

No 762.

FIFTEENTH YEAR.

INVERNESS, SATURDAY MAY 7, 1898.

TWELVE PAGES.

PRICE ONE PENNY.

CHURCH NOTICES.

GAELIC PARISH CHURCH, Church Street—Services To-morrow, Gaelic at 11 A.M.; English at 6.30 P.M.

CROWN FREE CHURCH, SABBATH (TO-MORROW), May 8th, at 11 A.M. and 6.30 P.M. Preacher—Rev. DUNCAN COLVIN, of Alva.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

THE INVERNESS MALE & FEMALE FRIENDLY SOCIETY.—Members will be ENROLLED TO-NIGHT and RECEIVING SATISFACTION at 3 ANDERSON STREET.

RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.—MONTHLY MEETING on WEDNESDAY, at 8 P.M. Business—Motion to be moved by President on Land Values. A. M. WATSON, Secy.

COMMISSIONERS OF SUPPLY, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a STATUTORY MEETING of the COMMISSIONERS of SUPPLY of the COUNTY of INVERNESS, will be held within the CONVENING ROOM, Castle, Inverness, on THURSDAY, the 26th day of May next, at 10.30 o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of Electing (1st) a Conservator, and appointing seven of their number to be Members of the Standing Joint Committee of the County; and (2nd) a Committee to dispose of Claims and Objections under the Provisions of the Commissioners of Supply (Scotland) Act, 1856, and Acts amending the same.

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

GRAND BAZAAR

UNDER ROYAL PATRONAGE, IN AID OF THE FRIENDS OF THE INVERNESS GOLF CLUB, IN THE MUSIC HALL, INVERNESS, On 1st, 2nd and 3rd September, 1898.

PATRONS, H.R.H. THE DUKE OF YORK, K.G., &c., &c., &c. The Lord LIVINGSTON, The Lord TULLIBARDINE, The Right Hon. Sir FLEETWOOD EDWARDS, K.C.B., Lord KYLLACHY, Sir ALEX. DUNBAR, Bart., Sir ROBERT FINLAY, Q.C., M.P., Solicitor-General for England, Sir HENRY C. MACANISTER, Major ROSE of Kilravock, Lord-Lieutenant of Nairnshire, The Count de SERRA LARGO of Terlagio, General MACLEAN, Inverness, J. E. E. BAILLIE, Esq. of Dochfour, M.P., General PELLERIN, Esq. of Auchincry, M.P., G. H. M. THOMAS, Esq. of Aberlemno, Sheriff of Caithness, Orkney, and Zetland, JAMES ANDERSON, Esq. of Muirtown, J. D. FLETCHER, Esq. of Rosneath, CHARLES FOUNTAINE, Esq. of New Castle, CHARLES FRASER-MACKINTOSH, Esq. of Lochard, Major JACKSON of SWORDALE, The Rev. Dr. MACLEOD, Ravenswood.

Mrs DARWIN, Muirtown, Mrs PELLE, Broomhill, Mrs GLASFORD, Atlanta, Mrs MACKLEOD, Ravens-wood, Mrs MACLEOD-MACKIN-TOCH, Mrs ANDERSON, Hilton, Mrs MACBEAN, Inverness, DAVID ROSS, Solicitor, 6 Church Street, Inverness, Hon. Secretary.

PROPERTY, &c., FOR SALE.

FOR SALE, by Public Room, within the Writing Chambers of Messrs MACGILVERAY & MURDO, Solicitors, 42 Union Street, Inverness, on TUESDAY, 10th May, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon, The FEU in front of the Dwelling-House known as GRACE COACH, in North Cottage, Pulteney, Inverness, presently used as a Garden, and suitable for building purposes. Fee-duty, £3 10s. Upset price, £10. For further particulars apply to the said Messrs MACGILVERAY & MURDO, in whose hands are the Title-Deeds and Articles of Reply.

HOUSES, &c., TO LET.

TWO ROOMS to Let at INCHROY, Beaulieu, Apply R. D. MACKENZIE.

ROOM and CLOSET at 7 King Street to Let. Apply to J. F. SMITH, Queensgate Chambers, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 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DEATH OF PROVOST MAITLAND, TAIN.

On Saturday of last week quite a gloom was cast over the Royal Burgh of Tain by the sad news that our respected and worthy Provost, Mr Andrew Maitland, had died in the south of England after returning from the Canary Islands, where he had gone for the good of his health.

A KILMALLIE MINISTER'S MARRIAGE.

On Thursday of last week the Session of Kilmallie Free Church, accompanied by Mr Cameron, Hazelcroft, and Mr Strang, waited upon Mr MacColl at the Manse and presented him, in the name of the congregation, with a purse of sovereigns as a mark of their esteem on the occasion of his marriage.

TRAWLING TRIAL AT TAIN.

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LIBERAL MEETING AT BEAULY.

A largely attended meeting of the residents of Beauly was on Tuesday evening addressed by Mr Neil J. Kennedy, who at last election contested the Inverness-shire Division in the Liberal interests.

THE SUTHERLANDSHIRE ROADS.

A meeting of the County Road Board was held at Lairg on Wednesday. Rev. John Murray, county convener, presided, and there was a large attendance of members, local contractors, and others.

AS GOOD AS NEW.

Stockings, Feathers, Gowns, Cloaks or other articles dyed with Diamond Dyes will retain their colour, no matter how often they are washed or exposed to the sun.

UP TRAINS—FROM THE NORTH.

Table with columns for Stations, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

DOWN TRAINS—FROM THE SOUTH.

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RAILWAY NOTICES.

HIGHLAND RAILWAY COMPANY.

THE Public are respectfully informed that during March, April, and May, 1898, and until further notice, the Trains will arrive and depart at 15 following hours, or as near thereto as circumstances will permit, viz:—

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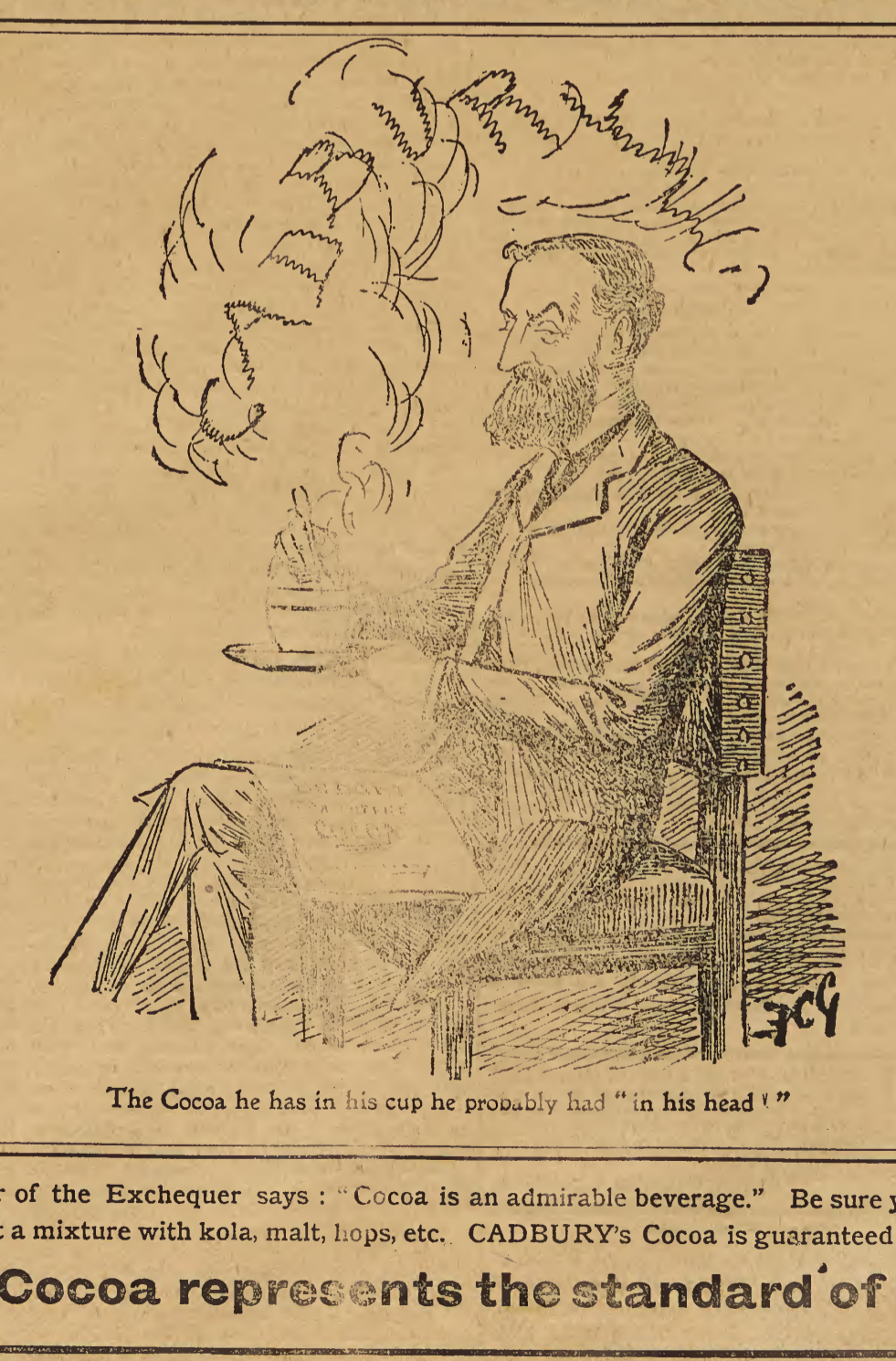
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The meeting of the Ross-shire Quarter Sessions, which was held at Dingwall last Tuesday, brought once again into public prominence the question of licensing in the Island of Lewis.

On the 2nd instant, at 81 Roxburgh Street, Greenock, the wife of PETER BULL of a son.

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BANKING.—We are pleased to observe that Mr John Macdonald, National Bank, has passed his bank examination first class in all subjects.

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THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.—It will be observed that the Grocers' Association have resolved to celebrate the Queen's Birthday as a whole holiday, as in former years. The members have enjoyed the privilege of a weekly holiday on Wednesdays, which will be discontinued after the 25th inst.

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SCOTTISH TWENTY CLUB.—The final "shoot" to determine the winners of the Scottish twenty crosses took place at the Longman Ranges on Monday. Pleasant weather prevailed. The gold cross was won by Sergt. D. Gray with the splendid total of 198; Lieutenant D. Macbean secured the silver cross with 3 points fewer, and Sergeant C. F. M. Ross, the bronze cross with 181.

PRESENTATION TO MR D. GRAY.—On Friday evening the staff and firm of Messrs Stewart, Rule, & Burns met to present Mr Gray, who has acted as cashier for many years to the firm, with a token of their esteem on the occasion of his leaving his connection with the firm. Mr Macfie was chairman, and made the presentation. He referred to Mr Gray's long connection with the business, and to his popularity with his fellow-workers, and with the clientele of the firm. Mr Gray, he said, was over willing to lend a helping hand to those who approached him.

NORTH OF SCOTLAND INSURANCE CO.—The annual meeting of the shareholders of the North of Scotland Insurance Company, Ltd., was held in the Waverley Hotel, Inverness, on Monday, Dr F. M. Mackenzie presiding. The annual report, a resume of which has already appeared in our columns, was adopted, and a dividend of 2½ per cent. on the paid up capital declared. On behalf of the shareholders, Councillor Melven proposed a vote of thanks to the Directors. It was quite a compliment, he said, that the Directors should have the full confidence of the shareholders, seeing so few had thought it necessary to attend the meeting. He believed there were few directors composed of such capable men. First of all they had the Town Treasurer and also the Dean of Guild (applause). In Mr Macfie they had a director of one of the leading industries in the town—the Ross Street Foundry Company—and then there was their friend Mr Hendry, who kept every builder right (applause)—while the Chairman was a worthy medical gentleman to see that all were in good health (laughter). The Chairman, on behalf of the Directors, returned thanks, stating that nothing gave them greater pleasure than giving a good account of their stewardship. He hoped it would be better next year. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

LICENSING CONFIRMATION COURT.—The Justices of the Peace for Inverness-shire met at the Castle on Tuesday to hear appeals against decisions of the Magistrates on the recent licensing courts. The appeal of the Manager of the Station Hotel, Inverness, against the decision of the Magistrates at Kingussie granting him a public house instead of an hotel license at the Railway Station, Kingussie, was sustained, and the hotel license granted. On appeal Peter A. Watson was granted a grocer's license at Beaulie, and the only other case before the Court was that of John Alex. Munro, grocer, 48 Huntly Street, who appealed against the Inverness Burgh Licensing Court in refusing him a renewal of the license formerly held by the late Joseph Macdonald. Mr Macdonald, of Messrs J. & Macdonald, solicitors, Inverness, appeared in support of the application and detailed the circumstances of the case, which are already well known. Chief-Constable Macdonald re-stated his objections to the license, viz., on account of the past bad reputation of the shop in previous hands, and the want of necessity for a grocer's license in that part of Huntly Street. After the case had been debated at some length, the appeal was unanimously dismissed on the motion of ex-Bailie Maclean, seconded by Bailie Rod. Maclean.

STRATHPEFFER SPA HOTEL COMPANY.—The annual general meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held in Edinburgh on Friday, when a satisfactory report on the year's working was submitted. In moving the adoption of the report, the Chairman, Mr R. W. Mackintosh, Glasgow, remarked that although the drawings for last year were less than those for the year 1896, which was accounted for by the Diamond Jubilee attractions in London, the hotel expenses on the other hand were £1950 less. Further, it would be noticed that whereas the net profits in 1896 amounted to £2168 8s 6d, they amounted last year to £2302 3s 3d. Out of the net profits they had already paid the preference dividends for the half-year to Martinmas last, and they now had at the credit of profit and loss a sum of £1570 5s 3d. Out of this they proposed to credit to the depreciation account the same sum as last year, £230; one-fifth of the preference expenses, £101 2s 6d; and to pay the half-year's dividend on the preference shares to 15th May next, viz., £750. The balance remaining over amounted to £249 2s 9d. Mr Macdonald recommended that out of this a dividend of 3 per cent. be paid to the ordinary shareholders, a sum of £2400, and the balance would be carried forward. The report was unanimously adopted. Mr Thomas Collier was elected a director, and Mr R. F. Cameron, C.A., Inverness, the auditor.

THE HIGHLAND CLUB.—The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the members of the Highland Club was held on Monday—Mr James Anderson, Hilton, in the chair. The annual report and statement of accounts were adopted, and the following noblemen and gentlemen were elected as additional trustees:—The Right Hon. Lord Lovat, Sir Hector Munro, Bart. of Foulis, The Mackintosh of Mackintosh, and Major Hugh Davidson of Cantray. A letter was read from Sir Henry C. Macandrew, resigning the office of Honorary Secretary owing to the state of his health. The meeting, on the motion of the Chairman, unanimously passed the following resolution:—"The meeting, in view of the valuable services rendered by Sir Henry C. Macandrew, Kt., at the institution of the Club, and since its formation, by his tact, courtesy, and urbanity in the position of Honorary Secretary, resolve to enter in the minutes an expression of the regret universally felt at the necessity of his retirement, and the earnest hope that Sir Henry will be speedily restored to health, and enabled to resume his visits to the club, where his genial manners and instructive conversation at all times secured for him a warm welcome." The meeting afterwards agreed to feu part of the vacant ground at the back of the Club, lately occupied by Messrs Macrae & Dick, and re-entrusted to the Committee with full powers to carry out the feuing. Mr Macdonald and Mr Alex. Lee Innes were elected members of the Committee in room of Colonel Warrand of Ryefield and Mr James Innes, Dundun.

BRILLIANT SUCCESS OF AN INVERNESS STUDENT.—Mr William Brown Davidson, M.A., B.Sc., who was nominated in 1894 by the University of Aberdeen for the Exhibition (1851) Science Scholarship, and who has since been studying in Germany, has just graduated "with the highest honours" (summa cum laude) as Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Wurtzburg. The thesis—"On Diazophenols" (a class of chemical compounds)—which he submitted on the occasion, and which he defended in the presence of more than three years' experimental work, was pronounced by the examiner, Professor Hantzsch, to be the most elaborate he had ever seen. Mr Davidson, who is a son of Mr Samuel Davidson, Inverness, has just been appointed to an assistantship in the Chemical Department of University College, Liverpool.

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BRILLIANT SUCCESS OF AN INVERNESS STUDENT.—Mr William Brown Davidson, M.A., B.Sc., who was nominated in 1894 by the University of Aberdeen for the Exhibition (1851) Science Scholarship, and who has since been studying in Germany, has just graduated "with the highest honours" (summa cum laude) as Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Wurtzburg. The thesis—"On Diazophenols" (a class of chemical compounds)—which he submitted on the occasion, and which he defended in the presence of more than three years' experimental work, was pronounced by the examiner, Professor Hantzsch, to be the most elaborate he had ever seen. Mr Davidson, who is a son of Mr Samuel Davidson, Inverness, has just been appointed to an assistantship in the Chemical Department of University College, Liverpool.

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THE PETTY CUSTOMS.—On Thursday evening the Finance Committee of Inverness Town Council conferred with Mr George Munro, collector, as to the method of collecting the Petty Customs and the revenue derived from the various classes of goods and animals upon which customs are levied under the Act of Parliament. Treasurer A. D. Ross presided over the meeting, and Mr R. Paterson, Town Chamberlain, was in attendance. In the course of a long discussion numerous points were raised by members of Committee. The Collector said he would like to make himself perfectly familiar with the area of the town in which the Petty Customs were levied, so that they could arrive at the assessable value of the property. Mr Munro said it would be impossible to define the area without a map. There was a great deal of zig-zag, being the boundary of the ancient royalty. Mr Melven suggested that the Town Chamberlain and the Collector should take the Valuation Roll and strike out the properties which were outside the line. The amount of these could be deducted from the gross valuation, and the figures left would represent the total desired. The suggestion was generally approved, but the Town Chamberlain said it would take a long time to perform the task. Mr Jonathan Ross said the old stent roll which used to be prepared annually for the Inland Revenue would give the same information. The town used to pay £150 in stent, and the cost of the roll annually, but the present patriotic Government had abolished the tax. The Collector—No, he said (laughter). Mr Ross said the stent roll gave the rentals of all the houses in the burgh which paid the Petty Customs. It would be a great deal of work to do, and the amount would be about £44,000. The valuation of the whole burgh was £111,000. The Collector said they should have an abstract of the income and expenditure of the Petty Customs for the past three years. Mr Munro said that information was given in his annual return, but he would be glad to prepare an abstract. Mr Melven said it would be desirable to know to what purpose the money was devoted. Mr Jonathan Ross—Buying cloaks for the Magistrates and banquets and rejoicings (laughter). Mr Gibson thought they should know the exact amount of Petty Customs derived in each department of trade. There was a great deal of talk on the subject, and statements made in public by Provost Macbean had been publicly contradicted. He would like to have the amount paid annually by each of the cattle salesmen. In reply to Mr Gibson, Mr Munro said that some farmers preferred to have all the charges against their own account, and the amounts were paid by cheque through Macdonald & Fraser. The town's collectors put in a note to the auctioneers. 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CHEAP TRIPS ON THE HIGHLAND RAILWAY.—As will be observed from our advertising columns, the Highland Railway Company have arranged to give cheap holiday trips and excursions to the seaside during the season.

We observed this week in the shop of Mr W. J. Hepburn, news-agent, Beaulieu, a unique five o'clock tea set, which had been made by hand labour in Barvas. The set was composed of native clay, and although unglazed, reflected no small credit on the patience and skill of the potter.

EXCURSION TO ELGIN.—As will be seen, the Highland Railway Company are to run excursion trains from Keith on the one hand, and from Inverness on the other, to Elgin to-day in view of the final of the Elginshire Chauffy Cup between the Inverness Club and the Elgin City.

ROSS COMMISSIONERS OF SUPPLY.—On Thursday a meeting of the Commissioners of Supply was held at Dingwall. Sir Hector Munro, Convenor, presiding. Sir Hector was re-elected Convenor for the ensuing year, and seven members appointed to act on the Standing Joint Committee.

NAIRN—ASSAULT WITH A COBK.—An amusing case was heard yesterday before Bailie Bailie in the Police Court, in which Chas. Fraser, apprentice mason, pleaded not guilty to a charge of assaulting John Simpson, street porter, by means of a coek. Evidence was led, in which five witnesses appeared for the defence and three for the prosecution, the charge was found not proven.

NEW DISTILLERY COMPANY.—During the past week eleven new joint-stock companies have been registered in Scotland, with a total capital of £2,851,500. Among these is the Glenochy Fort-William Distillery Company, Limited, 51 Church Street, Inverness, to carry on the business of distillers, maltsters, &c. Capital, £25,000, divided into 50 ordinary and 500 deferred shares of £10 each.

ALLEGED THEFT OF MONEY.—Police information was circulated on Thursday to the effect that George Smith, labourer, was wanted on a charge of stealing £15 from a box in a house in Aviemore on the preceding day. It was found, on enquiry, that Smith had proceeded by way of Forres to Elgin, where he was apprehended by Inspector Blair, of the Elgin police, and conveyed to Inverness on Thursday night, and yesterday he was brought before Sheriff Scott-Moncrieff on the charge named. After emitting a declaration, Smith, who has served seven years in the army, and is a native of Elgin, was committed to prison.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY IN SKYE.—Yesterday morning Dr Koeltz, who was medical officer in the Jackson-Harmsworth expedition in the Arctic regions, passed through Inverness for the island of Skye, where he is to conduct an important geological survey, with the view of comparing the rocks in the island with the rocks in Franz Joseph Land. Dr Koeltz was on Thursday the guest of ex-Bailie David Munro at Annisdale. In an interview with our reporter, Dr Koeltz gave an account of the meeting of the expedition with Dr Napoleon and also described his three years' experience in the Arctic regions. He believed that Dr Nansen would continue his Arctic exploration.

RETURN OF A WAR CORRESPONDENT.—Mr Kinnaird Ross, Reuter's "special," is (says the "Westminster Gazette"), like his colleagues, proceeding homewards, unfortunately in very poor health. According to a private letter received from the Sudan, it appears that about a week before the battle of Atbara Mr. Ross had a slight sun-stroke, and was imperatively ordered away by the doctor to the base hospital. It was while he was on his way there that he was chased by Derwish horsemen, and lost, for the time being, his camels, servants, and baggage. The chase was an exciting one for the correspondent, but, unfortunately, it went further towards endangering the patient of his illness than all the doctor's nostrums would have done. At all events, he managed to be present at the battle of Atbara two days later. Mr Ross was well known and highly esteemed in the Highlands, where, it will be remembered, he, over a year ago, organized and addressed many meetings in the Liberal interest.

ROYAL ACADEMY BOARD.—At a meeting of this Board on Wednesday, Mr James Anderson tendered his resignation from the Chairmanship, in accordance with the notice he had given at the previous meeting, his reasons being that the honour should go round, and that fresh blood should be infused into the management. The Board, however, unanimously re-elected Mr Anderson to the chair, with strong request that he should resume his duties. Mr Anderson ultimately agreed to take the chair for another year. Mr William Anderson, Secretary, intimated the award of Mr Ritchie, C.E., Perth, who had acted as overseer in the reference by the Highland Railway Company and the Academy Board as to the land at Seafield which the Company proposed to compulsorily acquire for extension purposes. The award amounted to £12,465, and the Secretary explained that it was open to either party to appeal. The Board appeared to be satisfied in the matter. Some school business was also disposed of.

TAIN.—THE LATE PROVOST MAITLAND.—At a special meeting of the Tain Town Council on Tuesday, Bailie Munro, speaking with deep emotion, proposed that the Council should record in their minutes their deep sense of the loss which the town had sustained by the death of Provost Maitland, and should pass a resolution of sympathy with Mrs Maitland and family. Bailie Munro said he had known the late Provost all his life, and that he had been a friend and fellow, and he could speak of his great ability and excellent aptitude for business. It was only a brief six months since they unanimously and most heartily elected their late Provost to the office. During the short time that he occupied the civic chair every one of them, he was sure, was satisfied with the courteous manner and great ability with which he discharged the duties of that chair, and he had been spared to come home with renewed health he would have continued to do so, and the community would have benefited to a great extent during his reign as Chief Magistrate. Bailie George Macleay seconded the motion in a few sympathetic words, and the minute was unanimously adopted.

SAD DEATH BY DROWNING.—It is with feelings of deep regret that we record the death by drowning of Mr Eneas Fraser, writer, Inverness. Mr Fraser had parted with a friend about eleven o'clock on Thursday night in good health and spirits, and at half-past five yesterday morning his body was found at the waterfall in the lake near the Islands by Mr John Fraser, bird-stuffer, Church Street, who at once reported the matter to the county police. Detective Chisholm had the remains conveyed to the Mortuary, where the customary examination took place by Dr Ogilvie Grant, the County Medical Officer, and Mr Anderson, Procurator Fiscal. It is supposed that Mr Fraser had taken a quiet walk, and while proceeding along the path which divides the Ness from the lake, had stumbled, and becoming unconscious by the fall, rolled down the steep embankment. Deceased was of a quiet and unassuming disposition and was deservedly esteemed and respected by all with whom he came in contact. He served his apprenticeship with the late Mr John Colvin, solicitor, Inverness, and in 1874 he entered the service of Messrs Innes & Mackay, solicitors, Inverness, where he was treated as a trusted and confidential employee, and in whose office he remained until his death. Deceased had been associated with musical circles in Inverness from an early age, and was one of the oldest members of the Free High Church choir, he having on repeated occasions acted as conductor in the absence of Mr Reddie. He was also a valued member of the Inverness Select Choir and the Choral Union. Deceased was a son of the late Mr Angus Fraser, grocer, Haugh, and was unmarried. He was forty-four years of age.

MAN KILLED AT NAIRN VIADUCT.

YESTERDAY forenoon an accident occurred at the Nairn Viaduct, which is in course of construction, whereby a young man named Campbell, son of Mr Campbell, grieves at Drumore, lost his life, and two others narrowly escaped serious injury. It seems that the unfortunate young man, along with two fellow-workmen, was engaged raising a heavy stack of iron girders. One of the cranes got beyond their control, and the handle rapidly revolving, struck Campbell violently on the head before he could get clear. His skull was fractured, and he died a few hours later. The others were fortunate in getting clear away without injury. In the afternoon deceased's body was conveyed to his father's house at Drumore.

THE ASYLUM BOARD.

YESTERDAY a meeting of the Building Committee of the Inverness Asylum Board was held in the Castle, Inverness—Major Stirling (Chairman) presiding. There were also present Messrs Thomson, Kinmonth, Macbean, Craedhall; Major Rose of Kilravock; Mr J. T. Garricho, Beaulieu; Dr Keay, medical superintendent; Dr Ross, architect; Mr Duncan Shaw, of Messrs Anderson & Shaw, treasurers; and Mr Robert Davidson, clerk to the Board.

Tenders for the supply of two boilers and economiser for use in the Asylum by a South country firm were submitted. The boilers were estimated to cost £405 each, and the economiser £220—making £1030, to which, however, £200 additional fell to be added for the necessary building works in connection with the placing of the boilers and economiser. It was agreed to accept the offer.

At a meeting of the House and Finance Committee held afterwards tenders for the supply of coals were opened and disposed of. The following tenders were accepted: Best English coals, 18s 6d per ton, D. Petrie, Drummond Street, Inverness; Scotch coal (Kilte), Messrs Macgruther & Marshall, Inverness, 14s 11d per ton; cannel, Messrs Macgruther & Marshall, Inverness, 18s 11d per ton. The best quality, Robert Taylor & Son, Inverness, 18s per ton; lime, David Petrie, 19s.

Mr Shaw stated that, as requested at a former meeting of the Board to bring up an estimate of the whole cost of the additions to the Asylum, he had written to Dr Ross, who estimated the cost to come to about £21,000. Mr Shaw had also received an estimate from Dr Keay for the fittings of the new wings, amounting to £2475 17s, so that altogether the Board would require to borrow £25,000. After considering the matter, the Board accepted the offer of a Glasgow firm for the sum of £21,000 at 3 per cent., to be repayable over a period of thirty years, and the money to be provided at intervals to suit the convenience of the Board.

THE CAMERON CHIEF REJOICINGS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HIGHLAND NEWS."] SIR.—Owing to fortuitous circumstances, your issue of the 23rd ult. only reached me here to-day. As a Highlander, my first impulse was to offer my congratulations to the chief and to the clan of which he is the chief, on the advent of so auspicious an occasion, as the majority of the eldest son of his house. While I would deprecate any desire to sound a jarring note in this festive event, I cannot but regret a sad, a melancholy, and a humiliating fact, that should be noted by all true Highlanders in connection with the ceremony.

The young chief, who, judging from his photograph and remarks, appears to be a promising scion of an ancient lineage, was compelled to confess that he did not know a word of the language in which he was addressed by a clansman—the language of his forefathers, of his country, and of the Highlands! Is it not a painful reflection that a young chief, whose name is yet in the Highlands, should be allowed to come in part in total ignorance of his native tongue? Probably it is rather his misfortune than his fault. Contrast his case with the young Marquis of Tullibardine, whose career is not dissimilar, but who takes every opportunity of expressing the pride with which he is able to converse in the language of his native country. My chief, with all respect, may express the fervent hope that the position in the accomplishments of this gallant young Highlander will yet be supplied without unnecessary delay, and that ere long he also may be able to talk justly in the ability to understand and speak with the nicest of his clan in his own language so near and dear to their hearts!

The acquirement of Gaelic after the age of 21 will not be free from trouble and difficulty, but then "a Cameron never can yield," and he should not yield in this regard. My chief, it is to be hoped, will be one who can "open his own eyes and ears" to live to bless the day on which he resolved to honour the memory of his ancestors by attaining a knowledge of the spirit and the letter which said—

"Dear the piobreach sounding
Down the mountain and glen!"

Wishing him much success and happiness in life—I am, Sir, yours, &c.,
D. MACGREGOR,
J.P., Inverness-shire.
Mentone, 3rd May, 1898.

THE REV. M. MACKENZIE AND UNION.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HIGHLAND NEWS."] SIR.—As "The Highland News" is now the predominant popular organ of intelligence in the Highlands, perhaps you will be good enough to draw public attention to the sayings of the "angel" of the Free North Church, Inverness, as reported in your issue of last week. In drawing the attention of his hearers to the fact that Union was more than in the air, he promised to keep silent till the basis of the proposed Union was known. He had no respect, he said, for people who pretended to be "united" with the Church. But perhaps he would be good enough to explain what he means by suggesting the other extreme of zeal and purity in the Church of Christ. What right has Mr Mackenzie to set himself up as a paragon to interpret any move on the part of the members of the Free Church, as if his voice was of any value in her councils? Has not his voice and those of others like him already done enough mischief amongst the poor simple people in the North? Is it not high time the Highland press was to take a stand on behalf of the people, and condemning the assumption of such popery? The Rev. Mr Mackenzie will be quiet, forsooth, till he knows the basis, and then! Is not the Old and New Testaments, and Jesus Christ as the only mediator and atonement for sin, a sufficient basis to unite all the Churches in Christendom? Sir, the teaching of creeds, constitutions, and traditions, has done, and is doing, its black work amongst a simple but untutored people in the Highlands. Look at the distracted state of the Gaelic-speaking portions of the Free Church in Inverness and northwards, owing to the teaching and attitude of self-holiness assumed by would-be leaders of the Church. As a Highlander, I am ashamed of the way that my loyal and simple-minded countrymen are misled by some of their ministers. But we should wait till the basis of the Union between the Free and P.P. Churches is known, and then the "angel" of the Free North of Inverness will speak, and he of course, will tell us what to do.—I am, Sir, yours, &c.,
JOHN MACKENZIE,
Glasgow, May 6th, 1898.

THE NORTHERN INFIRMARY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of the Managers of the Northern Infirmary was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Inverness, on Wednesday—Provost Maclean presiding. Those present were—Mr E. H. Macmillan, Mr James Anderson, Rev. Mr Connell, Rev. Mr Cameron, Bailie Snowie, Rev. Mr Murdoch, Mr Geo. Black, Mr Jonathan Ross, Mr J. C. Macdonald, Mr Alex. Williamson, Mr Bailie Maclean, Dr Macfarlane, Mr R. L. Mackintosh, ex-Provost Fraser, Rev. Dr Norman Macleod, Dr Alex. Ross, Dean of Guild Fraser, Dr Moir, and Mr Duncan Shaw, hon. secretary, Mr Macleman, collector, was also in attendance.

Mr Macmillan, hon. treasurer, submitted the annual financial statement, which showed that the revenue for 1897 had amounted to £2799 9s 11d, an increase of £286 8s, compared with the previous year. Expenditure amounted to £2954 18s 7d, an excess over income of £155 8s 8d. The average cost per inmate was £25 15s 10d, the average number of daily inmates 66.80 compared with 85.13, and the average duration of treatment 28.79 days, compared with 29 days in 1896. The non-paying room had now been completed, and was proving a most useful adjunct to the Institution; and the memorial chapel, the gift of the Dowager Lady Tweedmouth, was

rapidly approaching completion, and will shortly be opened by her ladyship in person. Towards the end of the year the Managers issued a special appeal to friends of the Infirmary to enable the Managers to supply two greatly felt wants—first, wards, to be called the Victoria Jubilee Wards, for patients suffering from diseases which, although not absolutely incurable, take long to yield to treatment, who at present, owing to limited accommodation, have prematurely to leave the Infirmary; and, second, more adequate and convenient accommodation for nurses and probationers. Several old and some new friends at once liberally responded to the appeal, placing at the disposal of the Committee a sum of £1013 towards the cost of the scheme (£2000), and the Managers, relying on the generous support accorded to them in the past, did not doubt that the balance would be speedily forthcoming. The report concluded with thanks to those who had sent gifts, and the ladies who had rendered services during the year.

Provost Maclean moved the adoption of the report. He thought they had every reason to be satisfied with the financial position of the Institution, and that they might congratulate themselves on the great improvement effected by the opening of the operating room and the addition of the various offices, which rendered the Institution one of the most complete in the Kingdom. It was also

gratifying to know that fully one-half of the cost of the scheme, inaugurated by Mr Anderson for the establishment of the proposed Victoria Jubilee Wards, intended to allow patients a longer stay than the Institution could afford at present, had been subscribed. They were greatly indebted to Mr Anderson for his foresight had not been at fault when he said that the necessary public support would be forthcoming.—(applause). Provost Maclean hoped that the full amount would be subscribed within the twelve months.—(applause). He added to his motion a vote of thanks to the Managers, treasurer, and secretary, and their recommendation to these offices.

Mr Black seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

The following Managers were unanimously reappointed:—Messrs Geo. Walker, Alex. Williamson, Geo. Black, John Mackintosh, Southwood, and Alexander Fraser, Island Bank.

The members of the House Committee were re-elected, with the exception of Bailie Macdonald, who was unable to attend the meeting. His place being filled by the election of Rev. Gavin Lang. The filling of the vacancy in the medical staff caused by the resignation of Dr Henry Fraser was postponed, and it was agreed to advertise for a house surgeon in room of Dr Sibbald, who had received an appointment in Stirling. The appointment of committees and the usual votes of thanks concluded the proceedings.

EASTER ROSS DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

THE quarterly meeting of the Easter Ross District Committee was held in the Court House, Tain, last Saturday—Mr John Gordon, Chairman of the Committee, presiding. Mr Munro, the recently-appointed clerk, was in his place as Clerk for the first time.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, a statement of the requirements for the quarter from 15th February last to 15th May was submitted and approved.

In terms of Section 49 of the Roads and Bridges Act, 1878, a carefully-prepared report of the condition of the roads of the district and the special improvement necessary to be done during the year was submitted by the Road Surveyor.

Mr Munro, Rockfield, asked why the report had not been submitted to the Committee before it had been transferred to the County Clerk.

The Surveyor explained that he had sent in the report at the time required by statute. Mr Munro said that that was not his complaint, but that this Committee had not been convened as usual to discuss the report, and that they were not in order in discussing it now.

The Clerk said that it might be an oversight on his part which would not occur again. The meeting then proceeded to the next business, and the Road Surveyor's quarterly report, which was read by Mr Mackay on the state of the road leading to the Muckle Ferry, was approved of.

INVERNESS COUNTY COUNCIL.

THE CONGESTED DISTRICTS AND ALLOTMENTS.

THE County Council of Inverness met in the Castle on Thursday. Locked presidet, and the members of Council present were: Messrs Hugh Thomson, J. Shearer, E. N. Mackintosh, W. Davidson, R. Thomson, W. Maclean, W. Burns, J. Cran, J. Peter, J. B. Grant, W. Cameron, E. Grant, W. Grant, Drumbois; J. T. Garricho, J. Macdougall, Colonel Robert Grant, C. D. Grant, Lord Lovat, Messrs W. G. Stuart, C. J. Brewster Macpherson, Sir George Macpherson-Grant, Bart.; Messrs James Macdonald, George Malcolm, R. Everard Jones, Colonel J. A. Macdonald, Rev. Thomson Mackay, Colonel Alexander Macdonald, Macleod of Macleod, Messrs Macdonald of Skiboak, J. Mackenzie, Uig; P. Morrison, Rev. Alex. Grant, Trunagarry; Messrs R. Sinclair, D. Paterson, and M. Macleod, officials—Dr Ogilvie Grant, Medical Officer; Mr F. Grant, Collector; Mr J. W. Gledhill, Sanitary Inspector; Messrs Anderson & Shaw, County Clerks.

The first business was the vacancy caused by the death of Mr Alex. Mackenzie, who represented Boleikine. Two names were suggested by the ratepayers, but, in view of the fact that Mr Mackenzie died in November, it was agreed not to fill the vacancy.

Committees having been re-elected and improved, there was a talk of appointing an Appeal Committee for the whole of the mainland, but eventually the District Committee was re-appointed, with two to form a quorum instead of five. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the North Uist Medical Officer's salary was raised by £5, and Mr Alex. Macmillan, Balaich, Benbecula, was appointed to take charge of the Petersport Pier, the question of salary to be considered when the pier is in the working order. Then THE EVERGREEN QUESTION.

The question of the Congested Districts Board was taken up. The Finance Committee, according to Mr J. Mackenzie, Uig, had been for five months corresponding with the Board in reference to a grant for the boat-pool at Staffin.

Mr J. Mackenzie, Uig, had been for five months corresponding with the Board in reference to a grant for the boat-pool at Staffin, and it was about time that some definite conclusion should be arrived at. Correspondence was read showing that the people applied to raise £20 towards the work, besides giving labour, and the West Highland Board had resolved to carry out the work as far as the money would go. The County Council, Mr Gordon said, did not see their way to take over the work, and as they had no further grant the scheme could not proceed. The Congested Board had done nothing finally about this, and they had done nothing finally about anything. Certainly not an hour had been lost by the Finance Committee in connection with the delay. It was agreed, on the motion of Mr J. Mackenzie, that the Finance Committee have the matter proceeded with as soon as the money could be found.

It was reported that offices had been provided for the County Medical Officer and Sanitary Inspector in Academy Street. The question had been in communication with the Prison Commissioners in reference to the proposal to sell to the County the existing prison buildings and to erect

elsewhere. They wanted £5000 for the buildings, and the Council were to provide a site for the new prison free. It was understood that the Inverness Town Council were likely to relieve them of the building. Mr Gordon, C.E., had written a suitable one, but would cost a capitalised sum of £1480, and was inconveniently situated. The Maggot would be a perfect site. It was agreed meanwhile to ascertain the views of the Town Council for the County did not consider it advisable to have left on their hands property which would practically be "a white elephant."

Petitions to make new roads at Taret, Balahine, and Carnan having been remitted to committees, the following expenditure on roads for the year was agreed to:—Inverness District, £2940 17s 4d; Arid, £2543 15s 6d; Badenoch, £1650 7s 6d; Lochaber, £2616 0s 6d; Skye, £1471 15s; North Uist, £457; Harris, £247; South Uist and Barra, £432. A proposal to erect a iron bridge over the Craggie Burn at Daviot was postponed until the October meeting.

THE ANNUAL REPORTS.

THE Annual Reports of the Medical Officer and the Sanitary Inspector having been formally presented and these gentlemen thanked for the work done, the bye-laws under the Public Health Act were disposed of, and a long discussion took place on the subjects of the Act in the Highlands. Correspondence regarding the applications for allotments from North Uist and Barra showed that the Congested Districts Board, with the consistency which characterises that peculiar body, had declined to deal with them.

Lochel wanted to put the applicants before the meeting whether the applicants were eligible. The Scottish Office had decided that crofters and crofters' sons and cottars were eligible for allotments; but he was of opinion that an allotment was, in the meaning of the Act, a garden held by cottars and agricultural labourers, chiefly, and very few of the applicants in question were agricultural labourers. What was wanted by them was land to occupy stock and work, and he thought that in the interests of the allotments where large sums of money were being spent to relieve congestion, he moved that the applications be not entertained.

Skaebot seconded. Mr Shearer, who was a member of the Committee, said he had no doubt the land was there for allotments, and that the people were there to work it. The allotments would be the means of making good citizens and good men who would be required one of those days, because what they had at present for

THEIR SOLDIERS WERE CUTTER SPARRERS (laughter and interruption). He knew it, for he saw them every day. The Mackintosh of Mackintosh rose to a point of order, and said he would have to insist upon the withdrawal of the statement regarding their soldiers.

Mr Shearer said he would withdraw it at once.—(applause). Mr Mackenzie, Uig, thought the Congested Districts Board should assist the crofters and cottars to settle down on larger holdings. It was a great hardship for them to have to go far from home and earn enough to support their families.

Mr Morrison moved that the Committee's report be approved, and that the Council proceed to examine the applications.

Rev. Mr Grant seconded the motion. Mr Donald Grant moved that the applications be

REMITTED TO THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

and Macleod seconded, this becoming the finding of the meeting. The Council unanimously approved of the proposal of the Skye District Committee to make application to the Light Railways Commissioners for an order authorising the extension of a line in Skye to aid in the construction of the Hebridean Light Railway.

The meeting concluded with the adoption of a motion by Lord Lovat that a Deputy Committee be appointed to act in conjunction with the Army Depot at Inverness in administering the scheme for the employment of army reserve men who are natives of the county.

CLAIM TO EARLDOM OF CAITHNESS.

IMPENDING ACTION BY A PARISH MINISTER.

A firm of solicitors in Edinburgh has been engaged for some considerable time in collecting evidence to support the claim of Rev. John Sinclair, M.A., B.D., minister of Kinloch-Rannoch, Perthshire, to the Earldom of Caithness. We are informed that the case for the claimant is all but complete, and that he will shortly come before the Courts. It is believed that at the first meeting of Scotland at Holywood House, Mr Sinclair will intimate his claim to the peerage, and formally enter his protest to the honours being held by the present Earl. Of course such a protest would serve no purpose but to draw attention to his claim, and the case must BE FOUGHT OUT ELSEWHERE.

If the claimant persists in his action the litigation will be long and protracted, inasmuch as he likewise claims certain estates in Caithness-shire which have been detached from the title for more than a hundred years. Rev. Mr Sinclair is the son of a Ross-shire farmer. He graduated M.A. at Aberdeen University in 1874, and subsequently B.D., and has been minister of Kinloch-Rannoch since 1878. It is undoubtedly the descendant of the eighth Earl of Caithness, and if he should be able to prove, as it is alleged he is, that the said David married his housekeeper, and so forth, there can be no doubt as to the validity of his claim. It is, however, been generally assumed that no such marriage took place, or that if it did the fact could not be proved. On the death of the ninth Earl in 1765 the title, according to the claimant's statement, should have passed to Broynach's grandson, the late Captain Sinclair, but on the ground that the latter was ill at the time, the honours were usurped in 1772 by William Sinclair of Rattray, a descendant of the fourth Earl. On the death of the eleventh Earl in 1789, the title went to Sir James Sinclair, Bart., of Mey, also descended from the fourth Earl. The late Sir Sinclair's great-grandson died in 1899, and the title, after remaining dormant for some time, was adjudged in 1890 to a descendant of the first baronet of Mey, the late Mr James Augustus Sinclair, C.A., Aberdeen, whose son is the present and seventeenth Earl. All these years, it is alleged, the Rev. Mr Sinclair's ancestors have been wrongfully kept out of the title. Should Mr Sinclair be successful in his action the present Earl would, of course, cease to be Earl of Caithness. He would, however, emerge as Sir John Sutherland Sinclair, Bart., of Mey, he being in any event heir to the title which was created in 1631. The claimant also intends

TO ATTEMPT TO NULLIFY the deed of entail executed in 1761 by the ninth Earl, whereby estates said to be worth £10,000 per annum passed on that nobleman's death in 1765 to his remote kinsman, Sir John Sinclair of Stevenson, in Haddingtonshire. Alternatively, the sum of £1,000,000, which would probably be compounded for a tenth of that amount, is to be claimed in respect of rents illegally accruing and collected from 1765 down to the present time. It is alleged that in executing the entail the Earl was actuated by hatred of the descendant of his uncle Broynach, of whose alleged legitimacy he was perfectly well aware, and further, that the deed was null and void in respect that the grantor had not been in one of his estates, and that generally in disposing of patrimonial property he acted ultra vires. Owing to the sale of various parts of the lands so entailed, only a portion remain in the possession of the present Sir R. C. Sinclair of Muckle and Stevenson, so that the action for recovery would affect various Caithness-shire proprietors. The estates appertaining to the baronetcy of Mey, which were bequeathed by the fifth Earl to the late Sir James Sinclair, are in no way affected by Mr Sinclair's claim. Owing to the local connection of Lord Caithness and the claimant, and the far-reaching issues involved, the case is certain to arouse the keenest interest in Aberdeen and the North of Scotland.—Aberdeen Evening Gazette.

THE WINTER HERDING ACT.

POINDING CASE.

IT will be remembered that Sheriff Scott-Moncrieff recently issued an interlocutor in this case, in which he found for the pursuer. The Sheriff-Principal, in the appeal, now reverses that judgment, and finds for the defender, with expenses. The case arose out of the poinding of some sheep by Allan Smith, crofter, Turmeric, Aberdeenshire, belonging to Alexander Fraser, crofter, Gairlyne, there. These parties are neighbours. Fraser's sheep were, it was alleged, in the habit of trespassing on Smith's land. Smith poinded the sheep on several occasions, and on these occasions gave them back to Fraser's brother on the latter simply signing an acknowledgment for them. On the occasion which gave rise to the action, however, the sheep were poinded, and Smith called upon Fraser and asked him to go and retrieve the sheep. Fraser did so, and identified the sheep to Smith, who then gave him a receipt. Fraser, however, refused to do so, but said he would settle for them. Fraser maintained that he meant to settle for them there and then, but Smith said that he understood that Fraser was not to do so. Smith wanted Fraser to settle at the same time for previous poindings, which Fraser declined to do, and the sheep were left in Smith's hands. Smith put them into an enclosure, and during the night they were seen away, the poinding of two men having been traced after the tracks of the sheep. Thereupon Fraser raised this action against Smith for delivery of the sheep or for damages. The Sheriff-Substitute decided as above-mentioned, but the Sheriff-Principal has now reversed that judgment in an interlocutor, which is as follows:— "Inverness, 2nd May, 1898.—The Sheriff having heard parties' procurators, and considered the defender's appeal and whole process, recalls the interlocutor appealed against. Finds in point of fact (1) That the defender, on 16th February, poinded the sheep belonging to the pursuer, which had trespassed on the defender's ground in consequence of the pursuer's failure duly to herd the same, and that immediately afterwards he intimated the poinding to the pursuer; (2) that on the same day the pursuer had a meeting with the defender, when he told the latter that he would settle for the ten sheep, but he did not pay to the defender the sum of five marks due for the ten sheep under the statute, or tender payment of the said sum to the defender; (3) that at the said meeting the defender offered to deliver the ten sheep to the pursuer if the latter settled for the ten sheep, and also for a number of sheep poinded by the defender on previous occasions, or alternatively, if the pursuer signed a receipt for the ten sheep, but the pursuer declined to agree to either alternative; (4) that the ten sheep were accordingly retained by the defender, and were put by him in a safe and sufficient place, from the defender's ground in consequence of the pursuer's failure duly to herd the same, and the statutory penalty of five marks for the ten sheep, but prayed that without any such payment the defender should be ordained to deliver the ten sheep, or alternatively, to pay damages, and that it was only on 10th March 1898, when the record was adjusted, that he tendered payment thereof; finds in point of law that, in the circumstance, the defender was entitled to poind and retain the ten sheep, as he did, under the statute, and that he is not liable in damages to the pursuer; therefore recalls the judgment of the petition, and allows the defender and defender's procurator to continue to prosecute the petition, and remits to the auditor to tax the same and report.

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AGENTS.—FOR PURSUER, Mr Kenneth Macdonald; FOR DEFENDER, Mr Squair.

LATEST NEWS.

THE WAR.

THREATENED REVOLUTION IN SPAIN.

PROBABLE FLIGHT OF QUEEN REGENT.

Vienna, Thursday night.—The report of the intended resignation of the Queen Regent of Spain is confirmed here from telegrams received from the Austrian Ambassador at Madrid. It appears that the Queen Regent is only waiting for a suitable moment to leave Spain—that is, when she can do so without inquiring her son's interests. Apartments have been already reserved for Her Majesty at one of the Vienna hotels in case she arrives before the preparations for her suite of rooms, which are being made at her brother's palace, are quite completed.—"Daily Telegraph."

THE MOVEMENTS OF THE FLEETS.

The "Times" New York correspondent telegraphs:—It is stated on trustworthy authority that the dispatch of the North Atlantic squadron from Key West is in pursuance of the plan prepared by the Naval War Board having as its object the interception and destruction of the Spanish Fleet. It is the confident belief of the authorities that, notwithstanding reports to the contrary, the destruction of the Spanish warships which left Cape Verde is Porto Rico.

A GREAT BATTLE EXPECTED.

Washington, Thursday.—The heavier vessels of Rear-Admiral Sampson's fleet have sailed in the direction of Porto Rico, with the intention of intercepting and destroying the Cape Verde Squadron, which is believed to be heading westward. If it does not appear, Porto Rico will be bombarded and captured. Then Admiral Sampson, reinforced by Commodore Schley, will await the coming of the combined Spanish Squadron, which is now rumored to be gathering at Cadiz. The engagement of the United States and Spanish navies is believed to be the greatest naval conflict of modern times, and the result is discounted as an American victory. The President hopes that when Spain loses Porto Rico, and is deprived of her sea strength, she will be willing to surrender Cuba without a further struggle, in which case there will be no necessity for sending a large volunteer army of invasion into the island. Meantime a small Cuban fort will be seized as a base of supplies and munitions of war for the insurgents.—"Daily Chronicle."

DETAILS OF THE MANILLA FIGHT.

Singapore, Thursday.—A private telegram

LEWIS.

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

TIDE TABLE.

Table with columns: Date of Month, Morning, Evening, H.M., H.M. Rows for May 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

STORNOWAY.

Sky news will be found on page 6. A letter on the Lewis Railway opposition meeting will be found on page 2.

RATEPAYERS' MEETING.—A full report of this meeting, unavoidably held over, will appear in our columns next week.

Provost Anderson has, we understand, resigned the office of Justice of Peace Clerk for the Lewis.

On Sunday afternoon the members of the Stornoway Company H.V.A., to the number of about sixty, attended divine worship in the Established Church, where Rev. Mr. Mackenzie officiated.

SALE OF PROPERTY.—On Friday last the property situated on North Beach, Castle, and Point Streets was exposed for sale by public auction. After a spirited competition it was knocked down to Mr. Alex. Macrae for Mr. David Tolmie at £2810, the upset price being £2500. Mr. John Morrison was auctioneer.

COMMUNION.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in the Stornoway Free English Church on Sunday. Rev. J. S. Macdonald was assisted during the services by Rev. John Mackin, Kinloch; Rev. John Macleod, Garabost; Rev. Mr. Campbell, probationer; and Rev. Mr. Hendry, presently relieving Rev. Mr. Hunter in the United Presbyterian Church.

A BRUTAL ASSAULT.—Before Bailie Thos. Morrison at Stornoway on Wednesday, John Macphail, fisherman, South Bragar, Barvas, was charged with having, on Church Street, on the previous day, attacked Donald Macleod, a cripple boy, kicking him several times on the left knee. He pleaded guilty. His honour, who characterised the assault as a most brutal one, passed sentence of £1, or four days.

ATHLETIC CLUB.—The annual general meeting of the members of the Stornoway Athletic Club was held in Lady Matheson's Seminary on Tuesday night, Mr. W. A. Ross, president, in the chair. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz.:—President, Mr. W. A. Ross; Vice-President, Mr. W. G. Mackenzie (both retired); Joint Secretaries and Treasurers, Messrs. Macleod, Macleod, deputy procurator; fiscal, and Mr. K. D. Murray, Estate Agent; Committee—Dr. Mackenzie, Superintendent; Smith, Messrs. A. Fraser, John Maclean, J. C. Smith, and Duncan Mackenzie. The President referred to the loss the club had sustained by the removal from the district of their regular secretary, Mr. John Macleod, who was really responsible for the inauguration of the Stornoway Games, and the secretary was instructed to record an expression of the members' regret on this occasion. It was agreed to hold a concert—on the 2nd of May—in aid of the funds of the club, and it is intended, if practicable, to hold the games on Wednesday, 10th August, but the date of the gathering has not yet been definitely fixed.

WEST COAST FISHING.

Stornoway, 5th May, 1898. Once more we are on the eve of our great summer herring fishing season, to which all interested—and who in Stornoway are not?—have been looking forward almost since the close of the fishing of 1897. Already the town, so far as bustle and business activity is concerned, is quite a different place from the Stornoway we knew only a week ago. The boats proceed to sea for the first time on Tuesday next (10th May), so that ere another issue of the "News" leaves the press the fishing will have begun. Our own fishermen are busily engaged getting their boats in order; already 30 or 40 East Coast boats have come in, and others are hourly arriving. It is expected that the fleet working from Stornoway this summer will be about the largest we have ever had, and it is already known that at least ten new fishing firms will be represented, and we understand that not an available piece of ground in a town suitable for a curing station has been left unlet. The quays and wharves are simply littered with fishing plant, steamers having arrived during the week with full cargoes of stock from the principal centres on the East Coast—Peterhead, Fraserburgh, Aberdeen, Wick. On Saturday the steamer "Golfair" arrived with a large cargo of salt from Weston Point, and on Wednesday the "Donald and Doris" arrived with salt from Runcorn. Both cargoes were imported by Eneas M. Mackenzie. Altogether, preparations are being made on a very extensive scale—too extensive for the peace of mind of certain superstitious friends of ours, who declare that it has "always" been the case in their experience that where great preparations were made the fishing proved disappointing. It is to be hoped that the season's fishing at Stornoway may have the effect of shaking their faith in this superstition.

The following firms are either already represented here, or their representatives are expected in the course of a few days:—Messrs. Bain, Stornoway; John Birnie, Buckie; Andrew Bremner, Wick; T. M. Brown & Sons, Lowestoft; W. Bruce, Peterhead; Burnett Bros., Fraserburgh; Thos. Burnett, Fraserburgh; D. Chalmers, Findochty; A. Cowie & Co., Lossiemouth; A. O. Crawford, Wick; Thos. Currie, Manchester; G. Davidson, Wick; D. Davidson Gray & Co., Leith; J. P. Davidson, Fraserburgh; P. Davidson & Co., do.; J. Deuchart, Wick; A. Duncan, Aberdeen; Duthie & Barrie, Fraserburgh; L. Findlay & Son, Aberdeen; A. Platt & Co., Findochty; J. Elett & Sons, do.; W. Geddes, Portgordon; J. Henry, Buckie; Glasgow Fishing and Bivalve Company, Ltd.; Goodbrand & Murray, Portneckie; E. Gordon, Fraserburgh; W. Gordon & Co., Peterhead; G. C. Hutchison, Inverness; R. & W. Hutchison, Peterhead; A. Innes & Co., Fraserburgh; James Jenkinson, Burghhead; Kelsall Bros., Liverpool; Wm. Lumsden, jun., Peterhead; Robert Milne, Aberdeen; H. Macallan, Inverness; L. R. Macallan, Fraserburgh; Macconnachie Bros., London; Macfarlane Bros., Stornoway; J. Macfarlane, Inverness; J. Mackenzie, do.; K. Mackenzie, do.; Mackenzie & Son, Stornoway; Maclean & Co., do.; W. Macleachlan & Co., Glasgow; J. Macleod, Stornoway; Macrae & Co., do.; John Mair & Co., Peterhead; Mair & Son, Stornoway; Wm. May, Fraserburgh; J. Miller, Wick; J. M. Morrison, Stornoway; John Morrice, Aberdeen; John Murray, Stornoway; W. Murray, Wick; Thomas Mackenzie, do.; Peterhead; M. Nicol, do.; J. Ovenson, Glasgow; D. D. Pirie & Co., Leith; J. Plooman, Great Yarmouth; J. Reid, Saltcoats; R. Ritchie & Co., Roseworthy; A. Ronaldson, Wick; Sayer & Holloway, Lowestoft; J. & J. Scott, Peterhead; Scottish-Russian Fishing Co., Peterhead; Sinclair & Buchan, Peterhead; Sinclair & Sutherland, Lybster; Wm. Slater & Sons, Hopeman; G. Smith, North Sunderland; K. Smith, Stornoway; Smith & Co., Stornoway; M. Stare, Berlin; Andrew Stephen, Fraserburgh; D. MacVicar, Stornoway; J. & W. Stephen, do.; Robert Stephen, do.; John Summers, do.

THE LIGHT RAILWAY PROJECT.

A special meeting of the Lewis District Committee was held on Monday to consider and dispose of the following motion, of which notice had been given by Councillor J. M. Morrison, backed by Councillor Eneas M. Mackenzie:—"That the Lewis District Committee approve of the intention of making application to the Light Railway Commissioners for an order authorising an advance, by way of loan, to the Hebridean Light Railway Company, Limited, of a capital sum of nine thousand pounds sterling, or of such other capital sum as can be raised by an assessment levied over part of the Lewis District (excluding the burgh of Stornoway) as follows, viz.:—As regards the landward part of the parish of Stornoway, a sum yearly, not exceeding sixpence per acre, and as regards the parish of Uig, a sum not exceeding eightpence per acre yearly, both assessments payable equally by landlord or proprietor and tenant, to aid in the construction of the light railways in Lewis, proposed by the same Hebridean Light Railway Company, Limited, as in and to the plan, or plans, lodged, or to be lodged, by them, which capital sum is to be applied in the manner directed by the Light Railway Commissioners in their order authorising the construction of said light railways or any modification of the same directed by them."

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CHAPTER XVI.

Across the grass at this moment walked Jasper Lynne. In his hand he carried an open letter, and he was reading it. Diana saw that his face was ghastly in its pallor. He came straight in at the window, and stood beside her chair. She did not move at his entrance, or appear to notice that he was there.

"Diana," she looked up, coldly, without the smallest show of interest. "Yes?"

Jasper glared at her. His eyes as they rested upon her were wild and angry.

"I have news that will please you, although you are so indifferent," he hissed from between his teeth—"news that will please you almost as much as it does me, for, though you do not love me, you hate me still more. Ah! I thought you would wake up. Leila has beaten us, Diana Talbot! In spite of our machinations she has kept Harold's love, and now succeeds to his fortune."

Diana sprang to her feet. Her great eyes glittered and a cry broke from her lips. "You are mad, Jasper Lynne!"

"Would that I were!" he wiped the cold perspiration from his brow—"because I might become sane again and find that this was not true. But unless something is done, unless we can secure this will, and—well, let us say, lose it, Leila inherits every penny of Harold Lynne's fortune."

"What can you mean? There is no will. My uncle—"

"He is safe enough, poor old man. I have nothing to fear from him. But look at this," holding out a letter. "To-day, as I rode along, a boy ran after me, saying that in his mother's house a soldier lay dying. He had news of Harold, he told them, and wished to see someone from Ravenswell."

"Harold!" gasped Diana, her face lighting up suddenly with a great, an unexpected joy. "He is not dead, then? Oh—say he is not dead."

"Oh—he is dead—there is no doubt about that," cried Jasper. "But before he died—on the eve of the battle in which he was killed—he wrote this letter and gave it to this soldier, who had been severely wounded and was going home soon—charging him to give it to Leila herself—if possible. Read it for yourself—I cannot."

Diana took the letter from his trembling hands, and, going close to the window that she might catch the fading light, read as follows:

MY DARLING, — To-morrow, to-night—any moment—we may be face to face with the enemy. God alone knows whether I shall ever see your sweet face again. May He bless and protect you, my love, my darling; and I mean to tell you what I mean to tell you long ago. In the secret drawer in the library, of which you and I alone know, is my will. In it I leave you everything I possess in the world. Good-bye, my love, good-bye—Yours till death, HAROLD LYNNE.

The paper fluttered to the ground. Diana uttered a deep sob, and buried her face in her hands. "How he loved her—how he loved her! And I—!" Then starting to her feet she cried: "This must never reach her. Leila must never know that he died loving her. It would kill me to know that she received this letter. It must be destroyed at once."

The fierceness in her voice startled Jasper. But he glanced approvingly at the white, determined face.

"You are right. And it shall be destroyed—now." He tore the letter into atoms and tossed them out of the window. "There! so much for that. But the will remains. Any day—any hour—it may be discovered, and I, Jasper Lynne, owner of a good old name, and a title to boot, would be little less than a beggar with Ravenswell to keep up."

"Do not alarm yourself. The will, too, can be destroyed."

"For a moment their eyes met. "True," he said. "But do you know the drawer he means? Can you find it?"

"I do not know the drawer. But I may find it. And, if the worst comes—if we cannot discover it—!" She bent forward and whispered a few words in his ear.

Jasper staggered back—a look of horror flashed across his face.

"The old place—the old home! I could not do it—"

Diana looked at him contemptuously. "You are only a half-hearted villain after all, Jasper Lynne."

Then, with a short, mocking laugh, she swept past him out of the room.

All this time Mrs. Oakleigh was in a state of grief bordering upon distraction. The knowledge that her husband lay wounded—sick, perhaps, unto death—in the midst of uncivilised people, surrounded by all the horrors of war, without a friend to nurse or take care of him, drove her wild and caused her the most intense anguish.

Jennie came home from the hospital and devoted herself to the difficult task of comforting and consoling her mother. Nettie, too, like the loving little daughter she was, left her studies, and joined with her sister in doing all she could to lighten the poor woman's burden of grief by lavishing upon her all possible signs of love and affection.

And poor Leila, prostrate and broken down, her whole life ruined, every hope of happiness shattered by Harold's sudden and awful death, incapable when once the full knowledge of her cruel bereavement had dawned upon her, of uttering a word of consolation or sympathy without a passionate fit of weeping, was a source of much comfort to the sorrowing woman during this terrible time. The sight of that sweet face, the large, loving brown eyes raised in tearful sympathy to hers; the touch of those trembling lips pressed against her own; the girl's deep, unutterable woe, which shewed itself in every turn of her golden head, in every movement of her body, touched Mrs. Oakleigh most keenly, and she felt drawn to this poor lonely child in a manner that astonished her.

"How sweet and tenderly kind she is," she would think. "And yet her sorrow is greater than it ought to be. I wonder why she grieves so much?"

And, watching Leila, she gradually felt less absorbed in her own dark thoughts, less occupied with her own grief. Sympathy for others is apt to make us unselfish, and so, whilst reflecting upon Leila's sorrow, and longing to bring a little happiness into her life, Mrs. Oakleigh thought less frequently of herself. And as she ceased to brood over her trouble, she became more hopeful, and, to the delight of her daughters, began to take an interest in her various duties once more.

And then one day a letter was put into her hand, and as she recognised her husband's writing she swooned away. But oh! the joy that awaited her on recovering consciousness. Colonel Oakleigh wrote cheerfully. He was doing well. His wounds were healing fast. In a few weeks he would be able to travel, and then, if all went on satisfactorily, in a couple of

months he would have the happiness of clasping his dear ones in his arms.

"And now," cried Mrs. Oakleigh, looking round joyfully at the three girls, "we must fret no more. From this day we must be happy and cultivate our roses, so that when your dear father returns he may find us bright and pleasant to look upon. Nettie, my darling, your cheeks must get back those rosy dimples that he loved so well. Jennie, I trust you will get a little plump. These weeks of sorrow have told upon you. And as for Leila—"

But Leila was gone. They heard her foot upon the stair and a few gasping sobs as she hurried along. Then the door of her room was shut and locked, and they heard no more.

"The child has some fresh grief of her own," said Mrs. Oakleigh, sadly, "some sorrow she will not speak about."

"Yes," replied Nettie, her dark eyes filling with tears. "She neither sleeps nor eats. There must be some bitter sorrow in her heart."

"Poor girl, she has been cruelly treated," said Jennie, "and that preys on her mind at times. But she will soon be better, I feel sure."

"There is more than that wrong now," insisted Nettie. "Something has happened to make her more wretched of late."

"Poor darling! I am afraid Nettie is right. But we must try to cheer her now, and make her life as bright as we can," said Mrs. Oakleigh. "My heart has gone out more than ever lately to the dear child. I feel sometimes as if she were really my own, my little dead Esther."

Jennie smiled and kissed her mother tenderly. "That is an old fancy of yours. But it is not a wonderful one, dear. The fact that Leila was once in a railway accident put it first into your head."

"Perhaps. And yet," thoughtfully, "the girl is just what my darling might have been; she was such a pretty child."

The next day Jennie and Nettie returned to their work; but Leila felt too ill to go through a day's drudgery at the studio, and remained at home. During the morning hours she stayed in her room, working and reading, but in the afternoon a longing for air took possession of her, and putting on her hat and jacket she went out.

Suddenly, as she walked along, she determined to visit Mrs. Giles once more, and question her a little farther as to her assertion that she was her grandmother. Of late she had not troubled herself much about this unpleasant relationship, as her mind had been completely filled with the one terrible thought that Harold was dead—that she should never see him again.

"It matters little now whose child I am," she cried. "And yet to know the truth—to feel that had my darling lived I might have been his, would comfort me. Oh! I would give worlds to know really who my mother was. She, at any rate, was not this woman's child."

So thinking, Leila stepped into a 'bus, and was rattled away towards the dirty slums in which dwelt this wretched old woman. As she went thoughts of all that had happened since the first eventful day on which she had first driven to Silver Lane crowded in upon her, and she felt faint and sick at heart as she remembered all that she had suffered, and was likely to suffer, in the lonely, desolate future.

At last the 'bus stopped with a jerk, and the trembling girl soon found herself climbing the dirty, greasy stairs that led to Mrs. Giles's apartment.

"Hallo! 'ere we are again," cried a voice, and standing just above her was the same little boy whom she had met upon the occasion of her first visit to the old woman. "Who do yer want now, may I ask?"

"Mrs. Giles. Is she here still?"

"No. She's gone. They spasms did for 'er, bless yer. Someone took to sending 'er money, an' that finished 'er. She's gone to another lodgin' some three weeks back. And the urchin chuckled maliciously.

"To another lodgin'? Did she leave her address?"

"Bless yer, no. She wasn't rightly sure where she was goin'."

"What a pity. I was most anxious to see her."

"Then that you'll never do, Miss. She's dead, and was buried a good time ago. But she's no loss, I can tell yer. An' now look at this. 'Bill,' says she, the day before she died, 'if that 'ere young lady before the beautiful face come a-gain, give 'er this.' And he handed Leila a piece of dirty crumpled paper, upon which the following was written in big round letters—

"I am no relation of yours. What I told you was a lie. I was bribed to tell it.—ANNIE GRAY."

Leila staggered against the wall. The heart beat wildly.

"I wrote it," said the boy at her elbow. "An' it's all true. She swore it on her oath."

The girl looked at him gratefully. She could have embraced him in her joy. But remembering that something more substantial than a kiss would doubtless be more to his taste, she drew out her purse and, reserving only a few pence for her 'bus fare, emptied its contents into his hand.

The boy's face shone with pleasure, and he thanked her long and loudly. Leila did not, however, wait to listen to him, but turned and fled as quickly as possible down the stairs.

From that hour the girl's spirits grew brighter. A terrible load had been lifted from her heart. And though her sorrow for Harold was still intense, she seemed less weighed down with grief and woe. Her lover was dead. Harold could never be her husband. But it was a comfort to know that she was not so terribly unworthy of that position as she had been led to suspect. Things were unchanged in that respect. Nothing more was known of her parents since the time when he had loved and asked her to be his wife; and to the day of her death she would remain true to his memory and the love she had given him. "If I could only see Sir Oswald now," she would frequently exclaim with streaming eyes, "and tell him how false was the story of my relationship to that old woman. If I could but put my arms round his neck, my head on his breast, and tell him how truly I grieve and sympathise with him in his pain and sorrow for Harold—if I could only speak to him for one moment, he would take me back to be his child, and together we would pass our days mourning for our lost darling."

Then, again, she wrote long and loving letters to Sir Oswald. But, as we know already, he never received them, and so no answers came to poor sad little Leila. And then at last, believing that he had ceased to love her, and was resolved never to have anything more to do with her, she gave up in despair, and the post carried no more of her tender pleadings to Ravenswell.

One evening towards the end of June Mrs. Oakleigh sat at the open window in the drawing-room, working. Nettie and Jennie were on the balcony together, discussing with much earnestness a subject very dear to them both, namely, Leila.

"She is determined to go abroad, either as a governess or companion," said Nettie sadly. "She will be independent, and what she earns as a model hardly pays what she considers enough for her board and lodging. Now that her stock of clothes and money is getting low, she finds it

hard to get on. Besides, she is weary of the studio."

"Poor child! I do not wonder. It must be irksome and disagreeable," replied Jenny with quick sympathy. "She has been shamefully treated; brought up in luxury, and then suddenly left alone in London. Just imagine what might have happened if Mary had not known us, or if mother had refused to take her in? It is awful to think of. And yet she will not allow a word to be said against Sir Oswald Lynne. To my mind he is a cruel, heartless old man."

"So it seems to us. Leila says he has been deceived, and that her cousin Diana Talbot is at the bottom of it. She was jealous," perhaps. And I tell you what, Jennie, a sudden light is dawning upon me. Harold Lynne, the man who was killed, was the cause. Now that I remember Leila's face when I told her he was dead—her grief and anguish since—the rings she wears—I seem to see it all. God help her, poor darling; she loved him, may be was engaged to him."

"And the cousin—did she love him too?"

"Probably. And so wished to get rid of Leila."

"But he was away."

"Yes. But she thought he would return. Ah, I see it all. Mary told me that Diana hated Leila; and that she was proud and wicked."

"Jennie, Nettie, my darling children; here is good news!" cried Mrs. Oakleigh, holding out a letter. "Your father will be here to-morrow evening. I—"

They sprang to her side, and clinging to her, kissed her rapturously. "How delightful! How glorious!" they cried. "Dear, dear father! How good it will be to see him again!"

"Yes," she answered, whilst great tears fell unheeded down her cheeks. "I can hardly realise that he is coming. I feel quite uninged. It is so much sooner than I expected. And the joy seems almost too great."

"What does he say, mother?" asked Nettie; "is the poor dear very weak and ill?"

"Then taking the letter, she read it attentively. "Yes; to-morrow in time for dinner." Why, mother, Jenny that means to-night. He'll be here in a few hours!"

"To-night? Yes, of course!" cried Mrs. Oakleigh, trembling with excitement; "so he will."

"And see," continued Nettie, "he says he is bringing a friend"—reading—"a young officer who, having saved me from a blow that would certainly have killed me, was struck down by my side, and whose name was given in the list of the dead. He is a splendid fellow, and will, I am sure, be most welcome to you, my wife and daughters, for the greatest service he has rendered me. And also, when I tell you that he has given me news of our little one—whom we have all believed dead for so many years."

"Our little one, Esther?" exclaimed Mrs. Oakleigh, growing suddenly pale. "He makes a mistake. It is some other child this young man knows about. Our darling died. It would be cruel to raise false hopes in our breasts."

"Yes," said Jennie, "very. And poor papa would be easily roused to hope. He never quite believed she was dead."

"Well, no one ever saw her after death. We were in India; my cousin was ill. But the description of the little girl found near to old servant was exactly like our child. Oh, she was killed, I know."

"Well, dear, we shall soon hear what this officer's story is," said Jennie soothingly. "Meanwhile, darling mother, you must keep calm."

"Yes, dearest—yes. I will try." "But about this officer, Nettie? Is he coming here with father? It will be a little awkward; we have no room for him. What shall we do?"

"Father knows nothing of Leila. He thinks we have a spare room. But I'll make up a bed on the floor in your apartment, dear, and give him mine. It is small. But—"

The door opened suddenly, and Leila appeared upon the threshold. Her eyes were full of tears, and she was in a state of extreme agitation and excitement. "Mrs. Oakleigh," she said in a choking voice, "I must go to Ravenswell to-night. Sir Oswald is dying."

"Dying? Sir Oswald Lynne?"

"Yes. See what Jasper says, and she drew a telegram from her pocket.

Mrs. Oakleigh took it from the girl's trembling fingers, and read as follows:—"If you wish to see Sir Oswald alive, come at once. The latest news is that he is well at half-past six."

Mrs. Oakleigh looked at the girl with deep sympathy. "My dear, I suppose you are bound to go without delay? But alas! I must allow you to go alone. My husband comes home to-night, and neither I nor my daughters could be absent when he returns."

"Of course not." And flinging her arms round her and kissing her warmly, "I am so glad that he is coming. But I have not a moment to spare. My train goes in half an hour."

In great haste Leila collected a few necessary articles, and packed them in a bag. Then saying goodbye to her friends, she jumped into a hansom and drove away.

She was just in time for the train, and before she had thoroughly grasped the situation, or realised what she was doing, she was being whirled rapidly through the country towards Ravenswell.

(To be continued.)

The record of the ninth year's work of the Sailors' Orphan Society of Scotland is published. The object of the Society is to feed, clothe, educate, or otherwise provide for the orphans or fatherless children of seafaring men throughout Scotland who have been left in destitute circumstances. The interesting report is summarised in these words:—"We would state in a few words what is required for the coming year. £10 per day is required for the general expenses and maintenance of the children, or £3600 for the year. £212 will keep one child in the Homes for a year. Perhaps some friends would like to undertake the keep of one or more a year. £3000 is still required, over and above what has been given or promised, to complete the building of the new Homes, and lastly, we want help towards the £100,000 for the Endowment Fund. We do not employ any collectors, nor do we call upon anyone for money, but seek in this way to let it be known what our needs are. May we each try to do what we can for the orphans who, through no fault of their own, are brought into needy circumstances, remembering that as God has given us much, He will expect much from us." There are a receiving home and working boys' home at 2 Elmbank Street, Glasgow, a girls' home at 5 Thistle Street, Glasgow, W., and a boys' home at Mount Blow Street, Dalmuir. Some of the local committees are—Barrs, Rev. A. Macdonald; Forres, Rev. John Macpherson; Lochmaddy, Rev. D. Macdonald, North Uist, and Rev. Alex. Grant, Trumysgair; Port Ellen, Rev. J. Macdonald, Port Bank; Skye, Rev. D. A. Macdonald, Kilmuir; and Rev. Alex. Grant, Broadford; Stornoway, Rev. Provost Smith; Stromeferry, Rev. Alex. Macgarratt; Ullapool, Rev. John Macmillan; Wick, Daniel Weir. The Trustees desire that it should be as widely known as possible that the Society is ready to receive the orphan or fatherless children of seamen from any part of Scotland, if they are in necessitous circumstances, and that without voting papers or any influence.

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THE Highland Home.

BY MORAG.

WEDDING PRESENTS.

WHAT TO GIVE.

SOME STRANGE COLLECTIONS.

MY DEAR MORAG.—A subject which has given rise to much discussion over the tacepms in many of our local drawing-rooms of late is that of the giving of the inevitable wedding present. Only the other afternoon I was present when the matter was discussed from various points, all more or less interesting. One lady in particular waxed eloquent over the subject. In giving a wedding present, many people act wisely in thinking over the matter, even to the smallest detail. The little note attached conveys the donor's best wishes for the happiness of the recipient. The feeling which prompted the giver should be that of love, or respect, or friendly recognition of some little kindness done long ago not forgotten. Anyway, it should be given with hearty good-will, and happy at the prospect of being able to give a little gift on an interesting occasion. One lady present who paraded her opinion of these historic articles, said that she for one would not be a party to accepting such gifts. Well, she is not the only person that I have known having held that idea. I know a gentleman personally who had a horror of receiving presents upon his marriage, and fearing, as he was a public man, that he might be the recipient of several, he actually added to the usual wedding invitations, "No presents." In one instance he, however, was thwarted, for no sooner was his wedding announced than a present arrived in the shape of a set of very valuable hand-painted china. Not wanting to give offence where no offence was intended, he accepted it. Out of courtesy to the giver, who was an old friend of the family, the china was used upon every occasion he was visiting at the house. The gentleman, who was possessed of exquisite taste,

GAVE HIS REASONS

for not accepting wedding presents as he was afraid that his home would be monopolised with things vulgar and hurtful to his eyes. I have no doubt they would appear so to him, but, generally speaking, his case is rarely met with. To those who have an opportunity of viewing wedding presents, they cannot fail to observe the innumerable quantity of similar articles which, however useful they may seem to be, are too often looked upon as white elephants where, with a little forethought or purchasing, or even going the length of consulting the bride or bridegroom—which I don't think would be very unadvisable at the present time—might take the form of some useful article, which would add pleasure and comfort to the owners. Another lady who took part in this lively discussion said the presents she derived from having a look over her wedding presents was almost indescribable, not for the intrinsic value of the articles, but for the happy associations recalled when thinking upon the donors. There was some sentiment in this lady, and her ideas, I thought, were higher than those of the two previous speakers, who wanted to do away with the good old custom. There were present amongst the little group those who considered presents a real grievance in respect that they were called upon too often to contribute, and they were beginning to feel that it was becoming a serious tax upon their resources. With this class I have no sympathy. The very poorest of the poor will at a marriage time banish all thoughts of expenditure, and rise to the occasion and do their part gracefully. There is this much, however, observable nowadays amongst a certain class—those who never consult their purses—the desire is

TOO OFTEN INDULGED IN

to be able to say that their gift was better and more expensive than that given by so-and-so. Yes, this is the class of people to whom I would like to give advice. Never attempt to outshine anyone in the giving of your presents. What you do give, however small or humble, give it with a right spirit, and I am quite sure it will be acceptable and much prized by the recipient. Nowadays there are so many excellent things that one can choose from, and I have seen lately among a bride's presents quite a new departure from the usual list of monotonous silver articles which everyone flies to present. There were several comfortable and chaste drawing-room chairs, old china, and corner cabinets—yes, and actually a butter-churn. I was, indeed, the only sensible collection I have seen for some time. Just fancy one being the possessor of, say, eight or more toast-racks, as many sets of carvers, half-a-dozen cruet-stands, and any number of jelly-dishes. These are only trifling items which are seen in the list, but one can form an idea of the ridiculousness of the collections. To those who purpose presenting wedding presents, take time, and think on something very useful, or, as I have said, consult the bride, for who should know better? To those who advocate "No presents," in many cases I do not think the bride would be much the loser by their adhering to their self-assertive ideas. They prefer to be odd, and as a rule they look it.—Your affectionate Cousin,

FIONA.

Inverness.

MAIDENLY MEMS.

BLACK silk bonnet-ties and cash ribbons can be freshened up and given the crispness they had when new by washing in cold water when new by washing in cold water in which a handful of salt has been dissolved; do not rinse or wring, but hang up to drip off, and iron between soft paper while yet damp.

Princess dresses will certainly be worn this spring on the most dressy occasions.

At this season black and white checked blouses are for some reason always very popular.

White birds and wings adorn much of the spring millinery.

Pansies are of the moment's modes, and the larger and velvetier the flowers the better.

The gowns of to-day are made to be held up so that a pretty jupon is imperative. This, too, must be long and smartly flounced.

The new coats are almost without exception open-fronted, so that the changes may be rung upon the toilette with any number of vests.

The newest of muff chains, though muffs are off for the season, consists of four very fine silk cords held at intervals by steel clasps. This is most chic, as it should be, for it originated in Paris.

Ruches of chiffon appear on many of the new hats, and some French hats have tiny puffs of chiffon plaited in and out with the strands of the straw itself. The effect of this is soft and pretty.

A beautiful luster can be given shirt-bosoms by using a teaspoonful of gum arabic water to every pint of hot starch. The gum arabic water is made by dissolving over night two ounces of fine white gum arabic in a pint of warm water; in the morning strain, and bottle for use.

HOUSEWIFELY HINTS.

MINCE RHUBARB PIE.

ONE cupful of rhubarb after chopping fine, half cupful of sugar, half a cupful of best molasses, half a cupful of water, half a cupful of raisins chopped, one large cracker rolled, one egg, half a teaspoonful of cinnamon, one-third as much clove, a little nutmeg and grated lemon rind, a little salt and one tablespoonful of melted butter; bake with two crusts. This makes two pies.

SOUP THICKENINGS.

Nothing is easier than to spoil soups, stews, or sauces. In the first place be sure there is not one single lump in the thickening itself (test by straining, if necessary), add a little of the hot liquor to be thickened to the bowl of thickening, and pour in very slowly with the left hand, the right stirring the soup, stew or sauce at the bottom of the pot. In using egg-yolks (for cream soups, stews, and blanquettes), add a tablespoonful of cold milk or water for each egg, and beat thoroughly together. Stir constantly after pouring in. If eggs are too expensive for making entire thickening, add to the number you desire to use enough flour thickening to accomplish the desired result.

RHUBARB JAM.

To six quarts of rhubarb add six pounds of granulated sugar and six large lemons; cut the rhubarb into small pieces about the size of a walnut, then the lemons should be sliced and the peel cut very fine; put the fruit (removing the seeds from the lemon) all into a large bowl, then cover with sugar; let it stand twenty-four hours, after which boil slowly for about two hours, taking care it does not stick to the kettle; be careful not to stir so as to break the rhubarb, as it is much nicer preserved in this way and is very delicious.

THREE GOOD DRESSINGS FOR FISH.

1. Soak enough stale bread in strong stock to make, when squeezed out, a pint. Pound this bread to a paste, add one teaspoonful of salt, one half teaspoonful of pepper, the yolks of two raw eggs, one tablespoonful of melted butter, and one half teaspoonful of the grated rind of a lemon—only the outer yellow part. This is sufficient dressing for a six-pound fish. 2. Fry half a small onion, minced fine, in three tablespoonfuls of butter, add the squeezed-out bread (as above) rubbed in a crumb, a teaspoonful of melted butter, salt, spoonful of pepper and one half level teaspoonful of powdered sage. Heat through well, keeping it tossed about, allow to cool, and fill into fish. 3. One pint of stale bread-crumbs; two tablespoonfuls of butter; one teaspoonful of salt; one half saltspoonful of pepper; one teaspoonful of chopped capers; one teaspoonful of chopped parsley; one teaspoonful of onion-juice. Melt the butter, add the onion-juice, and pour over the crumbs, in which all the other seasonings have been thoroughly mixed.

DECORATION NOTES.

THERE are three cardinal rules to be observed in decoration, which the decorator ought to bear in mind, for without attention to these rules the designer fails to design properly.

The three rules are in substance as follows:—

1. The decoration should be adapted to the object decorated; in a word, it should be suitable for its purpose.
 2. The decoration should not detract from the usefulness of the object decorated.
 3. The decoration should not be of more importance than the object decorated.
- In regard to the first rule, suppose one desires to decorate a pillow-slip for bed pillow; it would be an act of folly to embroider it with beads, or to paint it delicately with a landscape or flowers in water colour. The beads would make it uncomfortable to the sleeper, and the water-colour design would be destroyed in washing the slip. Suitable decoration would be embroidery in white, or insertions and edgings of cotton or thread lace, or else drawn work.
- As to the second rule, suppose one wished to decorate a wooden bread plate; one would not carve its whole surface with high relief carvings; as that would interfere with its usefulness; one could not cut bread on such a surface without destroying the carvings. The rim of the bread plate only should be carved.
- Lastly, as to rule third, it would not be suitable to enrich a hand-towel with gold embroidery, or to work it with cut jewels; the only suitable decoration would be something that would not interfere with its usefulness or its comfortable use; for example, embroidery in washable threads, or else drawn work and fringe of its own warp or weft.

HEALTH NOTES.

GLYCERINE is wonderfully curative of chaps with most persons, though the first night there will be heat and smarting when the gloves are first put on, but this soon passes off, and after three or four nights none need be applied.

The function of the nitrogenous portion of our food, it is claimed, is to furnish tissue repairs and digestive fluids. Nitrogenous elements include the proteids, albumen, fibrin, casein, and legumens.

The function of the hydro-carbons, fats and oils, is to furnish nutrition to the nervous system; hence the value of cream, butter, cod-liver oil, olive oil, &c.

The carbo-hydrates, starch and sugar, for instance, supply heat and energy for work. If we lead sedentary lives we do not need so much of these carbo-hydrates as do those who labour.

Good bread is a very perfect form of food, especially when eaten with good butter. Good bread is made of whole or entire wheat-flour, and is somewhat dark in colour. This bread is not fattening, but it is life-supporting.

Moderation in eating is as important a factor toward good health as any one can mention, because just enough of the right sort of food is all that profits the body. Food over and above what the body needs putrefies and fills the stomach and intestines with gas.

Tight lacing increases obesity where there is any tendency to it, because it confines the flesh and prevents its partaking of the movements of exercise. Women who walk for the purpose of reducing their size should leave off their corsets, otherwise they will not accomplish the desired end.



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