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BIRTHS.
At 35 Scotchman, Lovat Road, Inverness, on the 3rd inst., the wife of Gilbert Ross of a son.
At 112 Wells Street, Inverness, on the 30th ult., the wife of Alexander Mackenzie of a daughter.
At Fern Cottage, Kenneth Street, on the 2nd inst., the wife of Charles Kennedy, of a son.
At Dunca Cottage, George Street, Inverness, on the 29th ult., the wife of Hugh Fraser, plumber, of a son.
At Kintross, Brora, on the 29th ult., the wife of James Ross of a daughter.
At Mansion House Drive, Carmyle, on the 29th ult., the wife of Donald Mackenzie, commercial traveller, of a daughter.
At Eastleash House, Renfrewshire, on the 25th ult., the wife of Captain Duncan Glasgow, 93rd Highlanders, of a son.

MARRIAGES.
At the Imperial Hotel, Inverness, on the 25th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Campbell, Pabst, Alexander Mackenzie (late Seaforth Highlander), to Miss, only daughter of the late William and Kate Patterson, of Edinburgh.
At the Lovat Arms Hotel, Caithness, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. A. E. Keating, Kilmarock, Daniel Macgregor, Esq., to Grace A. F. Maclean, second daughter of Mr. Maclean, Stationmaster, Beaulieu.At the United Free Church, Caithness, North Uist, on the 27th ult., by the Rev. E. Gillies, brother of the bride, Donald Mackenzie, J. P., Caithness, to Marianne, daughter of the late Malcolm Gillies, teacher, Baleshare.At the Roman Catholic Chapel, Aberdeen, on the 25th November, by the Rev. Father Brophy, John Macmillan, Garrows, Anstruther, to Mary, second daughter of Henry Ross, Inverary.

DEATHS.
At 59 Mid Street, Cleithrathay, on the 30th ult., Catherine Martin, beloved wife of James Macdonald, seaman.
At 59 Castle Street, Inverness, on the 1st inst., Simon Fraser, Pensioner.
At Rosebank Cottage, Hillon, Inverness, on the 2nd inst., Donald Mackintosh, Engineer's Department, Highland Railway.
At Caroline Cottage, Macdonald Street, Haugh, on the 1st inst., "Wee" Sammy, twin son of Donald Fraser; sadly missed.
Accidentally drowned on 25th November in Queen's dock, Glasgow, Charles Brodie, upholsterer, seventh son of William Brodie, carpenter, late of Seaton, Park, Inverness.
At Londale, Beaulieu, on the 1st inst., Margaret Matheson, widow of the late Peter Gordon, Culburnie.
At Salisbury House, Strathpeffer, on the 25th ult., Archibald Macdonald, J. P., aged 64 years.
At Bealochnacone, Strathpeffer, on the 30th November, Margaret, youngest daughter of the late Duncan Macgregor, and beloved wife of Robert Grant, farmer, Bealoch.
At Mansfield, Dingwall, on the 1st inst., Helen Kelly, wife of the late William Urquhart, farmer, Newton of Ferintosh.
At Shore Street, Ullapool, Ross-shire, on the 23rd ult., after a lingering illness, Mrs. Rosser Morrison, in her 70th year.
At 12 Scotland Street, Edinburgh, on the 1st inst., Isabella Gray, widow of the late Reverend James Reid, Fortree, Saxe.
At 7 Braid Road, Edinburgh, on the 25th ult., at Phenagh, George Macpherson, late of the Scottish Widows' Fund Office, aged 61. Friends will please accept this as the only intimation.
At Pleun Junction on 19th ult., Alexander Macdonald, stationmaster, youngest son of the late Alexander Macdonald, late farmer, Maids of Foyers, Inverness-shire.
At Rushworth, Victoria, Australia, on the 25th September, Archibald Cattanach, narrative of Kingussie, aged 70 years.
At his residence, "Loveslot," Narraville, Australia, on the 20th September, Joseph Edgar Lewis, formerly of Edinburgh, teacher of dancing, aged 66 years.

NOTICES.
DIED at 15 Young Street, on Friday morning, 5th December, Jessie Cameron, beloved wife of John Munro, tailor. Funeral on Monday 8th inst., at 1 o'clock, to Tomahawke Cemetery. Friends please accept this (the only) intimation.
DIED at Lillieshall Street, Helmsdale, on the 3rd inst., Isabella M. Macleod, widow of the late Wm. Mackay, London, and daughter of John Macleod, fishcurer, Helmsdale; aged 53 years.
MR and Mrs Brodie and Family desire to return their sincere thanks for the sympathy extended to them in their bereavement.
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CHURCH NOTICES.
BAPTIST CHURCH, Friar's Lane. Services To-morrow (Sabbath), 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.—Preacher, Rev. Mr. Bremner. All Seats Free.
UNITED FREE EAST CHURCH.—Sabbath (To-morrow)—Rev. ALLAN CAMERON, M.A., Forenoon, Ordination of Elders. Evening Service, "The Christian Young Man." Monthly Lecture.
QUEEN STREET FREE CHURCH.—Sabbath (To-morrow)—Services—Gaelic, 11 a.m.; English, 6.30 p.m.—Rev. Andrew Grant. Best Letting—Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 7 to 9.

Y.M.C.A. 1 Castle Street.—Gospel Meeting on Sabbath (To-morrow), at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.—Miss Macphail and Townshend, of the Faith Mission, will address the meeting.

SHOE LANE MISSION (MERRIKING). MINISTRY FOR CHRISTIANS.—Subject open at 3.30 p.m. GOSPEL PREACHING.—Open Air at 8 p.m. In Hall at 8.15 p.m. All are earnestly invited.

NESS BANK UNITED FREE CHURCH HALL. GOSPEL TEMPERANCE MEETING. TO-NIGHT at 8 o'clock. Address by T. A. WILSON, Esq. All cordially invited, especially Young Men.

UNITED MISSION. Rev. JOHN MACNEILL.

A MEETING FOR PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING. In connection with the Mission just closed WILL BE HELD IN THE HIGH UNITED FREE CHURCH, To-morrow (Sabbath), at 8.15 p.m. All are invited, and specially those who received blessing through the Mission.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

INVERNESS CHORAL UNION.—Special Practice for Choir to-night (Saturday) at 8 p.m.—starts 7 p.m. as intimated. J. K. M.

THE Joint Debat between the Literary Societies of the United Free High and Crown Churches will take place in the Crown Church Hall on Monday, 8th December, at 8 o'clock p.m. Subject—"The Education Bill." Leaders—Mr. Henry Munro, Mr. David Ross.

HIGHLAND R.G. ARTILLERY (VOLs.). A Gymnastic Class for Recruits and Old Members will be held in the Drill Hall, Margaret Street, on Mondays and Thursdays, at 8 p.m. Opening Night, Monday, 8th December. Instructor—Sergeant Keith. J. D. WALLACE, Lieut., Acting Adjutant.

MORAY AND NAIRN LIBERAL ASSOCIATION. The Annual General Meeting of this Association will be held in the Mechanics Institute, Forres, on Tuesday, 9th December current, at half-past twelve o'clock, for the election of Officers—bearers and consideration of Executive's report as to selection of a candidate. GEORGE HARVEY, President. ALEX. RAMSAY, Secretary.

SALE OF WORK. A Sale of Work, in aid of the Building Fund of the Crown Church, will be held on Friday, 13th December, in Church Hall. A Jubilee Sale will also take place in the above Hall on the afternoon of Saturday, 20th December. Any contributions of suitable articles may be sent to the Church Office, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

ODFELLOWS MEETING FOR NOMINATIONS (1903). On WEDNESDAY, the 10th DECEMBER. Full attendance requested. J. C. SEY

BRITISH ORDER OF ANCIENT FREE GARDENERS. The "HIGHLAND HEATH" LODGE of the above Friendly Society meets in the Y.W.A. Room, 60 Church Street every alternate Monday evening, at 8.15. Next Meeting, 8th December. Secretary—W. L. WOOD, 11 Redfern Terrace, Alan Street.

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COMMITTEE ON SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR THE COUNTY OF INVERNESS. Notice is hereby given that the Committee on Secondary Education for the County of Inverness have this day submitted to the Scotch Education Department a Scheme for the Distribution of the Department's Grant under Section 2 (1) (b) of the "Education and Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Act, 1902," and the Minutes of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland dated 10th June, 1902, as amended by the Minutes of 30th April, 1900, and that in accordance with paragraph 18 of the said Minutes the Scotch Education Department will during one month from this date be prepared to receive any objections to such Scheme made to them in writing by any public body or persons interested in the same. Statements of objections should be forwarded in duplicate. Copies of the Scheme may be obtained from the Committee by school Boards or other School Managers in the District. ANDERSON & BIAW, Clerks to the Committee High Street, Inverness. Dated this 3rd day of December, 1902.

NORTHERN COUNTIES BREEDING AND FAT SHOW CLUB. The Twenty-Ninth Annual Show and Sale of Pure-Bred Bulls and Heifers takes place on Friday, 23rd February, 1903, in Messrs Macdonald, Fraser, & Co.'s Sale Yard, Inverness. Entries close 2nd January, 1903. Prize-lists and entry forms from the Secretary. F. URQUHART, 11 Union Street, Inverness.

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MR. D. MILLER'S CHORAL SOCIETY. GRAND EVENING CONCERT, MUSIC HALL, TUESDAY, 9th DECEMBER, 8 p.m. POPULAR PROGRAMME. Special Engagement of Miss MARGUERITE SIMPSON, Soprano, from L'Academy, Paris. Solo Piano—Mr. P. PARK. Accompanist—Miss MITCHELL. Conductor—MR. D. MILLER. Front Area, reserved chairs, 2s. 6d.; area, unreserved, 1s. 6d.; balcony, 1s. 6d. Tickets at Messrs Cornet's, Logan & Co., and Messrs Wood & Co's.

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INVERNESS CHORAL UNION. GRAND CONCERT, MUSIC HALL, FRIDAY, 19th DECEMBER. Part I. HAVATHA'S DEPARTURE. Part II. MISCELLANEOUS. Soloists—Miss MARGUERITE SIMPSON, Soprano. MR. JOHN F. S. ADAMS, Tenor. MR. ROBERT BURNETT, Baritone. Piano—Miss C. FRASER. Organist—MR. A. FRASER. Leader of Orchestra—HERB. STOLZ. Conductor—MR. W. S. RODDIE. Plan of Hall and Tickets at Cornet & Soas.

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OFFERS WANTED. The Lewis District Committee of the County Council of Ross and Cromarty invite offers for the construction of a Road from Cromroy to Gair with a branch to Manaray. The work will be divided into three sections, and contractors may tender for the whole or any of these putting in separate tenders for each section for which they offer.

The plans, specification, and sections are to be seen with the subscriber, with whom schedule estimates, which can be obtained from him, are to be lodged not later than Monday, 22nd December next, at 6 p.m. The lowest, or any other, need not necessarily be accepted.

By Order, HUGH MILLER, District Clerk. Stornoway, 30th November, 1902.

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TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.—Two matches under Highland League auspices take place in Inverness this afternoon.

The Coleridge and Thistle meet at Kingsmill, where a hard game should be witnessed.

Foras Mechanics play the Clachnacuddin at Boghead. Foras are at present going strongly, and should give the Clach a hard run for points.

The results of these games will go a long way to decide the League champions. Full reports of the above matches will appear in to-night's "Football Times."

Mr. D. Smart, Schoolhouse, Cannich, Beaulieu, has been appointed, out of a list of a dozen applicants, to the post of teacher to the Gaelic Class at Braemar, Aberdeen-shire.

FREE EAST CHURCH.—It will be observed by advertisement that an induction of elders takes place to-morrow forenoon in this church, and that in the evening Mr. Cameron gives one of his monthly lectures.

GAELIC SERVICE IN LONDON.—The next Gaelic Service in Regent Square Presbyterian Church will be held on Saturday afternoon, the 7th inst. (to-morrow) at 3.30, when the preacher will be the Rev. Alexander Connell, B.D.

MR. MILLER'S CHORAL SOCIETY.—In our advertising columns to-day Mr. D. Miller announces that his Choral Society will give a grand concert in the Music Hall on Tuesday. The programme is announced as a popular one, and a feature will be the appearance of Miss Marguerite Simpson, the talented soprano, who has been specially engaged.

Miss Simpson's solos will be "I'll Bide," "Dear Heart," "Singing, Sweet Bird," "The Old Solists are Miss Fraser, Messrs Macdonnachie, Mackenzie, and Gollan. The booking office is at Cornet's, Lombard Street.

INVERNESS ARCHITECT AND CARPENTER LIBRARIAN.—Mr. J. R. Rhind, architect, Inverness, has just received the gratifying intelligence that his plans for the erection of three of the Carnegie Libraries at Govanhill, Woodside, and Maryhill districts, under the direction of the Glasgow Town Council, have been selected.

The cost of the erection of the buildings will be about £20,000, and Mr. Rhind is to be congratulated on his three-fold success. The reference in connection with the plans was Mr. Broomhead, F.R.I.B.A., president of the Association of Scottish Architects.

HIGHLAND AND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S AGRI-CULTURAL SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the directors of the Highland and Agricultural Society held at Edinburgh on Wednesday was agreed to hold the show of 1904 at Perth on the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th July.

It was also reported that the sum granted to the Society for the furtherance of agriculture was £629 4s 7d, as compared with £588 last year. Dr. Gillespie, who was present, was congratulated on his election as Moderator of the Church of Scotland, and it was reported that he had been connected with the Society for the last twenty-two years.

PRESENTATIONS.—On Tuesday afternoon a number of friends of Messrs John and William Campbell met in the Culcacock Inn to bid them farewell on the eve of their departure for Canada. Mr. Burnett occupied the chair, and after referring to the circumstances under which they were met together called on Mr. Frank Cameron to make the presentation. In handing to each a silver-mounted pipe and well-filled tobacco-pouch, Mr. Cameron referred to the esteem in which he held them, and expressed the good wishes of the company for their future success in Canada. Mr. J. Barron replied on behalf of Mr. William Campbell, and Mr. W. Noble on behalf of Mr. John Campbell. Both recipients returned their hearty thanks. The company were hospitably entertained by the ladies, and a pleasant evening spent with songs and speeches.

THE LATE MR. D. MACKINTOSH, H.R.—By the death of Mr. Donald Mackintosh, on Tuesday, the Highland Railway has lost an esteemed employee, and the town a respected and popular citizen. Mr. Mackintosh, who was 55 years of age, entered the Superintendent of Lines' office of the Highland Railway in 1864, and some eight years afterwards he transferred to the engineer's department. About twenty years ago he succeeded to the late Mr. Fraser as chief clerk and cashier of that department, and he held the post until his death, which was caused by peritonitis. Mr. Mackintosh was well-known to the employees of the Company all over the system, and he was highly respected by all. Mr. Mackintosh is survived by a widow and large family—of which two sons are employed in railway work at Buenos Ayres—to whom much sympathy is extended. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from Rosebank Church, and was largely attended.

PORTFOLIO WESLEYAN BAZAAR.—Our advertising columns contain the announcement of a sale of work which will be held in the Town Hall next week for the benefit of the funds of the Wesleyan Church, Inglis Street. Some information may be given of the precise claim of the Church concerned upon the liberal consideration of the Townspeople. Many years have passed since the last Wesleyan bazaar, which produced some little like £1000, but the aims and hopes, as also the needs, of the present promoters will be met very well if a quarter of that sum be raised this time. There are various reasons, caused by various conditions, and also there is the extreme desirability of the Church account having some actual cash in hand. Obviously a church membership (which is a very different thing, and a much smaller thing, than congregating, or attending, or less than one hundred leaves a very small financial margin of elasticity) and the appeals of the Wesleyans to the town are so few in number as to justify the hope of a liberal response on this occasion. The methods of English Methodism, with its weekly minimum payment by each member, and a quarterly as well, do not, it must be remembered, apply in Scotland, hence the occasional recourse to the quasi-conventional method now put into operation in the present instance. We have already read in the advertisement for details and to the sale itself in the Town Hall next week for the exercise of their generosity. With Christmas and the New Year close at hand many gifts will have to be bought, and the staff of the Church will be very busy in the requisite preparation of the necessary articles. The bazaar is a very important and a very successful one, and it is a pleasure to see the virtue of liberality with the necessities of the season.

MR. FORBES AKHURST'S RECITAL.—On Wednesday evening Mr. Akhurst gave his recital, under the patronage of the Provost and Magistrates, in the hall of the Queensgate Hotel, the acoustics of which, we believe, are better than that of any other hall in town. Mrs. Akhurst, who was to have assisted her husband, has not unfortunately recovered from a severe illness to appear, but Mr. Alec Sinclair kindly gave his assistance, and lent variety to the programme by singing a number of songs in his very best style, for which he received the hearty approval of the audience. The recital was an excellent opportunity of combining the virtue of liberality with the necessities of the season.

THE BIRTHRIGHT OF THE HIGHLANDS.—The King thanks you for your loyal greetings, and is glad that Lord Lovat and the officers of the Lovat Scouts are receiving a worthy recognition of their admirable services in South Africa. The foregoing is the text of the King's telegram to the Lovat Scouts on the occasion of the entertainment of Lord Lovat and his brother officers of the Scouts to a banquet at which a brilliant

REPRESENTATION OF MORAY AND NAIRN.

As will be observed by advertisement, the annual general meeting of the Moray and Nairn Liberal Association will be held on Tuesday first at Forres, when, among other business, the Executive's report as to the selection of a Liberal candidate to contest the counties at the next election comes up for consideration.

INVERNESSIAN HONORED.—Mr. James Reid, postmaster of Llandilly (late of Forres), was the other day made the recipient of handsome gifts from the members of the Post Office staff on the occasion of his leaving Llandilly to take up duties in Stirling. The gifts took the form of a handsome pair of bronzes, a silver salad bowl, and water-jug from the staff, also a silver ink stand and a gold pen from the outdoor staff and sub-offices.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ON THE APPEAL TO THE BISHOP.—Sir Robert Finlay, in the House of Commons on Monday, in reply to Mr. Keirsey, said the Bishop referred to the Bishop under clause 7 of the Education Bill would be upon any question relating to the religious teaching, the manager would have full control over the management of religious teaching. It is pointed out that to comply with the terms of the trust as regards the character of the religious instruction as defined by the deed or the bishop, the proper remedy would be by information laid in the name of the Attorney General.

ANOTHER CRIMEAN VETERAN DIES.—Last week we had to record the deaths of two Crimean veterans, one at Inverness and one at Cromarty, and to-day it is our regretful duty to add a third to the list. On Monday Simon Fraser, a pensioner, passed away at Inverness. Fraser, who was a fine type of the old British soldier, enlisted as a youth in the Highland Light Infantry, and saw over twenty years' service with the regiment, and for the Crimean War he obtained the clasp for Sebastopol and the Turkish medal. Deceased, who was upwards of 70 years of age, retired from the army some 23 years ago.

SOME KNotty POINTS IN HIGHLAND HISTORY.—On Thursday night an ordinary meeting of the Inverness Gaelic Society was held in the Society's Rooms, Queensgate. Rev. Charles M. Robertson, president, Dr. Macbain read a paper entitled "Some Knotty Points in Highland History." Dr. Macbain dealt in his characteristically lucid and thorough manner with, among other things, the origin of the Scotch clans and their early history, referring particularly to their alleged de' Ard origin; the date of the death of the Wolf of Badenoch, whom he suggested to have been the author of the famous Battle of the Clans on the North Inch of Perth in 1693; the disputes between the Macdonalds and the Mackintoshes over the lands of Keppoch, to which he maintained the Macdonalds of Keppoch had no right whatever as descendants of Alasdair Chumach, these being rightfully bestowed on Mackintosh by Macdonald of the Isles.

BUFFALOES IN INVERNESS. FIRST ANNIVERSARY MEETING LAST NIGHT.

Last night the Clan Ord Lodge of Inverness, affiliated to the Grand Lodge of England of the Royal and Ancient Buffaloes, held their first anniversary dinner in the Palace Hotel, under the presidency of Primo Mackenzie. Dinner was served in the most excellent Palace manner, and after the loyal toasts were finished that of "The Imperial Forces" was given by Bro. W. Morrison, and responded to by Bro. J. H. J. Leslie-Bed. Among the guests were two delegates from England—Sir John Gordon and Sir R. Wilson Marsh, the former of whom responded to the toast of "The Order" by Primo R. Mackenzie, and the latter to "The Grand Lodge," proposed by Bro. A. G. Grant. The "Clan Ord Lodge" was presided over by Sir R. Wilson Marsh, and replied to by the Chairman. After the dinner and toasts the musical programme opened by a selection by the Buffalo Quartette, and a long and enjoyable evening followed, the Palace doing everything possible for the enjoyment of the guests.

A fuller report will appear in our Evening Edition to-night.

A TRIP TO EGYPT. LECTURE BY DR NORMAN MACLEOD.

On Tuesday evening, in the High Church Mission Hall, in connection with the High Church Young Men's Guild, Dr Norman Macleod gave a particularly graphic account of his recent sojourn in Cairo, the salient features of his residence there, being illustrated by very fine limelight views (which were manipulated by Mr. Ogston), of Egypt historically, from King Ramesses II, down to the modern Cairo of to-day, with its electric tramways, and its modern health resorts. One of the most interesting buildings in this capital of Egypt and of the native university, the most ancient university in the world, were the court one and another of the past, and the floor with a group of students round him, but the learning from a scientific point of view is of an extremely antiquated type. They still teach in this university that the sun goes round the earth. Dr Macleod mentioned that the educational system of Egypt had at its head an eminent Scotchman. Extremely interesting was the account of a native funeral, which the women attend with their faces all covered except their eyes, and keeping up a wailing chant, and a weird effect. Of paramount interest was the sketch depicting the Mahomedans making their annual carpet pilgrimage to Mecca. It was a State function, the streets being lined with the Egyptian troops (of Lord Kitchener and Sir Evelyn Wood's fame), and all the gaily coloured costumes, which were visible in all directions, made a very striking picture. The carpet which cost £40,000 is placed upon the tomb of Mahomed.

The Nile, with its one-sided boats, looked picturesque. As showing the growth of Cairo within the last fourteen years, then there was only one hotel, well known as Shepherd's; now there are four or five palatial hotels, one being the late palace of the Pasha. The leading one is called "Society," another "Variety," another "Non-Variety," and the one which Dr Macleod resided in was appropriately called "Propriety." Dr Macleod referred to the gigantic works on the Nile (and on which a number of Inverness men are at present engaged). These, on being completed, will bring about an agricultural revolution, when the fertile soil of Egypt will produce two or three crops a year, in place of one as at present. The doctor remarked that there there will not be a more prosperous country on the earth than Egypt. Mr. Forsyth, Royal Academy, moved a vote of thanks to Dr Macleod for his able lecture.

THE KENNEL.

What's this we are hearing about the poor dog? And to live in a kennel "All three," And not authorised by the Dean of Guild's Court. So somebody loses his fee. The law! the law of the land must be put in force. For the culprit there must be no shielding, For the Dean in his wisdom has opened his mouth. And declared that the kennel's a "building." Now boys, your rabbits can't have a new house— Such offences you are not to venerate; Take that in good time, let your conies go loose. For the line has been drawn at the kennel! POOR DOG THAT.

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LETTER FROM LACHIE.

GREAT DAY IN THE SUDDY.

MY DEAR EDITOR.—I got the kind message that you sent out with Mrs Macdonald on Tuesday and thank you very much for sending it. I wish I would who is the lady that sent it. If you no yourself will you send her my thousand thanks and ask her to rite to me to the care of your own office. But don't publish this or lory and the hole Suddly will never stop mockin on me about it.

Just as I was expectin, Mr Waddington came with his motor car on Wednesday afternoon, last week, to take us to the concert at Dingwall. He's an awful kind gentleman, and he was just as plain as ourselves. When we were outin along as quick as one of Mr Bignold's deers on Loch Roscoe Mr Waddington noticed a man goin on two crutches, and says he to the driver, "Stop the car and ask that man where he is goin, and if he is goin on this way take him to my house. I'll be glad to see him, and who was it but Peter, Tommie, and the poor of his two legs with roomatism. But he's a strong healthy man yet I can tell you. I mind the summer before last the day they were plain the new minister in Coac-gorm, I mind he was in the garden to walk to the church, 12 miles away. I had no too much time, and was walkin pretty fast. When I reach the top of the brae at Clach-an-Phearna, who was sittin at the side of the well but Peter. When I took a drink of the fine cold water, says Peter, "I'm glad you came; we'll be company to you another." "Aw, Peter," says I, "I'm hurryin to be at the Church of Coac-gorm and I'm frinted I'll be behind." "I'm sorry I must go on and leave you," says Peter. "I'll try and keep up with you for a little bit as well as I can." I could say nothing against that, so we started; but if we did I don't catch it. With his long legs and long crutches every bump he would take was as long as for me, and he was beatin me; and so there I was, blowin and sweatin in the hot sun to keep up with him all the way to the church door. When I went in my face was like a harvest moon, and when I sit down there was a steam about me as thick as in Coire-cheathach. I'll never try a race with a man with crutches again. Well this was the man we took up in the car, and when we were paffin him down I noticed Mr Waddington put his arm round his hand. He is a very kind gentleman.

When we reach the hall in Dingwall I was sorry there was so much peep in as I was expectin. They say it was not a shootable night, but I can tell you the singin was as fine as ever. I had except a Duet. You would think they would kick the floor to bits with their feet. Mr Rory MacLeod himself sang as well as ever he did, and his voice did the same. If they sang "Caidill na lù" I can think they were in the mood to sing to answer "Fuirich gu bù." I don't think they would go away at all if the quire would sing on. I was just thinkin that "Rory" must be a musical name. Wasn't there a harpers and bards of that name? Mr Rory MacLeod, and I suppose Mr "Roddie" in Inverness is just "Rory" cut short. I never had of a musical Lachie but wan—him that put out the "Songs of the Gael" and he was a very good one. We had a fine drive home through the night.

Peter Coffin youngest boy is wan of the cleverest boys you ever saw in Gallick or English. I meet him last Saturday afternoon with "The Highland News" in his hand, and says he, "I have got it next." "What?" says I. "Got the answer to the Gallick riddle," says he. "It is the letter 'I' in the alphabet; if you will look at the riddle you will see I am right." When I reach the Suddly I told them what the boy said, and when they looked at the riddle again they said the boy was quite right, and if Willie Minister made the riddle himself he was no so far rang in the head.

The Smith was lettin us see some papers that he had sent to the printer about the Faith Cure. He said he didn't believe in it much. I said, "Myself doesn't no much about faith cure, but I believe in faith kill. If you believe that you are sick or goin to be sick, you will soon be dead enough. I then told them how wan in the April day long since some of the leads at the works made a plan to make an April fool of old Donald Macneines. So when Donald came out early in the mornin wan of them meets him, and says he, "Come on, Donald; you're slow this mornin." "Oh, no," says Donald, "there's no time." The man he meet says, "You was takin an extra wash the day, Donald." "No," says Donald, "I didn't wash the day yet." "You are lookin very white then." "I don't feel much rone," says Donald. "And so every wan he would meet wan of the things he said, and at last they made poor Donald believe he was in danger, and wan of them turned back with Donald to see him safe home. And, do you know, he went to his bed and wasent out for a week. That shows that the mind has a great power over the body and what says Torkle, "Every body believes that, but the wonderful thing is how the mind of a person can have power over the brute beasts. See now had weemen in the Highlands could take the milk from your cows without cuttin a hand on the cow or givin them nothin." Says the Smith, "You are always full of superstitious nonsense and witchcraft. Torkle; no sensible peepel will take in that to-day; it might do a hundred years since." Says Torkle, "The peepel a hundred years hence will be as foolish as to-day, and maybe more better, and they believed in an evil eye and evil wishes. Myself wan about cows that lost their milk all at wance, and nobody could tell what did it; and there was a quate old man livin near our place—his name was Calum Eorchain—and he use to be brought to the byres, and sometimes with whisperin something in the cow's ear they say he would bring back the milk. There was a witeh in Skye, and she could put her spirit into a black cat, and she would show many cows that cat took their milk from them." "Stop, stop," says the Smith; "no more of that rubbish. I wonder, Rory, that you would sit listen to it. What is the use of our Bibles if we are to take in foolish things like that?" Says Rory, "There's no truth in Torkle's stories than you would think, Smith—" "That's right," says Torkle, "You stand by me, Rory." "Yace," says Rory, "but a lot of it can be explained quite easy. Cows and horses are very nervous beasts, and could no stand to let a cat near them." Says the Woe Schoolmaster, "Lord Roberts is neither a cow nor a eward, and he can no bear to see a cat." "Well," says Rory, "we no that there are peepel who can frin a wild horse or a cow just with a look of their eye; and we no, too, that a frin will stop a cow from givin her milk, and if she got a look from some peepel's eye, or if a cat ran across her stall in the dark byre, she might get a frin that she would remember every time she would go into the same stall, and would be shakin and no givin her milk." "And how about Calum Eorchain?" says Torkle. "Well," says Rory, "we dont no but Calum's quate voice whisperin in crummy's ear and strokin her with his hand might please her and put her in good trim again. I believe that it was because the cows liked it, and gave their milk better when they were happy, that the old dairy-meeds use to sing songs to them when they were milkin them. Beasts have their feelings as well as ourselves, and I would no like to be the man that would hurt the feelings of a young child or a dum animal. I believe that is all the witchcraft that is in it. It is not cows alone, for the doctors tell us that many a time the poor nervous mother is no able to give a drop of milk to her child with the fear of her drunken husband comin home." I new fine when Rory begin that he would no take in "Woe's" story, when the witeh, and the Smith was quite pleased about the way Rory explained about the cows looin their milk. Cows are very sensible beasts. I mind a quate, quate cow we had, and wan summer mornin when she was in the pen she was milked my mother didn't think it worth while to put the chain on the cow's neck,

and she couldnt think why she would no give her milk, but there she was scraipin away at the ground till she got the point of her horn into wan of the links of the chain, and she lifted her head and stood quite sturdly with the chain hangin down from her horn, and gave every drop of her milk quite pleased. When I told Rory he said it showed the power of habit.

You will be sayin it's very odd the things we see in our Suddly Parliament, but I dono but it's maybe as useful as spendin time in the London Parlyment fightin with consens claws and Voluntary soods. I see Mr Balfoor's trick about passin the Education Bill in the autumn, when the members would be away at the harvest, didn't work, for they all came back and bothered him more than ever, and he put the closer on them when the difficult bits came on like the man that was readin the first chapter of Mathew at family worship, and when he got over the easy names, Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, he said, "and they all begot wan another down to the fiftenth verse." But I am thinkin the "British Weekly" will goin to let Balfoor off as easy. He will make himself and the priests of the Church of England spell out every Zorobabel, and Aminadab and Roboam to the end of the chapter. And if Sir Robert Finlay ever goes back to Inverness I'll put him through the Larger Catechism till he will be ashamed of himself.—Yours truly, LACHIE.

Acha-beag, 3 Dec.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO STORNOWAY.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING AND HIS MAJESTY THE PRINCE OF WALES.

"NIAL OADH IAIN THAILLAR." Our versatile contributor, "Niall Oadh Iain Thailiar," whose brilliant exposition in these columns for some time back on the fallacies which surround the representation of Sutherlandshire and the northern burghs, as well as other matters affecting the Highlands generally, found the occasion of Their Majesties journey to the Highlands and the visit to Stornoway a subject for his pen in an appreciative article in our issue of 22nd ult. Having forwarded a copy of the issue to His Majesty the King and His Majesty the Prince of Wales, we are delighted to receive the following communication from His Majesty's Private Secretary, Lord Knollys:—"Sandringham, Norfolk, 1st December, 1902.

"Sir, I have had the honour of submitting to the King your letter and the copy of 'The Highland News' which accompanied it. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, "KNOLLYS."

We have to congratulate our friend "Niall" on his achievement in adding His Majesty to the readers of "The Highland News" in so happy a manner, and have no difficulty in concluding that the matter to which special attention had been directed was thoroughly appreciated by the King. Our Lewis friends will be none the less delighted, we feel sure, that the claims of the island for Royal recognition in view of the special circumstances of the visit, were laid before His Majesty in so able a manner, and we think it not improbable but the desired result may yet be attained.

A NEW CROFTER BILL.

TO BE INTRODUCED BY MR DEWAR, M.P.

It is with pleasure we notice the activity displayed by the popular crofter M.P. for Inverness-shire in keeping the primary wants of his constituents so prominently before Parliament. A bill, which we consider a great improvement on the one the hon. member introduced to Parliament last year, has been drawn up, and will be presented by Mr Dewar in the House of Commons early next year. The attention which Mr Dewar gives to the crofter question should be an incentive not only to his own constituents to stand firmly by the hon. member, but also to the electors of neighbouring constituencies to endeavour to return men who will give Mr Dewar their support in the House of Commons.

We append the draft of Mr Dewar's Bill, which is in the following terms:

A BILL to amend and enlarge the powers of the Crofters Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1886, and the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act, 1897, and to facilitate the acquisition of lands for Crofters Holdings within congested districts in Scotland.

Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. The parish council of any crofting parish may, in the case of a congested district within such parish, select any lands situated in such parish, or in an adjacent parish, and scheduled as to the Department of the Deer Forest Commission, 1892, as suitable for occupation by the people for the creation of dwellings for fishermen and the creation of holdings for crofters and cottars in any such congested district, and such parish council may thereupon present a petition to the Secretary for Scotland, shortly describing the lands so selected by them, and setting forth the names of the owners or reputed owners, lessors or reputed lessors, and occupiers thereof, and praying him to proceed in such manner as he may think proper, for the acquisition by such parish council of such lands for the purposes aforesaid.

2.—(1). Upon receipt of such petition the Secretary for Scotland shall refer the same to the Crofters Commission appointed under the Crofters Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1886 (hereinafter called the "Crofters Commission"), and direct them to visit the lands described in the petition, and if they think fit and after such notice as they may deem proper, to hold an inquiry in the district or districts in which such lands are situated as to the propriety of assenting to the prayer of such petition, and thereafter to report to him thereon.

3. The Crofters Commission shall prepare a scheme for the apportionment of such lands in each crofting parish, amongst such fishermen and crofters and cottars residing therein as they may deem proper. Every such scheme shall be submitted to the Secretary for Scotland for his approval, who may reject the same or approve thereof in whole or in part, or with such modifications thereon as he may deem proper, and every scheme so approved shall thereupon be carried into effect by the Crofters Commission, and the lands mentioned therein shall be apportioned in accordance therewith.

4. Any crofter or cottar to whom any such land is apportioned shall, on and after his entry thereon, become and be deemed a crofter or cottar in the sense of the Crofters Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1886, and be entitled to the status and privileges to all intents and purposes of a crofter or cottar under that Act, and the land so apportioned to him shall be dealt with in like manner as holdings under the same Act.

5. All moneys that may become payable in carrying into effect the purposes of this Act, and all charges and expenses incurred in carrying this Act into execution, shall be paid and satisfied out of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Fund constituted by and under the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act, 1897.

6. The Crofters Commission shall, once in every year, make a report to the Secretary for Scotland on the proceedings under this Act, and every such report shall be forthwith presented to Parliament.

7. In this Act, unless the subject of context otherwise requires, the expression "congested district" has the same meaning assigned to it in the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act, 1897. The expressions "crofter," "cottar," and "crofting parish" have the meanings assigned to them in the Crofters Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1886. 8. This Act may be cited as the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act, 1897 Amendment Act, 1902.

MEETING OF MAGISTRATES YESTERDAY.

KESOCK INN AGAIN.

A COMPLETELY NEW PHASE.

TRANSFER REFUSED.

Yesterday afternoon a meeting of the Inverness Magistrates was held in the Council Chamber. Provost Ross presided, and the other Magistrates present were—Baillies J. T. Melven, J. Sinclair, and C. Macneil. There were also present Mr John Macdonald, Chief Constable, and Mr Kenneth Macdonald, Town Clerk.

ALTERATIONS DISALLOWED. Petitions were read from Mr Alexander Junior, Grant Street, and Mr James B. Clark, Young Street, asking that permission be given to make certain alterations to their respective licensed premises. After consideration, both applications were refused.

KESOCK INN CASE. The next item was an application by Mrs Elizabeth Fraser for the removal of the Citadel Hotel, for the transfer to her of the license for South Kesock Inn. This brought forth the remark from Provost Ross that "this is rather a curious change," and it may be interesting to recall here that the business was largely formal, the reports, however, showing the Dispensary to be in a very satisfactory condition. There were two applications for the post of medical officer, at present held by Dr Lang, and he was appointed for another year. Mr Strathdee, dispenser, was granted a month's holiday and a bonus of £10, and he was congratulated on the fact that he was on the point of finishing his examinations to become a fully qualified dispenser.

NESS CHURCH CASE AGAIN. BARRICADING DOORS AND LEVELLING STACKS. Ever since the unfortunate church dispute at Ness arose the district has been very unsettled. Feeling between the two parties has all along been bitter, and once more trouble seems to be brewing. On proceeding to the church to hold their week-day prayer meeting on Wednesday, the minister and his party found the doors barricaded against them, and instead of endeavouring to force an entrance they decided to hold their service, which was well attended in the open-air. It seems the Rev. Mr Macdonald had intimated a meeting to be held in the Lionel meeting-house on Thursday, but possibly learning that there was a likelihood of his being opposed, the meeting was put off, and no one visited the meeting-house during the day. It is also reported that two or three cases of stack-reckling have taken place in the district, the ropes being cut and the stacks levelled.

In well-informed circles in town it is believed that the barricaading does mean to keep the Unionists out of the church on Sunday, for it seems their objection now is to the minister having services there during the week, their impression apparently being that the Sheriff's interdict does not grant him this privilege. Possibly the barricaades may be removed before Sunday, but it may be, those best able to judge expect serious trouble at Ness ere the winter is out.

REV. JOHN MACNEILL IN INVERNESS.

SUCCESSFUL MISSION.

The evangelistic mission conducted during the past fortnight in the Castle Hall, Inverness, by the Rev. John Macneill terminated last night, when an immense congregation gathered to hear the eminent preacher's closing address, the hall being crowded in every part. Mr Macneill spoke for some time on "The Spirit and the Bride say come," and perhaps has never been heard to greater advantage.

The second week of the mission was even more successful than the first, the interest evinced each evening being fully up to the mark. The mission, which was the promoter of the campaign. During the closing days Mr Macneill threw himself with greater earnestness into the work of warning sinners of the wrath to come and leading them to the cross, and it is very gratifying indeed to learn that souls have been won for Christ. The preacher knows the ways of the world to a nicety, and the happy knack he possesses of using everyday phrases for the purposes of thrusting home his points could not fail to secure for him a large and attentive audience. He had to listen, and he made one understand.

On Thursday night Mr Macneill spoke on the story of Naaman, the Syrian, illustrating the incidents and enforcing the lessons with his customary earnestness, homeliness, and dramatic force. One of his most effective points was the expression of his conviction that at the critical moment in the experience of Naaman, it was the soldier's instinct of obedience that led him to carry out the Prophet's command to wash in the Jordan. As the Captain of the host of Syria, Naaman issued commands, and his men obeyed; and so it flashed across his mind that as the Prophet had given him a command, it was now his duty to obey, however unpalatable it might be to his own patriotism. "His not to reason why, his not to make reply," Mr Macneill defined the one duty of the preacher to be the proclamation of the Gospel message. He had no message to give on behalf of science, or politics, or art, or music. He had to speak in these subjects and opinions regarding them, but no message on account of them to deliver. The one message a minister had to deliver was the gospel message, and the more strictly he confined himself to it, the better. The heart of reform of every kind, for all reform sprang from that fountain.

Mr Macneill has all through his mission been strong on the Temperance question, and his striking arguments in favour of total abstinence, the present writer has ever heard his picture of a bullock being led to the shambles smelling his brother's blood. Mr Macneill has been unfortunate enough to see our town at its worst so far as drinking customs are concerned, and this to some extent may have called forth his strong indictment against what he termed the "eternal suck, suck, sucking at a whisky bottle." On the occasion of last Friday's evening market Inverness was in a peculiarly bad state. He did not think its regular inhabitants contributed but little.

Hard hitting has been the characteristic of the great evangelist's discourses during the fortnight, and he has left behind him many a remark which professing Christians should have found it very profitable to digest at leisure.

Every address contained a Christian feast as well as a note of warning, and many a familiar Bible phrase and story has a new and a better meaning for those who attended the meetings, having come under the brightening influence of a great teacher's mind.

On Wednesday Mr Macneill conducted the services of thanksgiving for the harvest in the United Free Church of Petty, in a large congregation listened with evident appreciation to the very practical address given.

It will be observed from advertisement that an appropriate conclusion of the services in the United Free High Church at 8.15 p.m. on Sunday first, when a service for praise and thanksgiving is to be held. All are cordially invited to attend, but more especially any who may have received benefit from the meetings. This church was a very interesting gathering, and we have no doubt it was largely attended.

Rev. Mr Macneill left last night for the South.

INVERNESS-SHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

FIRST DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING YESTERDAY.

CULCABOCK WATER SUPPLY.

A BREEZE.

Yesterday forenoon a meeting of the First District Committee of the Inverness-shire County Council was held in the Convening Room, The Castle, Inverness, under the presidency of Mr William Burns, chairman. There was a good attendance of members, the principal matter of interest being the question of the extension of the Culcabock water supply, during the discussion of which the meeting was treated to "a breeze" between the Chairman and Dr Ogilvie Grant, the medical officer for the county.

On the question of finger-posts being erected in the roads in the District, Mr Fraser-Tyler of Aldourie gave his views on signposts in general, which he described as "a delusion and a snare."

A LEACHKIN ROAD.

Item 5 of the business card was taken first. This referred to a road in the Leachkin district which runs between the property of Mr Baillie of Dochfour and Mr Darwin of Muirtown, and which the District Committee took over some time ago. It is now alleged that the ground does not belong to the public, and Mr Darwin was present at the meeting with old maps of the town and estate of the years 1793 and 1842, whereby he explained the position of the road in question to the members of the Committee.

Mr Burns said he believed the road was 60 feet broad, but that the people did not use it, and that if they came to an arrangement whereby they could have from 12 to 15 feet, it would, he thought, be sufficient, and they could put a fence between the property of Mr Baillie and that of Mr Darwin.

After a little further conversational discussion, however, the matter was remitted to a small committee to inspect the place, and report.

CULCABOCK WATER SUPPLY.

On the question as to the propriety of enlarging the boundaries of the Culcabock Special Water Supply District, two letters were read from Dr Grant, the county medical officer. In the first, of date 24th November, he said the great nuisance was the want of a drainage system for the village, and he dreaded that an epidemic might break out at any time. He noticed that the Sanitary Committee proposed to further extend the Culcabock water supply, and personally he did not altogether approve of large rural districts being formed into Special Water Districts and heavy assessments imposed. He might mention that the Sanitary Committee's suggestion of the difficulty would be to insist upon the proprietors providing sufficient water supplies for the use of their tenants.

In his next letter of December 1st Dr Grant specified the complaints he had received, and said they were from Mr Errington Ross and Mr Alexander Mackenzie, and he said that the District Committee were incurring a grave responsibility in permitting the present state of matters to exist. Before extending the water supply the District Committee should see that all engineering and other defects were remedied. In 1898, the Doctor pointed out, the assessment was 5d per £1, and now the current assessment was 1s 6d per £1, and the villagers of Culcabock as a serious grievance. The question of drainage would have to be faced at once, and possibly before long the scavenging and lighting might also have to be considered, and he pointed out that as it had done in the past the property of the village might be seriously retarded.

In reply to these letters Mr Wedderburn, the sanitary inspector for the county, replied on the 14th inst. He reported that the water supply in the low level reservoir had run short on several occasions recently owing to the growth of tree roots in the fire-clay pipe to the reservoir. The shortage was entirely due to that cause, and not to any defect in the supply, which is much in excess of the requirements of the district, and for further particulars regarding the matter he referred the Committee to his report of 7th ult.

The Chairman, after the reading of the letter, strongly deprecated the remarks of Dr Grant, who was an official, and had no right to dictate to the Committee. He was interfering with the Committee's official duty.

Dr Grant—I wrote as a ratepayer of Culcabock.

Mr Burns—It does not matter whether you did or not. You are our official, Mr Grant, and you gave evidence for the town against us, and you might not have done it.

Dr Grant—I did not come here to be lectured.

Mr Burns—You are our official, Mr Grant. You are not a ratepayer.

Dr Grant—No; you only partly pay me.

Mr Burns—You are at any rate our official, Mr Grant, and you are here under our orders.

Mr Burns having further remarked "That is all to be done with," the discussion on the proposed extension of the water supply proceeded, and it was agreed to extend and to advertise the proposed new boundaries, it being remarked that any ratepayer could, of course, object.

PREVENTION OF MILK.

The application of Mr J. Huntly Macdonald, Charleston, for registration as a purveyor of milk was agreed to.

FINGER POSTS.

Mr Black, the Committee's surveyor, read his report, which he desired to make at last meeting, on the question of finger posts for the roads of the District. He thought ten would be sufficient, and he proposed to erect them as follows:—Two on the Inverness and Nairn Road; 1 at the junction of the Newton Road; 1 at the Cross Roads at Gollanfield; 1 at Croy; 1 at the Battlefield, to indicate the way to Inverness; 1 at Innes, where the way to Culloden Moor branches; 1 at Dores; 1 at the junction of the Strathrairn and Stratherrick roads, east of Farraline; and 1 at the Suddly at Erricht. Mr Black suggested iron posts, which he thought would cost £50. They could get wooden posts for about £20, but they would rot, and it would be economy in the end to have iron posts.

Mr Fraser-Tyler of Aldourie regretted he was not present at last meeting, when this matter came up, and he should like to say a few words now. He was quite against placing finger posts on their roads. He had had a great experience of finding his way about in this country and in most other countries, too, and he had long ago come to the conclusion that finger posts were a delusion and a snare. He reminded the meeting of the famous cartoon in "Punch" some years ago on the subject of finger posts, when an unhappy rider was thrown to the ground near one of these posts with the fingers gone (laughter). He did not think its regular inhabitants contributed but little.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

WEST HIGHLAND RAILWAY AND ASSESSMENTS.

As to the suspension by the West Highland Railway of assessments on the Milling section, a letter was read from Messrs Fletcher & Baillie, the Council's agents in Edinburgh, stating that the hearing of the case took place in the Appeal Chamber on Thursday, and that after a lengthy discussion the Lord Ordinary reserved judgment until to-day (Saturday). The claimant had moved that the Note should be passed without hearing, and the Council's agents asked that the suspension should be refused. Should the Note be refused it is understood that the claimant will re-apply.

A letter was also read from the secretary of the West Highland Railway stating that he had received demand notes for the district assessments, and saying that he appealed against payment of same in respect of the Mallaig extension on the ground that the line is not assessed in accordance with clause 2 of the West Highland Railway Guarantee Act of 1896.

This letter will come before the Assessor's Appeal Court at Fort-William in due course.

HIGHLAND RAILWAY OFFICIALS DEPARTURE.

PRESENTATION TO MR HENDRIE LAST NIGHT.

An interesting gathering was held in the Kindergarten Hall, Academy Street, last night, to wish God-speed to Mr Hendrie, lately works manager and assistant loco superintendent of the Highland Railway. Mr Hendrie has been appointed locomotive superintendent of the Natal Government Railways, in succession to Mr G. W. Reid, also an old Invernessian, who has resigned after ten years' service.

There was a large attendance of workmen present at the function last night, and most of the foremen of the different departments were also present, including—Mr Munro, sawmill; Mr Clark, creating department; Mr Mackenzie, locomotive shop; Mr Macpherson, boiler shop; Mr Mackenzie, brass-founders; Mr Hyder, painting department; Mr Dobbie, turning department; Mr Taylor, manager of permanent way; and Mr Macgregor of the same department.

Mr T. A. Wilson, general manager, presided, and Mr Hendrie, Mr Drummond, and Mr Newlands accompanied him to the platform.

In his remarks Mr Wilson said that as most of those present were anxious to get home to their own firesides, and as their duty on this occasion was a pleasant one, tinged with sadness and sorrow, they would try to get through it as quickly as possible. They were naturally glad to wish Mr Hendrie their congratulations, but he continues to offer congratulations to Mr Hendrie on his appointment to the important position of locomotive superintendent of the Natal Government Railways. They had heard a great deal about South Africa in the past few years, and were glad to wish Mr Hendrie to them as most of the towns in our own country, and for years to come many of them would have saddest memories of South Africa. Mr Chamberlain had sailed for South Africa a few days ago, and all followed him with hopes of success. Mr Hendrie would follow in a few days, and they would assure him of their warmest interest and affectionate regard for his welfare. He (the Chairman) was not in a position to speak in English, but he wished to offer congratulations to Mr Hendrie on his appointment to the important position of locomotive superintendent of the Natal Government Railways. They had heard a great deal about South Africa in the past few years, and were glad to wish Mr Hendrie to them as most of the towns in our own country, and for years to come many of them would have saddest memories of South Africa.

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Articles of interest to Stornoway readers will be found on page 6.

Imports.—The steamer White Abbey last week delivered a cargo of bunker coals from Glasgow into the hulk Allia Craig.

VITAL STATISTICS.—The Registrar's returns for the first four weeks ending Thursday are: Births, 4 (males and 3 females); marriages, one; deaths, 4 (2 males and 2 females).

COALING.—The Norwegian steamer Cederic from Drontheim to Cardiff with wood pulp, put in on Monday through stress of weather. During her stay she called at the hulk Hindustan.

SOCIETIES.—The lecture in aid of the Quarrier's Orphan Homes is to be delivered this year by Rev. Mr. Davidson, of the Cowcaddens U.P. Church, Glasgow, whose subject will be "Socrates, the Athenian Philosopher."

FISHING.—The steamer Rebecca arrived on Saturday with about 600 crans of aged herring for Mr. Duncan Maciver, bought in Lochfyne and elsewhere in the Clyde district. The broken weather has militated against the haddock fishing in Broadbay, but successful hauls have been made when the boats were able to operate.

DEPARTURES.—Before Sheriff Squair on Saturday, Malcolm Macdonald, crofter, Upper Bayble, was fined 5s or one day for failing to educate his son. For a similar offence John Macaulay, labourer, Bayble, was fined 3s 6d or one day, and Malcolm Macaulay, fisherman, Bayhead Street, was admonished.

NEW SLAUGHTERHOUSE.—The new slaughter-house erected by the Town Council on Rosebank Road was opened on Monday. The first animal slaughtered on the premises was a fine Highland cow for Messrs James Macdonald & Co., fishers, Ernsay Street. The first sheep slaughtered was for Mr. Murdoch Morrison, fisherman, Church Street. This is Stornoway's first public shambles, and, needless to say, it supplies a long-felt want.

SALISBURY'S ASSOCIATION.—The weekly meeting of the Stornoway Salesmen's Association was held in the Coffee House, Kenneth Street, on Wednesday—Mr. Duncan Macdonald, president, in the chair. The programme for the evening was readings by the following members: Mr. Peter A. Macleod, "Robinson Crusoe's Raft"; Mr. Malcolm Buchanan, "Chinese Customs"; Mr. M. Morrison, "The Coming rush to South Africa"; and Mr. Norman Stewart, "Deserted Village."

STORNOWAY AND KYLE MAIL SERVICE.—In answer to Mr. Weir in the House of Commons on Wednesday the Postmaster General said that the hon. member himself and others interested in the West Coast services have frequently complained of delays to the mails, which have on examination been shown to be due to the attempt of the contractors to provide facilities for the shipment of cargo, and under these circumstances he was not encouraged to make such representations to the hon. gentleman suggested.

OBDFELLOWS' FUNERAL.—On Sunday, after a short but painful illness, Mr. Wm. Maciver, cooper, died at his house in New Street, and his remains were buried in the Sandwick Cemetery on Tuesday. The funeral was largely attended, and the services included a strong eulogy of the deceased's brethren of the Oddfellows Lodge, who conducted their Order's service at the grave. Mr. Maciver has left a widow and young family, for whom much sympathy is felt.

HARBOUR REVENUE.—The Treasurer's and Collector's financial statements for the year ending 31st November, were submitted at a meeting of the Harbour Commission on Wednesday, and as compared with last year were considered very satisfactory. The total receipts were shown at £633, and against £600 2s 6d last year, and whereas the financial year was commenced with an overdraft at the National Bank of £1031, it closed with the overdraft at £284. Mr. Angus Cameron, accountant, was reappointed auditor, and the accounts were ordered to be submitted to him for audit.

THE KING'S VISIT.—At the Harbour meeting on Wednesday the Sub-Committee reported that they had gone carefully over the designs of ornamental pillars to select one which is to be erected in commemoration of the King's visit in place of the lamp at present standing at the head of the slip where the Royal party landed. Their choice fell on a very pretty pillar to cost £26 without banner, and the Commissioners unanimously approved of the selection made. Mr. Eneas M. Mackenzie moved that the pillar be fitted with one of Scott Snell's self-illuminating lamps, but before deciding on this the meeting instructed the secretary to communicate with the Town Clerk of Glasgow as to the result of the experiments being made by the Corporation with these new lamps.

MASTER AND MAN.—In the Debts Recovery Court on Wednesday—before Sheriff Squair—proof was led in an action against the instance of Frank Rivers, coachman, against Donald Henderson, carriage-hirer, for £15, being wages at the rate of 2s a week, while serving defendant as coachman with a pair of horses at the shooting lodge of Morsgail, of which Mr. Marcus was tenant during last season. Pursuer contends that he was engaged by Henderson in the early part of this season to act as driver, his wages to be 10s per week, with board and lodging and "chance," but that this engagement was cancelled while he was working from the stables, and that when he was sent to Morsgail a new arrangement was entered upon under which he is entitled according to practice to at least 2s a week of wages, besides board and lodging, as his opportunity for chance money was not so good as when working from the stables. Defendant denied any new arrangement, and stated that his drivers were only anxious to get work there, and they had altogether an earlier time of it. As stated, the proof was led on Wednesday, and parties have yet to be heard on it. Agents—For pursuer, Mr. Wm. A. Ross, solicitor; for defender, Mr. J. N. Anderson, solicitor.

HARBOUR COMMISSION.—A meeting of the Pier and Harbour Commission was held on Wednesday—Mr. J. M. Morrison, and afterwards Mr. Orrock, presiding. The other members present were Mr. Robert Hogg, Mr. Ossian Robertson, Mr. Eneas M. Mackenzie, and Mr. John Mackenzie, fish-curer, with Mr. Archd. Munro, secretary. Mr. John Mackenzie reported that, in accordance with instructions, his committee had received alternative plans and offers for the erection of a new weigh-house, with, and also without, an additional office. With office combined the cost would be £100, and for the weigh-house alone £64 15s 6d. They decided to drop the idea of an additional office, and accept Mr. Norman Forbes' offer for the alternative plan at the slump sum of £90. The Committee's action was unanimously approved. Mr. Mackenzie also reported that the Committee appointed to look over the book debts had done so, and after spending several evenings over the matter they prepared a list of accounts which they thought should be collected before the close of the financial year. These amounted to £1097 15s 7d, and of this sum the Collector had got in a good deal; speaking roughly, he should say £600 or £700, which was considered very satisfactory. Instructions were given for the certain parties whose accounts are still unpaid. There was submitted a small debt summons from Messrs Smith & Co. for damage done to the smack William Smith in the harbour last spring. Instructions were given to defend the action.

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It may as well be admitted at the outset that it is next to an impossibility to make a popular holiday resort of the Lewis. Much might be done to make it attractive to persons of more leisure than the bustling holiday-maker of the great cities. In the first place, its geographical situation is against it. The time which must of necessity be spent in reaching it from the great centres, to say nothing of the inevitable difficulty for the mal-dormer which the Minch appears to be saddled with in all Sassenach minds, militates against it. The twelfth century man is somewhat like the Yankee, who is said to be born in a hurry, and who adds that the average Britisher has to take his holidays in a hurry, and considers it his bounden duty to work as hard as he possibly can enjoying himself for the annual week or fortnight he gets off duty, and grumbles every day in travelling to say nothing of the expense, which is another drawback inseparable from long journeys. With these and other opposing forces against us, let us consider what might be done to make Stornoway and the Lewis more popular as a holiday resort. First of all, we must have comfortable steamers be procured for the different routes, especially that in connection with the railways. This is a subject so often touched upon that I need not say more about it. Better boats are necessary to give the holiday-maker confidence in the Lewis. Then, some attraction must be provided. So far, this is a somewhat difficult matter. At a seaside holiday resort the visitor expects in any case to get sea bathing. With the exception of the solitary bathing machine in the vicinity of the wharf, the shore about Stornoway (within a reasonable distance, at any rate) are far from attractive. It would be almost as inviting to walk across the floor of a levers' shed with bare feet as to plant your favourite corn on the rugged cliffs of the Lewis. Although somewhat better by reason of the fact that the stones are smoother, is not much more attractive, except on the east side, and there the proximity of the Sandwick houses makes it difficult to improve. The only other thing that could be done is to make a beach on some suitable site. Other towns are more careful of their sand beaches, protecting them in every way possible, often at very great expense. Sometimes men are employed to dig up the sand, and to keep it as soft as possible. Then we have the golfer demanding his 18-hole course. This we are ready to give him—9 holes out and 9 home—a splendid course, with natural bunkers calculated to give the golfer a most interesting and amusing game, and as much "caller" as will send him back to his desk or his counter with another year's life in his lungs. But cattle must be kept off the links for the most part, and the links on the golf course must be levelled and cleaned, and the grass kept down, and the links generally kept under the care of a competent man, a professional golfer by preference. Of course his services would be expensive, but the cost would be met by the golfer, and the golfer would be levelled and cleaned, and the grass kept down, and the links generally kept under the care of a competent man, a professional golfer by preference.

THE DUTY ON HERRINGS ABROAD. Mr. Bignold, M.P. for the Wick Burghs, had a question on the paper in Parliament on Monday calling the attention of the Government to the fact that the duty on herrings imported into Russia is 13s 6d per barrel, and in Germany only 3s, and asking whether the Government would take the opportunity of the presence of a special envoy of the Russian Government in London to press for a reduction of the duty. As the Foreign Office is making enquiries into the matter, the question has been put off for a week. Some time ago the Russian Government made a promise to reduce the duty, and communications are going on between the two Governments, which is the reason why the question has been postponed for a short time in order that a full and definite reply may be given.

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