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CHURCH NOTICES.

GAELIC PARISH CHURCH,
Church Street—Gospel Services To-morrow,
Gaelic at 11 a.m.; English at 6.30 p.m.

CROWN FREE CHURCH,
SABBATH (TO-MORROW), APRIL 24.
At 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.
Men's Sabbath Afternoon Bible Class from
8 to 4 p.m. All Young Men cordially invited.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS.
Messrs ALEXANDER NOBLE & COMPANY, Painters,
Gospelie, and ALEXANDER NOBLE, Painter, there,
Partner of said Firm, having executed a Trust Deed for
 behoof of their Creditors, all Parties having CLAIMS
against the said Company or Mr Noble are requested to
 lodge same with Subscriber within Ten Days from this
 date; and all Parties INDEBTED to the said Company
 and Alexander Noble are requested to make Payment to
 the Subscriber within the like period.

ANDERSON & ARGO,
Solicitor, Gospelie,
Agent for the Trustee.

COUNTY OF INVERNESS.
COMMISSIONERS OF SUPPLY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a STATUTORY
MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF SUPPLY OF THE
COUNTY OF INVERNESS will be held within the
COMMISSIONERS' ROOM, Castle, Inverness, on THURSDAY,
the 5th day of May next, at 10.30 o'clock forenoon, for
the purpose of electing a Convenor, and appointing
seven of their number to be Members of the Standing
Joint Committee of the County; and (2nd) a Committee
to dispose of Claims and Objections to the Provisions
of the Commissioners of Supply (Scotland) Act, 1856,
and Acts amending the same.

ANDERSON & SHAW, County Clerks.
Inverness, 21st April, 1898.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUTHERLAND.
LAND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a STATUTORY
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ROYAL BURGH OF DORNOCHE.
ROADS AND BRIDGES (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1878.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that there is an
intention to propose the following Resolution at a
Meeting of the Magistrates and Town Council, to be held
within the Council House, Dornoch, on TUESDAY,
7th June, 1898, viz.:—That the Magistrates and Town
Council exercise all powers conferred upon them as
Local Authority constituted and acting within the
Burgh under the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act,
1878, to resolve that the following Highway shall be
SHUT UP, viz.:—

That roadway or street, being No. 16 of the List of
Highways in the Burgh, extending from the gate-
way leading into the playground of the Public
School, on the West, round by the said play-
ground, and along the South or front of the
houses in Argyle Street, to the new roadway
made by the Duke of Sutherland, on the East,
all within the Burgh.

HECTOR M. MACKAY,
Town Clerk.
Dornoch, 29th April, 1898.

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION.
ORDERS BY COL. FORSYTH.

THE POSITION BATTERY AND GARRISON COMPANIES
will turn out for a ROUTE MARCH on SATURDAY,
the 30th inst. Dress—Drill Order (Forage Caps).

BAND WILL ATTEND.
Parade at 2.30 p.m.; March Off at 3 p.m.

By Order.
(Signed) A. F. R. STIFF, Capt. R.A.,
Adj. H.V.A.
Inverness, 18th April, 1898.

TENDERS INVITED.
STORNOWAY.
NEW COAST GUARD BUILDINGS.

OFFERS (with terms) to Build and Lease to the
Admiralty a HOUSE for the use of the Coast Guard
at Stornoway, to be received by the Director
of Works of the Navy up to noon on FRIDAY, 6th May,
1898.

Further particulars will be supplied on Application to
this Office.
Director of Works Department, Admiralty,
Avenue House, Northumberland Avenue W.C.

HOUSES, &c., TO LET.

HOUSES to Let, Celt Street. Rent, £17.
Apply F. A. BLAIR, Solicitor, 16 Union Street.

TO LET, HOUSE in Charles Street.
Rent, £25. Apply, GEORGE ROSS, solicitor, Inverness.

TO LET FOUR ROOMS; rent, £13. Apply
TO JAMES FARBER, 100 Castle Street.

HOUSE, No. 10 Hill Street, to Let.
Apply FRANCIS SQTAIN, Solicitor, Inverness.

TO LET, Self-Contained HOUSE,
Arden Terrace (East). Apply FRANCIS SQTAIN,
Solicitor, 1 Lombard Street.

TO LET, HOUSE and SHOP, No. 61 and
62 Huntly Street. Apply, Wm. CORNER, 44 Castle
Street.

TO LET, BROOKSIDE, Drummond Road,
Nine Apartments, with Bath and good Garden.
Apply, Wm. CORNER, 44 Castle Street.

TO LET, at Whitehead, first, VILLA in
Midmill Road, nearly opposite Victoria Circus
Road, containing six Apartments, bath, W.C., &c.
Small garden attached. Apply at house, or to DAVIDSON
& SCOTT, 42 Union Street.

TO LET ON CROWN LANDS—
One Self-Contained VILLA 10 Apartments, 5 W.C.s,
out-houses, &c.
One Self-Contained VILLA containing 15 Apartments
and out-houses, 2 W.C.s, Good Garden.
Apply, Mr. JAMES MACROBIE, Crown Lands, Inverness.

FOR SALE, or TO LET VILLA, Eight
Apartments, on Crown. Purchaser can have choice
of finishing if desired. Apply, BAIN, Crown Avenue.

PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO, 21 INGLIS
STREET.—The above to be let, with Entry at
Whituesday; is in first-class order, and splendid
situation; may be used for other purposes. Apply, HENRY
MUNRO, 3 Union Street.

FURNISHED ROOM to Let, with all
conveniences, suitable for a young couple. Apply
No. 76, Highland News Office.

FURNISHED LODGINGS.—Young Lady
wants Lady Companion to share Furnished
Room. Apply, No. 478, Highland News Office.

LOST OR FOUND.
LOST LAST NIGHT, Lady's Silver
WATCH, between YOUNG STREET and TOWN HALL
Finder Renewed at ROSS & SCOTT'S, Young
Street.

LITERATURE ON SOCIALISM and
LABOUR QUESTION may be obtained from S.
GODDARD, 35 Wells Street, Inverness.

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LIGHT RAILWAYS ACT, 1896.

HEBRIDEAN LIGHT RAILWAYS.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an APPLICATION
intended to be made to the LIGHT RAILWAY COM-
MISSIONERS by the HEBRIDEAN LIGHT RAILWAY
COMPANY (hereinafter called "the Company") in May
next, for an Order under the Light Railways Act, 1896,
for the purposes or some of the purposes following:—

1. To empower the Company, or their representatives,
to make and maintain in the Counties of Inverness and
Ross and Cromarty the following Light Railways, and the
Pier, hereinafter described, with all necessary Stations,
Sidings, Junctions, Approaches, Works and Con-
veniences connected therewith (that is to say):—

Railway No. 1.—Commencing on a pier to be con-
structed in Isle Ormsay Harbour, in the Parish
of Gairloch, Isle of Skye, Inverness-shire, on the
foreshore and bed of said Harbour, in or ex-
cess of said pier at a point 768 yards or
thereabouts south-eastwards from Duilidale
House, and proceeding from that point north-
westwards along the west shore of Loch-na-Dal,
passing to the east of the Station, Loch-
Eishort into the parish of Strath, and through
the valley of the river Airidh in Sutherland,
passing to the south of the village of Broadford,
and keeping to the west and south side of the
main road from Broadford to Portree, as far as
Dunrobin, from whence it proceeds to the west side
of Loch-na-Cairidh, the Loch-na-Cairidh, and
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GLASGOW SUTHERLAND ASSOCIATION

The annual business meeting of this Association was held in the Religious Institution Rooms, Buchanan Street, on Wednesday of last week—Baillie Alexander Murray, President, in the chair.

The Secretary, Mr A. C. M. Macrae, read the minutes of last meeting, which were unanimously adopted.

Mr A. G. Sutherland, Treasurer, submitted the financial statement, which showed a considerable increase in funds over the previous year.

On behalf of the Directors, the Secretary read the third annual report, which stated that three life members, two honorary members, and twenty-nine ordinary members were enrolled during the session.

THE CAMANACHD CHAMPIONS. PRESENTATION OF THE CUP TO BEAULY.

The members of the Beauly shinty team, who have this year again distinguished themselves by earning the title of Camanachd Champions of Scotland, were on Wednesday evening entertained at a public banquet in the Lovat Arms Hotel, Beauly, when the trophy won by them was presented.

Lord Lovat presided, Mr Birnie, Well-house, acting as croupier, and there was a large attendance of the club's supporters and friends, among those present being—The Hon. Alastair Fraser, Father Cameron, Dr Leitch, Mr John Mackenzie, Bank of Scotland; Mr Mackintosh, accountant, do; Mr J. A. Campbell, trainer of the club; Mr Jas. Maclean, grocer; Mr MacCallum, draper; Mr Chalmers, tailor; Mr Paterson, ironmonger; Mr Gunn, V.S.; Mr Ross, coal merchant; Mr Macdonald, painter; Mr Morrison, ironmonger; Mr Gordon, chemist; Mr Grath, postmaster; Mr Colin Chisholm, &c.

After dinner, apologies for absence were read from Colonel Henry Fraser, Mr Simon Macdonald, and others. The loyal toasts having been acknowledged, the army and navy was proposed from the Chair, and replied to by Mr Alastair Fraser and Lieutenant Mackenzie.

In proposing the toast of "The Team," Lord Lovat said he expressed the sentiments of the whole of Beauly in any words of thanks that he gave utterance to.

Mr Tom Forbes, captain of the team, in reply, thanked all those who had interested themselves in the team's doings during the season.

Mr R. Macrae, president of the Club, in accepting custody of the cup for the year, said he was proud of the team—(applause)—who were all most estimable young men—(applause).

Lord Lovat and the players were afterwards each presented with a handsome framed photograph of the team as a memento of the occasion, and as a mark of appreciation from the general public, who had subscribed a fund for the purpose.

The fifty-ninth annual report of the City of Glasgow Life Assurance Company has been issued, showing that 1081 new policies were issued last year for £227,305, of which amount £219,800 was re-assured, leaving £508,005 retained at the Company's risk.

The total sum total of sums assured with the Company, less re-assurances, is now £6,409,190, and the annual premium income £213,577. The claims by death during the year of 198 policy-holders amounted to £129,120, being considerably within the amount expected.

The income of the year was £306,100, and the disbursements, including a provision for every known claim, £210,128; the balance, £95,972, added to the funds, has increased the total amount thereof to £2,380,502.

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YOUNG LOCHIEL. COMING OF AGE REJOICINGS. A FESTIVE WEEK IN LOCHABER. [By Our Special Reporters.]

combine in matters of this kind, but this difficulty had been surmounted by entertainment being held separately at Ballachulish, Banavie, and Achnacarry. He had to congratulate his son on coming of age, but he was not at all jealous of the fact.

Mr Jones, in a few graceful sentences, then proposed the health of Lady Margaret and the younger members of the family, and this was heartily responded to.

The young Chief, who is very popular amongst the tenantry, came of age on the 4th of November last, but owing to his absence in connection with his regimental duties, in the Grenadier Guards, the celebration of the event was postponed until this week.

The hall was set a-rolling on Monday at North Ballachulish, and from Corvan to Ballachulish Ferry every cross-road was decorated with triumphal arches.

The tenants' gathering took place at the farm of Culchenna, where, under the superintendence of Mr Cummings, the spacious barn was for the time being transformed into a ball-room, the decorations being tastefully carried out by Mr D. Wright, Fort-William.

There were present, among others, Lady Margaret, Lochiel, Donald Walter, the young chief, and Master Archie Cameron, Lochiel's youngest son; Mrs. Macdonald, Colonel Macdonald of Glenaladale, Mr N. B. and Mrs. Mackenzie, Fort-William; Mr Wm. Maclellan, factor to Lord Abinger; Mr Robert Maclellan, Miss Bishop, Dr Miller, Dr MacArthur, Dr Lyle, Rev. R. B. Crawford of Kilmalioch, and Mr Honeyman.

of those present he was almost or quite un-known, but in the intervals of dancing he passed gently from group to group, getting acquainted with the principal tenants and making himself agreeable to all.

Mr Cameron, in proposing the "Young Chief," spoke in Gaelic. He expressed himself as being proud at the honour conferred upon him for being asked to propose the toast of the evening. They were honoured by the presence of their young Chief, and also in having Lochiel and Lady Margaret with them.

of the young Chief should follow the footsteps of his forefathers and keep mind of the old clansmen—making reference to the Cameron of Lochiel who tore the throat out of the Englishman. He hoped he also (young Lochiel) would make a name to himself like that of his forefathers, and remember the grand people from whom he descended.

Mr Stewart ("Nether Lochaber") interpreted the address in English to the young Chief, who, in reply, said he was sorry he had no Gaelic, and could not understand what his friend Mr Cameron had said, the reason being that he was so little in the country, being so much away from home.

Mr Cameron never can yield—(applause). He could safely say the people of Ballachulish were never more honoured than they were that night. They were proud of having the Lochiel family with them, and he hoped that family would never be without an heir.

Lochiel, in reply, thanked them for the very kind words they had spoken of his family and son. At the conclusion of his address he proposed the health of "Mr and Mrs Cummings, Culchenna," for the use of the premises. This was replied to by Mr R. Chinnery-Haldane.

The "Committee," coupled with the name of Mr R. Chinnery-Haldane, was next proposed by Dr Stewart. In reply, Mr R. C. Haldane asked for three hearty cheers for Lochiel's youngest son, who was with them also that evening.

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Mr Cameron, Hazlercroft, in handing over the claymore and dress ornaments, said these were symbolical in their character, and would contribute to revive in the memory of their young Chief the

and the daring deeds of his chivalrous forefathers—(cheers). It was one of their ancestors who said to his brother, a memorable occasion, "Remember your country, remember your forefathers." As to the sword, he (Mr Cameron) would say for himself and his friends, never to draw it without justifiable cause, and never sheath it without honour—(cheers).

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which had always subsisted between Lochiel and the tenantry, and that these relations were as good now as they were centuries ago. He trusted that good feeling would always continue, not only during Lochiel's life-time, but during his own and in the future beyond it—(cheers).

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CLAN MACLEAN ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual general business meeting of the Clan Maclean Association was held in the Waterloo Rooms on Thursday evening, 14th inst.—Mr John Maclean, Mitchell Street, vice-president and convener of finance, in the chair.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The secretary, Mr Peter Maclean, submitted his report for the past year, which was as follows:—

"Fellow-clansmen, in submitting this report to you for the past year, I beg to state that it has been a very successful one, and that the Association is in a sound and flourishing condition. The membership is at present 450 — 63 members having joined during the year, which includes 13 life members—10 gentlemen and 3 ladies. The non-paying members names have been deleted from our books. I regret to inform you that four members have been removed by death. The annual gathering held in October last, and presided over by our gallant Chief, Sir Fitzroy Donald Maclean, Bart., C.B., was the most representative and enjoyable held under the auspices of the Association. For the soiree 1287 tickets were sold, while 92 couples participated in the dance which followed. The monthly meetings of the winter session were well attended. The first took place on 9th December with a lecture by Rev. A. Macdougall, Colonsay, on 'Archibald Maclean, preacher and author.' I may mention here that Mr Macdougall is presently preparing another paper on some noted clansman, to be read in our coming session. The second was a Highland Ceilidh on 13th January (Old New-Year's Night), when Dr Magnus Maclean, vice-president, gave an interesting and instructive lecture on the various places in Canada which he had visited while on a recent tour in that country. The lecture was illustrated by limelight views. On 10th February Mr John Ralph Maclean lectured on the Macleans of the Ross of Mull.—The Bannockburn Ceilidh on 12th February showed that the present chieftain was Mr John Maclean, who resides on the St Francis River, near Montreal. On 21st December a charity concert was held in St Andrew's Hall on behalf of Donald Maclean, who met with a serious accident at Main Street Railway Station. The concert was a decided success, £29 being raised. The sixth annual concert and dance in the Lesser Hall, Waterloo Rooms, on 11th March—presided over by our worthy President, Mr Walter Maclean—was a pleasant and enjoyable event. For the concert 347 tickets were sold, and 52 tickets for the dance. During the session we have materially assisted the clansmen and clanswomen in procuring situations, &c. Penicillin has also been judiciously administered when deserving cases were brought under the notice of the Executive. I have to express the pleasure that I have had in receiving such valuable assistance from Mr John Maclean, vice-president, convener of Finance Committee, and also for the generous manner in which you have responded to the demands made upon you."

The treasurer, Mr C. J. Maclean, submitted his financial statement, which showed that the total funds at the credit of the Association amount to £153 2s 11d, and that the Boys' Pipe Fund amounts to £53 19s 6d. The reports were unanimously adopted.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS-BEARERS.

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THE PIPE BAND.

Mr Hector Maclean, the conductor, reported that the two boy pipers in the Association Pipe Band were doing remarkably well.

NEXT ANNUAL GATHERING.

It was decided to hold the next annual gathering of the Clan in the Grand Hall, Waterloo Rooms, on 21st October next. The Chief, Sir Fitzroy D. Maclean, C.B. had written stating that he could be present on that date. It was decided, after an interesting discussion, to dispense with the use of "refreshments" in the Committee-Room.

THE CLAN HISTORY.

The Chairman stated that Rev. A. Maclean Sinclair was now busy with the new Clan history which he had undertaken to prepare, and he asked that members of the Clan having material for the history should send it at once either to himself or to Dr Magnus Maclean at the University, or to Rev. A. Maclean Sinclair, Belfast, Prince Edward's Island.

CULLODEN ANNIVERSARY.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE MOOR.

As all good Jacobites know, Saturday last was the hundred and fifty-second anniversary of the fatal day upon which their hopes were for ever shattered on the Moor of Culloden. To celebrate that dismal occasion, and to do honour to the manes of the departed heroes who rest beneath the grey stones of the battlefield, a number of enthusiastic Jacobites on Saturday last made a pilgrimage to the desolate Moor, prominent amongst the party being Mr Theodore Napier, of Edinburgh, that enthusiastic Scot who is ever in the forefront of all movements which go to maintain Scottish prestige and patriotism. He brought with him from the newly-formed Scottish Anniversary and Historical Society a magnificent floral tribute in the form of a Highland targe, composed of heather, laurel, &c., and having the words

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interwoven in white flowers. On a white silk ribbon were the words, "In memory of the heroes who died for Scotland and Prince Charlie, April 16th, 1746." The other contributions were a handsome floral wreath from the Legitimist Jacobite League, London—"In memory of the heroes of Culloden. What they fought for we will work for." On behalf of the Clan Menzies, Sir Robert Menzies, Bart., sent a large wreath composed of stag horn moss, with the following inscription:—"From Sir Robert Menzies, Baronet of Menzies, on behalf of the Clan Menzies Society. 'In Memory of 200 Menzies who fell at the Battle of Culloden, 16th April, 1746. 'Many a Menzies at Culloden fell; For their country their lives they did sell, And to the last their mottoes held, 'God will I shall'—Death before dishonour. 'Gael S' Dearg Gu Brath' 'Lieutenant P. Menzies, 'Hon. Secy.'"

A HANDSOME WREATH

was sent by Mr D. W. Stewart, F.S.A., Scot., Edinburgh, and during the afternoon several additional contributions were placed upon the Cairn by private individuals.

There was a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen, and the decorations having been placed in position, Mr Napier delivered a short oration.

When he left Edinburgh, he said, for the purpose of taking part in the anniversary ceremony, he did not expect that he would ever again see the spot where the gallant and loyal Scottish Highlanders whose hearts would warm towards the ceremony, but not so many as he saw before him. They would, therefore, excuse him, as he had come quite unprepared to make a speech. What he did say was that they met for the commemoration of what he could not call a glorious event—because it was a most mournful one—that occurred in that plain one hundred and fifty-two years ago, when the gallant clansmen, under their noble and brave Prince Charles Edward, fought and died for

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and where the die was cast against them. But their stand against the English army was one of the noblest achievements that any nation ever accomplished. They went into the fight under the most unequal conditions, everything was against the Highlanders. They were in a half-starved condition, and had to meet an army well equipped with musketry, artillery, and cavalry. The English were well fed, and that meant a great deal in warfare. The Highlanders were reduced to starvation, and the position where the battle was fought was most unsuitable for their purpose. He could not help sympathizing with the Highlanders who were so gallantly fighting to uphold what they thought—and many still think—to be a right cause, and they had left behind them a record of fidelity which showed that they were heroes. With claymore and targe they fought for one whom they believed to be their rightful Sovereign. But

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of the terrible conflict? What was the treatment meted out to the Highlanders? All who know the history of the contest gave their sympathies to the vanquished. For leagues around the country was devastated, the clansmen's hamlets were burned and destroyed, and outrages committed on men, women, and children. The Highlanders were treated by the conquerors in a manner such as no Turk would treat an enemy. Events had changed since then, but it could not be wondered at that the memory of these gallant men still lingered in their hearts. Although their feelings did not take a tangible form, there had always been a feeling of veneration for the brave Highlanders who died for Scotland and Prince Charlie. He hoped that the present ceremony was only the beginning of something more permanent and extensive in the Jacobite cause. He hoped that not only the people of Inverness, but of the Highlands and of Scotland—in fact, Scotsmen everywhere, in America and Australia—would remember the anniversary day, and help to commemorate it in a fitting manner. It would not be inappropriate to have pipers who could play lamentations on the battlefield. Of course, that was

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He felt there was enough patriotism and respect for the memory of the heroes who fell at Culloden to bring this about. He was very pleased to have the opportunity of saying these few disconnected words. None of his ancestors fought at Culloden—perhaps they were too insignificant at that time—but some of the name fought under Montrose a hundred years earlier for the cause of King Charles the First. His sympathies, therefore, went out to the noble men who were the first to have really believed—and many still believed—was the cause of right and justice.

At the close of the address Mr Napier was loudly cheered.

The Jacobite party afterwards went over part of the battlefield, and round the stone which marks the grave of the Camerons solemnly drank the toast of "The Departed Brave."

In the course of a few remarks in answer to a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr Mackintosh, secretary to the Highland Mòd, Mr Napier said that, now that a beginning had been made, he hoped that as the years went on more and more interest would be taken in promoting the annual ceremony in which they were engaged, and, indeed, it was only fitting that Highlanders from Inverness and all parts of the North should gather on that day to pay a tribute to their departed heroic ancestors.

A series of photographs of the Cairn and those present having been taken by Messrs Watson & Senior, Church Street, Inverness, the party drove home to Inverness.

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WAR!

The suspense which existed for the last ten days as to the probable course of events between the United States and Spain in regard to the Cuban crisis is now practically at an end.

But what of the Opposition leaders? Ought they not to have used the Recess for the purpose of enlightening the public, and raising their voice against the blunders of the Government.

MR J. A. DUNCAN, M.A., LL.B.

As Provost Macbean indicated in his introductory remarks at the Liberal demonstration in the Music Hall on Tuesday evening, Mr J. A. Duncan, who addressed the meeting, is no tyro in politics; indeed, politics seem to run in the blood of the Duncan family.

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GOLSPIE—FOOTBALL MATCH.

A match between the Dornoch and Golspie Clubs was played in the Market Park on Wednesday last before a large concourse of spectators, the result being a draw of one goal each.

NORTHERN COUNTRIES INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND.

The treasurer begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the following subscriptions:—Mr Wm. Mackintosh, £1; United Temperance Committee, per Mrs Mackintosh and Mrs Burrell, £12.

EASTER ORATORY.

The Easter Parliamentary Recess came to an end last Monday. Not within living memory has there been an Easter Recess so free from political public speaking.

This process has got pretty well exhausted during the last two sessions of Parliament, and there now only remains the subsidy to Ireland to reconcile the Irish landlords to the abolition of the Grand Jury System.

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The price of flour was yesterday advanced 1s per sack in the Edinburgh market.

Mr N. J. D. Kennedy, Edinburgh, the Liberal candidate for Inverness-shire at last election, is at present staying in Sutherlandshire. He is announced to address meetings at Carr-Bridge on Wednesday next, and at Kingussie on Friday next. It is expected that he will visit Beaulieu in the following week.

Mr J. W. Sinclair, the popular proprietor of the Albert Hotel, Inverness, has just disposed of his interest in that establishment, and has taken the Star Inn, Garmouth, a favourite tourist resort, there being fishing and shooting privileges attached to it. Mr Sinclair's many friends in Inverness will regret his departure from amongst them, but wish him every success in his new house. The Albert, we understand, has been taken by Mr John Macdonald, Gordon Arms Hotel, Elgin.

PRESENTATION.—On Monday evening Mr William Rylie, Glenbeg Cottage, Kenneth Street, was met by several friends in the Young Men's Christian Association Rooms, and presented with a handsome Bible and hymn-book on the occasion of his departure for the South. Mr I. Barclay made the presentation, and referred to Mr Rylie's excellent qualities, and wished him success in his new sphere. Mr Rylie suitably replied, and thanked those present for their handsome gifts and their good wishes for his future welfare.

SCOTTISH TWENTY CLUB.—The first shoot for these medals took place at the Longman Ranges on Monday. The weather conditions were not so favourable as marksmen would like. The light was bad, with a rear fish-tail wind. Notwithstanding, some good scores were registered, Lieutenant D. Macbean, A. Company, topping the list with 99. The distances were 200, 500, and 600 yards. Following are the highest scores:—Lieut. D. Macbean, 1st V.B.C.H., 32, 34, 33—93; Sgt. D. Gray, 1st V.B.C.H., 32, 33, 33—98; A. Mackie, 1st V.B.C.H., 27, 31, 32—90; Qr-Mr Wm. Fraser, 1st V.B.C.H., 28, 30, 31—88; Corpl. H. C. Fraser, 1st V.B.C.H., 25, 34, 30—89; Sergt. C. F. M. Ross, H.A. 7, 28, 32, 28—88.

The Highland Railway Traffic Returns for the week ending 17th April, 1898, are:—Receipts for coaching traffic, £4846; for corresponding week last year, £4856; decrease, £10; receipts for goods, minerals, &c., £4380; for corresponding week last year, £4163; increase, £217; total income for week, £9226; total for corresponding week last year, £9019; increase, £207; amount for previous six weeks, £50,949; for corresponding six weeks last year, £49,063; increase, £1886; total for previous seven weeks, £60,175; for corresponding period last year, £58,082; increase, £2093; miles opened, 479; miles opened at corresponding date last year, 452.

NORTH OF SCOTLAND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—The annual report of this Company, issued this week, shows that the income for the year, from all sources, amounts to £1570 18s 9d, compared with £550 15s 2d last year. Losses amounted to £703. The Company continues to extend their business, and the total capital subscribed amounts to £15,000, which the directors consider sufficient to meet the requirements of the business as they are prepared to allot a moderate amount of capital to agents and insurers. It is proposed to pay a dividend of 2½ per cent. on the paid up capital and to carry forward £136 2s 11d.

THE GREAT SALE OF RARE BOOKS, &c.—This important sale, which has been conducted by Messrs A. Fraser & Co., Union Street, Inverness, in the large new hall which they have recently acquired in Baron Taylor's Lane, and which is admirably adapted for the purpose, opened on Monday last, and will be continued to-day, when it is expected the remaining lots will be cleared. Already 5550 volumes have been sold. The interest in the sale varies, and judging from the large attendance last night, when there was a brisk competition, it is expected that to-day's sale will bring out a still larger number. Some of the best books will be sold to-day, including the Gaelic collection, foreign and classical books, together with the large collection of odd books, which are put up in large bundles. The prints and engravings will also be sold, and in order to effect a clearance, there will be no interval, and the sale will be continued from eleven o'clock until finished.

STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE.—The Standing Joint-Committee of the County of Inverness met in the Castle, Inverness, on Tuesday. Present—The Mackintosh of Mackintosh (convener), presiding; Mr T. R. Biscoe of Newton; Mr John Peter Beaulieu; Mr John Macpherson-Grant, yr of Blinndaloch; Mr J. B. Grant, Erchless; Mr W. D. Mackenzie of Farr; Mr James Anderson, Senior County Clerk; and Mr A. Macquharly, chief-constable. The Chief-Constable estimated that the upkeep of the force, including salaries, &c., for the 12 weeks from 10th May till 2nd August, 1898, would amount to £1502 15s 2d. The appointment of Jas. Macruer, John Cunningham, and George Frazer as additional constables in connection with the railway works was approved of by the Committee. Accounts and requisitions, including a sum of £149 10s 11d for house rents for members of the county force, were passed for payment. The Committee sanctioned the following loans:—For Lochmaddy Water Supply, £1100; expenditure on Strathglass Road, £1619; Beaulieu Water and Drainage Districts extension, £250.

PORTHOMING CONCERT AT STAFFORD HOUSE.—The Duke and Duchess of Sutherland have lent Stafford House for a grand afternoon concert on Wednesday, May 11, to be given on behalf of the Charing Cross Hospital. It is to be extremely smart, as may be gathered from the fact that Mrs Arthur Paget is hon. secretary. No fewer than five Duchesses are on the Committee, including their Graces of Devonshire, Sutherland, and Marlborough. A long and strong array of dramatic and vocal talent has generously promised to assist in the entertainment. Miss Marie Tempest will sing, as well as Miss Clara Butt, Miss Letty Lind and Miss Loie Fuller will enliven the occasion, and Mrs Brown-Potter and Miss Gertrude Kingston will give recitations. Among singers will be Mr Lawrence Kells, Mr Jack Robertson, Mr Norman Salmon, and Mr M. Parkon. Miss Ellaline Terriss and Mr Seymour Hicks will give a dialogue, and M. Johannes Wolff will play on the violin. Mr Vernon Warner, aged ten, will discourse on the piano. Here is an array of talent that completely justifies the charge of a guinea each for tickets.

GALIC SOCIETY OF INVERNESS.—A meeting of this Society took place on Thursday night in the Society's Room, Queen's Gate—Mr Murray, British Linen Bank, in the chair. The paper for the evening was contributed by Mr J. L. Robertson, H.M.S.I., and read by Mr Alexander Maclean, M.A. It was entitled the "Ossianic Hero Poets," being a translation of Dr Ludwig Stern's "Die Ossianischen Heldenlieder," an exhaustive work on the authenticity of Macpherson's "Ossian" from the latest philologic and historic standpoints. The paper will be reproduced in "The Highland News."

Dr Stern regards Macpherson's work as unauthentic, and gives a concise account of what the authentic Ossianic poetry contains. Mr Robertson's translation was as spirited as the original, and the Society accorded him a hearty vote of thanks for the really immense trouble he has taken in translating an extensive piece of literature from difficult, though, pithy, scientific German. At the end of the meeting, Mr Campbell, of the "Chronicle," brought up the question of a monument to General Stewart of Garth, now taking shape in the South. The Society heartily resolved to give the monument an extensive and interesting closing to the 1897-98 session, which was one of more than usual success in the way of good papers and lectures delivered.

FREE SYNOD OF ROSS

This rev. court met in the Free Church of Fortrose on Tuesday. The representation of ministers was fairly good, though a number of apologies for absence were received, but the attendance of the general public was notably small. The Synodical sermon was preached by Rev. James Johnstone, of Strachpeffer, the retiring Moderator, from the 8th verse of the 12th chapter of Genesis. The preliminary service being ended, the Synod was constituted, and the Rev. R. Cameron of Contin was appointed Moderator, the Rev. A. J. Macdonald of Cromarty, who was next in order, being absent. The Synod Clerk, Rev. Mr Macdonald of Kilnmarie, was re-elected. The usual Committees were appointed, also Commissioners to neighbouring Presbyteries.

REPORTS.

The Quinquennial Visitation Report was given in by Rev. C. Falconer. The report on Synod Bursaries by Rev. R. Cameron. The report on the Foreign Mission and Zenana Fund was sent in by the corresponding member, Rev. R. Munro of Aness, who was unable to be present. Several other reports were casually treated, but the utmost enthusiasm prevailed when the report on Religion and Morals was read by Rev. N. Gillies of Redcastle. This report took serious exception to the action of the Highland Railway in timing the excursion train run for the international football match at Glasgow to reach Inverness at 4.10 on Sabbath morning. After some discussion, it was decided that a respectful representation should be made to the directors of the Highland Railway requesting these gentlemen to withhold future facilities for Sunday excursions.

THE TINKER PROBLEM.

This was reported on by Rev. Mr Beaton, Urray, who thought that the tent system must be abolished. Other members, however, thought it was not the tent system per se, but the abuse of that system, that was the ruin of the class under discussion. It was ultimately recommended that Mr Beaton should correspond with the Committee of County Council appointed to deal with the Tinker problem under the Public Health (Scotland) Act.

The report on Temperance was read by Rev. Lewis Macpherson, Fearn, in the absence of the corresponding member, Rev. Mr Grant, Nigg. While deploring the increase of distilleries and of the national drink bill, this noted the increase of Temperance organisations. The Temperance report was handled with considerable zest by several of the brethren.

The Sustentation report was read by Rev. J. Mackay, late of Cromarty, but it was considered somewhat misleading, being a premature winding up of the financial year, of which two months still remain to elapse. The Synod nominated Rev. Dr Salmon, professor of Systematic Theology Exegetis, for the vacant Principalship at Aberdeen University.

The sitting lasted from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., with an interval for dinner from 3 to 4.30. Dinner was purveyed by Mrs Grant, of the Royal Station Hotel. Rev. R. Cameron presided, and Rev. W. Macdonald acted as Secretary.

The Synod adjourned at 7 p.m., to meet again at Tain on the 3rd Tuesday of April, 1898.

THE HEALTH OF DINGWALL

SHARP SUGGESTIONS BY THE MEDICAL OFFICER. At a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Dingwall Town Council on Monday evening, the following report was submitted by Dr Bruce, medical officer for the burgh. The report was commented on by the Committee:

To the Clerk of the Local Authority, Dingwall.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have the honour to report, for the information of the Council and the public of Dingwall, that the health of the burgh for 1897 has been fairly good. The marriages number 25; the births, 69; and the deaths, 37. This gives a birth-rate per 1000 of a population of about 25, and of deaths about 20. The infantile mortality, which is considered by sanitarians as a test of the healthy surroundings of the population in such a town as ours, stands at less than 40 in the 1000 births—flattering testimony so far to the attention paid to the laws of health amongst us. The same cannot be said of the mortality from tuberculous disease,

WHICH IS SHAMEFULLY HIGH, if we attribute it even in part to the unavoidable dampness of our streets and lanes. It is a welcome fact that no deaths have been attributed to cancer, while it is equally pleasing to find that only two deaths are set down as due to infectious diseases, one of these occurring in the Ross Memorial Hospital, and the other in a private house. The case was really a Dingo, and therefore it has to be placed to its credit. The general rate of mortality as all over Scotland is unusually high. Doubtless the persistent cold weather in spring and the want of sunshine in summer have to do with this result, while the fine autumn must have tended to the opposite effect.

The occurrence most trying to the sanitary officials, and which most affect the rates adversely, was a long and severe outbreak of mild scarlatina. It has been abundantly proved that hospital isolation in the case of this disease does not, as a rule, affect beneficially its prevalence, and with us, curiously enough, it seemed to have the opposite result. At any rate, the fact of a travelling tinker having been most properly, in the circumstances, admitted to the hospital, brought the whole family down on our hands, in spite of the strongest advice of the County Medical Officer of Health to remain in the country where they were settled at a safe distance from any house in the neighbourhood of their encampment. Fortunately for us, after being isolated for a time in the hospital,

THE WHOLE FAMILY DECEASED beyond our ken. The Ross Memorial Hospital is doing the best of work in affording prompt and ready means for isolating infectious disease, and thus preventing the danger of the possible spread of infection, and the consequent panic, which would soon tell on the trade of the town.

As is detailed at length in the Sanitary Inspector's report, the public attention has been given to complaints of nuisance generally, and to the condition of the Public House, and bakehouses, shambles (and in connection with this the strict inspection of carcasses suspected of being diseased), and dairies, which are all fairly satisfactory, and are the workshops and the houses of the dairymen. A word may be added as to the storage of rags. It seems a pity that there is no law preventing the collecting of such materials as they may be, and the consequent nuisance. As the law stands, all the sanitary staff can do is to keep a sharp eye on such a business, and where it is not conducted in a proper manner to sue. But short of the storage, &c., constituting a decided nuisance dangerous to health, there is unfortunately no remedy.

At the risk of making myself offensive, I must on this point to the want of proper attention to the public sewers (although something has been done in this direction), and of flushing cocks in connection with the water mains, and also

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would do much to advance our estimation in the eyes of visitors to our good old burgh, which, we are all glad to see, through the enterprise and energy of our townsmen engaged in business, is steadily increasing year by year.

WILLIAM BRUCE.

NAIRNSHIRE FARMERS SOCIETY

THE CENTENARY ARRANGEMENTS.

A special meeting of the Nairnshire Farmers' Society was held in the Royal Hotel, Nairn, on Thursday—Colonel Clarke presiding.

Before proceeding with the business, the Chairman said he was sure that the members had deeply regretted the sudden death last week of one of their number, Mr Lachlan Macpherson, Torrich. They had also recently lost a patron of the Society—Earl Cawdor. He proposed that the Society's regret at losing one who had always been a good friend to agriculturists be minuted, and an excerpt sent to his son. The proposal was unanimously agreed to.

The Committee reported that they had selected a series of cups, one for each class, to be competed for at the autumn show, in celebration of the centenary of the Society.

Mr Maclellan, Milton, said that he understood that the Committee had only been appointed to inquire as to the cost of medals, and had not been empowered to select cups. The Chairman said the whole subject had been referred to the Committee, and they had found that the cost of a die for a medal would amount alone to as much as the cups. It was quite open to the meeting to approve or disapprove of what the Committee had done.

Mr Maclellan moved THAT MEDALS BE OBTAINED.

His objection to the awarding of cups was that very few of them would be retained in Nairnshire. They would go along with the Challenge Cups to animals from other counties, a class of stock against which the farmers of Nairnshire were unfortunately unable to compete. He wished to see the interest of the centenary spread to every class, and that medals be done if centenary medals were offered.

Mr George Squair, Kildrummie, seconded the motion, which was also supported by Mr Gowans, Newton of Cawdor, and others. Mr J. S. Robertson combated the idea of the show, and the prizes to farmers of the county of Nairn. It was their interest to widen the membership of the Society, and to increase its importance. The proper way, in his view, of celebrating the centenary of the Society was to have a splendid exhibition of stock, and the attraction of the cups would have that effect. There was no honour or credit in carrying off a prize unless there was to be competition.

Mr Maclellan said Mr Robertson's views were very good if the Society was the Northern Society of Scotland, but it happens to be the Nairnshire Society, and the first aim was the encouragement of its members. After considerable discussion, Mr Robertson suggested that a sum of £30 might in addition be given for medals. This sum was subsequently extended to £35, and the motion was unanimously agreed to. The meeting then adjourned to make arrangements for allocating the medals to the different classes of stock.

SOUTH HARRIS DOCTORS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HIGHLAND NEWS."] SIR,—The following letter appears in the last issue of the "British Medical Journal." It certainly does not look well, and I sincerely hope that it is an overdrawn picture. "Highland crofters" have been, to my knowledge, men, which is far more than saying gentlemen. All this, if true, is cowardly and utterly un-Highland. A medical man in such a position surely ought to expect much kindness and much sympathy. An explanation is clearly necessary.—I am, Sir, yours, &c.,

H. CAMERON GILLIES, M.D.

London, 19th April, 1898.

"SIR,—As the present medical officer I consider it my duty to make known to my medical brethren the existing conditions of the able to be appointed. Within two years there have been exactly seven medical men coming and going to Harris, South Uist, and Barra. This is easily explained in my own case. The Parish Council of Harris consists of seven crofters, who interfere between me and my work, and have done so since my coming here. This Parish Council met at their quarterly meeting, and on a sudden thought dismissed their medical officer. I have asked the clerk for cause or reason, and am informed there is none. They simply want a new doctor.

"The advertisement reads, '£90 for parochial, £60 for private practice; other emoluments.'"

"I received the information I received from Mr Thomas Wilson at the time of my appointment, and I am sorry to say that it is false and misleading. Private practice ought to read 'coercive practice.' The £60 for so-called private practice is collected as follows:—The Parish Council have formed themselves into a Medical Scheme Committee. They collect from each crofter family 3s per annum for medical attendance. The families are widely scattered, many of them being fifty miles from my house, and the majority being over twenty miles. In South Harris estate there are about 500 families. Out of that number for 1897, 293 families paid their subscription, producing the sum of £65 12s 6d. I received £60. For 1898 only 180 families have paid, producing about £40.

"As to the terms of this scheme, the Parish Councillors are 5s members. The parochial medical officer (1) am coerced by the Councillors to accept this scheme. (2) Am coerced to attend all families on the estate, whether they be members of the scheme or not, and not allowed to charge a fee. (3) If I do the Councillors state I will be dismissed. (4) If more than £200 be collected I receive £60, if less I only receive the smaller sum. (5) The Councillors will give no guarantee, and will make no agreement. (6) The medical officer is not permitted to examine members; all and sundry are admitted, whether they have chronic illness or not, and must be attended to, otherwise the Council will be fined. (7) The medical officer is dismissed if he incurs any expenses, attendance on paupers and lunacy, and also the vaccination of about 60 children per annum, providing your own lymph, and walking to the stations, varying at a distance of 4, 5, and 13 miles from my house. Other emoluments in the plural means exactly one of £10 per annum as M.O.H.

"These coercive schemes, and the love of dismissing medical men in the Highlands, is becoming contagious, and it is not for the love of the place, but for the sake of my profession that I would ask the support of my medical brethren in teaching the Council that a medical man is not a plaything. At the present moment no medical officer is sure of his appointment, as he may be dismissed by a whim of the Councillors for mere amusement, and the inmate love of having the power to do it.—I am, &c.,

JAMES ROBERTSON, Medical Officer.

"Obbe, South Harris, 12th April."

The Rural World (one penny weekly), again to hand, is full of admirable reading on all matters interesting to agriculturists, their wives and families. In addition to being fully up-to-date (as usual) The Rural World gives numerous prize lists, and is also interesting in its notices of the new and other accidents and concerns to be met with in the address of the Editor, in which the manager offers to send a specimen copy free, is 11 Strand, London, W.C.

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SUTHERLANDSHIRE NEWS.

ROGART—CONCERT.—A concert took place in the Drill Hall on Friday evening of last week. Captain Mackay, Corry, presided.

ROGART—DRAUGHTS MATCH.—A match between Married and Single took place in the Drill Hall, Rogart, on Friday evening of last week. The single men won by 24 points.

ROGART—SHINTY.—The return match between the Rogart and Blairich Schools took place at Rogart on Saturday last, the result being a draw, each team scoring three goals. Mr Alexander Murray, Dalmore, was referee.

ROGART—ADDERS.—The other day, while out heather-burning on the Morrich Shootings, Mr Alex. Reid, Morich, and Mr Geo. Ross, Cullind, killed seven large adders within a radius of twenty feet, four of which were coiled together. Their total length was about 140 inches, or an average of 20 inches each.

ELPHINSTON—SALES.—A public sale of Mr John Gunn's fishing stock was held at his premises at Helmsdale on Wednesday. Mr Shivas, Tain, was the auctioneer, and, with the exception of some odd tools and utensils, none of the principal articles fetched remunerative prices, and were consequently unsold. The premises were then offered, and the only offer given was £200, which was not half the value. On Thursday the premises occupied by the coastguards were put up in Ross's Hotel at the upset price of £500. There was no offer.

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LEWIS.

STORNOWAY OFFICE—3 CHURCH ST.
To which complaints as to the defective distribution of the paper should be addressed, and at which orders for advertisements and all Lewis communications may be left.

TIDE TABLE.

High Water at Stornoway APRIL.

Date of Month.	H.M.	H.M.
	Morning.	Evening.
Sa. 24	8 54	9 12
Su. 25	8 51	9 32
Mo. 26	10 14	10 30
Tu. 27	10 35	10 59
We. 28	11 25	11 55
Th. 29	12 10	12 40
Fr. 30	1 49	2 30

STORNOWAY.

The annual Volunteer inspection takes place on Thursday first. The day will be recognised as a holiday in town.

The Registrar's returns for the parish for the week ending Thursday are:—Births, 5 (1 male and 4 females); marriages, 1; deaths, 5 (4 males and 1 female).

LEWIS HOSPITAL.—The Hon. Secretary acknowledges, with thanks, 100 eggs from Messrs Ken. Maclean & Co.; eggs from Mrs Maciver, Aird-Tong, and from Mrs Harrold.

COALING.—On Saturday the steamer "Cairnross" bound from Pensacola, U.S.A., to Lubeck, Prussia, with timber, put in for bunkers, and she took 230 tons. The s.s. "Lindisfarne" bound from Philadelphia, U.S.A., to Aarhus, Denmark, arrived on Sunday, and was supplied with 150 tons on Monday. Both vessels coaled alongside the hulk, "Ailsa Craig."

NICOLSON SCHOOL.—In the recent bursary competition at Aberdeen University, we notice that Donald Maclean, Bragor, and Robert Maciver, Stornoway, both pupils of this school, have taken very good places, the former being 26th, and the latter 49th. It must be gratifying to those interested in education in the district to see boys going straight from a Lewis school acquiring themselves so creditably.

FISHING.—Signs of the near approaching of another fishing season are daily increasing. Fishermen have commenced laying out stock on their stations, and a few of the English kippers' employes have arrived. The local fishermen have for some time been tarring and painting the boats, and getting their gear in order. On Friday the steamer "Embla" arrived from Iviza with a cargo of 750 tons of salt for Mr J. N. Anderson, and on Monday the schooner "Mary Armstrong" arrived with 200 tons of English salt for the same importer.

SEAMER IN DISTRESS.—On Friday last the steamer "Cairnross" (of Newcastle), bound from Pensacola, U.S.A., to Lubeck, Prussia, put into Stornoway for bunker coals, and Captain Hawick reported that 600 miles to the westward he fell in with the Thomson liner "Devonia," of Dundee (which was bound west in ballast), with her propeller gone. The "Cairnross" had her in tow for about two days in very heavy weather, but the hawser having snapped, she had to abandon her in a helpless condition.

SHIPWRECKED DANES.—On Saturday four Danish seamen, the crew of the schooner "Heimdal," of Nebe, arrived in Stornoway from Bayble, where they had been put ashore in a fishing boat from the Newcastle steamer "Rosemaran." The "Heimdal" was bound from Alton to Løgstør, Denmark, with coals, when on Wednesday, 18th inst., she sprung a leak in severe weather, and the crew tried to make the Moray Firth for safety. On Friday she was observed off Fraserburgh by the "Rosemaran," which was on passage from Newcastle to Newport, N.S.W., and which was directed to her by distress signals. She picked up the crew, and, as already stated, landed them at Bayble. The crew lost all their effects, and had a very narrow escape with their lives. They were taken in charge by Mr J. N. Anderson, Vice-Consul for Denmark.

HARBOUR COMMISSION.—A meeting of the Pier and Harbour Commission was held on Monday. Ex-Provost Smith presided, the others present being Bailie J. M. Morison, Mr John Mackenzie, Mr John Macleod, Mr Osean Robertson, and Provost Anderson. The Commissioners are determined to do all in their power during the coming fishing season to keep the quays from getting blocked, and with this in view it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Mr John Mackenzie, seconded by Provost Anderson, to charter the tug "Promissio" of Shields, from 10th May to 10th June. Mr Mackenzie, in supporting his motion, explained that the duties for the tug would be to keep the quays clear for the incoming fleet by putting all the empty boats out to anchor, and also to tug out to anchorage steamers bringing in the wharves, but not loading or discharging, and which in former seasons, when asked to go to anchor, had a plausible excuse in the fact that they had no steam up. The tug would also be employed for towing boats out and in during calm weather if not required for the purposes already indicated. It was remitted to the Dues Committee to draw up a scale of towing charges, and the Clerk was instructed to send circulars to the East Coast fishing centres warning fishermen to bring their small boats with them as the large boats will not be allowed to lie alongside the quays. A letter was read from Messrs A. Flett & Co., asking to have a small station to the west of the weigh-house lot to them, as last season, along with their present two stations. It was remitted to the Dues Committee, with powers.

THE CONGESTED DISTRICTS FARGE

NO TIME TO DO THEIR WORK.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HIGHLAND NEWS."]
SIR,—I enclose you copy of a letter I received from the secretary of the Congested Districts Board, which I hope you will publish, along with this, to enable you and the public to judge of the inability of this body to deal with the problem which they have undertaken to alleviate some of the hardships which have arisen in several districts throughout the Highlands of Scotland with £25,000 stg. at their disposal. It reminds me very much of my boyhood, when I used to hear my neighbours speaking of the Russian War, and of vessels of provisions lying in their ports and our noble soldiers starving for want of food. I think the Congested Districts Board may very well be compared to those days.

If the Government had given the disposal of the money to the Crofters Commission the country might have reaped some benefit from it ere now, but with the present body it is hopeless.—I am, Sir, yours, &c.

JOHN MACKENZIE.
Uig, Skye, 19th April, 1898.

(COPY)
"Congested Districts Board,"
6 Parliamentary Square,
Edinburgh, 15th April, 1898.

"SIR,—With reference to your letter on behalf of the crofters for grants of gratuitous seed, I am directed by the Congested Districts Board to inform you that they have already supplied gratuitous samples of seed of special varieties for experimental purposes to as many persons as the time at their disposal they were able to select.

"It is not their intention, either now or at any future time, to furnish seed free for ordinary use.

"In the matter of stallions and bulls, the Board regret that their arrangements are not sufficiently forward in permit of their moving further in this matter, which means, I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) "John Mackenzie, Esq.,
"Factor, Uig, Skye."

LEWIS LICENSING COURT.

ANOTHER CLEAN SWEEP.

The annual Licensing Court for the Lewis was held at Stornoway on Tuesday. As in former years, the general public evinced a keen interest in the proceedings, and the Court-room was quite full. The Bench was constituted as follows:—Ex-Provost Smith (Chairman), Rev. R. Macrae, Carloway; Rev. Geo. Macleod, Garabost; Rev. Donald Macleod, Keeso; Dr Roderick Ross, Borye; Messrs John Mackenzie, merchant, Stornoway; Donald Mackenzie, do., do.; J. G. Macdonald, do., do.; Kenneth Smith, fish-curer, do.; Malcolm Macleod, retired spirit dealer, do.; and John Morrison, merchant, Ness.

A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH.
The Clerk (Provost Anderson) read the report of Mr C. G. Mackenzie, J.P. Fiscal, in which he stated that he had received no reports during the past twelve months of persons in a state of intoxication having been frequently seen issuing from licensed premises; and the Superintendent of Police reported that he had no occasion to make any such complaints.

PETITION BY GOOD TEMPLARS.
The Clerk also read a petition, signed on behalf of the members of the Pharos Lodge of Good Templars, Stornoway, and the Gael Lodge, Bayble; and the Fishermen's Lodge, Aird, expressing the belief that their Honours, in refusing in past years to renew the licenses, had acted in accordance with the wishes of the community, and asking them to do so on this occasion also.

Mr D. M'M. Cattamach, Chief Templar of the Pharos Lodge, said that as the temperance point of view had been so ably put before their Honours last year, it was not considered necessary to appoint representatives to appear in support of the petition on this occasion. They were firmly of opinion that the circumstances had not changed, and they merely wished to lodge this petition as following up the large one of last year.

THE APPLICATIONS.
The following applications were submitted, viz.:—For renewal of existing certificates, by Mr Alex. Kennedy (Lewis Hotel); Mr Duncan Mackenzie (Royal Hotel); and Mr Malcolm Macintyre (Imperial Hotel); also new applications for grocers' licenses by Mr John Macleod, 19 Church Street; and Mrs Barbara Chisholm, 18 Francis Street.

Mr W. A. Ross, solicitor, said he appeared for all the applicants. He would not insist in connection with the hotels except to ask for renewals of the existing certificates. He was pleased to see that the reports on the hotels by the Fiscal and the Superintendent were so satisfactory. As to the new applicants, Mr Macleod, he said, meantime holds a wholesale license in the same premises as he now asks a retail license for. The applicant was now, and had been for years, in charge of the business. If any structural alterations were considered necessary, the applicant was willing to carry them out to their Honours' satisfaction. The other applicant, Mr Chisholm, had previously held a retail license for premises on Cromwell Street. She had had a long experience in the retail trade, and the premises were in every way adapted for the business, though they were quite willing to make any alterations that might be considered necessary. Mrs Chisholm was well known to them all, and, if entrusted with the license, they could rely upon it being well managed.

PUBLIC OR PRIVATE DELIBERATION?
The Justices were about to retire to consider their decisions, when

Rev. Mr Macleod said he did not see there was any reason to do so—(applause).
The Chairman—For my part, I am not very particular.

Rev. Mr Macleod thought Mr Macleod was a party to a decision arrived at beforehand—that they should consider their decisions in private.

Rev. Mr Macleod—No; I said nothing.
Rev. Mr Macleod—Of course you said nothing, but you were understood as assenting to the proposal. However, I am not particular whether we retire or not.

Rev. Mr Macleod—No, nor me; only I would prefer not to retire.
The Chairman took the opinion of the Justices individually, and it was decided unanimously to remain in Court.

GRANT RENEWALS—CONDITIONALLY.
The Chairman (taking the Lewis Hotel application first) consulted the Bench right round as to whether they should follow up their decision of last year and offer the license to Mr Kennedy on condition that he restricted the bar accommodation.

Rev. Mr Macleod, Mr John Morrison, and Mr Malcolm Macleod were in favour of granting the application without making any conditions.

All the others, including the Chairman, were in favour of restricting the bar accommodation. Dr Ross wished to explain his position in this matter. He was not opposed to granting a license to an hotel as an hotel, but he certainly was opposed to licensing under the name of an hotel premises such as they had here—with a bar attached which could accommodate several hundred people. It was perfectly clear to do so, and he did not think they should in the whole of the island an hotel license conducted under such conditions. That was one reason why (he speaker) would object to grant a license to Mr Kennedy unless he agreed that the bar be limited to something like respectable proportions in the discretion of the Justices.

Another reason was that he protested against the whole licensing system as at present constituted—(applause). He was not in favour of the glaring defects of the present system and he would record on this occasion, and would continue to record, his vote as a protest—(applause).

The Chairman said he had on several previous occasions defined what he considered to be their first and primary duty as a Court. As he understood the statutes they were bound, first of all, to satisfy themselves as to whether the district for which a license was asked required such a license. It was the requirements of the public that the statute looked at chiefly and primarily, and the applicant was in the first place left out of their consideration altogether. It was only after they had satisfied themselves that a license was required that they had to consider whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to be entrusted with such an important certificate. If they came to the conclusion that a license was required, they were most assuredly bound to grant it. As a Court they had several occasions received an extension of the wishes of the inhabitants of the island on the licensing question, but, so far as he could remember, no petition was presented in support of the granting of licenses—(applause). For his own part, he could come to no other conclusion than that the most they could do was to grant the hotel license pure and simple, which was looked upon as sufficient for the accommodation of the public. Proceeding, he said he knew of no hotel that had accommodation for drinking purposes similar to their Stornoway hotels. When he was in Dingwall in connection with this matter some years ago he was advised by friends that the withdrawal of the certificate altogether would not be carried out in the restriction of the bar accommodation. It had been up, he thought, four or five times, on each of these occasions the hotelkeepers stated that their bar accommodation was such that they could not see their way to restrict their bar accommodation. The Chairman had said he knew of no other place where such a system prevailed.

The Chairman—To such an extent.
Mr Ross—Well, to such an extent we know of it other place where there is not a public-house to which parties can go and be served if they so desire—(applause).

The Chairman—We can point out a number of places where there are no public-houses at all—(applause).

Mr Ross—You must remember that there are no public-houses in Stornoway, and parties must go to the hotels. By curtailing the bar accommodation you are reducing first-class hotels to public-houses. Mr Kennedy does not see his way to agree to the restriction. The alteration of the hotels to what they now are was done with the full knowledge of former Justices of this Bench.

The Chairman—That does not apply to all the hotels.
Dr Ross pointed out that Mr Ross had charged their Bench with reducing first-class hotels to public-houses.

Mr Ross—I did not say "had" reduced them to the condition of public-houses, but I said that that would be the result if the restriction proposed by the Justices was carried out.

Dr Ross—That's what we are trying to do away with.

Dr Ross—Then keep them as hotels.

Dr Ross would certainly go in for a first-class hotel, perhaps more than one, because he thought that was a necessity, but he would not have them run as public-houses.

The Chairman—Don't you think, Mr Ross, that the hotels as conducted at present partake of the nature of public-houses?

Mr Ross—That opens up a wide question. You and I have argued it out before, and there is no use doing so again—(laughter).

THE RESULT—REFUSED.
On being put to the vote, they supported the proposal—to grant under restriction.

The Chairman, Mr J. G. Macdonald, Rev. Geo. Macleod, Mr John Mackenzie, Dr Ross, Rev. Mr Macrae, Mr Donald Mackenzie, and Mr Kenneth Smith—8. To grant unconditionally—Rev. Mr Macleod, Mr John Morrison, and Mr Malcolm Macleod—3.

As the applicant refused to accept the certificate under restriction the result is practically a refusal to grant by 8-3.

Precisely the same result was arrived at in the case of the Royal and Imperial Hotels.

THE NEW APPLICATIONS.
Both the new applications were refused by 8 votes to 2, the Justices voting as in the case of the hotels, except that Mr Malcolm Macleod abstained from voting.

The three hotelkeepers will, of course, appeal to the Dingwall Quarter Sessions.

THE LIGHT RAILWAY PROJECT.

SUPPORT FROM PUBLIC BODIES.

The question of the support to be given locally to the project of the Hebridean Light Railway Company, Ltd., to construct a line from Stornoway to Carloway, with a branch line to Breacleite, has been before the Burgh Commission and Pier and Harbour Trust during the past week, and County Councillors have also been sounding their constituents on the matter in view of the District Committee meeting on 2nd May.

THE HARBOUR COMMISSION.

A special meeting of the Pier and Harbour Commission was held on Friday. Provost Anderson presided, and there were also present—Messrs John Mackenzie, Peter Macleod, Bailie J. M. Morison, and Ex-Provost Smith. The Chairman gave an outline of the project, after which all present gave expression to their views, and the following motion, moved by Mr Morison, and seconded by Mr Smith, was unanimously agreed to:—
"That, provided the Harbour Commissioners are satisfied, after further inquiry into the details of the scheme, as to the desirability of carrying on the same, they agree to support the Burgh Commissioners in their guarantee to the extent of half the amount required yearly should occasion arise for such contribution, and provided it be so arranged as to be within their power to do so by Provisional Order or otherwise."

BURGH COMMISSION.

A special meeting of the Burgh Commission was held in the evening, when there was a full attendance of members—Provost Anderson presiding. A letter was read from the Harbour secretary embodying a copy of the above resolution, and after consideration of the matter, Bailie J. M. Morison, and Commissioner John Macleod, seconded the following resolution, which was carried nem. con.:—
"That, provided the Police Commission of the Burgh of Stornoway is satisfied as to the details of the scheme for the construction of a light railway between Stornoway and Carloway and Breacleite, and that the Commission has power to give or guarantee a loan under the Light Railways or other Act, this Commission agrees to give or guarantee such loan to the extent of £11,000 to the Hebridean Light Railway Company—provided that this resolution meets with the approval of the ratepayers."

It was agreed to bring the matter before the ratepayers for confirmation at an early date, and the Clerk was instructed to write the Public Works Loan Commissioners asking for information as to the Burgh Commissioners' powers to borrow under the Light Railway Act.

THE POINT DIVISION.

Mr Eneas M. Mackenzie, County Councillor for the Point Division, held meetings with his constituents both at Aird and Dayble on Thursday night of last week. At both places the scheme was fully explained, and at meetings by Mr Mackenzie, and also by Provost Anderson and Mr Donald Mackenzie, Stornoway, who accompanied him.

At Aird a resolution was carried disapproving of the scheme on the ground that it was of no benefit to the district, and they further decided to bear no responsibility as a district in connection with the proposed loan to the Light Railway Company.

At Bayble, however, the meeting heartily and unanimously approved of the scheme and of the proposed loan, and instructed their representative to support the project at the District Committee meeting on 2nd May.

SANDWICK.

On Friday night of last week Mr Donald Mackenzie, who was accompanied by Provost Anderson, met his constituents in the Sandwick Meeting-House, when a resolution in similar terms to that carried at Laxdale was heartily approved.

ATLASS—"AT HOME."—On Monday the ladies of the Philharmonic Society entertained the gentlemen and friends to an "At Home." There were about 140 ladies and gentlemen present. Mr H. Ross, president, presided, and on behalf of the ladies cordially welcomed the guests, and hoped everyone would enjoy himself. A copious supply of tea over, a programme of song, &c., was thoroughly enjoyed, Mr Miller, Inverness, the popular conductor, and others taking part. Miss Walker, who had efficiently accomplished the duties of accompanist throughout the session, was presented with a lady's handsome fitted case in recognition of her services. President, in handing Miss Walker the case, asked her to accept it with the best wishes of every member of the Society, and referred to the affable manner in which she discharged the duties assigned her—(applause). Mr Miller corroborated the statement of the President, and said he felt personally indebted to Miss Walker for her services. Major Walker, on behalf of his daughter, feelingly replied. Needless to add, a most enjoyable evening was spent. There was a short time allowed for dancing, which very appropriately wound up the event. Councillor Henderson moved a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for their hospitality, and Councillor Macrae, to the Chairman. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" terminated a most happy assembly.

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AN IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HIGHLAND NEWS."]

SIR,—It has come to the knowledge of the Directors of Dr Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa (1898), Limited, that a report is in circulation that a Mr Harness is in some way connected with or interested in the business of Dr Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa (1898), Limited. Will you permit me to contradict this report publicly in your columns? It is wholly without foundation.

I speak with authority on the matter, for I am now Secretary to the present Vi-Cocoa Company; I was Secretary to the former Vi-Cocoa Company during the whole period of its existence; and I was in the employ of the owners of the business before either Company was formed. Hence I am in a position to state positively that no person of the name of Harness has ever been in any way connected or interested in, or in any way connected with, that business or either Company.—I am, &c.,

G. BROOKS SMALLEY,
Secretary to Dr Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa (1898) Ltd.,
60, 61, & 62 Bunhill Row, London, E.C.,
April 13th, 1898.

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The time is now at hand when Housewives prepare for the Spring Cleaning, if they have not actually commenced. At such a time a great many Household Articles will be thrown away on account of their either being worn out or broken, and they will be of course replaced by new ones. To meet such requirements, Messrs JAMES MACKENZIE & SONS have got on hand the largest and most varied Stock in the Hebrides. The Goods are of the best of their kind, and sold at as reasonable a price as possible, always taking quality into consideration.

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PARISH OF BARVAS.

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE

OF THE
INSPECTOR OF POOR.

I. GENERAL PARISH FUND.

Receipts.	Expenditure	Balances on hand at Beginning of Year.	Balances overpaid at Beginning of Year.	Balances on hand at Close of Year.	Balances overpaid at Close of Year.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
I. POOR RATE.....	1442 1 2	977 9 11	13 3 8	949 12 22	471 17 32
II. REGISTRATION.....	27 13 6	25 4 8	...	16 18 31	14 9 42
III. EDUCATION.....	85 4 8	35 4 9	49 10 11
Total.....	1554 19 42	1002 14 7	13 3 8	1001 15 3	49 10 11

VALUATION OF PARISH.
Gross Rental of Parish.....£2890 11 0
Assessable Rental of Parish.....2717 10 0

ASSESSMENTS PER £ OF ASSESSABLE RENTAL.

Rates per £ of Assessment for—	Falling on Owners.	Falling on Occupiers.
1. POOR.....	£ s. d. 0 3 11	£ s. d. 0 3 11
2. REGISTRATION.....	0 0 1	0 0 1
3. EDUCATION.....	0 0 8	0 0 3
	0 4 3	0 4 3

DON. SMITH,
Clerk of the Parish Council.
10th February, 1898.

I hereby certify that I have compared the entries in this Abstract of Accounts with the vouchers and other documents relating thereto, that the payments have been made under proper authority, and that the regulations with respect to the accounts have been duly complied with.

I hereby further certify that I have ascertained by audit the correctness of the Abstract, and that the expenditure out of the General Parish Fund during the year ended on 15th May, 1898, included in such Abstract and allowed by me at the Audit, is One Thousand and Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Seven Pence.

As witness my hand this 23rd day of March, 1898.

HUGH THOMSON,
Parish Auditor.

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AGRICULTURE

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Messrs Macdonald, Fraser, & Co., Ltd., old a great special sale within their auction market here on Tuesday of cross hogs and redders, Cheviot and blackface ewe and...

STOCK SALES. MONDAY, April 20.—Weekly sale of fat stock at Northern Central Market, Perth, by John Swan & Son.

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A LEWIS CATECHIST.

REMINISCENCES OF THE LATE MURDO MACLEOD.

[By R. Ross, M.D.]

Murdo Macleod, familiarly known in Lewis as An Ceistear, or Ceistear nan Loch, was born at Habost, Lochs, in 1811.

His father, John Roy Macleod, was a crofter and weaver—honest and well living according to his lights, but a man who made no public profession of religion. His mother was a daughter of Alexander Macdonald, Mac Thomoid, who also was a crofter, residing first at Sellishish, afterwards at Craigharry, and latterly at Leurbost. Macdonald was eminent in his day for independence of character and sterling piety, possessing a strong frame and a stentorian voice, which he utilised in singing psalms, praying and exhortation. The grandson, as often happens, possessed many of his grandfather's best qualities of mind and body; and he was destined to utilise them still more successfully in the Lord's service. But young Murdo had not the advantage of a religious upbringing or example in his father's family. His mother, though a woman of exemplary character, did not follow in her father's footsteps; and it was only in her old age that she gave evidence of a saving change. Thus it happened that even family worship had not been observed in his home, till he himself started it after his conversion. Murdo was the ELDEST OF A FAMILY OF SIX—three sons and three daughters—all of whom, except one sister, are still living. He grew up a strong, healthy boy, wild and free as a mountain deer, never having donned either cap or shoe till he himself earned the wherewith to buy them in his 17th or 18th year.

Murdo was in his 6th year when the family removed to Leurbost; and there he had his home, succeeding his father as a crofter during the remainder of his pilgrimage on earth. At Leurbost, Murdo had the advantage of being taught to read Gaelic in one of the schools then recently started by the Gaelic School Society and taught by a Mr John Macleod. He became a fluent Gaelic reader, acquired a good general knowledge of the Scriptures, and could repeat all the questions in the Shorter Catechism. After graduating in the Gaelic School he attended an English School in the parish, taught by Mr William Urquhart, for a short time; but owing to the long distance this school was from his home, and more especially owing to the extra burdens and cares devolving on Murdo as the eldest of a family, he could not attend the English School long enough to make any great progress with the subjects taught. He could read and understand a little English, however, and he attended school before he made any progress in writing and arithmetic. Notwithstanding, owing to his natural aptitude and readiness, he picked up much useful knowledge. In those early days of the century books were rare, and the newspaper was unknown in Lewis outside Stornoway; and thus the people had to depend on oral instruction for ALL THE INFORMATION THEY POSSESSED.

Whatever affected their well-being—such as knowledge of tilling the soil, of tending cattle and sheep, of fishing, of weather prognostication, of social and moral duty, and of the laws of health—was conveyed from sire to son, chiefly in short pithy sayings, proverbs, or adages, expressed in metric couplets, and well adapted to fix the attention and stick to the memory. In this manner much useful knowledge was acquired, and the faculty of observation was sharpened; the memory was cultivated, and a rich vocabulary of choice expressive language acquired. Such were Murdo's early schools and schoolmasters; but his superior intelligence, retentive memory, and poetic gifts enabled him to assimilate every scrap of information and store his mind with sound, useful knowledge, so that he soon outstripped his colleagues in these respects. Physically also, even in those days of splendid physique, Murdo had but few equals, and still fewer superiors. In his prime he stood about six feet high; he was finely proportioned in body and limb, erect and strongly built, broad and deep chested, lithe and elastic as an athlete, and brimming over with life and energy. His fine manly bearing, his open commanding countenance, large eyes—capable of every variety of expression, from soft and gentle to honest sternness—all bespoke the man, and even the leader of men. Sparkling with humour, ready at witty repartee, abounding in anecdote, pure and honest in word and deed, and graced with every virtue, his company was very sunshine.

In his young days Murdo acquired the art of weaving from his father, and he passed his spare hours at this honest occupation for many years, till other duties crowded upon him and engrossed his time and energies. No doubt this occupation tended to foster in him, as it has done in the case of many others, habits of reflection and observation which left their mark in his future career. When eighteen years of age he joined a crew of fishermen, and he continued at this calling, with but few interruptions, both at Lochs and on the Caithness coast for at least ten years.

FOLLOWING TWENTY YEARS OF HIS LIFE. His experiences in this hard and dangerous employment further added to the formation of his character; and especially the opportunities his summer visits to the East Coast from Broda to Wick afforded him of meeting with and conversing with worthy Christian people in those localities largely widened his Christian sympathies and experience, and tended to instil that Catholicity of mind for which he was so marked. In addition, Murdo continued to cultivate his craft, and in the thirties and forties frequently engaged in kelp-making.

It was simply a treat to listen to this grand man in his later years relating his recollections of men and manners in the Lewis and on the East Coast, and more especially his extensive professional experiences with the stern and exclusive professors of Caithness, Sutherland, and Ross, from Sandy Gair, Wick, to the fathers of Easter Ross.

But we must hasten to relate some of the more important events affecting the history of this remarkable man; and in doing so we have the privilege of quoting largely from a narrative taken from his own lips at dear old Valtos some fifteen years ago. The spiritual condition of the people of Lewis before and during the first quarter of the century was sad in the extreme—almost incredibly so, to the more favoured present generation. True, the parish minister and schoolmaster were abroad, and each of the four parishes into which the island is divided could boast of its Kirk and school. But alas! the most of these were but worthless mere hirelings, representatives of a severely denounces in the scathing words of the close of the 56th chapter of his prophecy. Moderation of the most pronounced type, with all its baneful effects, held undisturbed

away; and the people were sunk in careless security and gross ignorance, having no concern for the salvation of their souls. They had, indeed, a form of Godliness—crowds flocked to the Lord's Table as a matter of course; but the life and the power were entirely absent.

INTERMINGLE WITH THESE RELIGIOUS observances were the survivals of many Pagan, Popish, and superstitious practices and beliefs—the result being a mongrel jumble, which cannot be described as anything else than a caricature of true religion. Even as late as the end of the first quarter of the century, and for many years after the subject of this sketch was born, acts of worship to Diana were scrupulously observed by the women, who hailed the moon with three curtsies, turning round from left to right; the Virgin was invoked in matters light and grave; and remnants of ancient Druidical and Scandinavian god-worship were frequent, though perhaps observed unmeaningly in practice, as now used unmeaningly in phraseology. The Bible was known in those days as the "Minister's Book," and the people were content with what his tastes inclined him to give of it—in all conscience a poor medium, with a still poorer exposition of its doctrines. We have seen and perused one of the first four Gaelic Bibles—one for the farmer at Cross-bost, Crogeb, Valtos, and Lemerava—which were imported into Lochs probably about 1820. It is a very good Bible, but it is not one of the people could read except the families of the aforesaid farmers? Probably the minister and parochial teacher found, priest-like, that their strength and hold depended more on the people's ignorance of the Book; and so they made no effort to enlighten them as to its inspiring contents.

It is not to be assumed that the people of Lewis had always been sunk in heathen darkness prior to the religious dawn of the nineteenth century. Far from this being the case, there is abundant evidence in the architectural remains of places of worship, erected by the disciples and followers of St Columba all over the island, that in proportion to the population the Lewis was well supplied with churches during the Columbian period as it is even now at the close of this century. Nor need we question the fact that the Gospel was as faithfully preached then as it is now, or that its blessed effects on the lives of the people in many cases were quite as conspicuous. To be a Christian then involved more than it does now, and nothing but the most genuine and fervent faith could have sustained the people through the trials and persecutions of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Even going back to the pre-historic times, many centuries before St Columba, there is abundant proof that Lewis must have taken an exceptionally high place in the religious cults of antiquity. There is no other place of similar extent in Britain where, even to this day, so many so-called Druidical circles exist. Though many of these have been demolished within our own recollection, there are many of them still to be met with in every district throughout the island; and the one at Callanish, though even it has not escaped the vandal's hand, is certainly the completest and most remarkable of its kind in all Britain. Likewise as regards monoliths we know of no other in Scotland or England to compare in height with the one at Baleshare-trushal, in the parish of Barra. This remarkable stone, though now all alone in its hoary glory, was not always so, for it is well known that it was but one of a group of giant stones—the rest of which were pulled down and consecrated to other service: some to span a wide river as a footbridge, others to form the granite base of the squire's pleasure-ground. What a sad picture such revolutions in religious history offer to the student of history. Will the day come when the present-day ecclesiastical buildings in Lewis be the meaningless curiosities to coming ages that we God have just referred to?

May we avert such a calamity, though, to all appearances, the probability points to such a sad consummation.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

THE MACCRIMMON RAID.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HIGHLAND NEWS."]

SIR,—There is nothing to compel "Kintail" to believe that a MacCrimmon set fire to houses in Kintail, unless he chooses to do so, and it does not matter one straw whether he does or not; but the stories have been handed down to us, and we shall transmit them to posterity as matters of traditional history. I may as well, however, put him right on one point. In the first place, he completely misunderstood my letter of the 7th February, 1898. I gave no opinion either way. I was only describing the different fibroch that the MacCrimmons were supposed to have composed, and the causes which led thereto, and quoted the notes that were added to the late Captain Neil Macleod, Gesto, to his book of articulate fibroch music (Gesto, to be published, in 1898, as related to him by John, the last of the MacCrimmon pipers. 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TWO AGAINST ONE.

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CHAPTER XIII.

Sir Oswald Lyne entered the drawing-room, leaning heavily upon his stick. He had aged considerably during his stay upon the Continent, and Jasper was shocked at his frail appearance. He had not heard that Sir Oswald had been ill; and yet he looked but the mere shadow of his former self, as he put out his thin white hand, and welcomed his nephew to Venice.

Diana led him to a chair, and put a cushion to his back. "You should not have come in here, uncle. I—"

"You wished to keep Jasper to yourself, I suppose," he said, testily. "But I'm not a baby, Diana. And—and—I'll walk if I like."

"Of course," dear," she replied soothingly. "And Jasper was just going to you. I told him he ought to, many times."

"How easily she lies," thought Jasper. "If he only knew her as I do."

"That is like you, dear," said the old man. "Excuse my selfishness; but I am very anxious. Jasper, there is alarming news from the seat of war. I tremble when I think of my poor Harold."

"The telegrams to-day are more reassuring, so do not be alarmed, uncle. And I feel sure nothing will happen to Harold. He's got all the proverbial Lyne luck."

"Has he? I doubt it. I have had none of it lately, Jasper. I've been losing heavily on the Stock Exchange since Harold went away. I shall have, now, little to leave my son but an encumbered estate, and the poor old house at Ravenswell. But, thank goodness, he has his mother's fortune; that is considerable."

"Yes. He's a lucky dog. Not like some poor beggars—me, for instance," said Jasper, bitterly.

"But you have your profession. Why don't you work?"

"Work is not much to my taste, I'm afraid."

"That is a pity. I always meant to leave you some thousands, Jasper, you and Leila. But"—his face growing visibly pale—"how is the child? Is she well and happy?"

"Both well and happy. She is another of the lucky ones." He glanced at Diana, and she smiled a wicked smile of approval.

"Her friends are not rich, surely?—and her grandmother is low and vulgar."

"Quite so, of course. We must tell one tale and stick to it," Jasper muttered, turning fiercely upon Diana.

"I thought he'd have forgotten. The great thing is to make him believe her ungrateful."

"Why do you whisper, Diana? I like to hear everything," cried Sir Oswald. "But whether rich or poor, Leila has disappointed me terribly. She has repaid my kindness, my generosity, with base ingratitude. Not one line has she written during all these months—not one line. I am thankful, most thankful, that I did not allow her to marry Harold. Poor boy, how grieved he would be to find her so heartless. And yet I was fond of that girl—very fond."

"She is like all the rest of her sex—changeable as the wind."

"Not all! All women do not change. Some are true and constant," cried the old man, excitedly. "Look at Diana. Her devotion, affection, and attention are the mainstay of my life. What a story of fidelity I shall have to tell, when my returns! But you will dine with us this evening, Jasper, and take the dear girl out upon the canal? She has been dull of late, and requires a little nursing."

"I regret to say I have an engagement. Diana will forgive me, I am sure."

"Then come early to-morrow. I meant to consult you about going home. I am weary of foreign parts."

"I don't wonder. And Ravenswell will soon be delightful. I congratulate you," whispered Jasper, bending low over his cousin's hand as he bade her good-bye. "My uncle is completely in your power. You will be his. His account of Leila, when joined with ours, will be a great assistance in persuading Harold that she is unworthy of his love."

Their eyes met—each one striving to read the other's innermost soul.

"Are you satisfied?" he asked, quickly. "Quite."

"That is well." And, with a nod to his uncle, he opened the door and went out.

That night a cheque for five thousand pounds was forwarded by Diana Talbot to Jasper Lyne, at his hotel upon the Piazza. The following morning he left Venice for England.

CHAPTER XIV.

Leila soon settled down to her new life. The girls in the studio were kindness itself, and never allowed her to sit to them too long at a time. The fame of her beauty had spread through the various studios, and before long she had engagements for every hour of the day. But to lady artists only did she sit, and most of her time was spent with Nettie and her friends.

The sum earned weekly by our heroine as a model to these girl-students was not large, but it helped her to pay her way, and gave her a feeling of independence that was to her delightful. Thus, although her occupation was often irksome and fatiguing, she would have been quite happy, surrounded as she was by so much kindness and affection, had it not been for the intense longing to see Harold which sometimes took possession of her. If he would only return; if he but knew how she had been treated, all would soon be put right. Sir Oswald would learn the treacherous part that Diana had played, and then surely he would believe in her no longer; and she, Leila, would be reinstated in her old place in his heart.

"But," she would reflect with a shudder, "how is all this to be brought about? When Harold comes back, how is he to know where I am? And then that terrible old woman! If she is what she says, how can I marry? Will he wish it? Oh, my love, my love; how I wish I had never heard of her!"

And then she would write tearful little notes, both to Harold and Sir Oswald, and send them to Ravenswell, hoping that when they did come home they would find them there, and so, at least, know where she was.

To Mrs. Oakleigh and her daughters Leila had told the story of her life. But of her engagement to Harold and her supposed relationship to the drunken old harrier, Mrs. Giles, she had never breathed a word.

After that terrible afternoon she did not visit Mrs. Giles again. But from time to time she sent her money, hoping to raise her out of her misery and help her to a more respectable mode of life.

Of Sir Oswald, Diana, or Jasper, Leila had heard nothing since the day on which

she had been so cruelly deserted. They had faded from her life, and had apparently forgotten her existence. Where they were, or what they were doing, she did not know. The house in Grosvenor Square remained shut up, and from this fact she conjectured that they were still abroad. What became of her numerous letters, as well as Mary's note, which the butler had promised to forward, she could not imagine. But she felt sure that they had never reached their destination. That Sir Oswald had been deceived by Diana she knew. And although Jasper had insisted that he had deserted her purposely because of her low-born relative, Mrs. Giles, she did not believe him. And in spite of the old man's apparent cruelty she loved him tenderly, and remembered him with feelings of the deepest affection.

"Leila," said Mrs. Oakleigh, one day, "in the last letter that I had from my husband he mentioned a dear young friend of his, a Major Lyne. Is he a relation of Sir Oswald's, I wonder?"

Leila flushed; then grew suddenly pale. "Yes," she said; "Harold Lyne is in the Hussars."

"He who saved you and took you home to Ravenswell?"

"Yes. Sir Oswald has only one child."

"Indeed? Then would it not be well to write to him and tell him how you are situated? He must surely take an interest in you. And he could explain matters to his father, and expose those cousins. I will enclose your letter in mine to my husband."

"Oh, Mrs. Oakleigh, how good you are! If only Harold knew—"

"Well, sit down and write now. The mail goes this evening."

"Once my dear one knows of my troubles they will soon come to an end," whispered Leila to herself, and she ran off to write her letter.

But Colonel Oakleigh and Harold Lyne were detained never to receive these letters. That there was serious fighting on the Afghan frontiers, and the anxious wife and poor Leila soon knew that the men whom they loved were in the thick of it.

Full of wearying anxiety were the weeks that followed. Every day there were fresh rumours afloat, every hour, almost, fresh reports of disaster.

The agony of suspense was terrible. The knowledge that at any moment they might receive news that their dear ones had been slain, or wounded, was constantly in their minds, and prostrated them with grief.

At last one awful day, Nettie came to Leila's room. Her face was white as death, her eyes red with much weeping.

"Leila," she cried, clutching the girl by the hands, "we know—the worst now. My poor mother is distracted. The whole regiment is cut to pieces. Father is not dead—but—" Words failed her, and she sank upon the bed, sobbing bitterly.

"And Harold?" gasped Leila. "Harold Lyne? Is there any news of him?"

"Alas! Yes. His name—is amongst the slain; he is dead!"

Leila stood like one transfixed. She was stunned—frozen by this blow. She had so hoped and longed for Harold's return—Harold, her love, who loved her so dearly. And now she should never see him again.

Presently, Nettie raised her head and looked at her. "How quiet you are," she said with some indignation. "How composed. But of course it is different to you. You did not know him. Still, when our father is wounded—dying perhaps—for the sake of the friendship we have shown you, you might shew some sorrow and—"

She stopped, startled by the girl's ashen face. "My darling—you are ill!"

Leila shook her head, and laid her hand upon Nettie's wrist. Her touch was as ice. "Is there any chance of its being a mistake?" she asked hoarsely. "Such things happen."

"Alas! No. We sent to the Horse Guards to inquire. There is no use buoying ourselves up with false hopes. It is all true—our true."

Leila turned away.

"I must go back to mother," said Nettie, rising. "Poor soul, she will want all the comfort her children can give her."

"Yes. All—all."

And then Nettie went out, and Leila was left alone.

"Harold! Harold!" she cried; and with a little gasp, fell fainting to the ground.

CHAPTER XV.

It was June. The sky was blue, not a cloud was to be seen. The sun was shining bright and warm, and the air around Ravenswell, lightened by a freshening breeze, was full of the perfume of flowers.

Nine months had passed since the news of the disaster in Afghanistan had been received, and Harold Lyne's name had been given in the list of the dead.

From the moment when the fatal intelligence had been broken to him, Sir Oswald scarcely spoke again. He was stricken down with paralysis that same night, and remained childish and helpless, almost to the end.

Alarmed at his condition, anxious that he should not die in a foreign land, Diana took him back to Ravenswell, travelling as fast as the invalid's precarious health would allow.

In his old home, amongst the scenes he loved, Sir Oswald rallied a little, and for a time he looked at his niece with a clear, intelligent expression. "I am sure to die soon, Diana," he whispered one evening in low, broken tones. "And I am glad. Now that my dear boy is gone I have nothing to live for. But about Leila—"

Diana started, and bit her lip. He had not forgotten the girl, then. In spite of everything, he loved her still.

"Yes," she answered. What of her? She is ungrateful!—heartless. Forget her, dear uncle."

"I cannot. She has not behaved well, I admit. But I must not leave her unprotected—for my wife—Harold—all loved her, poor child. I know nothing of these relatives of hers. To-morrow I must make a will, or Jasper succeeds to everything. Yes—I must leave Leila—"

His words died away, and he fell back exhausted on his pillow.

Diana scanned her uncle's face with a long, searching look. "To-morrow you will not have the power to make a will. The will is one thing to be grateful for," she said to herself. "Not one penny shall you leave to this girl, for, if so, my vengeance would be incomplete." And she slipped away, signing to the nurse, who sat in the ante-chamber, to return to the sick man.

And Diana was right, next day all power of thought and action had gone, and till the hour of his death, some four days later, Sir Oswald neither spoke nor appeared conscious of anything that was said or done by those around him.

As her presumptive to Ravenswell, and his cousin Harold's fortune, Jasper now took up his abode in his uncle's house, anxiously awaiting the moment when the old man should pass away, and when everything would be done as he wished.

long as Sir Oswald lived, and might at any moment recover consciousness, and will away a portion or the whole of the large fortune to which he had succeeded on the death of his son. Jasper was nervous and uneasy. He mistrusted everyone, even Diana, and haunted the sick-room continually. Away from it he could not breathe freely, and he therefore absented himself as little as possible during the long hours of the day and night.

"The end is very near," said the doctor decidedly one afternoon. "My poor old friend may die any moment."

Jasper heaved a sigh of relief, and, without a thought of sorrow for the kind old man who had been as a father to him, he left his bedside, never to return. Rushing out of the house, he mounted his horse, and went off for a gallop through the beautiful, well-timbered park of which he would so soon be the master. Never had the old place looked so well. Never had the hum of the bees and the perfume of flowers given him such pleasure as now, when the owner of Ravenswell lay dying, and he, Jasper Lyne, was sole heir to his wealth and title.

Day faded into dusk, and dusk into evening, and Diana Talbot sat by the drawing-room window alone. Her chin was resting on her hand, and she was staring out vacantly across the gardens. She was deadly pale. Her eyes had a hard, fixed expression; her lips were white and firmly set. She wore a plain black evening dress, slightly open at the neck, and it hung about her wasted form in heavy folds. The sorrow and anxiety of the last year had told upon Diana, and she was sadly changed. In the thin, heavy-eyed young woman with the drawn mouth, and bitter, disappointed expression, few would have recognised the lively-made, handsome girl who had taken command of Ravenswell and its inmates only eighteen months before.

Diana had loved Harold with a blind, cruel passion, and to win his love had ruthlessly swooped poor Leila from her path. But this act of cruelty had profited her nothing; for at the moment when all her plans were successfully laid—when Harold ought to have returned, and she would surely have won his affection—came the news of his death, and all her hopes of happiness were at an end for ever.

As the last rays of the setting sun died in the west, the hospital nurse entered the room, and in a voice full of emotion announced that Sir Oswald Lyne was at the point of death. "You will come, Miss?" she said, "He was fond of you, and would, if he knew, like you to be there at the last."

Diana bowed her head. But not a sound escaped her.

The nurse lingered. "Mr. Lyne, they tell me, has gone out to ride. It is right that some of his own flesh and blood should be with the old man to see him die."

"I am coming," said Diana, coldly. "Pray return to your patient."

The woman looked at her sadly. Then left the room in silence.

"So," cried Diana, as the door closed behind her, "the end has come. Jasper will be Sir Jasper Lyne." She clenched her fists and set her teeth. "He alone has profited by all this misery, for he, thanks to my assistance, will succeed, not only to Ravenswell, but to Harold's fortune. And I—what have I gained? What is my reward? Revenge. Leila is penniless, forsaken. She won the love of the man I loved, and for that she has suffered. Had Harold lived—had he returned to hear that the girl was gone, that she had heartlessly turned her back upon his father, who had always loved and been kind to her—had he learned that she would have married Jasper, only that he was poor, he would have turned to me for comfort. For indeed, I should have been triumphant—happy. But, shivering, "my life is now dreary. Harold is dead. I have gained nothing. True, I have been revenged. And yet, even there, I have failed. My rival is miserable, but she has found friends—who kindly treated. Even the old wretch, Anne Giles, whom I bribed to represent herself as her grandmother, annoyed her only for a time. And Jasper—whom I fear—hate—in whose power I am for ever, has succeeded, prospered. And I have helped him in every way I could."

(To be continued.)

CLARSACH NAN GAIDHEAL.

Air a Ghleusadh le FIONN.

No. 76.—MACCRIMMON'S LAMENT.

This tune was composed by Donald Bân MacCrimmon, of the hereditary family of pipers at Dunvegan, Skye, on the occasion of the Clan Macleod, headed by their Chief, embarking to join the Royalists in 1745. It is said that the sympathies of the piper and the clan were with Prince Charlie. When leave-taking, the scene was a sad one—wives, mothers, and sweethearts weeping for their loved ones—and MacCrimmon, in sympathy with the scene and having a presentiment that he would never return, struck up the sad notes of the tune—"Cha till mi tuille!"—"I'll return no more!" The presentiment was fulfilled, for MacCrimmon returned no more to Dunvegan. Mackay in his valuable collection of pipe music has the following interesting note bearing on this Lament:—

"When Prince Charlie retired with his army to the North, he went to visit his partisan, Lady Mackintosh, at Moy Hall, where General Lord Loudon, who then lay at Inverness, thought he had a favourable opportunity to capture the Royal adventurer. He accordingly proceeded, in the silence of the night, to effect this purpose; but his design was fortunately discovered in time to frustrate the attempt, although it was accomplished almost miraculously. There were scarcely any attendants with the Prince, and the Mackintoshes were not even at hand, but presence of mind and intrepidity triumphed. Sending a messenger to raise assistance, the high-spirited lady ordered five or six men, under command of the blacksmith, a man of the greatest daring, to watch the movements of Loudon's troops. This man planted his men at intervals along the road by which the enemy would advance, concealed by walls and hedges, and when he heard their advancing footsteps, he fired his musket, each man doing the same slowly and successfully, at the same time calling out, as they had been instructed, upon the Cameron, the Fraser, the Macdonalds, and other clans, to advance and give no quarter to the villain who would murder their Prince. The ruse was effectual—it was believed that the whole Highland army was to wait on them; and without waiting a second discharge the advanced party wheeled round and commenced a deadly and most confused fight, while those in the rear, not aware of the impression of the others endeavouring to stand firm, were thrown down by their comrades, and it was only when they arrived at Inverness that the bruises and wounds of these panic-stricken warriors were discovered. None were killed save one by the blacksmith's shot, and he was not less important a member of the pipe of Macleod, whose clan had joined the Royal forces. Poor MacCrimmon, it is said, had a presentiment of the lamentable fate which awaited him, for he was reluctant to accompany his chief when he took the field for King George. It was on this occasion that he composed the affecting lament now given, adapting the words from which Sir Walter Scott produced the well-known

"Return, return, return shall I never; Return, return, return shall I never; Though Macleod should return, not alive shall MacCrimmon. Poor dear, poor dear, poor dear, my sweet heart;

Her eye, her eye, her eye 'll be weeping; Her eye, her eye, her eye 'll be weeping; And my back on the Dun, without hope of returning. In war nor in peace, ne'er return will MacCrimmon."

The Gaelic words appeared first in a small collection of Gaelic songs compiled and edited by John Mackenzie, compiler of the "Beauties of Gaelic Poetry," and entitled "A Collection of the most popular Gaelic Songs, Glasgow, 1836." The compiler states that the song "was copied from an old MS." It has been translated several times, that now submitted is from the pen of Mr. L. Macbean, and appears in his "Songs and Hymns of the Scottish Highlands," (1888). The following Gaelic words are also frequently associated in the Highlands with this lament:

CUMHA MHIU-CRIMMOIN.

Bratach bhuidhail Mhicheilid o'n t-àr mòr a' fasadh.

'S luchd-ionraidh nan ràmh greasadh bhàr thar a' ghlas chuain; Bogha, sgiath, 's claidheamh-mòr, 's tuagh gu lòn, arm nam fleasgach.

'S MacCrimmoim 'chuir cuairt, 'Soraidh bhuan le Dun-bheagan.

'Slàn leis gach creag 'rd ris 'm bheil gairich 'rdthonnan; Slàn leis gach gleann fias 's a dean cràchd-chuain an langan; Eilein Sgathachan a'gh' slàn le 'd' bheannan 's guim' freach;

Lillidh, dh' fhaoidte, Macleoid, ach cha bhèo MacCrimmoim!

'Soraidh-bhuan do'n gheal chao a' tha 'comh-daechd Chuilinn!

Slàn leis gach blàth shùil 'th' air an Dùn 's iad a' tuireadh; Soraidh-buan do 'n luchd-ciùil 's tric chair ann an arm a' s' doma; Sheòl MacCrimmoim thar sàil 's gu là brath cha till tuille!

'Nulan all' na piob-mhòr cluiche marbhar-rann an fhilidh; Agus dearbh-brath a' bhàis mar fhàlluig aig tìme; Ach cha mheataich mo chridh', is cha rageaich mo chuislean; Ged dh' fhalbham le 'm dheòin 's fìos nach till mi chaidh tuille!

'Stric a' chluinneair fuaim bhinn, caoidh thiom-chr' Mhiu-Crimmoim, 'N uair bhios Gàidheil a' fàbh, thar na fàgair 's an ionann; 'O' chomh thir ar gràidh, 'o do thraigh 's rag ar nìmeachd. Och! cha till—cha till—Och! cha till sinn tuille."

They have been translated or paraphrased by Sir Walter Scott as follows:—

MAC CRIMMON'S LAMENT. Macleod's wizard flag from the grey castle sallies, The rovers are seated, unmoved are the galleys; Gleam war-axe and broad sword, clang target and quiver; As MacCrimmon plays 'Farewell to Dunvegan for ever!'

'Farewell to each cliff, on which breakers are foaming; Farewell each dark glen in which red deer are roaming; Farewell, lonely Skye, to lake, mountain, and river; Macleod may return, but MacCrimmon shall never!

'Farewell the bright clouds that on Cullen are sleeping; Farewell the bright eyes in the Fort that are weeping; To each minstrel delusion, farewell! and for ever— MacCrimmon departs to return to you never. The Banshee's wild voice sings the death-dirge before me, And the pall of the dead for a mantle hangs o'er me; But my heart shall not flag, and my nerve shall not quiver, Though devoted I go — to return again never!'

Too oft shall the note of MacCrimmon's bewailing Be heard when the Gael on their exile are sailing:— "Dear land! to the shores, whence unwilling we sever, Return—return—return shall we never!"

Some are inclined to think that the Gaelic words given above are but a free translation of Sir Walter Scott's English verses.

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BY MORAG.

A HOLIDAY. CULLODEN ANNIVERSARY.

MY DEAR MORAG,—To those who toil hard all the week the looking forward to an outing is pleasant indeed. To organise a holiday that really can be enjoyable one must exercise a little forethought, and arrange the little necessities essential for the comfort and the happiness of those who are to form the party, not the least important item being the place to be visited. Our party, three in all—we are told there is luck in odd numbers—journeyed forth on Saturday morning in ideal weather, not on "bikes," nor either on brakes, but as pedestrians on foot, en route for Culloden Battlefield, which we expected to reach in time to witness the interesting event of placing the memorial wreaths on the cairn. We traversed the distance from the Highland Capital to the moor in something like two hours—certainly we were not in the least hurried. As we went we admired the beautiful scenery on the way. The view to be had on every hand was particularly pretty and interesting. The blue waters of the Moray Firth studded here and there with tiny boats, and having for its background the Black Isle, speckled with its old-fashioned, white-washed cottages, looked quite a picture in the glorious sunshine which prevailed. Nearer we admired the well-cultivated farms, the green fields, the neat and trim cottages by the way, with their well-kept flower and vegetable gardens. One of these cottages, and which we termed an ideal one, with its ivy-clad walls, and standing as it did within its own little patch of ground, excited our highest admiration. The wee windows, so tastefully draped, looked like pictures among the green foliage. A large and well-guarded bush of sweet-scented lavender was a special feature in the garden, sprigs of which must have for generations been used for scenting the linen drawers of the household, so ancient did it look. One or two yards apart we observed a well, also carefully protected, and which we thought added the finishing touch to this earthly paradise. We arrived at our destination in good time, without anything sensational to relate further than that the journey was performed under most happy circumstances. We, however, were not the first. There was a very large party from Nairn, who came in a wagonette and upon bicycles, and judging by their hilarity, they thoroughly enjoyed their outing. Several others who were interested in the occasion cycled from various quarters. Each party cycled themselves to a favoured spot, and squatting upon the heather, awaited the coming of the principal actors in the scene. We had not long to wait, however, when the appearance of a brake, in which the striking personage of Mr Theodore Napier, Edinburgh, was easily recognised. That gentleman was accompanied by a coterie of journalists and several local gentlemen. The arranging of the wreaths was the next interesting feature, and one which Mr Napier, in doing so, spared no effort to place with effect. In a few sentences Mr Napier referred to the event which we were all so interested in, and one which all of us specially came to witness. During the progress of the ceremony of placing the wreaths on the cairn, it was interesting to watch the manoeuvres of a lady who formed one of the Nairn party. The lady, who carried a snap camera, was intent on obtaining a picture of the gallant Highlander, who, by the way, was the only one present attired in the garb of Old Gaul. After a little dodging about, Mr Napier was caught in an excellent pose, and I hope our lady friend, the photographer, will be rewarded for her enterprise with a true and life-like picture of the hero of the day. After a brief visit to the various stones erected in memory of the different clans, Mr Napier and his friends took their departure, and drove homewards. Those who remained, and there was quite a big company, set about to prepare their luncheon. Several fires were lit, and tea-kettles placed thereon. Table and tray cloths were lastfully laid, and luncheon partaken of with gratifying results. The Nairn party preferred the border of the plantation, and there all of them lunched in a princely style. The mirth and jollity of the picnics became contagious, with the result that everyone laughed and skipped about like young lambs. It was, indeed, a memorable occasion. Away at the furthermost corner of the moor sat a lady deeply absorbed in arranging a wreath of yellow gorse, intermingled with spruce. We were much interested in the above, and after a little while the lady came with her tribute, which displayed streamers of black and white ribbon, and a note bearing the following inscription:—"In memory of the Chief of the Macgillivray." The donor placed the wreath in close proximity to the others, on the left side of the cairn. We had farewell to the historic battlefield and its associations, and retraced our steps homewards in the same way as that upon which we arrived. The return journey was unaccompanied by anything worth noting save the finding by one of the party of a horse-shoe, which is a much-prized find, and, as everyone knows, is a symbol of good luck. The incident recalled a somewhat similar event. Several years ago I was an eye witness to quite an amusing scene. It was on a Sabbath morning, and I proposed going to the Cathedral. While wending my way, and just opposite Arness Street, two young ladies—the daughters of one of our oldest and best-known Highland families, and who at that time resided in the suburbs in a lodge which was named after the estate of the family—had quite a skirmish on the road over the finding of a horse-shoe. The younger of the sisters became the possessor, and after concealing it as best she could in the folds of a little cape she carried, entered the edifice. Both laughed heartily, and so did I. Whether as the result of the lucky find or not, it is pleasing to relate that both these ladies have since married into the best of Highland families, and both are as happy as happy can be. In our case, however, we had enough to do to carry ourselves home without the encumbrance of even such a lucky find.—Your affectionate Cousin,
Fiona.

MAIDENLY MEMS.

CORSETS are being made shorter, and are no longer so long-waisted.

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All shades of mauve, heliotrope, periwinkle, and violet are in high fashion in Paris.

Hats are still worn tilted well over the eyes, a little trick of fashion which was originally introduced into this country from Paris.

Empire comb is rather a misnomer for the present fashionable form of hair ornament, for it is Spanish in origin. Some of the combs are as much as three and a-half inches in height, but the majority are no more than two. Hairdressing is very difficult at the present time.

A French toque in heliotrope satin straw, with a mass of dark damask roses on one side, has (tracing "Madame") quite a novel kind of trimming in the shape of clusters of tiny Brussels sprouts, the actual every-day sprouts of the green grocer. This is a new departure, and one which must not be encouraged with too much zeal. If we allow the cultivation of vegetable trimming to go too far, we may end by adorning our hats with cauliflowers and our bonnets with carrots and turnips!

HOUSEWIFELY HINTS.

HASH.

TO make good hash have the meat chopped rather fine, and put it into a saucepan with sufficient stock to cover. Cover the saucepan; allow the hash to come slowly to steaming point, and keep it there for about five minutes. Then add to each pint of meat a tablespoonful of salt, a quarter of a teaspoonful of pepper, and a teaspoonful of grated onion. Serve on toast. Cream hash is made by chopping the meat, and mixing it with cream sauce, allowing a pint of meat to each half-pint of sauce. Serve on squares of toasted bread.

TO MAKE POP-OVERS.

Beat two eggs, without separating, until thoroughly mixed; add one cup of milk. Put one cup of flour into another bowl; add to it gradually the eggs and milk; beat until smooth. Strain through an ordinary gauze strainer. Put at once into greased hot pans, and bake in a moderately quick oven forty-five minutes. If these are properly made and properly baked they should swell six times their original bulk, and may be used for breakfast or luncheon, or served with a liquid pudding sauce as a dessert. Whole wheat flour, if sifted three times, may be substituted for white flour. Iron pans insure better results than those made of lighter metals.

THE SECOND COOKING OF BREAD.

Physicians often order toasted bread for invalids. They do not mean, however, a thick slice of bread which has been lightly toasted first on one side and then on the other, leaving a soft indigestible centre, but bread toasted from side to side, making mastication absolutely necessary. Under this head come also pulled bread, zwieback, and the toasted rusk for panada. Pulled bread is simply bread pulled off in little bits, the bits put into a pan lined with paper, then into a moderately quick oven, and toasted until a golden brown, and crisp to the very centre. This bread may be made in large quantities, put into ordinary muslin bags, kept in a dry place, and reheated at serving time. It will keep for two months. Zwieback is made by cutting bread into slices and toasting it in the oven until thoroughly dry.

CROUTONS TO SERVE WITH SOUP.

Croutons are squares of bread buttered, and toasted in the oven, to be served with soup, or as a garnish for stew or fricassee. Butter the bread before cutting; cut it into either dice or squares of two inches, or into little blocks of an inch, or into long, narrow strips. Put them, buttered side up, in a baking-pan, and toast in a slow oven until crisp to the centre. They may be added to the soup just at serving time, or may be passed with the soup.

CLEANING SILVER.

Silver being a soft metal should always be cleaned with a material without grain or grit, such as whiting. Do not use a strong solution of sal-soda. Simply wash the silver quickly in soapsuds, and dry. When very tarnished you may mix the whiting with a little cold water; rub it thoroughly over the silver, allow it to dry, then polish with a soft cloth and a brush.

WHAT TO DO WITH LEFT-OVER MEAT.

Save every bone, whether beef, mutton, veal, poultry or game, as well as all juices in the meat-dishes, for the stock-pot. Into this stock-pot of wealth, for such the stock-pot is, go the tough ends from the rib roasts, which would only become tasteless and dry if roasted; also the fat ends from mutton chops, the bone left from the sirloin steak, and the carcasses from either poultry or game, as well as the bones from the roasting pieces. Meat is the most costly and extravagant of all articles of food. Consequently save every bit and work it over. The so-called inferior pieces of meat make the best soups and stews. Where a sauce is to hide the inferiority and ugliness of the dish there is no occasion to spend money on good looks.

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