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PITTODRIE PARK.—Match on Saturday—Aberdeen A's *v.* St. Johnstone (Perth). Kick-off, 2.45 p.m.

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The Old and the New.

Which is the more interesting occasion—the last performance in the old theatre, or the first in the new? Sentimentalists will have the answer ready, and those with a touch of that feeling which finds its highest expression at obsequies, may be looked for on Saturday evening in the Guild Street Theatre, when the curtain will be rung down for the last time. Almost a quarter of a century has sped since that Temple of Thespis—if the classic phrase can be applied to a building of such a decidedly Moorish form of architecture—was opened, and how well it has served its day and generation may be gathered from the mere naming of the great actors who have trod the boards in the old house—Barry Sullivan, Edwin Booth, John L. Toole, Sir Henry Irving, Wilson Barrett, Osmond Tearle, our own J. R. Gibson—to mention only a few of those who have passed into the ampler night! I might write columns about the players who have appeared before us, but many of the famous histrions are with us still, and I have no doubt will sooner or later be with us again, endowing the traditions of the new theatre.

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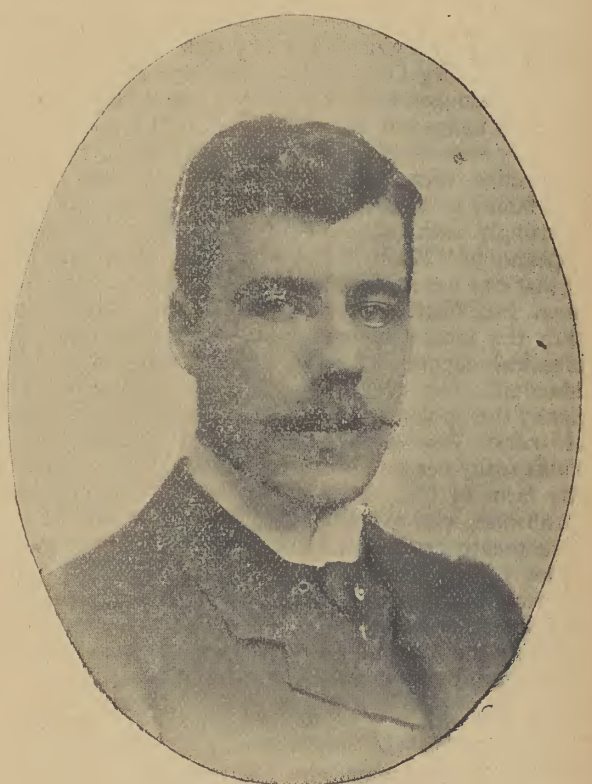
An Artistic Interior.

At the time of writing, there is every indication that His Majesty's Theatre will be opened with due pomp and ceremony on Monday evening. The Magisterial sanction has yet to be obtained, but I take it that this will be a mere formality. The internal arrangements have been pushed on at express speed, and the seats are now nearly all in position. To the audience on Monday evening the interior of the theatre will be a revelation. It is a triumph of decorative art, and the work of Messrs. James Scott & Son, 205 George Street, gets the first place. In the whole scheme of modelling, and in the brilliant execution of ornamentation in fibrous plaster, this firm deserves the highest commendation. The box façades, the proscenium wall, the figure frieze over the stage, and the ceiling, are treated with a wealth and variety of artistic ornament and decorative moulding that should form a rich source of inspiration for the student. In the frieze there are shown in high relief a seated figure of the Goddess of the Drama, with a cupid on either side, flanked by a number of figures in processional order. In the niches over the boxes are finely modelled figures of Tragedy and Comedy. Mr. W. H. Buchan, sculptor, Union Row, has enhanced his artistic reputation by the beauty of the whole scheme of design.

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A Novel Suggestion.

As yet it has not been definitely announced what form the opening ceremony will take, but Mr. Robert Arthur will no doubt have something to say about the new enterprise. Here, however, is an opportunity for a dramatic novelty. A specially-written prologue should be recited, and I have the impression that the old-time Abbot of Bon-Accord—who, as I mentioned last week, had the control of the revels in the city, should be specially resurrected for the office.



MR. H. C. CAVANAH.

Mr. H. C. Cavanah.

Owing to the pressure of his professional work, Mr. Henry C. Cavanah, C.A., who, since the death of his father in 1901, has acted as manager of Her Majesty's Theatre, has found it impossible to undertake the increasing responsibilities which will attach to the managership of the new theatre, and thus an interesting family connection in the control of dramatic affairs in Aberdeen will be broken. Mr. Cavanah has all these years had his hands full, and the dual responsibility could only have been effectively discharged by a man thoroughly versed in business matters. His many friends will wish him continued and increasing success in his actuarial work.

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The Gift to Banff and Macduff.

The fact that Duff House was to a large extent a "white elephant" on the hands of the late proprietor does not materially detract from the value of the Duke of Fife's gift to the corporations of Banff and Macduff, the more particularly as it includes the park of 140 acres, the gardens and the rod-fishing for several miles along the Deveron. Probably if the Duke had a male heir he would have retained the property. Both his daughters, however, are likely in due course to marry German princelets, and to either of their husbands the upkeep of a huge house in such a remote part of the country would prove a pure encumbrance.

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The Mansion-House.

The mansion, which is a great oblong structure, four stories in height, was built in the Roman style in 1740-6 by William Duff, first Lord Braco, from designs of the elder Adam, at a cost of £70,000. The structure is not complete, two wings which appeared on the original plans having never been added. Neither the pictures nor the contents of library and armoury are included in the gift. Among other weapons in the latter are a target and gigantic two-handed sword, said to have belonged to the freebooter, James Macpherson, who was hanged at Banff in 1700. At one time the armoury also contained a dagger with "a history." In connection with this weapon the pretensions of the Fife family to a descent from the Thane Macduff were amusingly satirised in 1818 when Edmund Kean appeared in "Macbeth" at Aberdeen. The Lord Fife of that day was said to have been so pleased with the great tragedian's performance that he presented him with the most treasured relic in his collection—the identical dagger with which his ancestor had killed Macduff. The story created so much amusement that finally the nobleman found it necessary to write to the *Aberdeen Journal* and deny the fabrication. The Duffs really descend from one Adam Duff, tenant of the farm of Clunybeg, in the parish of Mortlach, Banffshire, who "flourished" in the first half of the seventeenth century. Adam, in all probability, was a cadet of the old family of Duff of Muldavit, near Portsoy, but even this cannot be satisfactorily proved, as the earlier holders of the Earldom were too busy inflating the Macduff bubble to preserve records as to their more humble immediate progenitors.

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A Popular Hotel Proprietor.

Mr. W. P. Hunter, who has proved so popular a manager of the Queen's Restaurant, leaves Aberdeen this week to commence business in the Station Hotel, Forfar, of which establishment he has become proprietor. Mr. Hunter possesses all the qualities of a successful caterer, as has been amply shown in his management of the Queen's, and he has made a host of friends in Aberdeen, who wish him *bon voyage* in the new enterprise on which he has embarked.

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Commercials in Council.

A dull annual meeting is a sure sign of commercial success. The Aberdeen Branch of the Scottish Commercial Travellers' Association got through the agenda in the Douglas Hotel on Saturday evening, in perfectly slick fashion, under the genial guidance of Mr. Alex. Kynoch, the President. A little surprise was expressed at the declinature of Mr. James Murray, M.P., to accept nomination as an honorary member of the Branch, but, as explained by letter, he has made it a rule, on account of the many calls on him, not to accept office in connection with any Association outside his constituency. Mr. J. M. Henderson, M.P., did not show the same qualms. The membership of the Association is rapidly mounting up, and is now close on 300, while the credit balance is almost £100. With such a flourishing condition of affairs, was it any wonder that all the office-bearers should be re-installed?—Mr. Kynoch as President, Mr. John Mackie as Vice-President, Mr. A. Scorgie as Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. Forbes as Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. D. H. Duthie as Hon. Solicitor. Mr. W. Murray was



THE PRESIDENT.

again elected as the Branch's delegate to the Chamber of Commerce, and the vacancies in the Committee were filled by the appointment of Messrs. J. N. Clark, W. Scott, W. Stewart, W. Lawrence, W. Barclay, J. Lyon, John Skinner, and H. M'Leod. The proposal, by Mr. J. T. Cruickshank, that an indigent fund, distinct and separate from the Benevolent Fund, should be instituted in connection with the Branch, met with cordial support, Mr. M. J. M. Tindall making a special appeal for the favourable consideration of the motion. A Committee was appointed to draw up rules and report on the matter to the Executive.

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All Scotchmen are divided into two classes—those who want to become Town Councillors and those who don't. The latter are humourists. So are the former, but they don't know it.

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he East Poorhouse.

The reduction of the military establishment in ngland and Scotland removes the hope that the ast Poorhouse buildings and grounds might have een acquired by the War Office, and applied to the irpose for which they are ideally fitted. As feuing is now greatly slackened in the King Street district, is thus apparent that the Nelson Street house will ot be of much value as a civic asset for some time to ome. Considering that he is a Scotsman, Mr. aldane seems to be somewhat severe on his own ountry. Under his *regime*, the 3rd Battalion of the cots Guards has been disbanded, and now the Scots reys are to be removed from Piershill, probably to ngland or Ireland.

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oo Deep for Words.

The following scrap of dialogue, which I overheard Woolmanhill the other day, tends to show that the mpathy of some of the natives occasionally lies too eep for words. A youth of the working class met a rl of his acquaintance, probably a mill-worker, and is is a faithful report of what passed :—

"Hullo!"
"Hullo, Bella."
"Is that you, Jeck?"
"Aye."
"Onything the maitter?"
"I've gotten an airm ta'en aff."
"Fat wye?"
"A saw."
"I thocht there wis something."

The two then nodded sadly and passed on their eparate ways.

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he Chrysanthemum.

The cult of the chrysanthemum has developed nazingly in Aberdeen of late years, due to the evotion and energy of a few individuals, and the inter show, which escapes the vicissitudes of the utumnal display of sister blooms, has become one of ie most educative institutions in the city. Last week ie Chrysanthemum Society registered another splendid uccess, and hundreds of citizens, old and young, ocked to the Music Hall to enjoy the spectacle of ie monster products of floriculture. The variegated ooms were a feast of beauty, and the tasteful rangement of the exhibits reflected great credit on ie secretary, Mr. M. H. Sinclair, whose fostering ire has been directly instrumental in bringing the ociety into so flourishing a condition.

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he Gregson Bridge.

The "Gazette" young man, who was sent to do ie opening of the Gregson Bridge at Monymusk, as filled with a sense of the importance of the vent, and gave us something that had the sound of high-class funeral notice. This sentence ought to e printed in gold letters and distributed in the istrict. "The keen, sharp frost which had prevailed uring the early forenoon had lifted somewhat, and uge, dark, threatening clouds floated slowly overhead. he prospect was not promising, but all hoped that the weather was to break down the evil hour might e postponed until after the first of a series of pro-eedings unparalleled in the history of the parish ad been successfully completed. Fortunately for all oncerned, their sincere wishes were realised."

Monymusk Churlishness.

The full story of the ceremony has not yet been told in the Press, and it would be interesting to know who the individual was who caused the placards with the words "Folly Bridge" to be displayed so flauntingly on the new structure. Mr. F. R. Gregson of Tillyfoure has acquired much kudos on Donside for his action in urging on the building of the bridge, while Sir Arthur Grant of Monymusk has shown an unaccountable measure of hostility. It is alleged that Sir Arthur returned the card of invitation to the opening ceremony—torn into the smallest fragments.

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3 oz. Butter. 3 large Eggs.
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Just melt the butter in a saucepan, and add to it the Corn Flour and the sugar; mix them together, then add the milk heated to nearly boiling, stir well with a wooden spoon until it boils and thickens. Let it cool, and beat well into it the yolks of the eggs. Beat up the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth, and stir into the mixture. Add to it any flavouring you like. Slightly butter a dish, pour in the mixture, and bake in a slow oven. This is very light and should be served quickly. Soufflés very soon *fall*.

This soufflé mixture will make any kind of soufflé. For instance, if you add to it vanilla it is a Vanilla Soufflé, add to it chocolate it is a Chocolate Soufflé, and so on. You can put in sultanas, cherries, preserved fruits, rum, brandy, &c.

For Savoury Soufflés omit the sugar. Add pepper, salt, mustard and enough grated cheese to flavour, then you have a Cheese Soufflé. You can make Ham, Tongue or Chicken Soufflé by adding the ham, tongue, &c., minced up.

These soufflés require

Brown & Polson's "Patent" Corn Flour

to give them the proper delicacy of flavour.

Wonderful Effect of Rain.

Rain at Inverurie seems to have a surprising effect. The *Free Press* correspondent deplored the "climatic conditions which thrust their unwelcome attentions on the district" on the occasion of the annual exhibition of the North of Scotland Root, Vegetable and Fruit Association, and says—"Naturally such adverse circumstances had an appreciable effect on the dimensions of those who make a point of visiting the show for the purpose of viewing what ought to be the cream of flowers, fruit and vegetables. I had no idea that the inhabitants of Inverurie were so easily melted. Dairymen will have to look to their laurels with a new cream in the market.

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Booming the Navy.

It will not be the fault of Lieutenant Garrett, R.N., if the Royal Navy is not kept very much before the people of Aberdeen and the county within the next three months. He will deliver nearly a score of lectures to different societies, and besides these life-saving exercises have been arranged to take place at Peterhead, Bridge of Don, Belhelvie, Collieston, and Port-Erroll.

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Behold these Christians!

The ways of the badger are not unknown to the Wee Frees of Rayne. The Rev. J. C. Robertson has bade farewell to the pulpit he has occupied under various auspices, and, like the wily animal already mentioned, he has succeeded in leaving an odour—not of sanctity—behind him, which will make those who desire to come after him consider the advisability of "clearing the atmosphere." Mr. Robertson has seen a long life's service in the Rayne district, and his work has been stamped by an individuality that has both courage and geniality as its leading characteristics. But Mr. Robertson has also a long memory, and he has not forgotten the scores against the old members of his congregation. His outburst last Sunday was perhaps the most extraordinary ebullition that has been heard from a Christian pulpit within recent years—absolutely without a vestige of that charity and forgiveness which are the basis of his Master's teaching. Although he was unable to exercise that benevolent disposition of forgiveness himself, he philosophically concluded with: "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do."

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The Business Point of View.

In this remarkable sermon, Mr. Robertson had the audacity to declare that "from a business point of view he had failed." "Judged by worldly wisdom, his life had been a failure." Such an admission has a candour and honesty about it that may commend it in an age wherein we have beheld the miserable and selfish worldliness of religion so flauntingly displayed; but all the same, it would be well if Protestant churches set about revising the standard of confession required of entrants in the ministry, so that after a life's service they shall be unable to turn and revile their fellowmen for failing to make the clergyman's pilgrimage a pathway of roses. Mr. Robertson is not a whit worse than many more of the cloth, and few of them can object if he refuses to take the present situation with resignation.

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The Pump in the Pulpit.

The village pump occupied an honourable position in parochial politics, but this is the first time I have seen it dragged into the pulpit. Mr. Robertson put it as bitterly as he could when he said that the first food he got in Rayne was from an Established Church elder, and the first drop of water from an Episcopal clergyman. He had to pay for the pump, and it will be the most elementary duty of the moralists of Rayne to uproot that article of utility, and hand it over to its rightful owner. This and the matter of manse restoration should raise a nice question of compensation.

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The Late Mr. William Mortimer.

Although he practically took no part in public life, the late Mr. William Mortimer, farmer, Old Keig, who died last week, was a man of the highest intelligence, exceptionally well educated for an agriculturist of the "old school," and generally respected over a wide district. The deceased made no claim to ancestral greatness, but he was in all probability descended from the last of the line of Mortimer who owned Craigievar. This laird is said to have ruined himself by the expenses incurred in starting to build Craigievar Castle. Anyway, the estate with the uncompleted castle was sold to William Forbes, ancestor of the present Lord Sempill, about 1610.

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"Did he go Home?"

A notice in the following terms is said to have appeared recently in the "Missing Relatives" column of a Southern contemporary:—"If John Smith, who left his wife and infant child twenty years ago, will return home, the said child will knock the stuffing out of him." Even if John sees this pathetic notice it is probable that like the late Bill Bailey he won't be in any hurry to reach his "home."

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The Portsmouth Naval Riots.

Like most "service" sentences that of five years' penal servitude passed on the stoker Moody, who was made the chief scape-goat of the Portsmouth Naval Riots, is barbarously severe. Discipline, of course, must be maintained—nobody denies that—still, in view of the fact that the criminal was only found guilty on the minor count of "inciting men to form a mutinous assembly," a sentence of twelve months or even less would have been adequate punishment for the offence. The trouble seems to have been wholly due to the action of a youthful officer who lost his head and his temper, and Moody's statement that he believed it impossible for men in his position to obtain redress for their injuries will find many believers. Of course, the man's character was "not exemplary," but in the service a bad character is very easily acquired, and as easily maintained.

PROMINENT PROFILES—No. 42.

The Right Rev. ROWLAND ELLIS.

Although only a few months have passed since his induction to the (Episcopal) Bishopric of Aberdeen and Orkney, the tall, stately figure of the subject of our Profile is now passingly familiar to the rank and file of the citizens. In every respect he promises to confer lustre on the mitre, and though it is hardly possible there will be anything like a wholesale conversion of Presbyterian "Schismatics" to the tenets of Episcopalianism one may safely prophesy that under his sway the position of the Church will be greatly strengthened in the North. From the "orthodox" point of view it needs to be. This the Bishop will undoubtedly accomplish, in part by the fact that he has no sympathy with "High Churchism." In fact, during the whole of his clerical career his views have been broadly evangelical.

The circumstances preceding our subject's translation are still fresh in the public mind. It is worthy of note that it was Dr. Danson who proposed his election to the See. Right graciously he did it, and the Bishop took the fullest opportunity of recognising this at the Doctor's semi-jubilee last week.

The Bishop is an Oxford man—of course, as a Welshman, an alumnus of Jesus College. Though a Benedict of 37 years' standing, he is still, at 63, in the prime of life for a prelate or a politician. Mrs. Ellis is a daughter of Surgeon-Major William Brydone, C.B., who has earned a place in history as the sole survivor of the British Army on the retreat from Cabul through the Khyber Pass in 1842.



PROMINENT PROFILES.

No. 42.—Bishop ELLIS.

The Caruso Case.

Whether guilty or not, and the probability of his innocence is considerable, the manner in which the case against Signor Caruso was conducted was a scandal to a Court of Justice. Most likely there is more behind the prosecution than has yet appeared in print. Who was really responsible for bringing the charges—the police or the heads of another Opera House, whose revenues were being affected by Caruso's success? Meanwhile, the Signor is the subject of a "wave of sympathy." Very much the same happened in London ten or eleven years ago when a somewhat similar charge, which was brought against Mr. George Alexander, broke down.

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Mr. Stead and the Female Form.

Mr. W. T. Stead is great in spite of his extravagance. The plain unvarnished penman could not write as does the editor of "The Review of Reviews" and preserve his reputation for sanity. Will Mr. Stead's suffragette friends thank him for his latest argument in their favour? Continuing his visits to theatres and music halls, Mr. Stead gives an account of the Hippodrome, and, describing a gymnastic turn, says:—"I always feel grateful for any performance which refutes the conventional fallacy as to the essential fragility and general inefficiency of the female body. It is all a matter of training. Girl gymnasts and the artistes of the circus find that nature gave them bodies as tough, as capable of exertion and even of contortion, as those of men, and from the spectacle of the Hippodrome I find a fresh argument in favour of the claim of women to the full rights of citizens."

Jabez Balfour as a Poet.

Mr. Jabez Spencer Balfour has figured in many strange walks of life, but few of us suspected him of being a poet. While in Parkhurst prison, he read much Spanish literature, and, struck with the romantic charm of "Catalina: a Tale of Toledo," he made a prose translation which he afterwards rendered into verse. This remarkably well-written poem appears in the Christmas Number of the "London Magazine," and to give an idea of the simplicity and dignity of the verse, I quote the opening lines:—

"High above the rocky Tagus
Stands a hoar, time-stricken Town,
Once the scene of Courts and Councils
And a City of Renown.
'Tis Toledo, and its glory
Lingers yet in song and story.

"And the eager, restless River,
Breaking from its mountain home,
Hurries by through rocky gorges,
Dim with spray and white with foam;
Speeding on with ceaseless motion
To its grave amid the ocean.

"Come, true lovers, wander with me
Round this mem'ry-haunted height,
Where to-day seems dim and distant,
But the past is near and bright.
We will feast our vagrant fancies
On its legends and romances.

"But at twilight by the River
Where the great Bridge spans the stream,
We will turn from tales chivalric
To a softer, gentler theme—
Of a woman's love unfailing,
Over death and shame prevailing.

"How the Dona Catalina
To her husband's rescue came,
And her wifely wit and daring
Saved alike his life and fame;
So that till true love shall perish
Loving hearts her name will cherish."

The poem is excellently illustrated in colours, and forms a prominent feature of an attractive number.

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Only a Ghost.

Brown is a very good fellow, but, alas! he has one bad habit. It is that of never reaching home until the small hours of the morning. But one day last week Mrs. B— hit upon a plan. If she could not persuade him out of the habit, perhaps she could frighten him out of it. And, consequently, when he reached home that night, he was confronted by a tall, white-shrouded figure, which glided towards him. "Wh-wh-w-what's that?" gasped poor Brown. "I am the family ghost," replied a sepulchral voice. Brown heaved a sigh of relief. "Great Scott!" he said; "how you frightened me. I thought it was the missus!"

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"COUSIN KATE."

Just lately everyone seems to have been keeping up for the opening of the new Theatre in Schoolhill. At any rate, very few are patronising the Guild Street erection. As usual, it is the few who show most wisdom. Last week we had a fine play, and empty houses; this week the play is more than a fine play, it is one of the very best, and, I imagine, the houses will be even worse. Next week I expect that it will be practically impossible to get admittance to a pantomime.

This week, then, we have a delicious little idyll, with two characters who are charming in the extreme. "Cousin Kate" might have been written by Anthony Hope, or perhaps by Egerton Castle, or Tarkington at his best, while the great scene in Act II. rises to the Meredithian level. The topic of a play is the adventures of two lovers, and both are drawn with a skill which one can only admire and envy. I have already heard that "Cousin Kate" is a play of love for lovers only, but this is not so. Sarah Bernhardt has said that, to portray emotion—such as love, jealousy, or anger—it is not necessary to feel, or have felt, such emotion, but only to be capable of it. Let the man who thinks he is incapable of the tender passion, then, stay at home and kick the cat across the room, or beat his wife—for such men are always married—and let everyone else go and enjoy "Cousin Kate."

The play owes almost everything to Miss Lilias Earle. Her work does not seem like acting. I do not know how Miss Earle would appear, say, as Lady Macbeth, but in her present part she is wholly and entirely unforced, natural, and at her ease. She is on the stage practically all the time, and, when she does go off, one wants her back. Mr. Templer Powell scores almost as great a success as Heath Desmond. The playwright has not given him quite so interesting a rôle as Miss Earle, but, like her, he seems to fit his part to perfection. The other players (there are only five other characters) all do well. Mr. Cox, as the Rev. J. Bartlett, the young curate who believes that "Frivolity is the forerunner of crime," is very good. The expression of his face when he is accepted by Amy, near the end of the piece, is alone well worth the price of admission.

Miss Coleman and Miss Honiss, as Mrs. and Miss Amy Spencer, do very well. Each has a very definite conception of her part, and adheres to it. The same may be said of Mr. Barrett, as Bobby Spencer.

On Friday and Saturday of this week there will be produced, by the same Company, "A Country Mouse," and Saturday will be made memorable by the last performance in the old theatre.

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THE PALACE THEATRE.

Japan is again to the front at the Palace Theatre—at any rate, Yettmah, the conjuror, sets the ball a-rolling, so to speak. Neil Kenyon, the Scottish comedian, is the star turn, and his droll and easy humour wins for him a way into the hearts of the audience. Nightly he has had to respond to many recalls, and he comes up smiling every time. Herbert Clifton, who has enough voices to make a Tower of Babel by himself, is a capital mimic, and many of the London favourites, such as Edna May, Gertie Millar, and Isabel Jay, are introduced with the happiest effect. Mr. Clifton is on the eve of a three months' tour in America, where he should do well. The Katos have again proved their popularity as the manipulators of a miniature theatre, and their marionette imitations are marvellously clever. James Willard and his company get a splendid reception in their comedy sketch, "Did he deserve it?" Miss Elsie Earle, a bright soubrette; Spry and Austen, who have entered on a second week's engagement; the Zelovas, acrobatic equilibrists; Arthur Goodman, a smart juggler, who masquerades as a tramp, are all artistes of outstanding ability in their several lines; and, with such an excellent, all-round company, the Palace should be well patronised this week. Among the captivating pictures, shown by Vernon's Bioscope, is an excellent series called "The Miner's Daughter."

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THE NEW THEATRE.

"RED RIDING HOOD."

The closing of the old Theatre and the opening of the new one will be events of some local importance. While the opening of the new buildings will attract more notice, there is no doubt that the closing of the old Theatre in Guild Street is historically the more



Miss NELLIE WIGLEY.

important event of the two, and this will, in a small degree, be recognised on Saturday evening, when the last performance—"The Country Mouse"—takes place. Mr. Robert Arthur himself arrived here on Tuesday forenoon, and arrangements are being made to, in some way, comemmorate the end of the many years of service of the old buildings.

On Monday evening, it will be a case of, "The King is dead: Long live the King." The new Theatre, as everyone by this time knows, will be opened with a special performance of "Red Riding Hood." It is not proposed to have any special

ceremony, but it is likely that there may be a little speech-making. In any case, it will be an event of considerable importance.

"Little Red Riding Hood" will be produced under the personal superintendence of Mr. Arthur, and the caste will include the following: — Little Red Riding Hood, Miss Lyuba Love; Principal Boy, Miss Winnie Harbor; Principal Girl, Miss Nellie Wigley; while the humorous element will be in the hands of the Brothers Redmond and Messrs. Andy Caine and Willie Garvey. There will be a children's ballet, two troupes of dancers, and a special Chorus brought all the way from London, to give Aberdonians an opportunity of studying the London accent. The scenery and dresses, of course, will be all that can be desired.

The Pantomime will run for four weeks, the last performances being given on December 29th; while, on the last day of the year, we shall have a very welcome visit from the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, with all our old favourites. The Company will stay for a fortnight, and are likely to have the most successful visit they have ever paid to Aberdeen.

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"The Guards at Waterloo."

On an extended tour in the north of Scotland, and when making Aberdeen a centre, I was fortunate enough to visit the Music Hall and see Mr. Gibb's Painting, and must give my impressions regarding this modern work of Art.

In these days, when descriptive illustration rivals journalism, a vivid painting of such an historical event as that depicted by Mr. Robert Gibb, R.S.A., and in which every patriotic Britisher should take an interest, should prove of great interest to the thinking public.

Aberdeen should feel honoured by the fact that this masterpiece, by the famous painter of "The Thin Red Line," should first be exhibited here; and I was pleased to see, during my visit, that Aberdeen people were not slow to appreciate this fact, the attendance being quite gratifying.

Apart from the historical importance of the picture, Mr. Gibb's breadth of treatment, as an artist, is what strikes one very much. There is not a hard line to be found on the great canvas; everything is subdued in tone and colour; and yet the painting is full of strength, having been treated to a certain amount of what is now termed the "Glasgow" school, without going to any great extremity of impression.

The brilliant yet sombre colouring of a desperate fight in a gale of wind and rain, between the French and British soldiers, which is partly obscured by the smoke—and yet vividly seen—is exquisitely portrayed by the artist, and the whole impression is that of ease and freedom.

In his short, crisp, and descriptive lecture on this great picture, Mr. Gordon makes a great impression on his audience. Having evidently visited the scene of the battle, he can, of course, speak with some confidence on the subject, and as I understand he is a courier in Messrs. Cooks' service, he is all the better qualified to give a racy, lucid description of the struggle at Hougomont in 1815.

It has given me much pleasure to give my impression of Mr. Robert Gibb's latest masterpiece, and should feel very gratified to learn that the Aberdeen people have taken full advantage of seeing it during its short stay here.

R. Anderson Smith.

The Backhaus Recital.

The second of the Choral Union Subscription Concerts was the musical event of last week, and it drew a very large audience to the Music Hall. Backhaus was the chief attraction of the evening, and the brilliant young pianist received a perfect ovation from his admirers in Aberdeen. Perhaps there is no artiste living who can give such a dazzling exhibition of digital skill; his fingers move with magical power over the key-board, and sometimes even the player himself seems to be carried away by his own marvellous executant power. The pieces Backhaus chose were particularly suited to display his special genius as a pianist, the Chopin selections including the studies in "Octaves," "Black Keys," and "Broken Chords," and Liszt's "Polonaise in E Major," and the Paganini-Liszt "La Campanella." Backhaus has all the faults one may expect to find in a youthful player—abandonment, vanity, and a sensuous affectation which has, meanwhile, to pass for depth and beauty of interpretation. Doubtless these faults will disappear, but one wonders whether Backhaus will ever understand Chopin as de Pachmann understands him. It is always delightful to watch a great artiste's unfolding powers, and Backhaus' appearance last week stimulated our interest in him in no ordinary degree. We have to thank the Choral Union for bringing him here, and we will be only too glad to welcome him back again. The violinist was Herr Sebald, who contributed two items—Paganini's arrangement of the melody, Anglicé, "Hope told a flattering tale," and the Finale from Concerto in G Minor (Max Bruch). The latter is a fine composition, and it was magnificently played by Herr Sebald. One wished to hear the *whole* of the Concerto again, so sweet are the memories of Kubelik's performance of the composition. Miss Louise Peskett took part with Herr Sebald in the Concerto and Paganini piece. She is a clever player, and was acceptable in a high degree as accompanist to Miss Rodolfa Lhombino, who sang three times. First, the Aria, "Ah! fors' è lui" (La Traviata). This grand dramatic air has been frequently essayed by sopranos at local concerts lately, and, although Miss Lhombino sang it well, her performance suffered by comparison. Her other songs, "I love thee" (Greig), and "The Daughters of Cadiz," were perhaps more appreciated. Her voice is good, especially in the higher range. The Choral Union occupied the Orchestra seats, and contributed two choruses—Schumann's "Summer Song," a beautifull, bright piece; and "As torrents in Summer," from Elgar's "King Olaf." They sang with exquisite care, and the balance of voices sounded very much better than one would have expected, judging from the members in the various parts. The Scottish Orchestra is coming next, and that will be great.

A RARE BARGAIN.

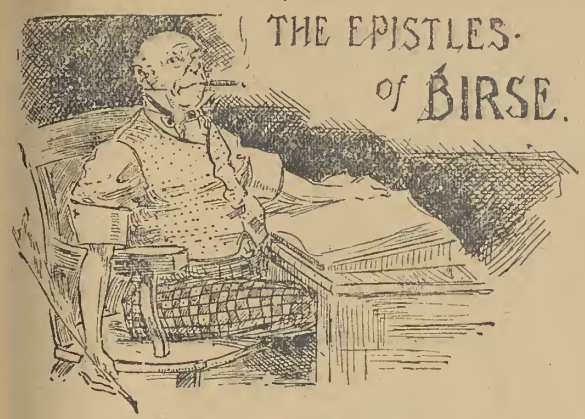
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Man, I hid an expeerience last week sic like as I houp disna at'en occur t' ony o' yer readers. The maitter's vera simple. I lost the key o' the front door, as I thocht, wi' th' result that I wis obleeg't t' spen' th' feck o' a

CAUL' WINTER'S NICHT

in th' washin'-hoose, bit fat mak's th' occurrence th' mair aggravatin' is th' fack that the said key wis in m' pooch a' th' time. A curse upon them t'ilers, say I, fa provide a man's breeks wi' sic a shooperflooity o' pooches. I'm sure I gya my man nae instruchins t' fabricat' a pistol pocket, me ha'ein' nae need o' sic a perneeshis contrivance, yet oot o' pure deevilment, as I tak' it, he ramm't ane in, wi' the consekwences which I'm jist gaun t' narrate.

Last Fearsday, a nesty, saft, mochy kin' o' a nicht it wis, Kirsty left th' hoose t' atten' a Kirk tay-drinkin', on th' back o' aucht o'clock. Feelin' raither lonely eftir her depairture, I thocht, as it wis a pey-nicht, I micht as weel tak' a

STEP DOON TH' TOON

t' see th' sichts an' keep mysel' oot o' lang'er. Accordin'ly, I made up the fire, asshoom't my grytecoat, and pittin' awa' th' bigger pairt o' my lowse cheenge for safety in a vreetin'-desk, I lockit th' door an' awa' oot. It wis my vera carefu'ness in this last respeck that workit a' th' mischief. Eeswilly, fin me an' Kirsty happens t' be baith gaun oot, th' last o's leaves th' key hidden in a flooer-pat containin' an everlastin' plant that stan's on th' winda sill. Recollec'in', hooiver, that throu' th' Distress't times there micht be burglars aboot, I didna folla this time-honour't preceedent, bit slippit th' key int' m' pooch, determinin', of coorse, t' be back hame lang afore Kirsty's meetin' brook' up. This deceeshin wis actuatit b' soun' policy, as I taul' 'er afore she depairtit I wisna leavin' th' hoose that nicht. Hooiver, that's nayther here nor there; th' p'int is that in m' hurry I accidentally put th' key int' m' back pooch, instead o' ane o' th' front anes, as is nait'rally m' custom fin I've onything sma' t' stow awa'. Athoot ony thocht o' th' tribbi' that wis in store for me, I boordit th' car licht-heartedly. Aince in th' centre o' th' toon I wisna lang in foregitherin' wi' ackwantances. Owin' t' th' fac' that I got entangl't in a poleetickle argyment, me, as a lan'owner, bein' deid ag'inst th' propos't taxaishin o' lan' values, I didna manitch t' reach Kettybrowster until close on th' strok' o' elaiven, an' it wis only as I open't th' gairden-gate th' horrifeein idea occurr't t' me that Kirsty maun 'a' been hame for aboot an 'oor, unable t' get in, an' w'itin' my arrival. Her temper's nae vera gweed at th' best o' times, sae ye can imegine I raither dreidit th' interview that wis bound t' ensue as a consekwens' o' my delinquency.

There she wis, sure aneuch, sittin' full oonder th' meenlicht, on th' seat near th' door, scoopin' up th' graivel veeshishly wi' 'er umbrella. I approach't 'er gingerly, an' in my saftest an' maist apologetic tone begood:—

"I'm sorry, m' dear, bit I wis deteen't—"

"Drinkin', as eeswil," she said, lookin' up soorly. "Ye needna waur yer breath tellin' lees. Faur's th' key?"

Deemin' it best t' mak' nae answer t' this onslaucht, I dabbit m' han' int' m' breek pooch, in

SEARCH O' THAT PARTICKLER ARTIKLE.

First I tri't th' ane an' syne th' ither, bit nae key wis there t' be f'un', only a saxpence an' some coppers. At last, in complete bewilderment, I turn't th' pooches clean oot, allooin' th' cheenge t' drap heedlessly t' th' path. Th' key, hooiver, had vanish't.

At last, in desperaishin, I gaspit oot:—"'Oman, I ken I lockit th' door, an' took th' key wi' me, bit I canna get it naewhere."

"Ye've lost it," she said, "or been robbit."

"I may 'a' lost it," I return't, "bit robbit I cudna been, as I've been in naething bit discreet, respectable company a' th' evenin'."

"Aye," she repli't glumly, "ye look like it. Bit th' question is, Fat are we t' dee?"

"I'll try t' get in at ane o' th' windas, and syne draw back the bolt."

"Ye winna manage that," she retortit wi' a sneer. "Ye're owre fat, forbye th' sashes open frae th' inside."

Eftir that there wis nae mair t' be said, Kirsty insistin' that it wid be chaper t' bide ootside i' th' caul' than t' brak th' gless an' crawl in. Forbye, she addit, wi' a shooperflooity o' insult, it wid gi'e me a

CHANCE O' GETTIN' SOBER.

For th' express purpos' o' keepin' doon din, an' recogneesin' I wis at faut in th' maitter, I alloo't 'er t' ha'e 'er say athoot demur. Syne, aince she'd quaten't, I prevail't on 'er till awa' t' a frien's hoose in Bedford Road, faur, late though th' 'oor wis, she wid be sure o' shelter for th' nicht. As seen's I heard th' gate close I awa' int' th' washin'-hoose, an' threw mysel' doon on a pair o' cauf secks, faur, tho' th' bed wis far fae comfortable, I speedily fell intill a soun' slumber. I' th' coorse o' th' nicht I maun 'a' row't aff, for fin I wauken't twa-three 'oors later, I wis lyin' on th' bare fleer. Nae only wis I near-han' frozen, bit my back wis unco sair, jist as if I wis sufferin' fae an attack o' lumbago. On risin', I nait'rally pass't m' han' roon' t' m' back, an' instantly cam' on th' missin' key in m' pistol pooch. I can tell ye I lost nae time in openin' th' door, an' winnin' t' my bed. Fat Kirsty said on 'er return neist mornin' I may tell ye on some future occashin.

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MR. CROLL AGAIN ON THE SCENE.

Independent of the operations of the Distress Committee a very active propaganda is being prosecuted for the organisation of the unemployed in the city, and their presence in our midst will be more loudly proclaimed in the near future. In the meantime a good deal of interest is being taken in the appointment of a Clerk and Treasurer by the Distress Committee, in succession to Mr. John Croll. Last night the Finance Sub-Committee met to consider the applications, and a genuine shock was experienced when an unsuspicious-looking envelope was opened and revealed the following letter, addressed to the Interim-Clerk :—

"Dear Sir,—I beg to apply for the post of Clerk and Treasurer as advertised. I enclose a copy of testimonials of professional capacity, of which the Committee have already a copy, and a testimonial from representative workers who are likely to know the kind of man that would be suitable.

"I would also point out that the combining of the office of Treasurer with the Clerkship was suggested in my letter to the Chairman in July, and I may mention that, as the Committee will have to carry out the whole of my suggestions, it would be better that this should be done intelligently now, and by some one who would be able to let the Committee know what are their powers under the Act and their duty to the community.—Yours faithfully, JOHN CROLL."

One of the testimonials was from Sheriff Robertson, who wrote, "For a number of years Mr. John Croll, solicitor, appeared frequently before me in the Court here. I have always thought him a man of ability, with a good knowledge of law and a ready pleader." Sheriff Henderson Begg said—"I have much pleasure in certifying that Mr. John Croll has been practising in the Sheriff Courts here with much ability during the years that I have been Sheriff-Substitute of Aberdeen, Kincardine and Banff."

The largely-signed memorial from the unemployed was couched in almost as frank terms as those in Mr. Croll's letter of application. It was as follows :—

To The District Committee, Aberdeen.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We, the undersigned unemployed workers, and others of the Aberdeen area, hereby request that you will re-appoint John Croll Clerk and Legal Adviser, and we direct your attention to the following points in support of this request :

John Croll acted as clerk for ten months, and gave such complete satisfaction that his salary was unanimously raised, and his responsibilities increased.

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He has gained the confidence of the unemployed workers of Aberdeen for his civility, courtesy, and attention to the applicants on all occasions ; for his industry in endeavouring to find employment, and his impartiality in distributing the work ; for his knowledge and capacity in dealing with the workers and employers ; for his knowledge of this development of the law, and his ingenuity and resource in applying it to present-day conditions ; for his foresight, accuracy, and mastery of detail, and his ability to point out and create work of public utility and improve the trade of the town ; for his complete acquaintance with the business men and business arrangements of the City and neighbourhood, and his courage in exposing corrupt interference with the business and preventing frauds on the public exchequer ; for his common sense and practical sagacity, and because, from every point of view, he is the best man for the job.

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The appointment will be made to-morrow evening. We do not like to prophesy, but we have a strong presentment that Mr. Croll will *not* be reappointed.

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FOOTBALL.

Punishing Game.

On one side there were shown flashes of combination and od football; the other went in for spoiling these tactics at any t. Aberdeen found it hard to get into their stride with such trong wind, while the defence tackled them in the most robust nner. In the most unfortunate manner Edgar laid himself by displacing a tendon in his leg and having to go to head- arters for repairs. At this time Aberdeen were holding their n, and with ten men were giving the Port defence plenty of rk to do, Shaw distinguishing himself with shots from Lennie d M'Kinley. The Port's front line was ineffective, especially inside men, who were anything but good shots. Gradually erdeen asserted themselves till they had the opposition uced almost to impotency. Ward proved the best marksman the home side, and his play was capped by the only goal of game—a particularly good one it was. It was Lennie who t crossed the ball when pressed, and, on M'Kinley ding out to M'Donald, he put the ball forward, en Ward made absolutely sure of its going into the at such a place that Shaw could not save. Half- e came soon after. Still playing ten men, Aberdeen made the e hot, and twice in succession Shaw had splendid saves, the ence being hard pressed. Many claim that Lennie was itimately brought down at one time, but the referee ignored s as he did almost all the claims from the home side. Donald got across a fine drive which, if it was not over the l line, was touch-and-go. So on the play went till the last minutes, when several extra bursts by the Port looked none well for Aberdeen's defence, but the latter stuck to their rk, and in semi-darkness the game ended in a win for Aber- n by one goal to nil.

What might have been.

Had Aberdeen the good fortune to have had eleven men all time we are firmly convinced that their goal average would e been enhanced a bit on Saturday's play. It was just the t of that man that made crosses go for nothing, which ought have materialised into goals, and even with this handicap y were top dog most of the game. Edgar should never have empted to go on again, but so game was the little chap that had to get out to see how he would stand it with a bandage The Port players did not give us the feeling of decided eriority which they might claim by the results they have ained. Their defence is sound—Ritchie, Robertson, and w being very fine. The halves are a fair lot, but with the eption of the outside men the forwards were poor. Aber- n's front line performed well, when the absence of one man aken into account. If anything, Lennie had a particular m to first place, as he had a strong opponent against him, he played that same back almost to a standstill. Of the ves W. Low stood out clearly. It was just such a game that s the left-half. Hard knocks agoing, Wilfrid can give and e, and smile all the time. He was up assisting Lennie, back defensive work, and all over played the game of his life for erdeen. Henry Low and Halket were also very good, but y did not get the opportunity of shining like the other lad. yle was the better of the two backs in some respects, as ult was inclined to be a little rash. While the hard knocks e agoing in the second period it was amusing to see the ree lecture Boyle for a trip which he never committed. Had whistle-blower tackled the centre-half on this point he would e been nearer the mark. M'Farlane had so little to do that could not say whether he did it well or badly, but as he let goals in that speaks for itself.

Record at Fraserburgh.

The Hearts would have been better pleased had the result n closer, but they were in no way disheartened at 8 goals g put up against them on Saturday by Aberdeen-A. Right n the very start the A's took the game in hand, and, the result of a fine cross from the right, Lawrie scored. This early reverse told its tale, as the visitors lashed the ball away from wing to wing till they had five goals on before the interval. Playing up better in the second period the Hearts not only scored but kept a firmer hold of Aberdeen's front line and prevented them from putting on double figures. It seemed to be the intention of the A's to get a big score on for they never slackened their efforts till the whistle sounded with the score 8-1 in their favour.

The Players.

The chief fault to be found with the Hearts' players was their lack of experience. They have the makings of a good side, but until they meet all kinds of opposition they will never succeed. The halves had little or no understanding amongst themselves nor with those behind them, and if they had a good coach to make them study these things we are sure they would be a good side. Aberdeen's forwards were in spanking form, the halves splendid as usual, while the backs and goalkeeper did all that was required of them. The gate-drawings were the largest ever taken at a football match in Fraserburgh, amounting to over £11.

Resignation of H. S. Wylie.

Lovers of football will regret to hear that Mr. H. S. Wylie, the respected chairman of the Aberdeen F.C., has, through business reasons, decided to sever his connection with the game. Though not altogether unexpected to those who have been intimately associated with Mr. Wylie in Aberdeen, it will cause surprise to his many friends outside that circle. The work he has done for the club, and the game in particular, is incalculable, and we trust Mr. Wylie will carry with him the pleasant memories of good things done in support of the pastime he had so much at heart. It will surely be the wish of his many friends in the club and outside that his many services should be recognised in some tangible form one way or another, and we will be only too glad to place our services to further any project if it is taken up as we believe it will.

The Qualifying Final.

As years go on the Qualifying Competition gains in public favour, and Saturday's game between Raith Rovers and St. Bernards proved no exception to the rule. It was a rare struggle at Tynecastle, and must have been galling to the Fifers, who had the cup within their grasp in the first half, and then almost lost it. By perseverance and dogged persistency, the Saints, after being two goals down in the first half, equalised in the second, and looked like winning before the game ended. Such a rousing final has not been witnessed for many years—the excitement being intense amongst the spectators, though the football did not rise to great pretensions. The drawings proved to be a record, and as the clubs benefit to the extent of a division after expenses are paid, there is a little mint in store for these two clubs, who are badly in want of hard cash at the present time. The replay will take place at Easter Road on Saturday first, when another 90 minutes of excitement should be furnished.

The League.

To the followers of the Clyde it was nothing but what they expected, to draw with Celtic. It has always been their boast that they can run the Celts as close as any team in Glasgow or out of it. They had more than the odd chance of winning on Saturday, and only by their great experience did the Celts manage a draw of three goals each. Dundee accomplished a fine performance by defeating Airdrie away, 2-1; and Falkirk also performed well against Kilmarnock, winning 4-1. It was an out day for the Edinburgh clubs, Rangers accounting for the Hibs, 3-1, and Partick Thistle annexing full points from the Hearts, 1-0. Another meritorious victory was that accomplished by Motherwell over Third Lanark, 3-2, and Morton's 2 clear goals' victory over St. Mirren. Queen's Park had another return to form and took full points from Hamilton Academicals, scoring three times to the latter's once.

This Week's Programme.

Aberdeen travel to Hamilton on Saturday to meet the "Aca's" for the first time in the Scottish League upper circle. The "Aca's" have been playing good football all the season, but have had a most beastly run of bad luck. Even on Saturday at Hampden they did very well, but score they couldn't, though

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some of their efforts deserved a better fate. Their turn is about due, though we would fain hope it will be after Saturday, as Aberdeen will not be so strong forward as they could be. Aberdeen will have their usual defence, and the chances are that Henry Low will go up to the front line. The following will travel, and the final selection will be made on the grounds:—Macfarlane, Boyle, Gault, Halket, Strang, W. Low, M'Donald, Ward, M'Kinley, H. Low, Lennie, and another.

At home the A's have St. Johnstone, who are bidding well for the top place this year. Aberdeen ran them hard at Perth, being defeated 3-2, so that we should have a rousing game at Pittodrie. If the A's get the chance to settle down to their game, they should come out all right. The possibilities are that a new outside right will be on view, if the negotiations are finished in time. Though not definitely fixed up, the team will be selected from the following:—Herd, Willox, Urquhart, Brebner, Davidson, Simpson, Robertson, Newman, Hilton, Lawrie, Simpson, and M'Kenzie. The start will be at 2.30.

Chatty Bits.

Edgar had to get his knee put into plaster this week, and the report is out that he will not play this side of the New Year.

It was extremely unfortunate on Johnnie, who was in fine trim, and he will require to be very careful before he starts to play.

It was touch-and-go for the light hanging out to finish the game at Pittodrie on Saturday.

Referee Edwards was a trifle finical in his decisions on Saturday, and became unpopular with the crowd.

Tom Strang did not feel just fit for a hard game on Saturday, and stayed down from the team. It is seldom one misses the genial smile of Strang on the home side.

Halket was skipper of the team for the day, and he seems to fill the position to a nicety.

Boyle's look of injured innocence at getting a lecture from the referee, when he was not to blame, only served to irritate that official, who was not "having any."

Of course, had Paddy retaliated, as he could have done, he might have got "marching orders." Boyle knows a thing or two.

Aberdeen are a point richer over this game than they were last year, when they only drew with the Port—2-2.

The "gate" at Pittodrie came to £130 all in.

It will require to be a 2.30 kick-off this week, as the light did not last long enough in the "Port" game.

Aberdeen meet Hamilton Academicals this week at Hamilton.

Lochee refused to play Aberdeen A last Saturday, and the latter have claimed the points and expenses. This knocked the third team out of a fixture.

Lochee failed to come to the scratch and Aberdeen have claimed the points and expenses.

Owing to their failure to get a Northern League fixture the A's went to Fraserburgh and gave a very fine exhibition of football.

The spectators have not seen a game like it for many a day, and got their money's worth in goals.

Though the score was large the Hearts put up a good fight for it, and never relaxed their efforts all through.

Johnnie Robertson, who has recently figured as a back and half, went up to outside right and was a success there. He has great possibilities as a forward.

With Airdrie going rocky it came as a surprise to their supporters to learn that they had parted with Peter Gildea to Bury.

The English League results furnished some curious reading on Saturday night.

Fancy, Liverpool giving Ashton Villa 5-2 and making rings round them at last!

The Sunderland quietly take the points from Everton by scoring the only goal of the game, and Newcastle United lose to Bristol City by 2-1.

Football form is a funny thing to go by in view of these results.

The sum collected for the Wilson Benefit Fund at Pittodrie on Saturday amounted to £4 5s.

THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

FIRST DIVISION.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Dwn.	Goals For.	Agst.	Pts
Celtic, ...	13	11	0	2	37	10	2
Dundee, ...	15	8	1	6	24	9	2
Airdrieonians,	15	9	3	3	32	17	2
Rangers, ...	13	7	3	3	29	16	1
Third Lanark,	14	7	4	3	24	20	1
Hearts, ...	15	5	4	6	26	22	1
St. Mirren, ...	15	5	4	6	21	19	1
Partick T., ...	15	5	5	5	21	20	1
Clyde, ...	14	5	5	4	18	22	1
Falkirk, ...	14	5	5	4	27	25	1
Motherwell, ...	15	6	7	2	24	26	1
Aberdeen, ...	16	5	7	4	22	25	1
Morton, ...	15	6	7	2	17	21	1
Hibernian, ...	16	5	8	3	20	29	1
Queen's Park,	13	4	6	3	22	22	1
Port-Glasgow,	15	4	9	2	12	29	1
Kilmarnock, ...	15	2	11	2	15	38	
Hamilton, ...	14	0	10	4	13	34	

Two points for a win; one for a draw.

SECOND DIVISION.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Dwn.	Goals For.	Agst.	Pts
Leith, ...	10	7	2	1	19	10	1
Vale of Leven,	13	7	5	1	29	21	1
Dumbarton, ...	13	6	5	2	28	22	1
St. Bernard, ...	6	6	0	0	14	3	1
Albion Rovers,	9	5	3	1	16	10	1
*Cowdenb'th, ...	6	4	0	2	11	7	1
Arthurlie, ...	8	4	3	1	16	16	
Ayr Parkhouse,	11	3	7	1	14	29	
Raith Rovers, ...	6	2	3	1	9	7	
East Stirling, ...	11	2	8	1	14	22	
Abercorn, ...	10	2	7	1	13	28	
Ayr, ...	9	1	6	2	9	17	

*Two points deducted for registration irregularity.

East Stirlingshire v. Leith game, stopped before time, is not included in above table.

Two points for a win; one for a draw.

NORTHERN LEAGUERS.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Dwn.	Goals For.	Agst.	Pts
St. Johnstone,	9	6	1	2	23	13	1
Dundee A. ...	10	7	3	0	19	12	1
Kirkcaldy U.,	11	6	3	2	26	14	1
Aberdeen A., ...	10	6	3	1	24	14	1
Dunfermline, ...	11	5	3	3	17	14	1
Arbroath, ...	9	4	2	3	16	10	1
Lochgelly U.,	9	4	2	3	17	10	1
Wanderers, ...	11	5	5	1	14	21	1
East Fife, ...	11	5	5	1	19	12	1
Lochee U., ...	10	4	5	1	20	23	
Montrose, ...	13	3	7	3	12	31	
Brechin, ...	11	3	7	1	19	28	
Forfar Athletic,	11	2	6	3	12	21	
Hearts of Beath,	12	1	9	2	12	27	

Lochee v. Wanderers, and Montrose v. Arbroath matches are not included in the table.

Wanderers v. East Fife, and Brechin v. Hearts of Beath unfinished matches not included in above list.

Two points for a win; one for a draw.

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JUNIOR FOOTBALL.

By "The Rover."

The Condition of the Links.

The East End travelled to Dundee on Saturday and engaged the Violet in the 3rd round of the Scottish Cup. Divers opinions had been expressed at home as to the ability of the East End to win or lose, but, on the day's play, the Granite City men came through the ordeal with great credit. East End scored in the first few minutes through McGungle accepting a pass from Russell, but thereafter the Violet played up and at half-time led by 2 goals to 1.

On resuming, the East End set the pace and would have scored several times but for the determined defence set up by the home backs. However, the equaliser was bound to come, and come it did through Sellars. From then to the end the game was very fast and of the usual cup-tie order. Scores—Violet 3, East End 2.

Saturday's result has shown us that the play of our juniors in Aberdeen is not a whit inferior to that of our southern rivals, and that there is as good talent to be found in the junior ranks of the city as there is in those of the south.

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It is a great pity our juniors do not get a little more encouragement, the same as they do in Glasgow and Edinburgh, where the public grounds are divided between districts. In Aberdeen here, we have only that little space at the back of the Broadhill set apart for the public to play football on. Accordingly some twenty or thirty clubs are supposed to play League matches in a space where there is only room for six pitches. The result is that we hear too often of matches being postponed from week to week through the inability of the teams to secure ground. Such crowding as is to be seen on the Links any Saturday afternoon only tends to the further deterioration of the game as a health-giving manly sport. This crowding also breeds foul play, and until something is down to extend the public football grounds in the city, the game will never rise to a high standard of excellence.

Something might also be done to keep the Links in a playable condition. After a heavy rain huge pools of water collect, and these are left to be dried up by the sun. This process sometimes takes over three weeks. Surely the Authorities might do something to have this undesirable state of matters set right. Might I suggest that a ditch be cut along the base of the Broadhill, into which the water which pours down the "classic slopes" might run, and thus be diverted from the football grounds?

The visit of the Violet has awakened a considerable degree of interest among the followers of the game in the city. Most of the Junior matches have been declared "off," and there is little doubt that, given good weather, the accommodation at Central Park will be taxed to its utmost. The kick-off is at 2.30.

In the Junior League Mugiemoss had a visit from Inverurie Thistle, and fairly maintained their reputation as being the "Cocks o' their ain midden heid," the score being the "mammoth" one of 6—1 in their favour.

Dee Athletics secured their first win in the League at the expense of St. Andrews, the scores being Dee 3, Saints 1.

Favourites *v.* North End had a goalless draw, and the Shamrock at Torry were leading the Victoria Thistle 1—0 when the game was stopped nine minutes from time on account of bad light.

The only match for Saturday is that between Mugiemoss and Dee Athletics at Bucksburn, when the home team should pull through easily.

In the 3rd class League Shamrock "A" repeated their score of the previous week, defeating the 13th Old Boys by 3 to 0.

Woodbine succumbed to Albert after a hard game by 2 goals to one.

At Woodside, Bon-Accord Rovers had a lead of 2 goals to 1 over the Donside, when the game was stopped owing to darkness.

The Melrose-Grampian Rangers Match was also stopped before time, with the "Abbey Boys" leading by 1 to 0.

Great interest has been evinced over the meeting of the Footdee Rangers and Shamrock "A" which takes place on Saturday at the Links. As will be seen by the accompanying table, the two clubs are closely matched and both in the running. A word to the spectators—be orderly, be sportsmen and let the game be played.

In the Granite City League the tit-bit was the match between Hawthorne and Garfield. After a hard struggle the League leaders got the upper hand and won by 2 to 0. Hawthorne's chances of the League have now been greatly enhanced.

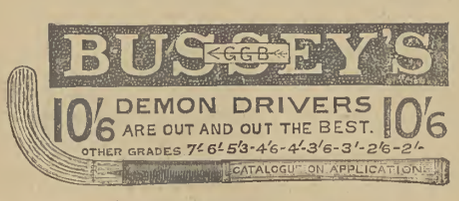
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THIRD CLASS LEAGUE TABLE.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Goals For	Agst.	Pts.
Shamrock "A,"	10	10	0	0	43	4	20
Albert, ...	9	8	1	0	30	8	16
Footdee Rangers,	7	6	0	1	42	9	13
Melrose, ...	11	5	5	1	27	31	11
Woodbine, ...	8	2	4	2	14	24	6
Bon Accord Rov.,	6	1	5	0	11	23	2
Grampian Rangers,	6	1	5	0	6	30	2
Donside Thistle,	7	1	8	0	8	23	2
Old Boys, ...	10	1	9	0	9	32	2
Woodside, ...	1	0	1	0	1	7	0



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FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS.

This week two of the coupon-senders are only one goal out in their guesses as to both results in last week's competition, and to them consolation prizes of a shilling each have been awarded. Their names are:—

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The money will be paid them in due course.

The Poets are but feebly represented, so one quotation from the bundle will serve as a taste of their quality. The rhyme referred to comes from the pen of "R. W." Although not particularly mellifluous, or even rhythmical, it had the advantage of being true to fact:—

"With Aberdeen at home to-day,
They'll give us a touch of their best play;
For in that fine and manly sport,
You'll see them get two p(o)ints of(f) 'Port.'"

So bad a pun as this deserves an exemplary fine rather than a prize.

Next week the usual three half-crowns will be awarded the competitors who successfully forecast the number of goals scored in the matches noted on the coupon.

	GOALS
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4.—The decision of the Editor in all matters of dispute will be final.

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ABERDEENSHIRE CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

Saturday night saw the finish of the Cricket Association's labours for the year, the occasion being a grand smoking concert in the Bon-Accord Hotel. There was a large company, over which the genial hon. president, Baillie Milne, presided, being accompanied by Councillor Todd and other notabilities all well known to the game. A splendid musical programme was submitted, and was taken part in by the following:—Messrs. J. A. Adamson, A. Morgan, J. Bryce, J. H. Jackson, A. Milne, R. Stewart, T. B. Morrison, G. Fowlie, A. Forbes, A. Gray, W. Cable, A. Bain, W. Smith, and W. Mackay. We published the list of prize-winners last week, and in handing over the trophies, etc., to the winners, Baillie Milne took occasion to remark that last season was one of the best the Association had experienced in every way. The chairman felt that cricket deserved more encouragement than it got, and trusted the day was not far distant when better facilities for the game would be provided in the public parks and elsewhere. The Bill to acquire the Seaton Links would, he thought, be a good thing for the game, and he trusted it would be so. The trophy was then handed over to St. Ronald in the senior section, and as each of the prize-winners stepped up they got a hearty reception from those present. Credit is due to Mr. Jas. Mackie, of the Thistle, and his sub-committee for the excellent arrangements for the concert, while the genial secretary, Mr. W. Mackay, was there supervising everything, so that the whole affair went off without a hitch. Votes of thanks were awarded to those who took part in the programme, and to Baillie Milne and Councillor Todd for their presence, and a splendid evening's entertainment was concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

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