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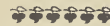
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## Round the Fire.

II.—SEAFARING.



SOME months back I passed many days on a ship that sails about the islands of the north and west seeking fish, and there learned many strange and marvellous things about the sea, and learned also to envy the happy laborious lives of sailors and fishermen. A Highlander on board, a deck-hand, who had a wonderful Gaelic

name of his own, but who was called Paddy M'Kie by his shipmates, became my fast friend, and never wearied of teaching me his sea-lore and destroying one by one all my book-learned theories about heaven and earth and the waters under the earth.

When the trawl-net was dragged in at night-time, dripping with sea-fire, he would ask what was the cause of the phosphorescence, and would be shaken with laughter and scorn when I told him about the innumerable small creatures that are said to make the sea glimmer like fire, and tried to explain how minute and how multitudinous they are. The appearance, he said, is caused by fire in the water, and this fire is the life of the sea, causing it to ebb and flow, and giving life to fishes and sea-weed and crabs. He would not believe the moon has anything to do with the tides, because the tides run back and forth even when there is no moon. He denies the existence of mermen, but he believes in the women of the sea, and once saw one of them sitting on a rock and shamelessly making eyes at the mariners. If it had not been that she looked very dank, and wet, and uncomfortable, Paddy M'Kie says there might have been a mutiny. It is only likely that they should make love to sailors, having no men at all down in the sea, and now and again they will come to live on dry land for the love of some human being. Paddy M'Kie tells about a man who married a sea-woman and had a family by her, and lived quite happily until one night a creature of the waters came and tapped at her window so that she fled back to her sea-folk, unable to resist the temptation. I did not find the story too hard to believe, because when one lives upon the waters one's imagination suffers a sea-change and borrows a little of the immensity of sea and sky, and learns to hold all things without

brimming over into ridicule, remembering that no miracle can be more astonishing than the ever-changing miracle of storm and calm. An old seaman once told me, or maybe I read the tale, how he suffered wreck in the Indian Ocean, and swam with great comfort in the warm sea for three days, and was entertained by the sweet singing of the barnacle-geese that were hatched from barnacles growing on the soles of his feet, and how he made friends with a whale, and how when a great water-spout was about to destroy him the whale dived beneath it and gulped it down in a hurry. Nothing is but thinking makes it so.

M'Kie and his friends are great men with the bottle. One time I saw the island of Iona away on the horizon, and asked Paddy M'Kie if he had ever been there. "No sir, I have not," he replied, "but I have been to a much better place whatever; to Long Hope, where we shall be to-morrow, and where one gets drunk for no more than sixpence." The whole crew went ashore at Long Hope, and broached a cask of liquor and danced reels with the hussies of the place, for all the world like buccaneers in a sea-story. Next day they were very ill and drank sea-water as an antidote to the whisky. Paddy M'Kie also drank oil he had stolen from the engine-room, and thereby moved me to great admiration. Oil, he says, is very searching, and a fine cure. I think it would have killed most people, but it certainly cured him, for in no time whatever he was showing me how to dance a sword dance with two crossed deck-mops for swords, and he went on dancing, oblivious to everything save the ecstasy of movement, until a pot which he had been set to watch boiled over and nearly put out the galley fire. He was a child in many ways, with a child's sudden and inexplicable shifts of temper; and though he would swear and fight for the least cause, or for no cause at all, I have seen him weep when he told of his own many sorrows and misadventures.

One night when it rained heavily, and when everybody except the hand at the wheel sat round the table in the warm fo'c'sle, and smoked, or tried to read tatters of old newspapers in the insufficient light of the swinging oil lamp, Paddy M'Kie suddenly put his pipe down and began to tell about a girl who had lived at the same farm where he was a farm-servant before he went to sea. She was the most beautiful girl in the world, and whatever was reddest that is what her lips were like, and whatever is softest is harder than her breast was. She and Paddy M'Kie drove a cow to market one day, and when they were coming home through the Autumn twilight he kissed her and asked her to marry him. She refused, but cried when she did so, and begged my friend not to ask her any questions about it, but to forget all about her. He did not understand then, but afterwards he understood, and even at the end of twenty years he could not find it in his heart to forgive destiny, and the tears gathered in his eyes and in his voice at the end of the story. No man spoke for a little while; even in their rough sailor hearts there was no will to mock at his tears; and then the skipper rose up with "Well, boys, its a nasty, dirty night, and we'd best all turn into we'er bunks, I'm thinkin'."

For a long time that night I lay awake, and the last sound I heard before I lost consciousness was the sound of Paddy M'Kie swearing in his sleep.

F. P. S.

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AFTER prolonged negotiations, the Tramways Committee have at last come to a decision as to the conditions on which the Suburban Tramways Company is to have the use of the Corporation tramway lines within the city boundary. In regard to the general terms of the proposed working agreement, little fault will be found. The question had to be approached in "give and take" spirit, and the two parties have to be congratulated on having succeeded in arranging a *modus vivendi* of a fairly satisfactory nature. It is greatly to be regretted, however, that on the question of the amount of commission to be paid to the company by the Town Council, a very sharp divergence of opinion should have taken place among the members of the Tramway Committee.

As to the merits of the question in dispute, it would take a financial expert to decide. But when we find such experienced members of Committee as Dean of Guild Lyon, Bailie Meff, and Councillors Henderson and Kemp being voted down on an important financial proposal by a majority half-composed of newly-appointed and therefore inexperienced members—even though that majority includes Lord Provost Walker and Bailie Taggart—we cannot help feeling that the interests of the city in regard to this particular question might well be in wiser hands. Put shortly, the split in the committee has occurred over the proposed payment of a commission of 5 or 10 per cent. on "the gross fares received by the company on behalf of the Corporation."

DEAN OF GUILD LYON and his supporters favour a 5 per cent. and the Lord Provost's supporters a 10 per cent. commission. By a majority of eight to four the Lord Provost and Bailie Taggart have carried the 10 per cent. proposal, but it remains to be seen whether the Town Council will homologate their decision. Considering, however, that the agreement is merely a tentative one—it is to last for a year only—it would be a thousand pities if this disputed point were to threaten the carrying out of the suburban tramways scheme, and our City Fathers will doubtless be largely influenced by this point of view when they come to consider the agreement at the next meeting of the Town Council.

If further evidence were wanted to prove that our City Fathers have not materially altered their views on the deputation question, and that their refusal to allow the convener of the Public Health Committee to represent them at two coming congresses was arrived at wholly on personal grounds, we have merely to point

to the Council's decision again to be represented at what Councillor Burnett terms that "effete institution" the Convention of Royal Burghs. Dean of Guild Lyon and Bailie Taggart have an exceeding great faith in the Convention's power for good, but all that the Dean could say in its favour was that the Convention "had taken up the ice-cream question"—a rather indirect way of stating that the Convention was far from being a "frost." Bailie Taggart, who officiated as Commissioner last year, might have said with the needy knife-grinder, "Story? I have none to tell, sir!" for about all that he would hazard in defence of the Convention was the remark that "it was very interesting to meet the other representatives." But in regard to what that "interest" was worth in the shape of what Toby, M. P., would call "business done," the Bailie preserved a discreet silence.

EX-BAILIE TAYLOR has a droll way of stumbling on the right phrase, and when he described the average Royal Burghs' Commissioner as "a bit of a Nabob from a little town," and then let his fellow-Councillors into the secret that one member of the Convention had been known to speak thirty times in the course of its sittings, there was a general laugh round the civic table which indicated that our City Fathers did not take the "collieshangies" of the Royal Burghs too seriously. Councillor Gray, who will accompany Treasurer Wilkie—this year's Commissioner—in the capacity of Assessor, may at least be trusted to put a little life into the dry-bones of an institution that has outlived its day and generation.

A LOCAL gentleman called Mr. Glegg has just made the amazing discovery that Mr. Bryce, M.P., is "a brilliant party man, but nothing more." But aren't we all party men, more or less? Even the virtuous Mr. Glegg, who thus indirectly prides himself upon his impartiality, is not entirely above suspicion, for otherwise how can he account for his presence at a Unionist meeting in St. Machar Ward? Mr. Bryce, on Mr. Glegg's own showing, has at least the saving grace of brilliancy. After reading Mr. Glegg's political commonplaces, as reported in the local Unionist press, it has been borne in upon us that there are party men who are not brilliant.

By its appointment of ex-Councillor Johnston to the vacancy in the Public Library Committee, the Town Council have paid a compliment not only to Mr. Johnston himself, but also to the Trades Council, whose respected secretary he has been for many years. It is but right that the interests of Labour should be represented on the Library Committee, and few, if any, are better qualified for the position than Mr. Johnston, who has acquired a wide experience of public work. Mr. John Morgan, whose name was put up in opposition to Mr. Johnston's, will doubtless get a place on the Library Committee in the near future. It may not be generally known that Mr. Morgan, who is an ardent lover of books and has considerable literary ability, is the happy possessor of a splendid Ruskin library.

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At last week's meeting of the Town Council a great deal was made of the cry "Pampered Rosemount" in connection with the decision of the Town Council to purchase of the ground of Loch-head with a view to its inclusion within the boundary of Westburn Park. Such cheap criticism is unworthy of the members of a great Corporation, who should be above playing-off class interests against the general weal of the community. And besides, in asking us to believe that Rosemount ward is being treated with an excess of hospitality simply because it is within what they consider the sphere of west-end influence, those east-end critics would do well to remember that Rosemount is essentially a working-class district, and, as such, is more deserving of their support than their opposition to the advocacy of any scheme that tends to promote the best interests of that class whom those critics specially claim to represent.



COUNCILLOR MILNE, the convener of the Links and Parks Committee, who is to be congratulated on having successfully piloted the Loch-head scheme through opposition shoals both inside and outside his committee, has no direct representative interest in Rosemount. But that did not save him from an unworthy gibe from ex-Bailie Taylor, who hinted that Councillor Milne's lively interest in out-door sports and pastimes was the principal thing that prompted him to support the extension of Westburn Park. Without attaching too much importance to the ex-Bailie's utterances, we think that such an unjustifiable remark did not do credit to his well-known kindness of heart.



BUT on questions of sport the ex-Bailie has ever been a prejudiced critic, and though he was good enough to admit that bicycles have "become institutions which we can't do without"—a remark which called forth an appreciative "Hear, hear" from his neighbour at the Council table, Councillor Ross, who, as everybody knows, is an ardent wheelman—ex-Bailie Taylor is so old-fashioned in his views that he would have the gates of Westburn slammed in the faces of the charming ladies whom he described as "hockey-hockey" people, and the equally inoffensive lads who wield the willow.



EVEN the somewhat conservative folks of Fittie would refuse to countenance such antiquated doctrine, and if the ex-Bailie does not make an effort to be a little more up-to-date in his views, his constituency may have a visit some November from the gentleman whom he recently designated as the "Rosemount Evangelist," who may succeed in converting the folks of Fittie to put their trust in him instead of in old sea-dogs who are often "at sea" on many of the more important municipal questions of the hour.



OUR congratulations to Councillor Kemp and Mr. Bell, the electrical engineer, on the completion of the Electrical Station at Dee Village. Even that dowdy-looking "lum" must have felt a few feet higher when it looked down on the galaxy of municipal talent that took part in the opening ceremony of Friday last. Most folks will agree with Councillor Kemp that the huge chimney should have been built on more ornamental lines, but that fault does not lie at the

Councillor's door. He did his best to induce the Council to accept a better plan, and when they refused, he was justified in saying that "he washed his hands of it." And thus the "lum" stands to-day as a monument of short-sighted "economy."



AND now that we have given all praise to Councillor Kemp and Mr. Bell for the part they have taken in the electrification of the city, we have all the more courage to call their attention to another of those explosions which shatter both our nerves and our pavements with an impartiality that we might be tempted to regard with admiration were it not so dangerous to our persons. The latest of these explosions happened in Union Street on Friday night, just when the various entertainments were "scaling," and it is little short of a miracle that no one was hurt by the blowing-off of the concrete top of the manhole opposite Messrs. Galloway & Sykes' premises. Quite a crowd of pedestrians were on the pavement at the time, and the loud report and the cloud of smoke that immediately followed naturally caused considerable alarm among them. Surely something can be done to lessen the frequency of these explosions. We look to Councillor Kemp and Mr. Bell to give the matter their attention.



THE passing of the plans for the erection of a handsome new public school in Frederick Street is yet another reason why the Town Council should absolutely refuse to entertain the proposed scheme for the erection of a slaughter-house in Wales Street. The new school, which will greatly improve the amenities of the district, is to be built from plans and designs by the School Board's architect, Mr. J. A. O. Allan, the designer of the Central School now in course of erection in the Schoolhill. The new Frederick Street School will have an imposing elevation, and with its spacious "roof" playground will be unique among the educational buildings of the city.



A TOWNSMAN in exile—a frequent visitor to the city of his birth—who sympathises with the defeat of the Party of Progress by the Barbarians—interested and otherwise—of the Stone Age, writes as follows regarding what has taken place in Burton-on-Trent in connection with the introduction of the tramways there—

"I was talking recently about our tramways to a gentleman who lives in a part of Burton where there is not much business carried on, and consequently not much traffic. The Council paved the street between the rails and at the sides with granite blocks instead of wood. My friend tells me he is nearly driven mad by the rumbling and noise caused by the traffic, and I fear my household will have to endure a like affliction when the macadam of our street is displaced by granite setts.

Our correspondent's "fear" is a dead certainty. He and his household will duly know that they live on the edge of a disturbance which has many of the attributes of a miniature volcano or a baby earthquake.



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LORD PROVOST WALKER'S public-spirited action in supporting the purchase of the lands of Loch-head has given great satisfaction both inside and outside civic circles. Indeed, it may be said that last week the Lord Provost made his best appearance in the Council Chamber since his elevation to the civic chair. The Lord Provost's support of this important improvement is all the more to his credit when it is kept in view that the Man of November, Treasurer Wilkie, went out of his way to defeat the scheme. As we have already stated, the Treasurer was at first in favour of the purchase of the ground, but, acting on the principle of "what's the use of a mind unless you can change it," he spoke against the motion at the recent meeting of the Town Council, a course of action which called from Councillor Milne—who is usually long-suffering and slow to wrath—the cutting remark that some members of the Links and Parks Committee "had changed their opinions, or at least changed their votes"—a two-edged way of expressing a difference which found the joints of the Treasurer's armour.



THE inside seats of some of our new tramcars have disappointed those romantic creatures who, emulating the heroes and heroines of the *Penny Novlette*, always like to recline with a graceful air of abandon. They complain that there is but one possible pose to be assumed when they sit down on those straight-backed benches—a pose best described by the geometrical term an acute angle. But in thus designing the seats on lines that embody all the discomforts of an Arts and Crafts chair, the Tramways Committee may have had in view the inculcation of that upright bearing—both moral and physical—which goes to make the perfect citizen. If this be so, their aim is worthy of all praise. But they might have broken us in more gently by introducing seats of a less aggressively angular form—seats more in conformity with those graceful curves that mark the anatomy of the average man and woman of to-day.



THE forthcoming issue of *The Bookman*, which, as most people in the North Country know, is edited by Mr. Robertson Nicol, will take the form of a Burns Number. This admirable monthly's March number contained a fine presentation portrait of Charles Lamb and a charmingly written "notice" of the greatest of English humorists, who could not refer to even such a grim thing as a nightmare without poking fun at it. "I confess an occasional nightmare," said Lamb on one occasion, "but I do not, as in early youth, keep a stud of them." In the course of our reading the other day we came across a delightful story about Lamb's "Dissertation on Roast Pig." It was told of a reader whose bump of veneration for the truth must have been developed at the expense of his faculty for the proper appreciation of humour. Having carefully gone through the aforesaid "Dissertation," this wiseacre took his pencil from his pocket and carefully scribbled on the margin of his "Lamb," "I don't believe a word of it!" What would Charles Lamb have not given to have met that man in the life!

## Domestic Virtue and the Drama:

A FURTHER NOTE ON "PAOLO and FRANCESCA."

To Editor of BON-ACCORD.

SIR,



ANY people who read my article on "Paolo and Francesca" have since told me I did an unwise act in praising such a play, and my friend "X," who writes theatre-notices himself, was so shocked that he printed a little paragraph about it in last week's number of this paper. Perhaps I do wrong in upraising the tattered banner of such an outworn discussion as that of the morality of certain dramatic emotions, but the vision of the impeccable "X" yapping at the heels of the Scarlet Woman is too delicately humorous to be passed over entirely without comment.

I hope "X" does not think I pretend to his knowledge of dramatic criticism, or to his literary ability, and I hope he will forgive me if I cling to my opinion that "Paolo and Francesca" is one of the most beautiful plays in modern literature. It cannot be denied that both Paolo and Francesca were very improper people, and that if they had lived in Aberdeen we should have thought twice before we asked them to tea. I see that now, but when I wrote my criticism in dithyrambic sentences I had in my mind only the literary and dramatic aspects of the story, and tried to reproduce its atmosphere for those who were not able to be present, as well as for those advocates of domesticity who kept away on principle.

"X," and they who think as he does, are entirely right from the point of view of respectability; but if we take their advice and do away with all literature that is not respectable, we may burn all our libraries and turn our classical universities into homes for inebriates. No great literature is respectable: Homer's "Iliad" is not; and the greater number of Shakespeare's plays would be the better of a revision by the Rev. Mr. Stoddart. "X" might edit the series. Even Tennyson, whose biography I see is included in "Blameless Lives," does not escape blame, for when he wrote the "Idylls of the King" he chose for a subject the deplorable scandal that gathered around Launcelot and Guinevere. Thereafter came Mr. Stephen Phillips with another little contribution to immorality. The shame is that educated people seem to prefer these trifles to really smart things like Gilbert and Sullivan's Operas. I can imagine how infuriating this must be, but I am unable to explain it, and must confess with tears that I also have the ignoble mind of such a preference.

Let "X" no longer so publicly lament his lack of "the poetic (and lofty) temperament." We must remember that literature, after all, is not life; and whether we see Paolo loving the woman he had no right to love, and being slain for his sin; or Sir John Falstaff drinking himself sodden with ale, and being carried away in a basket of foul linen; we know that they have no place in life, but are the shadows of a dream, and concern us not.

F. P. S.

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## The Old Wells of Bon-Accord.

### The Well in Golden Square.



HIS pump-well is an old and a new well—and is now no well at all, and as useful as regards its supply of water to the public as is an 'eel coo to a dairy. All the same, at one time its water was valued, and to get a supply you had to be furnished with a key to unlock a door before you could reach the handle. That there was water and to spare below Golden Square was recently shown when Mr. Tawse was driving the storm-sewer tunnel from Union Street northward along the route of South and North Silver Streets and across Golden Square. To keep the workings clear of water a steam pump had to go constantly for weeks on end, and sent "no stinted stream" down the gutter of Union Street. As a rule the water was yellow with clay deposit, but of a Sunday when the work was stopped it was pure and clear, and a draught from the engineman's jug at the corner of the Music Hall was delicious. It is quite right that all private wells in cities should be under a ban, but nevertheless it was evident that the water drawn from the vicinity of Golden Square was thoroughly uncontaminated, and "as pure as pure could be," as Hogg remarked of his Bonnie Kilmeny, when she went below ground to Fairyland and the regions of well springs.

### Old Grammar School Well.

This was a modern well absolutely—but many hundreds on hundreds of old scholars here at home or scattered all over the world, or who have come back to the old home-land after their wanderings, must recollect this well. The Old Grammar School, Schoolhill, on the site of which Gray's Art School stands, was shaped like the letter **H** Taking the line below

the letter here shown as representing Schoolhill, the space between the lower legs was the playground, the first class school-room being to the right and the second class to the left. The well was on the wall side of the last-named, and consisted of a hinged metal tube some six or thereby inches long, having a polished brass ball at the end. On turning this tube up the water welled out of a small nipple on the ball. There was no cup needed—if you wanted a drink you just put your mouth to the ball and took what you required. Microbes were not then invented by the scientists, so the lads could give no thought to such dangers as would now be associated with such a mode of quenching thirst as was furnished by the primitive water supply at the Old Grammar School.

Faction fights between the classes were more or less always chronic, and were especially bitter at the beginning of the yearly sessions. Fifty years ago the smart Glengarry cap was a favourite among boys, and a more becoming or more economical head-dress never existed, and a deadlier weapon than that same hard, close-knitted mat of wool, when it was soaked with water, never was wielded by warrior in a school fight. Well does the writer remember an encounter in which wounds were given and received by these weapons. It is fifty years and more since he was one of a group of lads knotted close together on the stone steps of the first class room defending the position as well as they could against an assault from the veterans of the second class from over the playground by the well. As luck would have it the writer was placed at the end of a step, and was with comrades thumping away promiscuously at the bent heads of the enemy boring their way in among us, when a De Wet of the "secondies," in the person of the now Mr. Douglass Duncan, advocate, made a flank attack, and the scribe got a thwack on the lug that started a peal of bells in his head, and kept one side of it hot till the next morning. But in dealing his blow the assailant exposed his face, and across it came a stinging return from a soaking, hard-twisted Glengarry. The doughty Douglass saw stars, and he saw nothing else for some little time. He retired to the well, and after laving his eyes and taking a drink, he "like a wild cat mad with wounds" (vide Macaulay's Lays), rushed for our steps again in special quest of his opponent, who had, however, kept his weather eye

open, and prudently retired to the rear, with a head humming like a bees' bike.

This 'same first-class loons were "bonnie fechtlers," and broke a record, for they not only held their own class room against the second-class scholars, but carried the war into the enemy's camp and held possession of their room for a time. This brought about a combination of all the other classes against the new lads, and with the three classes attacking at both front door and door entering from the central school, the first class was speedily conquered—but not subdued. Among the scholars attending this first class was the late Mr. G. Croom Robertson, most learned of scholars and authors, and Major Francis Duncan, whose brilliant career as a soldier was all to soon cut short by death. He was the author of "The English in Spain" and the "History of the Royal Regiment of Artillery," to which section of the army he belonged. Francis was a younger brother of Mr. Douglass Duncan. Sir George Reid was also a member of the class, and well does the writer remember a picture on the fly-leaf of one of his Latin books of the combat between Bruce and De Bohun at the supreme moment when fell "that stern dent, the first the last" which cost our king the handle of his battle-axe, and his opponent his life. The first-named scholar left the rough and tumble of the playground severely alone, the second was a born fighter and was in every possible scrimmage, and the third took his fair share in the ploys agoing—but was withal ever a douce boy.

Mr Bremner or Brebner was master of the first class in the year referred to, and a grim, hard man he was. It was no uncommon punishment for being unable to comprehend some rule in Latin grammar for a lad to receive from two up to sixteen pandies on the hand with a broad, heavy leather belt, with some five or six toes hardened by fire. The scribe writes from personal experience, and he can testify that after such punishment he did not feel one bit cleverer, although his hands were swollen to near twice their usual size and scored all over with red wales. It was a senseless and a brutal system that then obtained in school, and happy in one respect at least is the lot of the present-day schoolboy in comparison with that of the boy of fifty years ago.

But we must refrain from further reference to the Grammar School, for the topic could be made to run to any length, and be interesting all the time. Our readers must allow that we have exercised great restraint, and have not till now even referred to a certain poet not unknown to fame, who was a scholar at the old Grammar School of Aberdeen. UU. S.

(To be continued.)



## Boniface, Beware!

[Sir William Brampton Gurdon, in moving the second reading of the Innkeepers' Liability Bill, said travellers wanted to get something beyond a glass of beer. On one occasion he could not get cheese and a roll and an egg, and frequently when obliged to put up in the country, he had found it impossible to get anything to eat.—*Aberdeen Daily Journal.*]



HALL I, in the country touring,  
Privations suffer past enduring?  
Am I denied at inns mine ease  
And thwarted in my wish for cheese?  
I long to rest my languorous legs,  
And make a meal of roll and eggs,

Shall then mine host with half a sneer  
Blight all my hopes and proffer beer?  
Shall even the humble bun and tea  
Be non-procurable by me?  
Shall I fail at pubs, bucolic  
In finding drinks non-alcoholic?  
Shall the tee-total motor-man  
Take up perforce the water-can  
From which to slake his dusty throat,  
When lemonade and squash are not?  
Shall the sun-scorched cyclists' call  
For ginger beer unheeded fall?  
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"La Poupée."

**I**T is a sad reflection on the taste of a town that rather flatters itself that in Culture, and Refinement, and Caste, and General Superiority it is quite one of the best samples on this side of the New Jerusalem, when the conviction comes home to one that only two classes of theatrical entertainment appear to pay here—Melodrama of the goriest type and Musical Farce of the most inane. "Oh, but," says the Really Superior Person, "that is only because we never get anything else." This may have been true at one time, but during the last few weeks Mr. Arthur has done much to remove the reproach from Israel. And what has been the result? Has the Person who is always ready with forty-seven invaluable reasons why Her Majesty's is not as crowded nightly as if the entertainment consisted of "The Messiah," the Aberdeen Musical Institute, and the City Orchestra rolled in one at threepence a time for the lot, stepped forward and shewn that when something different from the steady drizzle of Blood of the finest vermilion alternating with Inanity that raises convulsions by the misapplication of a word, is forthcoming he is there with his shilling

every time? Not a bit of him. The patronage accorded Her Majesty's during the last few weeks has shewn the Really Superior Person who talks about the Intellectual Influence of the Stage to be a Fraud. So, with a sad heart, we return to short skirts and the Funny Man. Only don't let us have any more wringing of hands about the business. Mr. Arthur has time and again given Aberdeen the opportunity of witnessing the best that was going—did not the Kendals say they would never come here again? and what sort of audiences did Kate Rorke have? But he is not a Philanthropic Institution or an Educational Establishment—he is engaged in the prosaic occupation of earning his bread and butter, with, if possible, marmalade for Sundays.

We wish to make no reflection on "La Poupée." Far from it. As comic operas go it has outstanding merits of its own, and so far as the present visit is concerned they are shewn to the fullest advantage by a company of exceptional excellence. But—there is a "but"—we cannot help marvelling that productions like "La Poupée"—excellent of their kind as they may be—can, after repeated visits, fill every part of the house, while the like of the Bensonians have to play to a comparatively empty pit and gallery and even Upper Circle. Not, however, that "La Poupée" does not deserve to succeed. It has less sheer drivel in it than most productions of the kind, it has at least a coherent if not very elaborate story, and after six years popularity you still hear people whistling many of its airs. In Aberdeen, at least, it seems to have reached the periodical visitation stage, and is beginning to come round with the regularity of the eclipse which is invisible at Greenwich. There, however, the parallel ends. "La Poupée" is full of sparkle and vitality, and to all appearance seems likely to live to an honoured old age and preserve its faculties to the last.



The Company presently appearing at Her Majesty's is precisely the same as appeared at the Shaftesbury Theatre in London.

It may, therefore, be looked upon as direct from town.

Fresh from her Pantomime triumph at Newcastle comes Miss Stella Gastelle.

She is the lady who won one of Mr. Harry Dacre's prizes of £25 for her singing of "I want to see the old Home again."

And her portrait appears at the top of this column.

Thus does Fame occasionally come with both hands full.

Is it necessary to say anything about Mr. Eric Thorne?

He has been playing Hilarius since the paleolithic age, and is brighter than ever.

His versatility is unquestionable, and nobody can flick their coat-tails quite like him,

Mr. Gerald Clifford is again the Lancelot whose Quest is for the Wonderful Doll.

He sings excellently, but rather over-accentuates the child-like innocence of the Novice.

Mr. J. Hamund acts with considerable skill and humour as the Baron Chanterelle.

And Mr. John Morley makes a very "Honest John" sort of Father Maxime.

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### Barriers.

On Saturday both the 'Shire and Argyll held trial runs to enable their respective committees to pick teams for the Aberdeenshire team championship, which falls to be run on Saturday first. Both teams were out in the Stocket district, the 'Shire for this occasion only deserting the charming district of the Don for the equally charming Stocket way. Both teams ran from the scratch mark, and the following will represent the Argyll:—G. Wyness, T. Towns, J. Nicol, J. Hall, A. Milne, J. Brownlee, W. Silver, A. Milne, S. Anderson, and G. Yule. The 'Shire have not yet fully decided on their team. The race, viewed at present, looks as if it would be a gift for the Argyll, but, like other "sure things," it may not prove so. The 'Shire are not saying much as to their chances, but have hopes that they may be able to put forth a team that will win the championship for them.



### At Last!

AMALGAMATION FINALLY DECIDED ON.

SHOULD any doubts have existed in the mind of an individual that the Aberdeen public were not in favour of amalgamation, a visit to the Trades Hall on Friday evening last would soon have dispelled the idea. The public from the start have been in favour of amalgamation, the only people who seemed against it being a few of the office-bearers of the clubs; but these were gradually got into line with the more intelligent majority, and on Friday night all were a happy family, in which state may they long exist. It is not given to every city to have as chairman of a public football meeting a Lecturer on Education at the University, but Aberdeen was in that position, and to Mr. John Clarke of Chanonry much of the credit is due for the meeting being so successful. He knows the duties of a chairman well, and he had the happy knack of not wearying his audience with his remarks. Aberdeen and Dundee have long been engaged in, shall we just say, commercial rivalry, but now an additional rivalry will exist, and the football field will see many a keen fought fight for supremacy. That the rivalry will be of a friendly nature is already assured. And here with the rest of our contemporaries we will add our meed of praise to Bailie Robertson, of the Dundee F.C., and his secretary for the trouble they have taken in forwarding our interests. The Bailie will look upon us for some time as his bantling, and we hope that he may never be ashamed of its behaviour. The doings at Friday's meeting are already too well known for us to go into details regarding them, but the gist of them amounts to this—the forming of a limited liability company with a capital

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of £1,500, in £1 shares, the new company to take over the removable assets of the present clubs at valuation. Council Milne moved the resolution, which was seconded by M. Alexander of the Orion, and need we add it was carried with acclamation. Councillor Milne got heartily cheered for his speech, and with men of his business training on the directorate the new company should do all right.



The only fault that we have to find as regards the new company is the small amount of capital that is to be raised. Fifteen hundred pounds seems a large sum of money, but when you want to run a football team composed of first-class players the largeness of the amount soon begins to appear small. Fourteen players will at least be required, and, taking the wages to average £3 per week, this item alone will require £4 weekly, and to this must be added the expenses of management and when this is done you will find that £50 will not meet the expenses for one week. Of course you can borrow, but here again you have to pay interest, and what are you to borrow on Dundee are in the happy position of having good men at the head of their affairs, men who are considered good security by the bank, but as yet no local Carnegie has come forward to help Aberdeen in this respect. We agree with a note that appeared in the *Express* of Saturday, suggesting that the shares of the company should be 10/- ones. This, we think, would be a right step, and it would be a remunerative one too. Many of the Aberdeen football public could give 10/- when they could not give a pound, and if such a step is not too late for adoption we should advise the committee to give it their full consideration. In only calling up 10/- in the pound share, the committee are surely not forgetting the class they have to deal with. We do not use the term in any disparaging sense, but it must not be forgotten that the shares will be taken up by young men, the greater majority unmarried, who, if they are in Aberdeen to-day, in three or six month's time may be in America. It is then that the company would be in a difficult position, relying upon money which cannot be got. The committee say that only 10/- will be called up, but they can give us no guarantee that the other 10/- will not be required. And it is here that the 10/- share we think would have done its service. Increase the capital to double the amount, make it 10/- shares and you will get hundreds extra to take shares, where they are at present holding back. We have a great belief in the masses, and we think they are being neglected at this juncture.



And now that the project is fully settled with, we hope it will go on and prosper. Admission into the league is practically assured, and after the company is floated the next important item is the getting together of a team, and on this head the success or otherwise of the company depends. We do not want one or two highly paid men, and the remainder at 30/- a week. A set of players like what Dundee have at present would suit us all right, where no one shines higher than his fellow, but where all are imbued with the same spirit—namely, the forwarding of their club's interest. And when the team is got together let them know at the beginning who is to be master. The careers of too many clubs have been spoiled by allowing the players too much rope, and from the beginning the directors should rule with a firm hand. Football players are kittle cattle to deal with, and if they have a fault it is that of having a too high sense of their own importance.



We have now about exhausted ourselves, but before leaving the subject, we would just like to add our appreciation to others in praise of the work done by the various clubs' committees, but more especially to Messrs. Wylie, Alexander, and Wink. On these three the most of the burden of work has fallen, and

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it says much for them that in spite of all rebuffs they stuck manfully to their task. They have their reward now. Mr. Wink, secretary of the amalgamation committee, has had plenty of work, and in some quarters, we regret to say, he has got more kicks than thanks, but this is an ungrateful world, he must remember, and to-day he can afford to smile on those who, instead of helping, put obstacles in his way to defeat the end which he, in common with the others, had in view.



A Very Tame Display.

The Whites had the Orion at Pittodrie on Saturday in their Northern League return match. The ground was not in good condition, owing to a heavy drizzling rain which had saturated the ground previous to the start. The Aberdeen lost the toss and kicked off towards the city against a hard wind. In the opening minutes of the game, play was almost entirely in mid-field, but at length Woodlock had a try for the Whites which just missed the goal. The visitors then had a break away, in which Laurie took a prominent part, but their effort was fruitless owing to the centre's bad shot. The Whites then took the game in hand and looked like scoring, but the shooting of the forwards and the halves was nothing less than awful. Chance after chance presented itself, but Ritchie was never troubled with anything like a dangerous shot. It improved slightly later on, but the Stripes' goalkeeper saved in brilliant style. An accident occurred to Ross and Laurie, and both had to leave the pitch to get their injuries attended to. The Orion had a break away, and Hogg centring, gave Prophet a nice chance to put his team on the lead, but his shot, although good, was wide, and missed the mark. Laurie returned to the field at this period, and shortly after the whistle sounded for half-time.

On resuming, the Whites still played ten men, but their opponents had their full team on the ground. Nothing exciting occurred for some time, until Hogg began to trouble the homesters defence with one or two of his dodging runs. From one of his centres Barnett scored, and put the visitors on the lead, but they did not hold it long. Shiach got away on the left for the ground team, and dropped in a nice try into the visitors' goal. Their goalkeeper, however, in attempting to save, fumbled the sphere, and before he could recover was bundled along with the ball into the net. Towards the close, the ground team were continually on the defensive, but no further scoring took place, so one of the poorest football games in this city ended in a draw of one goal each.



Points from Pittodrie.

We do not wish to see another "local Derby" for some time. Saturday's display was worse than disappointing. In fact, we have not witnessed anything so poor for some considerable time.

Bisset did not get much to do for the ground team. The backs were in fine fettle—Walker particularly so. We do hope his partner has not suffered much by his nasty accident, but wish him a speedy recovery if it is worse than imagined.

Sangster was the best of the half line. Thomson and Murphy were not much behind, but their shooting was far from the mark.

It is well-known, however, that the former is not a shot. Shiach and Charlie Mackie were the best of a very poor quintette.

The centre, Macdonald, had a big say in their ineffectiveness. He was practically of no use.

Ritchie in goal for the Stripes turned away one or two stiff tries, but was wholly to blame for the point lost.

The backs were the safety valve of their side. Willox was the better of the two, but Low would turn out all right in that position with a little experience.

Esplin was the best of a poor half-back line.

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Fraser is not a half by any means. Whatever else he may be we do not know, while the same applies to Buchanan.

This player evidently fancies his hitch and kick, but personally we do not see the beauty of it.

The rumour that he is signed on for the new club is quite untrue.

Hogg was the best of a mixed front rank. Laurie played a dashing game till his accident occurred, and even after it he played on gamely.

Mr. J. Kelly was all right as referee, the game being conducted to the satisfaction of all.



Northern League Notes.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Pts.
Dundee A.....	21	14	3	4	32
Arbroath.....	21	9	6	6	24
Cowdenbeath.	17	8	3	6	22
Lochgelly Un.	17	8	4	5	21
Victoria Un'd.	19	9	7	3	21
St. Johnstone	17	8	5	4	20
Dunfermline A.	20	8	8	4	20
Orion.....	19	6	7	6	18
Montrose.....	20	8	10	2	18
Forfar Ath....	20	6	10	4	16
Wanderers....	18	5	10	3	13
Lochee Unit..	21	4	13	4	12
Aberdeen.....	18	3	10	5	11



The Vics have not had long to wait for a defeat after their fine display in the Aberdeen Cup final.

But we hardly expected to read in our Pink Un of Saturday that the Dundee Wanderers had inflicted a 3-0 defeat on them.

The Wanderers have good reason to be proud of their exhibition, and the defeat, heavy though it is, was fully deserved.

Right from the kick-off the home quartette showed their superiority, and early called upon Murray to show his skill.

Even though he failed to catch the ball three times, Murray gave a really fine show of goalkeeping, and with a less experienced man in charge the score could easily have been 6-0 against the Vics.

Unfortunately he got little if any support from his backs, who were decidedly below form.

Of the half-hacks' play nothing need be said.

They also were below form.

While the play of the Vics' forwards was beneath contempt.

We are informed by one who saw the final, and who was present at Dundee on Saturday, that it was difficult to believe that it was the same team that was playing.

The forwards against the Aberdeen played a great game, but against the Wanderers they worked like five novices.

They certainly got little support from the half-backs, but even taking this into account their play was indeed poor.

The loss of the two points does not make so much of a difference to the Vics as at one time it would.

While the gain of two to the Wanderers should prove more than a crumb of comfort to them.



The Aberdeen-Orion match is dealt with elsewhere in this issue, but we would just point out that notwithstanding the draw the Aberdeen still occupy the undignified position of last place.



The St. Johnstone were no match for the Arbroath on Saturday.

The latter team were in great form, and with a little more effort could have won by a larger score than 3-1.

At Dunfermline the home team had a visit from the Forfar team.

That they appreciated the visit the score of 5-2 in their favour shows.

This has been a bad year for the Forfar in the league.



Aberdeen business monopolised the meeting of the Northern League held at Arbroath on Saturday.

Unfortunately in every instance the local clubs lost their cases.

By their recent abortive visit to Perth the Vics lost £9 14s. 8d., the league committee saying that the St. Johnstone were not responsible for the weather conditions that prevailed on that occasion.

The Heart of Midlothian seem anxious to get their A team into the league, and have written for particulars.

Should they join this body, and assuming that Aberdeen are admitted into the First Division of the Scottish League, there will then be three A teams of First Division clubs in the Northern League.

This should do good to football in the league sphere of influence, though there is no gainsaying the fact that travelling expenses to Edinburgh, with the chance of a poor gate at the end of the journey, will be a big drain on some of the clubs' exchequers.

The guarantee is so small that after expenses are paid very little is left for a club's funds.

The clubs may, however, make up for it when the Hearts A team visits them at home. They are a new team to the majority, if not to all the Northern League teams, and this alone should prove an attraction for a considerable time.



### Our Internationals of Saturday.

The northern portion of this island had a lot of internationals on hand on Saturday, but unfortunately we did not come out of them all in the manner desired by patriotic Scotchmen. In the Rugby game we beat England handsomely, and have thus proved ourselves "cocks of the walk" in this game. At Hockey we had to admit England's superiority, and at Belfast Scotland's Juniors beat their brother Juniors of the Emerald Isle. But at Glasgow the Irish Senior Eleven, for the first time in their history, overcame the Scottish team. The Irish game is generally looked upon as a sort of feeler for the more important one against England, where talent can be spotted, and the weak points in the team that opposes Ireland strengthened for the English match. But after Saturday's display, the selectors will have to pay more attention to the Anglo-Scots game. Though no one likes to admit it, all the critics agree that Ireland deserved their win. They played with a dash that the Scottish defence could do nothing with, and that old war-horse, Drummond, was often left lamenting his lack of speed when the "bould boys" got past him. Rennie's chances of appearing in goal for Scotland are few, and this is certainly one of the positions that an Anglo-Scot will fill. In fact, it has been mooted that the whole of the Scottish team might be chosen from Anglo-Scots this year, so great seems the dearth of home talent. While this may be some drastic a proposal, we do not envy the selectors this work in choosing a team against England. Their task, at no time an easy one, has been rendered doubly difficult by reason of Saturday's overthrow, and he would be a bold man indeed who could put his hopes or a sixpence on Scotland beating England at Sheffield next month.



In connection with the International at Sheffield next month, the Caledonian Company is offering cheap fares for the journey, 13s. being the fare for the one day. Three days can be booked at a slightly higher figure. We hope the enterprise shown by this Company will be taken advantage of largely, because if Aberdeen are admitted to the League it may show the companies interested that the football public of Aberdeen are worth catering for.



### Swimming.

#### Thistle Swimming Club Dance.

Would anything very terrible happen if we were to say that the Thistle S.C. Quadrille Party last Friday came off *swimmingly*? Proof!—we can do a lot worse than that. Listen to this. Why are the ladies who were at the said Quadrille Party never likely to die by drowning? Because they know how to stick close to the *boys*, of course. All of which is merely preliminary to saying that the Quadrille Party of the

Thistle Amateur Swimming and Athletic Club (to give the thir its full dignity—irrespective of space) is a dance to be remembered for ever and ever. All evening the members kept diving so to speak, into the Music Hall, and as near the appointed hour as anyone could reasonably be expected to attain, they and the dearest lot of fresh water mermaids you ever saw took the first plunge into the wavy waltz. And there they went at it the whole night long, and never surely were amphibious creatures so happy out of water. That was greatly due to the mermaid however, who shone and sparkled and glistened—some in blue and some in white, and some in orange—in the gaslight, and lured the poor swimmers to destruction with a glance. Mr. D. M. Bridgeford was a sort of Father Neptune for the evening. That is to say, he kept continually kicking himself, and saying "Now, I wonder if I could do anything else to make these people enjoy themselves." And then there were Messrs. E. S. Ferguson, J. Robertson, G. Thom, and C. Rettie as the Lords high-everything-else of the occasion, and among the distinguished visitors Miss Willox, Vice-President, and Miss Stewart Secretary, both of the Ladies' Section. It was rather surprising that no representatives of other Swimming Clubs were present but the loss was theirs who stayed away. Mr. A. Silver secretary of the Argyll Harriers, and Mr. D. M'Kay, secretary of the Shire Harriers, might both have been seen, however footing it merrily each with a divinity of his own. Finally, Miss Middleton and her own particular "drums" playing all the latest in dance music in a way that made sitting still an impossibility.



The sixteenth annual meeting of the S.A.S.A. is not without interest to those who follow the sport in Aberdeen. The meeting will be held in Glasgow. Already the various championships of the association have been allocated, and it is interesting to note that the Bon-Accord Club have been the successful offerers for the quarter-mile championship, one of the best races held under the S.A.S.A. auspices. Thus one good event in Scottish swimming circles will be settled in Aberdeen. The great question—What constitutes a professional swimmer? is also, we note, down for discussion, and on this subject, we hope, the S.A.S.A. will speak with no uncertain voice. Professionalism has already ruined more than one sport, and we hope that the Swimming Association will make a great effort to keep it from gaining the least headway in swimming circles in Scotland. We have too few purely amateur sports as it is that we can afford to lose another. The subject of once again playing international polo matches with England and Wales will also be discussed. There seems, according to the notices of motion on this subject, to be a great diversity of opinion whether the matches ought to be resumed or not, but from the variety of motions that will be submitted, the association ought to have little difficulty in finding a way out. For our part we have never seen a proper reason why the matches were allowed to drop. We have faith that on Saturday the S.A.S.A. will agree to meet both countries again in the sport, and by doing so will help on further what is one of the best accomplishments that the youth of this or any other country can learn.



#### The N.D.S.C.U. and "Bon-Accord."

We believe this many initialled body have resolved in future to ignore "Bon-Accord." We will try, however, to survive the blow, and in passing may be allowed to state that we have no intention of boycotting them. Cycling in Aberdeen is dull enough in all conscience, but it would be duller still if no such body as the N.D.S.C.U. existed. They can always be relied upon to supply the comic element, which will be amply proved before the season closes, should the race for the District Challenge Trophy come off as arranged. We are looking forward to this event with the keenest appreciation, not to say apprehension, for the poor cyclists who are to take part in the race.

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Come and trip it as you go,  
On the light fantastic toe.

THE poet's suggestion was just what came to pass right through from the beginning unto the end at this most enjoyable "At Home" in the Queen's Rooms on Monday night last. McMillan's staff have had many gatherings, but there was but one opinion among the audience that the latest was the best of them all. Among the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and the committee were Mr. and Mrs. Shirras, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Watt, Mr. W. Smith, publisher, Mr. Coultis, *Aberdeen Journal*; Mr. J. F. M'Phail Massie, Mr. Robert Currie, Mr. William Tennant (of J. Lizars), etc. The company numbered some forty couples, and on assembling dancing at once began. But there were intervals when the company sat in a circle and listened to the charming singing of Miss Clunas and Miss Nellie MacAdam, or listened to Mr. Stewart, one of the guests, telling in a most admirable way a capital Scotch story. About the middle of the entertainment the company assembled in the Buffet Room, the chair being taken by Mr. William Stewart, the manager. The loyal toasts having been pledged, Mr. J. F. M'Phail Massie, in a concise and apt speech, gave "Success to McMillan's, Limited," and referred to the progress the company has made under Mr. Stewart's management, the business being now one of the largest and most successful of its kind in the North of Scotland, and having as well extensive business connections all over the country. Mr. Stewart briefly replied, expressing his pleasure at having so many friends with him "at home" that night, and assuring them that he and the rest of the staff were delighted to have been instrumental in gathering together such a cheery and happy company. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were most attentive to their guests during the evening; and the arrangements made and so efficiently carried out by Miss Maggie Stewart, the secretary, contributed in no small degree to the success of the gathering. Mr. John Murchie and Mr. Clark acted as M.C.'s. The arrangements made for the catering by Mr. M'Laren, the new manager of the Queen's Rooms, were of the amplest and very best description, and the attention given to the company by his staff was prompt and efficient. The music was supplied by Mrs. Westland's band.

Told in the snuggery by C. T. Draper, Esq.—"Dyod, Jock, can ye tell me fat wye div they dee a Scotch reel?" "Brawly that, Daavit. Ye jist mak' the figure aucht, trock deems, and furl."

"MACGREGOR'S GATHERING."—We have received the programme of the Gathering's second trip to the Isle of Man, which is to extend over four days, beginning 8th June. We shall refer to the matter fully next week. Tickets may now be secured.

IN connection with the departure for South Africa of Mr. R. F. Davidson, a complimentary smoking concert will be held in the Bon-Accord Hotel on Saturday evening, when the favourite local comedian will be made the recipient of a purse of sovereigns subscribed by his many friends in Aberdeen. Councillor Milne will preside, and ex-Lord Provost Mearns will make the presentation. The programme will be contributed to by almost every male artiste of note in the city.

A VISIT from Professor Crocker and his wonderfully clever troupe of Educated Horses is always a welcome feature of our local entertainment season, and during the next three days this excellent show is sure to draw large audiences, both at the evening and matinee performances. In addition to the equine part of the entertainment, Professor Crocker exhibits a fine series of animated pictures, including views of the return of the Colonial Secretary from South Africa. Popular prices of admission are charged, and tickets may be procured and seats booked at Messrs. Marr Wood & Co., Ltd., Union Street.

## The Palace Theatre.

THE famous Scotch comedian, Mr. W. F. Frame, is creating a most favourable impression this week with his select budget of new character songs, for which he makes up and dresses in an original style. Charles Ernest, styled the Human Orchestra, gives faithful representations of various instruments and is also a capable vocalist. Barry Stave, comedian, in a wonderful make-up and accessories, is fairly popular. Fred. Grimshaw is a promising juvenile comedian. The lady element is represented by Miss Ethel Dove, Jenny Gray, and Edna Cragge, each in a different style. Clarke and Argyle, pipers and dancers, the Kimberly Boys, the Palace Cinematograph, and Frank and Jen Latona, who are still very popular, complete the company.

On Wednesday last Mr. Ernest Sheldon's Annual Benefit was a huge success from every point of view, the accommodation of the Palace being taxed to the utmost.

Frank and Jennie Latona, the inimitable couple who are at present fulfilling a second week's engagement at the Palace, are undoubtedly the best in their style of business ever seen here, Mr. Latona, who hails from the Western States of America came over to this country at the time of the Spanish-American War, making his first appearance as "The Musical Tramp" at the Tivoli, London. Mr. Latona has had a varied career as a public entertainer, having been also in the circus and theatrical business, and was at one time principal trombone player in the late General Grant's band, and recognised as the most capable performer on that instrument in the States. About four years ago, Mr. Latona joined forces with his talented wife, who, by the way, is a native of Birmingham, but is now quite Americanised. During the period they have appeared on the Continent, in America, Australia, and various other parts of the globe. They have also had most successful pantomime engagements at the London Hippodrome and the Lyceum Theatre, Sheffield. Although a busy man, Mr. Latona finds time to run a farm which is situated about 20 miles from Buffalo, N. Y., where he and his better half usually spend their summers. It may be interesting to know that Mr. Latona is negotiating with a local dealer for the purchase of several Shetland ponies which he intends to take over this year for breeding purposes.

TABLEAU.

THE Pianoforte Recital given by Mr. R. Buchanan Morton on Tuesday night in the Ball Room of the Music Hall, came too near our day of publication to permit of a detailed notice. Mr. Morton, who has been studying in London and on the Continent during the past few years, returns to Aberdeen a master of the pianoforte, and the great success which marked his professional debut on Tuesday night must have given the greatest gratification to himself and his many friends in Aberdeen. His next appearance will be looked forward to with keen interest by the musical public.

MESSRS. WATT & GRANT have introduced a new and pleasing effect in window dressing, By the use of narrow dark green ribbon the large panes of glass in the windows have been converted into squares, and the goods set as it were in small frames. The novelty has attracted a deal of attention to the goods and the windows—and that, we presume, was just what was intended.

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“Normal Echoes.”

THE pages of this month's *Normal Echoes* are in great part filled with contributions over which the title “In Lighter Vein” might have been appropriately placed. Fun is made of the New Woman and the Man in the Moon, and even such an old-established institution as the Church Bazaar is, metaphorically speaking, poked in the ribs. There are also verses grave and gay in abundance, for in the springtime the written word of most of our young men and maidens assumes a metrical form, and rhyme comes far more readily from their pen-points than does slow-footed prose from those of ordinary mortals. A few pages of racy-written notes, dealing with the month's life and work at the Free Normal, complete an entertaining issue of this readable magazine, which, we are glad to hear, continues to find favour in the eyes of both present-day students and those to whom their Normal course is but a memory.



MR. J. J. STEWART, who has been for the past thirteen years in the service of Messrs. Esslemont & Macintosh, was on Thursday evening of last week presented by the employees with a handsome writing-desk as a token of their esteem, on the occasion of his leaving the firm to start business on his own account at 440 Union Street, where he has taken over the old-established drapery business of Mr. A. B. Reid. Mr. Fines, who presided, referred in complimentary terms to the good service rendered to the firm by Mr. Stewart during the many years he had been buyer of silks and dresses for Messrs. Esslemont & Macintosh. The presentation was made by Mr. Milne, who, in asking Mr. Stewart to accept the handsome present from the employees, said he wished him on their behalf all success in his new sphere of business. During the past few weeks Mr. Stewart has had the premises at 440 Union Street entirely redecorated and refitted, and the introduction of the electric light is a great improvement in the lighting arrangements of the warehouse, which was opened this week with a fine stock of new season's goods.



MESSRS. WALKER & COMPANY'S cinematograph concerts are known throughout the length and breadth of the land for their excellence and variety, but on Tuesday night in the Music Hall these well-known entertainment caterers are to surpass all their previous efforts by submitting to their patrons an entertainment, which for spectacular display, has never before been seen in Aberdeen. The performance will take the attractive form of a Tour of the British Empire, and among the striking pictures to be thrown on the screen will be a series representing the landing of Mr. Chamberlain at Southampton and his magnificent reception in London. The tour proper will begin at Liverpool, from which port we are taken to Halifax, and across the great Canadian-Pacific Railway to Vancouver. Thence we sail to Fiji, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Australia, visiting all the great capitals of the Commonwealth. From Adelaide we take ship to China, and from Hong-Kong we go to Ceylon, and thence to India, where we see some splendid pictures of the Great Durbar. The West Indies, the Gold Coast, and South Africa are all visited in turn, and in the run home from Cape Town we have glimpses of Aden, Malta, and Gibraltar. On arriving at London Town the far-travelled tourist has the pleasure of seeing the King and Queen driving through the streets of the metropolis at Coronation time. The above hastily sketched programme will give some slight idea of the fine entertainment which Messrs. Walker & Company are to give on Tuesday night, and we advise our readers to book early at Messrs. Marr Wood & Co., Union Street, or at Messrs. Walker & Company, Bridge Street, in order to secure good seats.



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The Man in the Street is saying—

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That somebody has written three letters on the logs on the links—“R.I.P.”

That contracts are in for the statue of an elephant (white) in granite, life size, in one block, to be erected in the entrance hall of a certain Union Club.



At the Organ Recital which will be given on Monday evening in the South United Free Church, Mr. A. C. Stericker, L.R.A.M., the organist of the church, will include in the programme one of his own compositions entitled “Harvest.” In addition to Mr. Stericker's organ solos, several members of the church choir will give vocal selections from the works of such well-known composers as Gounod, Mascheroni, Sullivan, and Cowen.



THIS year's edition of that hardy annual “One and All Gardening” contains all the old features that have helped to make this excellent publication so popular with amateurs, allotment-holders, and working gardeners, and among the special contributions to its pages may be mentioned short articles on such subjects as “Bible Plants,” by the Hon. H. A. Stanhope; and “Garden Philosophy,” by Emily Owen. There are also published several appreciations of gardening by those well-known writers, Madame Sarah Grand, Lady Florence Dixie, and others. Under the title of “The Garden of Life,” the editor, Mr. Edward Owen Greening, puts in an eloquent plea for the kindly treatment of all living things in our gardens. He truly says that “to live in our gardens—not merely to exist in them—we must be in sympathy with all the life they nourish.” This useful guide to the garden, which this year runs to 200 pages, is as usual excellently illustrated, and is wonderful value for the price asked for it—two pence. It is published by the Agricultural and Horticultural Association, London.



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## Birse on Scotland's Greatness.

Y'VE maybe heard, an' fats mair, maybe ken ower weel, that there are at least fower stages o' wirts employed by the birkies ye ca' vreeters as they progress in practice an' acquire experience. I wis hearin' a carl discorsin' pon this subject the ither day, an' as far as I min' he went on ae say vreeters draw their langwidge frae the vocabulary o' heir comrades firstly. When they grow aulder they grow mair asteedyous in their vreetin', an' gang deeper intae the recesses o' the storehouse o' knowledge an' memory, an' get critical an' urious in roots an' deryvashuns, for a second stage. Syne, thirdly, hey get mair zeelyous for precesshun an' feelicitee in baith bocht an' expresshun. They avoid tautologie or obscurity, ndin'oot the exact word, the place whaur tae pit it, an' a t not.

Man, fin the craiter wis dune expoundin', I thoct tae mysel' hat the wirt craze jist remin's ane o' the craze o' gettin' ncestors made tae order. Fowk, ye see, wha ha'e made a fyuu lawbees are aye anxhous tae persuade their freen's that they ha'e ome o' great fowk—that's fat they ca' aristocratic linnage. They buy an auld pintin' o' some carl in a coat o' mail an' get it out intae a new frame, an' syne show't aff tae abody as their great-great-gran'father, wha took a leadin' pairt in some far back war, or something o' that kin'. Ye'll ken, nae doot, that this s happenin' ilka day. It's oor sooth neepers, ye ken, that dae his—Scotsmen dinna need tae dae sic things.

Man, it's bit naiteral tae be great. Ye ken brawly Scotlan's great, an' sae are a hantle o' Scotsmen, an' fat's mair, there's a big num'er fell on for usin' big wirts. They ca' Scotlan' u—so—par—lat—ive, fatever that means. Ye see, they're veel up in lang-nibbit wirts that auld-fashioned bodies like me lissnae ken. They'll tell ye that the English langwidge his 25,000 mair wirts than ony ither langwidge, an' is aye addin' nair till't. That's maybe sae, bit it's nae o' muckle consequence ae me, an' fat's mair, I kenna a single soul in my aucht that tens the meanin' o' the third pairt o' wirts they see in print, without the mony thoosan's upo' thoosan's seldom or never printed to be found in the dickshoner. Addin' mair, say they, Weel, weel, gin some fowk hae a craze for wirt colleckin' an' wirt-makin', lat them hing in like the ancestor makers. A' hat I hae tae say is that it will be servin' a greater boon tae aae the meanin' o' fat we're maist accustomed richtly emblazoned on the memory, afere crammin' up the heid wi' a ot o' new anes.

Weel, as I wis sayin' afore, Scotlan's su—su—par—lat—ive. A gey wirt, await, an' gin it be a richt I see nae hairm in vreetin' doon di—di—dinner—at—ive instead o' ane o' yon French wirts ye've seen aften printed fin there's been a great lennir. I'll say nae mair. A'body kens that Scotlan's great whether they ken gin it's su—su—par—lat—ive or no.

Jist tak' it as it stan's. It his the heichest mountains—that's great for sic a sma' pairt o' Great Britain. It his a lot o' lochs, an' ane o' them is the lairgest—that's great o' itsel'. It his the grandest mountain scenery ye'll see in the haill kingdom—that's great. It his the lairgest wids, an' heather-covered hills an' dells wi' sheetin' grun—that's great. It his the lairgest sea-coast (sea-board as some fowk ca't) as weel. It his the best fairmers in the country, an' the British Colonies are supplied wi' them—an' ye'll agree that's great. It mak's the best claith for roch tear an' wear in the warl'. Ye'll min' Robbie Burns speaks o' "howdin' grey"—that's great. It his the best ship-buildin' in the warl'. It his men o' genius kent a' ower the haill earth, an' his produced the best statesmen, or what's considered great at ony rate. It his entirely, oot o' a' proportion o' its size, held the maist important offices o' state; an' his colleges that stan' their ain wi' Oxford and Cambridge, spoken sae muckle o'. Its docters are kent far ever docterin's nott, an' its sodgers for gallantry are renowned ower a' the warl'. Naebody need be tauld that. Noo, that's great. It his men above the average heicht o' men, men wi' lairge an' sympthetic hairts, bit it maun also be allooted it his also some o' the maist greedy,

scaipy, selfish craiters ane cou'd get, yet *that's* great. It his nowt the finest breed in the haill dominyon. Aiberdeen beef stan's first a' wye. It his a herrin' fishin' second tae naen, an' a fite fishin' nae far ahin't, that's great. It his a' fat I've said, an' a hantle mair, bit I hinna time tae recoont a' the greatness o' Scotland, an' I'm seer ye'll agree wi' me that it's great indeed. Ye'll min' fat the poyet says—

Auld Scotlan's great in everything  
Known ower the world wide;  
It's great in gweedness, selfishness,  
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I'll hae tae stop i' the noo, bit ye'll be hearin' again frae yours trooly,

*Peter Birse*



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