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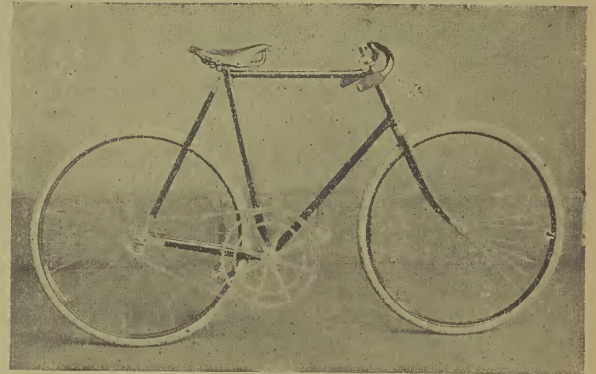
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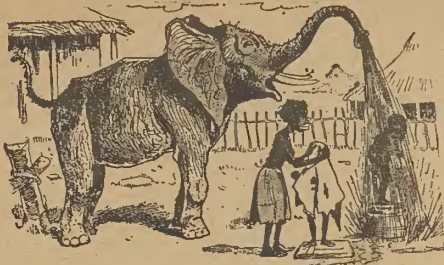
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"STR," writes Our Special Explorer from Fashoda, "if you find that Louis de Rougemont is a fraud, and his story a parcel of lies, perhaps you will have some difficulty in believing what I have to tell you. It is true, nevertheless. When you sent me to show up this wiley Niley French claim to Fashoda, I did not calculate upon the extra adventures by the way and the interesting human beings whom I should pass. The customs of the niggers are somewhat like those of shore labourers. The darkies of Africa, it perhaps never occurred to you, are black, but it is satisfactory to be able to say that they are heartily ashamed of their blackness. One morning I was making a determined attempt to reach civilisation, and had breakfasted on a piece of shoe leather, which I was still chewing, when I came upon a human habitation. My heart beat wildly as I crawled round that African cabbage garden, and what I saw froze my blood. There in the centre of the collection of huts was a family receiving its morning wash. One little fellow was being vigorously rubbed, while a huge elephant was giving a cold bath to another.

This, however, was but the first of a series of eye-openers, for on skirting the village I plunged madly into the woods. There I heard a strange bird whistle beautifully "The bonnie lass o' Bon-Accord," while a parrot declared that Britons never should be slaves, and that he wouldn't drink Dee water for any money.

The place was getting interesting. I stood like one bewildered, and when I heard the fallen branches crunched beneath something heavy I stepped behind a tree. Never can I forget the sensation when a nigger with a smile as broad as Rubislaw Quarry came marching up. He was a native sandwichman. Then I understood the force of the assertion that *Bon-Accord* circulates all over the world. When I had gone only a few yards further into the forest I saw squatted under a "chestnut" tree a monkey brand new from Lake Tanganyika, laughing heartily at the vagaries of the Aberdeen Town Council. When I heard the monkey muttering, "Well, this beats nuts," I took up my carpet bag and left the district.



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From the "Eccentric Magazine."

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(Continued.)

A CLERGYMAN having asked a young lady if she had ever tried to make a sermon, was told that she had made an effort in the direction of a lecture. The clergyman asked if she had ever handled the duties of young women. "No," was the retort, "but I have been sometimes very eloquent on their privileges." "Tell me some of them," pursued Mess John, "for I think they must be very few." To this came the overwhelming reply—"One of their leading privileges, sir, is not to answer an impertinent question."

The privileges of a clergyman in the diocese of Chester are stated to have been the marrying of 780 couples, the holding of 2850 funeral services, the baptism of 3750 children, the reading of the church service 6750 times, and the preaching of 2000 sermons.

Scots people are said to be partial to Scripture names, but the school rolls do not disclose any such bias. The choosing of Scripture names for children is not without its disadvantages, for a man and his wife called upon a minister and told him to guess what Scripture name they had chosen for their child. Having explained that there were many suitable names in the Bible, the minister was alarmed to hear that the name chosen by the ignorant parents was Beelzebub!

In the early part of this century there lived two Jews, one a famed pugilist, and the other an amorous young man. A gentleman was asked to what tribe they belonged, and replied—"I rather think one is a *Hittite*, the other an *Amorite*!" So much for Scripture names.

A henpecked individual considered that his experience made it justifiable for him to enter debateable ground—

No more, O Rome, thy wrong belief defend;
No more for Seven Sacraments contend;
Each wedded wretch can readily confute
Thy boasted arguments in this dispute:
For all by sad experience taught, proclaim
Penance and Matrimony are the same.

Alliteration's artful aid was known before Swinburne wrote poetry, for when Miss Mary Harrison died over a hundred years ago it was written of her—"If boundless benevolence be the basis of beatitude, and harmless humility the harbinger of a hallowed heart, these Christian concomitants composed her characteristic, and conciliated the esteem of her contemporary acquaintances who mean to model their manners by the mould of their meritorious monitor." This is not equalled by the advertisements—"Henry Hallam, hatter, hosier, and haberdasher, at Holburn Bridge, Hatton Garden"; "Benjamin Bell, brown bread and biscuit baker, near Battersea Bridge."

Why is a diverting novel like a canister of tea?—Because the leaves afford pleasure to the ladies.

It is good to be exact. Therefore it is well to know that, according to Chevreau, the world was created on the 6th of September, on a Friday, a little after four o'clock in the afternoon.

In the magazine it is said of Byron—"This nobleman, not content with being the best English poet of his day, is desirous of proving himself the best swimmer by publishing an account of his having swum across the Hellespont in both directions in 70 and in 65 minutes; and having, on another occasion, won a bet by swimming four hours and twenty minutes without rest.

A prisoner accused of assaulting a man named Gold, explained that he was a butcher. "I should have thought," said the counsel, "that you had been a *goldbeater*."

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**A PLEA FOR THE DEVIL:
OR, THE SORROWS OF SATAN.**



THE Rev. Dr Stewart of Peterhead has much to answer for. After we had been brought up, like all decent Christians, in the firm and unshakable belief that there existed a real Devil and a live Hell, there steps on the scene this Peterhead parson who, without any preliminary beating about the bush, says, in the words of one of Dickens' characters: "I don't believe there is no such person!" And at the spoken word of so good a man, the Devil

and all his angels have vanished like ghosts at cock-crow, and with them has gone the comforting doctrine of ever-lasting punishment which the sons of men have hugged to their bosoms for centuries, and have passed on to their children's children like a precious family heir-loom. For who can now believe in a Future Inquisition, when a minister of the "Auld Kirk o' Scotland" declares that the Chief Inquisitor and his attendant torturers are non-existent?

When Garibaldi visited this country after freeing Italy, some British busybodies thought that the best turn they could do the patriot was to get him a wife. Judge of their surprise and disappointment when they found that he was already married, but had left his wife in Italy. Everyone naturally thought that this would prove an insurmountable barrier to their match-making projects, till one wise man stood up and said: "We'll get Mr Gladstone to explain her away!" And this is precisely what Dr Stewart has done to our "auld friend the Deil," and we are left lamenting. Verily, we have to pay, and pay dearly, for living in the closing years of this too curious nineteenth century. One by one are our cherished idols being dashed to pieces before our eyes.

Our simple-minded forefathers (God bless them!) would never have dreamed of doubting the existence of his satanic majesty, and were not unwilling to put in a good word for him, albeit in a rather hesitating way. "The Deil's nae sae black's he's painted!" said they, but, like the canny Scotsmen they were, they immediately qualified this proverb with another not quite so flattering: "They need a lang speen wha wad sup wi' the Deil!" And has not Burns given an address to the Deil, so that weary travellers going in his direction, and in doubts of the exact locality of his abode, will know where to find him?

But we degenerate moderns have gone much further in the white-washing process, and have painted the Devil in such fleeting colours that he seems now in a hurry to leave us. Can you blame people for beginning to have grave doubts as to whether he ever existed at all, when the very theologians themselves have taken to bowing him outside the church doors? No wonder that in the booksellers' windows in Union Street one can read the legend:

THEOLOGY AT HALF-PRICE.

At the best, Theology is one of the dimmest of sciences, but if you leave the picturesque personality of the Devil out of theological text books, what is there left in them to interest fallen man?



KING OF THE "SCORCHERS."

But joking apart, we think that it's high time that Satan had ceased "from going to and fro in the earth and from walking up and down in it." He is getting far too slow. To keep up with the fast young men of to-day, he would require to be mounted on wheels, and even then we very much question if the Devil would take the hindmost! And Superintendent Wyness would be sure to haul him up for "scorching," and, if he could

not pay his fine, he would be ignominiously driven in Black Maria to Craiginches, where he would have to stay till he "cooled his heels!"

Indeed, so little is he held in awe, that it was but the other day that he was asked, and consented, to appear in the title-role of a play called "The Sorrows of Satan," and so weak had his circulation become, and so impoverished his blood, that he had to strut about the stage in a fur-lined coat, and there was never a trace of singeing!

We may yet have to repent in sackcloth and ashes for the many liberties we have taken with the Prince of Darkness, and for that reason we were in a quandary as to whether, in ending this article, we should say "Au revoir, but not good-bye"; but on second thoughts we came to the conclusion that our Last Words on this subject would find most graceful and fitting expression in the final verse of Burns' immortal "Address to the Deil."

"But, fare ye weel, auld Nickie-Ben!
O wad ye tak' a thought an' men'!
Ye aiblins might—I dinna ken—
Still hae a stake—
I'm wae to think upo' your den,
Ev'n for your sake!"

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I wonder who will be the first these Board School scholars kill!

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THE possibilities of wireless telegraphy are great, and the invention has been of good use to us during the past few days. By a special receiver we secured a telegram which was sent from the vicinity of the Fish Market to London asking Bailie Lyon to reply as to whether he would be willing to contest the Provostship should there be a majority favourable to him. The Bailie had left London, and the message had to be sent hither and thither over England ere it reached him. When the telegram reached the Bailie he had arrived at Berwick, and he at once replied that he would reserve his answer till his arrival in Aberdeen.

THE above throws a new light on the Provostship question, and we understand that during the past few days the Shore-master and the Dean of Guild have been doing a little quiet canvassing on behalf of Bailie Lyon. The friends of the bailie assume too much, however. They suppose that they have on their side Mr G. B. Esslemont, who has really expressed himself as being favourable to Mr Fleming. They assume, too, that Mr Wilkie and Bailie Taylor have pronounced in favour of Bailie Lyon when such is not the case.

THE hole and corner conspiracy against Mr Fleming is an aspect of Town Council work to be deplored, and we trust that the Council will show its detestation of the plotting and intriguing. It is not yet too late for the question to be raised in Woodside, in Greyfriars, in St Clements, and in Rosemount, and there the electors ought to insist upon a distinct pledge from the candidates that they will support for the Provostship, Mr Fleming, and that they will refuse to be parties to a conspiracy which we here drag from its dark corners to the public light.

It is claimed that the Fleming party wish to sweep the bench. Let us hope that the policy which they condemned three years ago as being in principle wrong is not to be adopted by them now. Bailie Lyon, as second bailie, is now entitled to the first bailiership, and Mr Henderson will in all probability be the new bailie.

THERE has been this year on the part of some of the members of the Incorporated Trades a reluctance to "sign the accounts." In the case of one of the Trades, the officials, as it were, shook in their shoes only for a time, as the difficulty was explained away, and a good understanding arrived at. But in another case the objector is said to have returned his ticket for the annual dinner, for "raesons" stated, and if the present feeling continues, it may yet end in a hammer and tongs business—there being a deal of mortification engendered.

In another instance a rather unlooked-for change of office-bearers took place—no doubt for what the changers thought good and sufficient "raesons," but what these were we wot not. Maybe they thought that in an auld clout a stitch in time would save nine—or that the goose was entitled to more cabbage, or less.

ALTHOUGH the Slaughterhouse debates were weak and the recrimination that went by the name of debates was discreditable, the talk was not without its compensation. Councillor Coutts hammered away at the fact that by the erection of shambles the Cattofield water would be in danger of further pollution. The councillor further announced that the water is bad enough as it is.

Now, information that has reached us from the district supplied by the Cattofield reservoir proves this to the hilt. Housewives have had often to hang muslin bags under the water tap, so that the roughest of the impurities might not go to form part of the dietary of the household. The people who live in the vicinity of the reservoir have no doubt as to where this filth comes from. Large numbers of gulls, which haunt the manure heaps and the slaughterhouse in the neighbourhood, plunge in the reservoir, and leave part of their carrion in the water. (This is also to a certain extent true of the Mannofield reservoir.)

THE remedy is so simple that we think the attention of the Water Committee has but to be directed to it to secure its application. Let the reservoirs be covered with a medium-mesh wire netting, so that part at least of the contamination would be prevented, and the sun's rays would not be obstructed.

THE British Lion has had a bad night.



IF war breaks out between France and Britain over Fashoda, the proverb will have to be altered to—"It's a Nile wind that blows nobody good."

FASHODA is not on the Blue, but on the White Nile. It will be blue enough for France, however.

WE are pleased to know that the valour of the young lad Tait who on a dark night some time ago plunged into the dock and saved a man from drowning has been rewarded by the bronze medal of the Humane Society. The lad's pluck and the subsequent reward have given great satisfaction in the city.

A "RESCUE" scene enacted at the Harbour on Saturday afternoon was not without its humorous side. A boy fell from the Quay into the water, and two young men immediately plunged after him, and succeeded in keeping the drowning lad's head above the water until a boat came and picked the three up. When the boat was moving away a shout was raised to pick up the men's caps, which were left behind. Hearing the hubbub a seafaring man, with three sheets in the wind, came out of "Simon's" bar, and without a word plunged into the dock, picked up the caps, and swam to the boat. The spectators gave him the cheer that was due to the real rescuers.

MR C. E. HOWSON, who has been Sir Henry Irving's treasurer, organist, and interpreter for 20 years, was connected in his youth in Australia with the Northern Assurance Company for four years. He remembers with gratitude the kindness he received from two Aberdonians, Mr George Watson and Mr Robert Henderson.

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THE late Mr William Meldrum Paul, second officer of the s.s. Salacia, of Glasgow, who was accidentally drowned in the Clyde about the beginning of

October, was a native of Aberdeen, and one of the many clever seamen who have been trained in the Aberdeen Navigation School. Mr Grieve, principal of the school, states that he looked forward to Mr Paul having a brilliant career. After serving his apprenticeship, Mr Paul rapidly passed through the different grades of his profession, and obtained a master's certificate. He sailed as chief officer in several vessels, and afterwards entered the service of Messrs



Photo by] [Middleton, King St.
THE LATE MR WM. MELDRUM PAUL.

Donaldson & Co., Glasgow, as second officer, in the hope of securing promotion. He was highly esteemed by the firm, and in a letter they state that it was their intention to have given him a better position on one of their vessels. Mr Paul was the only son of Mrs Paul, 62 Holburn Street (widow of the late Mr A. Paul, plasterer), and much sympathy is felt for her in her sad bereavement.

THIS man is running for the Council.



WE understand that the applications for space and inquiries as to exhibits at the forthcoming Trades Council Exhibition of Industry and Art (the particulars are given on page 22) are extremely gratifying. From the extreme north of Scotland and from England communications have been sent to Mr Johnston, who is looking forward to a successful show. There is in the city, without going further afield, talent enough to make the exhibition a success, and the Council has been wise in arranging that every artisan will have an opportunity of showing his brains if they be of exceptionally good quality. There are sections for women's work, too, these being broken up into suitable departments. We wish the exhibition the success that it deserves.



PRINCESS HENRY'S ESCORT TO-MORROW.

EVERYBODY must have sympathy with the object of the great bazaar to be opened to-morrow by Princess Henry of Battenberg. The Sick Children's Hospital commands the sympathy of all classes, and it will be disappointing if there be not a big sum to the credit of the bazaar promoters. The Lord Provost will open the bazaar on Saturday.



LOCAL POLITICS.

whisky is a fighting one, or if people have to fight to take it or take it to fight?

MISS ABERDEEN BARMAID—"I hate the idea of women dabbling in Parish Councils and such rubbish. I wonder who began the thing?"

The Med.—"B'lieve I can tell you. It was a fellow who wished to divert his mother-in-law's attention to public affairs."

ABERDEEN has been singularly happy in the matter of striking Art posters. There is one an view now, however, which is a little ambiguous. It advertises a new blend of whisky called the Dargai, and is illustrated with the Gordons fighting. Does this mean that the

THE ELECTIONS.

WHAT makes that man hang down his head,
What makes him strike his chest?
Why is't that he so dangerous looks
When laughing are the rest?
A paradox he is indeed,
Ay, something rich and rare;
He's running for the Council
And doing't on the square.

THE elections are dull. Woodside is well named, for ti was woo'd by three candidates. Woodside, evidently, has attractions for Temperance people, for Councillor Cooper is a Rechabite, Mr Johnston an ex-chairman of the Temperance Society; and Mr Macdonald, who has retired, has been associated with the Temperance party. Do the candidates see in Woodside a suitable field for temperance missionary enterprise, or what? With a few of the wordy candidates in danger of being elected, we think Councillor Burnett's time limit for speeches has become an absolute necessity.

If the opponents of Mr George Brown in St Clements Ward are under the impression they are friends to Mr W. H. Smart, he may at all times pray to be saved from such friendship. What did they take Mr Smart for when they so deliberately and persistently badgered him to break his publicly pledged word by running in opposition to the choice of the ward committee? Like an honourable man he pointedly refused, and it would be an insult to compliment him on behaving like the gentleman he has shown himself to be. We would just say to him—Thanks to you, my honest friend, for the lesson in probity and good manners you have given to some of your fellow east-enders, for they were, "like the wife wi' the het broth, sair needin't."

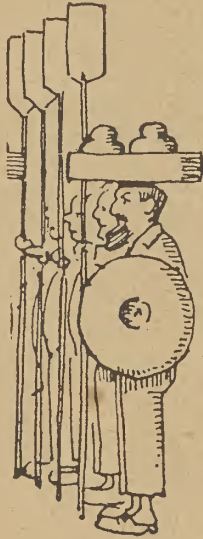
It is for Mr Brown's friends to now see that his opponents profit in no way whatever by what we consider to be the splenetic and needless combat in St Clements.

Place aux dames! The Parish Council selection for St Nicholas has in the front Mrs Murray, who has done good work, and who will find plenty more to do. Mrs Murray has been a decided success, and it would be a loss to the public were she refused the work which perhaps falls more readily to women than to men. Mr M'Phail, who has also done splendid work, and Mr Murdo Robertson will be the other members, Mr A. Robertson having retired to avoid a contest.

Other election notes on page 20.

TO GOLFERS.—Golfers should see our stock of Clubs, Balls, Carriers, etc. Clubs, 4s 6d; Balls, 6s, 7s 6d, and 9s 6d per dozen; Carriers, with ball pocket and handle, 6s 6d. We hold the largest and best selected stock in town. Campbell & Co., India Rubber Manufacturers, 18 Bridge Street, Aberdeen.

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SINCE the Highlanders from Culloden fleeing from Cumberland rushed along the Gallowgate on their way south, there has been peace in Greyfriars; but now the bakers have ranged themselves, and the Gallowgate will resound with the clash of bakers' arms. Councillor Croll's supporters have fallen in, and eagerly wait the struggle.

John Ross, John Ross, beware of the day,
When the bakers shall meet thee in battle array.

This Greyfriars fight will be one between fish and flour, and may the most useful commodity win.

THE St Machar Ward Committee think that Mr James Gray chatters too much. In other words they say he should sign his name, *Jay* Gray.

THE lectures proposed by Mr David M'Hardy for the Incorporated Trades are not the first that have been suggested at Trinity Hall. In 1891 a similar proposal was made also by Mr M'Hardy, and at that time a probable course of lectures was drawn up and printed, and, if we mistake not, the first lecture on ironwork was delivered by Mr M'Hardy. One citizen who interested himself in the movement was the late Dr William Alexander. Dr Alexander was afraid that to most of the Trades the syllabus would appear rather ambitious; but personally—he gave his opinion to a gentleman who was deeply interested in the matter—he felt that the idea was laudable, and the consummation possible. He thought that regarding some of the subjects joint action might be taken by all the Trades. Take law, for example. Was it not the pride of the craftsmen to manage their own affairs; and that being so, would not some knowledge of sound principles of law and business be of advantage to all?

AFTER the late experience of the Wrights and Coopers the Doctor's words seem prophetic. Acting upon Dr Alexander's suggestion, a list of lecturers was made up by the gentleman who sought the Doctor's advice. Among those jotted down were Dr J. Dove Wilson, Sheriff Brown, Mr Loggie Pirie, Dr Hunter, M.P., Mr James Davidson (book-keeping), and Mr Thomas Kyd (insurance).

ON the distinct understanding that the action would not be made public, Miss Ellen Terry last week gave a handsome donation to the funds of Nazareth House.

McMILLAN'S MAGAZINE for October has, as usual, a lot of readable articles, paragraphs, stories, fashion notes, &c. It is cramful of interest, and may be had from the City Emporium, 151 Union Street, gratis.

JUDGING from the number of requests made by footballers and their supporters at the Links on Saturday, a great majority of the young men of Aberdeen believe in a material and a capacious hell.

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ACCORDING to a minority in the School Board, the schoolmasters of Aberdeen have entered into a conspiracy against Scotland! The story goes in the city that the schoolmasters wish "the land of brown heath" removed from the school books; they wish the word "porridge" removed from the dictionary; they wish whisky shelved alongside arsenic and prussic acid; they wish a thousand feet taken off the height of Ben Nevis, and all sorts of outrageous things. In a question affecting the matter that is to be taught from school books we think the schoolmasters, taken all round, are pretty safe guides. There are among the Aberdeen teachers enough patriotic Scots to see to it that the old country is not altogether neglected. Goldsmith has it that—

Such is the patriot's boast where'er we roam,
His first, best country ever is at home.

Of course this patriotic sentiment can be overdone in the education of our youth; but there is something wrong with a system that allows boys and girls to pass through the standards without knowing the outstanding "facts" in the lives of Wallace and Bruce. Now that the school standards have been dispensed with we hope to see the Scottish standard hoisted.

THERE are far too many Peeping Toms going about the wards just now, and prying into the private life of the candidates. What does it matter to the electors whether a candidate, before retiring to his bed, prefers a nightcap for external or internal use? As well ask him who soles his boots.

ONE of the interesting proofs of the severity of the late gale is a threshing mill, which lies on the quay like a sackful of bruised oats.

THE citizens are still asking what Bailie Lyon meant by threatening to raise the Town Council hair over the Treasurer's connection with the slaughterhouse. It is a pity the bailie did not strike while the iron and his temper were hot.



Photo by [E. Middleton, King St.]
THE LATE MR THOMAS MILLS.

GENERAL regret was felt this week when it was known that Mr Thomas Mills, of the Bridge Bar, had died suddenly on Sunday morning. Mr Mills, who was only 28 years of age, was one of the best known men in cycling circles in the city, and was immensely popular among all those who came in contact with him. He was ever ready to do a good turn, even at personal inconvenience and loss. With Mr Mill's young widow and two children the sympathy of the public has gone heartily out.

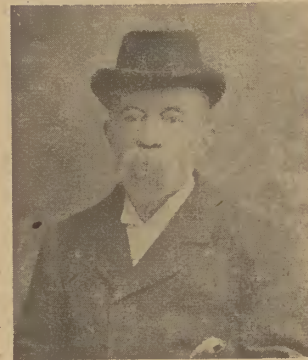
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SKENE STREET SCHOOL.

No. 8.—MR ALEXANDER FORBES, SKENE STREET SCHOOL.

THE headmaster of Skene Street School was born at Fintray, and came to Woodside when he was but 10 years of age. His father, Mr Peter Forbes, was for over half a century manager of the Finishing Department in Messrs Crombie's mills. Mr Alexander Forbes was one of Mr Duthie's "bairns," and one of his pupil teachers as well, and when he left the school at Woodside it was to enter the F.C. Training College, Edinburgh. At the entrance exam. for this he took a good place, afterwards heading the list of his college.

After gaining experience in Newcastle and Perthshire, Mr Forbes was appointed to the new Board school at Ruthrieston. When there he passed the Dick Bequest exam., and attended many classes to further equip him for professional labours, one of these was the Agricultural Chemistry Class at Marischal, where he took second prize.

In 1890 Mr Forbes was transferred to Marywell Street, and five years later to his present school, where he has done splendid work. Among "extras," Mr Forbes has established a good library; but his library work he began when at Ruthrieston. The headmaster of Skene Street School has had many brilliant scholars through his hands. He can point to more than one

Grammar School dux who have got the elementary part of their secondary education under him; and two of our rising artists—Mr Robert Brough and Mr Alec Fraser—had no other teacher than Mr Forbes till they joined the Art classes. Mr Forbes has the confidence of a devoted staff of assistants, and few teachers possess the love and respect of their pupils in a higher degree.

Mr Forbes's untiring energy must find vent in other directions, and so we find him taking a keen interest in municipal and Imperial politics—he was for many years a member of the Liberal Executive Council—and working on the committees of the Teachers' Guild and the Educational Institute of Scotland. He has been for over 20 years an elder of Ruthrieston and Melville Free Churches, and their session clerk.

Mr Forbes works hard when at work, and with as great zest enjoys his Saturday holiday. Few know better than he how to tempt the trout or royal salmon, and a twelve mile tramp to a favourable pool is not the least enjoyable part of the sport. He is a keen chess player and an ardent bowler.

In fair weather and foul, Sunday and Saturday, Mr Forbes has a pleasant smile; and care, if he has any, sits lightly on him.



OUR local M.P.'s were at it again on Monday night. The Liberals were still picking at that precious document which the Tories are defending with unabated vigour. The Conservatives put forward as their spokesman their tried Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr Wm. Reid) and that gentleman was followed on the same side by the War Secretary (Mr Geo. Bean), who added additional fuel to the already large fire which was burning within the bosoms of the Liberal forces. Mr A. J. Brand, the latest importation of the Tories, closed up the debate from the Conservative point of view with a brilliant speech, mostly on foreign affairs and agricultural rates.

The Liberals on the other hand placed their confidence in the member for North Aberdeen (Mr A. Beattie), who left no red untorn, and formulated a trenchant indictment, which was homologated in every way by the veteran for Cork (Mr Geo. Black), who in addition derailed the Government for not dealing with the land question. The Whip (Mr F. K. Turriff), brought the debate to a close for the Liberals, and there being no amendment the address in reply to Her Majesty's speech was agreed to unanimously.

ONE of the men whose memories Aberdonians have been asked to perpetuate by a brass or a bronze is Thomas Reid, the philosopher. We are reminded of this by the appearance of Professor Campbell Fraser's sketch of the life of Reid, which forms the latest of the Famous Scots in Oliphant, Anderson, & Ferrier's series. If there be arguments needed for supporting Reid's claim to recognition, they will be found fully recorded in the valuable contribution from the erudite professor. The book is, of course, of especial interest to Aberdonians, for the author has much to say of the Granite City and the philosopher's connection with it. Professor Fraser does more than tell the story of "the tranquil life of deep and patient thought, which opened at Strachan, and almost spanned the eighteenth century"; he criticises the philosophy of the time. The book is one of the best of a good series.



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"BETSY" AT THE THEATRE.

OUR old friends "Pink Dominoes" and "Betsy" are in Aberdeen once more. Their humour, which was always rather Gallic, without the Gallic wit, is now rather belated. "Betsy" especially is full of puns, in the well-known style of *Punch*, and the punning type of humour is now very old-fashioned. But either of these farcical comedies is much more intelligent than the sort of thing that is now dignified by the name of comedy. Miss Emma Hutchison's company is always a competent one. Every member of it can play. Several members have been with it for a long time. Mr Horatio Saker is an excellent comedian of the kind that suggests and hints. Mr Saker does not grin and wink, and richly enjoy his own humour. He is a comedian who respects himself. Comedian and clown are so often interchangeable nowadays. Mr Frank Hill is another good actor. But I doubt whether those political allusions are always in good taste. And they are certainly anachronisms. Miss Annie Saker has not much to do, but she looks and plays her part well, and she shows emotional talent in the little piece, "Mary's Secret." So does Miss Vere, who plays brightly also in the front piece. Mr Stirling is a clever actor; and the other parts are well filled by Miss Hutchison, Miss Barron, Miss Ray, Mr Ibberson, Mr Collins, and Mr Ford.

Miss Anne Saker, who is a niece of Mr Horatio Saker, has done good work at the Haymarket and the Criterion. She played Miss Emery's part in "Under the Red Robe" at the Haymarket. Miss Ray, another member of Miss Hutchison's company, is Miss Saker's cousin.

Next week—"Morocco Bound." This is a very popular piece in Aberdeen. Mr Branscombe's company is a good one. It includes Miss Dolly Doyle, one of the cleverest of our dancers.

LYCEUM COMPANY IN "THE MERCHANT OF VENICE."

THE most memorable engagement of the season came to an end on last Wednesday evening with the performance of "The Merchant of Venice." The house was crowded by an eager audience.

There are some things in Miss Terry's Portia that even that amazingly clever comedienne has never surpassed, or even equalled. The weather had affected Miss Terry's rich and vibrant voice. Still, in her delivery of "The quality of mercy" speech its cadences were as exquisite as ever. And what could be more irresistible than Miss Terry's "conduct" of the mock scene with Bassanio, when she chides him for having given away her ring. Her turning from him, whilst she kisses her ring finger and looks at the ring with unfeigned delight, was a bit of perfect comedy. There is none like Miss Terry, no, not one.

Mr Norman Forbes had a great chance as Shylock. And it is just to say that one scarcely knows any other young actor who could have played it better, or, indeed, so well. So good is this Shylock that Mr Forbes now takes rank with the best players on the stage. This Jew's lust of money, his love for his daughter, his hatred of the Christian are each in turn shown, always with intelligence, and occasionally with real power.

No one looked, or played, better than Mr Cooper Cliffe as Antonio. He was a picture of the melancholy Venetian. Mr Tyars, an admirable actor, delivered the casket speech with an excellent feeling for the music and the meaning of the verse. Nothing could have been better than the scene between the courtiers and Launcelot Gobbo. Mr Mellish, Mr Belmore, Mr Lacy, and Mr Kendrick were each as good as could be. Mr Kendrick especially is a valuable newcomer to the company. Mr Johnson's Launcelot Gobbo is good in an unctuous way; and Mr Reynolds's Old Gobbo the work of an artist. Miss Maud Milton proved how good a comedienne she is, and gave hints of melodramatic excellence by her playing of Nerissa. And nothing could have been daintier than Miss Dorothea Baird's Jessica. The scenery is a constant delight to the eye, and the reveals were so brilliantly done that a thrill of admiration went through the house. Good luck to the Lyceum Company, and a speedy recovery to the famous chief.

OPENING OF THE PALACE THEATRE.

ON Monday the audience literally packed the Palace Theatre from floor to ceiling. It sat on the floors, filled the promenades, adorned the grand circle and the boxes, hung on the amphitheatre rails, and squeezed itself into the small gallery near the ceiling. The enthusiasm when the orchestra, in a blaze of light, struck the first note of "God Save the Queen" also overflowed. The Livermore Brothers beamed, Mr Sheldon smiled, and the audience cheered. The enthusiasm was infectious. Mr Harry Russell, the untiring stage manager, caught some of it as, behind the scenes, he directed the supers, and one artiste declared that the scene before him reminded him of the Folies Bergeres in Paris.

A hearty reception was given to Mr Sheldon when he appeared to thank the patrons, and the cheering was renewed when, at a later stage, Messrs Lechmere and Horace Livermore and Mr Sheldon appeared and addressed the crowded house.

Arthur Delaney was at one time a member of the Carl Rosa Opera Company, and a hum of satisfaction greeted his appearance to set the musical ball a-rolling. His "Storm Fiend" filled the house with music. Arthur Delaney has a powerful baritone voice, and in the songs he sang his Irish temperament—he is of English birth—was easily discernible. He has passion and feeling.

Then came the Eltons, two clever young fellows who were born in India. Their father was an actor. The Eltons first gave a neat trapeze performance, and at a later stage posed as statuary. This "turn" was decidedly picturesque.

Cyrus Dare is always welcome. He was fresh from a public dinner given to him by the Mayor and Mayoress of Longton, where he captivated the people. As a society entertainer Cyrus Dare stands high in his profession. His Yorkshire dialectical entertainments, mimicry of a child's song and piano accompaniment were delightful. The Musical Vezzeys with the singing and concertina playing dogs were greeted with hearty cheers. Miss Vezzey, a little Paris born lady, plays in a finished style on the concertina, while Vezzey père fiddles in abnormal positions. This "turn" has novelty. The Electrographe, on account of the light was not perfect, and the figures moved too quickly. Some train scenes were most beautiful. The Garrisons I did not care much for, and the audience shared this opinion. Let me give this "tip" to those who have not seen the Danbys. Be prepared for a side splitter. The Danbys would almost make a granite statue laugh. Four naughty little girls, known as the Silcotto Quartette, delighted the audience with songs and dances, and their reception was flattering. Carlotti, the Juggler, had the pleasure of winding up the performance about eleven o'clock. Carlotti is a clever juggler, his programme comprising many daring feats.

I must not omit from this notice, mention of the beautiful music discoursed by the band under Mr David Christie.

The first night of the Palace Theatre was a brilliant success. For next week a grand company has been secured.

The Choral Union on Thursday next will give their operatic and ballad concert in the Music Hall. We look forward with pleasure to Miss Alice Esty's appearance. Miss Esty will be supported by a splendid company, including Mdlle. Janotha, pianist; Miss Marian Mackenzie, Miss Ethel Marsh, &c. Mr James Macbeth has the booking arrangements in hand.

MR ARTHUR KING's new song, "Bonnie Jeannie Gordon," has now been published, and a handsome contribution it is to the lyric gems of Scotland. The song was conceived when the Gordons loomed large in the public eye; and of course the Jeannie Gordon of the song is the Duchess Jane. Mr King has certainly given us his best in this song. Here is a bit—

It's "Hielan' Laddie will ye list?
Hand up yer mou'! Rax oot yer fist!
An' aye the ither chiel was kissed
By Bonnie Jeannie Gordon.

For those who are unfortunate enough not to know the Scottish tongue Mr King has provided an English version. Sir A. C. Mackenzie has done his part well, having set the well metred lines to appropriate music. The song "goes" well, and Sir A. C. Mackenzie and Mr King have produced a Scottish song that will live whether the Gordons hae or hae not the guidin' o't.

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MR GEORGE MORGAN.

Mr George Morgan, who is one of our leading photographers as well as one of our leading instrumentalists, has, we are sorry, found it necessary, on account of pressure of business and other engagements, to resign the leadership of the Orchestral Society. Mr Morgan has done splendid work in this capacity, as also in the Ferryhill Established Church, whose pastor is an accomplished instrumentalist. From what we know of Mr Morgan's devotion to music, we are safe in saying that his self-effacement at present is only temporary. He can and has to do good work yet in public.

Mdlle. Ella Pancera had not appeared in this country until May of last year, and five months later she was commanded to play before the Queen at Balmoral. Mdlle. Pancera is an Austrian, but her English is perfect. She has studied under some of the foremost pianists, including Leschetizky. Regarding her playing the *Times* last year said—"As an executant of bravura pieces she has nothing to learn; her command of tone is complete, and her agile fingers seem unconscious of anything like difficulty." Mdlle. Pancera will be supported on Monday by a brilliant company, which includes Mons. Hollman, cello; and Miss Evangeline Florence, whose singing has been highly spoken about. Mr Smith, of Messrs Marr, Wood, & Co., is looking after the booking for this the second Harrison concert.

Messrs Walker & Company's latest honour is the call to Balmoral. The exhibition, we understand, passed off without a hitch, and the pictures were beautifully clear.

So successful was the nautical concert held under the auspices of the Musical Institute last Saturday that Mr Litster contemplates a repetition next anniversary of Trafalgar Day. The opening—"Rule Britannia"—was delightfully rendered. Miss Donaldson sang with marked expression the songs allotted to her, and Miss Jessie Robertson quite charmed the audience. The breezy element was successfully introduced by Mr W. L. Cockburn, who sang magnificently. Mr David Wilson was the tenor of the evening, and he had a hearty reception. Mr J. Sim, as violinist, created a favourable impression; and Mr Paterson, as reader, scored a distinct hit. Mr Burwood Nicholls presided at the piano; and Mr Litster ably conducted. The success of the concert reflects credit on him and his committee.

The attendance at Mr James Macbeth's Chamber Concert was not so good as the programme submitted merited. Miss Alice Gordon's fine voice we enjoyed, and Mr Clifford Julian, pianist; Mr John Dunn, violinist; Mr Clyde Twelvetrees, cello; and Mr J. M. Nisbet, accompanist, were, each in his particular department, delightful. Mr Macbeth's arrangements were creditable to that gentleman.



FOOTBALL.

Record Broken at Cattofield.

The match of the day, and the one which attracted by far the largest crowd, was that between the famous Raith Rovers and Orion at Cattofield.

Jim Thom stopped out of the team, as his leg was not feeling exactly up to the mark. Barron occupied his position. M'Kerron might have got a place in the front line, but he has not been well.

The Orion opened in a sensational manner. No sooner was the ball kicked off than it was headed through by Webster, after a brilliant run by Hogg.

It was some considerable time ere Rovers managed to square matters. Watson, who was greatly handicapped by the strong suu, allowed one to slip through his fingers, and the scoring finished for the first half.

The opening period was brimful of good things. A better contested forty-five minutes could not have been desired. Both sides played with dash and the ball travelled from end to end with great rapidity.

Webster injured himself and retired for some time, but was able to resume after the interval.

Playing downhill Orion's supporters were confident of victory and were not disappointed, for the stripes scored other four goals and ran out easy winners by 5-1.

The forward play of Orion was a perfect treat to witness, one and all of them giving a really grand exhibition.

McPherson, when he went inside, played if anything better than in his old position, Webster although slightly lame rendered valuable assistance.

Barron did no end of work. If he had a little more weight he would be a grand centre. Grant gave Hogg good support but is still inclined to pass in, no doubt owing to having played on the right wing so long.

Rumours are afloat that Hogg wishes to leave and is playing for his lines. His play on Saturday gives the lie direct as far as his playing is concerned.

Wilson is the best half in town at present. His play against Rovers still further raises him in the eyes of the Stripes' supporters. John Low and Currie are also in grand fettle.

Since Hugh Ross returned to his old form the one weak spot in the team has been filled. Along with Allan Scott who is a consistently good player, the last line is quite on a par with the others.

Watson has seldom appeared to such advantage. Repeatedly he cleared when goals seemed certain. In him Orion have a gem of a goalkeeper.

Orion and Aberdeen meet at Central in a League fixture on Saturday first. There should be some excitement and some good play.

“The Orion Observer.”

On Saturday “Orion Observer” made its first appearance for the fourth season of issue. We welcome the handy little weekly, and it only remains with the crowds to make it even a greater success than it has been before. In its columns are found the League Table, Orion Record, League Fixtures up to the finish, a portrait, and a goodly number of notes. Messrs Russell and Smith are responsible for it and we would ask the individual members of the crowds to feel like the baby about somebody's soap (no name—ads. extra)—He won't be happy, etc. Again we welcome the “Observer” and wish it every success.

Aberdeen tried the Raith Rovers for Central, but would not give the guarantee. We rather think they would have been cheaper to have given the sum asked than drop on Fair City.

Can anyone tell us when last the Raith Rovers played the Vics?

A Scene at Central.

We really did think a larger crowd could have turned out at Central to welcome Fair City, and got a bit of a surprise when at the kick-off a mere handful lined the ropes.

Was it altogether judicious for Aberdeen to take any one on at home with such a team as Raith Rovers performing at Cattofield. It would have paid the Whites much better to have travelled.

Aberdeen were at full strength, Fullerton taking the centre position.

Tall scoring was the order of the day. Playing uphill Aberdeen's front line gave a grand exhibition, the combination leaving nothing to be desired.

Although the game was by no means rough in the first half John Davidson and Gray had to retire shortly before the interval. Both reappeared but had to again go off, thus leaving Aberdeen to play with only nine men.

So well did the Whites play uphill that at breathing time they were leading by 5-3.

Resuming with nine men Aberdeen played three forwards and had as much of the game as their opponents.

A scene which fortunately is rarely witnessed here took place. Buchan, the visitors' left half, who had been previously cautioned by Mr Morrison, deliberately kicked the ball out of the field after a foul had been given against him.

He was ordered off the field but refused to go. Mr Morrison wisely refused to let the game go on until his order was obeyed, so Buchan left.

Fair City played roughly after this, and Fullerton was heavily charged but resumed. Both sides secured a goal during the second half and a very interesting game finished Aberdeen 6, Fair City 4.

All over the Whites played finely. Shiach on the left wing was the best forward on the field and has not his equal in Aberdeen just now. The only fault we had to find with the defence was that they did not cover up Ritchie enough when the visitors were playing downhill, but that is easily mended.

We met Fred Whitehead, an old Whites' player, at the match. He is down for about a month, why not get him to play while he is here?

The Scottish League.

The Clyde are improving. They divided the points with the Hearts on Saturday.

So far the Clyde have not been beaten on their new enclosure. The Third Lanark are to be heartily congratulated on beating the Dundee at Carolina Park.

As usual the Volunteers had to play without a few of their usual eleven. In respect of injured players, the Third are the most unfortunate team in Scotland, having no fewer than about six players on the injured list.

Their victory places 3rd Lanark fourth in the table. This reverse is badly taken to heart in Dundee, who have lodged a protest, owing to the alleged incompetency of the referee!

Hats off! The Partick Thistle have defeated the St Bernards, and so won their points in the tourney.

It is a capital performance to beat St Bernards at home. Who can say but that the Thistle will perhaps yet hand over the wooden spoon to Dundee. Strange things have happened in football.

Though they were on the wrong side of the ledger at Easter Road the St Mirren played a great game, and with a little more of the luck that was ageing, might, if not win, at least have drawn unto the bold Hibs.

The table brought up-to-date reads:—

	Plyd.	Won.	Lost	Dwn.	For.	Agst.	Pts.
Rangers.....	9	9	0	0	30	10	18
Hibernians..	9	7	1	1	27	17	15
Hearts.....	9	5	2	2	27	15	12
3rd Lanark..	9	4	4	1	18	18	9
Clyde.....	8	2	2	4	10	14	8
St Mirren....	9	3	4	2	21	20	8
Celtic.....	9	3	4	2	11	16	8
St Bernard...	9	2	6	1	15	18	5
Dundee.....	8	1	6	1	11	20	3
P'tk Thistle	9	1	8	0	9	31	2

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The Qualifying Cup.

Orion are about the most lucky team agoing in at least as far as the above ties are concerned. To escape playing in the last two rounds and then to be drawn against Arbroath at Cattofield is a run of good fortune which few teams get. We see no earthly reason why they should not go into another round without much trouble, although Arbroath play a very plucky game away from home. Early in the season Arbroath got beat at Cattofield by an odd goal, but there is no comparing the play of the eleven who did duty for the Stripes on that occasion with the display given against Raith Rovers last week. We trust Jim Thom will be in fit trim, although in M'Kerron and Barron two reserves of unusual merit are at the disposal of the committee. The match will be a great one and Cattofield should be taxed to its utmost to accomodate the crowd.

The Northern League.

Saturday was not a busy day as far as the League was concerned. At Lochee, Dundee Wanderers played the United, and defeated them by exactly the same score as on the former occasion, 4-2.

The following is the table up to date:—

	Plyd.	Won.	Lost	Dwn.	For.	Agst.	Pts.
Arbroath.....	6	5	1	0	25	10	10
Wanderers...	6	4	1	1	21	13	9
Orion.....	6	4	1	1	15	13	9
Lochee Utd..	6	2	2	2	15	16	6
Vic. United..	7	2	4	1	16	19	5
Aberdeen....	3	1	2	0	8	12	2
Montrose...	6	1	5	0	9	20	2
Forfar Athl.	4	0	3	1	6	12	1

Among the Juniors.

At the Links East End and Athletics decided their tie in the "Figaro" Cup competition.

On the former occasion the game ended in a draw, and the replay attracted no end of interest in junior circles.

East End had the wind in the first half and were not long in scoring. In fact, during the most of this period, they were rarely away from their opponents' goal. At half time the score stood—East End 4, Athletics 0

Athletics opened strong and soon got a point. The spectators thought it was again going to be a close game, but they counted without the East End, who played up finely, and at call of time won in a very easy manner by 7-1.

The semi-final of the Botanic Cup was decided, and also resulted in the winners scoring heavily.

Unfortunately Mr Morison, the donor of the cup, could not referee the tie as the Aberdeen required his services at Central. Mr Maitland proved an able substitute.

Albert Thistle had decidedly the best of matters, but the Oak defenders were in good form. The Thistle, however, were leading by four goals when the whistle blew for the interval.

Oak showed better form during the second half, and at times experienced "hard lines." The Thistle goalkeeper could not be beat. Ross of the Thistle put a penalty over the bar. A rather one-sided game ended in Albert Thistle qualifying for the final by 5-0.

Victoria Thistle secured two points at the expense of St Ninian. The first half produced some good play. St Ninian from a penalty opened the scoring.

Try as they could the "Jags" could not get on equal terms, the backs and goalkeeper of the "Saints" being in splendid form.

After the interval play underwent a change, St Ninian hardly ever getting a look in. Victoria Thistle scored four times, and as St Ninian could not pierce the defence again, the game ended Victoria Thistle 4, St Ninian 1.

Hall Russell's Athletics had no mercy on Carlton, whom they defeated by the tall score of 8-2.

The protested tie between 1st V.B.G.H. and Renton was played at Seaton Park. Even play was witnessed during the first half, the volunteers leading by 1-0. Renton were scarcely ever in it after the interval and had to retire defeated by 4-1.

The Free South Athletics fairly mesmerised the St Andrews by 7-0. Sandy Forbes seemed to enjoy the fun, waltzing round his old clubmates.

Hibernians played 2nd Free South at Mannofield, and a one-sided game ended in a win for the Hibs. by 8-1.

Poor Game at Torry.

Montrose were the Vics' visitors, but unfortunately had to travel under full strength, the most notable absentee being Bowman, who assisted 3rd L.R.V. against Dundee; and on account of him playing the Dundonians lodged a protest.

Vics were without Bobbie Ritchie; Murphy was dropped; and the vacancies being filled by Stronach and Milne.

A very good crowd turned out notwithstanding the strong opposition at Cattofield and Central, some £15 being taken at the gate.

Vics were not long in getting an opening, Rennie doing the needful, and during the first period M'Kenzie was also successful in getting the ball into the net.

Play could not by any means be called brilliant during the first half. Some good work was done in the open, but when it came to close quarters the attempts to finish were extremely feeble.

The second half saw an improvement, both ends being repeatedly visited, and the goal-keepers got a chance of displaying their abilities. The Montrose man got most to do, and his team have him to thank for keeping the Vics from scoring.

A few minutes before time the visitors managed to beat Findlay.

A game which was slow throughout, and at times very uninteresting ended in Vics securing 2 points by 2-1.

Some radical change will have to be made in the front line if goals are to be scored. There is a want of understanding among the forwards and they seem to lose their heads at close quarters.

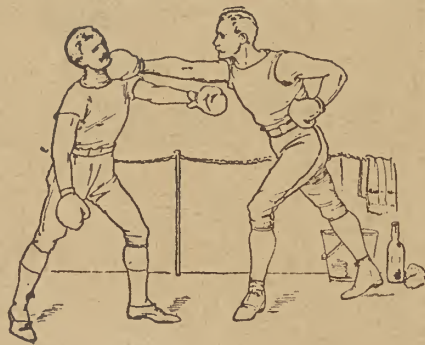
Milne put in some good centres which went for nothing. At half, M'Kenzie worked hard and had a goal all to himself. If the forwards would only shoot like him the goal register would be improved.

At back, Thain was best, although Kilgour's fine recovery play calls for mention. Findlay played as well as ever.



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THE Wellington Cycling Club finished their season's runs on the last Saturday of September at Newtonhill, where a "smoker" was held. A detachment went "on the rocks," where the above snapshot was taken. At the smoker Captain Buyers congratulated his club-fellows on the successful run season. Mr A. A. Smith president of the Bon-Accord, and the captain and a few members joined the Wellington. After song and story had helped to spend a few hours, Mr A. A. Smith congratulated Mr Buyers on the hearty way in which he tried to introduce a brotherly feeling between the members of different clubs. The Wellington had during the past two years come well to the front, and in the past season had practically carried away all the prizes. He asked them to drink to the health of their captain and family. Mr Buyers suitably replied.

In the group the winners of the Northern District team trophy (Messrs Milne, Mackie, and Emslie) are seated in the centre.


We have to remind our readers that the Wellington smoker, at which the trophies will be presented, is to be held on the 5th of November.

Mr J. M'Rae, of the Northern Cycle Co., has just returned from England after a tour throughout the trade, and is, as usual, full of new and original ideas. Agents and others will find it to their advantage to call and see Mr J. Bushell, who is at present at the head office, 236 King Street. Scottish representatives will be attended to on the road by Mr J. M. Bremner, who has thrown in his lot with this energetic firm. We understand the firm are open for a good manager and pushing traveller for their Glasgow branch. We may whisper that the Northern have on the carpet a big scheme for the manufacture of cycles. We shall refer to this later.

A large muster of members and friends of the Granville Cycling Club smoked together in the Waverley Hotel on Saturday evening, under the chairmanship of Mr Taylor, local manager of the John Griffith Cycle Corporation, who was supported by, among others, Captain Buyers of the Wellington. The prizes competed for during the season were presented to the respective winners. A capital programme was given, the singing, to the able accompaniments of Mr Will Pender, being voted A1. Mr Duncan made splendid arrangements.



There is, as is well known, and as was evinced by the discussion which took place at the top of Market Street on Saturday night, much difference of opinion as to who is the best 100 yards runner in the Thistle. Allan Emslie, in the beginning of the season, was badly beaten by Pat Bannerman, much to the veteran's surprise, but at the Athletic Championship he again retrieved his position, beating Pat by about half a yard. In the same race Pat beat the man who runs the show—the favourite of the race—by about a yard. Man and Pat, however, were both out of form. Two good men—Charlie Wallace and Mat McKenna—did not compete, in consequence of their not being athletes, which was a pity. They were both decided favourites on Saturday night. Why does not the energetic secretary arrange a race to settle the matter?

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THE ELECTIONS.

PERHAPS the neatest and most sensible speech delivered at the Ward meetings was that by Mr W. P. Booth at Rosemount. Mr Booth has for many years taken a keen interest in local politics, and has every matter of importance at his finger ends. He is not a Progressive for electioneering purposes. Mr Booth has always taken a genuine interest in the working classes: he is always found ready and willing to assist the Tinsmiths' Union, and has often spoken at their social meetings. The Rosemounters will be doing themselves an injustice should they refuse the services of a man of the stamp of Mr Booth.

WE are not very greatly enamoured of denominational legislation; but the Roman Catholics, in adopting as their Parish Council candidate for St Clements Ward Mr Charles Johnstone, have certainly chosen a man who should be elected because of his all-round business ability, apart from his denominational nomination. Men of Mr Charles Johnstone's stamp are too scarce on our public boards, and we heartily wish that Mr Johnstone may find himself at the Board in November.

ST ANDREW'S Warders have six candidates for Parish Council honours to choose from. We take it for granted that the president of the Trades Council will have a good return; and if in their wisdom the St Andrew's men elect Mr W. L. Dunn they will send to the Council a level-headed man with just enough and not too much to say, a man whose sympathies have ever been with the poor.

WHAT a good laugh does. If it's after buying something from Johnston, cheapest jeweller in Aberdeen, it does you all the good in the world. 20 Belvidere Place, Rosemount.

THERE was a splendid turn-out of Ruthrieston electors at the ward meeting on Monday night, and though Mr Milne was subjected to a deal of good-humoured heckling, there is not the least doubt that he has the hearty support of the ward. He could hold his own against all-comers.

THE feature of Ruthrieston Ward meeting was Convener Bain's able speech on the water supply question. In defending the giving of his casting-vote in favour of a survey of the Avon, the Convener went for the *Express* in fine style; and there can be little question that in speaking of the Avon as "a far-away Banffshire stream," that paper has sadly blundered as regards the comparative distances of the Dee and Avon schemes. Inchrory is only about the same distance from Aberdeen as Balmoral, but the Council will have to go *above* Braemar if they want to get merely moderately pure water from the Dee, so that when it comes to be a question of expense the Avon has everything to recommend it. The city analyst's letter recommending the Avon appeared in the *Free Press*, and that paper gave the scheme its blessing. The rumour is now going about that this is enough to condemn it in the eyes of the Broad Street Thunderer. It's the old story of *Journal v. Free Press* over again. Aberdeen is getting a trifle tired of this Battle of the Newspapers.

It is really high time that the sentimental twaddle about the purity of the Dee water had ceased. Aberdonians can surely continue to be proud of the Royal Dee and still not be particularly anxious to imbibe Royal sewage.

FOR Greyfriars, Mr Hutchison, who will be in the Town Council sooner or later, is a favourite for the Parish Council. His election is almost sure, and Greyfriars will be well served by so energetic a young man.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE FERRYHILL WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I cordially thank you for the honour conferred on me in returning me, unopposed, as one of your members to the Town Council, and assure you that your interests shall always have my best attention.

Yours faithfully,
W. D. WATSON.
Ferryhill Mills.

TO THE ELECTORS OF ST ANDREW'S WARD.

LADIES and GENTLEMEN,—I beg to thank you cordially for the confidence you have expressed in me by again selecting me unanimously as one of your representatives at the Town Council.

I shall endeavour, as in the past, to do whatever I can for the best interests of the city, and at all times to act with independence and with a sincere regard for the public welfare.—Yours faithfully,
WM. BODDIE.
3 Roslin Terrace, Aberdeen, Oct. 25, 1898.

TO THE ELECTORS OF RUTHRIESTON WARD.

LADIES and GENTLEMEN,—I beg to tender my warmest thanks for the honour you have conferred upon me in returning me unopposed as one of your representatives at the Town Council Board. I will do my best to justify the confidence you have reposed in me.—Yours faithfully,
ALEX. MILNE.
Gresham Cottage, Pitmixon.

ST NICHOLAS WARD.

Mr. MATTLAND begs to thank the Electors of St Nicholas Ward for their confidence in again returning him as their representative at the Town Council.

ROSEMOUNT WARD.

MR. BOOTH will address the Electors as follows:—

IN ROSEMOUNT PUBLIC SCHOOL, on THURSDAY, 27th October, at 8 p.m.
IN CAUSEWAYEND FREE CHURCH HALL on SATURDAY, 29th October, at 8 p.m.
IN SKENE SQUARE PUBLIC SCHOOL, on MONDAY, 31st October, at 8 p.m.

These meetings will also be addressed by various well-known gentlemen belonging to the Progressive Party with whose policy Mr. Booth is in active sympathy.

Mr Booth's Committee will meet at the close of each meeting.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS OF ST CLEMENT'S WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

Having been nominated at the Ward Meeting to-night to represent you at the Town Council, I have pleasure in placing my services at your disposal. May I respectfully request your support? If returned, you may depend that my best endeavours will be at all times exercised in your interests and those of the community in general.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE BROWN.
33 Castle Street,
Aberdeen, 24th October, 1898.

TO THE ELECTORS OF GREY-FRIARS WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Having been again nominated as a Candidate for the representation of Greyfriars Ward at the Town Council, I beg respectfully to place my services at your disposal, and to solicit your support at the Poll on Tuesday, the 1st prox. Should you do me the honour of selecting me as one of your representatives, you may rest assured that I will do my best for the interests of my constituents and the whole body of electors.—I am,
Yours faithfully,
MATTHEW CROLL.

Mount Pleasant, October, 24, 1898.

TO THE ELECTORS OF ST CLEMENT'S WARD.

LADIES and GENTLEMEN,—I beg to tender my thanks to the Electors of this Ward for selecting me as a Candidate to represent you at the Town Council, and to solicit your support at the Poll on Tuesday, 1st prox. Should you do me the honour of electing me you may rest assured that the interests of my Constituents and the whole city shall always receive my earnest consideration and attention.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN INGLIS.
48 Commerce Street,
Aberdeen 24th October, 1898.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION. TO THE ELECTORS OF ST CLEMENT'S WARD.

LADIES and GENTLEMEN,—

In response to your cordial invitation to place my services at your disposal as one of your representatives at the Parish Council for the ensuing three years, I gladly consent to do so. If elected, I shall discharge the trust to the best of my abilities.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
CHARLES JOHNSTONE.
Regent Buildings, Regent Quay,
Aberdeen, 24th October, 1898.

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THE best-known man between Aberdeen and Stonehaven is undoubtedly Mr George M'Gregor, the respected lessee of Muchalls Hotel.



MR GEORGE M'GREGOR.

Mr M'Gregor has had great experience in the business which he adorns, having been in some of the best hotels and restaurants in these parts. For some years he acted as a head waiter in the Invercauld Arms Hotel, Braemar, and later, was for a short time in the Palace Hotel here. From the Palace he went to Mr James Hay, of the Athenæum, as head waiter. He remained with Mr Hay for some ten years, and left him about five years ago

to take up the hotel business at Muchalls. Mr M'Gregor has there catered for a variety of tastes, and those who do not know the attractions of his table have yet something to look forward to. The lessee is attracting to Muchalls the better class of customers. During this season he has catered for a great number of English visitors, and he is looking forward to an even greater influx of strangers to the district next year.

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HUNTLY.

IN connection with the forthcoming Town Council election at Huntly, a correspondent reminds us that some years ago a certain commissioner on being promoted to bailiedom gave a grand supper, at which, of course, his health was drunk, in connection with his new dignity. In the course of his reply he said—"I canna but say I'm prood o' the honour o' being a bailie; an' even, I think, I'm kind o' entetled to the honour, for I've gane thryon a' the various stages o' degredashun to reach it?"

At a public meeting about the same time in connection with the municipal election, one of the candidates, who had evidently not very much experience in platform speaking, began to comment on some little matter that had been raised against him by his opponents. He finished his rather "mixed" address with the following—"The plain fack o' the maitter is, sirse, they're jist makin' a mountain o' a meer's nest!"

UTAH, HUNTLY.—Good. Send name and address.

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WHEN are the Insch Town Council going to have the street lamps lit? The present state of matters is getting too bad. It was so dark one night that one young lady found herself at the bottom of the sewer that was being dug. Had not some gallant swains responded to her cries, we shudder to think of the consequences.

A few of the Insch merchants are complaining of dull trade just now. We would advise them to try one gentleman's plan of attack. Keep a big fire in the back shop, invite people to have a "heat," and their custom is assured.

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"AN army chaplain in a Soudan campaign" would be a position worth aiming at. The *Glasgow Herald* thinks the Chapel of Garioch parson would make an admirable one. He would get shooting there to his heart's content at less than £4 per shot.

The reverend gentleman was a little premature in returning thanks to his flock on Sunday for their sympathy in his "day of trouble." He might have waited until the Presbytery had met.

THE President of the Aberdeen Musical Institute, we hear, recently wrote the following letter:—

To the Right Hon. Earl Nelson, Cockpit of H.M.S. Victory, Tussaud's Waxworks.

My Lord,—I take the liberty of letting you know how we are getting on. On Saturday our Institute had a grand nautical concert in your honour, which went off like a three-decker's broadside. Our society is in a high state of efficiency, and each member is determined to do his or her best. They join with me in making kind inquiries regarding your "fatal" wound. Hoping that it is not proving a hindrance to business, which I trust is satisfactory, and wishing you many returns of Trafalgar Day,—I am, yours etc.,
THE PRESIDENT.

The following is the reply:—

MADAME TUSSAUDS', Wednesday.

Sir,—Earl Nelson desires me to thank you for your interesting letter. He highly appreciates the flattering compliment, and learns with pleasure of the highly efficient state of your society. He begs to assure you that the wound, far from being a hindrance to business, has proved a most valuable advertisement, as he hopes this correspondence, when published, will be to your future concert,—I am, yours etc.,

THE MANAGER.

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"Twas merry in the hall" (that is, the Trinity Hall) on Tuesday evening, the occasion being the annual election dinner of the Aberdeen Baker Incorporation. The bakers have long since earned for themselves the reputation of having the best functions of this kind, and do you know that, for lavish hospitality they surpassed this year all previous records. Deacon M'Donald was an ideal chairman and kept the company in humour, while Boxmaster Hutchison admirably seconded his chief, and wore a smile throughout the evening which made everyone feel at ease. After dinner had been served (and, oh! what a dinner, ranging from hare soup to sardines, sweets and ices, some seventeen courses or so), a toast list was submitted, containing a good baker's dozen of items.

The parting toast of "Bon-Accord" formed a fitting period to an evening pleasantly passed with song and sentiment; and as the company dispersed, Victoria tolled the midnight hour, by which time the moon had raised her lamp above.

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THE London Mantle Warehouse, 26 and 23 George Street, is the latest addition to Aberdeen's semi-palatial warehouses, and judging by the complete transformation which has been effected in the premises within the space of a few days, it is evident that there is a spirit of enterprise behind it which will go a long way. As now modelled, the premises consist of two showrooms—each sixty-five feet long—commercial rooms, offices, ladies' private fitting-rooms, and likewise an elegant tea-room, where customers can have a pleasant refreshment free. There are also extensive workrooms on the top floors, and the establishment is well furnished and ornamented throughout, and lighted by electricity. The proprietor, Mr Stanley Leonard Goldsmith, is no stranger to Aberdeen, as he has been for many years local manager of Messrs Goodson, Limited; and as he has had a long and thorough experience of the trade, and has now established agencies in London, Paris, and Berlin, Aberdeen ladies will not lack facilities for being up to date with their costumes, mantles, &c.

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Tom Doo, Ballater, writes to ask what is the difference between a purveyor of meat and a plain butcher or flesher; also between a bird-stuffer and a taxidermist; and, further, when does a carpenter and joiner bloom into a full-blown builder?

THE Netherley district is now "innovating." The latest is a lady road surveyor.

CUMINESTOWN is coming out with its wonted plethora of evening amusements and dancing assemblies. Some high jinks will ultimately fall to be recorded in these columns; no doubt about that!

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mental Modelling.

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BETER BIRSE PLAYS FITBA'.

DEAR MAISTER EDITER,—I got yer letter the ither day direekin' me to gang to Fashoddy; bit ye can see it wid niver dee for me to be oot o' Aiberdeen aboot an eleckshin time. It's a richt aneuch for fowk wi' nae heids or nae sinse o' importance to grovel aboot in the glaur o' the Nile, sklaikit a' ower wi' dubs, an' bi a' the earth like a drookit dewk or a drooned dog. Fashoddy here or Fashoddy there, I'm to bide in Aiberdeen, for I dinna wint my beens to lie an' bleach on the Sarah Desert like a kurn auld cloots on een o' Kirsty's washin' days. It stricks me, sir, 'at the laundry maids 'i the Soodan 'll hae aneuch o' wirk githerin' in the effects o' Kitchener's laist great washin' an manglin', without me layin' doon my bits o' duds.

Ye ken brawly, sir, 'at I wis requestit bi an inflootial deppitation to stan' for the Toon Council, bit the Thistle fitba billies got haud o' me, an', oonbeknown to Kirsty, I pat on a pair o' nickers an' gaed to the Links on Setterday. The Thistle lads taul' me 'at they wur to fecht against the Oak, this bein' a deciddit pitlarachie atween Scotland an' England. "Sae for the honir o' the auld country an' the Thistle ye'll hae to play, Peter," said the captin chielie.

"I wull that," I said; "an' gin there be ony o' the auld spunk left in the porritch, we'll easy win."

The game wis begun in a jiffy; an' it wisna lang or the Thistle begood to win. I mysel' knockit doon twa Oakumers, an' wis jist gaun awa' to fell a third fin a chielie wha'd been blawin' a fussle to keep himsel' het cam' in aboot an' says he—"Nae mair roch play, or off the field ye go! Ye've trippit up twa men already. I'm watchin' ye!"

"Are ye a bobby," I said, "at ye're watchin' fowk an' blawin' that fussle? Man, gin there be nae knockin' doon it'll be a lang time or Scotland beats England. Gin ye hedna a Scotch tongue i' yer ill faurt reid heid I'd hae nae qwams aboot knockin' ye intil the middle o' neist week, an' that wid lat ye miss the collection plate on the Sunday, bit I suppose a heathen like you gings na to kirk or Sunday sqweel."

"Off the field ye go," said the mannie, wha turned oot to be a referee, "neen o' yer insultin' langwidge."

"Deil the bit o' me 'll gang aff unless I'm cairiet," an' wi' that I loot flee at the ba' wi' my fit, an' the thing gaed bangin' throw atween the sticks. "Fut d'ye think o' that, ye links e'ed monster?" I cried; bit he said it wisna allood, an' he pat his han' on my shoother to pit me aff.

"Nae allood," I cried, gettin' up my choler, "man, ye're a discredit to Scotlan'," an' I dashed his han' aff me, an' wis for makin' my fitba' beet acquaint wi' him.

In a meenit I wis surroondit bi a howlin' crood; bit first een an' syne another smellt the yird o' the Links. Things were gettin' rather warm, fin ae chield trippit me up, an' garrt me cry clyte on the grun'. I kent naething mair till I raise wi' a blin' e'e an' a sair leg. Frien's an' foes wir a' alike noo, an' I kickit here an' hit oot there, till, fair forfochen, I wis flattent on the Coohillcock.

The neist thing I heard wis a cry like a Reid Indian on the warpath; an' syne Kirsty cam' careerin' up like a mumber o' the Fife Licht Horse, an' played havick amo' the enemy wi' her umberella. "Wid ye hae the daurin' impidine," she said, "to try an' kill my man, ye ruffians? I'll lat ye ken fut it is to hae a sunshade ower yer hurdies," an' aye she loundert thim. Fin Kirsty wis tired she pickit me up, an' wi' a skirl like a piper o' Dargai she loot me drap like a het tattie. "Monster!" she shrieked, "ye've ruined my best Sunday's chemise, for here ye hiv't torn in three places, an' as black's a moulder's awprin'."

Bit, sir, I'll draw a veil ower that sark, an' ower that sarkfu' o' sair beens; bit noo ye can easy see foo it is 'at I'm nae a candydate for muneecepil honirs. There's nae doot that there's at least a muneecepil failure, an' that's yer an' frien' an' fitba' fiend,

Peter Birse.

JOCK'S LOVE SONG TO KIRSTY.



"O, KIRSTY TOD! I like ye weel,
My luv's baith wide and deep;
Bit sair I fear yer hert's as hard
As ony frostit neep!

O Kirsty lass, I ken that files
A drap hings at yer nose,
But tut o' that! A kiss fae you's
As tasty's ingin brose!

O KIRST! ye're big, for ootbye wark
O' that ye're neen the waur,
I like ti see yer muckle feet
Come sklatchin' throw the glaur.

O gosh! it's gran' fin roon yer waist,
My moleskin sleeve I steal,
Yer waist's sae big and comfortin',
Jist like a bowe o' meal.

O, love, it is an awfu' thing,
Waur than a lum that reeks,
Hae mercy, Kirsty, tak' yer Jock,
I'll lat ye wear the breeks!"

Muv'd by sic promise, an' sic praise,
Kirst's hert grew saft as jeele,
An' noo she wears a merridge ring
As big's a barrow wheelie.

W. M'COMBIE SMITH ("The Deeside Mannie").



For Dressmakers and Other Ladies.

THE PROTEST OF THE RUFFLE.

ALWAYS the Tucks! It seems to me," remarked the Ruffle, "that the Tucks are putting on a lot of airs lately. The first thing we know they'll leave the White Goods Union and start out for themselves."

"Is that your unbiased opinion?" asked the Seam. "Now, it strikes me that the Tucks are only a bit clannish; they keep to themselves a good deal; but for my part, I try to keep straight myself, and don't put in much time worrying about other people."

"The Tucks are decidedly above you, mercy knows!" exclaimed the Front Breadth, as the Ruffle passed her way.

The Pocket had been staring open-mouthed at the scene, and the Thread, seizing the opportunity, dropped into a dark corner for a quiet nap.

"I used to be quite chummy with the Tucks," the Hem remarked, "but I've thought lately that the Ruffle came between us."

"You're narrow! You gauge all the world by your own standard," sneered the Back Breadth. "Where's the Thread?"

"In the Pocket, probably. She's always stuffing herself."

"Ladies!" The Band straightened herself to her full length. She was pale, but firm. "I call the association to order. These scenes are a disgrace to the cloth. They not only occur at the meetings, but every day some one buttonholes me with a grievance."

"Hear! Hear!" cried the Button, and was promptly chilled to the bone by an icy glare from the Band, who resumed—"Now, the Ruffle is at the bottom of all this. As president of this association I have tried to preserve order among you, aided by my private secretary, the Needle. We have held you together, but you will soon go to pieces if the Ruffle is not brought to terms." She finished amid a rustle of applause.

"Well," said the Ruffle, drawing herself up, "I can be saucy, too! You can't suppress me, let me tell you, and you can't put me out of your old union, either, for I'm going out to join the Neck Wear Club with my aunt, the Feather Boa, so ta ta!" And out she flounced, accompanied by her bosom friend, the Gathering String.

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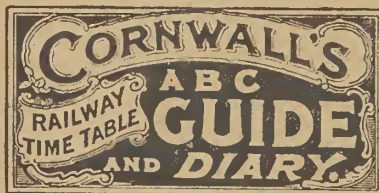


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"Dear —,—Everything here is as dull as ditch water, and I don't see any appearances of change for the better; it could not be very much worse, except perhaps an earthquake, or something equally startling. But I don't think we will get a visitation of that kind. There is not enough of vitality here to make an earthquake, and there is not enough spare cash to purchase dynamite or anything equally powerful to get up an explosion. I think that our parish minister must be well aware of the lack of heart that there is here, for the subject of his sermon last Sabbath was announced to be "Hell!" So you may be sure there was a rush to the expected glow. The church was crowded to overflowing. Hundreds could not

get into the expected heat, and as the night was cold outside they had to go home to their own small fires, and get the best out of them that was to be got. That must have been provoking to those who expected to get near enough to the place to look into, and perhaps enjoy the warmth, without being actually popped into the cauldron, minus return tickets. I understand that those who were fortunate enough to get admission were not very much more enlightened on the subject or very much warmer than the others who did not hear the sermon. It was wonderful how the announcement of such a subject to be spoken about by a minister will draw out people to hear him. I have no doubt that some of the hearers expected him to draw a horrifying word picture of a roaring, burning cauldron, filled with the spirits of tortured wretches being stirred up like so many coal cinders by Old Nick and his household servants. Others expected that the minister would explain the place away altogether, and would be laughing in their sleeves at those who would be silly enough to believe that such a thing as retribution was in store for the ungodly. I believe that the rev. gentleman has not put his hearers quite up to the thing yet one way or the other: but he intends to return to the subject soon, I understand. I suppose it will be continued during the cold season."

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