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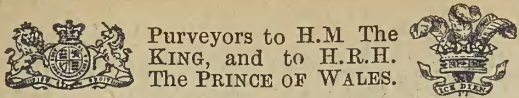
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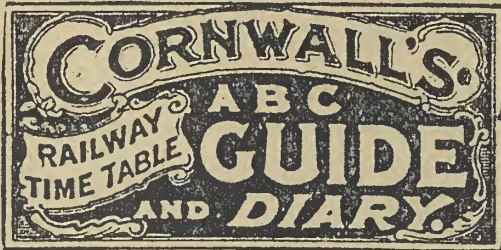
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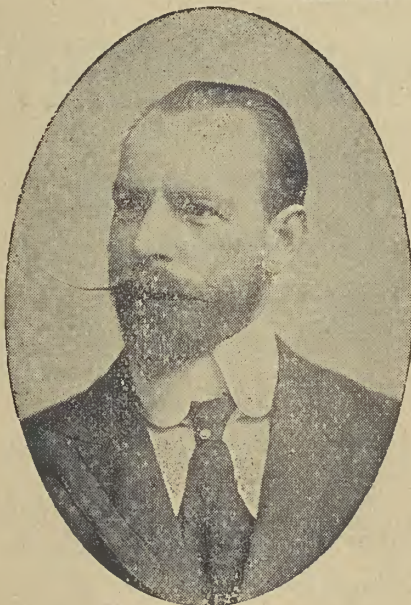
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## Topics of the Week.

Mr. John E. Sutherland, fishcurer, of Portsoy and Aberdeen, who was selected on Monday to stand in the Liberal interest, is undoubtedly a most eloquent speaker. He also possesses the advantage of being strictly a "local man," and has acquired experience of public life in various official capacities. His selection, too, seems to be universally popular with the party, and on his way home from Aberdeen on Monday he received quite an ovation at the strongly Radical burgh of Inverurie. Politically, the new candidate is to a great extent an untried man, so it remains to be seen whether his eloquence will neutralise the favourable impression already made in the burghs by Mr. Rose-Innes, who avoids rhetoric, and is as hard-hitting and logical on the platform as he is genial and witty privately.

Mr. Rose-Innes, who was in Aberdeen last week, has now completed all his arrangements for the contest. That experienced electoral campaigner, Mr. Robert Gray, solicitor, Peterhead, is the Unionist agent. A determined fight may therefore be confidently expected.

Mr. Macdonald Henderson's views are now fairly well known to various sections of the electorate of West Aberdeenshire. There is no doubt his programme proves satisfactory, though several of his "planks" have been subjected to a good deal of more or less hostile criticism by an active band of hecklers. Mr. Ronald M'Neill is equally busy, and as clever and resourceful on the platform as ever. Captain Hamilton Gordon has temporarily quitted the stump, but no doubt he will resume operations on an early date. Whatever dubiety may exist as to the result in the Elgin Burghs, there is none as to how the voting will go in West Aberdeenshire and South Aberdeen.

It is not expected that the dissolution will take place this year. On the whole, from the strictly party point of view, the Government is wise in its decision to hold on to office. The memory of the electors is short, and many of the burning questions on which the party has shown to so little advantage lately may have become ancient history in the course of another six months.

We understand that a well-known local Conservative who did much able platform work for his party

in Aberdeen and county nearly a couple of decades ago has again decided to enter the arena, no doubt chiefly for the propagation of a Fair Trade policy. These views he eloquently advocated by pen and speech long before Mr. Chamberlain found "salvation." Undoubtedly it will take some labour and argument before much impression is made on the great bulk of the electorate, but this is another of the cases in which a decidedly "stoot he'rt" will be set to conquer the "stey brae."

The lamented death of Mr. Asher, K.C., has precipitated the contest in that extraordinarily scattered Parliamentary constituency, the Elgin Burghs. The Liberal candidate must necessarily be somewhat handicapped by the shortness of the time allowed him in which to make his appeal to the electors. Mr. Patrick Rose-Innes, the Unionist candidate, has now been before the burghs for over a year, and during that time he has immensely strengthened his position. His friends, indeed, express the belief that he will capture the seat, although recent electoral indications throughout the county hardly tend to foster this belief. The candidate, however, belongs to a well-known and highly respected local county family, and his abilities are of the highest order, so that in this case, as in others, the unexpected might easily happen.

The most dramatic case in which the late Mr. Asher appeared was in December, 1893, when it fell to him, as Solicitor-General, to prosecute Alfred John Monson for the alleged murder of a youth named Hambrough at Ardlamont, in the Kyles of Bute. It appeared after Asher had marshalled all his evidence that the accused was left without a loop-hole of escape, but, thanks to the eloquence and ingenuity of his counsel, John Comrie Thomson, for so long sheriff-substitute at Aberdeen, the jury eventually brought in a verdict of "Not Proven." This trial is one of the most extraordinary ever recorded in the criminal annals of the country. Monson, who modestly described himself as a tutor, was more or less nearly related to half the House of Lords, and Hambrough, though not so definitely, also belonged to the aristocratic class.

The evidence showed that Monson had insured the young man's life for £20,000, and it came out clearly that at the time of the latter's death he was in the most urgent need of money. The prosecution alleged also that before Hambrough was fatally shot an attempt had been made to drown him by boring holes in the bottom of a boat which he occasionally used. Some sensational rumours were also circulated as to the accused's domestic arrangements, but these did not find their way into print. One notable feature of the trial was the array of beggared aristocrats—the number included a Jerningham and a Loftus Tottenham—who were called to bear witness as to his financial straits. Some considerable time after his escape, Monson was sentenced to a term of five years' penal servitude for participating in a fraud on an insurance company. About the same time the guardians of a Yorkshire parish brought an action against his mother—the daughter of a viscount—for the maintenance of the convict's wife and children, who had been obliged to seek refuge in the workhouse.

Dr. John Clark, of the University of Cairo, is now in this county on holiday, at Fraserburgh, the place of his nativity. The Doctor, who was for some time assistant to Dr. Pirie, Professor of Mathematics in Aberdeen University, left for Egypt about seven years ago. He was one of the most brilliant students who ever passed through King's, and he subsequently took the B.A. degree at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, as eleventh wrangler. His friends were somewhat disappointed that he did not stand even higher on the

list. His failure to do so was attributed probably with accuracy to his love for music.

Dr. Clark was an unsuccessful candidate for the local Chair of Mathematics last year, on the death of Professor Pirie. It is somewhat curious, and not altogether creditable to the scientists of this country, that his reputation as a mathematician stands higher on the Continent than at home. Before crossing the Channel on his present furlough, he spent several weeks as the guest of a number of world-famous French savants.

The London *Echo*, which was always a fairly interesting little halfpenny daily, has expired from failure of the circulation, at the comparatively advanced age of 37 years. Mr. Passmore Edwards, the celebrated philanthropist, was the best known of its proprietors and editors. From a habit of mangling "copy" not always in the most artistic manner, this good man was universally known in the "street" as "Slashmore" Edwards. It is safe to say also that he was much more admired by the general public than by the members of his staff.

"Francis Grose," the lively note-taker of the *Peterhead Sentinel*, has discovered a new poet. We made the same discovery ourselves a matter of two years ago, and regret that we had not the courage or the opportunity to announce the fact at the time. The poet in question is a certain "D. V. Tanael," of Banchory, and the *Sentinel* man singles out for particular praise a couple of his effusions which recently appeared in the *Aberdeen Weekly Journal*. Both poems undoubtedly touch a much higher standard of merit than is usual in newspaper rhymes. There is, in fact, no doubt that this "Tanael" is a genuine poet, and of quite a different heckle from the common horde of facile jinglers. The *Peterhead* writer seems to entertain grave doubts as to whether "Tanael" is the poet's proper name. In this he is justified. Those who are familiar with the run of surnames up Banchory way may safely conclude that "D. V. Tanael" resolves itself into "Tavendale" when the bard is at home.

Our townsman, Mr. William Tough, Craiginches, has at last achieved the distinction of the "Black List," at the hands of Baillie Kendall Burnett. No one can say that William has not worked hard for the distinction. He might have been as well left, however, to pursue the humble tenor of his way between the police cells and the poorhouse in obscurity. The award will neither benefit him socially nor the community financially in the long run.

A correspondent writes:—Mr. Charles Windust, a gentleman with whom I was once slightly acquainted in Fleet Street, sends me a coupon from the office of *Sporting Luck* at Middleburg, Holland, and in an accompanying circular cordially invites me to participate in a racing lottery which he has established. The *modus* is to fix the names of the winners in three specified races, and the amount which might fall to the coupon sender in the event of success is £300. This sum, indeed, is paid out weekly, but the amount is sometimes cut up badly by quite a host of competitors spotting the winners. Even in the present notoriously rotten state of the English turf, when no one can tell whether a race is honestly run or not, I should have no particular objection to this form of enterprise, provided Charles paid the money out of his own pocket. As a matter of fact, the whole is sub-

scribed by the silly geese who have to forward several shillings with each coupon. This is playing "blind-hookey" with a vengeance. It is a game into which the slightest element of skill never enters.

Personally, I should advise the many hundreds, it may be thousands, of persons who have been circularised in Aberdeen to have nothing to do with the competitions. It is little to the point that Mr. Windust pledges his personal credit for the due payment of the prize money. He is in Holland, not in England, and can with impunity refuse to cash up should it suit his purpose to do so. He mentions, in proof of his bona fides, that he is known in London to the whole force of Scotland Yard, several eminent barristers, solicitors, editors, and authors. This is indeed the case. He was for a number of years "Special Crime Investigator" of the *Weekly Dispatch*, and ranked as one of the smartest journalists on that side of the profession in Fleet Street. Before leaving for Holland, he and his editor, Mr. C. J. Tibbitts, were unlucky enough to be committed to prison for several weeks in Bristol as second-class misdemeanants, for publishing some details which a rather hasty judge held to be prejudicial to the fair trial of a man subsequently convicted for murder.

Mr. W. Milne Gibson, formerly editor of the *Northern Figaro*, who contributes an admirable appreciation of the late Mr. John Kirby to Tuesday's issue of the *A. J.*, is now engaged in a responsible position at the Palace Theatre. Mr. Gibson, who still possesses a fine tenor voice, has long ranked as one of the first musical critics in the city.

The *Evening Express* refuses to profit by the hint we so civilly presented the staff last week. That apocryphal lost watch story, which was first contributed by a member of the "Rambler" syndicate a few weeks ago, was again republished as a serious item of news last Friday. On this occasion, however, the place and *dramatis personæ* are left unspecified. The tale is now apparently fairly started on its way round the world. Most probably it will come back to this country by way of Australia or America, in which case we may expect to find it reproduced once more in the columns of the Aberdeen press about a year hence.

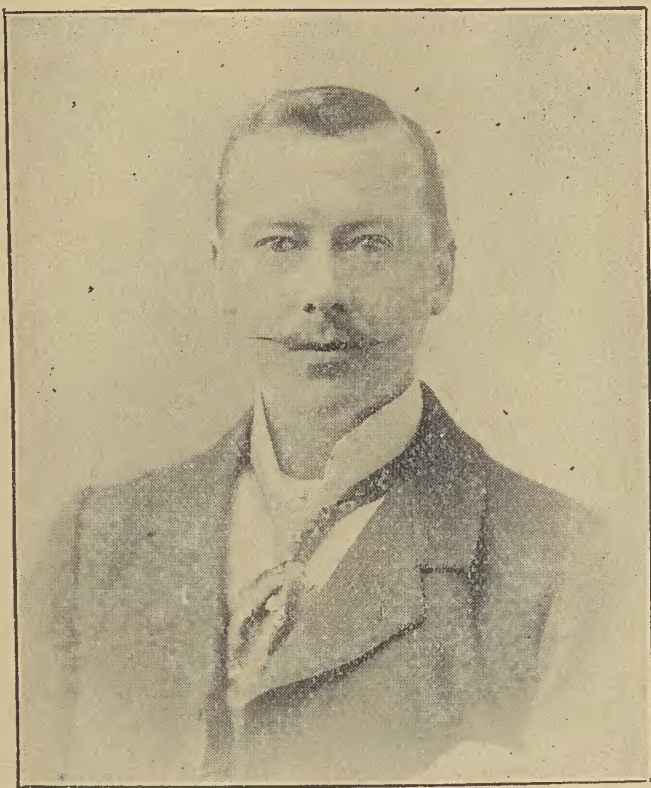
The Rev. G. B. Thomson Michie, B.D. (Aberdeen), has recently been appointed assistant in the West Parish Church. Mr. Michie, who is a nephew of Mr. George Bennett Michie, Sheriff-Clerk Depute of Aberdeenshire (Commissary Department), had an excellent record in Divinity, and on two occasions he took first place in the elocution class. This last fact certainly ought to be of considerable service to him in his clerical career. His sister, Miss Helenore Michie, who is in her last year at King's, is one of the best known and most popular of lady Arts students.

The cool audacity of some classes of poachers is unbounded. To this the Sporting Editor of *Bon-Accord* can now bear ample testimony. Last Sunday he was walking over a hill on the Seafield Estate near Cullen, probably with the intention (though he will not admit the impeachment) of picking up any grouse that might have escaped his bag on the 12th, when he observed a typical loafer from Keith beginning operations. The man seemed to be perfectly aware that at that hour there was no fear of disturbance from gamekeepers, and, to add to his security, he was within a stonethrow of the marches of two other estates.

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Accordingly, after leisurely setting his net and letting loose his ferret, he lighted his pipe, and sat placidly smoking on the edge of a quarry till the rabbits were forced out of their holes. He had not long to wait. Hitherto the BON-ACCORD man, in spite of the patent breach of the Sunday, had witnessed the loafer's proceeding with a certain degree of interest, but this feeling was speedily changed to disgust when he witnessed the brutal and unsportsman-like way in which the callous ruffian killed his victims, literally taking them by the hind legs and dashing out their brains against the stones. But for the fact that our representative viewed the spectacle through a glass, and was thus a considerable distance from the scene, it would have given him great pleasure to hand the ruffian over to the tender mercies of the police.

“The London Fireman,” a melodrama by Mr. George Conquest and Mr. Arthur Shirley, will be played during the week after next at Her Majesty's Theatre by Mr. Edward Garside's and Mr. Forbes Knowles's company. It is said to be one of the most successful pieces of its kind on the road. Mr. Forbes Knowles is an Aberdonian.



Mr. J. B. CHALMERS.

We have pleasure in giving a portrait this week of Mr. J. B. Chalmers, a gentleman well known in local bowling and sporting circles. His career as a bowler only commenced four years ago, but, though he admits that his first season's start was far from brilliant, he rapidly increased in proficiency, and now ranks as one of the soundest exponents of the game on the Ferryhill Green. His first appearances were, however, made as a member of the Northern Bowling Club. Here he was so successful as to win the president's bowls and the championship of the Green in 1902. He also possesses various other reminiscences of his prowess in the “stickies” and pipes competition. Owing to his removal from the eastern district of the city last year, Mr. Chalmers resigned his membership of the N.B.C. and joined the Ferryhill B. and L.T. Club.

Mr. Chalmers, who is still in the prime of youthful manhood, started business as a lime and fire-clay

goods merchant in Gilcomston Park eight years ago, and through strict attention to business, combined with unflagging energy, he has during that comparatively short period built up a very extensive connection, carrying out many important sewerage supply contracts, particularly for the Kingseat Asylum, Town Council, and Harbour Board. The subject of this notice can also sing an excellent song, and as an entertainer and *raconteur* he is the life and soul of any company in which he may find himself. His many admirable qualities of head and heart have made him universally liked on the Ferryhill Green.

We observe with some astonishment that a local daily advertises the publication to-morrow of what is described as “The Official Guide to Aberdeen and Neighbourhood by the Tramcar Routes.” This intimation is somewhat puzzling. Does it mean that Burrell & Co., of Glasgow, to whom the Tramways Committee provisionally bartered the right to label their projected Guide “official,” are the advertisers? If not, it is evident that some other firm without a shadow of claim has usurped the title “official” for a local Guide which is now ready for sale. Should our surmise be correct, this particular firm stands self-accused of something exceedingly like “sharp practice.” We may say definitely that at present none of the proprietors of any local Guide published in the city has obtained permission to describe his venture as “official.” The statement in the advertisement referred to is therefore inaccurate and misleading, and the sooner it is corrected the better.

Mr. John Kirby's comparatively early death deprives Aberdeen of one of its leading musical men. Mr. Kirby was a musician of very great experience and of wide and accurate knowledge both of the theory and the practice of music. He had done excellent work for many years for the Choral Union, of which he had been the conductor for a quarter of a century. Considerable progress has been made during this time in the musical life of Aberdeen, and the Choral Union has made steady progress. Its concerts are good, and its position is secure. For much of this Mr. Kirby deserved credit. We share the regret at his death which is felt by every one in Aberdeen who takes an interest in its musical life.

Mr. George A. Wilson, solicitor (Messrs. Mackenzie & Wilson), who is secretary of the West Aberdeenshire Liberal Association, will be much in evidence during the forthcoming electoral contest in that division. His services as agent ought to prove of the greatest advantage to the Liberal candidate. Not only is he a native of the constituency, but before joining his present firm he practically performed all the work of the secretaryship for several years while in the office of the late Mr. J. S. Butchart, who was Dr. Farquharson's agent.

That energetic cleric, the Rev. James Smith of St. George's-in-the-West, is evidently determined to keep his church well filled. His latest “notion,” which was carried out last Sunday, is certainly somewhat novel. It took the form of a special sermon for mothers with children in arms. The church was filled to overflowing, and it is stated that about a dozen derelict milk-bottles were picked up in the pews after the worshippers had departed. Now that he has got his hand fairly in, Mr. Smith might develop the idea of a St. George's Church “Baby Show,” part of the entry money to go in prizes, and the rest to the Renovation Fund.

## Plays and Players.

BY GALLIO.

### "What Men Dare."

"Comedy-drama" is an ugly compound name. It is not in the dictionary, and it has no right to a place on a programme. The claims of the English language, however, worry many theatrical people very little. "What Men Dare" is a melodrama of better quality than most provincial melodramas, and not nearly so effective, for example, as "The Worst Woman in London." Mr. C. Rann Kennedy and Mr. Michael Sherbrooke are too intelligent to write an ordinary, vulgar melodrama, but they don't know the technique of the business as Mr. Melville knows it. There is some tolerable writing in "What Men Dare." On the other hand, there is something of Ouida, without her genius, and there is grammar like "those sort of people." "Sort" is a noun in the singular, as every one knows except Miss Marie Corelli and her admirers. I hope that the actors—or the authors, if they be responsible—will read *BON-ACCORD*, and mend their grammar.



There is a great deal of talk in "What Men Dare." Some of it is not bad, though one does not know what much of it is about. Its Russians remind one of such melodramas as "Under the Red Lamp," though there is no actor of Mr. Tree's ability who could help to redeem the melodrama. Somehow there is very little Russian atmosphere in the play, and the Cockney accent is heard too often. Perhaps only Mr. Brember Wills contrives to get a little suggestion of cleverness as well as cunning into his sketch of character. Good scenery and costumes that are, I suppose, accurate, are not enough. Yet it would be unjust not to insist on the great superiority of Mr. Kennedy's and Mr. Sherbrooke's play to almost all similar pieces, and, indeed, to many more pretentious plays.



"What Men Dare" is played quite adequately by a company of which the leading members are Miss Emelie Polini, Mr. Waram, Mr. Wainwright, and Mr. Wills. Mr. Allan Carruthers, Mr. Robert Anderson, Miss Fitzwalters, and Mrs. Edmund Lyons do the play some service. Miss Polini is very good in the scene with Drugin in the fourth act, and it is a pity that an actress of such emotional ability does not have even better chances. Mr. Waram and Mr. Anderson have a "bonnie fight" in the last act. In short, "What Men Dare" is good, but not good enough.

### Mr. Martin Harvey as Hamlet.

Mr. Martin Harvey has changed his plans, and now tells me that he will play Hamlet when he visits Aberdeen during the third week of next month.



## Theatrical Gossip.

### Mr. Tree as Shylock.

Mr. Tree will not produce "The Merchant of Venice" at His Majesty's Theatre until it has finished its run at the Garrick Theatre. Miss Viola Tree will play Portia when Mr. Tree produces the play.

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By Order of the Directors,  
J. F. MACPHAIL, MASSIE, Treasurer.  
213 George Street, Aberdeen, 11th July, 1905.

### H.M. Coast-guard Life-Saving Exercises.

Lieutenant Garret, R.N., the popular officer in command of the local division of the Coast-guard, announces life-saving exercises as follows:—Stonehaven, Saturday, 19th August, 2 p.m.; Muchalls, Saturday, 26th August, 3.30 p.m.; Bridge of Don, Saturday, 9th September, 3.30 p.m.; Collieston, Tuesday, 12th September, 2 p.m.; Peterhead, Wednesday, 13th September, 11 a.m.; Port Erroll, Wednesday, 13th September, 2.30 p.m. The Lord Provost and Baillies of Aberdeen intend to be present at the Bridge of Don exercises, while the Provost of Peterhead will patronise the show at the Ugie river on 13th September.

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DEAR MAISTER EDITUR.

The present's been aboot th' stirriest week I've experience't in Aiberdeen sin' I engineer't th' gryte coal-cairters' strik', awa' back in th' Eichties. In fack, I've been fleein' aboot a' owre th' toon as eydent's a bayvir nearhan' ilky day, transackin' some important bit o' bizness in ae place, or interviewin' ane or ither o' th' notorious poleetical swells fae London 'at's noo investin' th' ceety in anither. Indeed, thro' my acteevity in this direckshin, an' th' raither unfort'nate fackilty I posses o' ayê seein' e'e t' e'e wi' th' compiny I happen t' be in, I gither fae th' notes i' m' diary 'at I'm pledg't t' stump th' kwintry for th' Radickle candidat' in West Aiberdeenshire, an' likewise t' gie a helpin'-han' t' Maister Rose-Innes in th' Elgin Burghs, an' Captin Hamilton-Gordon in th' Sooth Division o' th' ceety. T' accomplish a' this successfully wid task th' resources o' a man o' eyven gryter versateeiity than mysel'. Hooiver, fin it comes t' th' push, I've nae doot I'll manage t' back oot o' th' last twa engagements, as it wid be far fae seemly for an extra-advance't Leeb'ral o' my stamp t' be plyterin' aboot like aul' Aikin in th' camps o' th' enemy.

In addection t' colloquin' wi' th' politeeshins, I made some offertures t' th' heid-deesters o' th' Bebeccaites, siggestin' they sid alloo me an oppirtunity o' deliverin' a speeshil address t' th' Assembly afore its sepiration on a gran' skaim I hae for sweepin' awa' drunkenness by th' introduckshin o' a non-alcoholic brand o' Hielan' fuskly, warrantit t' possess th' taste o' th' geniwin' article an' a bite as vénimis as that o' a rattlesnake. T' mair gryte sirprise, th' mair espeeshilly as I undertook t' be responsible for th' hire o' th' hall, I receiv't a polite refusal, on th' grun' 'at I wis nayther a profess't teetotaller nor a son o' Rebecca. Th' secretar', hooiver, said he wid be awfu' pleas't t' enrol me as a member, an' th' society wid mak' nae bones o' acceptin' wi' thanks ony donaishin I nicht care t' sen' t' th' foonds. This wis hardly gweed aneuch, for tho' a strickly mod'rit drinker—ane o' th' stirlin' kin' o' men fa can "ayther tak' it or wint it"—I hae nae intenshin o' voluntarily deprivin' mysel'—or, indeed, ony kin' o' person 'at can afford t' pey for't—o' a dram.

Gin I cud 'a manag't, I fully inten't this year t' pey a veesit t' th' Keith Cattle Show, on th' cordyil invitaishin o' my frien' Maister Donal' o' Leddyhill, bit b' a maist unlucky chance the show wis held on th' same day as th' openin' o' th' local Wappinshaw, an' nae bein' a bird o' passage, I cudna weel be in twa places at ae time. Th' rizzin' o' my niver missin' a Wappinshaw may be attributit t' th' fack 'at I happen t' be an aul' volunteer—ane o' th' aul'est in th' kwintry, in trowth—tho' I wis dischairg't nearhan' forty year syne, aifter pittin' in twal months' hard practicee, on th' allegaishin 'at I wis "inefeeshent." This, I needna tell ye, wis a maleeshis fabricaishin, arisin' oot o' th' ill-wull o' th' sergint-instructir an' Wullie Mair, the butcher an' lootenan' in comman' o' th' company, fa haed baith maist onaccountably ta'en a pick ag'inst me. Mair keeps up his spite t' this day, affen statin' owre a dram, wi' a marvellis disregaird o' th' trowth, 'at fin it wis kent I wis gaun for targit practicee, th' lave o' th' sodgers hed themsel's in a bullet-preef shed

till I wis feenish't. A'body ackwant wi' th' facks kens, hooiver, 'at this scandal wis spread oot o' revenge at my haein' accidently dischairg't my gun in th' ranks ae day, an' buriet half an unce o' leid in Wullie's richt leg. I think it only fair, Maister Editur, in view o' fat follas, 'at ye sid ken th' richts o' th' story. Awat, as far as th' volunteers is concern't, I claim considerai-shin as a man wi' a grievance. If I hidna bean sae iniquitously huntit oot o' th' service, I micht 'a risen t' a curnelship or eyven a sergin-majesty lang afore this time, in addeeshin t' haein' th' Queen's Prize t' my credit mair nor aince.

I made a rale conspeeshis figur' as I strode doon t' th' Links last Tyesday wi' my trusty aul' muzzle-loader oonder m' airm, an' sportin' a big fite C.I.V. hat trim't wi' a yaird o' gauze vellin', an' a new pair o' yalla putties roon my legs. Haudin' straucht t' th' Refresh, I laid my gun doon on th' table, an' order't a drink. My appearance, I can tell ye, made a gryte sensaishin in th' tint, an' I cud hear some o' th' fouk whisperin'—

"That's Birse o' Kettybrowster. Isna he a perfeck model o' a sportsman? Nae doot he's come t' lift th' King's Prize."

Presently twa-three intimat' aul' frien's drappit in, includin' Airthir Peerie an' Privit Kyd o' Montrose. Baith o' them wis delightit t' see me, tho', nae a little t' my disappointment, they wid drink naething stronger nor ginger beer—a clean throw-awa' o' siller, in my estmashin. Airthir wis awfu' keen t' learn which o' th' competeeshins I inten't t' enter. Efter discussin' th' pint for some time, I said I wid leave it in his han's, an' he promptly siggestit that the "Extra Veetrans"—saiven shot at twa hunner yairds—wis th' vera thing. This event, hooiver, didna come aff till aboot half-past sax, an' fin Airthir an' his frien' left t' sheet aff some ties or something, I spent th' intervenin' couple o' oors as best I cud swappin' stories wi' a miscellaneous compiny o' marksmen, fa' show't themsel's awfu' keen t' mak' my ackwantance.

At last Airthir sent in a corp'ril wi' th' intelligence 'at a' th' arrangements wis completit, an' requestin' my immedyt presence on th' field. My arrival wis greetit wi' a lood cheer fae a lot o' sodgers an' civeelian spectators, an' I can tell ye I wis th' sinosure o' a' een fin I asshum't a fancy poseeshin o' my ain invenshin—back on th' grun', wi' my weapin restin' on th' soles o' my upturn't beets, an' takin' th' sights throu atween my legs—an athoot loss o' time fire't th' first shot. Immedytly th' marker signifeet a "bull," an' th' cheerin' wis renew't. Ilky ane o' th' subsequent shots gied unerringly t' th' centre o' th' targit, bit jist as I pull't th' trigger for the last shot, th' sairly taskit gun fell t' bits in my har's. In fack, it's a win'er me or some o' th' crood wisna blawn t' bits.

Hooiver sorry I wis at th' destruckshin o' my gweed weppin, I wis rale prood o' th' accuracy o' my marksmanship, and receiv't th' congratulaishins o' a host o' frien's, aul' an' new, wi' a feelin' o' th' sincerest satisfackshin. Syne cam th' ineévitable dash o' caul' watter t' mar my triumph. "He's disqualifet," I heard some ane in th' crood cry. "See, he's been firin' a' th' time at th' sax hunner yairds range."

On investigashin this prov't t' be true, an' tho' th' public admiraishin o' my gunnery raise t' th' seventh hiven, I wis, of coorse, depriv't o' th' prize-siller 'at sid jistly 'a fa'en t' my share. Nae doot th' time I spent in th' refreshment tint hid something t' dee wi' my mistakin' th' targits, tho' Airthir or some ither o' th' volunteers sid 'a keepit me richt in that respeck, bit th' fack o' my pittin' on saiven bulls in sikceshin at sax hunner yairds is a complete answer t' th' siggestyin 'at I hid a skyte mair i' my heid than wis discreet on sic an important occazhin. My frien's did their best t' console me for th' loss o' th' prize. In fack, Captin Peerie insistit 'at I sid apply immedytly t' th' King

for leeberty t' ging as a cornel t' th' neist competeeshin at Bisley. Sic a display o' sheetin' as mine, he declar't, wi' tears o' honest admiraishin in's een, hid niver been seen afore on th' Links o' Aiberdeen, or ony ither place, an' niver wid be agen, unless it wis Birse 'imself' 'at han'lt th' gun.

Th' only wurd in disparitchment o' my feat cam' fae a stuntit vratch in a kilt fae th' Cawbrach, fa suggestit 'at th' haill affair wis a pitten-up job, th' markers bein' bribet t' register a "bull" ilky time I fire't. Instead o' th' bullets hittin' th' targit, th' malcontent craitur alleg't 'at a' my shots flew sae far wide o' th' mark as nearhan' t' cairry death-an' destruckshin amo' th' fouk at th' Bathin' Staishin. Hooiver, Lewie Grant, fa wis present, threaten't t' ding 'im int' th' middle o' neist week gin he didna stop his yatter, sae efter that my Cawbrach creetic very wisely held his tongue.

As it wis gettin' on t' aucht o'clock afore I left th' Links, I held doon th' toon instead o' gaun t' Kettybrowster, an' b' accident fell in wi' ane o' th' reporters fa hid been engag't at th' Wappinshaw. In th' coorse o' wir crack, my frien' threw oot a raither vailyable siggestyin, which I hae pleesure in makin' public, as it conteens th' germs o' fat promises t' be th' maist important event at futur' rifle meetin's in Aiberdeen—th' Leddies' Competeeshin for th' Birse Cup.

Says he, "Did ye happen t' see th' Boor leddy sheetin' th' day?"

"I did not," I replet. "She wis aff th' field afore I cam' doon."

"That wis a peety," he said, "for she providit a rare interestin' spectacle. Tho' her luck wis gey hard, I niver kent arere an' oman cud sheet yon wye."

"Aen," I replet wi' some heat, displeest 'at a foreigner sid be compar't in onything till wir ain weemin, "her score wis naething gryte. I'll wauget ye a poun' note till a dram 'at my wife Kirsty, athoot ony preleeminary practeece, 'ill bate th' record o' ony Boor leddy in th' haill hypothee."

"Ye mean," said my frien', lauchin, "'at fae assoeiaishin she inherits some o' your virtue as a shot?"

"Jist that," I replet. "Are ye takin's up?"

Th' reporter leuch again, an' bookit th' bet.

Nae seener wis th' transackshin concludit than I be-good t' reproach mysel' for my haste, realisin', fin owre late, foo muckle better it wid 'a been t' hae first ascertain't Kirsty's min' on th' subjeck. Bein' in a gey feastive mood b' this time, hooiver, I determin't, willy-nilly, t' tak' 'er t' th' Wappinshaw neist day an' chance her luck, sae's I michtna loss my poun'.

It wis lang past elaiven afore I got hame that nicht. Kirsty wis sittin' up for me, nae in the best o' humours, bit, undauntit b' her soor looks, I explain't fat hid happen't doon th' toon, an' hoo she wis backit b' th' terms o' my beet t' match hersel' wi' th' rifle aginst th' Boor leddy an' ony ither feminine competitor 'at micht hae th' courage t' enter th' lists.

Man, Kirsty wis near reid-wud fin she heard th' story. She nae only p'int-blank refus't t' dee onything t' assist in salvin' th' beet, bit gied me a tonguin' 'at 'll bide in my min' tho' I sid live t' be a centurion. Efter hearkenin' t' th' verbal storm for half an' oor, I wis gled t' be lattin' slink awa' t' my bed wi' my hair an' skin intack. Fin I raise neist mornin' I discover't t' my consternaishin 'at Kirsty hid ta'en th' maist effective steps t' prevent me leavin' th' hoose. Th' ill-trickit 'oman hid lockit up ilky pair o' beets I possess't, an' as I didna daur t' comman' 'er t' bring them furth, I spent th' greater pairt o' th' day in m' bed, readin' th' beuks o' Job an' Jeremiah.

At intervals, hooiver, I jottit doon some roch details o' a skaim for a leddies' competeeshin at futur' meetin's o' th' Aiberdeen Wappinshaw. Fuller partic'lers 'll be publish't later on, bit meantime I may say 'at applicaishins fae leddies o' a' ages atween aughteen an' sixty

will be thankfully receiv't by me at Kettybrowster. Th' entry-fee is fix't at three geenies, which ocht t' cover th' preleemin'ry expenses, as weel as provide something t' th' cost o' th' Birse Cup, a trophy which remains in my possesshin till th' winner his liftit it five times in sikeeshin. Surely naething cud be fairer nor that.

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### Dancing Reform.

The first step to suppress romping and ungraceful antics in the ballroom has been taken by the Imperial Society of Dance Teachers, who, after long and careful deliberation in congress, have decided upon several important alterations in the square dances. This is a new Society, formed of the highest professors of dancing in this country, who are determined to raise the level of the art. There has been too much laxity of late years in the teaching room; novelties have been introduced which have taken the grace and dignity from many dances. This Society desires to wipe away innovations and return to the classic form. At present it has only been able to codify or standardise the square dances, and this has involved much historical research and hard work. It cannot, of course, control the public, but it can guarantee that in the academies of members of the Society the excrescences will be removed. Waltzing in quadrilles, for example, will be rigidly banned, and romping frowned upon. In future it hopes to agree upon a uniform method in the round dances. By doing this it hopes to raise dancing to a higher level, and make the dancers more at ease with their partners, because they will know the set and correct forms of each movement. It is even hoped that in time a State Academy of Dancing will be brought into existence, and that dancing will be a subject in every school syllabus sanctioned by the Board of Education.

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## Go as You Please Papers.

By O.I.I.

### 31.—Fishing with the "Ripper."

There is nothing of an exciting nature in the towing of a fishing boat through a canal. It would be an injustice to some of the finest scenery in the country, however, through which the Caledonian Canal wends its way, were no reference made to it. But I cannot do more. The business in hand in the meantime is the cruise of the "Invertartan Star," and however tempting the theme of the gorgeous panorama of Highland lochs and mountains, the reference must suffice so that the adventures of the "Partan" and his crew are attended to.

The little craft got through the Canal without incident calling for any special notice. The tow-rope was got aboard, the lugsail was hoisted, and the "Invertartan Star" was soon scudding before a fair wind.

It looked as if they would soon reach Oban; but they had been a little less than a couple of hours in the open when the wind fell away, and the sail hung as limp as a wet blanket on a clothes-line.

The business of the "Partan" and his crew was not pressing, and they lay basking in the sunshine as calm and unruffled under the delay as the sea itself.

"We'd be the better o' some fresh fish," said the "Partan," removing the pipe from his mouth, and addressing Swick, who was sharing with his skipper a bundle of nets for a pillow. "Better set that billies to the ripper."

"That billies" meant the other members of the crew, and the "ripper" is a piece of bar-lead about a foot long and about a square inch thick. It is mounted with fish-hooks. The hooks are not baited. Attached to a hand-line the ripper is dropped overboard and worked up and down in the water. Cod, ling, and fish of the same family appear to be of an inquiring turn of mind, and if any are about their attention is attracted by the sheen of the lead in the water. They gather in to it to satisfy themselves as to the nature of the phenomenon in their native element, and those who venture too near get caught by one or other of the hooks, and, like some mortals to be met with, fall victims to their curiosity.

To the angler, fishing with the ripper may not appeal as the highest class of sport. But it has its charms—particularly to those who would combine profit with their pleasure.

"A turn at the ripper," therefore, is a favourite pastime with the crews of herring boats when they happen to get becalmed on their way to or from or at the usual fishing grounds.

The crew of the "Invertartan Star" got out their rippers, and the sport became so exciting for a time that the "Partan" and Swick joined in it.

Around the craft the sea was teeming with colefish, and the ripper was no sooner in the water than a rush was made at it by the voracious "black jacks."

Often two at a time were pulled aboard, and in less than an hour half a ton of them lay upon the deck.

The catch included a few catfish, but neither cod nor ling.

"This is nae sport, chaps. It's wark," said Swick, wiping the perspiration from his brow with his cap;

and when the force of the remark was fully understood by the others they knocked off at once.

Colefish, it may be explained to the uninitiated, are a little coarse in the flesh, but a good, wholesome fish notwithstanding, and to those who have had no fresh fish for some time they are not by any means unpalatable.

They found little favour as an article of diet, however, with the crew of the "Invertartan Star," and as there was little chance of securing a market for them at Oban, the heap that lay upon the deck looked to most of the crew—now that they had time to think—as the result of labour in vain.

The catfish, perhaps the most unpopular with the general public of all our food fishes, in consequence of its ugly head and skin, is quite a delicacy to those who know how to prepare it and cook it.

The "Partan" gave orders that the "cats" in the catch should be cleaned and skinned, and one of them was handed over to the "loon," who cut it up into good-sized fillets, and soon had it skirling in the pan for a tit-bit to the crew's next meal.

A capful of wind now came along, and by the time they were ready to sit down to what the "Partan" described as a "tousy tea" they were making about three knots an hour.

But they were not to have their "tousy tea" just yet.

"Invertartan Star, ahoy!" came floating across the water from a passing yacht.

The "Partan" echoed the "ahoy" in that peculiar way the seafaring man can make his voice go a long distance.

"Any fresh fish aboard?" came from the yacht.

"A puckle," was the response of the "Partan."

"What needs ye say that?" growled Swick. "Ye ken fine it'll be fancy fish for their table they're wantin'—nae black jacks, at onyrate."

"We'll soon gie them fancy fish," was the skipper's reply. "Here, all hands, cut up the cats intil nice slices about the size o' a sole. An' you, Swick, ye're quickest wi' the knife, skin a curn o' the biggest black jacks an' cut them intil nice shapes to please the e'e. Hurry up, everybody. They're lowerin' a boat at the yaucht, an' they'll be here afore ye ken where ye are."

When the "Partan" meant business there was no disputing his orders, and when he assumed the commanding tone of voice now employed, the crew knew it was theirs not to reason why, but to implicitly obey.

"Mind," he went on, "that there is only wan man alloed to speak when the strangers come aboard. When ower mony speak the tane aye contradicks the tither, an' spiles ony chance o' bizness. If they're Englishmen, an' they want to speak t' ye, jist pretend ye're Heilanmen an' hae naething but Gaelic. If they're Glesca shopkeepers, as I expeck they are, jist do the stupid an' dinna understan' them. I'll mak' a gweed bargain wi' them if they're fae Glesca. The only fish they ken ocht about is herrin'. They think they ken a haddie, bit a codlin' or a whitin' pleases them jist the same, an' they canna tell the difference."

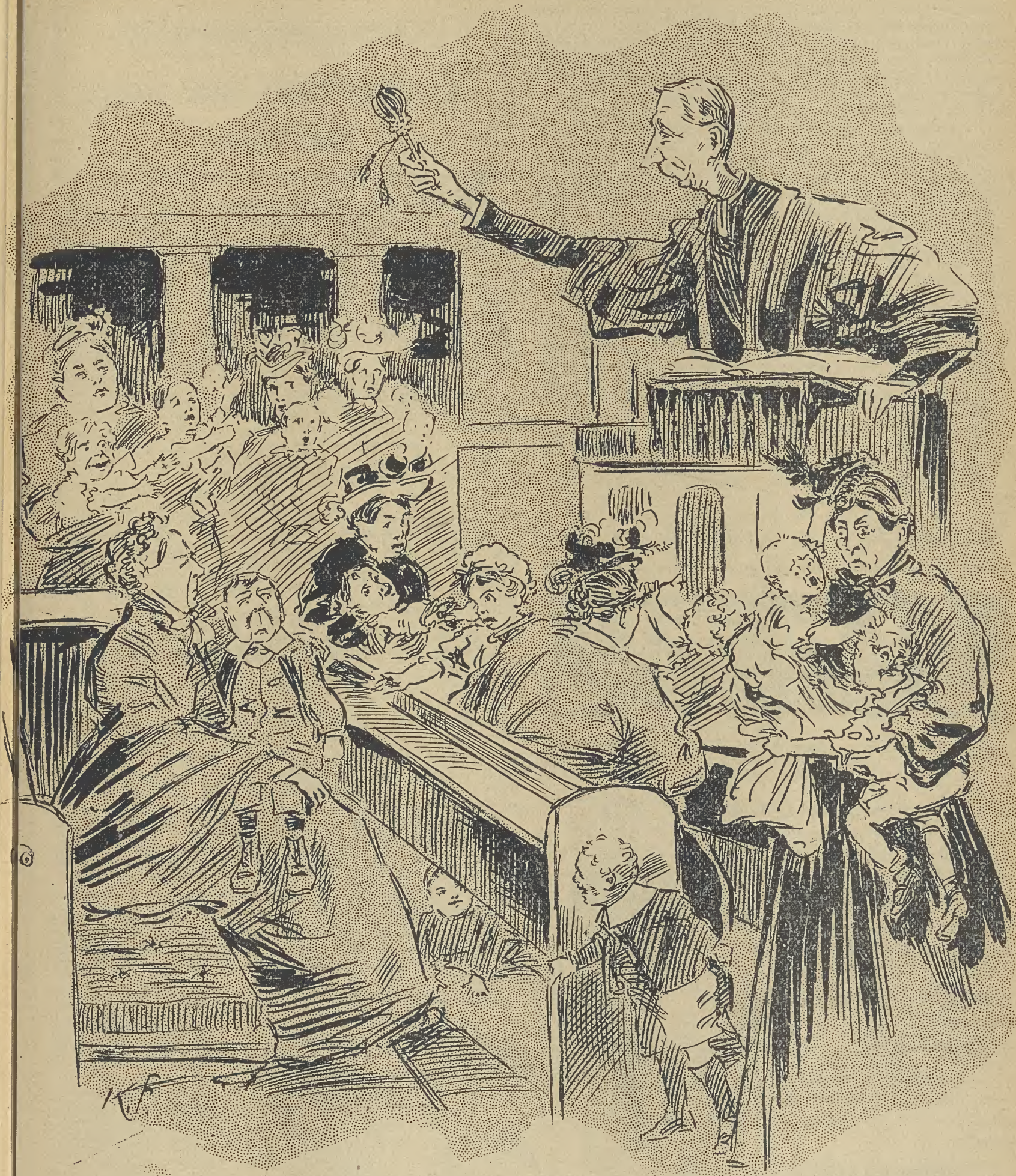
"I doot they'll nae be sair ta'en wi' black jacks," said Swick, in a mildly protesting tone.

"G'wa, man. Ye wadna ken them yersel' frae cod if they were put doon afore ye in style. Bit you hurry up wi' yer skinnin', an' dinna fash yersel' wi' ocht else in the meantime. All hands! Noo mind, chaps—I do a' the speakin' on this job."

It turned out that those aboard the yacht which had hailed the "Invertartan Star" were neither Englishmen nor Glasgow merchants, but a party of German ladies and gentlemen, including the Grand Duke of Saxe-Holstein, to whom the vessel—the Königgrätz—belonged.



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When the boat which had been launched from the yacht was pulled alongside the fishing craft by four sturdy German sailors, the "Partan" threw them a rope, and after making it fast assisted aboard a little fat fellow in the white garb of a cook, and, as it subsequently transpired, he was the personage who had charge of the feeding of the distinguished company aboard the yacht.

"Vot sort of feesh haf you got?" was the first question he put to the skipper of the "Invertartan Star."

The "Partan" had less confidence in the ignorance of a German cook regarding fish than he would have placed in either English gentlemen or Glasgow merchants. His original idea was to pass off the filleted codfish and catfish as soles, but he knew that the Germans were the great consumers of the herrings caught on the East Coast, and it gave him an exalted notion of their knowledge of fish generally. To admit the cat or the sole, he knew, would spoil any chance of business, and to say his cut-up fish were soles, he was afraid, would be too great a venture with a German cook. He thought upon turbot and halibut, but was convinced that the German would be familiar with both. There was no time, however, for consideration, and at a hazard he blurted out that he had "A puckle verra gweed whitebait."

He knew that whitebait was a "fancy" fish, but he had never seen it in his life, and had not the least idea of its shape, colour, or size.

Neither had the German—fortunately for the "Partan."



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## BOOK REVIEW.

## "INGATHERINGS,"

By WILLIAM CADENHEAD.

[William Smith. The Bon-Accord Press. Printed for the subscribers.]

This handsomely produced volume of 232 pages, which is creditable alike to the printer and the binder, contains a selection of the later work of that singularly lovable old man, William Cadenhead, wine merchant, Netherkirkgate, who, after a long, placid, and happy life, passed away last November at the age of 85. The collection appears to have been edited by our townsman, Mr. William Walker, author of the "Bards of Bon-Accord." Most certainly it will give satisfaction to the poet's many admirers, as the representative specimens of his singularly varied muse have been selected with the greatest care and discrimination.

Mr. Cadenhead was undoubtedly a genuine poet, although he seldom attempted to fly on a strong wing. His verse is always graceful and melodious, and his ear for rhyme was invariably as correct as his sense of rhythm. There is very little he ever wrote that cannot still be read with pleasure, from the rollicking, versified reminiscences of his youthful days to the eerie ballads in which he preserved the legends of the twilight ages, and the more serious strains of his later years where his mellowed optimism is so nobly and so earnestly expressed.

Many of the pieces printed in this volume possess an extrinsic as well as an intrinsic worth from the fact that the author had in a sense constituted himself the "Laureate of Aberdeen." For example, the following extract as to the origin of the place-name Kittybrewster, which is taken from a poem of the same name, has a distinct topographical value:—

"She sell't a dram—I kent her fine—  
Out on the road to Hilton,  
Afore the door there stood a sign  
Ahint a lairack beltin'.

Her dram was good, but O her ale,  
'Twas it that did her credit;  
Aboon a' brewsts it bore the bell,  
An' 'twas hersel' that made it.

She was a canty, kindly dame,  
They ca'd her Kitty Brewster."

With the exception of the veteran William Carnie, who is still happily to the fore, Mr. Cadenhead had outlived most of the intimate friends of his youth and earlier manhood, but although, with this and one or two other exceptions, they were "all gone, the old

familiar faces," he continued to be hopeful and of good cheer to the end, and the pathetic quatrain we quote below, which he wrote on the death of an aged sister, last November, three weeks before his decease, shows that the poetic flame continued to burn undimmed even while the final sands were rapidly passing through the glass:—

"Long on the bough the frail leaf shook:  
It took the Autumn's brown;  
The Winter's blast it could not brook,  
So quietly fluttered down."

In concluding this brief notice, it should be mentioned that "Ingatherings" contains an excellent photogravure of the poet—a "speaking" likeness of him as he appeared in his later years; as well as the interesting appreciation of his career, which Mr. Walker first published in the "Bards of Bon-Accord" twenty years ago.

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The year's working of "Allsopps," the famous brewing firm, has resulted in a total loss of over £41,000. This is very much greater than last year. The unfortunate stock-holders have received no dividend for ten years, and the shares, which once stood at 18s, are now quoted at 1s. In addition, the company is heavily in debt to the debenture and other preference stock-holders. The share capital of "Allsopps" now amounts to £5,600,000, but £1,400,000 was written off as irretrievably lost some years ago. Probably another large sum will again have to be sacrificed, as the company was hopelessly over-capitalised from the start. There is little doubt the general meeting, which is to be held to-day in the Cannon Street Hotel, London, will prove the stormiest on record.



One is very glad (says the *Sphere*) to see the reviving interest in the historic game of bowling. There is no more reposeful game to watch, and a good player must have brought eye and hand into extraordinary control. Dr. W. G. Grace has taken to bowls very enthusiastically, and though he was beaten this year, we have no doubt he will yet be the champion. Perhaps one of the greatest charms of bowls is that no man is ever too old for it.

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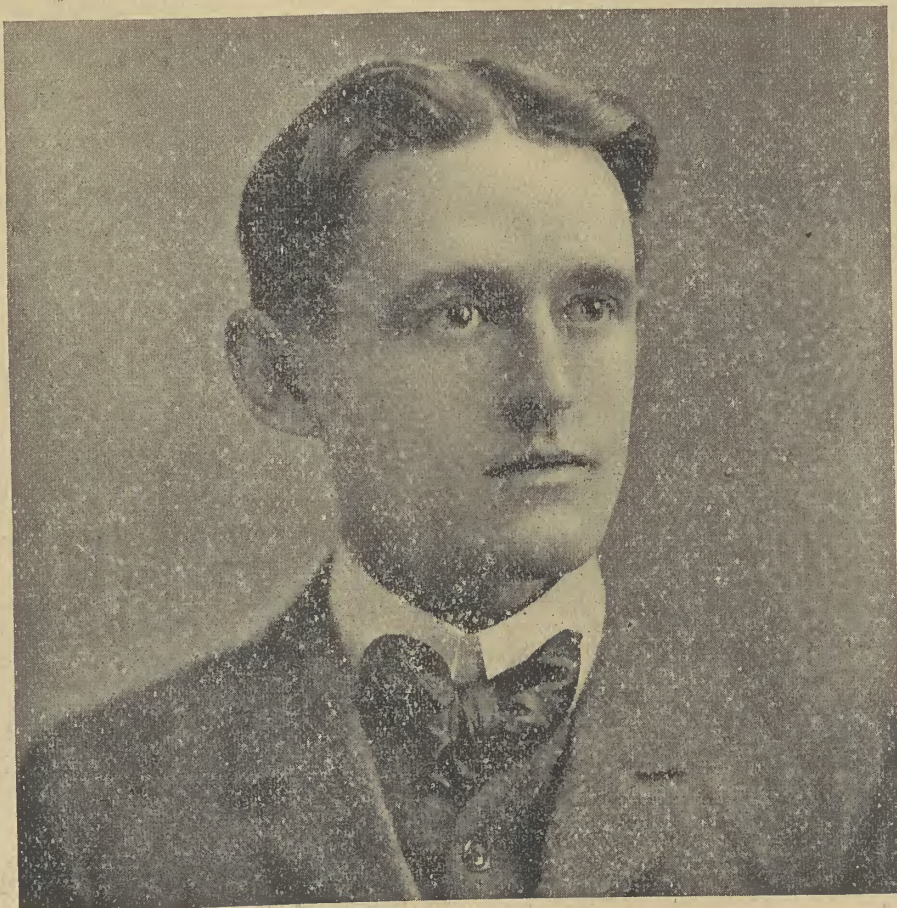
**ABERDEEN.**

## Palace and Hippodrome.

Good first turns are quite common at the Palace. Mr. Mark Leslie is described as "the Dusky Prince." He sings pleasantly, and his dancing was greatly applauded. Next came Miss Ivy Nelson. This young lady sang two songs. One of them was about an "A.B.C. Girl" who knew her way about, as most girls do in these days. This was a good song, however. Better still was a sentimental, pathetic song about a man, a woman, and their little boy, through whom they were reconciled. This is the sort of simple thing that comes home to the hearts and bosoms of music hall audiences. Miss Nelson sang it well, and she is a very dainty person. I liked her second song better than some of those that were sung later in the evening. The third turn was that of Terry and Bentley, whom I praised last week. The male comedian is very droll, and the lady is pretty and graceful, and she dances agreeably.

Miss Norah Emerald sings with spirit and effect. Her fancy is for coon songs. She, too, sings of someone whose eyes are open, and an audience at a music hall likes to vary sentiment with a knowing air. "Zaid," who looks like a Moor, gives one of the best turns in the programme. It is clever and daring. "Zaid" has a beautiful, supple body which it is a delight to watch. Miss Rosie Coleman is a capital dancer on a sanded stage. Her dancing is almost noiseless, and is very interesting. Mr. Fred Keeton sings several songs much to the amusement of the audience.

Mr. "Teddy" Woolhouse is a native of Leeds, where he is a favourite at concerts. His first season as a Pierrot was spent last summer at West Kirby, Cheshire, where he was very popular indeed, and the newspapers and the public alike praised him. Mr. Woolhouse has many admirers in Aberdeen. He has a good voice and an excellent style, and his songs are always refined. Sometimes his songs are humorous, and sometimes pathetic, and they are always successful. His pleasant smile goes a long way with audiences. He is "booked up" for the winter, and is still receiving tempting offers. Mr. Woolhouse is only twenty-one. He is a versatile comedian and singer.



Mr. "TEDDY" WOOLHOUSE.

Miss Emma Don and her "black and white quartette" of singers give a quaint, interesting, and delightful turn. There is no more pleasant turn. Mr. Harry Conlin sang four or five songs. He is an amusing comedian, and one can understand his popularity. Donaldson Brothers and Ardel do the "star" turn. It is a diverting parody, played in pantomime, of a visit to the "Zoo." There was a very large audience on the evening we were at the Palace, and it laughed all the time at this "zoological comedy." Messrs. Rosen and Bliss promise many more good turns.

O. H.

### Next Week at the Palace.

The leading turn next week at the Palace will be "The Belle of the Orient." This is said to be a very bright and amusing musical extravaganza. Another engagement is that of Mr. Michael Nolan, who is an extremely popular comedian. Messrs. Rosen and Bliss, the new managers of the Palace, have also become the managers of the Palace Theatre, Sunderland. They have engaged Mr. Harry Lauder, and they promise that in Sunderland, as in Aberdeen, they are to let the public have first-rate companies.

Other turns at the Palace next week are Mr. E. J. Sheldon; Mr. "Bob" Hamilton, a Scotch comedian; the Two Romers; Miss Agnes Hazel; the Bohemians; and Vernon's Animated Pictures.

Mlle. Genée, the famous dancer at the Empire, is going to dance in "The Little Michus," at Daly's Theatre. Music has been written for her by M. Messenger, the composer of "The Little Michus."

Miss Marie Studholme, who has been playing "Lady Madcap," at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, is playing the same part on tour.

Mr. Harry Lauder began an exclusive West End engagement at the Tivoli on Monday evening. Mr. Lauder is as popular as ever, and nowhere more so than in London. It will be two years before the Tivoli comes down for improvements in the Strand.

Certain leading variety theatres have made "working arrangements" by which very big salaries will be reduced, and economy will be aimed at in other directions.

A review, in imitation of the French *revue*, will be the next "attraction," as these things are called, at the Palace Theatre in London. It will be written by Mr. George R. Sims, the veteran journalist and dramatist.

## SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

### The Opening of the Football Season.

#### “Bon-Accord’s” Coupon Competitions. Handsome Prizes.

The football season began on Tuesday. Locally, the interest in the game will be greater this year than ever, owing to the fact that at last the Aberdeen team has been included in the First Division League. As formerly, **BON-ACCORD** will devote a large amount of space weekly to recording the doings of the senior and junior clubs. The reports and notes will be contributed by experts familiar from youth with all the outs and ins of the sport, both in its local and national aspects. Though the criticisms may be pungent on occasion, they will always be impartial and thoroughly reliable. A picturesque variety will also be lent to this section of the paper by the frequent publication of special articles descriptive of the lighter sides and humours of the more important matches.

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Week by week will likewise appear portraits and biographical sketches of noted players; as well as photographic groups of selected teams, with full details of the records of their clubs. Nothing, in fact, will be left undone to make **BON-ACCORD** the most thoroughly representative organ of the football interest in the city. The game is indeed worthy of all attention. Though open to criticism in certain respects, it will undoubtedly always rank as one of the healthiest and manliest of British sports.

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Encouraged by the remarkable success of our efforts last year, we shall again hold a Coupon Competition weekly during the season, in which three prizes of half-a-crown or more, and occasional consolation stakes, will be paid to those who most accurately forecast the number of goals scored by the contending teams in various specified matches. We may point out that there is no element of gambling in this competition. The coupon costs nothing, and persons who follow the “form” of the various clubs intelligently are almost certain to make a very shrewd guess as to how they will shape in the field. Further particulars will appear in future issues of **BON-ACCORD**. Meantime we wish the local teams the very best of luck in all their matches.

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### “Bon-Accord” Official Programme.

We may mention that we have been successful in obtaining from the directors of the Aberdeen Football Club the right to publish an Official Programme of the matches played by their teams during the coming season. The programmes, which will contain the fullest and most reliable information as to the composition of the contending teams, with excellent portraits in every issue of players and officials, and much other interesting matter relative to the matches, are to be on sale at Pittodrie Park. Considering the serviceable qualities and excellent “get-up” of the production, the price is low at one penny.

#### St. Bernards at Pittodrie.

Aberdeen played their reserves on Tuesday night, when the season opened in an Eastern League fixture with St. Bernards. Play was fast and interesting, but a lot of improvement in shooting is required by the locals. The same may be said of the visitors, who played several well-known local juniors. Fast though the play was, the opportunities lost by the Aberdeen forwards were certainly not what should have been. A draw was the result, no scoring being done by either side.

#### The Opening.

Saturday will see the serious part of the campaign locally commenced. Tuesday saw St. Bernard here on East of Scotland League business, and last night Aberdeen were at Dens Park. These were both baptismal efforts, in which experiments for future guidance were tried in the teams. The practice games last week gave one the impression that the A team was not far behind the first, any of the lads being able to fill a gap if required. What I have seen of the teams does not impress me that they are an invincible lot—very far from it. As yet the backs are the weak spot, or rather they have made the poorest appearance. All the same, Macfarlane got plenty work, and gave his friends hearty pleasure in his success. The halves are as good as ever, but I could observe that the front line is not going to be a success as at present constituted. There seemed to be a want of complete understanding, and a thorough neglect of the right-wing pair. This I hope to see remedied by Saturday. Unless the front line work better together, I am afraid there will be a lot of heart-burning before the season is far advanced. Bar accident, the team to face Partick Thistle will be as follows:—Macfarlane; Murray and Willox; Halket, Strang, and Low; Robertson, Henderson, Ward, M’Auley, and Lennie.

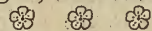
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LOGIE-COLDSTONE—PUBLIC HALL, on WEDNESDAY, 23rd August, at 8 p.m.  
BALLATER—VICTORIA HALL, on THURSDAY, 24th August, at 8 p.m.  
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The A team have a very likely lot together, who have shaped better than their best friends expected. They should take a good place in the Northern League this season, while they have also been entered for the Scottish 2nd XI. Cup competition. On Saturday they visit Perth to play St. Johnstone, when they will have a stiff hurdle to get over. The team will be selected from the following:—Barret or Herd; Brebner, Gault, Low, Thomson, Davidson, Robertson, Harvey, Cruickshank, Hamilton, Edgar, M'Nicol, and Jaffrey.



#### New Faces at Pittodrie.

WILLIAM LENNIE, who has been engaged by the Aberdeen to fill the position of outside left, learned his football in Glasgow junior circles. His first club of note was Queen's Park as an amateur; then the Rangers claimed him as understudy to Alex. Smith. Coming north to Dundee, he played some fine games for the Dens Park Club, and last season he went to Fulham. Now that he has come north we expect to see him play up to his reputation and help Aberdeen to get a good place in the League tourney.

ALFRED WARD is a Chesterfield youth, where he got his initial lessons in the game. Notts County had a great fancy for him, but he decided to go farther afield, and last season he earned great praise while with Brighton Hove Albion. He has all the necessary qualifications for a good centre, which was the weak spot in Aberdeen's attack last season.

"PIM" HENDERSON, as he is familiarly called, is a local lad who came out in the Orion Club in both sections. On the amalgamation he threw in his lot with Montrose, when he was spotted by the Hibs (Edinburgh), for whom he played last season as understudy to Callaghan. The Hibs were most unwilling to part with him, but rather than see the lad go idle, they agreed to let Aberdeen play him this season. At either inside position he plays a sound, effective game.

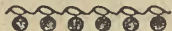
A. HILTON, who hails from Stonehaven, is a coming local player, and with experience ought to blossom into a grand support on either wing.

W. HERD is a goalkeeper who has come rapidly to the front. Last season he played for the Harp, and, judging by the appearances he has made, we may expect to see him play regularly in one or other of the teams.

STEWART DAVIDSON is another local youngster who will receive his baptism in senior circles this season. In the Favourites' team last season he was reckoned the best half they had, and this promotion he has received augurs well for his future success as a player. He can play in any position in the half-back line.

A. HAMILTON, who is also an old Harp player, is another local who was spotted by the Aberdeen last season. His trials led the manager to sign him on. With training he ought to come a great deal.

A. GAULT is the most versatile player of the local element that Aberdeen have secured. He is equally at home in the front rank, half-back, or at full-back. He has been signed on to play at back, but should occasion require it he may be transferred to either of the other places. He is a born footballer, and will make a name for himself yet.



#### CRICKET.

##### Nearing the End.

The Aberdeenshire are now in the thick of their fixtures, and are showing their real worth when opposition in other codes stares them in the face. I mean opposition from the football code. Last week they won both games in the inter-county championship, defeating Clackmannan and Stirlingshire. They lost both these games away, when they shouldn't. This I said at the time, and now repeat it. Had they done as well at the

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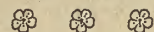
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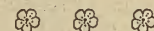
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start as now, their career would have been a pronounced success. On Saturday their win over Stirlingshire was brilliant, Webster playing one of the best innings seen on Mannofield this season. R. G. Tait seems now to have "got his eye in," and gives able and stylish assistance to his side. The fielding, too, has improved greatly, and went a very long way to gain the victory on Saturday. Webster carried his bat right through for 131, got by brilliant all-round play, while Scharenquival was out to a catch which occurs once in a lifetime. The 'Shire deserved both their wins on play, and, as I have remarked before, ought to have done better had down-right bad luck not dogged them in every game.

#### Perthshire at Mannofield.

The 'Shire made a big mistake when they altered their original fixture with Perthshire, so far as the spectatorate is concerned. The football season will open on Saturday, when the crowd will go to Pittodrie, and Mannofield is sure to suffer. I think the management might have noted this fact before they agreed to an alteration. All the same, now that they have got round their run of bad luck, may they reverse the decision at North Inch last month. They are capable of doing it with their present eleven, and I sincerely hope they will, just to re-establish themselves in the public's good graces.

Outside the 'Shire's brilliant win, no more popular victory was recorded on Saturday than that of the Caledonian over the Crescent. The Pittodrie club were got rid of cheaply for 64, M. Henderson and J. Ruddiman being the only double scorers, with 17 and 11. A bad start was made by the Caley, but they gradually got on runs, principally by A. R. Mortimer with 17 and G. Stephen carrying out his bat for 19, till they won by 3 runs and a wicket to spare. G. Stephen had the lion's share in this win.

St. Ronald had a journey to Turriff with a scratch team, and managed to get a draw, the time being too short to permit of all the men getting in. Turriff went in first, and scored 87, some good cricket being shown by Greig, Philip, and Johnstone. The Saints tried to force the pace, and lost five wickets in so doing for 46 runs. It will be seen that the game was at an interesting stage when time intervened.

### JUNIOR CRICKET.

#### Cutlets.

Saturday marked the beginning of the end. Once the Cup final is over, all interest will die out for a season.

Thistle are now the only unbeaten Junior League team. It seems as though Thistle were to have the honour of League leaders as well as Cup holders. The 2nd St. Ronald seemed to be quite out of it on Saturday. Milne (Thistle) had the remarkable analysis of nine wickets for 14 runs. None of the batting was brilliant as far as quantity went, although the quality was quite up to standard.

The 2nd Crescent had a decidedly lucky win over the Sunnyside at the Duthie Park. Douglas and Beattie (Sunnyside) and Gerrard (Crescent) were the outstanding batsmen.

Westburn gained their first League points this season at the expense of Mugiemoss. Mugiemoss have fallen away considerably since they were ousted from the Cup-ties. Gordon Mackie had the splendid analysis of seven for 7 for the Westburn. Mackie is one of our best junior bowlers.

The Granite Works had an easy win over a scratch

team of the 3rd Braemar. M'Intosh played very well for 33, while Drummond, with four for 4, and Lawson, with five for 16, shone in the bowling line. Gray, for the Braemar, had two for 1, and M'Kenzie one for 0. These bowlers might have been tried (with success, too) sooner than they were. Granite Works have now completed their League fixtures, and have won every match. This, along with their Cup-tie work, forms a splendid record for them, and they have our heartiest congratulations on their success. Long may they hold their record.

St. Clements had a win over Asylum and Cults over 2nd Braemar in friendly fixtures.

In the Braemar—Cults match, G. W. Smith, of Cults, had the most remarkable analysis of eight wickets for 2 runs. This is indeed a record, and the best performance we have noted for a very long time.

#### ELLON.

Ellon Gordon had a visit from Balnagask, and succeeded in beating that team by the narrow margin of 13 runs. Ellon batted first, and with five wickets down for 4 runs things looked black, but Marr and M'Gregor altered the complexion of the game a little, and with a handy 10 from each of these the score reached 40—by no means a phenomenal score. Balnagask fared worse, none of their men reaching double figures, and their total standing at 27.

On Saturday our old friends the St. Andrew's are the visitors.

### Swimming.

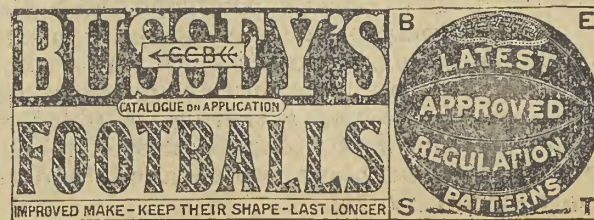
#### The Thistle's Gala.

The Corporation Baths were well filled on Saturday, when the Thistle held a gala, the chief items being the Scottish Team Championship and the semi-final for the Scottish Polo Championship. These two items alone were sufficient to bring down a good crowd, and they proved worth going to see. A 60-yards handicap in four heats opened the programme. The final, being raced later on, produced winners in the persons of Brew (Thistle) first, Harrot (Thistle) second, and Fraser (Harpers') third. Five youthful swimmers turned out for the Thistle's junior section championship, which went to G. Reid, T. Mackay being second and J. Collins third. Three teams entered for the Team Championship—Western Baths, Glasgow (holders), Wynman (Edinburgh), and Thistle (Aberdeen). Glasgow took the lead at the start, and maintained it throughout, winning by half a dozen yards. It was a grand race, the pace set by Russell and Baillie in the last bout being a treat. A dribbling and character race was interspersed by a magnificent display of ornamental and scientific swimming by J. Black (Wynman), who held the championship for three years. The closing item was the polo game between Wynman and Thistle. Mr. Miller (president, S.A.S.A.) refereed the game to the entire satisfaction of all. Defending the deep end, Wynman made some progress, which was stopped by Mailer, and the ball was kept well in the visitors' territory. A foul against a Wynman player enabled Mailer to get a good pass, and he scored for Thistle four minutes after the start. Shortly after, M'Lauchlan equalised, and half-time came with the Thistle pressing. When the teams took the water again there was a grand tussle for precedence, both sides shooting well. J. Baillie got well away, and, swimming fast, scored a second goal, an effort which he repeated shortly after. There was no further scoring, and Wynman enter the final by their victory over the Thistle of 3 goals to 1.

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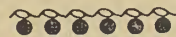
Prices—Ground (only), 10s.; Ground and Stand, 15s.; and Reserved Enclosure, 20s. Applications and remittances to Secretary, Pittodrie Park. Evening attendance given 7 to 9 o'clock.



**Golf.**

**The Balnagask Golf Course.**

The most notable incident of the opening of the Balnagask Golf Course was the interesting and humorous speech by Mr. J. W. Crombie, the member for Kincardineshire. It was eagerly listened to by the large company of members, or possible members, of the club, and friends from other clubs. The golf course has been admirably laid out, and Mr. G. F. Duthie, the captain of the Balnagask Club, justly claimed that it had exceptional advantages in situation and in scenery, which, he added, was unknown to most people in Aberdeen. Mr. Crombie made one of those light and bright speeches in which he excels on social occasions. He divided the population into two classes—those who could play golf, and those who thought they could, but couldn't. Like Mr. Andrew Lang, he described himself as a duffer. This description was not quite appropriate, however, to Mrs. Crombie, who drove the first ball, and got a very good shot. A full report of the interesting game between M. Arnaud Massey, of Biarritz, the well-known French professional, and Mr. Archie Simpson, the Royal Aberdeen professional, has been given in the daily papers. It was eagerly watched by a crowd of those who play golf. Archie Simpson won the match by two up and one to play. His round was 44, and Massey's 46. Mr. John Thomson, jun., captain of the Victoria Golf Club, was referee. We should mention that the course has been laid out under Mr. Simpson's direction. Mr. Duthie paid a compliment to the zeal of Mr. Clow, the secretary of the Balnagask Club. The youngest of the golf clubs has begun well, and BON-ACCORD wishes it all success.



**Bowling.**

**Record Match.**

Whitehall v. Ferryhill.—These clubs met on Saturday afternoon at Whitehall to play off their annual fixture. Each club, being numerically strong, put forward ten rinks, necessitating both greens being utilised for the occasion. The result of such an unprecedented match, and one that was keenly and enjoyably contested, was awaited with more than the usual interest. Whitehall won by 46 points. The following are the scores:—Whitehall—Skips Hay 23, Campbell 25, W. Mitchell 24, Gray 16, Coutts 23, Slessor 21, Gauld 22, Sangster 25, Davidson 32, R. Mitchell 15—total 226. Ferryhill—Skips W. Mitchell 21, Clark 13, Lyall 21, Pope 20, Sangster 18, Peacock 15, Simpson 17, Garrow 16, Allaway 20, Dolan 19—total 180.



**THE LONACH GATHERING.**

This famous Highland gathering, which takes its name from the slogan of the Clan Forbes, will be held this year on Tuesday next (22nd inst.). Full particulars will be found in the programme, which may be obtained from Mr. J. F. Philip, Garchory, Strathdon, the energetic clerk of the meeting, with whom all entries are to be made. Mr. J. B. Innes, Schoolhouse, Strathdon, continues to fill the office of hon. secretary with his usual ability. The Lonach Gathering is always a picturesque and fashionable event. It is more, however, than a mere meeting of sporting notables and the burdly Highlandmen of the Strath, being inseparably connected with the Lonach Highland and Friendly Society. Anyone may become an honorary member of this society on giving a donation to the prize fund. The surplus which remains after providing for the necessary expenses of the gathering is added to the benefit fund for behoof of widows and orphans and sick and superannuated members, which now stands at the handsome figure of £1,006.

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**NOTICE TO SECRETARIES.**

*In order that our Reports may be as full as possible, the Secretaries of Junior Clubs are requested to send us details of their matches, along with any other items of news likely to interest the football public. Such Reports should reach the Offices not later than Tuesday morning in each week.*

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## District News.

ELLON.

The "Wap." is over, and our local representatives, though minus the cup they gained last year, did remarkably well in taking third place in the same competition. The men are not very badly pleased at their performance, considering the competition there was for the valuable trophy.

Haddo House Games are beginning to lose their former flavour. This year has been considered the worst, and various reasons are put forth as being to blame. The competitions in most cases were local, and for some of the events only three entries were received. There is something very far wrong when this is the case at Haddo House. Again, we are informed that something like £50 was paid for the acrobats (?) from Glasgow. Our opinion is that these rough-riders and acrobats would never have been missed from the performance, and the £50 might have been spent to far better advantage in procuring prizes for competitions open to all-comers, and so made the games something like games, and not a shadow of their former selves.

The quiting, too, was almost antediluvian in the way it was conducted. A quarter of a century ago there might have been such a thing as "fouls," but let us remind the committee that this is the twentieth century, and true sportsmen do not require a stout plank to keep them at a respectable distance when quoit-throwing. It is all very fine to say that that is the way quoits are played in the vicinity of Haddo House, but let these antique quoiters study the rules laid down by modern experts, and they will search in vain for the least note of a ten-foot plank to keep throwers within bounds.

Quite a sensation was caused on Saturday night when an ostentatious little "Jap" took it upon himself to offer fight to one superior to him in every physical department. Canine contests are not of rare occurrence, but for sheer "dogged" determination this meeting of well-known opponents was fraught with interest and for some time with danger. The fun grew fast and furious, a large crowd assembled on the "spot," women screamed, and the scene was enough to make a sucking reporter jump for joy. It was too good to last, and the combatants were at length separated—not by the "man in blue," but by the timely intervention of an insurance official and a medical man. Fortunately, the services of neither were very much required.

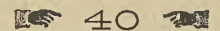


### Mr. Lemare's Organ Recitals.

Mr. Edwin H. Lemare's two recitals on the organ, which he is to give in the Music Hall on the 15th of next month, are certain to be extremely interesting. Mr. Lemare is an organist of great skill, and he has a very great reputation. The season will begin well with these two recitals. Mr. Marcus Thomson will sing at both concerts. The booking is at Messrs. Marr, Wood's.

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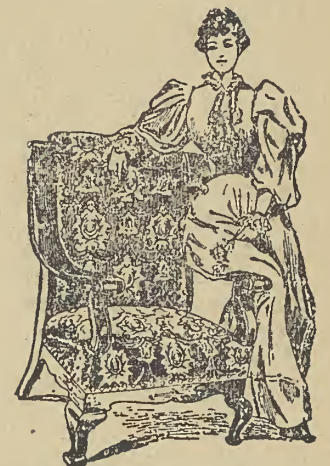
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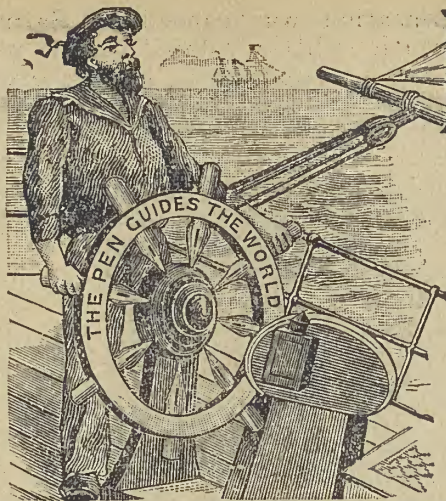
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there are six members, are popular singers and clever players on various instruments. They are likely to be successful members of the party. Another important engagement is that of the Jubilee Singers, Messrs. Goodrich and Earley, who are two men "of colour," as the reporters say, from Fisk University, Tennessee. They are refined singers, and they have, besides, the interest of novelty. The Jubilee Singers will be welcome in Aberdeen. Miss Loudon Saunders is a charming soprano singer from Glasgow. There will be a recital on the organ, by Mr. Burwood Nicholls, and the concert will begin at a quarter to eight. We wish great success to this entertainment.

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