Mr David Sutherland, M.A., of Gilmerton Public School, Edinburgh, is now headmaster of the Creich Public School. Mr Sutherland is a native of Latheronwheel, Caithness.

LAIRG - CONGESTED DISTRICTS BOARD AND BULLS .- Next week we shall publish a letter from Mr Wm. Black, Gruids, Secretary of the Lairg Crofters' Committee, annexing a correspondence between the Congested Districts Board and the Committee on the above subject. The frankness of the correspondence will amuse.

DORNOCH.—CARNEGIE LIBRARY, BIRI-CHEN .- At a meeting of Committee of the above Reading-Room and Library, the following gentlemen were unanimously elected honorary members—viz., Andrew Lindsay, vice-convener of Sutherland; A. Argo, Esq., county clerk; H. M. Mackay, assessor; and J. Hay Arthur, Esq., solicitor, Dornoch.

STRATHHALLADALE-GAELIC TEACHING. Mr George Macboath Bighouse Halladale, conducts an initiatory Gaelic class in the Public School, Dalhalvaig, every Tuesday evening, with the view of bringing forward qualified competitors for the prizes offered by the Clan Mackay Society for the further development of the ancient and expressive language of the Gael. It is to be hoped that the young and rising generation, not of Strathhalladale only, but of all the Highland glens, will avail themselves of the loppor tunity of maintaining and cultivating the language of their country. A race without a language is poor indeed

HELMSDALE-NOTES .- High tides have been the rule all over the British coast, and there has been no exception here. Damage has been done to the west side of the Castle Park. A large quantity of the brae has been washed away, besides further damage to the Castle Yard. The road leading in the same direction has also suffered. The walls of the old Harbour are also in a very shaky condition, being honeycombed in all directions by the increased force of the water entering into the Harbour through its faulty construction. Fishermen are not able to get very often to sea, and as a result fish scarce.—The Rev. Mr Grant was not able to preach last Sabbath, and Messrs Ronald-son and Sutherland conducted the English

DURNESS-SCHOOL BOARD AND SECON-DARY EDUCATION.—At a meeting of the above Board held on the 8th inst.—Mr Box. Tongue, in the chair—it was resolved, on the motion of Rev. Adam Gunn, to invite delegates from the School Boards of Farr, Tongue, Durness, and Eddrachilles, to a conference to be held at Tongue early in April to discuss the whole question of secondary education within the bounds, and to approach the Scotch Education Department with a view to sanction a more equitable scheme of distribution of the Secondary and Technical Education Grant than at present exists in the county, and also secure, if possible, a fairer representation on the Secondary Education County Committee It was pointed out that out of a sum of over £600 this year, not more than £35 went to the Reav country. By the present scheme the east coast schools capture in the North wish him every success.

It was pointed to the rank of lieutenant in the local Volunteers. He was also captain of the Cycling Club. His many friends in the North wish him every success.

BONAR-BRIDGE-SIXPENCE A DAY FOR THE PAUPERS .- A meeting of the Parish Council of Creich was held in the Drill Hall, Bonar, on Saturday last-Rev. John Ross in the chair. The other members present were-Mr Campbell, Laraschan; Mr Campbell, Achany; Mr George Ross, Linside; Mr Kenneth Macrae, Mr Murray, and Mr Campbell, Ardens. Mr Spittal, registrar of the parish for the past thirty-three years, intimated his resignation, which was accepted with regret, the members speaking of the satisfactory manner in which Mr Spittal had performed the duties during his long period of service, and expressing the hope that he might be spared to enjoy his well-earned rest from active duty. The appointment of a successor was postponed until next meeting. A motion was moved by Mr George Ross, Linside, that all the paupers in the parish who had no other means of subsistence except their allowances from the Board, were in future to receive sixpence per day. Mr Ross maintained that it was impossible for any human being to exist on less than 6d per day, and strongly urged the adoption of his motion. Mr Campbell, Laraschan, seconded, and after a great deal of discussion, the Council agreed that the members should report on the paupers in their respective districts who at present receive less than sixpence per day, with the view of having their allowances increased to that amount at the forthcoming meeting in May, when the roll will be revised. A petition by Mr John Mackintosh, mason, Spinningdale, asking for a small holding, was, on the suggestion of Mr Ross, left on the table until the petitioner first applied to the proprietor for land.

GOLSPIE - VOLUNTEER BALL. - The annual Volunteer ball given by the officers of A (Golspie) Company, 1st S.H.R.V., took place on Friday evening last. The Drill Hall was beautifully and tastefully decorated for the occasion by Mr Mitchell, Dunrobin Castle, and a staff of assistants. The music was supplied by Mr Stenhouse, Dingwall and his assistants. Excellent price music was supplied by in Stemelient pipe music was provided at suitable intervals by Pipe-Major Macdonald and Pipers Mackay and Shaw, Golspie. Major Morrison ably discharged the duties of M.C. Messrs W. Gordon, Dunrobin, and F. Fraser, The Hotel, gave several exhibition dances. At the close of the ball Mr Forrest, on behalf of the civilians, and Quartermaster-Sergt. D. W. Munro, on behalf of the non-commissioned officers and men of the Company, thanked the officers for the excellent manner in which they had been entertained by them. Major Morrison, in reply, said that the officers were delighted to meet with them all on this occasion, and that he hoped this was only one of the many entertainments of the kind which they would have. Among those present were — Ladies — Mrs Sangster, Rovie; Miss Mundell, Dalchork; Mrs Warnock, Dunrobin Castle; Mrs Harrison, The Hotel; Miss Scott, Golspie; Miss Sellar, do.; Mrs and the Misses Morrison, do.; Misses Morrison, Tower Lodge; Mrs Granger; Misses Graham, Morvich; Mrs Mitchell, Dunrobin; Mrs Murray, Morvich; Miss Macfarlane, Dunrobin; Miss Ross, do.; Missea Mackay, Golspie; Misses Murray, The Mills; &c. Gentlemen—Major Morrison, Golspie; Captain Macaulay, do.; Lieutenant Grant, do.; Lieutenant Sangster, Rovie; Mr J D. Cameron, Kirkton; Messrs J. Watson, Birnie, Wadham, Mitchell, and Forrest, Golspie; A. S. Morrison, do.; Geo. Fraser, do.; Mitchell, Dunrobin; Harrison, The Hotel; Sergeant Murray, Morvich; Messrs H. Mackay, Golspie; W. Chishelm, do.; Banks, do.; MacCrone, do.; Stage,

KINGUSSIE NOTES.

EXTENSION OF THE BURGH BOUNDARIES. -Sheriff Ivory has granted the petition of the Kingussie Burgh Commissioners for an extension of the bounds of the burgh. His Lordship is satisfied that the area proposed to be included ought to form part of the burgh. He therefore extends the bounds, and n his interlocutor defines the new boundaries.

of which is only £100 a-year. The

TAIN NEWS.

Tain ploughing match is to be held at Kingscauseway to-day, and 25 to 30 pairs was held at Burnside Villa on Tuesday evenof horses are expected.

LITERARY .- The weekly meetings of the Tain Literary Society were resumed on throughout were characterised by great enthursday evening, which was a "Magazine thusiasm. The meeting was indeed one of Night." Several interesting papers by ladies and gentlemen were read, and favourably criticised. Mrs Sheriff Mackenzie acted as editoress. Invergordon Literary Society have a debate with Tain here on Thursday of next week. This meeting will

TEMPLARS .- The weekly meetings of the St Duthus Lodge of Good Templars were resumed on Tuesday evening. The following are the office-bearers elected and ining are the office-bearers elected and installed for this quarter:—C.T., Rev. Bro. W. D. A. Mackenzie; V.T., Sis. E. L Carmichael; P.C.T., Bro. J. A. Ross; Chaplain, Bro. William Grant; Financial Secretary, Bro. A. Ross; Treasurer, Sis. A. Macdenald; Secretary, Bro. C. D. Grant; Marshall, Sis. B. Beaton; Deputy Marshall, Pro. A. Forsyth: Guard Bro. H. Ross; Marshall, Sis. B. Beaton; Deputy Marshall, Bro. A. Forsyth; Guard, Bro. H. Ross; Sentinel, Bro. A. Ross; Superintendent of Juveniles, Bro. John Munro; Assistant Superintendents, Sis. E. L. Carmichael and K. Urquhart; Librarian, Sis. K. Urquhart.

DINGWALL NEWS.

Ex-Bailie Lewis, Edinburgh, and ex-Provost Macleay, Dingwall, have been appointed by the Town Council to attend the annual Convention of Royal Burghs.

Bailie Robertson and Mr Joass this year go up to the annual meeting of the Sanitary Institute as delegates from the Dingwall Town Council.

Sergent-Major Strachan has during the rast week been engaged enlisting recruits for the local Volunteer Company. He has received quite a number of names The Freemasons hold their annual assem-

bly on the 24th inst. in the Masonic Hall, while the "Bachelors' At Home" takes place in the National Hotel on the 1st of March. Plans have been passed by the Dean of Guild Court for the erection of a villa on Craig Road by Mr Alex. Ross, solicitor,

At the close of last week Mr David Logan was presented with a handsome Gladstone ba; by the members of the Hope of Ding-wall Good Templars Lodge on the occasion of his leaving for South Africa.

FOOTBALL .- The Victoria United Football Club, Dingwall, defeated the 2nd Clachnacuddin, Inverness, at Dingwall on Saturday in a friendly game by 6 goals to nil. To-day the St Duthus, Tain, play the United in the semi-final of the Ross-shire Junior Cup at Dingwall.

PRESENTATION TO MR A. J. S. MUNRO .-Mr A. J. S. Munro, who has received an important appointment in the Duke of Sutherland's office at Trentham, was pre-

BLACK ISLE NEWS

ROSEMARKIE-THE EXTENSION OF HAWK-HILL HOUSE .- At a Dean of Guild Court, held on Monday, plans were passed for the alterations and extension of Hawkhill House, Rosemarkie, with the view of equipping is as a fashionable marine hotel.

FORTROSE-DISTRIBUTION OF GAME .-Through the thoughtful generosity of Mr J. D. Fletcher of Rosehaugh, a distribution of game was made last week to the staff of Fortrose Railway Station. The seasonable gifts were much appreciated.

AVOCH-LECTURE.-"Some Queer Customs" was the subject of a lecture, full of quaint research, which was given in the Mackenzie Institute on Thursday night by the Rev. Spence Ross, rector of St Andrew's,

FORTROSE-THE POORHOUSE DRAIN .-The Town Council have formed a Public

A. T. Wood, late assistant in Fortrose Academy, left the Royal Burgh amidst the regrets of those with whom he had been associated during his residence here. Mr Wood was a successful teacher and a valued member of Fortrose and Rosemarkie Mutual Improvement Association.

FORTROSE-HIGH TIDE .- During the week high tides have been prevalent—the highest according to some of our local authorities, which have occurred for forty years. Round the piggery at Avoch—where, it will be re-membered, the four-footed denizens of this quarter of the village enjoyed an impromptu bath the other Sunday morning—a lake was formed, on which boating was practised. Avoch, continues our correspondent, may out-Holland Holland one of these days if measures are not adopted.

AVOCH-BURN'S NIGHT .- "A Nicht wi Burns" was held on Friday in the Mackenzie Institute. Rev. Spence Ross led the singing of an efficient choir, trained by himself The soloists, all of whom gave great satisfaction, were Mrs Fleming, Misses Fraser Mr J. Anderson, Munlochy, presided. A dance followed the concert. The proceeds

and to the Library. ago an illness set in, which eventually proved fatal. The interment took place in Dingwall Cemetery.—The death also occurred on Wednesday morning of an old residenter— Mrs Mustard, Rosemarkie-who had for a considerable time resided with her sister in Platcock House, Fortrose. Mrs Mustard was the widow of a farmer in the Belmungie district, and was well known and much re-

FORTROSE-PRESENTATION .- Miss Aldiss, the esteemed mistress of the Kindergarten the recipient of a handsome school testi-monial. This took the form of an elegant by Mr John Geddie, while Miss Marabelle The Rev. Dr Mackenzie, Kingussie, has saved an appeal to his congregation asking for their support to a bazaar to be held at Grantown next August in aid of the endow
The Parish Church of Advic, the strong of the parish Church of the parish Church of Advic, the strong of the parish Church of the parish Church of Advic, the strong of the parish Church of the paris by Miss Aldiss in a few cordial phrases. Provost Geddie, who presided, and the Rev. Mr. Green made a few appropriate and kindly remarks. The departure of Miss Aldiss is much to be regretted, and we wish her every of his congregation to assist his wife.

Colds, Asthma, and Bronchitis. Of Chemists and Colds, allays irritation. Gives immediate only.

EASTER ROSS NEWS.

ARDGAY-AN "AT HOME."-An "at home" ing. Mr Kenneth Macnab occupied the chair, and charmed the audience with his usual cheery and kind remarks. The proceedings the most enjoyable, as well as one of the largest, that has been held in Kincardine on any occasion for some years, keeping out of account great balls in honour of special events. Songs and concerted pieces, as well as recitations and games were engaged in. Mr Munro, assisted by Miss Flora Macnab, purveyed in their usual satisfactory manner. Among those present were—Gentlemen—Messrs D. hart, under gamekeeper, Fearn; Kenneth Macnab, Kincardine; Mr Mackenzie, coachman, Invershin, &c Among the ladies were-Miss Flora Macnab, Miss Bella Ross, Miss Hughina Macnab, Invershin; &c. The company broke up about 3 a.m. after singing "Auld Lang Syne," and the healths of the host and hostess being heartly pledged by the

WESTER ROSS NEWS.

A strong desire is being felt at Inverasdale for the placing of a responsible agent in connection with the steamer traffic at this place. LOCHCARRON-VOLUNTEER BALL.-The annual ball of the 9th Coy., H.V.A., took place in the Drill Hall, Lochcarron, on Friday, the 10th inst. The spacious ball-room was tastefully decorated for the occasion, the national colours showing forth to advantage, while cross guns and swords had a very imposing effect. Great credit is due to the Committee for the able manner in which they carried out the arrangements, which were on a most elaborate scale. Excellent music was supplied by Messrs J. Hall, A. Hall, and A. Munro (violin), and M. Mackenzie and D. Maclennan (bagpipes). Gunner M. Morrison ably discharged the duties of M.C. About forty couples were present, and, according to their testimony, they seldom spent a more enjoyable night. The Committee consisted of Sergeant A. Hall, Bom. J. Mackenzie, Bom. A. Mackenzie, Gunners M. Morrison, J. A. Macrae, and J. Stewart. Among those present were:-Ladies—Miss Farquharson, Kyle; Miss Miss Ross, Kyle; Miss Grant, Broad-ford; Miss Forbes, Broadford; Misses Stewart, Balnacra; Misses Macdonald, Strathearron; Miss Renwick, Kishorn; Misses Mackenzie, Strome; Miss Maclennan, Attadale; Miss Morrison, Lochearron; Misses J. B. and A. Mackenzie. Lochron; Misses J. B. and A. Mackenzie. Loch-carron; Miss L. Mackenzie, do.; Miss M. Mackenzie, do.; Miss Forbes, do.; Miss Henderson, do; Miss Grant, do.; Miss Mac-culloch, do.; Miss Mackinnon, do.; Miss Macdonald, do.; Miss Mackay, do.; Miss L. Mackenzie, do.; Miss J. Mackenzie, do.; Miss Maclead, do.; Miss J. Mackenzie, do.;

Macmillan, Kishorn; Mr J. Mackenzie,

NAIRN NEWS.

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Golf.-Rev. Mr Pirie is the winner of February's competition for the Pullar Medal. His score was 95, less 9-84. The competition was played on Saturday last. Messrs H. Mackintosh & Co., shipowners,

Nairn, have purchased the schooner "Mary Neish" from Messrs Baker & Spillers, Cardiff, and the vessel will in future be employed in trading for Nairn. Last Saturday evening's entertainment was

given on behalf of the widow and family of the Nairn seaman who was recently drowned in the Firth of Forth. We understand that several pounds were realised. 'ARDCLACH - PLOUGHING MATCH. - The

report of the Burgh Medical Officer shows that during the past twelve months 91 deaths —39 being males and 52 females—took place within the burgh of Nairn. This gives a death-rate of 21-8 per 1000 per annum. During the year the death-rate among old people has been above the average, the deathrate among other sections being much the same as usual.

NEW JUSTICES .- On the recommendation of the Lord Lieutenant the following names have been added to the Commission of the Peace for Nairnshire:—Viscount Emlyn, Sir Alexander Dunbar of Boath, Alexander Brodie of Lethen, Ronald H. Baillie, Lochloy; A. T. Lawrence of Invernairne; Hastings A. Clarke, Kinsteary; William Lightbody of Kingillie, and Messrs Alexander Reid, D. G. Baillie, John Rose, and Robert Hendrie,

EXPECTED SETTLEMENT OF BURGH AND COUNTY DISPUTES .- It must be gratifying to all concerned to know that it is now highly probable that the disputes between the Burgh and Stevenson, Rev. Spence Ross, Mr Robertson, Rosehaugh; and Mr Anderson, Avoch. The rendering of "Afton Water" amicably settled with satisfaction to both by the latter singer was particularly admired.
Mr J. Anderson, Munlochy, presided. A
dance followed the concert. The proceeds

Council for a friendly arrangement of their were devoted to the Tennis and Curling Clubs differences, the proceedings in regard to both FORTROSE—DEATHS.—We regret to note the death, which occurred on Wednesday morning, of Mrs Parker, of Fortrose Temporal Province Office Off perance Hotel. Deceased was a daughter of ment, said it was a matter of congratulation, the late Mr Alex. Stuart, late farmer, Brae, both for the County Council and for them-Resolis. On her marriage she removed with her husband to Tobermory, where they had a flourishing hotel. About six years ago Mrs Parker came to Fortrose, where she opened a temperance hotel. A few months are a sillness of the burgh and of the water and drainage district. He hoped that proceedings would go on amicably. RENOVATION OF AULDEARN PARISH

Church.-To-morrow the Auldearn Parish Church will be re-opened after the renovation of the interior. The forenoon service is to be conducted by the Very Rev. Dr W. H. Gray, Edinburgh, and in the afternoon by Rev. Mr Pirie, Nairn. All the internal fittings of the old church, it may be remarked, have been swept away, and a single aisle has been formed, with the pulpit at the west end and the gallery at the east end. The improve ment internally is of a bright and cheerful rose Academy on Friday, and, on the occasion of her leaving the district, she was made the recipient of a contract of the architect, Mr John Robertson, Inversity of the architect of the archi ness. A very beautiful baptismal font has been presented by Mrs Bonallo; the Communion table is the gift of Mr Mackintosh, gold bangle and a handsome morocco purse. Miss Aldiss was invested with the bracelet by the Hon. John Mackintosh, Sydney. The new organ will be used on Sunday. The con-

EASY HOME BAKING.

The most attractive and wholesome little cakes for afternoon tea are easily made by the use of Royal Baking Powder.

Try this recipe :-

ROYAL AFTERNOON TEAS. Sift two cups flour with one teaspoonful Royal Baking Powder; stir half-a-cupful butter with one cupful sugar to a light cream; add one those present were—Gentlemen—Messrs D. whole egg and one yolk of egg, the grated Ross, D. Munro, Station; Charles Ross, Hill rind of a half lemon; stir a few minutes, Street; John Macnab, Fearn; Robert Urqu-then add one quarter-cup of milk and the hart, under gamekeeper, Fearn; Kenneth sifted flour. Mix into a firm dough, turn on a floured board, give it a few turns to smooth it, roll out to one-eighth of an inch thick, then cut it with cutters into fancy shapes, lay them on to buttered and floured tins; next beat the remaining white of egg till light, add one tablespoonful sugar and one tablespoonful milk, brush this over the top of cakes and sprinkle thickly with an equal portion fine-chopped almonds and granulated sugar. Bake in a slow oven.

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> CONCERT BY MALE CHOIR.—On Wednesday a most enjoyable concert was given in the Public Hall by the Male Voice Choir, a combination of fifteen singers formed about three months ago under the leadership of Mr J. M. Cook. Though this was the choir's first performance in public, they acquitted themselves well, and their efforts warmly received by the crowded audience Mrs Munro, Strathpeffer, whose present. sweet singing has often delighted northern audiences, had charge of several of the principal solos, and in all she excelled herself. Mr Cook, the conductor, Mr Macqueen, and Mr Simpson were the other soloists, each doing his part well. Mr J. W. Jones acted as solo pianist and accompanist with much acceptance. One of his solos elicited the

altogether unusual compliment of an encore. MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL.—The usual monthly meeting of Nairn Town Council took place on Monday-Provost Dallas presiding. At the request of the Pier Committee, the sum of £15 previously voted for the repair of the west quay was increased to £30. The Golf Committee reported that the four concerts held had resulted in the raising of £8 after paying all expenses. It was reported by the Government Authorities that the assessable value of the Post Office was now £180. This is an increase of £55 over last year's valuation. With regard to the proposed drainage of the highway at the railway bridges—on Sutherland's office at Trentham, was presented with a purse of sovereigns, along with a handsome writing and dressing case for Mrs Munro. The presentation took place in the National Hotel, and the large company was presided over by Dr Brucc, who made the presentation. Mr Munro has been for a long number of years in the office of Mr W. J. Duncan, County Clerk, and his departure for England will be felt by many Societies in town. He has taken a prominent part in the Oddfellows' and Freemasons' Lodges, and holds the rank of the solutional Hotel, A. Machenzie, Gunners M. Morrison, Wm. Mackenzie and J. Mackenzie, A. Finlayson, R. Mackenzie, F. Machenzie, A. Finlayson, R. Machenzie, A. Machenzie, A. Finlayson, R. Machenzie, A. Finlayson, R. Machenzie, A. Finlayson, R. Machenzie, A. Machenzie, A. Finlayson, R. Machenzie, A. Machenzie, A. Machenzie, A. Machenzie, A. Finlayson, R. Machenzie, A. Machenzie, A. Machenzie, A. Roads Committee being empowered to see it carried through. The offer of £20 by Mackenzie, dairyman, for the grazing on the sewage farm, was accepted. Messrs Cameron and Mr James Thomson both offered the same sum (£13) for the pasturage of the Salt Marsh, and by the casting vote of the Provost, Mr Thomson's offer was accepted. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Burgh Surveyor's salary was increased from £90 to £100 per annum. The Council accepted the offers of Mr T. H. Wicks for the accepted the ollers of Mr I. H. Wicks for the necessary drainage works in connection with the extension of the water and drainage systems to Merryton. The drainage works will cost £147, and the water works £15. Mr Stirling, Inspector of Weights and Measures for the county, reported that the fees received during last year amounted to £5 2a 5d and during last year amounted to £5 2s 5d, and the expenses of weighing to £10 8s 2d. Provost Dallas was appointed the Council's representative to the annual Convention of Royal Burghs, Councillor Sinclair being selected to act as assessor.

DISTRICT NEWS.

INVERGARRY-A LADIES' NIGHT .- What

was known as a "Ladies' Night" was held in the School on Friday evening last under the Health Committee. This Committee paid a visit to the Peorhouse, where a very defective drain was said to exist, and decided to recommend the formation of a cesspool as a temporary amelioration of the present state of matters.

FORTROSE—Departure.—On Monday Mr. A. T. Wood, late assistant in Fortrose Acather Monday Mr. A. T. Wood, late assistant in Fortrose Acather Monday Mr. A. T. Wood, late assistant in Fortrose Acather Monday Mr. A. T. Wood, late assistant in Fortrose Acather Monday Mr. A. T. Wood, late assistant in Fortrose Acather Monday Mr. A. T. Wood, late assistant in Fortrose Acather Monday Mr. A. T. Wood, late assistant in Fortrose Acather Monday Mr. A. T. Wood, late assistant in Fortrose Acather Monday Mr. A. T. Wood, late assistant in Fortrose Acather Monday Mr. A. T. Wood, late assistant in Fortrose Acather Monday Mr. A. T. Wood, late assistant in Fortrose Acather Monday Mr. A. T. Wood, late assistant in Fortrose Acather Monday Mr. A. T. Wood, late assistant in Fortrose Acather Monday Mr. A. T. Wood, late assistant in Fortrose Acather Monday Mr. A. T. Wood, late assistant in Fortrose Acather Monday Mr. A. T. Wood, late assistant in Fortrose Acather Monday Mr. A. T. Wood, late assistant in Fortrose Acather Mr. Monday Mr. A. T. Wood, late assistant in Fortrose Acather Mr. Monday right the male members gladly accede. Miss Maclean, The Schoolhouse, on whom the onerous duties of chairwoman devolved on Friday evening, made a very neat introductory speech. The programme opened with bagpipe selections by Mr George Malcolm, jun., Craigard, whose efforts were much appreciated. A character song, "Come Under Plaidie," was executed with no little dramatic effect by Mrs Malcolm, Craigard, and Mr E. W. Douglas, while during the evening a duet, "The Crookit Bawbee," by Mrs Tait and Mr P. Maclean, and songs (Gaelic) by Miss Macdonald and Mr Wm. Macdonald, Lady's Croft, were agreeably interspersed among more humorous items. A pianoforte duet, "Scotia," was delightfully executed by Miss Cameron, Aberchalder, and Miss Maclean. Gaelic and Scotch readings were contributed by Mr James Macgillivray and Miss Baillie. A most enjoyable feature of the evening's entertainment was the performance of the school children. The boys, by their rendering of the action song, "The British Flag," and the girls by their "Fan Song," gave a capital account of themselves under Miss Maclean, who is to be congratulated on the success which has attended her musical drill tuition. As is usual, on this occasion the ladies attempted something of a dramatic nature. A short scene, "Raleigh and Queen Elizabeth," in which dresses of the dramatis personae" played an important part, corre-sponded as far as possible to those of the Elizabethan period was most ably pourtrayed by Mrs Muclean, The Manse "Queen Elizabeth"), with her two ladies-in-waiting, Misses Falconer and Fraser; Mr W. E. Fairlie ("Raleigh"), and Mr George Campbell ("Blount"). A capitally executed charade of half-an-hour's A capitally executed character of half-an-hour's duration was taken part in by Mr Glen and Miss Peat ("Mr and Mrs Perkins), Mrs Maclean ("Lucia Perkins"), Mr Fairlie "Harold Carlton"), Mrs Malcolm ("Miss Araminta Blythe"), Miss Ross ("Lady Oldham"), and Miss Pollegary (Araminta Araminta Ballegary (Araminta Araminta Araminta Ballegary (Araminta Araminta Miss Falconer (servant). A symphony band, under the baton of Mr Geo. Malcolm, junr., the accompaniments being played by Mrs Malcolm, created much diversion, as well as contributed some praiseworthy music. Miss Maclean acted as accompanist during the evening. The programme throughout was well sustained and thoroughly enjoyed. Several of the pieces were loudly applauded. At the close hearty votes of thanks, on the motions of Mr Cameron, Aberchalder, and Mr Malcolm, factor, were accorded to all who had asken part, and to Miss Maclean for so ably fulfilling the duties of the chair. While all the ladies on the Committee helped to get up the programme, special mention must be made of Mrs Malcolm and Mrs Dow, who, at much trouble and no little concern for the success of the entertainment, had made and provided the various dresses of those who took part in the scenes, &c.; also of Mr George Craig, who had fitted up a com-modious stage, and who superintended the

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scenic arrangements.

LEWIS.

TIDE TABLE. High Water at Stornoway

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and Mr Alex. Macarthur; also Messrs Alex. Fraser and Donald Maciver, managers of Nicolson Public School. It was unanimously agreed to increase buss J. Fraser's salary by £10 per annum as from November last, and also to give a similar increase to Mr Crawford, to take effect as from November last. Rev. Mr Hunter reported that the town clergymen had conducted the religious knowledge examination in the Nicolson Public School on 20th January, and that the various examiners were well pleased with the results. The resignation of Mr Campbell, assistant in Aird Public School, who has been appointed headmaster of Cromore Public School, was accepted, and he was bell, assistant in Aird Public School, who has been appointed headmaster of Cromore Public School, was accepted, and he was allowed to leave immediately. It was agreed to advertise for a male or female assistant to take Mr Campbell's place, at a salary of £40 a-year. Several defaulting parents were examined. One man created some merriment by stating, in answer to the question whether he could sign his name, that his father never gave him as much education as that he could do that, but he himself had seven children, and all of them could read and write, and one of them was to be a minister! competent to answer them. He had seen that done, at anyrate, on former occasions, in connection wth other bodies.

BOAT WRECKED—NARROW ESCAPE OF THE CREW.—The fishing boat "Diligent" (SY. 1132, skipper John Macleod) left. North Tolsta on Monday morning and proceeded to Balallan to obtain a cargo of mussels for bait. She returned between 11 and 12 o'clock the same evening, and, as wind and sea were rising, the crew determined, in spite of the darkness of the night to land their cargo at the usual spot, about midway between Gress and Tolsta. Just as the boat ran alongside a heavy swell dashed BOAT WRECKED - NARROW ESCAPE OF the boat ran alongside a heavy swell dashed her against the rocks and tore off part of the keel. Immediately afterwards are runder was carried away and the stern stove in. Five of the seven members of the crew immediately jumped for the rocks, and the next instant the boat was driven to the other side of the point with two men it nging to her. One of these, John Murray, ing to her of the point with two men it ngives the could not see hew at this stage they could refuse them. the boat ran alongside a heavy swell dashed whether certain reason's were relevant or was tarted away and the seven members of the crew immediately jumped for the rocks, and the next instant the boat was driven to the other side of the point with two men alogorates of the seven members of the crew to the side of the point with two men alogorates of the side of the point with two men alogorates of the sinking boat and again halliards of the sinking boat and again to the rocks, and then by help of a sprang to the rocks, and then by help of a piece of wood he dragged his companion, Murdo Maciver, the oldest of the crew to land. The rock on which the crew found themselves is an island, except at very low tides; and the unfortunate mea passed the whole night, which was wet and storn, coinging to it as best they could. About the no'clock on Tuesday morning their criss and signals attracted the attention of Dradd Macmillan, Glen Tolsta, who, with a companion, Norman Macinnes, determined to put off at once to their rescue. Two what was said when the motion use being submitted there before the Commission saw them.

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Mr Eneas M. Mackenzie Test, you then preventually reached the rock, and took of the core of such reaches them.

Provost Anderson—Oh! that's a different matter. The roasons, he considered, to be found reflect the sould not give from the statement when made by Mr Maclerson—Oh! that dissent.

Provost Anderson—Oh! the reaches the motion time reflect to such reaches the found that

CONCERT FOR THE POOR. - On Friday night of last week a concert for the benefit of the poor of Stornoway was given in the Masonic Hall under the auspices of the Fortrose Lodge of Freemasons. The hall was neatly done up for the occasion, the platform being tastefully decorated with per plants and the windows draped with curtains. There was a very large attendance, the brethren of the Lodge having to stand in the ante-rooms to make room for the general public. The duties of Chairmar were efficiently discharged by Mr Hector Smith, Past Master of the Lodge. In thanking those present for their interest in the concert, as evidenced by their presence. was neatly done up for the occasion, the made on the sympathy and generosity of many of them on behalf of the poor, besides being taxed in the ordinary way for their support. He knew of no place of the size of Stornoway where such splendid provision was made for the poor, and the authorities of the town and island deserved very great credit for their efforts in this respect. As they were aware, the proceeds of that evening's entertainment were to be distributed among the deserving humble proves. buted among the deserving humble poor-not necessarily the poor friends of Free-masons—and in order to have the distri-bution efficiently and satisfactorily carried out they had asked the Medical Officer and Inspector of Poor to co-operate with a committee of the Lodge. Proceeding, he said that, so far as the poor friends and relations of Freemasons were concerned they had been fairly liberally provided for already this year. They had, he said, four lady annuitants on their books who received £10 each a year. They had also other ladies receiving smaller sums and some receiving weekly allowances. Besides this they are been able to give a donation of £2 a year to that deserving and justly popular insti-tution the Lewis Hospital—(applause). At the commencement of this year, he said, the Masons had in view the starting of a soup kitchen something on the same lines as those they had in former years, but looking to the fact that the modest poor would derive but little benefit, they abandoned that idea, at least for the present, and as they had a considerable amount of musical talent in the Lodge they decided to make their effort for the poor in the shape of a concert, by which they hoped to get some money, which would be more acceptable to these modest poor people, as it would enable them to buy some clothes at this cold season of the year—(applause). Upon the whole, he thought the Freemasons of Storneway — no matter what might be said about them—were fairly entitled to take some credit to themselves for what they were doing for the poor in a quiet way-(loud applause). 'The following programme (loud applause). The following programme was gone through every item passing off successfully: — Part I.—Selection of airs, Masonic String Band; song, "Afloat," Sergt.-Major Craig: song, "Cam' ye 'yy Athole?" Miss J. Macrae; duet, "I know a Bank," the Misses Macleod; song, "Te'l me with your eyes," Mr Grigor; violin solo, Mr R. S. Anderson; quartette, "Tell me, Flora," Misses B. J. Mackenzie and M. Macleod, and Messrs Tolmie and Cruz: me, Flora," Misses B. J. Mackenzie and M. Macleod, and Messrs Tolmie and Cruz; song, "The Promise of Life," Miss M. Macleod; Gaelic song (encored), "Eilean na Fraoich," Miss Murray. Part II.—Selection (encored), Masonic Band; song, "The Bandelero" (encored), Mr J. C. Smith; song (encored), "There grows a bonnie brier bush;" Miss B. J. Mackenzie; quartette, "Oh, hush thee, my baby," Misses J. B. Macleod and J. Macrae, and Messrs Grigor and Craig: song "Rolling Home" encore. and Craig; song, "Rolling Home," encore, "Once again in Bonnie Scotland," Mr Tolmie; Irish recitation, Mr Morris; song, "The Spanish Muleteer," Miss J. B. Macleod; and duet from Figaro, Miss B. J. Mackenzie and Mr J. C. Smith. Morrison, with her wonted efficiency, acted as accompanist. Votes of thanks to the singers, proposed by Dr Murray, and to the Chairman, moved by Provost Anderson, mention names, but

followed by the singing of the National

Anthen, brought a most enjoyable even-

ing's entertinment to a close. The draw-

ings amounted to £13 9s, including a con-tribution sent by Dr Macdonald, who was

unable to be present.

STORNOWAY BURGH COMMISSION.

REASONS OF DISSENT REFUSED. DISSENTS RECORDED AGAINST THEIR REFUSAL.

At the monthly meeting of the Stornoway Burgh Commission, held on Monday right, there was a full attendance of members-Provit Anderson presiding. The first item as the card was Commissioner Alexander Praser's

REASONS OF DISSENT against Provost Anderson's motion regard-ing the Disjunction Question, which was

STORNOWAY.

The U.P. Church congregational meeting as such, should be asked to pass a resoluand several local items of news are held over.

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School Board.—The ordinary monthly meeting of the Stornoway School Board was held on Monday. Rev. J. H. S. Hunter presided. There were also present Provost Anderson, Bailie J. M. Morison, Mr John Mackenzie, Mr John Mackenzie, Mr John Mackenzie, also Messrs Alex.

Macarthur; also Messrs Alex. for elections or Country Councils in the landward division of the parish, or while promoting the candidature of others; (2) That the resolution can only have one effect, that of raising or prolonging bad feeling between the people of the landward division of the parish and the people of Stornoway; and country Councils in the landward division of the parish, or while promoting the candidature of others; (2) That the resolution can only have one effect, that of raising or prolonging bad feeling between the people of the landward division of the parish, or while promoting the candidature of others; (2) That the resolution can only have one effect, that of raising or prolonging bad feeling between the people of the landward division of the parish or Councils in the landward division of the parish or Councils in the landward division of the parish or conditions of the parish or country Councils in the landward division of the parish or condition of the parish or country Councils in the landward division of the parish or condition of the parish o

the reasons of discent were given in. mction was as follows:--"That the Commisinction was as follows:— That the Commissioners now resolve that no further steps be taken by the Commission for the disjunction of the burgh from the landward part of the parish of Stornoway."

Provost Anderson said he had hoped Mr Fraser would not have persisted in giving in reasons of dissent. There was not a word in the relation in connection with what

Mr Æneas Mackenzie also thought that

John Macmillan, bravely assisted the men to launch the heav-boat, venturing waist deep into the sea to do so. The two men the other. So far as he was perdeep into the sea to do so. The two men to the sea to do so. The two men to the sea to do so. The two men to the sea to do so. The two men to the sea to do so. The two men to the sea to do so. The two men to the sea to do so. The two men to the sea to do so. The two men to the sea to do so. The two men to the sea to do so. The two men to the sea to do so. The two men to the sea to do so. The two men to the sea to do so. The two men to the sea to do so. The two men to the sea to do so. The two men to the sea to do so. The two men to the sea to do so. The two men to the sea to do so. The two men to the sea to do so. deep into the sea to do so. The two men eventually reached the rock and took off the exhausted crew. Strange to say, with the exception of a few bruises, none of the men were injured.

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On Friday to have his dissent recorded. From the language used during the discusion, he formed certain conclusions, and therefore he dissented, and undertook to give in his

Bailie J. M. Morison thought the motion

the concert, as evidenced by their presence, be said that no doubt numerous claims were made on the sympathy and generosity or many of them on behalf of the poor, bematters were brought into the discussion

Provost Anderson (interrupting) objected to bringing that into the discussion.

Mr Fraser asked if they wished him to justify his reasons of dissent? He did not know that Mr Æncas Mackenzie was to refer to any of these natters. He had no consultation with him on the subject. Mackenzie knew. If they wished him to justify his reasons he was prepared to do so.

Provost Anderson did not think they

culd entertain thom. Mr Fraser—If you rule that they are irrelevant I must prove them.

vant to record in their minutes reasons of dissent against what did not appear in these minutes. It was absurd to record reasons said he claimed the reasons of dissent against what did not appear in these minutes. of dissent against statements made in support of a motion. If it were not against of diseent were his reasons, not Bailie the motion, but against statements in connection with it that the reasons of dissent was dissociated altogether from the political were put in, then he could not see why they neatters to which he had referred, but he

side the Commission—political matters— Provost Anderson—This wasn't political;

Mr Fraser—Well, social; it was election-eering. How could they dissociate the dis-cussion that took place on the motion from the motion itself? Bailie J. M. Morison-The motion stands

on the minute for all time, but the discus-

Mr Fraser-This motion would never have come forward here but for certain things that took place in the landward part of the parish. Individual liberty everybody has and should have, but I say that the authority of this Commission should not be lent to—
Mr Kenneth Maclenuan (interrupting) objected to Mr Fraser going into this point.
Mr Fraser (continuing) said that at the
meeting at which the motion was brought up it was stated that there was a strong feeling in the landward part of the parish against the burgh. He held that that feeling arose because of certain gentlemen from Stornoway going down into the landward part without being wanted—

Provost Anderson-How do wou know they were not wanted? Mr Fraser—Because they sent them back again.

Provost Anderson-Who do you refer to? Mr Fraser did not see any occasion to mention names, but

Mr Fraser-Well, there was Mr Macleod | Had he been present at the meeting he would at Back, and yourself at Point.

Provost Anderson—Mr Macleod was quite gether with the disjunction question. entitled to go to Dack. considered it might be a very good thing if the

Mr Fraser-Yes; under the wing of others. They all knew, he said, that at election times people would rake up old matters, and, coreover, the Provost, in a circular issued to the people of Point, stated that the dis-junction question would not be raised again. Provost Anderson—Was that circular addressed to you?

Mr Fraser-Provost Anderson-Then what have you got to do with it? Mr Fraser—Do you deny that you issued a circular with that statement? Provost Anderson-I haven't got the cir-

cular before me just now. Mr Fraser (continuing) asked if this question was not to be raised again, why did these gentlemen go and dig it out of the grave? And, he said, after they had raised the people of the landward part, they came to Stornoway as peacemakers, and proposed the motion against which he had dissented. He spoke only for himself, but he said that the reason for the invitation in the landward part was that these people did not want gentlemen from Stornoway to go down there for electioneering purposes. Hence the lan-guage he had used in his reasons of dissent. It seemed to him that the purposes of the Local Government Acts would be better served if the people of the landward districts were left to manage their own affairs.

Provost Anderson was sorry Mr Fraser should have introduced this matter, and

given them this old speech again. He talked about people going to the landward part, and also about giving effect to some new legislation. Perhaps, when Mr Fraser was a member of Parliament, he would be able to give effect to his views. Mr Fraser referred to what took place in the landward part Wall what took place in the landward part. Well, he (the Provost) could tell some ~ueer stories in that connection, but he did not intend doing so at that meeting. But he must tell Mr Fraser that he just presented an imaginary picture of what had taken place in the landward part. It was not he (the speaker) that raised the disjunction question in the landward division; it was other people from Stornoway who raised it.

This statement occasioned quite a scene, Messrs John and Æneas Mackenzie both demanding the names of the parties referred The Provost, replying to Mr John Mackenzie, said he, for one, raised the question

at Knock. Mr J. Mackenzie strenuously denied this, and Mr Æneas Mackenzie supported his meeting at Knock.

Provost Anderson (proceeding) said Mr Fraser's reasons were the most unseemly he had ever heard brought before a public meeting. The object of his (the Provost's) motion was not to stir up strife, but to

alloy strife.
Mr John Mackenzie said that Mr Maclennan, who seconded Provost Anderson's motion, in doing so said that the disjunction question would never be raised again, and the Provost at once dissociated himself from that statement, but they had the very same statement in the forefront of Provost Anderson's own address to the electors of Point.

Provost Anderson-Well. Mr John Markenzie-Yes, you have, and

Provost Anderson-We have a great deal to do with it.
Mr John Mackenzie—Yes, to make a bear garden of the Commission. We have served under Chief Magistrates, and it was a pleasure to do so; we were not treated then

seemed to him to be quite irrelevant. He was sorry the matter was discussed with so much warmth. Mr Fraser clearly stated that it was not so much against the motion that he dissented, but against the remarks made at the time. He (the speaker) was one of those who took part in the discussion. It seemed to him, he said, that the disjunction question was a little unsettled.

Aneas Mackenzie, he thought, was the man who first raised the disjunction question. Mr Æncas Mackenzie - The question came from the Burgh Commission. Bailie J. M. Morrison-You were the first who raised it.

Mr Æneas Mackenzie denied this.

Bailie J. M. Morison-And, if I am no mistaken, you spoke to me about it before it came up at the Commission at all.

Mr Æneas Mackenzie—I did not.

Bailie J. M. Morison — Well, you were

among the first, in any case.

Mr Æneas Mackenzie—Yes, I took a leading part in it, but it was raised in the Burgh Commission. Bailie J. M. Morison, proceeding, said the matter had never been finally settled by the

Mr Eneas Mackenzie-The Commission could not finally settle it. It is a matter for the ratepayers, not the Commission. Provost Anderson — Bailie Morison has

the floor just now.

Bailie J. M. Morison, continuing, said he dil not think there was anything degrading to the Commission in the motion, nor was Mr Æncas Mackenzie—Quite so.
Bailie J. M. Morison said there were remarks passed on both sides while the motion was being discussed, but it was not to be supposed that remarks made in support of a motion were to be embodied in the motion itself, and he thought the substance of what they were at was the motion carried and recorded. He considered it was quite irrelevant to record in their minutes reasons of the commission. He hardly thought Mr Fraser would ask him to consent to that, and he would move that the reasons be not accepted. there anything disrespectful in his own re

Mr Fraser (speaking with some warmth) said he claimed the rights of a memshould burden their minutes with them.

Mr Fraser—I say that the motion arose out of certain things that took place out the remarks from the motion in connection with the Commission and their matters. with which they were made.

Mr Kenneth Maclennan seconded Bailie

Mcrison's motion.

Provest Anderson (to Mr Fraser)—Do you

make an amendment? Mr Fraser-I don't see that an amendment needed. I have given in my reasons as I undertook to do in accordance with the minutes. You yourself, Provost, have done sion does not, and consequently, your reasons, if recorded, would apply to something that is not in the minutes at all.

The yoursell, Provost, have done it, and others have done it. Why am I to be treated differently? I told you at the commencement that you could answer my reason mencement that you could answer my reason if you liked to, but I don't think you can refuse them.

Bailie Thomas Morrison begged to support Bailie Morison's motion because of the disrespect shown by Mr Fraser to the Commission in giving his reasons of dissent to the press before the Commissioners saw them. Mr Fraser said "The Highland News" reporter was present at the meeting when the notion was discussed, and he had no intention to be disrespectful to the Commission when he gave his reasons of dissent to the reporter for insertion. Provost Anderson having asked for a show

of hands for the motion, there supported it— The Provost, Bailie J. M. Morison, Bailie Thomas Morrison, Commissioner Maclennan, and Commissioner Macleod-5. Mr John Macfeod-It's carried unani-

mously; there's no amendment. Mr Æneas Mackenzie-It is not carried unanimously: I dissent.
Mr M. D. Macfarlane said he sympathised Provost Anderson again demanded the should be recorded, as it was distinctly stated

STOP-ACHE IS THE NEVER-FAILING AND INSTANTANEOUS CURE FOR TOOTHACHE. in the minutes that he was to lodge them. have voted against the motion to do away alto-He

town was disjoined from the landward part. The Clerk was instructed to minute that the motion was carried, Messrs Fraser, Æneas Mackenzie, and John Mackenzie dissenting. Mr John Mackenzie would like to know if reasons of dissent were to be treated in this

way in future Provost Anderson said they would be dealt with on their merits as they arose. Reasons of dissent couched in proper language would, he said, always receive due consideration. Mr Fraser—They were couched in quite proper language. If your motion was introduced by me, I know what I would be told

Mr Æneas Mackenzie—(hear, hear).
Mr Fraser was again proceeding to refer to
political matters and electioneering, Provost Anderson-You have had your say We will now proceed to business. Mr Fraser-Well, keep politics out of this

The matter was then allowed to drop.

OUR NEW STORY .- For particulars of our New Story, "Princess Delilah," by Mrs George Corbet, see page 10. A thrilling and absorbing tale.

NOTES FROM THE HEBRIDES.

BANK APPOINTMENT .- We understand that Mr James Fraser, agent of the branch of the Caledonian Bank, Lochmaddy, has been appointed agent for the same Company at Fort rose. Mr Fraser had his early training in the Fortrose Caledonian Bank, and is a son of the late Mr Fraser, Governor of the Black Isle Combination Poorhouse.

SKYE NEWS.

KYLEAKIN - TEMPERANCE LECTURE. - A lecture was given on Tuesday evening in the Schoolroom on the social, economic, medical and physical aspects of the Temperance question by Mr M. Mackenzie, supervisor of Inland Revenue, Gairloch. The speaker's remarks were most appreciatively received, and at the close members present expressd their desire to become members of some Temperance and Mr Eneas Mackenzie supported his denial, stating that he was present at the chair, and to Mr A. Mackenzie, Inland Revenue, Kyleakin, is due much of the credit for the success of this as well as many other philanthropic meetings held in the district.

BROADFOAD - OPENING OF BRANCE BANK.—The Cal uonian Banking Company have arranged o open a sub-branch of the lank at Broad'erd, under the Portree spency, on the 21st curt. This step on the part of the bank has been taken to meet the desire of a number of influential tusiness men in the parishes of Strath and Sleat, who have hitherto had to conduct their banking business at considerable inconveni-croe with banks at Portree or elsewhere. The new sub-agency will therefore supply a cistinct want, and will undoubtedly prove a leon to this important district of Skye which has substantial business resources.

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SHOW OF SEEDS AND ROOTS.

Yesterday the annual seed and root show ordinary show, was a good average. Un- Mr Robert Thomson, Kinmyhes, seconde and the motion was unanimously carried. formately, owing to the unfavourable hibits were fewer than hibits were fewer than hibits were, however, shown, Mr Birme, Wellhouse almost completely sweeping the boards. Potatoes were well represented.

Though small, the exhibition of dairy produce was of a high-class character. The days was of a high-class character. The election of six members of completely was—Mr

1 qr. Chevalier Barley—1 Bradley-Martin, Balmacaan; 2 Mrs Ross, Hilton; 3 A. Maclennan, Beechwood; 4 Major Grant, Drum-

1 qr. Common Barley—1 Alex. Howe, Parks of Inshes; 2 K. Paterson, Balrobert; 3 John Macbean, Essich; 4 A. Maclennan,

1 qr Barley (any other variety)—1 and clared elected.
medal—Wm. Macbean, Cradlehall; 2 Alex.
A suggestion

1 qr. Sandy Oats—1 Major Grant, Drumbuie; 2 Bradley-Martin, Balmacaan; 3 A. Howe; 4 Mrs Ross, Hilton.
1 qr. Potato Oats—1 W. T. B. Lawson, Glendruidh; 2. A. Howe; 3 A. Maclennan, Beechwood; 4 Mrs Ross, Hilton. 1 qr. Oats (any other variety)—1 and medal Bradley-Martin, Balmacaan; 2 Major Grant, Drumbuie; 3 Rod. Gordon; Inshes; 4 Alex.

1 qr. Field Peas—1 A. Howe. 1 qr. Perennial Rye-Grass—1 W. T. B. Lawson, Glendruidh. Bushel Maincrop Potatoes—1 Alex. Birnie, Wellhouse; 2. A. Howe; 3 W. T. B. Lawson, Glendruidh; 4 T. S. Macallister,

Bushel Champion Potatoes—1 J. Macbean, Essich; 2 W. T. B. Lawson, Glendruidh; 3 A. Birnie, Wellhouse.

Bushel Regents—1 A. Birnie, Wellhouse;
2 A. Howe; 3 W. T. B. Lawson, Glendruidh; 4 A. Maclennan, Beechwood.

Bushel Magnums — 1 A. Howe; 2 and 3 A. Birnie, Wellhouse; 4 A. Maclennan,

Beechwood.

Bushel (any other variety) Potatoes—1 A.

Maclennan, Beechwood; 2 A. Birnie, Wellhouse; 3 A. Howe; 4, 5, and c W. T. B.

Lawson, Glendruidh.

The Charman proposed the toast of the evening, "The Inverness-shire Farmers' Society," coupling it with the names of the Joint-Secretaries. They had received very great encouragement that afternoon, when Lawson, Glendruidh. Turnips (6 Swedes, bronze or green top) -1, 2, 3, 4, and medal A. Birnie, Well-

Turnips (6 Swedes, purple top)—1 J. Macbean, Essich; 2 Bradley-Martin, Balmacaan; 3 and 4 A. Birnie, Welmouse. Turnips (6 green top Yellows)—1, 2, 3, and 4 A. Birnie, Wellhouse. Turnips (6 purple top Yellows)—1, 2, and 3 A. Birnie, Wellhouse.

vonie. Oat Cakes (plain)—1 Jane Gillies, Beech-

Yesterday afternoon the annual business meeting of the Invernees-shire Farmers' Scoiety was held in the Royal Hotel, Invernees Mr Wm. Macdonald, Morayston, vice-president of the Society, presided over a crowded attendance. Meesrs Wm. Macbean. Cradlehall, and D. Gray, Inverness, the joint secretaries, submitted the annual summers that the form the country in the state of the Council, which embraced the year ending 31st January last. The report opened with a reference to last year's seed and root show, at which the quality of some of the crahibits was "abnormally good." After speaking of the annual business meeting, it says:

"In the beginning of the year the Society took active past in the movement for the abolition of the Petty Customs, and your President and Vice-President were appointed to represent the Society on a deputation which waited upon Lord Balfour of Burleigh. This deputation, which represented all the towns in Social affected, was very favourably received by Lord Balfour, and it would seem at the present moment as if the movement fort bear futile at no distant date. It has gained sufficient at no distant date. It has gained sufficient the Bill which is to be introduced into Parliament in the present seesion." The report them deals with the summer show, remarking that the increase of \$220 in the drawing, occasioned by the presence of the Fife and Forfar Light Horse shoot, remarking that the increase of \$20 in the drawing, occasioned by the presence of the Fife and Forfar Light Horse shoot, remarking in their forest homes weight to be a first the Bill which is to be introduced into Parliament in the present seesion." The report them deals with the summer show, remarking that the increase of \$220 in the drawing, occasioned by the presence of the Fife and Forfar Light Horse in the drawings occasioned by the presence of the Fife and Forfar Light Horse was satisfactory so far as it went, but it did not meet the extra charges incurred in connection with the cavalry display. As a show of breeding animals, it is stated, "all the classes open were well represented, while some of the sections had exceptional displays." A comparison of the entries for the past three shows makes it evident that the summer show is meeting with increased favour each year. is meeting with increased favour each year. In 1896 the entries numbered 613 in all; by the following year they had increased to 661, while last year 674 entries were made. Speaking of the Society's finances, the Committee regretted "to have to report on this occasion that the financial improvement which had been steadily going on for a number of years has not been maintained in the year embraced in the accounts now closed. The deficit brought out is accounted for both by an increase in some branches of expenditure and a decrease in revenue. In the latter the sub-

is a balance of £2 7s 5d of assets in favour of the Society.
On the motion of Mr Birnie, Wellhouse,

scriptions to the prize fund have fallen from £48 to £24, while there is a reduction of about

£15 in the amount of members' annual subscriptions." The report concluded with a reference to the six members of Committee who retired at this time and were not eligible

for re-election, the continuing members desir-

the reports were both adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS. Mackintosh had occupied the position of president on several previous occasions. During that time he had not only given his presence at the shows and contributed hardsomely to the funds of the Society, but perted meat, the charge for which should he had also, when occasion required, given be borne by the importer. Passing on to a them the benefit of his matured advice.

Mr Walker, Torbreck, seconded, and The THE TUBERCULIN TEST,
Mackintosh's appointment was unanimously by means of which, according to the report

Mr Howe, Parks of Inshes, in proposing that Mr Macdonald, Morayston, be re-ap-pointed vice-president, remarker that Mr Macdonald had to attend, along with others, of the Inverness-shire Farmers' Society was to give evidence regarding farmers' grievances held in Messrs Hamilton & Co.'s Auction in connection with the Petty Customs. Mr Mart Eastgate, Inverness. All over, the show was a good one. Last season was a favourable one for barley, and the quality of the barley exhibits was therefore exceptionally good. Oats, as usual, formed one of the principal classes, competition for the principal classes, competition for the competition and the principal classes, competition for the competition as number of municipal representations. Mr macdonald did so with such great clearness as to show himself acquainted with every detail of the subject. It was no doubt largely owing to the precise nature of Mr macdonald's evidence that the deputation had such a very hearty reception from Lord Eaffour, comparing favourably with the cold reception as number of municipal representaprizes being keen. The number of exhibits, reception a number of municipal representathough falling short of last year's extra-though falling short of last year's extra-tuves received the other day—(applause). Mr Robert Thomson, Kinmylies, seconded,

The Chairman having returned thanks for nature of the season for turnips, turnip exhibits were fewer than usual. Some five roots were, however, shown, Mr Birnie, Wellhouse almost completely sweeping the

> mittee, in room of the retiring members, was made by ballot. The result was—Mr Cattle, Balspardon, 27; Mr Gilbert Brown, 25; Mr John Shaw, 23; Mr Roderick Gordon, 18; Mr Alex, Fraser, 15; Mr Cumming, Allanfearn, and Mr Charles Munro, 13. Mr Cumming withdrew his name, and the other gentlemen were thereupon de-

This concluded the business.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The Society's annual dinner in the Royal Hotel in the evening was a success. Mr Mactable, the duties of croupier being ably per-raw, while ten minutes on the fire would formed by Mr Walker, Torbreck. At the make it quite healthy.

Close of the dinner, the Chairman proposed

Mr R. Thomson of Kinmylies said tha close of the dinner, the Chairman proposed responded. Mr Thomson of Kinmylies gave both "Houses of Parliament." Mr John M'Leod, M.P., replied, and in doing so referred to the great importance of the agricultural industry and the Agricultural Holdings Bill to be introduced in the present session of Parliament. The Chairman proposed the toast of the

great encouragement that atternoon, when 35 new members were proposed—(applause). In reply, Mr Gray said that their Society had suffered, was suffering, and would continue to suffer from their geographical position. They simply had not the agricultural centre in Inverness, and unless they could get up such a combination as was mentioned that Turnips (6 green top 1e110ws)—1, 2, 3, up such a combination as was mentioned that day, they must just go on struggling as they had been doing, and achieve more or less success. Speaking of the finances of the Society, Mr Gray said that when making up the balance-sheet last week he was astonished that they wave short food more of the finances of the balance-sheet last week he was astonished Essich.

Best collection of Turnips, not less than four varieties, six roots of each—1 and 2 A. In the balance-sneet last week he was astonished to find that they were about £50 worse than last year. The chief cause for this was found in the falling off in the membership subscription. Birnie, Wellhouse.

Three lbs. Fresh Butter—1 and special T.

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Six lbs. Salt Butter—1 Mrs Howe, Castle Heather; 2 K. Paterson, Balrobert; 3 Miss Macbean, Essich.

Kebbock Warm Milk Cheece—1 Mrs Howe, Castle Heather; 2 and 3 Miss Cameron, Balvonie.

Was dead to the new rules, the new rules, the committee could now take these men off the membership list. Five years ago that night he had stood up there, and said that he would try to make his actions justify his selection as Secretary. That was the first time he had stood up there are not said that he would try to make his actions justify his selection as Secretary. That was the first time he had try to make his actions justify his selection as Secretary. That was the first time he had try to make his actions justify his selection as Secretary. That was the first time he had try to make his actions justify his selection as Secretary. That was the first time he had try to make his actions justify his selection as Secretary. That was the first time he had try to make his actions justify his selection as Secretary. That was the first time he had try to make his actions justify his selection as Secretary. That was the first time he had try to make his actions justify his selection as Secretary. That was the first time he had try to make his actions justify his selection as Secretary. That was the first time he had try to make his actions justify his selection as Secretary. That was the first time he had try to make his actions justify his selection as Secretary. Kebbock Skim Milk Cheese—1 and 3 Mrs stood there with a back-going in the accounts, and he hoped it would be the last. He asked the assistance of every member in helping to make the financial position creditable to

Macallister, Inverness; 4 Miss Macbean, Essich.

Oat Cakes (fanev)—1 Mrs Morrison, Braetown; 2 Miss Macbean, Essich.

A number of other toasts were proposed in the course of the evening, including "The Judges," by Mr J. Howe, Parks of Inshes, replied to by Mr Sutherland; "The Provinst, Plour Scones (plain)—1 T. S. Macallister, Inverness; 2 Mrs Laurie, Drummond; 3 Miss Macbean, Beechwood; 4 Miss Shaw, Charlestown.

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Flour Scones (fanev)—1 Miss "Unsuccessful Competitors," by Mr Birnie, replied to by Mr Maclennan, Beechwood.

At the close of the toast-list Mr David

in menageries no disease destroyed so many. These facts would suggest that, by adopting a more enlightened system in the housing, feeding, and exercising of our cattle, there would be brought about a gradual change for the better in the health of at least dairy cows, and the cowkeeper, instead of as at present looking hopelessly on, would

BEAP PECUNIARY GAIN,
and to mankind would follow infinite good.
The part played by heredity in the transmission of tuberculosis was, he said, infinitesimal. Such was the unanimous decision of the whole scientific world. Congenitally acquired, tuberculosis was extremely uncommon, and had only been found sufficiently often with certainty to prove that the inheritance of the bacillus was not impossible. Regarding the question of the hour—the inter-dependence of human and bovine tuberculosis—the public, by writings and legal prosecutions, had at last boen awakened to the gravity of the position in which they were placed, and they would insist on a sweeping reform in all that appertained to the inspection of live animals in dairies and disposal of carcases for human food. The mortality from tuberculosis in the United Kingdom in early childhood was, not decreasing as it was at other ages, and the opinion that the great prevalence of the dispass in the great prevalence of the great pre BEAP PECUNIARY GAIN, Kingdom in early childhood was not decreasing as it was at other ages, and the opinion that the great prevalence of the disease in childhood was due to infection through the alimentary canal by milk from tuberculosis cattle appeared to be founded beyond the shadow of a doubt. The infection of tuberculosis cattle appeared to be founded beyond the shadow of a doubt. The infection of tuberculosis may be a destroyed by boiling or the could be destroyed by for re-election, the continuing incoming to record their appreciation of the services rendered to the Society by those retiring.

The financial statement showed that the income during the year amounted to £437 of 6d, and the expenditure, including a debi- balance of £39 17s 11d at the beginning of the year, to £438 1s 4d, leaving a sum of £1 0s 10d due to the bank. Accounts to the value of £99 8s 9d were, however, to the value of £99 8s 9d were, however, to the value of £99 8s 9d were closed, to be free from tuberculosis by the tuberculin to the test, it appeared to be undesirable for the test. The test is the test is appeared to be undesirable for the test. The test is appeared to be undesirable for the test is appeared to be undesirable for the test. The test is the test is appeared to be undesirable for the test is appeared to the tuberculous the test is appeared to the test is appeared to the tuberculous the test is appeared to the tub test, it appeared to be undesirable for the public weal to relieve wholesale and retail vendors of their responsibility in that regard by recommending the boiling of milk as the only necessary safeguard. The danger of the disamination of tuberculous by the first test of the disamination of tuberculous by the first test of the disamination of tuberculous by the first test of the disamination of tuberculous by the first test of the disamination of tuberculous by the first test of the disamination of tuberculous by the first test of the disamination of tuberculous by the first test of the disamination of tuberculous by the first test of the disamination of tuberculous by the first test of the disamination of tuberculous by the first test of the disamination of tuberculous by the first test of the disamination of tuberculous by the first test of the disamination of tuberculous by the tuberculous test of the disamination of tuberculous test of tuberculous t of the dissemination of tuberculosis by the use of meat from infected animals was much less than in the case of milk, but it undoubtedly existed, and could be effectually obviated only by inspection of the carcases by the market was well attended. Grain was slow to sell, as buyers are fully stocked. The Duke of York was re-elected patron.
Mr Macdonald, Charlestown, proposed that
The Mackintosh of Mackintosh be the new
president. In doing so, he said that The

feed. This could be most efficiently carried out in public slaughter-houses, under the eye of thoroughly cualified inspectors. This inspection of meet should include the compalsory examination of every cargo of im-

of the recent Royal Commsision, the disease could be entirely eradicaetd from their herds, Mr Logan said that farmers or cowkeepers could not be expected to begin to weed out their stock by the aid of tuber-culin without the State reimbursing their recuniary loss, and this weeding out process would incur considerable inconvenience and expense. Thorough isolation of cattle that reached new byres on most farms would be necessary, and the ordinary routine methods of feeding would be interefered with. The public had no right to expect the farmers bear that loss, and the farmer who knew through tuberculin that his cattle were diseased had no right to expect the butcher to purchase them as sound. Mr Logan brought a very able paper to a close by advocating Government control of infection

at its source. THE DISCUSSION. Mr Birnie, Wellhouse, asked whether inoculation by tuberculin had an effect on the animal when tested the second time. Mr Logan replied that the cattle must be tested under natural conditions; but, under ordinary circumstances, the fact that an animal had previously been tested made no

difference the second time.

Mr Walker, Torbreck, said no doubt the disease was a very serious one, but he thought more was made of it than it was worth. At present many cows were destroyed by what was given them to eat.

Mr Wm. Macbean, Cradlehall, remarked A suggestion that a joint show, open to that northern counties, should be held during the coming summer at Inverness was remitted to the Committee, with powers to the diseases scheduled in the Diseases of the diseases scheduled in the Diseases of that the subject was being pressed forward, confer with the other Farmers' Societies of the diseases scheduled in the Diseases of Animals Act, and he thought it ought to be scheduled. In this way farmers would not lose through the general application of the

Mr J. Howe, Parks of Inshes, remarked that milk, apart from any germs which might be formed in it by the cow, was more sus-Hotel in the evening was a success. Mr Mac-denald, Morayston, prescided at a crowded food, and yet people went on consuming it

close of the dinner, the Chairman proposed "The Queen," "The Army and Navy and Reserve Forces." The latter toast was coupled with the name of Mr Murray, who responded. Mr Thomson of Kinnylies gave both "Houses of Parliament." Mr John expect to find infected?

Mr Logan replied that in Edinburgh the percentage was about 40; but here he would Mr Robert Thomson—Would you not rather find from 3 to 4 per cent.

Mr Logan-No; I would find more. Mr A. Howe, Castleheather, spoke of far mers insuring against loss through tuberculosis by a payment of 6d upon each insured animal. He thought the time would never come when compensation would be given by the Government. The country would never stand it.

The discussion was continued by others, Mr Logan being awarded an enthusiastic vote of thanks at the close.

STOCK SALES.

INVERNESS, Tuesday.—At Hamilton & Co. of Inverness, Ltd., weekly sale to-day, there were average supplies both of fat cattle and sheep. Buyers were very largely represented from the South and East as well as locally. Fat cattle met with a steady, good, fair going

Hoggets were rather stiff to sell. Wedders a fair trade. Ewes in demand, and selling well.

DINGWALL, Wednesday—At Messrs Mac-Callum Bros.' weekly sale to-day the sup-plies of stock on offer were shorter than last week, and consisted of 88 fat and store cattle, 13 milch cows, 18 calves, 258 fat and Proprietor—ANDREW ROSS.

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PROPERTY AND OTHER SALES URBDAT, February 21.—Nos. 22, 24, 26, and 28 Grant Street, also, Thorn Cottage, India Street, within chambers of W. Charles Macbean, solicitor, Queensgate FRIDAY, February 24.—A Feu-duty, and Nos. 77 and 75 Church Street, Inverness (together or separately), within chambers of Messrs Fraser & Maccallum

solicitors, Queensgate, at noon. FUESDAY, February 28.—Building ground at Ardconnel Street, Inverness, within chambers of Anderson & Shaw, solicitors, Inverness, at 1.

CUESDAY, February 23.—Two semi-detached dwelling houses, shop and cottage, in Gordon Place, Ballifeary Road, Inverness, within chambers of Innes & Mackay, solicitors, Inverness, at 12. URBDAY, February 23.—Rockville, Harrowden Road, Inverness, within office of F. A. Black, solicitor, Inver-WEDNESDAY, March 1.—Cragie Villa, Midmills Road, within chambers of Jas. Ross, solicitor, Inverness, at 3. Wednesday, March 1.—Loch Marce Villa, Thurlow Road, Nairn, within the office of H. T. Donaldson, solicitor, Nairn, at noon.

TUBSDAY, March 7.—Oakdale, Broadstone Park, within chambers of Macgillivray & Munro, solicitors, Inver-MONDAY, March 13.—Dwelling-house, stable and yard, 48 Wells Street, Inverness, within Faculty Room, the Castle, Inverness, at noon. TUESDAY, April 18.—Ryeford House, Ardconnel Terrace Inverness, and House 28 Muirtown Street, Inverness within office of Macgillivray & Munro, solicitors,

STOCK SALES. Monday, February 20.—Weekly sale, Inverness Auction Market by Macdonald Fraser & Co., at 11:30. MONDAY, February 20.—Weekly sale of fat stock at Northern Central Market, Perth, by John Swan & Sons, Monday, February 20.—Weekly sale at Perth Auction Market, by Macdonald Fraser & Co., at 11 30

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(Date given is last day for receiving offers). Tuesday, February 21.—Fresh beef and vegetables, for Navy at Inverness—T. Gwyn, Contract Department, Admiralty, London. WEDNESDAY, February 22.—New Free Church at Garve— W. D. Mackenzie, secretary, Building Committee, The Hotel, Garve.

BINESDAY, February 22.—Mason work of extension to Skibo Castle, Sutherland—Ross & Macbeth, architects, TURSDAY, February 28.—Renovation of Tomintoul Parish Church—John Robertson, architect, Inverness. Monday, March 6.—Building of Literary Society Hall, at Dunbeath—S. Wilson, Schoolhouse, Dunbeath.

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or here to
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NOTICE.—The Monday Sailing from Glasgow to Skye, Stornoway, &c., will be resumed RETURNING SOUTH. - From STORNOWAY every Monday Morning; Portree, same evening; from Kyle of Lochalsh, Tuesday, at 4 A.M.; and Oban same after-

GLASGOW TO ARISAIG-Every Thursday (calling out GLASGOW TO ARISAIG—Every Thursday (calling out and in, weather, &c., permitting). To Eigg every Thursday, out and in. To Inveris (Loch Nevis) and Totate (Loch Duich), by "Texa," every Friday (calling weather, &c., permitting). To Gairloch every Thursday, outward. To Aulibera and Poolewe, Thursday, 23rd February, outward. To Tarber (Harris) and Lochmaddy every Thursday viz Portree. To Ullapoel and Lochinver, Thursday, 16th February, calling inward; Monday, 6th March, calling out. To Loch-Nedd, and Lochin-Hard (Locil-Clash), Monday, 6th March. To Loch-Torridon, Thursday, 2nd March. To Samalaman, Roshven, and Loch-Nanuamh, Friday, 24th February.

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OBAN AND MULL MAIL SERVICE.—Mail Steamer leaves Tobermory daily, at 8 A.M., and Oban Daily, not before 12:30 P.M., proceeds to Salen (Loch-Sunart) Tuesday and Friday, returns Wednesday and Saturday mornings. mornings.

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NEW STORY-PRINCESS DELILAH-NEW STORY.

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WHO IS MISS FIONA MACLEOD?

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HIGHLAND NEWS."] SIR,-I notice that a few very worthy Highlanders are still agitated over the identity of Miss Tiona Macleod. I am informed, indeed, that one or two have damaged their mental health over the business. This is very sad. It makes one feel as weary as with the Dreyfus case. I hope the writer of "Some recover he may be a little more genial and a little less prone to throw his arms round the neck of the "Daily Chronicle" Cockney scribe. As a matter of fact, Mr and Mrs Sharp denied several years ago that they wrote under the name of "Fiona Macleod." Their denial was emphatic and comprehensive enough, and, considering their honourable reputation, I

imagine it sufficient for all honourable folk.

clusions your writer so gleefully accepts, is literary adviser, influenced her work. To If there is one thing more than another it is

Evening News" several years ago. As for the scented notepaper, I have seen Miss Macleod's letters, and they are not more fragrant feminine hand speaks of what he is evidently ignorant. Miss Macleod's handwriting is absolutely distinct from Mr Sharp's, and it

identify it for one moment with Mr Sharp's. Altogether the controversy is one that Highlanders might well leave to the Englishretain her identity, doubtless for reasons of her own. Highlanders have in the past been conspicuous for their consideration, and, though there are always exceptions, I am sure most of our country folk will respect the such a course. Nor can we reasonably sup-JOHN MACLEAY.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE CELTS

ON ENGLISH LITERATURE.

[By Hugh Gunn, M.A.]

Of the successive waves of people that travelled west into Europe from the heart their time. Love and war are ever the of Asia, one of the most important was the Celts. They belong to the great Indo-Celtic nature was full. A very high stage of civilisation is not by any means necessions. Germanic group, and their original abode, an all probability, was in the north of India a race; we find tribes a a very rude state. or near the Euphrates, whence they travelled westward, and entered Europe by the Caucasian Mountains. Their advent into our Continent took place before the dawn of history, but we have numerous references to their connections with the Grecks and Romans. They occupied the whole of Central Europe for a time, but their chief position was Gaul and Belgium. Thence they passed into Spain, and their presence there was evinced by the constant trouble they afforded to the Roman conquerors, both in the aid they gave to men like Sertorious, as well as by their frequent revolts. These Iberian Celts proved a considerable obstacle in the way of Hannibal's conquest of Spain. One wave of Celts invaded Greece in the literature, though they did not consign it greeks were swept away, and Ptolemy, their leader, slain. In the following "ear they again pushed into Greece, and were a tracted has led many whose spent and writings be has led many whose spent and writings be has led many whose spent and writings be as led many whose spent and writings be has led many whose spent and writings be as led many whose spent and writings be has led many whose spent and writings be a led many whose spent and writings be has led many whose spent and writings be a led many whose spent and writings be has led many whose spent and writings be a led many whose spent and writings be has led many whose spent and writings be has led many whose spent and writing the leader. towards I'elphi by the report of the great tray a strong anti-Celtic feeling to wealth accumulated in this famous shrine: deny the evidence of any previous but the avenging gods, as the Greeks relate, Celtic Iterature. Now, though this position vindicated the rights of their chosen sauc- can be confuted by positive evidence, we may tuary, and the sacriligeous Celts were utterly still show that the written literature of Wales Aberfoyle, where he died in 1692. To him tuary, and the sacriligeous Celts were utterly defeated and their leader, Brennus, killed. Some of them, however, settled in Thrace, others along the Danube, while another section crossed the Fellespont into Asia, and gave their name to the country called Galatia. It is to these that St Paul addresses his epistle, and some commentators still find a resemblance to the British Celts in the character Paul attributes to the

NEW STORY FIRST SATURDAY. that the 16th of July, the date of the battle, was reckoned the most unlucky in the Roman calendar, and that the name Allia was an of man's ghost is not the senseless grave, PRINCESS DELILAH,

Calendar, and that the name Allia was an "infaustum nomen"—a name of evil to a Roman ear. Rome they burnt, and then retired. War was their aim, and not conguent." "A Young Stowaway," "The Vindication of Olive Trevethick," "An Ocean Queen," "When the Sea Gives Up Its Dead," "The Star of Yukon," "A Fair Blockade Runner," &c., will commence in the columns of Blockade Runner," &c., will commence in the columns of the years 113 and 102 B.C.—the Cimbri, a name akin to the Welsh Kymry, in four great battles, cestroyed four great Roman armies, and struck the greatest terror into the heart of Rome. Army after army wont forth to meet them, and sometimes none, at other times a few, came back to tell the they conquered. Mommsen, the great Roman historian, says that they shook every nation outburst in Wales, and the three great unless accompanied by a stamped and addressed envelope.

Contributions intended for the "Highland Home Journal" must be received, at latest, by Tuesday morning for insertion in that much was this recognised by the Romans that they always called the north of Italy, including the fertile valley of the Po, Cisalpine Gaul, that is, Gaul on this side of the Alps. This is a fact fraught with consequence to Roman literature, for the influence exercised by this mixture of Celtic blood on the artistic productions of Rome is probably greater than is generally supposed. The greatest epic poet of Rome, Virgil, was an inhabitant of Cisalpine Gaul; the passionate lyric writer, Catullus, sprang from the same place; and the historian, Livy, as well, can be claimed as a child nursed within view of the Alps. Indeed, the case, paradoxical as it may appear, is that of the great Roman writers, only two or three were natives of Rome. Interesting as this line of research would prove, we must at present leave Italy, and proceed to deal with Britain, where the influence of the Celt has been of such vital consequence to the literature of our own

Before doing so, however, it may be stated that the ancient writers describe the Celts as and warlike; impatient of control and prone to change. They fought with long swords, and their first charge was most formidablea quality which their Highland descendants exhibited when they made their famous onset at Killiecrankie. Indeed, their warlike qualities and reckless daring were long the terror of the ancients, and in this connection I might mention a very peculiar reference made to them in the Nich. Ethics of Aristotle. In speaking of courage, and in distinguishing it from excess or recklessness, he says—"Of the characters on the side of excess, he who exceeds in utter absence of fear has no appropriate name, but he would be a madman, r inaccessible to pain, if he feared nothing, neither earthquake nor the billows, as they tell of the Celts." This quotation shows us the reputation for courage which our ancestors Notes" will soon recover. When he does had in the time of Aristotle. The reference of Aristotle to the "billows" finds wonderful confirmation from Strabo, who relates, on the authority of Ephorus, that "the Kimbri take arms against inundations, and the Celts. in practising fearlessness, suffer their houses to be flooded." Now, Hamlet in his famous soliloguy speaks of taking "arms against a sea of troubles, and by opposing, end them," and we can show that our ancestors literally adopted this course rather than hear literally adopted this course rather than hear 'the slings and arrows, or rather the nun-The "Daily Chronicle" writer, whose con- dations of outrageous fortune." But, as if i:

than that which I am now writing. And the of the North. But we are not to suppose, person who says Mr William Sharp writes a as is too generally assumed, that all the Celts were driven into these parts of the country, for such a theory appears unreas-enable and contrary to the facts. The Saxons did not obtain possession of the coun-

may comfort some literary ferrets to know that Miss Macleod's handwriting is somewhat masculine, though no judge of writing would indentify it for one moment with Mr Sharr's let that the Saxons failed to conquer Waits Celticae." I am sorry I cannot convey you and the other mountainous districts; that any idea of the phonetic writing of Dean lose of the Celts who .efused to live under the dominion of the Saxons took to these inman. Miss Macleod is a lady who desires to accessible quarters, but that very many of retain her identity doubtless for reasons of the Celts remained in 'neir original abodes, and became subservient to the Saxons. This wishes of this lady, whose work, however mis- such a course. Nor can we reasonably suppose that the narrow limits of these hilly taken in the view of some, is that of a distinct districts were sufficiently capacitos to har-hour all the Britons that peopled the island previously. Now, if this was the case, the Celts would have come through time to mix with the Saxons in much larger numbers than one should anticipate, and this intermixture of the races was of vital importance in shaping the poetic powers and in producing the mental capabilities that went to form our greatest literary achievements. Rude and fierce though the Celts were, we vet find them far advanced in literature for of progress in possession of songs that be-token a higher position. The Celts in this respect were far advanced, and we find them supporting the bards, a distinct liter any class, which possessed many peculiar privileges, and was held in the highest respect and reverence. These bards had their staff of office, and there were various grades, depending on the capability to recite the poems which were composed in honour or their heroes or of their great national events. Those who could recite most held

the highest degree, and no doubt practice rendered them capable of feats of inemory that would appear astonishing at the present day. There cannot be the slightest doubt that the Celts possessed a great amount of

at other times a few, came back to tell the be wholly irrelevant to discuss this question, tale of d feat. But instead of pressing to-wards Rome, the Cimbri went into Spain, and spent two or three years there, and when turning again into Italy were utterly Irish literature alone that exists would fill defeated at Verona by Manus in 101. A over 60,000 quarto pages, and includes striking characteristic of the Celts s that descriptions of battles, imaginative tales, they never thought of retaining the territory adventures, genealogies, and traditions. In (To BE CONTINUED).

PERTHSHIRE AND OTHER GAELIC SONGS.

LECTURE BY "FIONN."

On Thursday evening of last week the ordinary meeting of the Lerth Gaelic Society was held in the Guild Hall. Mr J. A. 4. Da ngluaissinn tré ghleann dorch' a bhàis, Stewart, Chief of the Society, presided, and there was a crowded attendance. In intro- En olc ni heagal learn theachd orm: ducing the lecturer for the evening, Mr Henry Whyte ("Fionn), the Chairman paid a tribute to Lis merits as an expert in his special line. What Mr Whyte did not know about Gaclic songs was scarcely worth knowing. They were sometimes inclined to overlook the fact that Ferthshire had han men of large stature, of fair complexion, and with flaxen or red hair. They were brave could hold its own in this and many ther respects with other counties throughout Scotland.

Subjoined are some of the leading pasages in the lecture.

INTRODUCTION. I am well aware there are many people little is inferior-indeed, the people who dangerous thing"—and it is only those who penetrated the whole Scottish Highlands, and possess this dangerous medicum of know-have been crooned by many an aged Gael at entering upon the subject proper of my lecture, perhaps it may be of interest to you if I pass in rapid review before you some of the more valuable contributions to the literature of the Gael which can be claimed by you on behalf of this county-with some nteresting facts regarding their authors.

were to make "assurance doubly sure," we oldest and most valuable contributions to have Stobaeus, another ancient writer, re- Scottish Gaelic literature is what is known beginning of the present century, he being very ingenious. But how many would acquiesce in his reasoning? All the writer proves is that Mr Sharp, who is not disposed to deny that he was at one time Miss Macleod's literary adviser, influenced her work. To literary adviser, influenced her work. To pick out certain adjectives and expressions common to both writers looks imposing evidence, but by the same process Robert Louis Stevenson might be a name for half-adozen writers, Kipling for a small multitude, Henley for a crewd, and so one As for the sea occurs they meet the sea occurs they meet and Duncan, of the name of Macgreg r, who belonged to Glenlyon. James was a in undation from the sea occurs they meet and Duncan, of the name of Macgreg r, who belonged to Glenlyon. James was a in the stight of the same process for people of Lismone in Argyllshire. He was best dos vicar of Fortingall and Firmarius, or tendence in the church lands, and died possessed of last century, translations of which appeared in the "Scots Magazine" as early as 1755. Mr Stone was a schoolmaster at buried in the choir of the old church of the signer of cowardice!

Henley for a crewd, and so one As for the name of Macgreg r, who belonged to Glenlyon. James was a churchman, and in 1514 we find him Dean to fear death." Such is the testimony of Liver them seed to the name of Macgreg r, who belonged to Glenlyon. James was a churchman, and in 1514 we find him Dean to fear death." Such is the testimony of Liver them seed to the name of Macgreg r, who belonged to Glenlyon. James was a churchman, and in 1514 we find him Dean to fear death." Such is the testimony of Liver them seed to fear death. The section of Liver them seed to the name of Macgreg r, who belonged to Glenlyon. James was a churchman, and in 1514 we find him Dean to fear death." Such is the testimony of Liver them seed to the name of Macgreg r, who belonged to Glenlyon. James was a school belonged to Glen Henley for a crowd, and so one As for the writer's assertion that the work of Miss Fiona Macleod is masculine—well, one wonders has he read Miss Macleod's poems, or all her work.

The stignal of cowarding:

Inchadin—new known as Kenmore. Duncan was known as Kenmore. Duncan was diarmid, minister of Weem, made a MS. the Island of Britain, and see the effect of the Dean. Duncan was himself a poet; and is referred to in the reper detailed in the carry history of our Island is, of course, well between the pool into a common large level. The diarmid, minister of Weem, made a MS. the Island of Britain, and see the effect of the Dean. Duncan was himself a poet; and is referred to in the reper detail. The MS. the Per Macleogram and the standing of the course will be the carry history of our Island is a common place book a large. known; the invasion of Julius Cæsar and transcribed into a commonplace book a large collection by Rev. Mr Maclaggan, Amulree, If there is one thing more than another it is that the feminine note is in Miss Macleod's writings, more poignant, more convincing, more shrill some might say, than in any work since "The Story of an African Farm."

But it is useless arguing, and I think most meople will accept the emphatic denial which the invasion of Julius Cæsar and the rare of the Britons during quarters of Gaelic poerry obtained from all quarters. This unique collection has fortune who was a bard himself, and composed several quarters. This unique collection has fortune who was a bard himself, and composed several quarters. This unique collection has fortune who was a bard himself, and composed several the various fortunes of the Britons during quarters. This unique collection has fortune who was a bard himself, and composed several the various fortunes of the Britons during quarters. This unique collection has fortune who was a bard himself, and composed several the various fortunes of the Roman occuration are of quarters. This unique collection has fortune who was a bard himself, and composed several the various fortunes of the Roman occuration are of quarters. This unique collection has fortunes who was a bard himself, and composed several the various fortunes of the Roman occuration are of quarters. This unique collection has fortune who was a bard himself, and composed several the various fortunes of the Roman occuration are of quarters. This unique collection has fortunes who was a bard himself, and composed several the various fortunes of the various fortunes of the various fortunes of the various fortunes of the various fortunes. This unique collection has fortunes who was a bard himself, and composed several the various fortunes. This unique collection has fortunes who was a bard himself and composed several the various fortunes. This unique collection has fortunes who was a bard himself and composed several the various fortunes. people will accept the emphatic denial which tain, another race of invadors appeared in graphy used in writing Irish, and now united Mrs Sharp published in the "Glasgow the person of the Saxons to mould and versally employed in writing Scotch Gaelic, change the character of our country. These cefeated the Celts that inhabited the Low-lands of England, and crove them towards in English orthography as they are prothe mountains of Wales, of Cornwall, and

A transcript was made of the MS. by the late Ewen Maclachlan, of Aberdeen, in 1813, another by the late Dr Maclachlan, Edinburgh, in 1856—published in 1862 with an English rendering, and a valuable intro-Macgregor, but the following translitura tion of a song by Isabel, Countess of Arg.ll, may interest you-it proves that Gaelic was cultivated by the aristocracy in the sixteenth

YSSBELL NE V'KELLAN. Margi za gallir .n grawg ga bee fa 'and abbrum ee Degkir skarrichtin ra phart troyg in chayes in vellu mfeyn. Here then is the transliteration of the song into modern Gelic-

ISEABAIL NI MHIC CHAILEIN. Mairg do'n galar an gràdh, Ge be fath fa'n abraim e, Deacair sgarachdainn r'a phàirt,

Truagh an cas sa bheileam féin, An gràdh sin thuga's gun fhios, O'se mo leas gun a luaidh, Mar faigh mi furtachd tràth, Bithidh mo bhlàth gu tana truaga;

Am fear sin do'n tugas gràdh, 'Us nach faod is radh los n-aird, Da cuiridh mise am buan chioma, Domh féin is reud mairg.

The following literal rendering of this song is from Rev. N. Macneill's interesting work, "The Literature of the Highland-

ISABEL, COUNTESS OF ARGYLL Pity one that bears love's anguish, Yet the cause 'hat must conceal; Sore it be to lose a dear one,

And a wretched state to feel. And the love I give in secret I must ever keep unknown; But unless relief comes quickly All my freshness will be gone.

Ah! the name of my beloved Ne'er to other can be told; He put me in lasting fetters—

Another Perthshire ecclesiastic follows the icad of I'can Macgregor. I refer to Rev. Kobert I irk, M.A. He was born about 1641. In 1664 he became minister of Balquidder, where he remained till 1685, when he was appointed to his father's charge at

(From Kirk's Psalter 1684). Beannuight' an duine sin nach gluais a ngcomhairle na ndaoj, Nach seas a nsligh' luchd uile 's an àit' luchd-iochaid fós nach suich. 2. Achd a nlagh Dé da bfuil a thlachd. ga smuaineadh oidhch is ló.

3. Bi sé mur chraoibh ar suighiughadh ré taobh na naibhne mór.

Na haimsir jomchubhaidh bheir seach a toradh pailt nar břeadh, Cha chríon a duille dhíobhail brídh; gheibh soirbh gach ní má ngabh. 4. Ni hamhluidh sin 'ta luchd an uile, achd mar an moll atáid, Do fhuaduightear gach taobh le gaoi, ga sgaoileadh ann sgach ait. 5. Bhridh sin cho seasamh na drochdhaoin', 'san bhreathamhnas bíos ceart,

Nó peacaigh ann a ngcoimh thional na mfirénidh ,gu hait. 6. Ojr efjosrach Dia air sli~he ghloin na mfirénidh a mfeast: Achd fiar eligh luchd na haingidheachd dimhiltar í gan cheist.

SALM XXIII. (From Kirk's Psalter of 1684). Dia fein 1s é is buachail dhamh, cha bhi me ann a ndi 2. Bheir se gu luigh me fios gu ré a ngcluanaibh glas le sith A ta se ga mo threórughadh re taobh na nuisgeadh mall 3. Ag aiseag manam dhamh ar ais do chum nach dteid a chall: Sé sdiuras me 'sna slighthibh cóir. Ar sgáth a ainm fein,

tre dhubhar mar a gseudn,

oir 'ta thu, Dhe, far leam, O chum do lorg 's do shlait me suas; do lcan mo mheisneach riom. 5. Láthair mo naimhdean dheasuigh thu bord romhan fein nach gann: Mo chup chuir thairis: s tu a Dhe, chuir oladh ar no cheann. 6. Achd leanaidh maith is trocair riom ar fad mo ló gan cheist: sombnaidhim an áros De

Feadh dhamh bi beó, 's a mfeast. into Scottish Gaelic, as early as 1767—being the first portion of the Scriptures translated -was the work of two Perthshire men, Rev. James Stewart, Killin, and Dugald Buchanan. It was the son of the former-Dr Stewart, of Luss-who took a leading part in transwho assert that the Gaelic of Perthshire lating the Old Testament, and among those

GILLIES'S COLLECTION, 1786. One of the earliest collections of Gaelic Key E flat .- Moderato. poetry was that published by John Gillies in Perth in 1786. It contains many rare poems THE DEAN OF LISMORE'S MS., 1512.

As you are doubtless aware, one of the Amulree, and who figures largely in the peetry, to which reference is made in the Report on Ossian.

To Perthshire we are indebted for the first collection of Gaelic proverbs. This work was compiled by Rev. Donald Mackintosh, who was born at Orchilmore, Killiecrankie, in 1743. The first edition was published in 1785. He died in Edinburgh in 1808. It was this work which formed the basis of Sheriff Nicolson's excellent collection of Gaelic proverbs. There is another work duction by the learned Dr Skene. A later printed in 1785-a Gaelic translation of Thoma a'Kempi's "Imitation of Christ," by Robert Menzies (Rob Méinn). He was probably a native of Perthshire.

GAELIC DICTIONARIES.

Your county has also given us more than one Gaelic dictionary. We have already seen that Rev. R. Kirk, Balquhidder, completed the first vocabulary of Scottish Gaelic as early as 1690. In 1825 Rev. R. A. Armstrong, M.A., LL.D., published his Gaelic Dictionary in two parts. Dr Armstrong was born at Kenmore in 1788, and died in 1867. His dictionary is still regarded as one of our best. Another Gaelic dictionary was compiled by a Perthshire schoolmaster. The MS. was discovered a few years ago, and is now in the possession of Sir Donald Currie. Let us hope the Laird of Garth will have it published, for the benefit of Gaelic study and "A maiden's vows," Old Calum spoke, research. There were also a number of minor "Are lightly made and lightly broke; bards, who flourished about the end of the last The heather on the mountain's height century, whose works have never been published in a collected form. Examples of their | The frost wind soon will sweep away poetry will be found in several collections of That lustre deep from glen and brae, Gaelic poetry, such as Mackenzie's "Beauties Yet Noran, ere its bloom be done, of Gaelic Poetry," Turner's Collection, &c. Before passing on to consider some of the songs and song writers of the present century, I should like to submit you a few specimens from the volumes of ancient Gaelic poetry referred to. In the Dean of Lismore's MS. already described, there are several poems by one who is designated "The Bard of Macintyre." This bard lived nigh 400 years before his famous successor, Duncan Ban Macintyre, the Glenorchy Bard. This Macintyre probably belonged originally to Argyllshire, and his descendants became famous pipers in Rannoch. They received their musical education from the famous MacCrimmon pipers. Donald Mor Macintyre was piper to Sir Alex. Menzies in 1638. His son, John Macintyre, is known as the composer of several piobrachs One of them is "Thàinig mo Righ air tir am Muideart" -My King has Landed at Moidart -composed in 1745. Another is "Menzies' Salute." These Macintyres were hereditary pipers to Menzies of Menzies for many general ions. In a Latin history of the Mackintoshes, written in 1676 by Lachlan Mackinosh of Kinrara, he refers to "Mackintosh's Lament" as follows: - "It was William, XIII. laird of Mackintosh, that in his expedition to Rannoch and Appin took the Bard Macin-tyre, of whom the Macintyres of Badenoch re descended, under his protection. This facintyre was a noble rhymer. It was he hat composed that excellent Erse epitaph alled 'Cumha Mhic an Toisich,' in mmemoration of Farquhar vic Conchie and Villiam vic Lachainn, Badenoch." William, III. Laird of Mackintosh, was murdered at lan in the summer of 1515.

from place to place, and while sheltering under a rock on the hillside above Loch Tay, they were surrounded by their foes and carried off to Kenmore, where, on the following day, Macgregor was condemned to death. His spouse was forced to witness the execution, and immediately afterwards she and her babe were driven from home. It was then she composed the lament that so ably described her anguish as she lulled her babe to sleep. One of the saddest and sweetest songs in the Gaelic language was "Mali bhoag og," or "Fair Young May." According to Mackenzie, the compiler of "The Beauties of Gaelic Pectry," the song belonged to Perthshire.
"The Black Watch," or gallant 42nd Regiment, was raised at Taybridge in 1739. A song in its praise was composed by Rev. Robert Macgregor, a native of Perthshire. The song was entitled "Buaidh leis na seòid." It was sung with great vigour by the lecturer

THE MUSIC OF PERTHSHIRE.

We have already seen that your county produced, or collected, a good share of what we regard and treasure as "Early Gaelic Literature," much of which is poetry. As might be expected of such a poetic people, they were likewise musical, and as early as 1781 the Rev. Patrick Macdonald, Kilmore, near Oban, published a collection of over two bundred Gaelic airs, twenty-eight (f which he classifies as from Perhtshire, one of them being "Macgregor of Ruaro," to which I have already referred. Another very interesting and valuable collection of Gaelic airs, with Gaelic and English words, the summer of 1897. I enquired of a young was compiled by a Perthshire enthusiast early in the present century. I refer to what is known as "Albyn's Anthology." Alex. in, he replied, "He is learning to be a min-Campbeil was born at Tombea, near Call-ander, in 1764, and died in Edinburgh in has not finished his apprenticeship, if its 1824. He gave lessons in music to Sir Walter Scott about 1783, at which time he was organist in one of the Edinburgh Episcopal churches. In 1819 Campbell edited an edition of Macintosh's "Gaelic Proverbs." He is also the author of "The Grampians Desolate" and other works. To "Albyn's Anthology" Walter Scott contributed such "Pibroch o' Donald Dubh," "Macgregor's Gathering," and "MacCrimmon's Lament."
The following is the full title of the work. which was issued in two vols. folio in Edinburgh; the first vol. was issued in 1816, and The first translation of the New Testament the second in 1818:—"Albyn's Anthology, or to Scottish Gaelic, as early as 1767—being a select collection of the Melodies and Vocal Poetry peculiar to Scotland and the Isles, Litherto unpublished; collected and arranged by Alexander Campbell, author of "The History of Petry in Scotland," 'A Journey through different parts of Scotland,' &c., &c. The modorn Scotch and English verses, is a limited quantity, and that even that who revised it was Rev. Mr Maclaggan, Blair-ladard, Hebridean, and Athole. Later translations of the Scriptures Lowland Melodies, written by Walter Scott, that your county need not be recknoed with when Gaelic affairs are noing estimated. We are informed that "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing"—and it is only those who had the advantage of the revision of Dr Esq., and living Poets of the first Eminone specimens of melodies and Gaelic vocal poetry." The collection, on the whole, as I had from my father, who was qualified to been very carefully compiled and edited, a give information by the matter qualified to ledge regarding Perthance and its contributions to Gaelic song and story who speak

s) disparagingly regarding it. Before early in 1767. He was born at Balquidder, and was for many years schoolmaster at of song and melodies to be met with in the subject purpose of the kind of song and melodies to be met with in the subject purpose.

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Cha téid mise chaoidh de m' dheòin, Gu mac òg an Iarla Ruaidh Gus an dean al eala bhàn Nead gu h-àrd air bhàrr nan stuadh. Cha téid mise chabidh de m' dheòin Gu mac òg an Iarla Ruaidh Gus an cuir am bradan breac Trì chuir mhear 'an crò nan nan. Thog a muime thall a ceann, S gòrach leam do chainnt, a luaidh: Bheir thu gaol roimh Fhéill-an-roid De mhac ròg an Iarla Ruaidh. Cainnt nan og-bhean tha mar dhriùchd A ni grian a shùghadh suas; M'an tig Samhuun bi'dh tu pòsd' Aig mac òg an Iarla Ruaidh. A' bheinn ud shuas 's a' bheinn ud shìos Cha do charaich riamh 's cha ghluais; Ach thug Màiri gaol gun ghò Do mhae òg an Iarla Ruaidh. Tha'n eala gur 's an eilean-bhàn 'S am bradan tar:-gheal feadh a' chuain, 'S tha Màiri nis 'n a céile phòsd' Aig mac òg an Iarla Ruaidh.

THE EARLIE'S SON, OR NORAH'S VOW. (Translated by Sir Walter Scott.) Hear what Highland Norah said, "The Earlie's son - will not wed, Should an the race of Nature die, And none be left but he and I; I would not wed the Earlie's son." Begins to bloom in purple light; May blithely wed the Earlie's son." "The swan," she said, "the lake's clear breast. May barter for the eagle's nest; The Awe's fierce stream may backward turn Ben Cruachan fall and crush Kilchurn; Our kilted clans, when blood is high, Before their foes may turn and fly; But I, were all these marvels done, Would never wed the Earlie's son. Still in the water-lillies' shade Her wonted nest the wild swan made, Ben Cruachan stands as fast as ever, Still downward foams the Awe's fierce river To shun the clash of foeman's steel No Highland "brog" has turned the heel, But Norah's heart is lost and won-She's wedded to the Earlie's son.

In bringing my somewhat desultory lecture to a close I must refer to some col-

ections - instrumental as well as vocalwhich have issued from the county. It is Neil Gow (senior and junior), Duncan Mackercher, and George and Willie Macleish hould give us collections of violin music. In addition to the music issued by the Gows and the Mackerchers, the late James Stewart Robertson of Edradynate, Perthshire, issued in 1884 two folio vols. of reels and strathspeys, which he called the Athole Collec-Mr Robertson was instrumental in forming the Edinburgh Reel and Strathnusician-Mr Archibald Menzies-is now the conductor. A former Chief of this averness by some lawless members of the lan in the summer of 1515.

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Society, and a musical enthusiast, the late Charles Stewart of Tighanduin, Killin, published in 1884 the "Killin Collection" of The lecturer then gave several examples of sough of Perthshire origin, many of them weird and pathetic favourites. A study of that interesting still find a resemblance to the British Celts in this respect, hear what in the character Paul attributes to the Galatians. But it did not satisfy the war-like Celts to remain in possession of the territory they won. Before this invasion of Greece we find them crossing the Alps and its snow five separate times, and warping water times, and warping water times, and warping water times and warping water times, and warpi many of them weird and pathetic in construction. Among the songs rendered were "Macgregor o' Ruaro," "Crodh Chailein," and "Gregor Macgregor's Lament." the matter of Celtic music and song your

noble race to which we belong-not in the dry pages of the historian—pages which are too often red with the blood of clansmen engaged in some petty feud—but rather in the language, manners, customs, poetry, and music of the Highlands

Throughout the course of the evening several quaint melodies, many of which exemplified some of the political struggles in the Scottish Highlands, while others entered nto some of the more tragic domestic events associated with some of the ancestral families of the Highlands, were sung in a manner that brought out their distinguishng characteristics by the lecturer, and by lisses Maclaren, Thomson, and Rose. Miss Millar acted as accompanist.

OUR NEW STORY .- For particulars 21 our New Story, "Princess Delilah, by Mrs George Corbett, see page 10, A thrilling and absorbing tale.

ROB DONN CONTROVERSY.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HIGHLAND NEWS."] S. E,-Had I known the materials that underlay the placid exterior of the Mackay champions in this controversy, I would not have demeaned mycelf by entering the lists. the summer of 1897, I enquired of a young consummation is what Paul enforces in the 33th chapter of the first epistle to the Corinthians. Unable to controvert my statements, he seek's to vilify my character. I challenge him to produce a single act in my life of which I have reason to be ashamed. I had a reputation in Durness for veracity, integrity and sobriety when I left it at 20 years of age, and I have never forfeited it. Had I enjoyed the advantages of your correspondent I would not have been content to rusticate in a remote Highland parish while golden plums were procurable at Oxford. A's it is I make no higher claims than my success in life justifies. In my young days Highland societies did not afford assistance to struggling students, and I relinquished the teaching profession to carve for myself a place in the army, and had my traducer enlisted at twenty years of age I doubt very much if his career would have

give information on the matter; also from Alasdair MacRuaridh and from Norman Smeargan (a grandson of Christina Donn). with whom I lodged for some time when teacher at Leathed. Ruaridh Chervaig al-ways insisted that if Robb Donn was ever known as a Mackay, that he was dubbed such because of his residence with Iain Mac-Eachainn in Musal, and that his father never was a Mackay. Another point I would like to adduce is that Rob never was a soldier in the Reay Fencibles, but was employed as a valet by some officer, and as such would not appear in the pay must have ocular demonstration before I

believe that his name is there. Mr Gunn says that he has had his infermation from Ann Murray, born in the year of the "Christmas gale" and "still hale and hearty, although in her 98th year Here Mr Gunn's arithmetic is sadly at fault, The "Christmas gale" was in 1806, which would make Ann Murray's age 93. She is coeval with my aunt (Mrs Adam Gordon Mackay), now in her 93rd -ear, or perhaps a few months into her 94th.

This same Ann Murray told Mr Hugh

Mackay of Sangomore—now resident in Edinburgh — when the 1882 controversy raged on this subject, that she knew nothing whatever about it, never having heard it referred to in her home. It is rather singular that she should now, when mentally and physically incapable of being interrogated—according to the report I had from nave supported the views of the advicates

Mr John Mackay complains of my ill-mannered references to his Glasgow citizenship. He is drawing on his prolific imag-ination in that, as in his theory of Rob Donn's patronymic. I twitted him some time ago For denouncing High-landers in general, and Sutherland men in particular, for their lack of patriotism in not furnishing sufficient recruits to the British army. If it is ill manners to advise a man not to prate about supplied of which has a wholly increase. a subject of which he is wholly ignorant, I must plead guilty to his accusation, and vould beg of him that for my instruction and that of other poor dupes who seek to give expression to their knowledge (not their poor dupes) in the public press a page of ignerance) in the public press, a page of the "Celtic Monthly" may be diverted from raleontological expecitions and be devoted the elucidation of newspaper ethics, even should it be at the sacrifice of five shillings a line. This would certainly advertise his patriotism. As to his ancestors living in the Reay Country before mine, I question his lictum. That his ancestors robbed mine of their rights I am well aware, and refer him for confirmation to an article contributed by Mr John Mackay, J.P., Hereford, to the Inverness Highland Society's Transactions. in which he accuses his clan of fraud, rapine and theft in their raids on the Morrisons of Eddrachilles. Iain Ur says that I have not examined the registers! I have never appealed to registers in support of my contention that Rob Donn was a Calder. I only stated the convictions of those who had a knowledge of the bard's family name, and had no reason to advance crude theories in support of the adoption of the Calder name" by the bard's progenitors. Why, may I ask, did not Messrs Mackay and (lunn join in the 1882 discussion There was no rival edition then in the air. I join ssue with the writer who declaimed against men who wrote for hire.

"But when the sons of song descend to trade Their bays are seared, their former laurels fade."

It was the embryotic ten-shilling edition that raised this crop of splenetic vilification.

Mr John Mackay must be "havering"
when he says that the bard's patronymic was
Calder and Ekel, and in the same sentence
raintaining that he was a Mackay. He plust surely know that a man can have but one patronymic. I beg to quote for the information of this learned and ingentious controversialist a sentence or two from a Thomson Mackay, M.A., B.D.—"The letters D.M.K. on the stone are the initials of Domhnal Mac Iain Mhic Alasdair Rhuaidh, who married Mary Donn, the poet's daughter, but natural that the county which produced and who placed the stone, a mica schist flag stone from the Farent, on his father-in-law's grave. The two short inscriptions Rob Denn, 1777, and D.M.K. were cut on the stone at the same time. The upper inscription has been more exposed to the weather and the feet of the passer-by, and seems older than the other, which has been for some time covered with soil." How does this harmonise with Mr John Mackay's contention that there is but M.K. on the stone, pey Society, of which another Perthshire and that its object was to prove the bard a real Mackay.—I am, Sir, yours, &c., WM. MORRISON,

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CHAPTER XXVIII.

OLD HARRY'S MAGNANIMITY.

"Ar the close of the second day after leaving Raven Rocks, I arrived at Richmond.
"I remained in Richmond only long enough to pack up my wardrobe, and then I went on to Washington to accept the invitation of my Aunt Shrewsbury, which was cordially endorsed by her benefactress, Miss 'Percie,' as she was

"I need not dwell upon my arrival in Washington and first meeting with Musa

'It took all the strength of my will to control the emotions that almost overwhelmed me on beholding in her a beautiful counterpart of myself, as I had been at her age, and as indeed I still remained with very little change.

"My so-called son did not join me in Washington as I had invited him to do. His studies confined him to his college.

"But I did not regret that when I saw more brilliant prospects opening before my daughter."

"It took all the strength of my will to content on the large would not protect him.

"Old Harry bore this scolding with wonderful meekness for him. I think that Espirita must have begun to train him herself.

"Now a few words of explanation, at the last. You will notice that in the first part of this manuscript the writing looks older than in the last part. In fact, it is older. It was written last autumn, when you two were first

would be but 'vain repetition.'
"Two years later Musa refused a duke to marry the very man, of all men, whom it was best for her to marry. And if my ambition for my daughter's advancement was somewhat dissappointed, my conscience was at least soothed. And I made up my mind, upon the soothed. And I made up my mind, upon the soothed. And I made up my mind, upon the soothed. And I made up my mind, upon the soothed. And I made up my mind, upon the soothed. And I made up my mind, upon the soothed. And I made up my mind, upon the soothed. And I made up my mind, upon the soothed. And I made up my mind, upon the soothed. And I made up my mind, upon the soothed. And I made up my mind, upon the soothed. And I made up my mind, upon the soothed. And I made up my mind, upon the soothed. And I made up my mind, upon the soothed. And I made up my mind, upon the soothed. first convenient opportunity, to enlighten the young couple as to the secret of their exchange.

You know that a few weeks after your

marriage, that is to say, about the middle of Musa.

February, the Washington season closed for Pau

"I came down here with Mrs. Shrewsbury on the first of March. "We were met at the landing by Colonel Carew and Espirita, who had been asked to meet us at 'The Shoals.' "And as soon as I saw him, I remembered

and said to myself : " There is the heir-at-law of Raven Rocks." And my slumbering conscience was disturbed, and at the same time all my good intentions her own mother had been guilty of such a fraud

"Whenever my conscience tried to trouble

me, I soothed it by the assurance that if ever a fair opportunity presented itself I would certainly set all things right between the heirat-law and the actual possessors of Raven

August learned, for the first time, that he recognition is a second of the company of the company desire of Poter and Kata "The opportunity, or I should rather say,

the necessity, of an explanation came much sooner than I had expected or desired. "On Thursday last, Pendragon arrived from Raven Rocks, and told me of your unexpected arrival there. I knew then that the day of reckoning had come. And I feltreally glad and relieved

"Colonel Carew was coming to ride with me on its stand, and said: that morning. And I resolved that as soon as he should arrive, I would call him to a private interview in the library, and there 'make a clean breast of it,' by telling him the whole story of the exchange of the children.

"The ordeal that was before me did not even deprive me of an appetite for breakfast. I knew I could depend on the devotion of my old worshipper to put the fairest construction now we must do the duty nearest to us, of

"Then I went downstairs into the drawingroom, which was unoccupied by anyone else, and there I waited for my old adorer. He was soon announced and entered the room. After the usual greetings had passed between us, and born a Percie, and fraudulently brought up as I was about to invite him into the confessional,
I was, to my surprise and relief, forestalled in
my intention by his abruptly saying that he
admired me more than any other living woman,
and asked me if I would accept him as a
life long worshipmen, in the shape of a bus.

meet my necessity.

"I laid my hand in his, and told him that I name of Percie. Yet I do not see what else would willingly, gladly accept him as my hus-band, but that, in truth, I was not worthy to "I shall never resume the na

pressure, and told him that in my early youth, before I was twenty years old, I had been sub-

jected to an irresistible temptation, and in yielding to it I had committed a great sin.

"Then I stopped, for he suddenly turned pale as death and burst into a cold perspiration. I then went on and in a few, brief, hasty words I told him the story of the exchange of the children. He suddenly raised himself up, and wiped his face and drew a deep breath of this table.

"'Oh! is that all? Why, I thought—thought by what you said, I thought—' and then he stopped; but he looked relieved and

"That is all,' I said, coming to his relief;
but is not that enough?' I gloomily inquired;
for I was disposed to magnify my sin, so as to provoke him to depreciate it.
"And I do believe that his will was so good

to me, that he would gladly have assured me that I had performed a wise and good act in the exchange of the children, only that he was, with all his faults, too honest to do that. So he said to me:
"Well, child, if you have done evil, you

certainly had, as you say, an almost irresistible temptation toward it, and much to palliate it. If ever there was a cruel and unjust it. If ever there was a cruel and unjust law, it is that of entail, which cuts off the daughters, the most helpless part of a family, and settles property on the sons, or failing them, on perhaps some distant male heir-at-law. And if I am the only party male heir-at-law. wronged, I forgive you freely, Kate! If Heaven forgives you as freely as I do, you can pass the sponge over the slate, child, and commence a brand new account—as most sinners are too apt to do, Kate, as soon as ever the old one is squared.

ever the old one is squared.'
"I declare I was so moved by the rough
magnanimity of the old man that I caught his hand and pressed it to my lips with as cordial

a kiss as I ever bestowed in my life.
"'And more, I tell you, Kate,' he added,
'while I live your children shall not be disturbed in their possession of Raven Rocks. I am sorry I cannot control the disposition of the am sorry I cannot control the disposition of the property after my death, but as the estate is so obsurdly entailed upon the male line I cannot do it. So after my death, the heir-at-law—whoever the thief may happen to be, for I am sure I don't know—will come in and take possession. And now I want an answer to my question. Will you take me for your husband, my dear?' he inquired.

""Of course I will, and will try to make you as happy as ever I can,' I answered. And so we were engaged.

years I have had but two classes of suitorsimpecunious young men, with whom I only flirted, and wealthy old men, not at all like my princely first husband, and at whom I laughed. And now, at forty-one, I am about to marry another old man. He is sixty-three. " However. I like Pirato's Peak. No one

UNKNOWN:

OR,

or,

THE MYSTERY OF RAVEN ROCKS

of the proprietors has ever appreciated it yet as I do. I shall make it a magnit. Out marine residence, that shall be the envy of all the wealthy and fashionable world. It is near Bay Beauty, and near the Shoals, and so I shall live among my or a people.

live among my own people. "And I like the Old Harry too, though the world will never believe it. I really do like the good-hearted, hot-headed, bad-tempered, generous, violent, overbearing old fellow.

And, oh, how I shall enjoy breaking him in

and training him!
"We are to be married very soon—sooner than Espirita is, because, as Old Harry pathetically put it, we have not so much time to spare as the young folks have. I requested him to speak for himself, as I had full thirty or factor and wear heferome and the speak for himself, as I had full thirty or forty good years before me yet.

"Espirita is indignant. I overheard her tell

her father that: "Kate would certainly pay him off well, for forgetting her mother so soon. And that she thanked fortune she should be out on the frontier, far away from the sound of our inevitable squabbles, and with nothing worse than Indian warfare to disturb her peace. And, in conclusion, she warned him that if he should get badly worsted in our fights, he must not come to her for safety, for she would not protect him.

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have seen and consulted you.
"I shall send this off early to-morrow mornyoung couple as to the secret of their exchange. I said to myself that now all was well; no harm had been done; no one had been wronged.

"Strangely enough, I never thought of the heir-at-law, who had been diplomated out of the Raven Rocks estate. I come now to what brought this heir-at-law to my mind.

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Pauses, mutual glances and sighs, more frequently than words, had expressed the feelings of embarrassment and humiliation with which

Howard to accompany Mrs. Shrewsbury on her visit to 'The Shoals.'

"I came down here with Mrs. Shrewsbury ticulars of that dark domestic tragedy, which had so long and so unjustly overshadowed her

And it was no relief to her mind, to learn that it did not concern her own family in the least, but that it concerned the family of her husband, whom she loved more than her own And it was a shame and sorrow to know that

the knowledge of those who had loved and trusted her so entirely, and whom she, in return, should have loved and trusted per-

August learned, for the first time, that he was not the son and heir of Peter and Kate Carew, but that he was one of the handsome, fiery Percies, descendants of Hotspur, whose beauty of person and brilliance of intellect he had inherited, happily without that excess of pride and violence of temper, which in the case of Reginald Percie had brought ruin upon their

dust floated up the chimney, he put the poker "There! now let us forget all about that

old worshipper to put the fairest construction now we must do the duty nearest to us, of upon my act. And as he was the only one who had really been wronged, he was also, of course, the only one of whom I felt obliged to ask forgiveness.

"After breakfast I went upstairs and dressed myself in the most becoming riding-habit and hat that I possessed. I took extra pains with my toilet, and really think I looked unusually well.

"But, oh, the embarrassment, the perplexity, and the mortification attending all this!" said

"My dear, there need be none of the annoyance you fear," soothingly replied August.
"And then our names!" she continued. "What an entanglement is there! You were life-long worshipper, in the shape of a hus-band.

"There was my opportunity ready-made to can be done about our name? It would make a terrible talk if now you were to resume the

"I shall never resume the name of Percie, become his wife.

"This piece of humility so affected the old gentleman, that he swore in terribly strong language that I was a perfect woman, a goddess and an angel.

"I laid my hand on his again with a closer pressure and told him that in my early youth."

"I shall never resume the name of Fercie, love. My unhappy father, in the midst of his deepest misery (as we learn from Mr. Carew's narrative), yet rejoiced that no son of his would ever carry down his ill-fated name to posterity. His dying will shall rule me in this hour. I will never resume his name, to pass it on to any pressure and told him that in my early youth. son of mine. I retain the time-honoured name of Carew, which was your name, and by which I have been known all my life. And I will take measures to have it made legally my

"That will be very wise; but oh! the publicity, August!"
"There need be little or no publicity. Much of this business can be done quietly. And besides, we are going to Europe, you know, to be absent several years. And even if there should be some little question and conjecture why I should require an act of legislature to make more completely my own the name I was always known by, it will all pass out of the minds of men before our return. Come now, dear! We have sat too long over this worrying

with me for a walk before dinner."

They went down the evergreen avenue leading to the porter's lodge, and out upon the high road. The short snow-fall that had kept them indoors all the forenoon had ceased, and the sky

As they walked on, Musa asked a question that her heart had been aching to ask ever since they had finished reading Kate Carew's confession, but which she had refrained from asking lest she should appear too anxious to trust her own personal feelings in the way of her husband's interests. And even now she

August?"
"Why, not an hour, love—not one hour, of

course. Do you think, dear Musa, that any 'business' can be so important to me as that of the recovery of your child; or any interest so urgent, so pressing, as that of allaying the anxiety of your heart? Dear wife, trust me once for all, when I assure you that your happiness is the first object of my life," he earnestly

replied.
She burst into tears, and caught his hand

They walked on, and made the circuit of the wall surrounding the park, and then returned to the house in time to dress for dinner. After dinner the husband and wife returned to the parlour in waich they had passed the

morning in reading Kate Carew's Confession.

They seated themselves in easy-chairs, before the fire, and prepared to make this last evening at home a very pleasant one.

Between them stood a round table, upon it stood a lighted lamp, around which lay books

Musa and August sat talking over the pros-Musa and August sat taiking over the prospects of their voyage and of the strong prohability of reaching Liverpool by the fast steamer, in advance of the slow salling ship, and of taking the child before the nurse could have an opportunity of landing and hiding herself even for an hour in Liverpool.

Musa began to look among the books on the control table for something to read along when

centre-table for something to read aloud, when her eyes and hand at once alighted on a packet of papers, and she exclaimed: "Why, look here! Here are the New York

papers. They do not usually reach us until Monday morning. How is this?" she inquired. as she began to tear off the envelopes.
"Why, I suppose Pendragon, who arrived by the Richmond coach at Eyrie last night, had the forethought to call and get our latest mail for us. And now I think of it, I remember seeing him lay a packet of newspapers on the table just as he handed me Mrs. Carew's manutable just as he handed me Mrs. Carew's manuscript. But the contents of that manuscript actually drove all thoughts of the other parcel out of my mind, and I really should not have thought of it again if you had not happened to see it. How many papers have you there?"

"Three. Here, take these two. I want to look over the Herald," said Musa, handing over a Tribnne and a Times to Mr. Carew.

He opened the first-named, and began to look ver its contents.

He was deep in a political editorlal, when a piercing shriek from Musa made him start to his feet and spring toward her. He was too The paper had dropped from her hands, and she had fallen to the floor in a swoon.

(To be continued).

LITERARY NOTES.

Mr John Johnston, bur Cell contributor, ill in our next issue make a final reply to 'Brockar' on the subject of the alleged assacre of the Eigg people.

The "Edinburgh Evening Dispatch" uoted nearly the whole of Mr Macbain's article on the Highland bagpipes, which appeared in the "Home Journal" of Feb-

Mr Alexander Macbain, M.A., is busily ngaged on a Gaelic School Text-Book, which is designed to follow that of Mr John "But this did not last long. I cast care to the winds, as I have always been accustomed to do, and gave myself up to the enjoyment of my visit, and especially of my old worshipper's attention.

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We notice that Mr T. W. Mackenzie, Lief reporter and acting sub-editor in the Eastern Province Herald." Port Elizabeth, as not lost his interest in the Highlands Tas not lost his interest in the Highlands rince he left Inverness. In the newspaper pust named Mr Mackenzie contributes a biomanufacture. To be seen is to believe. 4 Petty Street, Inverness. just named Mr Mackenzie contributes a biothat the duty of explanation was at last forced Having finished the perusal of the manuscript, graphical notice of the late Lord Napier, who M Mackenzie's many friends will be gratified of learn that he is doing well in the land of his doption, and is maintaining. upon me. No one can know the weight of a guilty secret but the one who has it to bear, and who has not the moral courage to cast it it was burned to ashes. Then, as the white M Mackenzie's many friends will be gratified 1883, and also a notice of the late Dr Aird. adoption, and is maintaining worthily the right to wear at least a share of that literary mantle which his father, Mr Alexander Mackenzie, of the "Scottish Highlander,"

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Among other items of interest in this month's "Youth" is an appreciative biography of that sturdy Highlander, the late Major Neil Macleod, of the Royal Artillery, from the pen of Rev. N. D. Maclachlan, D. lkeith, of whose congregation "the Major" was a member and office-bearer 101 nearly seventeen years. Dr Macrae, Ayr, reviews at some length Cardinal Newman's lymns, and, like many other critics, he cond rans that wholesale and uncalled-for interference with the criginal, which is too often indulged in by realous, but not always judicious, editors.

A peep into the past of "Little Holland House," a brief introductory to the people who gathered there on summer afternoons .n the late fifties and early sixtics-famous men and fair women—is one of the best articles in "Cornhill," perhaps all the more so that it is anonymous. M. E. Francis, in "Senment and Feelin'," can paint some of the est traits of human nature with a somewhat broad but withal a lady's delicate and appreciative touch. "The Humours of School Inspection" may be regarded as the adding to an already full market of this class of anecdote, but to most people the incident's recorded will be new. "Cornhill" is indeed very good number.

"Six Queer Stories," by "Nemo" (Morrison Brothers, Glasgow) is a handy little volume of interesting tales. In the company of "Nemo's" heroes and heroines a riensant our is assured.

In the "Windsor Magazine," really delightful reading is Harry Golding's "Journalists at School"—the ways of the boy ecitor are as amusing as they are mysterious. Some tall stories are told about the Californian giants of the forest, but the subject is a lofty one. Rudyard Koling, S. R. Crockett, T. L. Meade, Robert Fustace, and others almost equally well known contribute to the "Windsor."

The "Scottish Canadian" continues month by month to give a most excellent epitome f news from the Homeland, with not a little sprinkling of original matter all strongly tinged by Gaelic sentiment. The article "The Bagpipes in an Australian Garden"—it appeared originally in "The Highland News"—which is quoted at length and given the fattest of type in the January number without mark of author or publication, should have been acknowledged if only on account of the fair writer. "The Sons of Scotland," whose organ the "Scotlish Canadian" is, report many treely received. coport many fresh recruits in the past year Ir Alexander Fraser, their energetic Grand Chief, has been lecturing to a Toronto "camp" on his recent visit to Inverness, where he received a hearty welcome.

THE FAIRIES ARE BAKING.

We have a pretty saying in Scotland that when the sun shines through falling rain, it FINE OLD TAWNY PORTS, society and know you better!"

He stopped her self-accusation with a caress, and they walked on in silence until he said.

"Oh, I am so unworthy of you! I feel it her baking, when, in spite of all her efforts, she finds that she can only give her husband a stone of bread, or when the dainty scones for the children's is a sign that the "Fairies are Baking." The a stone of bread, or when the dainty scones JACK'S HALF-CROWN INVALID, 2s. heir-at-law—whoever the thief may happen to be, for I am sure I don't know—will come in and take possession. And now I want an answer to my question. Will you take me for your husband, my dear?' he inquired.

"'Of course I will, and will try to make you as happy as ever I can,' I answered. And so we were engaged.

"Well, when old Peter Carew died, grand old gentleman that he was, I resolved that if ever I did marry again, I would not marry an old man. But, you see, in all my widowed years I have had but two classes of suitors—

He stopped her self-accusation with a caress, to the children's tea turn out heavy and sodden. But the sunbeams of success will soon shine through her tears if she uses the soon shine through the tears if she uses the soon shine through the tears if she uses the soon shine through the tears if she uses the soon shine through the sold is sided.

"Yes, And we sail on Wednesday, as a surface."

"Oh, yes. I finished all our preparations is solden. But the sunbeams of success. No other required is solden. But the sunbeam Darien makes her usual fast time, we may get to Liverpool in season to intercept the sailing ship, the Fairy, I think it is, and take our child off before the ship's passengers land."

"Oh! the prospect thrills me with joy, August!" said Musa.

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'PRINCESS DELILAH" is from the pen of

MRS GEORGE CORBETT,

the successful author of "The Adventures of an Ugly Girl," "The Prince Physician," "A Young Stowaway," "The Vindication of Olive Trevethick," "An Ocean Queen," "When the Sca Gives Up Its Dead," "The Star of Yukon," "A Fair Blockade Runner," &c.

SOMETHING ABOUT THE AUTHOR. Born in Lancashire, Mrs George Corbett has spent very little time in her native place. Her maiden name was Burgoyne, and her parents were English, though of French extraction. At the age of eleven she was taken to Germany by them and enjoyed the advantages of a German education, but was not specially trained for literature, nor had she any thought of adopting it as a serious pursuit until expensive adopting it as a serious pursuit until several years after her marriage, at the age of twenty-one, to Mr George Corbett, an

In 1881 her first novel was published by Messrs Chapman & Hall. Since then she has published over two hundred short tales and thirty-three novels, and there are very few readers of serial fiction in Great Britain who are unacquainted with some of the work of so prolific a writer. In America she is best known as the author of "The Adventures of an Ugly Girl," of which a quarter of a million copies were sold; and of "The Vindication of Olive Trevethick." Both novels have also done well in England. Mrs Corbett moved to London in 1890 in order to avail herself of better facilities for pursuing her profession.

OUTLINE OF THE STORY. The story deals with a pair of colossal swindlers, whose victims are Indian Princes, millionaires, wealthy heirs, stockbrokers, and members of the British and Foreign

The two villains, although dissimilar in appearance, are both handsome in their way, and of fascinating manners, liberal general education, and wonderful scientific attainments. They are the last representatives of ancient races, and animal magnetism is the special study of the one, electricity of the other. The one hypnotises the victims, the other disposes of them by means of a fiendish electrical apparatus.

They and their accomplice, the Princess Delilah, occupy two magnificently furnished houses, which are the scene of more than one murder in which not a drop of blood is ever shed, or a trace of a struggle to be seen. These houses are connected by an ingenous sequence of u derground chambers which can only be approached through them, and herein are hidden the bodies of the victims. After being hypnotised into sitting willingly in the fatal chair in which instantaneous death is dealt out to them by means of electricity, the victims have injected into them a fluid which has the property of turning flesh into the semblance of a stone.

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To cope with such crafty and daring spirits as these, it is necessary to have an investigator who is as much outside the crdinary run of investigators as the villains are out of the ordinary run of criminals, and we find him ir a man who has plenty of wealth at command, but who is too active and studious to lead an idle and aimless life. He studies the Lavater, Gall, and Spurtz-heim systems until he is an accomplished reader of the human face. He is also an adept in the branch sciences of palmistry, &c., and makes a special study of mannerisms. He is brought socially into contact with the villains, and studies their personality at first without having any idea that they have already begun the career of which his instinct as a criminologist tells him that they are capable. Later on his suspicions are aroused, and he gets on their track like a veritable sleuth-hound.

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Princess Delilah is as cold-blooded and merciless as her accomplices until her heart is touched by love, when she is transformed into a jealous fury; and it will be readily understood that a woman of her lawless temperament knows no middle course. She must be all or mothing to the man of her choice. It follows, therefore, that she must prove an exciting character to deal with, from whatever side sho is treated, and the story is breathlessly interesting from start to finish.

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'S an Eadailt. Is mór m' iòghnadh ris an t-socair anns a bheil cuid a' cur thairis am beatha: tha iad mar bha Donnachadh Bàn 'nuair thubhairt e "Sguiridh mi g' am phianadh, oir thug mi'n

Gur e'n duine diomhain as fhaide 'mhaireas. Ach 'n am bheachd-sa cha'n 'eil a'm beath gach duine ach a bhi dian-ruith chum feinsmachdachaidh: tha sinn mar shealgairean a' siubhal nam frìth, mar fhir-turuis a' siubhal nan Gleann. Ceum air cheum air ar n-aghaidh, 's ceap-tuislidh ùir an ceanu gach tacain. Nis cha deanar ni sam bith gun ghnothach àraidh a bhi 's a bheachd. Tha ghnothuch sonruichte aig an t-sealgair ar n-eadh cha bhiodh e a' sealg; tha smuaintean agus dòchasan àraidh an inntinn an tuathanaich ar n-eadh cha bhiodh e treabhadh na talmhainn. Leothasan leis an àill a bhi treabhadh airson na fìrinne, feumaidh gu bheil meas aca air fìrinn: leothasan leis an ionmhuinn a bhi tlachdmhor an sùilean chaich, feumaidh gu bheil spéis aca ann bhi tabhairt tlachd do chàch. Tha chuid

as mugha de chaoine a tighinn beò air "diomhanas;" tha iad air am mealladh agus is maith gu'm bh'eil. Faodaidh e bhi gu'n robh 's gu bheil an Saoghal air a' riaghladh le Gliocas, le Ughdarras 's le Eisempleir, ach tha'n ràdh sin a mhain fìor ann an comhbheinn ris an radh so eile "Tha gach duine air a riaghladh le fein-chreideas." Mur 'eil theid e gus an òtrach. Ach mar an ceudna tha e air à mhealladh le féin-chreideas. Uime sin tha e air a mhealladh 's air a riaghladh leis an aon nì. Rud tha do-dheanta. Nis, tha e 'n a ni maiseach an nadur an duine gu'm feum e aoradh a' thoirt do ni-eigin gus cha'n 'eil e anabarrach mi-choltach gu'm fad an uine gus an goirear dhe'n chinnedaoine "Teampull nan Lodhalan." Ach do bhrìgh 's nach 'eil e comasach do dhuine sam bith air 1eth a bhi creidsinn nach 'eil ann fein ach fein-iodhal, tha e a' tòiseachadh le bhi 'toirt meas air duine eile, agus aig an àm sin tha'n duine eile so air a' thionndadh, leis an neach tha 'gabhail meas air, gu bhi 'na fhein-chuspar do'n duine sin. Mar do tha gràdh-daonnach ag éirigh agus ag cur ordugh ar cuisean 's an Eadailt, agus ré linn 'n ar comas a bhi gabhail toirte am barailean a' chogaidh thiamhaidh mu dheireadh bha a chéile; aig an aon àm tha uiread de fhein-

anns an dòchas gu'n d' toir muinntir eile

ged dh' fhaoidte air nach airidh sinn. Tha'n

anearbsa so ag éirigh, mar is trice, 'nuair

'nuair a l'huannaichear leinn. Is e an t-athuchadh eu bheil "Cumhachd" againn. An taic ri gach mothuchdainn mu'n chumhachd so tha "farmad," no mar theirear le Tacitus "gloriae acmulatio:" agus is e crìoch àraid na buaidh so an lamh-an-uachdar fhaotain 1. Tha cuibrionn mhór de dheineas agus de dhiorrasachd na buaidh so ag éirigh bho 'bhi a' sior-dhùil ri dà nì a' chur fo smachd aig an aon àm. Nach robh a' phannal a ghab'i beath Chæsair an dùil ris an làmh-an-uachdar fhaotainn thairis air Cæsar féin maille ris an an vachdranachd a bhuineadh aig an am sin do Chæsair a ghabhail nan laimh féin? Nach b'e rùn gach fear dhiubh gu'm biodh Cæsar marbh agus gu'm biodh iadsan féin a' scalbhachadh a mhaoin 's a chliù? Gun amharus. Ach aig an aon am bu bhuidhe ko a bhi cosnadh cliù dhaibh fein fuidh shùilean nan Romanach. Bhiodh e 'na nì do-chomasach dhaibh farmad no

'gloriae aemulatio" bhi aca mur biodh luchdcoimhead a seasamh ag gabhail beachd orra. Saoilidh mi gu'n robh am fiughair so a' tabhairt sclais, misnich is rabhaidh chum 's gun ruitheadh iad le cinntealas an réis a chuireadh romhpa. Nuair a chaidh an réis a ruith inn cuid dhiubh gàirdeachas is aighear: bha cuid eile air an lionadh le eud no Air an aobhar sin chithear gu bheil eadar-dhealachadh eadar farmad agus tnù; abraidh sin gu bheil "farmad" ag ciallachadh "gloriae aemulatio," agus thù "aemulatio vitiosa." Nis tha thù a' deanamh gairdeachais ri gach tubaist agus droch fhortan a thachras ri fear na soirbheachaidh, ni tha neo-cheadaichte. Cha'n

aobhar gairdeáchais dhomhsa ged a chaidh an saoghal an aghaidh an duine so, no 'n duine ad eile. Rè uine ma dh' fhaoidte gu'n tig rath air fear na mi-fhortain, agus ciod a trachradh a réisd? Sheargadh mo thuù-sa a chionn 's gu'm biodh mo charaid no mo namhaid air fàs aoibhneach. Gu dearbh 's ann a bheir tnù fuath do na mhaitheas agus do 'n ard-mhórachd air nach lamh e ruigsinn. Cha 'n 'eil so mar bu choir, oir tha inntinn an duine sin an cómhnuidh air a lionadh le choir fhéin. Ach 's cinnteach mi nach ann mur so bha na Gaidheil rè an Eachdraidh lùbach agus chiogailtich, oir cha b'àbhaist daibh bhi 'gabhail gnothuich ri muinntir-eile an nuair bu ghann a b'urrainn daibh an gnothuch fein a dheunamh. Tha Cassius, tha mi meas, a' cur f'ar comhair gu bheil an cridhe tnùthail buailteach do thuislidhean 's

do mhearachdan, agus a dh' aindeoin meud a dheifir nach fhaod a cheum a bhi ach mall. Is cinnteach mi nach d' fhàs duine riamh 'na shlaoightir a dh' aon leum. Feumaidh atharrachadh tim. Dearbhaidh nadur fhéin Gabh beachd air seann chraoibh 's a choille. Am bliadhna bheir am peothair an aire do dhuilleag no dha seargta aig a bàrr: mus tig an ath shamhradh mu'n cuairt, no ma dh' fhaoidte mus deasaich an lòn-dubh a nead, tha geug no dha seargta, freumhach no dha air crìonadh, agus fead a' bhàis 'na cluaise, mar chomharradh gu bheil a h-uair air breachd oirre. Air an aobhar sín cha'n e

an tuilleadh tnù tha dhìth oirnn ach an tuilleadh gràdh: oir cha'n 'eil neart daimh 's an dreathan-donn 's cha 'n 'eil e iomchuidh a smuaineachadh gu'm faigh amadan buaidh air duine glie. Tha cuid slàn agus cuid cuslan; cuid làidir agus cuid lag. Theid tnù, mar is cubhaidh, a bhathadh gu trice; ach snamhaidh gràdh air na h-uisgeachaibh agus air na cluaintibh glasa ni e laigh' sìos le sìth. Ach air son aon ni, tha farmad feumail: tha e a' toirt oirnn a bhi leantuinn daoine taghta agus bunaiteach oir is e so cron an aineolais gu bheil an duine nach 'eil math no glic gidheadh toilichte leis fein. Nuair a tha Tacitus a' comh-dhùnadh Eachdraidhe dhruighteiche Agricola—tha e ag guidhe orrasan a ta fathast an lathair a bhi toirt fainear gniomharan euchdach 'athar-céile chum 's gun séidear suas aignidhean nan ain agus na chomhstath mor dhuinn na 'a Romanach a los gach fearra-ni treun a chur an guiomh. Is dòigh do 'n t-saoghal-so bhi dol mu'n cuairt oir tha gach ni a tha ann 'na

cheò; gidheadh tha annain bith neo-bhàsmhor air nach gabh tarruing le dealbhadair. Tha dealbh an anama air a tharruing ann an guiomharaibh a mhain. Uime sin is mithich dhuinne bhi subhach annain fein. Is e ar dleasdanas-ne bhi measail mu gach ni tha fìor 'nar beathaibh fein, fìor is fiosraichte am beathaibh chùich, gach ui tha mór am measg nam beo agus miorbhuileach am measg nam marbh, uamhasach is gràsmhor 's na h-uile tìr is àm. Tha Tacitus, uime sin, ag iarraidh oinn "farmad" a ghleidheadh ri a leithid do dbuine 's a bha annan Agricola. "Admiratione to potius quam temporalibus laudibus, et, si natura suppeditet, æmulatione

Cha robh Bard riamh na bu mhion-colaiche mu dheas-ghuathaibh nan Romanach na bha Shakespeare, agus creididh mi gu'n robh a' chleachduinn sin gle mheasail 'na shealladh-san 'nuair a sgrìobh e chum ar leas-no a bheachd a bha aige mu Bhrutus.' "Nach abair sinn gu'n deachaidh Brutus

am mearachd?" dh' fheoraich an Seanalair.

"Tha mi'n amharus," ars' am fear eile bh' cur an teagamh na smuaintean a bu dcimhne na chridhe, agus rinn e clì ann a bhi caitheamh a leithid de ùin a' reusonachadh a' hionn 's nach b'urrainn dha a ghabhail a steach cho allail 's cho cumhachdach 's a bha Cæsar. Ach do dhuine a bha feadh a bheatha ni bu deigheile air eolas na air mór-chuis, agus air fìrinn na air coslas na fìrinne, cha bhiodh e idir oith an Cæsar. Air an laimh eile bha aig Brutus inntinn cho druighteach agus cho farsuing 's nach 'eilear comasach gun a bhi ro ìoghnadh ciamar a chlaon e bho an réis sin air an d' thug e gealltanas ruith le tapachd. Glasgow. Pha sealladh fada a dhìth air maille ri barail chothromach agus cheart, nuair a shaoil e gun atharraicheadh Cæsar a nàdur nan rachadh au crùn chur air a cheann. Ach a chum 's nach paidh e airson a bhi dìobradh na smuaine sin a b'annsa leis riamh a bhi ag altrum, tha e a' tagair a chùis féin le leithid do iomaguin 's nach-urrainn mi a bhi 'ga ainmeachadh ach le pian.

Ciod e an ni bu mhaith leat a thoirt dhomh? Mas e 's gu bheil e chum ar leas coitchionn Cuir onoir mu choinneamh na dara sùil, bàs Mu choinneamh na sùil eile 's coimhdim orr'

oun soath: Ni Maith 'g am chuideachadh! is annsa leam bhi 's an onoir na 's mugha na 's eagal

Agus a rithist 'nuair tha Shakespeare a' cur fa nar comhair an t-aobhar bh'aig Brutus airson n gnìomh marbhtach sin a dheanamh, tha m'aignidhean is m' inntinn ag osannaich mar tha na focail a' gluasad air feadh astair m' anama.

"Faodaidh Cæsar sin a dheanamh: Ach na leig leis. 'S bho'n nach 'eil 'n am chomas Cur as da do bhrigh do'n staid 's a bheil e,

Seall air a' ghnothuch mar so; cha 'n fhan Ni e fàs ni 's miosa agus ni's miosa Agus coltach ri droch sheorsa uibhe fo chirc Bheir e mach ré ùine eun cho dona ris féin;

Uime sin marbh e anns a' ghuc. "Marbh e anns a' ghuc'. Ah! 's e'n dàn a thachras: cha b'urrainn dha a leasachadh ged nach robh cron ri fhaotainn ann an Cæsar. Chaidh Cæsar a dhochann 's a mhort

chionn gu'n deachaidh Brutus am mear-

achd: chaidh Brutus am mearachd do bhrìgh gu'n robh e neo-fhìor do 'chogais. Rinn am fear neònach so stad a nis; chaidh aran is fìon-spìosraichte mu'n cuairt, agus chuir a' chuideachd ris gu grad. Rinn mise mar a b' fhearr a b' urrainn mi. Bha am fìon air leam moran ni bu thaitniche na bhlais mi airson iomadh bliadhna. Ach cha robh cùisean gle fhad mar so, oir dh' fhas am Mordhiuchd gle bheothail, agus dh' ath-sgrùd e morain de na beachdan air an d' rinn mi iom-

radh a cheana. Fhad 's is cuimhne dhomh labhair e mar a leanas:-"Cha'n 'eil thusa ach òg ," ars' e-san 's e tionndainn ris an fhear, "agus cha ruigear leas bhi ag altrum an dòchais gun rachadh leat ann a bhi faotainn a mach gach aobhair bh'ann an inntinn Bhrutuis gu bhi 'mort àrduachdarain nan Romanach. Ré uine fhada, mar tha fios agaibh, b'e mo ghnothuchsa a bhi cumail fodha na ceannairce a chuir á iomadh comas air a' bhuileachadh orm chum anearbsa 'g ar leantuinn 's a tha 'g ar fàgail a bhi ag gabhail beachd air gne-nàduir an anns an dòchas gu'n d' toir muinntir eile dhuinn iomadh cobhair ris a bheil dùil againn aithne dhomhain agaibhse mu dhòighean agus mu rianean inntinne an fhir-chogaidh, tha anearbsa so ag éirigh, mar is trice, 'nuair sibh a' saoilsinn nach robh e comasach do a bhacar sinn; tha'n t-atharrach ag éirigh Bhrutus a bhi faotainn coire do Chæsar. Cha'n e sin mo bheachd-sa: ù cha'n e. arrach Uaill: nì tha ag éirigh bho 'bhi moth- bharail-sa nach do sheall Cæsar gle fhada roimhe, nach robh ann 'na oige ach gràisggràisge na Roimhe a mhain. Am measg mialta is gu gramail. Cha do thaisbeanadh

fhlath ana-measarra agus anacneasda aig nach robh suim ann an nì air bith ach ann an riaghailteachd an latha sin fhuair e comas gu bhi ag éirigh, agus nochd e mor-thuigse agus seoltachd le bhi 'riaghladh gu diongmhleis riamh gu'n robh e deigheil air a bhi 'stèidheachadh smuaine choitcheanna sam bith: bha e coma mar bu trice do na h-uile ni nach buineadh do mhodh-riaghlaidh cathrach moir' na Roimhe. An ceann beagan bhliadhnachan chaill e 'chàil eadhon ann a bhi deanamh sin, gus anns a' Chogadh Shìobhal a bha thograidhean gu léir pearsanta. 'S ann aig an am sin a thòisich a bheachdan air bhi dol am farsuingeachd, agus dar bha 'n tìr rointe na h-aghaidh féin theagaisg e-san di,, ann an tomhas le 'threubhantas, ann an tomhas le 'fhad-fhulangas, gu'n robh tràillealachd na ni nadurra. Ciod 'thiodhlaicibh, agus ciod le 'fhéisdibh, choisinn e an sluagh cumanta uile gus a bheachd sin, air chor fa dheireadh 's gun robh e comasach e-fein a' chur fos cionn an lagha. Mhùch e spiorad na saorsa ann ar n-aith-

breoite-chrom. 'Biodh agam daoine mu'n cuairt domh a ta fear na Daoine sleamhuinn a choidleas aig an oidhche:

richean 'nuair bha iad fathast treubhach, 's

cha mhór m' ìoghnadh ged bha a laithean

deireannach fo neul le dubh-ghruaim agus

Tha Cassius ud 'n a dhreach mar neach air ocras Le cùs smuaineachaidh; cha 'n 'eil a leithid-

sa cneasda." Innis dom am b' urrainn do Bhrutus a' bhi faicinn a dhuthaich fuidh riaghladh dhuine aig nach robh suim do mhaitheas an giùlan, no ann an lamhaibh phàirtidh aig nach robh smuaintean choitcheanna sam bith? 'S e bh' ann am Brutus laoch agus bha e fior-chinnteach gu'n robh dealachadh eadar math is Nach robh an Eadar-dhealachadh so a' tabhairt geuraid do chonaltradh nam ban, agus brigh do sgealmhas a' chlachain? Nach robh e a' tabhairt a' chumhachd dhligeach do lagh na Rìoghachd, 's nach robh e gnìomhach bhos is thall? Bha Brutus a' creidsinn gu 'n robh, agus uime sin b'e fhocal-faire 'aoradh Dhé'; b'e focal-faire Chacsair—

Iarr air an t-sagart ìobairt a chur suas Chum 's gu'm biodh beannachd mo shaoid 's mo shiubhail agamsa'.

Gu cinnteach chuir spiorad na Saorsa i féin ann an riochd nach d' thainig a steach air ann an riochd nach d' thainig a steach air Cæsar, nuair a ghlaodh Brutus air sraididh na thachair, na bheil mi nis a dol a dh' innseadh Roimhe 'Sìth Socair is Saorsa.' Ach nach do dhuibh, a nuair a thòisich an latha air fàs sguab a shinnsrean an Tarquin bho gheataichibh na Roimhe, 's am biodh e-san air deir- null, a bhi dol a mach air Chéilidh do eadh air a shinnsrean? Nar leigeadh Dia! thaighean nan doimheursnach, ach cha 'n aige, agus cheannaich e each ùr, a h-uile 'S e bh' ann an so éigh spioraid uasail urram- fhaodadh e sud a dheunadh uair sam bith fear a mholadh an cich ùr, bheiredh Comaiche a bha air a' lasadh le bhi beachdsmuaineachadh mu 'n olc.

'Bu docha leibh Cæsar a bhi beò, agus sibhféin am bàs fhaotainn 'n ar tràillibh, no gu 'm biodh Cæsar marbh agus sibhse 'n ar daoinibh saor'?

Air cluinntinn do 'n chuideachd nam focal lasrach so, rinn iad fuaim-bhas, agus saoilidh mi nach deachaidh iad fad am mearachd. Dh' éirich an Seanalair, ghuidh e dhuinn oidhche mhath, agus ann an tiotan dh' fhalbh e as an t-seombair.

(RI LEANTUINN).

D'AR LUCHD-CUIDEACHAIDH.

tugadh ar cairdean an aire do na seolaidhean a leanas an uair a bhios iad a' sgrìobhadh g'ar n-ionnsaidh ann an Gaidhlig:-

1. Gun sgrìobhadh ach air aon taobh d'

an duilleig. 2. An sgrìobhadh a bhi cho soilleir agus so-leughadh is urrainn daibh a

3. Farsaingeachd fhagail air chor 's gur urrainn duinn ge b' e ceartachadh no atharrachadh a bhios r' a dheanamh a chur eadar na facail agus eadar na

A thrilling and absorbing tale.

CLARSACH NAN GAIDHEAL.

Air a Gleusadh le FIONN.

No. 118.—A LEWIS LAMENT.

The following pathetic song is the composition of the Rev. Donald Macrae, a native of Plockton, at one time minister of arasd a bhi tuigsinn gu'n robh suailc air Ness, Lewis. It was composed on the occasion of many of his congregation in Lewis leaving for Canada. The translation is from the pen of a daughter of the late Professor Gibson, Free Church College,

IORRAM NA H-IMRICH CHUAIN. (The Emigration Lament.)

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A	choimhid - eachd	chàich,	
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l A'	badradh nan	A	}
Through	white curling	tonn,	
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Tha	feadhainn a'm	fonn,	,
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'S cuid	tùir-	seach.	
Some	rveep-	ing.	

Clann bheaga ri gàir. A' mhàthair fo phràimh: Fir mhòr ann an sàs, 'S iad ciurrte. Frac-shileadh nan deur, Gu tosdach, ach geur: A' sealltuinn na'n déigh

Iad féin dol an iar, 'S an talamh dol siar; Cha 'n fhaicear leò sian, Ach Mùirneag! Shell! Mùirneag dol uap' I dol fodha 's a' chuan; Fir is mnai gun tuar 'G a h-ionndrain.

Ionndrain eil' ac' ma ta', Toirt crìdh' goirt agus cnàmh Luchd an gaoil is an daimh Toirt cùl doibh. Dh' fhàg siud iad na'n déigh, Ni nach fàgar 's nach treig, Comunn blàth latha Dhé 'S a' chùbaid.

Mu 'n trich cruinnich an sluagh A Shabaid 's a Luan, Le mòr air, agus cluais, Leigeam seachad an dàn, 'S deanam urnuigh a ghnàth, Gu ruig iad cala a' s fe'àrr, Na Cuibeig!

TRANSLATION]. See, childhood's glad eye; But list, woman's sighs, E'en manhood's stout heart Is breaking. Hot streaming tears flow, Now silent in woe, There looking behind

In sorrow. Still sailing on west, From the land they love best, They gaze upon raught But Muirneaz. See Muirneag depart! Dear hill of their heart.

Now lost to their heart For ever. Dear friends, loved so well, Are left far behind. Fond bleeding hearts swell With anguish.

When far, far away, They'll think of 'tod's day, His house, and the saints' sweet Communion. There each Sabbath day,

Besides oft to pray, They gathered to hear the Glad tidings. Now hushed be my song For those forced to roam, Thus driven from home And kindred.

AM FEAR A CHROCH E' FEIN.

[Le IAIN MAC PHAIDEIN, Glaschu.]

Ged a bha Dòmhnull a chléibh, na dhuine eòir neo lochdach, agus na dheadh chomihchàraid phèsda a bhith. Bha eadar-dhealachadh mor, eadar nàdur Dhòmhnuil, agus radur a mhnatha.

Bha Dòmhnul gu seamh cialach socrach gabhail an t-saoghail mar a thigeadh e, gun a bhi fuasach mor air a chuir mu 'n cuairt nu 'n làth màireach. Bha Mairearad, gu buaireasach luasganach uasaideach, tomagain, daonan a curiomachair, cha b' an latha diugh air eagal gu 'm biodh an lath' màireach dona. Bha iad a gleidheadh balach buachaille, fad an t-Samhraidh agus an Fhoghraidh, ach dh' fheumadh Dòmh-null fein a bhi ris a bhuachailleachd 's a Gheamhradh, a chionn, mar a thuirt Mair-a dol air a bheul, ach a càineadh na deoch earad féin - "Cha robh dad eile aige ri

dhounadh. tada bu mhath leis a buachailie aig Dòmhgun cead Mairearad. An uair a thainig Cidhche-Shamhna, ged bu mhath leis a'

a thainig an oidhche.
Gun teagamh 'se Dòmhnull a bha faodainn a chuid bu mhiosa de throd Mairearad, e ainn a chuid bu mhiosa de throd Mairearad, ach bha 'm buachaille e fein a faodainn cora sgobag gheur, an drasd 'sa rithìsd, agus bha h-uile rud a bh'ann, a nochdadh gu soilleir, ioghnadh agus oillt, a chionn bu ghnothach nach robh fuarag, no greadhnachas sam bith, a dol a bhi 'n tìgh Dhòmhnuill air an oidhch' ud, ged d b'i Oidhche Shamhna fein a bh' ann; agus mu chuala Mairearad riamh an seann-fhacal, a ta 'g ràdh, "An neach, nach deun Nolaig ga dheò ni ni e trasg ga dh' aindeoin," mu chuala, feumaidh gu 'n do leig i air di-chuimhn' e, co dhiu, cha robh i air son Samhainn a chumail

ga deòin. An uair a smaoinich Dòmhnull gu 'n robh gu leóir do 'n t-seanachas ud aige, dh' éiridh bhar an fhuirm air an robh e na shiudhe, agus gabh e sìos a' chatha, ag ràdh, ris a bhuachaille, thar a ghuaille; "Mar a thoirt, an saighdeir, a bha 'n Gleann-a-Comhuna."
"Na 'm bu mhi thu 'nochd, a choin duith, bhiodh mo leaba san fhraoch." "Na 'm bu i rithe a chuidheall, 's thoisich i air snìomh-ach, s cha robh 's mid a tighinn ás a beul, ch' fhaoidhe gu 'n do ghabh i rud beag deth

Dòmhnull dram, gu 'n gabhádh Dòmhnull eachd a bh' ann san t-shabhal, a mach air dram, thuirt i'n sin ris a bhuachaille—"Bi an dorus, na 'n gabhadh sin deunadh, ach falbh a mach feuch am faic thu do Mhaighstir ('se, do Mhaighstir a bh' aice air Dòmhnull ris a bhuachaille daonnan, an uair Dh' atharaich Paruig Mor, tri daithean ann nach biodh Domhnull féin s an làthair). Cha am prìobadh, agus a nach faigheadh e a d' feith am buachaille ris an ath òrdugh, mach air an dorus, a mach a bhiodh e co dh' éiridh e 's ghabh e mach. An uair a chiù, agus thug e ionnsaidh air dol troimh bha e dol seachad air dorus an t-seòmair, nach robh uile gu léir dùinte, 's ann a shaoil e gu 'm fao e aodach Dhòmhnuill air cathair faisg air an dorus, agus an uair 'n do stad e ann, mar a ni an sgadan anns fhuair e air taobh a muigh an taighe, sheall an lìon, gun dol, gun tighinn, se ga bhean-e a stigh, troimh uinneag an t-seòmair, agus a mollachadh a h-uile bha dìreach, a h-uile rud mar a shaoil e; ulc, sa gairm air gach ni a b' fheàrr na bha aodach Dhomhnuill air a chathair, agus chéile, gu còmhnadh a thoirt dha na airc, Dòmhnull fein na leabaidh.

Bha sud uile gu leir gasda leis a bhalach, dh' fhaodadh e 'n sin dol an taobh a thogradh e. a dh' iarraidh Dhòmhnuill o'n a bha fios aige c' àite an robh e. Cho luath sa fhuair am balach a' éisdeachd Mairearad, thòisich e air feudaireachd, ach mu 'n d' fhuair e trì Cuir air a' phort, ghlaodh cuidéigin làmh ris, "Tog de d' fheudaireachd 'còin, 'san tigh gun tubha." Co bha 'n sud ach Cailean bàn, 's e mach a gabhail sràid; bha garadh math càil aig Cailean, s cha 'n 'eil teagamh nach robh beagan iomagain air, gu 'm faodadh an càl a bhi air dhroch dhiol, mu 'n d' thigeadh a mhaduinn, ach 'se thuirt e ris a bhalach 'Seadh a nis, de 'n t-olc is feàrr, no is miosa, a tha 'd bheachd a chuir an gniòmh, mu 'n d' thig an lath' màireach?"

Se na bheil de mhath, no de chron, air m' aire-sa;" ars am balach, fuireach a mach fad na h-oidche, àg iarraidh Dhòmhnuill, ged is math the fios agam c' àite 'bheil e." Dh' innis e 'n sin do Chailean, mur a dh' fhàg e gnothaichean a stigh. Dh' éisd Cailean tacan ris na bha 'm balach ag radh, agus an sin thuirt e, "O nach iomadh latha 's bliadhas, o na rinn mise 'n cleus mu dheireadh, air Oidhche Shamhna, agus nach bu shuarach an cron ged a dheunainn aon chleus eile fathast, saoil an rachadh agad air dol a stigh gun fhios do Mhairearad, agus aodach Dhòmhnuil a ghaoid?" "Théid," ars' am balach, "mu tha Mairearad aig a chuidhill fhathast, 's tha mi 'creidsinn gu 'm bheil, cumaidh srannd na cuidhle, fuaim mo chas a' clussan Mairearad, ach co dhiu, air son am barrachd faicill, cuiridh mi dhìom me

An sin dhealaich, na fir, am balach a dol a stigh a ghaoid aodach a mhaighstir, agus Cailean a dol gu thigh fein, bha cùnannta cadarthu, gu 'n coinnicheadh iad a chéile ann an sabhal Dhòmhnuill, ann an ùine

Bha teaghlach mor, aig Cailean, 's bha 'n fheadhain bu shinne dhiu air falbh, air a' Ghalldachd, chuir a h-aon dhiu sud, dhachaidh dh' ionnsuidh a bhràithirean beaga a bh' aig an tigh, aodainn fhuadain, rud nach facas 'sa bhaile ud riamh roimhe. Gun teagamh, bhiodh an òigridh, a feuchainn ri de Shasann fo'n armaibh chum cur na aghaidh. aodainn fhuadain a dheunadh air tùirneap, ach cha robh an sud ach rud gun loinn, ann an coimeas ris na h-aodainn eireachdail, a thainig as a Ghalldachd. Thug am fear a chuir dhachaidh iad, òrdugh, nach robh na fhàg e Lùchuirt a shinnsir, agus chuir 'se e L-sodainn ri bhi air an toirt am folais gus an tigeadh Oidhche Shamhna, agus thug Cailean an aire gu 'n robh sud air a dheunadh. Chuir e fein seachad iad, gu sàbhailte fo ghlais, gus an o thigeadh an oidhch ud. Co dhiu, cha robh e fada a faodainn a h-aon bu dirge gruidhean, a bha na measg, comhla ri dorlach de 'n t-snàth lìon, agus an t-snàthad mhor, 'sa mach a ghabh e 's thug e sabhal Dòmhnuill air, am far an an robh am buachaille a feitheamh air, leis a h-uile bad de dh' aodach Dhòmhnuill gu ruig a' bhoineid, agus a bhrògan, agus ged nach robh de sholus aca ach na bha 'ghealach a cuir a stigh air braoisg bheag a bh' air dorus an t-sabhail, lìon iad aodach Dhòmhnuill, deth 'n fhodar, a deanadh bodach-ròcais, cho math 'sa sheas riamh air achadh. Chaidh an t-aodan fuadain fhuaghal air bhoineid agus coilichin mor a còmhlachadh dhaoibh ach gabhail air an aghaidh do a chéile aig cùl a chinn, agus an uair a Lunnainn, a bhuannachd na bha nam beachd. Dòmhnull fein cho eireachdail na phearsa ris. "Cha robh," ars' esan, "an latha b'

fhearr a bha e riamh." Chuir iad an sin ròpa mu amhaich agus Chrìoch iad ris an spàrr e. "A nis," arsa Cailean, ris a bhalach, "bi falbh a suas do 'n tigh, agus abair ri Mairearad, nach fac thu mir de Dhòmhnull, ach gu 'm bheil dorus an t-sabhail fosgailt, e agus gu 'm bheil thu 'm beachd gur h-e tha 'n crochadh ris an spàrr." Dh' fhalbh am balach agus rinn e mar a dh' iarradh air, agus an uair a chuala Mairearad, an sgeul ud, chaidh i mach air an dorus, coltach ri neach a bhiodh ag iomachd troimh a chadal, ach cho luath 'sa fhuair i mach thòisich i air ghlaodhaich, agus thug i moran de mhuinntir a' bhaile mu 'n cuairt oirrt. 'Nuair a fhuair iad solus, sa sheall iad ris an spàrr, chunnaig iad

sealladh a chuir uamhar orra. "Thainig e ris fein," ars' an dàrna h-aon, ann an cagar, ris an aon eile. "Nach e aodann tha dearg?" arsa Calum

muillear. "Tha e ann a sin," arsa Cailean ban, "ach tha aodann a h-uile neach a theil a chrochadh dearg."

Tha e duilich, a dheunadh a mach cia mar bha fios aig Cailean, de bu choltas do 'n fheadhainn a theid a chrochadh, a chionn tha mi cinnteach, nach faca Cailean, neach a chaidh a chrochadh riamh. Ach co dhiù, s e Cailean an aon neach a bh' anns an t-sabhal, anns an robh de mhisnich, na dhirich ris an spàrr, agus a laimhsich an nud a bha 'n crochadh rithe, agus an déigh earsnach, cha robh e fein agus Mairearad a sud a dheunadh thuirt e, gu robh an rud a bhean, a còrdadh cho math 's bu chòir do bha e a laimhseachadh, cho marbh ri sgadan, a bhiadh oidhche ann an salann. Ach ged bu duine tratach, Cailean ban, cha bu duine bhrònach Mairearad, a cuir mulaid air, a agus rinn e suas inntinn, air son casg a chuir i afr an ùb àb a bh'anns an t-sabhal, cho ràdh, no dheanamh, chuir iad rompa pilleadh luath sa bhiodh sin freagrach, 's b'e sin an air an ais do Albuinn. ub àb gun a leithid. Theich Donnacha mbr dhachaidh, 's bha iad ga chluinntinn air taobh a muigh an taighe ag ùrnuidh gun stad, ach 's e bu bhrigh do 'n urnuidh aig Donnachadh, a bhi faodainn coire do 'n chuithean air san t-satoghail chaoch- tachradh sint ach 'nuir thàinig solus an tachradh sint ach 'nuir thàinig solus an tachradh sint ach 'nuir thàinig solus an

> làidir. Sa 'g ràdh gu feumadh gu 'n robh an deoch air Dòmhnull mu 'n rinn e leithid sud deth ghnìomh uamhasach.

Faodar a thoirt fa-near, nach do dh' òl Coinneach deur deth dheoch làidir a fhaighir 124 Bealtuinn. Bha e aig an fhaighir, agus reic e 'n seann each, a bha deich bliadhn' aige, agus cheannaich e each ùr, a h-uile neach dram dha, agus ghabhadh e fein dram cuideach, gun teagmah, bha 'n t-each math, ach ged a bha, cha robh e cho math bhuachaille faodainn a' mach còmhla ri math, ach ged a bha, cha robh e cho math dalaich eile, cha robh de mhisnich aige na gu Coinneach a thoirt sàbhailte dhachaidh, th' iarradh an cead, a chionn cha deachaidh sa bha 'n seann each, agus thachair an uair dùnadh air beul Mairearad ach a trod, o'n a dh' éirich duine còir, cìobair, a bh' ann a thainig an oidhche. 'sa chomhearsnachd an-la-'r-na-mhaireach, agus a thog e ris a mhonadh, gu 'n d' fhuair miorailteach, nach deachaidh e fein 'san t-each as an amhaich, agus gun an tuille moille, chuir Coinneach e fein fo bhoidean nach òladh e deur tuille, deth 'n stuth

mhollaichte, agus 's-ann air an stuth sin a bha e cuir na coire, gu 'n d' thainig Dòmh-Lull ris fein.
Fad 'sa bha sud uile, a dol air aghaidh san t-sabhal, bha Cailean bàn air a rathad gu tigh Dhòmhnuill, far an robh, mar is chiodh mo leaba 'san fhraoch." "Na 'm bu bhalach buachaille, mise an nochd, cha 'n 'eil cailleach 'san duthaich a chumadh a stigh mi." 'N uair a chunnaic Mairearad gu 'n d' fhalbh Dèmhnull, a mach, tharrainn i rithe a chuidheall, 's thoisigh i air cailleach 'san dogheur Dòmhnull cruinn la dhuadh, 's a glaodhaich—"Co tha sud, dé tha ceàrr?" "Tha 'n sabhal agad ri theine," arsa Cailean, 's e tionndadh air a shàil, 'sa gabhail a mach an dòrus. Ach mhothaich e gu 'n do gheur Dòmhnull cruinn la dhuadh air a cheud an urlar, 's e 'glaodhaich—"M' aodach." A nis bha Cailean a meas, o na bha abdach Dhomhnuill anns an t-sabhal, gu 'm biodh OUR NEW STORY.—For particulars of by Mrs George Corbett, see page 0.

Ch' thaoidhe gu'n do ghabh i rud beag deth dh' aireachas air son gu 'n d' thurit e na h-aisi gun ta mach, mu faigheadh Dòmhnull badan eile a chuireadh e uime. Ach cha h-ionnan aireachas criche 's a bhi 'cur an badan eile a chuireadh e uime. Ach cha th-ionnan aireachas criche 's a bhi 'cur an badan eile a chuireadh e uime. Ach cha th-ionnan aireachas criche 's a bhi 'cur an badan eile a chuireadh e uime. Ach cha th-ionnan aireachas criche 's a bhi 'cur an badan eile a chuireadh e uime. Ach cha th-ionnan aireachas criche 's a bhi 'cur an badan eile a chuireadh e uime. Ach cha th-ionnan aireachas criche 's a bhi 'cur an badan eile a chuireadh e uime. Ach cha th-ionnan aireachas criche 's a bhi 'cur an badan eile a chuireadh e uime. Ach cha th-ionnan aireachas criche 's a bhi 'cur an badan eile a chuireadh e uime. Ach cha th-ionnan aireachas criche 's a bhi 'cur an badan eile a chuireadh e uime. Ach cha th-ionnan aireachas criche 's a bhi 'cur an badan eile a chuireadh e uime. Ach cha th-ionnan aireachas criche 's a bhi 'cur an badan eile a chuireadh e uime. Ach cha thorita mach, mu faigheadh Dòmhnull fhaotainn as gach cunnart anns an deach threatach a thogadh ann an Gleann-fionain gu buadhar a stigh do chridhe Shas-unn, agus thug iad air a h-ais i gun tà mailt fhaotainn as gach cunnart anns an deach threatach a thogadh ann an Gleann-fionain gu buadhar a stigh do chridhe Shas-unn, agus thug iad air a h-ais i gun tà mailt fhaotainn as gach cunnart anns an deach threatach a thogadh ann an Gleann-fionain gu buadhar a stigh do chridhe Shas-unn, agus thug iad air a h-ais i gun tà mailt fhaotainn as gach cunnart anns an deach threatach a thogadh ann an Gleann-fionain gu buadhar a stigh do chridhe Shas-unn, agus thug iad air a h-ais i gun tà mailt fhaotainn as gach cunnart anns an deach threatach a thogadh ann an Gleann-fionain gu buadhar a stigh do chridhe Shas-unn, agus thug iad air a h-ais i gun tà mailt fhaotainn as gach cunnart anns an deach threat am buachaille mar a bh' aige 's gun faoal sheall e thar a ghualainn, an uair a bha e a tighinn ás a cheann, ri ùine thòisich nu fhichead slat b'n dorns, 's bha Dòmh-

Dhòmhnuill, na sheassamh anns an dorus thoran a bheir cùl an t-sabhail ach ged a agus gun teageamh, thainig fuasgladh uige, chaidh a shlaodadh an comhair a chas a rach as an toran. Ach gabh a moran do mhìneachadh, agus do leudachadh, mu n I' thugadh air a h-uile neach a bh'anns a bhaile ud a chreidsin, gu 'n robh Domhnu.l a hasd ann an tìr nam beò. Mhaothaich ridhe Mairearad cho mor, 's gu 'n do chuir i air falbh gille, "air tòir pige uisge-bheatha, agus bha Oidhche Shamhna chridheil air a cumail ann an tigh Dhomhnuill air an oidhch' ud, Dhi-chuimhnich Coinneach ra sùisde, na boidean a chuir e air fein, aig Bhealltuinn agus dh' òl e deur beag nach deunadh coire dha, a chionn, mar a thairt e fein, "Thainig sin troimh mhoran, tois-each na h-oidhche agus 's còir dhuin a bhi aingeail cridhe eil na deireadh." Mu dha air 's a' mhaduinn bha Coinneach a dannsadh ri port-a-beul, a bha e fein a seinn, o'e 'm port a bh' aige-

"Có rib an càl againne? Có rob an càl againne? Có rib an càl againne?

Có rib, 'sa rob an raoir e?" Agus an uair a dhanns e gus an robh e sgith, thuirt e san anail 'san uchd aige, "O chuideachd, nach bochd nach pìobaire again, agus sinn a chluicheadh e! Ach cho dhiu, cha chualas Mairearad, a trod ri Domhnull riamh tuillidh, ás déigh, na h-oidhch Shamhna ainmeil ud.

BLIADHNA THEARLAICH.

"Thoir a nall leat pannal ghruagach, Luaidheas an clòdh ruadh gu daingean." Agus h-ò 'Mhòrag, &o.

An déigh do Phrionns' Teàrlach, agus d'a dhaoine sea seachduinean a chaitheamh ann an Dun-éidean, agus 'n uair thug e dùil nach éireadh tuille dhaoine leis, chuir e roimhe Sasunn a thoirt air, ged a bha chuid bu mhò Bha fiughair aige ri còmhnadh as an Fhràing, agus bha làn earbs' aig á cruada nan daoine bha leis 's an àm. Air latha Sàmhnadh dh' féin air ceann a chuid dhaoine, a bha nis ann armachd. Ochd, làithean na dhéigh sin chaidh iad a steach do shasunn, agus chuartaich iad Carlisle, a sheas a mach car latha no dha nan aghaidh, ach a ghéill dhoibh fa dheireadh, far an d' fhuair e mòran armachd. each, agus nithe luachmhòr a chaidh a thasguidh suas ann, a bhuineadh do uaislean na dùthcha m'an cuairt. Chuir a bhuaidh a eacomasach do na Gaidheal; 's nach robh Ach o so a mach cha robh soirbheachadh leò. Thòisich easaonachd nam measg féin. Bha cuid arson dol direach air an adhart do Lunnainn, agus cuid eile arson pilleadh air an ais.

Thàinig Diùc Uilleam agus an t-arm dearg a bha maille ris ann am Flànnras,dhachaidh: bha deich mìle de dh' arm deanta ann an aon champ, a bhàrr air feachd lionmhòr a thogadh 'an Lunnainn, air an robh 'n Rìgh féin 'na cheannard. Ghairmeadh comhairle chogaidh ann an Carlisle, agus 's e smuaintich iad dol air an aghaidh. Cha d' éirich duine de na Sasunnach leis, gus an d' ràinig iad Manchester, agus thréig mu mhìle fear d'a dhaoine féin e o dh' fhàg e Dun-eidean: Ann am Manchester fhuair e mu dhà chéud fear. Ghabh e air adhart air an t-slighe do Lunnainn gus an d' ràinig e Derby, asdar cheithir làithean o cheann-bhaile mòr na rìoghachd Bha'n dà arm an so mar bheagan mhìltean da chéile, agus bha fiughair aig na Gaidheal a h-uile mionaid a bhi 'n sàs anns an arm dhearg. 'Nuair a chualas ann an Lunnainn gun robh na Gaidheal co dlù dhoibh, glac oillt agus uamhunn gach neach 's an àilt; agus cho robh an t-arm dearg féin saor eagal, ionnas nam biodh air coinneachadh an àrm, bi barail dhaoine gum buadhaicheadh na Gaidheal, agus gu'm féudadh righ Deòrsa an rìoghachd fhàghail mar rinn rìgh Seumas roimhe. Ach chunnais am Freaedal iomchuidh a chùis òrduchadh air dhoigh eile Fhuair am Prionnsa fios gun robh trì mìle saighdear fo Mhorair Strathallan a' tig'inn déigh comhairle choguidh a chumail shùn-raich iad nach robh dhoibh ach amaideachd agus rinn e suas inntinn aireach nan déigh chum an còmhnadh; agus an

Ghluais am feachd fada roimh latha, agus

Chruithear, air son an t-saoghail chaoch- tachradh sin; ach 'nuair thàinig solus an Chruithear, air son an t-saighan chaoch laidich aingidh, air na chuir e clann nan daoine, a chòmhnaidh.

Bha Coinneach na sùisde, 's gun dunadh le farran mìothlachd, agus inntinn Theàrlach fhein thuit i gu tur. Bha dol air ais ran Gaidheal air a chumail co dìomhair 's gun robh iad asdar dà latha air an t-slighe do Albuinn, ma'n do thuig an t-arm dearg gun do phill iad. Co luath 's a chuala Diùc Uilleam so, chaidh e air an tòir leis gach feachd a b' urrainn da a chur r'a chéile; agus thàinig e suas riu aig Clifton. Bha chuid fa dheire de arm Theàrlaich fo rìaghladh Mhorair Dheòrsa Mhuire. Bha Stiùbhart-aich na 1-Apunn, Mac Dhòmhnuill Duibh 'sa dhaoine, Clann Dòmhnuill Ghlinne-garadh, agus réiseamaid Fir-chluainidh aige, agus leis : bhuidheann bhig so chuir e roimhe, aghaidh a thoirt air na Sasunnaich a bha mise suas riu. Bha dorcha nan trà ann, cha robh aca ach fann sholas na gealaich, 'nuair chaidh iad an càraich a chéile. Thugadh greadan gcirt, chuireadh an ruaig air na Sasunnaich, mharbhadh céud gu leth dhiu. Ach cha do thuit ach dà-fhear-dhéug de na Gaidheil. Lean a chuid de'n arm a chuir an batal so a chuid eile aig an robh toiseach orra; agus air do Thearlach tri chéud fear fhagail ann an Daighneach Charlisle, ghabh e féin agus càch air an adhart do Albuinn. 'Nuair a ràinig iad a chrìoch, bha'n amh-uinn. Esc air at co mòr 's gu'n robh e deacair dhoibh dol thairis: ach 'n uair a chunnaic iad fraoch badanach an dùthcha fóin thog c am misneach, fhuair iad a nunn, math a bha fios aig Cailean, Dòmhnull gu agus thog iad aon ìolach ghairdeachais, a socrach na leabaidh. An uair a rainig Cailean dì-chuimhneachadh na thachair, agus suardorus an t-seòmair, chuala e gu 'n robh ach mu na bha rompa. Mar so air an àm srannd aig Dòmhnull. Sheas Cailean ann so chrìochnaich an oidheirp e thug iad air an dorus an t-seomair agus ghlaodh e air Sasunn; agus oidheirp a b' fhoghaineich cha Domhnull air ainm, 's bha Domhnull na sluidho anns an leapaidh air a cheud seachduinean; agus thugadh i ann an dùthaich agus am measg dhaoin a bha naimhdeil doibhean, agus na bha 'n am beachd. Thugadh an lounsaidh ann an làthair feachdan highest purity." It is entirely free from all lionmhòr, ach air an robh sgàth teachd 'nan foreign substances, such as kola, malt, hops, rathad. O'n la a chaidh iad a strigh do Shasunn gus an do thill iad, cha do chaill iad á cuig mìle fear ach dà fhichead. Ghiul- (and so deceive the eye). Dr Andrew Wilson,

THE PAN-CELTIC CONGRESS.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE CELTIC LANGUAGES.

[From OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] A meeting of the Irish Committee of the l'an-Cel'ic Congress was held on Friday fternoon at 3 Westland Row, Dublin, Lord Castletown presided, and there were also present - Miss Margaret Stokes, Hon. M.R.I.A., Dr Sigerson, the Rev John Lewis, M. Edouard Cadie, F.R.U.I., Count Plunkett, hon. treasurer, and E. E. Fournir, hon. secretary. The Right Hon. The O'Conor Don and M. Cadic were co-opted as members of the Irish Committee. Further letters expresing willingness to join the General Committee were received from a large number of ladies and gentlemen. Lord Castle own announced that he had consented to deliver a public lecture before the National Literary Society, Dublin, on our "Celtic Inheritance," on March 6th, in the course of which he would explain the principles and objects of the Pan-Celtic inove-ment, with special reference to the organisa-tion of the Pan-Celtic Congress of 1900. The attention of the Committee having been drawn to the enquiry into the working of the intermediate education system, and the position of the Irish language in that system, the following resolution was proposed by Count Plankett, seconded by the Rev. Joan Lewis, and unanimously adopted:—"That this Committee, in view of the increasing importance of the cultivation of the Irisa language, and of those studies to the efficiency of which a knowledge of Irish is essential, urges upon the Commissioners of Intermediate Education in Ireland the necessity for maintaining and improving the position of the Irish language as a subject in their curriculum, both for its philological and historical value, and on account of as being the original language of the Irish nation. The Committee adjourned of Friday afternoon, February 24th.

The Pan-Celtic Congress in Dublin have issued a very interesting sketch map showing the present distribution of the living Celtic Present distribution of the living

Celtic languages. It will be a surprise to many to learn that about three and a-quarter millions speak one or other of the Celtic languages. Of these, Brittany comes first with 1,322,000, of whom 679,700 speak Breton only. Then comes Wales with 910,000, whom as many as 508,000 speak nothing but Welsh, leaving 402,000 speak nothing but Welsh, leaving 402,000 who speak both Welsh and English. Ireland has 680,000 Gaelic-speaking people, of whom 380,000 can speak Gaelic only. Scotland comes next with a quarter of a million Gaelic-speaking people, of whom 42,700 speak Gaelic only. In the Isle of Man from two to three thousand speak Manx Gaelic. It would have been interesting if the compiler had added an approximate scale of the large Scottish Gaelic-speaking population in Nova Scotia and throughout Canada, and those who still an rogha misnich, leis an fhois a fhuair iad. Bha ann diubh mu thimchioll sea mìle fear agus còrr agus an leth na'n Gaidheal, a bha 'ran deagh uidheam a thaobh éididh agus armachd. Ochd, làithean na dhéigh sin that Gaelic is confined to the West and the Very large are very interesting. Most people believe that Gaelic is confined to the West and the Isles, but (as returned by the census of 1891) even the Eastern and Southern counties have a large population. There are fewest in Galloway, but it is certainly astonishing that there are 6000 Gaelic-speaking people in Mid-Lothian, 500 in Berwickshire, 100 in Haddingtonshire, 174 in Roxburghshire, and 800 in Fifeshire; while between Dundee and Peterhead (leaving out Perthshire) there are fluair e air a' bhàile so, iongantas air an 6000. Lanarkshire (mainly comprising the rìoghachd uile; smuaintich iad nach robh aon Gaelic-speaking population in Glasgow, I ni eacomasach do na Gaidheal. 's nach robh suppose) comes out with no fewer han 25,000; Inverness-shire, Ross and Cromarty, and Argyll come first with respectively 62,000, 56,000, and 42,000

CELTIC NOTES AND QUERIES.

QUERIES.

TURNER'S COLLECTION .- Can anyone give any information regarding the compiler of the collection of Gaelic songs published in 1813 and known as "Turner's Collec-tion?"

GAELIC POEMS .- Who compiled a collection of Gaelic songs, &c., printed by C. Stewart, Edinburgh, in 1813? It contains at the end Galgacus's speech to the Highanders when about to engage in battle with the Romans, translated by P. Macfarlane. Who was this P. Macfarlane?

CALUM RUADH. CLAG SGAIN .- What is the origin of the proverb regarding Clag Sgain or the Bell

MACDHUGHAILL.

at Scone? Was there a famous bell there "AN RUD NACH BEAN DUIT NA

ANSWERS. OLD PIPE MUSIC .- It may interest 'Feadan' to know that "Spaidsearachd Mhic Rath"-Macrae's March-is one of the oldest pipe tunes known, and its age is supposed to be about 1491. The tune will be found in Mackay's Collection of Piobaireachd.

GAELIC PROVERBS .- Rev. Donald Mackintosh, who compiled the first collection of Gaelic proverbs, was a native of Orchilmore, near Killiecrankie. He was born there in 1743. An interesting account of this personage is appended to Sheriff Nicolson's Collection of Gaelic Proverbs, published in

THE BAGPIPES IN CHURCH,-In answer to "Feadan's" query some weeks ago, I beg to inform him that the "pìob-mhor" was played in church on several occasions. Since the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale there has been an annual military service held in Yorkminster to commemorate the sad event. The 1st Royal Scots were stationed in York on the first occasion of its being held, and three pipers, under the leadership of Pipe-Major Matheson—a Golspie lad—played selections of Highland music on the "piob-mhor" inside the Cathedral. The King's Own Scottish Borderers relieved the Royal Scots, and their pipers took part in the service, the pipers playing the of the Forest." Then came the Then came the "Black Watch," and their pipers also played in York-minster.

MAC DHUGHAILL.

OUR NEW STORY .- For particulars :. our New Story, "Princess Delilah," by Mrs George Corbett, see page 3. A thrilling and absorbing tale.

Inverness people the world over will be lad to know that an old Inverness boy, Sergeant James Stuart, of the 33rd Michigan Volunteer Infantry, has lately cen entertained at Port Huron, Michigan, and presented with a handsome hunting lever watch for bravery in rescuing a drowning comrade during the late war in Cuba. Sergeant Stuart is a son of Mr Jas. Stuart, retired police sergeant, Inverness.

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BY MORAG.

OUR BOYS.

VISIT TO KELLY'S EMPORIUM. WEDDING WHISPERS.

FEEDING THE BIRDS.

MY DEAR MORAG,-Your interesting note to hand. I shall be very pleased to gratify your request, and depart this week from my usual discussion regarding ladies and their toilets. You are quite in a dilemma, you say, about costumes for your little boys. There is no need for being in such a state. An hour or two spent in the Highland capital would give you ample time and opportunity for the selection and purchase of the very articles you require. Boys of the age you mention in your note, as a rule, always require some little garment, and I can quite understand that, in a week or two, with a continuance of fine weather, your boys will want to discard their overcoats. There are quite a number of first-class shops in town where you are sure of being suited. Your time being limited, however, I can with every confidence recommend you to Kelly Brothers, general. The partners in the present firm are sons of Mr Kelly, who carried on, for many years, a flourishing business in High Street. I think I can see the shop yet, and as for the bundle of walking sticks, with their curiously shaped heads, that were exhibited at the door, and a sould near force them. who could ever forget them? I really had a grudge against those sticks; indeed, I was grudge against those sticks; indeed, I was often afraid to pass the shop door, and invariably took the other side of the street so long as they were there. Kelly Brothers have the windows of their premises very tastefully trimmed, showing the latest and most stylish articles in gentlemen's and boys' attire. Looking at their windows the other afternoon, I saw just the very articles that would suit your boys. For Fred—like all proud mothers, you are making a real Highlander of him—there was a full Highland dress in a brown and yellow mixture, and a capital tweed. The and yellow mixture, and a capital tweed. The kilt was made in the usual pleated style, and Fred is just the handsome boy that could wear it with good effect. The vest and the neat jacket were very smartly strapped with the material on the cuffs and pockets. A Balmoral bonnet, and there you have Mr Fred, dressed for at least the summer. The company of the country of the company of the country o dressed for at least the summer The complete suit only costs 18s 6d.

For his younger brother Messrs Kelly have quite a number of these loose blouses and kilts. One serviceable looking little suit, in blue corduroy cloth, having a pleat down the front of the blouse, and turn-over collar of the material, would, I think, suit the little the material, would, I think, suit the little fellow, while in brown tweed and in various colours these garments were also on view. The cost of these latter blouse and kilt suits was something about 8s to 10s. Certainly very cheap for the material, which looked as if it would prove serviceable. If you are in need of overcoats for your boys, Messrs Kelly are exhibiting very smart ones, and, judging from the size of some of them, Fred and his brother would have no difficulty in getting the were exticle these defined my at they beading, atthough the mount may be wide. The same rule holds goods for steel engravings and water-colour pictures, yet the framing of the latter may be a trifle more elaborate as to open work and Florentine effects. Photographs should have velvet frames or moulding of delicate colouring and gold to add colour to them, and there should be no mount. A delicate flower piece is beautiful with watered silk mount in creamy white, and a narrow beading of white and gold. It seems to be a recogthe very article they require. In addition, there are quite a variety of sets of underclothing for gentlemen. Finally, dear Morag, if you find that you are unable to visit Inverness, just drop Messrs Kelly a note intimating what you should require, and I am confident your order would be punctually attended to.

Notwithstanding the number of dances that Notwithstanding the number of dances that have taken place in our midst, there are quite as many yet announced to come off. Gentlemen, I should think, you know, are sometimes perplexed where to purchase good dress shirts and neckties for such events, while the same of t others again may be puzzled where to get gloves and other odds and ends which are needed upon such occasions. Here again does Messrs Kelly take a first place One of their spacious windows is decked out with the latest in dress shirts, stylish bows in white drill, pique, and other serviceable material, while the hundred and one smart ties, it was not again the responsibility of the same purpose of bringing out the wonderful lights and shadows—a gilded frame would seem sacrilege. Another notable drill, pique, and other serviceable material, while the hundred and one smart ties, it was not again and designs would. It is enclosed is a dark velvet frame, which brings out a rich and luminous while the hundred and one smart ties, in various materials and designs, would, I am sure, compete with one of the smartest of our Southern warehouses. These shirts for evening wear fasten in different ways. Some gents, prefer only one stud fastener in Madonna dell S'edia," at Florence, painted by the same artist is the same room with it. front, while others, more conservative in their by the same artist, is still more wonderful in front, while others, more conservative in their tastes, still adhere to the odd number of three, or the complete set. In both makes there is a large collection. The former shirt is ticketted at 6s, while the other could be had for 3s upwards. In silk and coloured handkorchiefs Messrs Kelly have an unrivalled than the surrounds it. In hanging your pictures, oil paintings must be placed in a good light. This is imperative. All other kinds of pictures may be placed where they seem to have the surrounds it. stock, and at prices both tempting and within the reach of all. A very rich collection of white silk handkerchiefs, broad hemmed and useful, both as a cravat or worn in the pocket, were on view. The show of silk gent's mufflers was legion, and were in all colours and designs. In gloves—another item of first importance—at Kelly Brothers you will find to fit well and give satisfaction as to quality. I resolved in my note not to refer to ladies' toilets, but I cannot refrain from making mention of items which I know will interest, if not arouse curiosity amongst my fair friends. Dame Gossip, although sometimes premature in her surmises, is very often correct. She whispers of engagements making their little ones conceited and self-amongst our local families that, if known to conscious, when they entertain visitors with many, would cause quite a little stir of envy, if not comment. Yes, and further, several weddings which have been spoken of for some

While on my way the other forenoon to visit a friend on the west side of the river, I witnessed a most interesting incident, and one that is really worthy of mention. In the recent intensely cold and frosty weather below the river of the river of the river, I witnessed a most interesting incident, and one that is really worthy of mention. In the recent intensely cold and frosty weather below the river of recent intensely cold and frosty weather our feathered friends must have had some difficulty in obtaining food. It is, however, gratifying to note that there are persons in our midst who, notwithstanding the many calls made upon them, devote a little time daily to feeding the gulls. Judging by the greeting extended by these birds, the self-imposed duty must be one of the most pleasant of the day. Fully over one hundred of these birds shared in the feast, which was thoughtfully provided for them by one of the occu-pants of Princes Place, who personally fed her numerous friends. Really the woman and her feathered friends appeared to be old acquaintances. When she dropped the con-tents of the asher into the side of the river, the birds with one accord gave a shrill echo of satisfaction. On Mrs S——'s return to her house she was ecorted by half-a-dozen of her friends, who coolly walked across the road, up the steps, and on the door being closed by the owner, returned and joined in the feast, looking, as they did, as if they had in their own way performed their little duty. I may mention that upon a previous occasion, while on a visit to that same friend, I observed the same person feeding her pets, and in the same melodious voice did they welcome her and similarly escort her.—Your affectionate

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MAIDENLY MEMS.

SELECTING SHOES AND UM-BRELLAS.

Shoes open up a wide field of discussion, for cheap ones will not give satisfactory wear, and yet many people cannot afford to buy expensive ones. The cheaper the shoe the more careful one should be not to have too tight a fit, or any extra ornamentation; put the value in a plain shoe. Where expense is not an object select shoes hand made, with projecting soles and patent tips in smoothly grained kid or leather, remembering that the general appearance of the shoe is doubled if the style is becoming to the wearer's foot.

Do not keep your umbrella furled when not in use, and if you wish one for hard wear get a wood handle and a gloria cover; if for dressy use a silk serge or taffeta, not too heavy, evenly woven and soft in texture, with a Dresden or a carved wooden handle. . . .

ARE LONG ENGAGEMENTS WISE? When a girl first becomes engaged, she is the happy centre of a host of pleased congratulations and interested inquiries. But when time wears away, and there is no hint of the expected issue of the engagement, people become tired of the lovers, and pitying shrugs, embarrassing queries, and maliciou remarks are too often the portion of the girl; the man, it is needless to say, escaping scot-free. No wonder women weary of long engagements; weary all the more when there is no real reason why the betrothal should not speedily end in marriage. Is it matter for surprise that, generally speaking, parents Academy Street, Inverness, on the site of the old Academy, an institution well known to yourself, and, I am sure, its very name still fondly cherished. The name "Kelly" is not new to Invernessians or Highlanders in "beloved object;" impervious to every home in the account of the control of become blind, deaf, and dumb to all but the "beloved object;" impervious to every home interest, and dead to any outside call. If such as these become trammelled by a tedious courtship, their fate is indeed pitiable; but not half so pitiable, however, as the lot of those with whom they have to live. If only for the sake of parents and eighter than let for the sake of parents and sisters, then, let it be distinctly understood that long engagements are undesirable blessings.

HOW TO HANG AND FRAME YOUR PICTURES.

It goes without saying that the frame should never be finer than the picture. The effect of many good pictures is often entirely ruined by their inappropriate setting. And the real trouble of it is that even the picture framer does not always know what is needed. He will show you all the new styles in mouldselves is all that anyone can do for us in this matter. Etchings and crayon drawings should have broad mounts and be enclosed in a strip of polished oak or some of the beautiful white and gold mouldings now so much in use. The and gold mouldings now so much in use. The width of the frame should compare favourably with the size of the picture, a small picture needing only a tiny beading, although the mount may be wide. The same rule holds goods for steel engravings and water-colour pictures, yet the framing of the latter may be a trifle more elaborate as to open work and Florentine effects. Photographs should of white and gold. It seems to be a recognised fact that nothing is suitable for

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but gilded frames; vet there are exceptions even to this rule. Where there are faces or figures in the painting it often needs an especial painting to bring out the full beauty

HOUSEWIFELY HINTS,

RESPECT FOR THE CHILDREN.

Do not repeat a child's sayings and doings in his presence. Proud parents seldom think how much they are doing towards conscious, when they entertain visitors with stories of the children while they are in the rcom. We want our boys and girls to be simple and natural, and not to talk for little time, are actually going to take place. Engagements and marriages are most interesting events, and to young people, who look forward to sharing in the festivities connected with the auspicious occasion, prove a source of great delight. It would be quite unfair to divulge the names of the parties. I would hather leave that for the happy couples themselves, who will enjoy the congratulations of their numerous friends

While on my way the other forences to visit they fill the right place in the household. kills it or makes it vicious. Children have rights which ought to be respected as much as with their elders. They can reason as well as older and wiser heads. They are as quick to see an injustice, and know as well as anyone else when parents are making fools of themselves. The household of a noted dramatist is said to be a democracy. This is a rare incident of the recognition of children's rights, and, while it might not prove successful if generally applied, owing to a parental capacity, who can say that it is not a plan of wisdom, and one that, in many cases, might work wonders of domestic barmony? While oftentimes children have been ruined by indulgence they have fre-quently been spoiled with "discipline." Children were never designed for nonentities —a fact in proof of which the omnipresent small boy stands out with monumental pr minence. While children can be allowed to they can, on the other hand, be oppressed until they become atrophied in mind and heart and soul

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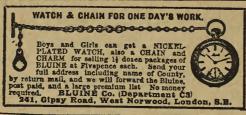
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