

CHURCH NOTICES.

Gaelic Parish Church, Church Street—Services To-morrow (Sunday) at 11 A.M. and English at 6.30 P.M. Preacher—Rev. CHARLES MACGREGOR.

Free East Parish Church—To-morrow—Forenoon and Evening—Rev. ALLAN CAMERON, M.A. Evening Service—Evangelistic.

Crown Free Church. Sabbath (To-morrow), October 23rd. Rev. W. JOHN ROSE, M.A., of Nairn. Forenoon, 11 A.M. Evening, 6.30 P.M. Afternoon Service for Young, 3 to 4.

St. Stephen's Church—Sabbath-Letter on Monday, 24th inst., between 7 and 9 p.m., and on Saturday, 25th inst., between 4 and 5 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOW READY.

VALUATION ROLL OF THE BURGH OF INVERNESS, 1898-99.

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TRADES COUNCIL.—SPECIAL MEETING on Wednesday Night, 26th inst., at 8 P.M. P. A., Secy.

Inverness Select Choir.—CONCERT OF SCOTTISH AND SELECTED PIECES, FRIDAY, 11th November, 11 and 6d.

SHORTHAND AND TYPE-WRITING CLASS for Ladies to continue in a few days. Intending Pupils can have particulars on application to No. 3529 Highland News Office, Inverness.

HIGHLAND TEMPERANCE LEAGUE. ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING, TOWN HALL, TUESDAY, 25th inst., at 8 p.m. Chairman—Councillor MELVIE.

Speakers—Rev. JOHN MARTIN, Nairn; Rev. A. MACNICOLL, Cromarty; Rep. of Grand Lodge, G.L.O.T., Mr. JAS. GIBBS, Scottish Temperance League; Mr. W. E. GARDNER, Scottish Permissive Bill and Temperance Association. The "Thousand O'ryon" will be dealt with at the Meeting.

Collection in aid of the work.

1st V.B. CAMERON HIGHLANDERS. As the ARMS of the Corps are to be inspected by a Government Viewer, early next month, all RIFLES must be returned to the ARMOURY before the 31st inst. The Drill Hall will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 7 to 9 P.M.

By order. DAVID MUNRO, Lieutenant-Colonel, 1st V.B. Cameron Highlanders.

SCHOOL OF COOKERY & DOMESTIC ECONOMY, 25 BRIDGE STREET, INVERNESS.

This School will re-open on Tuesday, 11th November, when a Free Cookery Demonstration will be given at 2.30 o'clock. Cookery, Dressmaking, Laundry Work, and Butter-making taught.

Prospectus and Cookery and Laundry Lists may be had on application at the school on and after the 1st inst.

MARY MACDONALD, Principal.

THE HIGHLAND RAILWAY. CABSTANDS, &c., TO LET.

The DIRECTORS are prepared to let the Occupancy of the CABSTANDS at INVERNESS STATION for Three Years from Martinmas first, also to arrange for the POSTING in connection with the INVERNESS STATION HOTEL for the same period, for the DRIVING and HORSEING of the HOTEL OMNIBUS and LOGGERS, LOBBY between the HOTEL and the Passenger Steamboat Wharf, Cairns, for Seasons 1899, 1900, and 1901.

Further information may be obtained on application to Mr J. SUTHERLAND, the Company's factor, and Officers require to be lodged with the undersigned on or before 22nd current.

WM. GOWENLOCK, Secretary. Railway Offices, Inverness, 2nd October, 1898.

COUNTY OF SUTHERLAND. ADDITIONAL POLLING PLACE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Sheriff, with consent of Her Majesty's Advocate for Scotland, proposes to increase the number of Polling Places and Districts as follows:—

An Additional Polling Place at SHERRA, in the Parish of Eldrassie—the District attached to the said Polling Place to be that part of the Parish of Eldrassie comprised within the ground above described.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN, that it will be competent for any of the Inhabitants, not less than ten in number, being registered Voters for the County of Sutherland, who may desire to oppose such increase, at any time not later than 23rd October, 1898, to lodge with the Sheriff Clerk of the County, a Written Notice signed by such Inhabitants, stating their Objections to such increase, or any Suggestions they may wish to offer for the purpose of obtaining a different arrangement of Polling Places from that proposed.

JOHN LESLIE, Sheriff Clerk of Sutherland. Sheriff Clerk's Office, Dornoch, 29th September, 1898.

PROPERTY, &c., FOR SALE.

DESIRABLE PROPERTY IN INVERNESS FOR SALE.

There will be sold, by Public Sale, within the Chambers of Messrs FRASER & MACCALLUM, Solicitors, Queen's Gate, Inverness, on Monday, the 25th day of October current, at One o'clock afternoon, ALL and WHOLE the Semi-detached VILLAS on SOMERSET ROAD, Inverness, known as KILMARTIN and ST MARTINS, each containing Three Public Rooms, Five Bedrooms, Kitchen, bathroom, &c. These Houses are let at an annual rental of £40 each, the one on Lease for three years from Whitsunday last, and the other from year to year; also ALBYN COTTAGE, containing three Public Rooms, four Bedrooms, Kitchen, W.C., &c. Assessed rental, £30; to which entry could be had immediately, also an annual Pen-futy of £3 payable by the year adjoining the above property. The Houses are situated in one of the best localities in Inverness, and have good Gardens attached.

The Semi-detached Villas are quite new, and the whole property is in excellent repair. There is no Let, at the Low Upset Price of £2200.

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Inverness, 17th October, 1898.

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WANTED, Two Respectable Young MEN as Lodgers. Apply, 3521 Highland News Office.

LOST OR FOUND.

STRAYED, a Liver and White Spaniel DOG. Apply Police Office.

SITUATIONS WANTED AND VACANT.

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WANTED at Term Minister's MAN (Married). Must be strictly sober and well recommended. Mrs ALEXANDER, The Registrar.

MASONS.—Wanted at once, a few Good Builders. Apply to THOMAS MACDONALD, bookbinder, Forsterfield, Inverness.

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THE Dairy Date is on each Cask containing the PASTURE CREAM BUTTER.

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BARRA PARISH COUNCIL. ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL For the Year Ended 15th MAY, 1898.

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF RECEIPT & EXPENDITURE OF THE INSPECTOR OF POOR OR PARISH CLERK.

Table with columns: Applicable to whole Area of Parish, Receipts, Expenditure, Balances on hand at Beginning of Year, Balances overpaid at Beginning of Year, Balances on hand at Close of Year, Balances overpaid at Close of Year. Rows include I. POOR RATE, II. REGISTRATION, III. EDUCATION, and Total.

SPECIAL PARISH FUND.

Table with columns: Applicable to whole Area of Parish, Receipts, Expenditure, Balance Overpaid at Close of Year. Row: IV. SPECIAL PARISH RATE.

VALUATION OF PARISH.

Table with columns: Gross Rental of Parish, Assessable Rental of Parish—Owners, Occupiers.

ASSESMENTS PER £ ON ASSESSABLE RENTAL.

Table with columns: Rates per £ of Assessment, Falling on Owners, Falling on Occupiers. Rows: For POOR, REGISTRATION, EDUCATION, SPECIAL PARISH.

THOMAS WILSON, Clerk of the Parish Council.

29th September, 1898.—Certified correct. J. WRIGHT ROBB, Parish Auditor.

— READ THIS — ANNUAL SALE OF PIANOS RETURNED FROM HIRE.

UNPRECEDENTED OFFER.

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PROGRAMME OF TENTH ANNUAL SCOTTISH CONCERT, QUEEN'S HALL, LANGHAM PLACE, PORTLAND PLACE, W., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27th 1898.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF His Grace The Duke of Richmond and Gordon, K.G., P.C. His Grace The Duke of Argyll, K.G., K.T., P.C. His Grace The Duke of Sutherland. The Most Hon. The Marquis of Breadalbane, K.G. The Most Hon. The Marquis of Lorne, K.T., G.C.M.G., P.C., M.P. The Most Hon. The Marquis of Tullibardine, G.C.M.G. The Right Hon. The Earl of Wemyss, A.D.C. The Right Hon. Lord Bessy, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E. The Right Hon. Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, G.C.M.G. Sir Kenneth S. Mackenzie, Bart. Sir James Maciver, Bart., M.P. The Children. Sir N. Nicol, Esq., M.P. The Ven. W. Macdonald Sinclair, Archdeacon of London. G.M.G. Patrick Macfarlane, Esq. W. Clifford Mellor, Esq. Sir James R. D. Macgregor, Bart. J. E. B. Baillie, Esq. of Dochofour, M.P. J. Gallows Weir, Esq., M.P. Colonel E. J. A. Balfour, G.S.R.V. C. Fraser-Mackintosh, Esq., LL.D., F.S.A. Scott A. Littlejohn, Esq. of Invercharon, J.P., D.L. Alexander Ritchie, Esq., J.P., C.C.

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STEAMER NOTICES.

ADDITIONAL STEAM COMMUNICATION BETWEEN LEITH, ABERDEEN, AND INVERNESS AND MORAY FIRTH PORTS

TWICE-A-WEEK SERVICE.

The Swift Screw Steamers "EARNHOLM" and "JAMES HALL," will sail on Monday, 24th October, at 9 P.M.

THURSDAY, 27th October, at 12 P.M.

MONDAY, 31st October, at 2 P.M.

And every Monday and Thursday thereafter.

FROM ABERDEEN TO INVERNESS.

TUESDAY, 25th October, at 9 P.M.

FRIDAY, 28th October, at 11 P.M.

And every Tuesday and Friday, calling at Cromarty and Invergordon (and at Buckie, Lossiemouth, and Burghead alternately).

FROM INVERNESS TO ABERDEEN AND LEITH (CALLING AT CROMARTY AND INVERGORDON).

MONDAY, 24th October, at 5 A.M.

THURSDAY, 27th October, at 8 A.M.

MONDAY, 31st October, at 10 A.M.

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JAMES CROMBIE, Manager, Aberdeen, or here to:

D. MACPHERSON, 15 Union Street, Inverness, 21st October, 1898.

NOTICE.—The sailings of the Swift Steamer between Inverness and Banowie will be discontinued after 22nd October.

INVERNESS, THE WESTERN ISLES AND GLASGOW, VIA CALEDONIAN CANAL.

LOCH NESS SERVICE.

INVERNESS FOR FORT-AUGUSTUS Daily (ex. Sun.) at 3 P.M., arriving at Fort-Augustus about 6 P.M.

FOR FORT-AUGUSTUS FOR INVERNESS. Daily (ex. Sun.) at 6 A.M., arriving at Inverness about 9 P.M.; also Saturday, 22nd October, at 12 noon.

SWIFT STEAMERS.

OBAN AND FORT-WILLIAM MAIL SERVICE.—From Fort-William daily (ex. Sun.) at 8 A.M., returning from Oban 12.30 P.M.

OBAN AND MULL MAIL SERVICE.—Mail Steamer leaves Torquay daily, at 8 A.M., and Oban daily, not before 12.30 P.M., proceeds to Salen (Loch-Sunart) Tuesday and Friday, returns Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

OBAN (RAILWAY FERRY) TO CASTLEARY, LOCHBOHAIN, LOCHDALE, AND DUNVEGAN.—Mail Steamer leaves Oban daily (ex. Sun.) at 8 A.M., for Torquay, Kilsyth, Colli, Tross, and Banness; returning from Banness Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 4 A.M.

OBAN TO SKYE, STORNOWAY, &c.—"CLAYMORE" or "GLASMAN" Every Tuesday and Friday, about 8 A.M.

PORTREE AND KYLE OF LOCHALSH.—Mail Steamer leaves Portree daily (ex. Sun.) at 7 A.M., for Kyle, calling at Raasay and Broadford, returning from Kyle about 2.45 P.M.

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INVERNESS, Saturday, October 22, 1898.

SUMMARIES. The Stornoway Harbour Commission had a lively meeting on Monday. Page 3.

The Rev. Dr. Macdonald, Inverness, has made some statements regarding life in the Yukon district. Page 5.

The County Council of Inverness propose offering a sum of £5000 to the Prison Commissioners for the purchase of the Inverness Prison. Page 6.

Lady Cavendish addressed a meeting of ladies in Inverness on the subject of "Women's Work in the Kingdom of God" on Wednesday. Page 5.

The County Council of Inverness have given permission for the placing of the Flora Macdonald statue on the esplanade on the Castle Hill at Inverness. Page 6.

The fishermen of Stornoway have come into collision with trawlers in Broad Bay, Lewis, and on Thursday they cut away the trawlers' nets. Complaint has been lodged with the authorities by the masters of the trawling vessels. Page 2.

During the greater part of the week one of the greatest gales of the century raged from the east, and it has left its record along the shores of the East Coast from Aberdeenshire to Berwickshire in a series of wrecks, such as very seldom has occurred in any storm within memory.

A RESTLESS EDUCATIONAL POLICY. Last week we directed attention to and commented on the remarkable and comprehensive address delivered lately at Paisley by Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Secretary for Scotland, on the subject of Scottish national education.

In continuation of our remarks last week, we propose to-day to examine the present attitude of the Education Department to our public schools as that is revealed in a circular issued recently to managers of "elementary" schools. This circular is in some respects more important than Lord Balfour's address.

The Secretary for Scotland dealt chiefly with what must always of necessity be schools for the few. The circular on the other hand deals with the schools of the many, and lays down with great minuteness the various changes which the Education Department have resolved to see carried out in the teaching, examination, and inspection of the public schools of Scotland.

To follow the circular in all its details is beyond our province, but some general knowledge of the conditions under which our public schools are from day to day working must, we think, be always of special public interest. After the experience of a quarter of a century, it would not be unreasonable to expect that something approaching permanency would ere now be arrived at by the Education Department in their method of supervising the educational upbringing of the youth of the country.

From the continued frequency with which new regulations dealing with the various departments of school work are issued, one would be ready to come to the conclusion that the Department have had hitherto very little of fixed principle in carrying out the all-important trust committed to them. Experimenting is all very well, but it ought to have taken less than twenty-five years to come to a sound judgment in regard to the best system to be followed in preparing the youth of the country to discharge in some adequate manner the various civil and religious duties which they shall be called upon to perform when they arrive at the age of manhood and womanhood.

Annual alterations in the regulations pertaining to school work must be very perplexing to teachers and School Boards, and must be a disturbing element in the advancement and promotion of the work of education. Surely past experience ought now to enable the educational authorities to form a scheme of the work required to be done in the public schools

and of the best manner of having it supervised which in its leading feature would need little change for years to come. How far the new policy promulgated in this last edict of the Education Department satisfies these conditions time will tell.

The general object aimed at by the Department's new proposals is to raise the standard for education, and to give liberty of classification. These are most commendable objects. But the standard of education is determined by the age at which children leave school. The shortness of the school life of the great mass of our youth is the hindrance in the way of attaining a high standard in our schools. This is frankly acknowledged by the Department, and it makes a feeble attempt to stop the deplorable leakage by changing the method hitherto followed in granting labour certificates.

The proposed change will, we fear, have little effect in remedying this grave evil. It is, however, a step in the right direction, and it is to be hoped that the School Boards will heartily co-operate with the Department in its desire to retain the children at school as long as is possible.

The circular also practically abolishes inspection day, as it has been known in Scotland since the days of the first introduction of the education codes. The reason given for this change is to us most surprising. It reveals anew what, in our opinion, has always been a serious defect in our educational system, viz., the apparent want of confidence with which the Education Department regards its own teachers.

Here again in this circular we have a fresh proof of the sort of opinion that prevails among the Department and its officers regarding the men and women in charge of our public schools. As a reason for the change in the method of inspection, the circular gravely declares that "it is alleged, and their Lordships believe with much truth, that in many schools the work of the year is practically accomplished a month or two before the inspection, and that in the intervening time not merely is no further progress made but there is a substantial loss of interest on the part of the children of work already familiar to them."

This is a very serious charge brought against hard-working public officials which ought not to be made without adequate and specific proof. As far as our knowledge and observation goes, the charge is groundless. It just proves to the hilt the suspicion that permeates the whole educational system of management, and till that is completely eradicated the best and highest educational results will not be obtained. If anything is true, it is true that the teacher makes the school. No amount of cunningly-devised regulations will convert an inefficient into an efficient teacher.

But ever-changing regulations lay a most unnecessary burden on men and women who are masters of their profession, and who would, without codes and circulars, strive with unwearying devotion after the highest educational ideals. This important truth "My Lords" and their informants have yet to learn.

ALLEGED FRAUDS.—Yesterday, John Alfred O'neil, alias Ernest William Haze, alias William Ernest Martin, presently a prisoner in the prison of Inverness, was charged before Sheriff Scott-Moncrieff at Inverness, with falsehood, fraud, wilful imposition, and theft, committed in Inverness last August. The complaint contained four counts. In the first, the prisoner is alleged to have obtained bets of 5s each from William Malcolm and John Mackay, cabmen, and James Mittle, baker, on the representation that a horse was to run a race on 30th August last, and that he knew the horse well, that he was sure to win, and that they would obtain their money back, together with a return of 50s a-piece, while he knew that there was no such race to be run, and that no such horse existed. In the second count, the prisoner is charged with obtaining 10s as a loan from John Mackenzie, butcher, under false pretences, and failing to repay the money. He is also charged with the theft of a bicycle from the shop of J. M. Reid & Co., Bank Street, and of the following articles of clothing from the house of Queensgate occupied by Francis Murray, butcher, namely—two shirts, two collars, a pair of stockings, a pair of sleeve-links, and a pipe. At the Sheriff Court yesterday, Mr J. M. Middleton, solicitor, who acted for the prisoner, objected to the relevancy of the complaint on the ground that in the first charge in the indictment the name of the horse, the name of the race, and the place where the race was to be run were not stated. The Sheriff, however, repelled the objection. Upon being called to plead, the prisoner pled not guilty, and the Court was adjourned to the Second Dict.

LECTURE ON SCOTTISH SONG.—Last night Mr G. A. Cameron, headmaster of the Central School, Inverness, delivered a lecture in connection with the Evening Continuation Classes in the Burgh High School on "Scottish Song." Provost Macbean occupied the chair, and he was accompanied by the Rev. Gavin Lang, Rev. D. Connell, and Treasurer A. D. Ross, members of the Burgh School Board, and Mr Rodd, Clerk to the Board. There was a large attendance, composed chiefly of pupils from the various schools, and a number of teachers. The Provost, in the course of his remarks, spoke in appreciative terms of the educational facilities afforded to the youth of the town, and commended regular attendance and constant study at the continuation classes, as an encouragement to the teachers and the Board to continue the classes in the future. Mr Cameron, who was attentively listened to, scanned briefly the field of Scottish song from the times of Alexander III. and indicated the various stages in its development in the times of James I., James II., James III., James IV., and V., he of the "Gaberlunnie man," and the "Beggars' meal poke"—to Mary, with the influence of Rizzio, the still more powerful influence of the Reformation, and the publication of the "Complaynt of Scotland" and "The Guid and Godly Ballates." He traced the discovery and some of the contents of the "Skeno and Straloch" on the discovery in the reign of Charles II. and referred also to the volume for school tunes in the time of Charles II. Mr Cameron also slightly alluded to the earlier Jacobite airs and songs, and having directed attention to the modern Jacobite song set to modern airs and composed by Lady Macdonald, James Hogg, Allan Cunningham, Sir Walter Scott, and others, he mentioned the most important collections of songs published in this fertile field. Mr Cameron also touched on the life and songs of Robert Ferguson, Robert Burns, Allan Ramsay, Mrs Cockburn, Tannahill, and other names in the fragments of Scottish song, and explained the lyrics from the poems were given during the evening by Miss Kate Fraser, Miss Cameron, Miss Clark, Mrs Miller, Messrs Miller, Strachan, and Miller. At the close of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer and the ladies and gentlemen who assisted him on the motion of Rev. G. M. S. Lang. A similar vote was proposed to the Chairman by Rev. Mr Connell, who in fitting terms expressed the hope that the Provost would be returned to the civic chair in November prepared for three more years of useful work.—(applause.)

SECONDARY EDUCATION.—The Secondary Education Committee of the County met at Inverness on Wednesday—Mr J. L. Robertson, H.M. Inspector of Schools, presiding. Among the business transacted was the revision of the scheme for 1898-99. The Committee agreed to give a special grant of £270 to the Inverness Royal Academy on account of loss sustained last year through an alteration in the method of payment. Kingussie Public School was awarded a grant of £100, instead of the usual payment by results. Consideration of the technical education scheme was postponed until a future meeting.

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At Balvullin, Tiree, on the 12th inst., FLORA MAXWELL, aged 50, eldest daughter of Neil Macneil, carpenter, and his wife, and sally missed.

At 23 Fort Street, Montreal, on the 20th ult., CHAS. HOOD SUTHERLAND, late of the G.T.R., in his 54th year; a native of Broora, Shetlandshire.

At Gordonhill, Dingwall, on Sunday, 16th inst., BARBARA WALLACE, beloved wife of Jas. Gordon, ex-Chief Constable of Ross-shire.

At Fever Hospital, Edinburgh, suddenly, on the 17th inst., MRS JACQUELINE M. GIBSON, wife of Donald Mackinnon, Holdkeeper, FURNESS, aged 70, passing peacefully at about 1.30 P.M. Friends please accept this the only intimation and invitation.

At 14 Queen's Gate, Glasgow, on the 18th inst., ALEXANDER MILLS DAVINSON, late of Burgess Afters, aged 60.

DIED, on the 20th inst., at 12 Hill Terrace (West), ALEXANDER FRASER, Architect's Assistant. FUNERAL TO-TAY at Tomnahurich Cemetery at Two o'clock P.M. All friends invited.

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Mr James A. Chisholm, Bailiiffary, has successfully passed his third professional examination in medicine at Edinburgh.

THE CONVICT SHIP "SUCCESS"—This interesting old vessel, which lies in the Muir-town Basin, has been for the past fortnight a great source of attraction to sight-seers, and she drew, on the 16th inst., a large number of the grim pest. To-day the exhibition closes for Inverness, as the "Success" leaves here early next week.

EXCISE PROSECUTION.—At a J.P. Court held yesterday in the Convening Room of the Castle buildings at Inverness, William Williamson, a hawker, of no fixed residence, was charged at the instance of the Inland Revenue authorities with keeping a dog without a license. Williamson did not appear in answer to the charge, and in default he was found guilty, and fined £2 10s.

TRAFALGAR DAY.—Yesterday was the 97th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, at which Nelson won a glorious victory over the combined French and Spanish fleets, but lost his own life. In commemoration of the event the British blue ensign was flown from the Town Hall, while other flags floated from the Town Steeple, the Castle, the New Markets, and other public buildings. At one o'clock the Steeple bells were chimed.

LIBERAL MEMORIAL TO MR GLADSTONE.—We are pleased to report that the books in connection with the memorial are now being returned with very satisfactory results. A few of the books are being returned with a small proportion of the receipts unsold. Mr Webster, Liberal Organizer, who has charge of the work, will be pleased to hear from gentlemen in the North who have not yet had a book, if they can take one of the half-price ones and dispose of the remaining receipts. It is very desirable that every book should be completed, no matter how small the sums may be.

THE CAMANACH ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the members of the Camanach Association is called to be held in the Inverness Burgh Court-House on Friday first at noon. The business announced to be taken up includes the allocation of clubs into districts, and the dealing with communications thereant; and to ballot for first and second rounds in the trophy competition. The clubs who have already entered for the year are—Inverness, Kyles Athletic, Dalchulish, Beaulieu, Glenquarry, Grantown, Oban, Edinburgh, Kingussie, Inverness, Brae Lochaber, Portree, Inveraray, Glenorchy, Caberfeidh, and Laggan. Clubs who have not entered are requested to do so with the secretary, Mr J. P. Macgillivray, Inverness.

ASYLUM EXTENSION.—The House and Finance Committee of the Inverness District Asylum met at the Asylum yesterday. Provost Macbean presided, the others present being—Mr Wm. Macbean, Cradlehall; Mr Robert Thomson of Kinmylies; Mr James Stearner, Cromy; Bailie Snowie; Mr Robert Davidson, clerk and treasurer; and Dr Kerr, medical superintendent. The committee made a most thorough inspection of the Asylum buildings. They went through the wards in the new male hospital, which has been completely furnished and is now in use. Building operations in connection with the new female hospital are proceeding briskly, the main walls having now reached a considerable height. The full brick stack in connection with the Asylum has also been finished, and it was inspected by the Committee, who considered the work of a high-class order. A new set of boilers are also being placed in position, and the Committee viewed the work, expressing themselves as thoroughly satisfied with the thoroughness with which it has been done. The brick works are completed, the Asylum will be one of the most up-to-date institutions of its kind in the kingdom.

MARRIAGES. At 15 North Beach Street, Stornoway, on the 19th inst., the wife of ALEXANDER MACKENZIE, commission agent, of a daughter. Both doing well.

At 49 Longrow, Campbelltown, on October 16th, the wife of G. S. ALEXANDER, of a son.

At Free Manse, Laggan, on the 13th inst., the wife of Rev. D. MACLEOD, of a son.

At Victoria House, Fife, on the 17th inst., the wife of HENRY ROSS, M.B., C.M. (Edin.), of a son.

At Yeardon, Leeds, on the 17th October, 1898, the wife of CHAS. J. R. MURRAY, M.D., of a daughter.

At the Manse, Tarbert, Lochyne, on the 18th inst., the wife of the Rev. J. M. MUNRO, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES. At 31 South Beach, Stornoway, on the 12th October, by the Rev. J. M. MUNRO, M.B., assisted by the Rev. Mr Smith, of a daughter, to the Rev. Mr Macleod, DONALD MORRISON, Public School, Ferra, to BELLA ANN, eldest daughter of the late James Munro, J.P.

At the "Mikado" Rooms, Jamaica Street, Glasgow, on the 20th inst., by the Rev. James Duff MacCallum, Hope Street Free Church, LOUIS BAIN, Fishcur, Stornoway, to JEAN, daughter of the late Donald Chapman, Sandwick Hill, Stornoway.

At Queen's Hotel, Bridge of Allan, on the 18th inst., by the Rev. Alexander Duff, M.A., of Oban, HENRI SIDGERS, Oban, to ETHEL MARY, second daughter of Mr Donald Macmurey, Oban.

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RECAPITULATION OF A SHOOTING TEST.—Major PAYNTER, Balblair House, and Lesse of Fairley Forest, on Lord Lovat's estate, has generously distributed venison among the farmers of the Kilmorack district this week.

SHOP-BREAKING IN FORRES.—Yesterday, the Forres police arrested Peter Maclean and Peter Shaw, both of whom are well known to the Inverness police, in connection with a case of shop-breaking which occurred here yesterday. They were committed to prison pending investigations.

BEAULIEU—ADDRESS ON CANADA.—Messrs W. G. Stewart, agent of the Canadian Government for the North of Scotland, and Thomas Duncan, M.P. for Manitoba, delivered addresses, illustrated by a large number of excellent magic lantern views, on the "Resources of the Dominion of Canada," in the Drill Hall, Beaulieu, on the evening of Thursday last to a large attendance.

THE COLLISION BETWEEN STORNOWAY FISHERMEN AND TRAWLERS.—With reference to the action taken by the fishermen of Lewis in Broadbay on Thursday, when the seine nets of two trawlers were cut by the angry fishermen, we understand that yesterday the Fishery Board in Edinburgh passed a by-law prohibiting the particular mode of fishing employed at Broadbay.

INVERNESS STEAM BAKERY CO., LTD.—A meeting of the shareholders of the Inverness Steam Bakery Co., Ltd., was held within the chambers of Messrs A. & J. Macritchie, solicitors, the secretaries to the Company, on Thursday for the purpose of considering the financial position of the Company. We understand that a very lively discussion took place with relation to the affairs of the Company, and ultimately it was remitted to a small committee, which inquiries and report as to the action which ought to be taken. The meeting adjourned until the 3rd November.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.—The annual aggregate meeting of Inverness ratepayers for the purpose of hearing the members of Council give an account of their stewardship has been called for Monday evening. The retiring members are—First Ward—Provost Macbean and Bailie Snowie; Second Ward—Bailie Maclean and ex-Bailie Gibson; Third Ward—Ex-Bailie James Fraser, Dean of Guild Fraser, Councilor Wm. Mackay, and Councilor David Munro. So far no mention appears to have been made of new candidates, but possibly some new aspirants for municipal honours may be heard of at the aggregate meeting. Nominations must be made by Tuesday first; candidates are allowed until Thursday to withdraw, and in the event of a contest, the polling will take place on Tuesday—1st November.

INVERNESS DISTRICT ASYLUM CONTRACTS.—At a meeting of the House and Finance Committee of the Inverness District Asylum held yesterday, the offers for the supply of provisions, &c., for the use of the Asylum were opened. The following offers were accepted:—Butcher meat, A. & D. Macdonald, Union Street; groceries, Wm. Fraser, Tomnahurich Street; bread, Robert Morrison, Southside Road; wines and spirits, Alex. Fraser, 28 Tomnahurich Street; ironmongery, Cameron & Co., High Street; leadings, J. W. Mackenzie & Co., Church Street; boots and shoes, John Gray & Co., High Street; clothing, A. Cameron, High Street; artificial manures, John Cran & Co., Burchrev.

The new Hymnary is to be used in the U.P. Church, Inverness, to-morrow for the first time.

Mr. Villiers, the famous war correspondent and artist, has been engaged to give an illustrated lecture in Inverness on 11th November under the auspices of the Commercial Travellers' Association.

PURCHASE OF A HIGHLAND DISTILLERY.—Mr. A. P. Blyth, Craighall, Bonnington, managing director of Messrs John Somerville & Co. (Limited), distillers, Leith, has purchased for his son the Strathspye Distillery, Dalwhinnie. The name of the firm will be A. P. Blyth & Son.

REFORMATION LECTURE.—Last night the Rev. Allan Mackenzie, of Fraser Street Free Presbyterian Church, Inverness, delivered the opening lecture in a class which has been formed in Inverness under the auspices of the Scottish Reformation Society, his subject being "The Pope's Headship, Transubstantiation, and the Mass." The lecture was very well attended.

AN INVERNESS SLANDER ACTION.—In our report under the above heading last week it was stated that Miss Margaret Cook, a sister of the late Mr. Cook, and a witness in consequence of Mr. Morris's severe cross-examination. This was a misprint. Of course the name should have been "Miss Ann Fetheringham, a sister of defendant."

INSPECTION OF THE AVIEMORE LINE.—Sir Francis Marindin, the Government Inspector of Railways, yesterday concluded his inspection of the Aviemore Railway, which is to be opened for public traffic on the 1st of November. He was accompanied by Mr. Macpherson-Grant, chairman of the Company, the General Manager, and other officials. Yesterday he inspected the junction at Aviemore and the points arrangements at Inverness. Sir Francis is understood to have expressed himself as extremely pleased with the workmanship of the line, and to have expressed the opinion that the stone work over the whole line could not have been better executed. As a whole the railway was one of the best in the matter of workmanship that he has had the opportunity of inspecting in the development of the Highland Railway, and he is understood to have expressed the opinion that the main feature of which will be the running of a special train to Carr-Bridge, where a luncheon is to take place.

PROMOTION TO A POPULAR CAMERON IN THE SOUDAN.—The many friends and acquaintances of Mr. John Macdonald Macrae, eldest son of Mr. Donald Macrae ("Balalana"), who served his legal apprenticeship in the office of Mr. Kenneth Macdonald, Town Clerk, Inverness, will be pleased to hear of a well-deserved promotion and a promotion of the Cameron Highlanders, which he received some three years ago. Mr. Macrae, while in Inverness, served in A Company of the 1st Volunteer Battalion of the Cameron Highlanders, where he was a popular favourite with both officers and men. Upon existing into the Cameron Highlanders, he was early recognized, and he was promoted as Orderly-Room Clerk for about two years. Proceeding with the regiment to Egypt, he went through the recent campaign in the Soudan, being present at the battles of Atbara and Omdurman. He escaped scatheless in both actions, but, like many others, suffered from the cholera, and he had to go through the entire campaign. On the morning of the taking of Omdurman and Khartoum he was promoted to the rank of full corporal, while still retaining his position as Orderly-Room Clerk of the 1st Battalion. From various letters received by old acquaintances in Inverness, it is understood that Mr. Macrae is in the best of health. Colonel Money, who met Mr. Donald Macrae in Inverness on the occasion of his recent visit, said he was confident of young Macrae's future promotion and success.

PRESENTATION TO COLONEL MONEY, OF THE CAMERON HIGHLANDERS.—Colonel Money, D.S.O., A.D.C., who commanded the Cameron Highlanders at the battles of Atbara and Omdurman, was on Saturday last presented with an address of welcome in the Town Hall, Inverness, on his return home from the Soudan. Provost Macbean occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance. The audience included several non-commissioned officers of the Cameron Highlanders, who had only returned from the Soudan a few days before. Upon a table in front of the Town Hall, Mrs. Money was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers by a grandson of ex-Provost Fraser. The party entered the hall amid the strains of "See thee Conquering Hero Comes." Provost Macbean was supported on the platform by the Magistrates and members of the Town Council. The officers present included Colonel Gordon, commanding the 72nd and 9th Regimental District; Colonel Hunt, commanding the 2d Battalion Cameron Highlanders at Fort George; Major Scott Elliot, Major Cayave, Capt. Scott, and Lieut. Cameron. There were also present—Mr. Baillie, Dochofour, M.P., and the Hon. Mr. Baillie; Lady Gordon Lennox, the Misses Mackintosh of Raigmore, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser-Tyler of Aldnoire, and others. Provost Macbean, as representing the town of Inverness, welcomed Colonel Money, and the Town Clerk read the address of welcome, which was beautifully illuminated. Colonel Money said there was nothing soldiers appreciated more than to feel that their services had been approved by their countrymen at home, and he was sure the regiment would be most gratified to learn of the honours which had been conferred on their commanding officer in the recent campaign in the Soudan. At the battle of Omdurman the Cameron Highlanders waited for the enemy to attack them, and he did not think any finer sight was ever seen than the gallant services advancing against such a terrific fire. The band struck up the "March of the Cameron Men," which was followed by loud cheering. At a cake and wine banquet in the Council Chamber, a number of toasts were proposed and responded to. Colonel Money left Inverness for the South on Wednesday morning, after his stay at Inverness. Colonel and Mrs. Money were the guests of Major Cayave at Drumvaughan.

SECONDARY AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN ROSS-SHIRE.—Yesterday at Dingwall a meeting of the Ross and Cromarty County Committee on Secondary Education was held. Mr. J. L. Robertson presiding—where the schemes for the current year on secondary and technical education were discussed and framed. Provost Anderson, Stornoway, made a strong appeal in the interests of Lewis technical education. In connection with technical education a sum of £50,000 is present at credit of £520, and in addition to this amount the sum of £371, which lapsed to the general fund on account of it being unexpended by several of the District Committees of the County Council. It was agreed that of the £371, the sum of £100 would be given to Tain Academy in order to equip a department for science and art, and the remainder divided equally between Dingwall and Stornoway for the same purpose. It was also the feeling of the meeting that the various schemes should be drafted by the County Committee on Secondary Education, and not as at present by the various District Committees. The Chairman explained that this development of the administration was inevitable in view of the Department's recent regulations. He considered that higher grade science schools at the five centres mentioned by Sir Kenneth Mackenzie were not of permanent value, and he undertook that in Lewis the fund would be spent in the interests of the whole island. Unfortunately the question of adequate premises in Stornoway for technical education was at present a serious impediment, but the school authorities there were now in consultation with the proprietor in regard to the proposed transfer of Lady Matheson's Industrial School to the School Board for island technical purposes. If the negotiations resulted favourably, the new institution of technical education would be a private institution, and would still further carry out the enlightened intentions of its founders.

THE DREADED WHITE PASS.

REV. DR. MACDONALD'S EXPERIENCES ON THE YUKON.

A PERSONAL INTERVIEW.

Of the number of venturesome spirits who some time ago left Inverness to explore the world-famed Klondyke region of Alaska, the Rev. A. C. Macdonald has now returned to Inverness full of experiences, and happily in the best of health and spirits. We had the pleasure of interviewing the rev. gentleman the other day, and took occasion to invite his opinion in respect to those much-vaunted regions.

"Got back, Dr?" remarked our representative. "I hope you feel none the worse of your trip to the Yukon."

"Thanks; I certainly do not feel much the worse, and I hope I do not look the worse of my exceptional experiences in the Yukon. Did you go far into the district?" "I got the length of Dawson City, where I remained for about five weeks. I visited some of the richest gold mines on the Bonanza and El Dorado Creeks, and was the guest of the Yukon Gold King, better known in the mining world as "Big Alack."

"What were the "Big Alack's" mine properties are very valuable?"

"Yes; they are estimated to be worth from ten to fifteen million dollars."

"You saw a good deal of the country, I suppose?"

"I saw all that was worth seeing."

"What impression did you form of it as a gold-bearing country?"

"Well, apart from its especially rich mines already in the hands of "old timers," I was not much impressed with its future as a gold-bearing country."

"I understand you were one of a little company formed in Inverness to go mining in the Yukon district?"

"Pardon me; I was not one of the company although I accompanied the party."

"Of whom was it composed?"

"There were Mr. Kenneth Stewart and Mr. Macpherson, both belonging to my own congregation. The other two I did not know, but they were Mr. Donald Macleay, from Dingwall, and Mr. Hugh Ross."

"Had you anything to do with the making up of this party?"

"Nothing whatever."

"Why would you excuse my putting the question, Dr. but there is an impression abroad that you were instrumental in inducing the young man Ross, who, unfortunately, was drowned, to go out?"

"No; I did not know the young man. I did not know him by sight until he was introduced to me a day or so before I left for Liverpool. Neither did I know Mr. Macleay, from Dingwall."

"Who, then, was responsible for the formation of the party?"

"Mr. Stewart was the man responsible for forming the party. I had nothing to do with it in any shape or form. I understand that Ross's father pleaded with Mr. Stewart that the young lad with him, and form one of his small company, of which I never was one."

"By company, I presume, you mean that the four men were to work a claim or claims, and divide the gains if any?"

"Yes; I understand they were to work in conjunction, and if there were profits, they would share them all."

"Is the Yukon a fine country?"

"It is a very fine country, but the rivers are full of islands and fearful rocks."

"You went to Dawson City by the water route?"

"I went a thousand miles from Vancouver to Skagway and over the White Pass, and thence seven hundred miles by boat to Dawson."

"It was at the White Horse Rapids you met with the accident?"

"No; it was seventy or eighty miles beyond Dawson. The boat was overturned, and I was nearly drowned, but I was saved by a man named Ross, who was with me. He was the only one of the party who was not drowned. I was the only one who was not drowned."

"What do you think of it?"

"Well, it is a place of 20,000 inhabitants. How long has it taken to grow to its present size?"

"Just about two years. Of course, it is a fluctuating population."

"Architecturally speaking, I suppose it is not much of a city?"

"It is a city of tents. There are a few log houses, but you must consider what Melbourne was in its early history."

"The Dawson City is composed of a purely fluctuating population?"

"Not purely. There are saloon-keepers, store keepers, warehouse men, and "old timers" who make it their home."

"These merchants represent, as it were, the centre stores for the whole of the Klondyke region, do they not?"

"Oh, certainly."

"Is the gold-bearing district on the Dawson City side, or is it on the opposite side of Dawson?"

"If you speak of the Klondyke, the gold-bearing region is on the opposite side of the river from Dawson; but if you speak of the Yukon as a watercourse, then the gold-bearing region is on the Dawson side. But the Klondyke is a minor river, and a feeder of the Yukon. All the other rivers, such as the Big Salmon River, the Little Salmon River, and Stewart River flow into the Yukon. While the El Dorado, the Bonanza, the Hunker, and other rivers flow into the Klondyke. It is on these streams that the gold is chiefly found."

"Did you have a preference for the White Pass Route?"

"The Stikine route was highly recommended in the United States and Canadian Governments, but I came across a gentleman in Vancouver whose business had led him to survey every inch of the route, and his verdict was so emphatic against it that I made up my mind to accompany Mr. Stewart's party by the waterway and the White Pass. Indeed, my personal information was to the effect that the Stikine was practically a death-trap to everyone taking it, and that the difficulties were so great that it was absolutely impossible to convey one's baggage and supplies half way over the trail. I hold a very strong opinion on the criminality of the Government officials who have so strenuously recommended this route to unfortunate travellers. But you will hear more of this in my lecture."

"Then you are going to lecture on your experiences in the Yukon?"

"Yes; I shall lecture in the Inverness Music Hall on the evening of Friday first, and take as my subject "Over the White Pass, to the Land of the Midnight Sun."

"You will have some interesting experiences to tell, I have no doubt?"

"Yes, it will be a great treat. Will you be there?"

"If all's well, I shall."

A small outbreak of fire occurred at the premises of the Inverness Fire Company in Shore Street on Monday evening.

BANK APPOINTMENTS.—The many friends of Mr. W. L. G. Stuart, of the Inverness Bank, will be pleased to learn that he has been promoted to the post of accountant in the Forres branch of A. Cameron, Nairn, has been appointed teller at Inverness, and Mr. James Taylor, Forres, accountant in the Nairn branch. Our Nairn correspondent states that Mr. Cameron is a very obliging and kind dispenser of his own and of the crack players in the Nairn Cricket Club, and is a rising bowler.

WOMAN'S WORK IN THE KINGDOM.

VISIT OF LADY FREDERICK CAVENTISH.

[By OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.]

All those women who were present at the meeting in the Town Hall, Inverness, on Wednesday afternoon—and there were many—must have gone away refreshed and inspired at the wise counsel given by Lady Frederick Cavendish in an hour's address. Bishop Webb, who accompanied her ladyship, and whose guest Lady Frederick has been during her stay, briefly assured her ladyship of the esteem and regard in which she is held by all who take part in philanthropic work. The subject chosen was "Woman's Service in the Kingdom of God."

"I am a woman, a sweet and gentle-looking lady, said the subject was wide one, and appealed to every woman throughout the breadth and length of the land. Her ladyship laid emphasis on the various ways in which women could use their influence for the good of others. There were whole days for women where men could not enter. Women were quiet, and sunny homes often shut their eyes to their more unfortunate sisters who were less agreeably situated. "Am I my brother's keeper?" one might ask. "Bear ye one another's burdens," Lady Cavendish would reply. "Women are better adapted for this particular mission. If all made an effort and set their hearts to it they would find that they could accomplish a little, and, after a time, be surprised to find that little amounted to. Other women shirked the taking part in a work because they were in fear of being talked about or even ridiculed. Some might even say of them that they were setting themselves up to be better than their neighbours. These women never seem to get farther than the usual every-day duties and reading. In the delicate woman, who, owing to a weakly constitution, in which she always seemed to take refuge, could not take part in philanthropic work. Notwithstanding her care of herself, that woman did not look any stronger than the woman who worked contentedly with the world. Lady Cavendish said, was a real preventive of this. Recreation was enjoyed only by those who were tired out after a hard day's work—not in discussing the small gossip of the household, or yet of the neighbourhood. The woman in the household should make an effort to have a little time, over and above her domestic duties, and reading. If she were not well read, how could she expect to be able to impart knowledge to her children? How about our own reading? The lecturer asked. Are we to rest content with what we know regarding religious matters? Why, she asked, was there so little known of the life and death of our Saviour? How often he went to his ministry? He should long to know these things. It is the springs that are deep down that are refreshing, not those that are shallow. In conclusion, her ladyship implored on mothers present the bringing up their sons pure in heart and mind, and to impress upon them that there was no such thing as inevitable sin."

Her ladyship was awarded a hearty vote of thanks for her sound address. Bishop Webb, at the close, mentioned that he intended holding classes weekly on the subject of the Kingdom of God, at the Cathedral for the women of Inverness, (discussing the various lessons. Mrs. Webb is also, we understand, making arrangements for classes where linen work and church embroidery will be done, and needle work for sisters who are to pay a visit to the town shortly in connection with church work."

Miss Martin presided at the organ during the singing of the hymns.

FINANCES OF INVERNESS HARBOUR.

SAVING ON A REDUCED INCOME.

On Wednesday the Inverness Harbour Trust held their statutory monthly meeting within the Council Chamber, Town Hall, where several statements regarding the financial position of the Trust were submitted. Provost Macbean presided, and there were also present—Messrs John Macpherson, steamboat agent; John Mackintosh, do.; John Mackintosh, Southwood; Baillie Macdonald, Baillie Maclean, Baillie Clark, Messrs Ken. Ross, Dean of Guild Friars, Messrs Ken. Macdonald, Town Clerk, secretary, J. Grant, treasurer; James Fraser, C.E., engineer; and Geo. Munro, collector.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The Treasurer, Messrs W. R. & F. Grant, submitted their annual statement of accounts for the year ended 30th September 1898. The statement showed that at the close of the year £100 of the original loan of £6000 remained to be paid, while the Trust were due to the bank a sum of £3988 4s 3d—in all £4548 8s 3d. At the end of the previous year the Trust's liabilities amounted to £6088 19s 10d. £298 19s 10d being then due to the bank. The Trust have thus reduced their liabilities by £600, £300 having been paid towards the reduction of the loan.

HARBOUR COLLECTIONS.—A HEAVY FALL.—Mr. George Munro, collector, submitted a statement of the harbour collections for the past year. The total dues collected amounted to £1742 13s 3d, as compared with £2172 13s 3d in 1897—a decrease of no less than £430 10s 0d. The largest single item was made up of the dues paid by the regular trading steamers, which totalled £613 0s 7d. Then followed coals, £530 6s 4d; anchorage dues, £287 9s 3d; timber, £135 3s 2d; pig iron, £72 6s 8d; and manure, £56 18s.

A comparative statement showed that nearly half of the decrease during the past year was on account of dues for timber, which is now unshipped in very large quantities at the Muirrow Basin. In 1897 the dues on timber amounted to £391 2s 9d; in 1898 they were only £135 3s 2d—a decrease of £255 19s 7d. Coals showed a decrease of £124 10s 8d; and anchorage dues of £248 13s 6d. The decreases amounted to £529 3s 6d, but against this had to be put several increases, amounting in all to £138 6d. The largest increase was on account of the dues paid by the steamers, which were received in 1897. The increase showed an increase of £17 1s 6d.

THE DUES FROM FISHING BOATS.—Twelve months ago the Trust fixed the dues to be paid by small fishing boats entering the harbour at 6d each. Under this arrangement £3 18s 9d appeared in the collection.

Mr. Munro said the fishermen refused to pay the dues. At one time they had the right to come into the harbour when they had fresh fish.

The Town Clerk—That was centuries ago, he said. Mr. Munro—Yes; but they stick to it still. The collector was instructed to take measures to compel the men to pay their dues before being allowed to land their fish.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR.—The Town Clerk explained that Sheriff Ivory had failed to appoint an auditor to audit the accounts of the Trust, within the statutory period. The Trust therefore agreed to instruct the Treasurer to send the accounts to Mr. H. F. Cameron, C.A., Inverness, to be audited.

STEVEDOR'S OFFICE AT THE HARBOUR.—An application by the Inverness Importers and Employers' Federation, applying for a small piece of ground at the harbour at Shore Street, upon which to build an office for the use of their stevedores, was granted. A nominal rent of 2s 6d per annum was asked, and it was recommended that a committee be appointed to allocate a site.

THE TRUST AND THEIR ENGINEER.

The Finance Committee, which met previous to the Trust, had under consideration the subject of the Engineer's charges. With regard to a stipulation contained in the Committee's minutes, dated 18th May last, to the effect that the plans made by Mr. Fraser should be delivered over to the Secretary, and become the property of the Trustees, the Committee recommended that instead of asking Mr. Fraser to hand over the plans to the custody of the Clerk, he should give the Clerk an inventory of the plans and other documents in his hands belonging to the Trustees, along with an undertaking to deliver them to the Trust when called upon, this undertaking to be afterwards engrossed in the minutes. Mr. Fraser was present, and expressed concurrence in the minute, which was afterwards approved by the Trustees.

HIGHLAND COUNTY COUNCILS.

PIERS, PAYMENTS, AND PETITIONS.

INVERNESS-SHIRE.

The valdictory meeting of the County Council of Inverness at present constituted was held at Inverness on Thursday. Lochiel, convener of the County, presided, supported by The Mackintosh of Mackintosh, vice-convener. Cluny Macpherson and Mrs. Cluny Macpherson graced the proceedings with their presence. The attendance of members was not large.

CAMPBELLTOWN PIER AND PIER EXTRAS.—The action of the Finance Committee in compromising the engineer's claim of £76 10s by the payment of £50, and the raising of a loan of £450 to defray the cost of the Campbelltown pier in excess of the original estimates was approved of, as was also the reduction of the pier dues by one-half.

Lochiel remarked that they could not have too carefully avoided any risk of having these shortcomings or balances made up by the County Council. He did not know whether it could be arranged by passing some resolution, but he thought it necessary to call the attention of the County Council to the matter.

The Finance Committee reported that the expenditure on Piersport Pier, about £50, would fall to be met by a loan in the same manner.

With regard to the proposed boatslip at Staffin Bay, the local guarantee not having been given, the Finance Committee could not recommend the County Council to proceed with the matter.

Mr. John Mackenzie, Uig, said the contractor was willing to proceed on the strength of the guarantee, leaving the County Council seathless, and he saw no reason why the work should not go on.

The Committee's recommendation was, however, adopted.

The Council also adopted the Committee's recommendation not to undertake any responsibility in regard to the proposed pier at Pooltil, towards which the Congested Districts Board have intimated a grant of £1947, owing to the absence of a local guarantee for the remaining 20 per cent. of the cost.

SKYE DISTRICT DIRECTED.—The Finance Committee directed attention to the state of the Skye District's accounts. At the close of the year they had a credit balance of £900, while £616 11s 8d was due to contractors; they also carried over a debit balance on their public health account of nearly £500 from last year, while their public health expenses were largely in excess of £1000 for the year.

Mr. Macdonald of Skeabost, as chairman of the Skye District Committee, said he could assure the Council that not a single meeting had passed without this matter being brought up, and the clerks and all the other officials concerned being abused. The Committee were perfectly aware of the state of matters, but the Board Surveyor could not pay the balances due if the contractors had not finished the roads. As to the public health, they had desired to get rid of their staff, but the Local Government Board would not allow them. They had separated themselves from the rest of the county, and were perfectly helpless. They were doing their best, and the Finance Committee need not nag at them any more—(laughter). They were quite alive to the position of matters. He promised, however, to again bring the matter before the notice of the Committee.

EXCESSIVE RATES IN THE ISLANDS.—The Finance Committee reported that they observed with regret that the expenditure on roads in the Outer Islands districts seemed to be gradually increasing, and that in consequence the rate required to be raised for the current year was very heavy. In the case of the North Uist District the rate proposed was as high as 1s 9d in the £1. They also pointed out that the amount required for the Lochmaddy Special Water District was a very heavy one, being £1000, £1 being almost the maximum rate allowed by the Act, and they feared that this rate would press very heavily on the water district.

Lochiel remarked that the expenditure in North Uist seemed to be going up by leaps and bounds—they would soon be bankrupt, and on his suggestion it was agreed to direct the attention of the District Committee to the matter.

THE BUDGET.—The annual budget was submitted. The assessments to be levied this year are as follows:—Police, 3d, in addition to average rate of 2.58d per £; last year average rate was sufficient. County general, average rate of 3.6d per £; same as last year. Average rate of 3.72d per £; same as last year. Lunacy debt, £30d per £; last year, 200d; average rate, 691d. Militia buildings, average rate of .021d per £; no rate last year. General purposes, 1d per £; same as last year. The roads assessment in the various districts are as follows:—Inverness district, 1s 1d per £, against 9s last year; Aird district, 1s 0d, against 10s; Badaoch district, 8d against 6d; Lochaber district, 7d against 7d; Skye district, 9d against 7d; North Uist district, 1s 9d against 1s 6d; Harris district, 1s 5d against 1s 1d; South Uist and Barra districts, 1s 4d against 1s 2d. The assessments in the various special water and drainage districts will be laid on according to the usual scheme.

ROAD AFFAIRS.—The County Road Board recommended that the following new works should be sanctioned by the Council:—New bridge over Spey at Boat of Gairten; road and bridge over Strathdunon Road to Coignaslea and Barra district; Is 4d against 1s 2d over the Craggie Burn in Daviot. They also recommended that the following roads be taken over by the county:—The Carnan Road and the Buildhoo Road in South Uist and Barra district; road leading to Coignaslea, Barra district; road from Onich pier to public road at Onich in Lochaber; and the diverted portion of the Cairn-na-haisaig Road. Mr. Don. Paterson, South Uist, objected to the Buildhoo Road being taken over as it was not in a fit state, and the surveyor had not granted the necessary certificate. Besides, the proprietors' consent had not been given. The same was true of the Carnan Road, but it was agreed to adopt it provided the necessary conditions were complied with.

Otherwise the Committee's recommendations were approved of.

PROPOSED DISJUNCTION OF GLEN-URQUEART AND GLENMORISTON.—A petition signed by the proprietors and all the taxpayers in Glenmoriston was submitted, asking for authority to petition the Secretary for Scotland for a division of the parish on the ground of inconvenience. The petitioners stated that the combined parishes consisted of two separate glens, the nearest point of junction was 13 miles, but that some of the people of Glenmoriston were 30 miles distant from the parish offices at Drumadroch. To attend meetings of Parish Council and School Board, it was necessary to leave at 5 o'clock in the morning, getting back again about 9 o'clock at night.

The County Council granted the necessary authority to petition.

LOANS.—The following loans were sanctioned:—£1000 for bridge across the Spey at Boat of Gairten, £1000 to meet cost of police stations sanctioned, £200 for Beaulieu water and drainage district, £500 for Fort-Augustus special water district.

PROPOSED FORT-AUGUSTUS WATER DISTRICT.—On the suggestion of Mr. J. T. Garricock, the Council dismissed the appeal made to them against the formation of a water supply district at Fort-Augustus.

APPOINTMENTS.—Sheriff Scott-Moncreiff was appointed to the Inverness Academy Board, in room of the late Sheriff Blair; while the following were appointed to the County Secondary Education Committee:—Rev. Gavin Lang, Mr. John Mackintosh, Ardchattan; and Mr. Rayn the College.

Mr. Duncan Shaw, W.S., was appointed Returning Officer for the County Council and Parish Council elections, which take place in December.

After the transaction of a few unimportant pieces of business,

CLOSING SCENES.—Cluny Macpherson proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Convener for his services in the chair during the last three hours (applause). Lord Lovat seconded the vote of thanks, which was acknowledged by Lochiel.

On the motion of Mr. Macdonald of Skeabost, seconded by Mr. James Shearer, Croy, the Vice-Convener was similarly honoured.

Mr. Donald Grant also moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Donald Grant, Convener of the Finance Committee. This was seconded by The Mackintosh of Mackintosh, who said he believed Mr. Grant was the best Chairman of a Finance Committee in Scotland at this moment—(applause).

Mr. Donald Grant said he was very much obliged, but he intended coming back again—(laughter).

Lochiel—So say all of us—(more laughter).

ROSS AND CROMARTY.—The statutory half-yearly meeting of the County Council of Ross and Cromarty was held at Dingwall on Thursday—Sir Kenneth Mackenzie of Gairloch in the chair. On the recommendation of the County Road Board, the Council agreed to construct a new road from the terminus of the Dingwall and Skye Railway, the length of which will be three miles, and the estimated cost £5000, provided the West-Port District Committee can obtain sufficient contributions to the extent of one-half. The existing road is of a circular nature, over seven miles in length, besides being most dangerous. The new road, although expensive to construct, would afterwards be of immense benefit. It was agreed to construct a few iron bridges at different points in the Island of Lewis at a cost of £1214. The Council approved of the recommendation of the Financial Committee to accept £700 in payment in full of the balance due to the former county collector, which amounted to £939 on contract work at the securities would pay the £700 on one Sir Hector Munro, convener of the Piers and Harbours Committee, moved that the construction of a pier at Bayble, in Lewis, be proceeded with, and that it be remitted to the Committee to make all necessary arrangements with the contractor. Provost Anderson seconded, and the motion was unanimously agreed to. On the motion of Provost Anderson, seconded by Sir Kenneth Mackenzie, Bart., it was unanimously agreed to remit to the Harbours Committee powers to communicate with the Congested Districts Board in regard to a grant in aid of the construction of a pier at Valtos, in Lewis. It was agreed to take upon the list of highways three roads in Lewis, viz., one at Barvas, another at Benadise, and the road at Lower Sandwick from the Cemetery. On the motion of the Convener of the Road Board (Major Jackson), seconded by Provost Anderson, it was agreed to construct an iron bridge at Garnahine Road River. Cleland, Alt Ghumhdal, and Swannbost at a total estimated cost of £1214.

NAIRN.—The Nairn County Council met on Thursday under the chairmanship of Colonel Clarke of Achardhill. The abstract of accounts for 1898 was submitted, along with the Finance Committee's report. The report stated that the accounts for last year brought out a general balance of £196 6s at the credit of the county exclusive of the advance of £36 19s 6d made to the Police Pension Fund last year; from the ordinary police account. The estimated expenditure for this year showed a considerable increase on that of last year. The road estimate recently sanctioned included £350 for steam rolling and quarrying, and the total sum to be provided for road purposes by assessment amounted to £2553 16s 8d, as compared with £2332 2s 6d last year, being an increase of £221 14s 2d. Including the estimated cost of the approaching County Council election, the extra outlay under the head of registration for the supplementary list of voters required in connection therewith, and other slight increase under several other heads of expenditure, the total estimated sum to be provided by assessment for all purposes amounted, as compared with last year, to £216 13s 11d, and the rate proposed, exclusive of the Aludean water rate, is 1s 14d per £1 on owners, and 10d on occupiers, being an increase of 1d on each. The sub-committee for the management of the Aludean District Water Works had had to incur exceptional expenditure in protecting the source of supply, and the reservoir, against pollution. There had also been an extension of pipe in the village at a cost of about £16. These outlays added to the ordinary requirements of the year had raised the amount required from the rate to £58 3s 10d, as compared with £43 12s 10d last year, and the rate proposed was 1s per £1 on owners and occupiers respectively. The occupiers of agricultural land would again be assessed for all purposes on a three-eighths of their rental. The assessments were then fixed in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee. It was announced that in all probability the wires of the Telephone Company would be placed underground.

PERSONAL PARS.—Mr. Perrins of Ardross has been elected High Sheriff of West Lothian.

Sir Donald Currie is about to go to what in the House of Commons is alluded to as "another place." Nobody deserves a peerage better than the head of the Castle Line.

We regret to announce that Sir John Murray, D.C.L., F.R.S., has resigned the post of Scientific Member of the Fishery Board for Scotland, to which he was appointed by the Crown in January, 1896.

The Duke of Argyll is now the senior Knight of the Thistle, his Grace having received his green ribbon from Lord Palmerston in 1856. The Duke was decorated with the Garter in 1884 by Mr. Gladstone, and the Queen then permitted him to retain the Order of the Thistle, a rare favour, which has since been granted to Lord Rosebery. The late Duke of Argyll had been a Knight of the Thistle for 35 years, having

FLORA MACDONALD STATUE.

THE SEARCH FOR A SITE.

At the Inverness County Council meeting on Thursday, an excerpt minute of the Town Council of Inverness, of date, 8th June last, in which it was agreed, by 12 votes to 3, to ask the permission of the County Council to erect the Flora Macdonald statue on the low ground in front of the main entrance to the Castle, was read.

The Senior Clerk said that it had been pointed out that the statue would rather interfere with the appearance of the doorway as seen from the approaches. However, if it were placed neither too high nor too low, there could be no objection. He suggested that a small committee should be appointed to arrange that the statue should be placed properly.

Lochiel—Is the statue ready to be put up now?

The Senior Clerk—Yes. Lochiel said he thought they might agree to give the permission now. He thought the site was a good one. He and several other gentlemen had an opportunity of seeing the model on the site, and provided it was neither too high nor too low, and a good place for it. He did not think it worth while delaying further. Poor Flora Macdonald would be tired waiting—(laughter).

PURCHASE OF INVERNESS PRISON AND THE PRICE.

The County Council of Inverness met at Inverness on Thursday, under the presidency of Lochiel.

The Finance Committee reported that since last meeting of the County Council they had been in correspondence with the Inverness Town Council regarding the purchase of the Inverness Prison Buildings, and they asked the Council's architect to give an estimate of the cost of making the buildings suitable for county purposes. The Prison Commissioners estimated the value of the buildings at £5000, but they asked the Council to pay about £6800—the difference being the cost of a new site for a Prison. Although the £5000 might not be an exorbitant price for the buildings, it was, in the opinion of the Finance Committee, according to the valuations procured by the Council, a full price for the subjects. Having regard to the circumstance that the Prison site was given to the Commissioners for the special purpose of the Prison buildings free of fee-duty, the Committee could not understand on what grounds the Commissioners asked the County Council to pay, not only for the buildings, but also the cost of a new site. Moreover, by the Prisons (Scotland) Act, 1877, the value of the Exchequer's interest in a discontinued prison was estimated at £120 in respect of each prisoner maintained, and the value of the Inverness Prison, calculated on this basis, would be £5160, the number of cells being 43. The Committee recommended the County Council to offer the Prison Commissioners not more than £5000.

Mr James Anderson, senior county clerk, read a report by Messrs Ross & Macbeth, architects, Inverness, regarding the alterations which would be necessary in the buildings to render them suitable for the purposes of the County Council. The architects proposed to form a hall, 34 feet by 46 feet, on the first floor, the hall to occupy the two upper stories, and to be lighted from the roof, if desired. This hall would be suitable for the meetings of the Council. Offices for the Medical Officer, Sanitary Inspector, &c., would be included, besides four police cells, committee rooms, and so forth. The entire cost of the alterations were estimated at £2500.

Lochiel said it sounded a very good report, and would house the County Council in a more spacious way, but he would suggest that, on the eve of an election, if they were to adopt these suggestions, many of them might not find their way back again to enjoy the luxuries—(laughter). He would like to ask the Clerks two questions. First, what saving would be effected if the Prison were utilised for county purposes?

The Senior Clerk replied that he could not tell the amount at present, but he thought something about £180.

Lochiel said his other question was a bigger one.—Why was a new prison required? The Senior Clerk—Because the prison at Inverness accommodates the whole of the prisoners from the Spey, the Forth, &c., formerly it was a county prison only.

Lochiel—Are there not a sufficient number of cells for the prisoners?

The Senior Clerk—No. Lord Lovat—Not for the men—(laughter). The Senior Clerk said the Prison Commissioners also wanted accommodation for warders, &c., within the prison grounds, and there was no space to build on the Castle Hill.

Lochiel—And where do they propose to build?

The Senior Clerk—Wherever they get a suitable site. There are competing sites, one at the railway, another at the shore, and another on the Hill. The County have nothing to do with that, however.

Lochiel—No; but they might bring pressure to bear on them. Are matters so bad that it would be useless for us to bring influence to bear upon them?

The Senior Clerk—I don't think you have any influence with the Prison Commissioners. Lochiel—Is the case so bad that they cannot reconsider the question?

The Senior Clerk—They say that things are so bad that they require either additional accommodation or a new prison.

Returning to the question of cost, it was stated in conversation that the annual payments, including repayment of capital and interest, on a loan of £7500 extending over thirty years, would amount to £270.

Lochiel—That would be £270 a year we should have to find.

The Senior Clerk—Under reduction of what you should recover, which is nearly £200.

Lochiel—I cannot make more than £100. Four calls at £25 amount to £100. Chief Constable's residence, £235; one inspector, £15; medical offices, £20—£100 in all. That will leave £275 as a permanent charge upon the county.

Mr Duncan Shaw—For thirty years. Mr James Shaw—I understand we have no hall.

Lochiel—We always meet here somehow or other—(laughter).

The Senior Clerk explained that, in order that the Council could meet, he had to ask the Sheriff to adjourn his Court.

Lochiel said he should like the opinion of some other gentleman on the subject; he was tired of hearing his own voice.

Mr Donald Grant, Convener of the Finance Committee, said it was a question whether the Council were willing to part with the buildings, or pay £2700. Would they allow a stranger to say £2000 for them, or was it worth their while paying £2000 for the buildings. The Prison Commissioners would grant £5000 for them in any case.

Lochiel—The question is, What are you going to do with the buildings when you get them?

Mr Donald Grant—I think we should wait until we get them—(laughter). I propose that we offer the Prison Commissioners £5000, and allow the architect's report to lie on the table.

Lochiel—Do you mean to defer consideration of the architect's report until the next County Council is elected?

Mr Donald Grant—That is what I mean. There is a very strong feeling in the county that we ought not to allow any of the buildings on the Castle grounds out of the hands of the county—(applause)—and we cannot expect the buildings at less than £5000. That is the price according to the Act of Parliament.

The Senior Clerk—£5160, according to the Act of Parliament.

Lochiel seconded the motion, and as there was no amendment, it was declared unanimously carried.

DORNOCH TOWN COUNCIL.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HIGHLAND NEWS."]

Sir,—I see by your issue of 15th inst. that Provost Sutherland, at the "greenin' meeting" of the Council, bade farewell to his associates as Provost. Now, if the Council are to accept this farewell, they will be deprived of his services for three years. There is not a man living that has done more for his native town than the present Provost. Dornoch has improved more during his nine years' sitting as Provost than it did in any similar period. I have good faith in the electors that they will return him to the top of the poll, and I expect the Council will do their own part—I am, Sir, yours, &c.,

AN ELECTOR.

Dornoch, 19th October, 1898.

SUTHERLANDSHIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

H.M. INSPECTOR'S REPORTS.

CLYNE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

H.M. Inspector's report of Clyne Public School is in the following terms:—"The school passed a most satisfactory examination. The lower division is again rated excellent. Elementary subjects are taught with praiseworthy vigour and exceptional skill. The higher division is rated good, but much of the work done is of excellent quality. The fourth and fifth standards are marked by a high percentage of accuracy in arithmetic. Answering in grammar and in geography are very good, especially in the third and the fifth. The pass in specific subjects is large, and the papers are generally of good quality. Sewing is very good. Physical exercises are performed with promptitude and precision. Singing deserves the highest commendation in respect of both seen and unseen tests. Merit certificates are enclosed for G. A. Sutherland, K. Macdonald, R. K. S. Sutherland, A. Ross, T. Rae, Cow, M. Baxter, L. Mackay, and E. H. Stewart. Mr R. S. Mackay will shortly receive his certificate. My Lords are prepared to recognise the upper department for the purposes of paragraph 10 (b) of the minute of 10th June, 1897, as a separate secondary department, and a certificate to that effect is enclosed." On that department H.M. Inspector reports as follows:—"The Secondary Department of this school is conducted with praiseworthy skill and success."

BRODA INFANTS PUBLIC SCHOOL.

This school, which was examined for the first time in the commodities and well-lighted new premises, passed an excellent examination. Grant, £81 12s.

DOLL PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The work done during the year has again produced a very favourable impression. The only positive weak point in the school is the spelling of the 4th Standard. The first and second standards, on the whole, excellent classes, and a similar remark is applicable to the third. Writing and arithmetic are particularly good. Some are worked with perfect accuracy in the fourth, and with very substantial accuracy in the fifth. Composition is satisfactory, but double lines should not be used for writing purposes in classes above the fourth. Drill is exceptionally good as far as it goes. Appliances suitable for physical exercises should be supplied by the Board. Singing as tested by notes and by notes is good, and sewing receives successful attention. Should Mr Craigie have failed to pass the recent certificate examination in second year's papers, his provisional certificate will expire 23rd February, 1899 (article 61). Grant, £37 2s.

STRATHBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL.

This school has in general made good progress during the year. Reading is clear and distinct. Writing is rather better than last year, and arithmetic may be described as satisfactory. Composition is taught with very fair success, but double lines should not be used for writing purposes in the classes above the fourth standard. Answering in grammar and geography is good enough in the fifth and sixth, but is susceptible of improvement in the third and fourth. The pass in the second stage of French is allowed with considerable hesitation. Musical drill deserves praise. Singing and sewing are very creditable. The Ben Armin side school is well taught. Strathbrooka grant, £32 10s; Ben Armin, £6 11s—total grant, £39 1s.

SUTHERLANDSHIRE NEWS.

SUTHERLAND BRANCH, E.I.S.—At a recently held meeting of the Sutherland Branch of the Educational Institute of Scotland in Golspie—Mr A. Macgregor presiding—what has become known locally as the "Blarlich" case came up for discussion. A committee had been appointed at a previous meeting to go thoroughly into the matter and report. After a long and interesting discussion, and after all the facts had been laid before them by the President, the following became the unanimous finding of the meeting:—"That the members of the Sutherland Branch of the E.I.S. are satisfied that Mr Macdonald's report, and the recommendation of the committee, that his reflections on the teacher (Mr Sutherland) were unwarranted, and that the tendency of such a report is to diminish any confidence teachers may have in the examiner."

BURGOLARS IN THE COUNTY.—On Monday, James Watson, labourer, was charged at a first diet of a Sheriff and Jury trial, held at Inverness—Sheriff Scott-Moncrieff presiding—with committing two acts of burglary in the county of Sutherland. The first was the breaking into of the dwelling-house at Achurchill, Rosedale Creich, occupied by the family of Mr John Sharpe, farmer, Invernauld, Creich, and stealing therefrom a silver watch, a brooch, and a bangle bracelet; and the second, breaking into the dwelling-house at Kinloch, Rogart, belonging to Mr William Ross, farmer, and occupying a store, owned by Mr Malcolm Fraser, retired gamekeeper, and stealing therefrom the following articles: A file, a tobacco pipe, an artificial minnow, and a fishing line. Watson had been previously convicted of dishonest appropriation of property. Pleading guilty to the charges, he was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

FASHIONABLE WEDDING AT CHISWICK.—On Tuesday morning, the 11th inst., at Christ Church, Turnham Green, a marriage was solemnised between Miss Emily Pring Watts, youngest daughter of Mr Edward Watts, "Devonhurst," Duke's Avenue, Chiswick, and the Rev. William Munro Munro, vicar of All Saint's Church, Newport, Monmouthshire. Mr H. Martyn Jordan, F.R.C.S., acted as best man. At noon the bridal party arrived, the bride, who leaned on the arm of her father, looking very handsome in a dress of beautiful white duchesse satin, with tulle veil, trimmed with orange blossoms, and carrying a large bouquet of hydrangeas. The bridesmaids—Miss Irene Watts, Miss Winifred Watts, and Miss Frances Shafford Williams, nieces of the bride—all little girls, looked charming in dresses of cream nun's veiling, with white straw hats, each one carrying a dainty little bouquet of flowers. After the ceremony, the bridal party drove to "Devonhurst," the residence of the bride's father, where a quiet wedding breakfast was partaken of. Subsequently the young married couple left for Eastbourne, where it is proposed to spend part of the honeymoon, the remainder to be spent in Scotland. Numerous presents were received, but in consequence of the late hour, they were not publicly mentioned. The wedding was kept as quietly as possible. Mr Munro is a native of the parish of Farr.

Mr Craigie, teacher in the Doll School, has passed in the second year's papers, which entitles him to receive his certificate after the usual probation.

HELMSDALE—FISHING INDUSTRY.—Coopers are in demand here, and working at an increase of wages. Timber has also advanced in price, and is scarce.—A few thousand barrels of herrings still remain for shipment. Continental prices have advanced, but most of the catch is sold out.

LAIRG—THE ALTBARRACH HERO.—Sheriff Mackenzie, Wick, and a jury held an inquiry at Thurso on Thursday into the death of John Morrison, lately a surfaceman on the Highland Railway. The jury found that Morrison's death took place near Lairg Railway Station on the 20th September last, and that it was caused by his having been struck by an engine of a passing train at Badaan, in the parish of Halikirk. It is stated that Morrison's widow has received £450 under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

HELMSDALE—THE STORM.—Writing on Thursday, our Helmsdale correspondent says—"A storm of great severity has prevailed on this coast since Friday of last week, blowing from the south-east, and increasing in intensity with the stream tide, severely testing our new harbour, which, as has been prophesied by a few individuals, has proved a great disappointment exists among the fishermen who have watched their boats by day and night from becoming total wrecks. The south-east side of the Castle-yard, belonging to Mrs Young, has been thrown down by the force of the sea, and great sympathy is felt for the woman, whose property suffered on a former occasion through its connection with the boats. The water and the neglect of a public body to discharge its obligations. Another such storm will evidently destroy a great part of the old harbour walls, as they are presently bulging out in many places and showing signs of being undermined."

BRODA—PRESENTATION OF LEAVING CERTIFICATES.—An interesting ceremony took place in the Clyne Public School last Friday evening, when the Clyne School Board met with the teachers and pupils for the purpose of presenting the leaving and merit certificates for the past year. From the speeches made by the headmaster, it was very pleasing to note the perfect harmony prevailing between the Board and the staff; otherwise we venture to say that such successful results could not have been obtained. It is needless to make any reference to the reports of the Board, as the report and the certificates granted are quite sufficient to convince any person of the extraordinary strides this school has taken during the past few years, and, in fact, by all the schools under the Board. It was gratifying to find that many of the parents did not avail themselves of this opportunity of seeing the interest taken in their children by the Board and their teachers. Votes of thanks by the Board to the teachers for the creditable manner in which the work of the school during the year was passed. Mr Hugh Gunn, headmaster, thanked the Board for their attendance, and passed a cordial vote of thanks to the Board, and especially to the Rev. Mr Spargo, Chairman, for the great interest taken in the welfare of the school. The following pupils were successful in securing leaving certificates: English (Higher)—John Macchary, James Baillie, Hannah Baillie, Alexander Sutherland (L), Marion Mackay, Christina Mackay, Christina Gow, English (Lower)—Angus Baillie, Alexander Sutherland (F), Emily H. Stuart, Lizzie Mackay, Mathematics (Higher)—John Macchary and James Baillie, Mathematics (Lower)—Alexander Sutherland (L), Alexander Sutherland (F), Angus Baillie, Marion Mackay, Christina Mackay, Arithmetic (Higher)—John Macchary, James Baillie, Alexander Sutherland (L), Alexander Sutherland (F), Angus Baillie, Marion Mackay, Christina Mackay, Arithmetic (Lower)—Lizzie Mackay, Latin (Higher)—John Macchary and Christina Mackay, Latin (Lower)—Angus Baillie, James Baillie, Alexander Sutherland (L), Alexander Sutherland (F), Angus Baillie, Marion Mackay, Christina Mackay, Christina Gow and Christina Mackay, French (Lower)—John Macchary, James Baillie, Alexander Sutherland (L), Alexander Sutherland (F).

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The epidemic of measles is still felt, a-d some new cases have arisen. In consequence of this outbreak Mr Macdonald, dancing master, has had to stop his juvenile classes.

In the Public Hall on Tuesday evening one of the Hope Trust lecturers gave a lecture on the "Dangers of Ritualism," illustrated by limelight views.

THE WATER QUESTION IN EASTER ROSS.—At a meeting of the Easter Ross District Committee, held in Tain on Saturday, the report of the Sub-Committee in connection with Lamington water scheme was submitted. They recommended the expansion of this scheme so as to include Lower Logie, as suggested by the county Sanitary Inspector. The Sub-Committee did not anticipate any difficulty with any of the proprietors concerned. On the motion of Mr Bone, seconded by Mr Alex. Macdonald, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Sub-Committee's recommendation and call a meeting of the Local Authority to form the proposed area into a special water district. The Sub-Committee in charge of Barhamville proposed water district reported that all the wells were found to be useless, and that it was not practicable to get any water from Tullich Burn. Accordingly, they proposed a special water district. The estimated cost would only be £280, which could be borrowed at 3 per cent. This would work out little over 1s per £1 of a rate on the rental of the proposed district. He hoped, however, that if the cost would be met by the district, the cost would be met by the district. The adoption of the report, and Mr Bone seconded. A letter from Mr Ross of Pollock, one of the proprietors within the proposed special district—was read objecting to the proposed area, however, said that Mr Ross would withdraw his objection, if certain conditions were agreed to, accordingly it was resolved to hold a special meeting of the Local Authority to form the proposed area into a special water district. In the meantime it was remitted to the Sub-Committee to report on the objection to the special meeting.

Mr John Paul, Glasgow, Secretary of the Scottish Land Restoration Union, addressed a meeting of Liberals in the Masonic Hall on Friday evening on the "Single Tax." Mr Webster, Organising Secretary, Inverness, presided over a fairly large attendance.

On the occasion of his leaving Dingwall to fill an appointment in Aberdeen, Mr W. B. Steel, foreman clothier, and Mr Henry Gray, was presented on Tuesday with a handsome travelling bag and dressing case with a suitable inscription.

Miss Rosie Frew, daughter of Mr Frew, jeweller, and an ex-pupil in the Dingwall Academy, was presented on Friday with its volumes of the "Canterbury Poets" by the teaching staff of the Academy. Mr Macdonald, rector, made the presentation. Miss Frew leaves to pursue her studies at the Aberdeen University.

THE WATER SUPPLY DISPUTE.—In the dispute between Seaforth and the Town Council of Dingwall in regard to the Baker's hill water supply, Sheriff Hill has issued an interlocutor refusing to recall the interdict granted on 20th August to the Town Council, and reserving the question of expenses. Mr W. R. P. Middleton, solicitor, Dingwall, is agent for defendants, while Mr Dewar, Town Clerk, acts for the Council.

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BLACK ISLE NEWS.

FORTROSE—ECCLIESIASTICAL.—Rev. C. Falconer officiated in the Free Church, Elgin, on Sunday. Rev. D. F. Macleod, Avoch, occupied the pulpit of Fortrose Free Church.

FORTROSE—EVANGELISTIC.—The weekly meeting in the Old Academy Hall was addressed on Sunday night by Mr Urquhart, Inverness. There was a large attendance.

AVOCH—EVANGELISTIC.—Mr D. Grigor, Divinity student, Edinburgh, took the evangelistic meeting in Killen School on Sunday night.

AVOCH—THE FISHING.—Monday was a very stormy day. Most of the boats had to come in without shooting their lines. A small quantity of fish was caught, however, and this was an improvement on late experiences.

AVOCH—ECCLIESIASTICAL.—Rev. Mr Maclean, Nairn, late of Tarbat, Harris, officiated in the Free Church on Sunday in the absence of Rev. D. F. Macleod. Rev. Dr Stuck, Aberdeen, officiated in the Congregational Church on Sunday. The church was crowded.

FORTROSE—LADY STUDENTS.—Miss Maida Laverie, L.L.A., second daughter of Mr C. Laverie, B.A., rector of Fortrose Academy, left for Germany on Tuesday. Miss Laverie is accompanied by Miss Burgess, The Bank, Fortrose. The young ladies are to prosecute their studies in the Vaterland.

AVOCH—THANKSGIVING DAY.—The parish of Rosemarkie and that of Avoch have dissolved partnership in the matter of the Harvest Thanksgiving Day this year. To attain the object of the parish of Rosemarkie, Avoch has appointed itself a Thanksgiving Day, viz., the 10th of November. This date is a week in advance of the parish of Rosemarkie.

FORTROSE—SALE OF ACADEMY PROPERTY.—A special meeting of the School Board was called in the Royal Station Hotel on Thursday to make arrangements in connection with the sale of the Old Academy buildings, dwelling-house, garden, and grounds. Subsequently the property, which is free of feu-duty, was purchased by Mr J. Henderson, Town Clerk, for a client at £5300. The net price was £450. There was a somewhat keen competition, the situation being good and the property conveniently situated.

FORTROSE—THE SEASON.—The first few days of this week were remarkably temperate, a "strange and unwelcome sequel to the glorious weather of the beginning of the month. By Thursday the storm had considerably abated. Potato lifting had commenced here, and ploughing was going on apace, but both have been checked by the late stormy weather.—The bramble crop was an unusually prolific one this year. The fruit was also especially large and of splendid quality.

AVOCH—THE LATE MR RODERIC WATSON.—The drowning at Muirtown Wharf, Inverness, last week of Mr Roderick Watson, late railway porter, Avoch, cast quite a gloom over the village. Deceased, native of the parish of Rosemarkie, whose father was a highly-respected farmer. His brother, Mr John Watson, was formerly lessee of Avoch Water Mill. The unfortunate man himself was formerly in an excellent position. Part of his life was spent in Aberdeen, where he was married. It is sad to note that the widow has had to be removed to the Asylum, Inverness. The deepest sympathy is felt for the four children, whose ages vary from nine years to nine months.

AVOCH—HARVEST HOME AT ROSEMARKIE.—This function came off with the customary eclat at Roschugh last week. A splendid repast was served in one of the granars of Rev. A. M. Philip, parish minister, presided, and Mr T. Henderson, manager, acted as compier. After the loyal toast, the "Health of Mr Fletcher, the Lord of the Manor," was proposed by the Chairman, and met with a hearty reception. In the course of his speech Mr Philip alluded to Mr Fletcher's unflinching interest in his employees and tenantry. He also referred to the blank left in the company on the present occasion by the removal of Mr Fletcher to Inverness. Mr T. Henderson responded to Mr Fletcher's toast, the latter gentleman being absent. The toast of Mr Bethune, the factor, the manager, the house steward, and others were afterwards duly pledged. A dance followed, music being supplied by the band of Mr Steinhous, Dingwall. Music for the Highland reels was supplied by a local pipe band, "The Young Spies," terminated the proceedings at an early hour in the morning.

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STORNOWAY.

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REGISTRATION.—The Registrar's returns for the parish of Stornoway for the week ending Thursday, are—Births, 4 (males and females); marriages, 7; deaths, 5 (3 males and 2 females).

KNOCK.—Presentation.—Mr Alex. Macleod, student missionary, Knock, was last week made the recipient of a handsome presentation from the people of Knock and Swardale on the occasion of his leaving for college.

LEWIS HOSPITAL.—The Hon. Secretary acknowledges, with thanks, (1) Hamch of venison from Mr and Mrs Platt, Eisken Lodge; (2) a handsome lounge chair for the use of convalescent patients from Miss Macaulay, 12 Lewis Street.

UIG-LECHROISTEAN EVENING SCHOOL.—The above-named evening school which was successfully conducted during last winter, will be resumed again on Monday, 31st Oct. The attendance last session was very satisfactory, and it is hoped that the educational bond conferred on the district by the continuation of this evening school will be appreciated by the people of the locality.

DEFAULTERS.—A number of charges of default brought at the instance of the School Boards of Barvas and Lochs were disposed of before Sheriff Campbell on Friday last, as follows:—John Macdonald, Ranish, 10s or 5 days; Donald Finlayson, Calboist, admonished; Donald Macleod, Marvig, withdrawn; Widow Macleod, Calboist, admonished; John Mackinnon, Ranish, 7s 6d or 4 days; John Smith, Berwa, withdrawn; Murdo Mciver, Upper Shadr, 7s 6d or 5 days; Widow Mackenzie, Berwa, withdrawn.

COALING.—On Sunday morning the steamer, "Vega," of London, bound from Tampa via Norfolk, U.S.A., to Lanscove, Sweden, with pilot steam, put in for bunkers, and was supplied early on Monday morning. The steamer, "Lunenburg," of Leith, bound from Archangel to Sharpness, also came in on Sunday, and was supplied early on Monday. The Norwegian steamer, "Colin Archer," (the first of a new line running between New York and Sweden), bound from New York to Stockholm, put in on Tuesday. The steamer, "Mora," sailed alongside the hulk, "Bjorn," and the "Vera," and "Colin Archer," alongside the hulk, "Ailsa Craig."

STUDENT DEATH.—On Sunday morning last Christina Mackay, widow of the late John Smith, crofter, Sandwick, was found dead in bed in her house there. Deceased was 86 years of age, and for some time back lived alone, but was regularly attended to by Mrs Chapman, her stepdaughter, and family. Two of them were with her till a late hour on Saturday, when they left, Mrs Smith barred the door after them. She was then in her usual health. On Sunday morning an answer could be got at the door, and on forcing an entrance at the window she was found dead as described. The remains were interred in Sandwick Cemetery on Wednesday, the chief mourner being her son, Aulay, who came from London to be at the funeral.

THE LATE MISS MACQUEEN.—A correspondent writes:—Miss A. Macqueen, whose accidental death was so much regretted by our community, was by her maternal grandfather and grandmother, descended from the first Protestant ministers of Barvas and Stornoway. Her grandfather, Allan Morrison, was one of the seven who went by the name of "Cleine Mhic i Ministear" ("children of the minister's son"). They were also sometimes called the "Seven Morrions," and were among the first to develop the fishing trade in the Lewis, where their energy helped in a great measure to develop Stornoway. The late banker, Rodrick Morrison, and his respected and influential father, William Morrison, were grandsons and son of one of the brothers, James W. & R. Ryrie, of London, are grandsons of another.

ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY BURSARS.—The allocation of the Arts Bursaries in connection with Aberdeen University, competed for last March, was made on Monday. Among the successful students were several from the Lewis. Donald Macleod, Barvas, a pupil from the Nicolson Public School, secured the Mackenzie Bursary of the value of £30. His marks amounted to 315, securing him to the 26th position. R. Ross, Maciver, Stornoway, also a pupil of the Nicolson Institution, obtained 1225 marks, entitling him to a bursary, which, however, he declines. We are pleased to learn that Mr Donald J. Macleod, a former pupil of the Nicolson Public School, and also a Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, has been awarded the following bursaries:—Dr Dey's Scheme, £25 for three years; Mackinnon Bursary, £20 for four years; Mackinnon Bursary, £13 10s for four years. Mr Macleod's many friends in and out of Stornoway will be pleased to hear of his success, which predicts a brilliant future. It may be added that it was principally owing to the recommendation of our esteemed and well-known townsman, Mr Kenneth Macleod, J.P., that Mr Macleod obtained the Mackinnon Bursary.

I.O.G.T.—OPEN MEETING.—The first of a series of open temperance meetings was held in the Masonic Hall on Monday night under the auspices of the Pharos Lodge of Good Templars. Bro. Provost Anderson presided, and there was a large attendance. After singing the ode "Friends of Temperance" Rev. Mr Penman engaged in prayer. The Chairman delivered an earnest and eloquent address, and thereafter the following programme was successfully gone through:—Piano-forte duet, Sis. Nicolson; recitation, "Wankin' up," Bro. Jack Maciver; duet, "Will ye no come back again?" Sis. M. Smith and M. Macdonald; address, Rev. Mr Penman; temperance reading, "But," Bro. D. McCattanach; solo, "Annie Laurie," (encore), "Cameron Men," Sis. Dora Murray; address, Bro. Rev. J. S. Macdonald; solo, "Children's hymn," Miss B. J. Mackenzie; temperance recitation, "Prohibition," Bro. R. A. Morrison; solo, "Air Fall ill again," Bro. O. J. (encore), "An Cluin' thu leannain?" Miss B. Mackay. The proceedings terminated with votes of thanks to the singer (including Miss J. Nicolson, accompanist and speakers, proposed by Bro. J. F. Macfarlane; to the Chairman, proposed by Bro. John Macleod.

THE LAW OF BILLS OF EXCHANGE.

INTERESTING DECISION.

A case of considerable importance in the law affecting bills of exchange has just been settled in the Stornoway Sheriff Court. The action was at the instance of Evander Macne, fisherman, Portvoller, against Wm. Campbell and others, fishermen, Portnagarra, to recover £15, the amount of a bill drawn by pursuer on, and accepted by defenders in November, 1894.

AN OLD CASE.—Before Sheriff Campbell on Friday, John Macleod, fisherman, Upper Garrahost, was accused of assaulting Alex. Macleod, fisherman, at Upper Garrahost on 10th March last. He denied the charge, but was convicted on the evidence, and fined 10s or 5 days.

POORHOUSE.—The first funeral from the Combination Poochouse—that of an old native of Harris, Alexander Morrison—ok place on Saturday. Rev. J. S. Macleod conducted the service, and among those present were the Chairman of the House Committee, the Secretary, and the House Collector.

A NEW KIND OF TRAP.—A correspondent sends us the following interesting par:—An old man in town was for some time "trac'd" troubled with a rat about his house, and set a trap in different places. But in vain was the snare set. Mr Rat was one of the worst, and kept himself well posted up in the ways of the old gentleman. He knew the appearance of trap, and always shied clear. But one day last week his career was terminated in a manner that he dreamed not of. Old Donald was out fishing, and among other things caught a large crab. He brought it home, and left it in his fishing boat. What was his surprise next morning to find the rodent that had so long bothered him locked fast in the embrace of the crab.

PARK POSTAL AFFAIRS.—Tell it in Stornoway! Publish it in the Lewis! A tri-weekly house to house delivery has been established in the Park district. Primitive arrangements are slowly giving place to more enlightened policy, and the authorities deserve thanks for the boon; but, oh! why can't the official wheels of progress move a little faster? Mr W. J. Stead, of "Review of Reviews" fame, has it that the only way to overcome the genuine obstructive post-office officer is to knock him down and walk over him, and that the Park people are now taking a look for a chamberlain of their own. What a chance for budding C.C.'s. By the way, adds our correspondent, are we in Park to have a new member this week? Things look dull, sleepy, and lifeless as yet. We need a fighting man, and are open to receive offers.

MARVIG NOTES.

Plunket Public School, Marvig, was reopened after summer holidays, on the 17th October.

FISHING.—An attempt was made last week to secure some herrings for winter consumption. Two boats shot their nets off shore, and were successful in securing several baskets of mixed fish. It is expected that after the Communion season, now at hand, the whole fleet will make for Kyleakin and the western lochs, where fish are reported. Meanwhile lobster fishing is being vigorously prosecuted.

THE CROPS.—Barley and corn are now safely stacked and in good condition. Hay, too, is safely under ropes, and shows well in bulk. Potatoes are reported bad in the Lewis, but, although disease is prevalent in Marvig and neighbourhood, matters have not assumed such a serious aspect as reported elsewhere.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES.—During the past two months no fewer than ten small boats have been added to the fleet riding in Marvig Bay. One large boat, fitted with the latest improvements in haulage gear, has also taken up her moorings in the loch. As prices paid for small boats at least run from £2 to £10, the past season may be considered a good one. In fact, success may be wide range.

PERSONAL.—During the month of September Mrs Platt, Eisken Lodge, and party visited Marvig Bay and had a walk round. Unfortunately the weather was miserably wet. Notwithstanding this drawback, they were greatly pleased with the situation, and made many inquiries regarding the welfare of the inhabitants. On the 6th October Mr Platt, the Misses Thorneicott, Miss Young, and another gentleman visited the district. This time Queen's weather prevailed, and all were pleased with their visit, one lady remarking that we had a lovely bay—fit for the Navy to ride in. As usual, Mr Platt did not come empty handed.

SKYE NOTES.

SCALPA.—THE OUTBREAK OF FEVER.—Those who are laid up with the fever at Scalpa are progressing favourably and, broadly, there are no new cases.

BROADFORD.—NEWS NOTES.—Mr D. Macpherson, of the Highland Temperance League, lectured in the Reading Room on Monday evening, Mr D. Logan occupying the chair. The lecture and views were very much appreciated. A strong breeze has been blowing from the north east, and the sea, "Claymore," on her way south, passed without calling. Passengers leaving per "Claymore" made up their minds to get on their feet, but the mail boat appearing on Tuesday morning she passed by without making the least attempt to call. If the Captain did not care to risk his ship alongside the pier, he might have lowered a boat, which would have no difficulty in taking up the mails.

ARRANGEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE visit of Lord Rosebery to Perth-to-day have now been completed. It is expected that his Lordship will arrive at Perth General Station from Dalmeny about 11.30 a.m. He will be met there by Lord Provost Dewar, the other Magistrates, and Sir Robert Pullar of Tayside, and the party will drive through the principal streets to the Sandeman Public Library, when the opening ceremony will be performed by Lord Rosebery in the reading-room, and Sir Robert Pullar, on behalf of the Library Committee and the citizens, will present him with a gold key. The presentation of the freedom of the city is to take place in the City Hall at 2 p.m. From twelve to one a programme of music will be gone through. Her Lordship will be accompanied by Lord Provost Dewar who will present the burgess ticket to the Earl, enclosed in a silver casket. After the ceremony Lord Provost Dewar is to entertain the Earl, Magistrates, members of the Library Committee, and a number of prominent citizens to the luncheon in the Station Hotel at 2.30 p.m. It is expected that his Lordship will return to Dalmeny early in the evening. Elaborate arrangements have been made for the decoration of the city.

THE LAW OF BILLS OF EXCHANGE.

INTERESTING DECISION.

tion of the common law rules of evidence, to questions affecting the liability of parties to bills and notes. I do not find in the cases reported since that Act became law any express decision on this point. There are, however, several dicta of considerable importance bearing upon the question.

"In Simpson v. Brown—9th June, 1888, 15 R 716—Lord Shand said:—There is no doubt that section 100 of the Bills of Exchange Act has introduced a very important and valuable change in the law, for where the writ or oath of the parties, where the parties although true acceptors, had granted bills for accommodation purposes, a proof at large is now competent." In the case of the National Bank of Australasia—5th March, 1891, 18 R 629—which was at the instance of the bank as holders for value, against the drawers of an unaccepted bill, and decided against the defenders on other grounds, the Lord President assented to the above doctrine, although he appears to have construed the effect of that section of the Act on other points in a more restricted sense than was done by the other judges.

"That under the 100th section of the Act it is competent for a holder to sue on a bill, in a question with the holder for value, to a parole agreement contradicting his liability on the face of the bill." "If the ordinary rules of evidence, as applied to bills of exchange, were frequently relaxed as above shown, prior to the Act of 1892, the effect of the decisions and dicta would be to place in the hands of the holder, in a question with the holder for value, a parole agreement, which would be in use to be proved only scripto non juramento, under the common law, in special circumstances, be proved by parole; and can now, as a rule, be so proved under sanction of the Act. Further, if this principle can be applied to a question as between a drawer and a holder for value, it must a fortiori apply in a question as between the drawer and the drawee.

"I have at the outset of this note epitomised the ground of defence in this case; and I must admit that in considering them and the one that I have selected, I have had very great difficulty in arriving at a satisfactory opinion as to their relevancy. I have also serious doubts as to whether there is substantial foundation for the plea that pursuer obtained the bill by 'duress or force of fear.' The defenders had the advantage of being four to one in looking into the pursuer's conscience and answers I nowhere find him alleging that he gave, or that the defenders received, any value or any consideration from him for this bill. It must also be borne in mind that the pursuer, being registered owner and skipper of the boat, and apparently the treasurer, when he gave a good deal in his power; that the £20 bill was erroneously represented by him as paid, and was three years overdue before any action was taken on it by the bank, as the holder of it, for value; that the present bill for £15, which was connected with the previous transactions, was due on 30th March, 1895, and although defenders then repudiated liability, no action was taken on it till now; that the pursuer himself pleads that the matters referred to by defenders (which possibly included this bill, or the transactions connected with it) were all settled in an action in this Court in April, 1895, i.e., in the month following the maturity of this bill; and that 'mala fides' is averred against him in these transactions.

"Taking the whole circumstances into consideration I have come to the conclusion that a proof before answer should be allowed. If this view is acquiesced in, the process in the former actions referred to can be seen, and other relevant facts ascertained.

The decision was appealed by pursuer to the Sheriff Principal. The case was fully debated by the agents before him at his sitting on 14th October, when both parties made several amendments on the Record. Sheriff Johnston some time ago gave his decision, dismissing the appeal, and affirming Sheriff Campbell's judgment, and appending the following note. After referring to the amendments made at the debate before him, the learned Sheriff proceeds:—"I have found this case, though involving small pecuniary interest, attended with much difficulty. But I have come to be satisfied that the Sheriff-Substitute has rightly allowed proof 'pro et de jure,' and I think it was probably right to make the proof before answer."

"The bill in question was admittedly not granted in the ordinary course of business. Though the Caledonian Bank was at one time holders, the bill was not noted or protested, so far as can be seen, against the bank, but was simply taken up when due by the drawer. He has held it for nearly three years without taking any proceedings against the acceptors. And at best the bill was not a ground for summary diligence, being signed by one acceptor, with his mark, only before two ordinary witnesses, and on Evidence 88, 672, and 673. In the circumstances, very little is required to bring the case under the principle of Ferguson, Davidson, & Co. v. Jolly's Trustee, 1880, 7 R. 500. I think that the averments of the defenders, coupled with the answers of the pursuer, disclose a case which sufficiently justifies the course which was taken in the case referred to."

"We are not here in a question between the acceptors and an independent payee or indorsee holding the bill, but in one between them and the drawer, and accordingly the defenders are not put to deny all effect to the written contract contained in the bill, and to substitute therefor a parole agreement directly contradictory of the written contract, as were the defenders in the case of the National Bank of Australasia—Furnball & Co., 1891, 18 R. 629. If the defenders do not to the contract on the bill, but to the delivery of the bill. It is not the contract on the bill which they aver to be conditional, but the delivery, and, as said by the Lord President in the case last referred to (18 R. at 635), as to the 'proof' of the bill, it is possible to instruct the fact of delivery, 'it seems to follow of necessity that the purpose for which the delivery is made may be proved in the same way.' I would also refer to the last paragraph of Lord Macleod's opinion in the present case.

"In the present case a bill for £20 existed from 1891 to 1894 in which the parties were the same. When the parties settled up their fishing accounts in 1891 it was represented by the pursuer, and understood by the defenders, to have been provided for before a division of profits was made. It was provided for, and after remaining in abeyance for more than three years it was brought up against the parties by the bank which held it. In these circumstances a very manifest question arose between pursuer and defender, as to the general accounting (had such been the case, I would have sustained the second branch of the pursuer's fourth plea in law), but as to the separate fact, whether or not this £20 bill had been provided for by monies retained by pursuer in 1891. In 1895 funds were provided for the payment of the £20 bill to the bank after a bill by the drawing and discounting of the £15 bill in question in this case. It may be that, as pleaded by the pursuer, all matters between pursuer and defenders were then settled, and this bill was the outcome of that settlement. Or it may be as maintained by the defenders that the state of accounts was such that while obliged to meet the £20 bill, a doing so pro tanto by accepting the £15 bill, they truly got no value for the latter, and delivered it on a condition which the pursuer had failed

STORNOWAY PIER AND HARBOUR.

COMMISSIONERS.

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BURGH OF STORNOWAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioners of the Burgh of Stornoway propose, by virtue of the powers conferred upon them by the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892, to borrow on the security of the Special and General Sewer Rates, a further sum of £200 over and above the sum formerly borrowed for the purposes of (1) paying certain necessary extra outlays incurred in connection with the construction of the New Main Sewer in Bayhead, Crownwell Street, and N. Beach Street; and (2) for the construction of a New Main Sewer along a portion of Kipper Road, and providing for expenses incidental to said sewers, and that the proposal to borrow will be disposed of at a meeting of the Commissioners to be held within their Office, South Beach Street, Stornoway, on the 12th December, 1898.

PROPERTY IN STORNOWAY FOR SALE.

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DR ROSS OF LOCHBROOM AND THE GAELIC PSALMS.

[By FIONN.]

I read with interest the biographical sketch of Dr Ross which appeared in last week's issue of 'The Highland News.' There is a paragraph in that article dealing with the Gaelic translation of the Psalms which is so misleading that I must enter my caveat against it. The writer of that article would have your readers believe that the Gaelic Psalm Book of 1807, which bears on its title-page the name of Dr Ross, was the work of that divine. I am quite willing to give Dr Ross all credit for anything he did, but the claim now set up on his behalf is one that he himself never advanced. Indeed, in the English preface to the Gaelic Psalm Book bearing his name he puts the matter quite clearly. He says:—'This beautiful and truly poetical translation of the Psalms is held in high estimation in many extensive districts of the Highlands of Scotland, where it is still sung in private families as well as in public congregations. It must be allowed, however, that the garb in which it has hitherto appeared is extremely uncouth in itself, and exceedingly different from that which must now be considered as the standard in Gaelic publications. This circumstance, together with innumerable typographical errors, has long rendered it almost illegible to many who can read the Scriptures in no other language.'

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NORSE INFLUENCE ON THE CELT.

In opening the Class of Celtic Literature in the Edinburgh University this week, Professor MacKinnon spoke on the Norsemen in the Hebrides. The Dalriadic colonists, he said, had ruled Argyll and the southern isles for nigh 300 years, and extended their sway over all the Hebrides and the waste-sea-board as far as Loch Broom, when the Norsemen first appeared on these shores. The Orkney and Shetland Isles, from their contiguity to Norway, and the Hebrides and north-west coast of Scotland, with their commodious harbours and comparatively defensible condition, became favourite resorts of the Vikings. Here these pirates came to stay, and from these sheltered stations they conducted their raiding expeditions and secured seas and shores far and near. They settled in the northern isles in large numbers, and intermarried freely with the native people. When Harold of the Fair Hair completed his conquests at home, he led an expedition to these parts, and reduced them under Norwegian rule. But many of the leading Norse chiefs, rather than submit to the domination of this powerful monarch, emigrated to Lochland, bringing along with them a considerable number of persons who bore Gaelic names. The Orkneys and Shetlands were permanently attached to Norway under an Earl, whose dynasty became powerful, and exercised a disturbing, frequently a controlling, influence upon Scottish history for centuries. The Hebrides were held under less firm tenure. Native chiefs disputed supremacy with the Norse magnates in the southern isles. Afterwards the sub-kingdom of Man and the Isles, including Kintyre, was established, and subsisted until 1266, when by treaty these territories were ceded to Scotland. But although the seat of government was transferred from Norway to Scotland, the people, with their speech, traditions, beliefs, and usages, remained, and in a very real sense are there now. The late Mr Hector Maclean of Islay was the first to give due prominence to the patent fact of the strong Norse element in the more inland districts of the north and west seaboard of Scotland. Not less real, although more difficult to trace, are the mental and moral tendencies which the inhabitants of the North-West Highlands and Isles inherit from their Norse ancestors, and which are observable in their mode of speech, their manners, and literature when compared with those of the pure-bred Celts of the more inland districts and glens. The remains of the old Norse language and its influence upon Scottish Gaelic are conspicuous to every competent observer, and these are more numerous and unmistakable in the common speech, and especially in the names of persons and places where the strong Teutonic race settled in the most numerous and ancient traditions and usages still linger in these parts. The tendency to dwell on the sterner aspects of our faith, and especially the description of the Highland Hades as a region of extreme cold as well as heat, given by Gaelic hymnologists of unquestioned orthodoxy down to the last century, is doubtless attributed to the influence of Norse mythology. The rural economy Norse words and usages still survive, and very probably the Norseman, with his innate love of freedom and his passionate attachment to his own òdal system of land tenure, helped to perpetuate in the Highlands of the north and west the belief of a right in the soil which is the basis of the Norse occupation of the Hebrides gave a check to Christianity, to civilisation, and especially to learning in these isles. Iona, though afterwards famous, never again held the place as a school of learning which it occupied in pre-Norse days. But still the settling of the Norse in the north was to our great gain. The mingling of Norseman and Celt has produced a fine breed of men, physically and mentally. Under the guidance of proud island chiefs, the men of the isles were for centuries a source of trouble to the Scottish throne. But in recent times they have become an element of power and stability to the Empire. It would perhaps be difficult to name a district in Britain which, in proportion to their respective populations, has added greater lustre to the British army or more strength to the British Colonies than Skye, Mull, and Argyll. And in the field of Gaelic literature, history, and tradition, the inhabitants of the Norse kingdom of the Isles have fully held their own among the race of the Scottish Gael.

HE SELECTED HIS BODY-GUARD.

Cameron was at this time promoted to a Majority, and bore a conspicuous part in the battle and important capture of Alexandria, where he was wounded, and where, in the army, but the whole nation had cause to lament the fall of the brave Abercromby. The victory of Alexandria, was the first important and decisive one obtained by British over French troops from the commencement of the war. Here the latter were superior in cavalry and in artillery, yet the British, though deprived of their gallant leader, beyond all question, gained the honours of the day. The French were compelled to retreat, and, before the end of August, the whole army, amounting to 24,000 veterans, capitulated to the British. All the regiments engaged in that arduous service conducted themselves with uniform and signal bravery. None, however, was more conspicuous than the 92nd. Cameron, besides his promotion in the regiment, obtained a gold medal from the Sultan, and became known as one of the most efficient and trustworthy officers of the service. Unfortunately, the letters which he must have written from Egypt are lost, except one, from which we quote, as showing the care he took of everything belonging to the 'lads from the country,' or 'our own lads,' as he at other times calls them. He dates Camp before Alexandria, 29th August, 1801, and says:—'I wrote you before leaving Newport, enclosing a bill on Charles Erskine for money belonging to 'Ewen dubh Tail air' and from Marmorice Bay, a letter with money for 'Ewen dubh Coul' (the names by which these two Ewens Cameron were known at home)—also money for the two MacPhies; but you do not mention whether you received these, or not. I enclose you a copy of this letter; but I was most struck by finding among Sir Ewen Fassiefern's papers, receipts from the relatives of all these soldiers, carefully docketed and filed, showing that father and son alike interested themselves in the welfare of those who naturally looked to them as their protectors.

CHURCH NOTES.

Times change, and ministers, like other people, change with them. Looking back to the beginning of the century through the mist which has settled on it, it would almost seem as if the early ministers had characteristics which are foreign to their successors. They were luminous, they were pious, they were strong in individuality, they preached without conventionality. But it may be questioned whether a judgment on these divines is not being formed on imperfect materials. Take them all over, they were probably so common-place as need be, and certainly there is as much humour in the manner of some of them as there was in that of others. It is in the case of many of the old divines only the stories of their wit remain; their humdrum common-places are all forgotten. Withal, however, they were unquestionably eccentrics in the pulpit when our fathers and grandfathers were young.

COLONEL JOHN CAMERON OF FASSIEFERN.

SOME INCIDENTS IN HIS CAREER. [CONTINUED.]

The 92nd, with the other regiments engaged in the campaign, returned to Britain after the convention of Alkmaar, and Cameron, obtaining leave of absence, visited his native glens, accompanied by his steady follower, Macmillan. He soon, however, returned to his regiment, which was engaged in various operations in the Mediterranean, under General Maitland, and afterwards under Lord Dalhousie; but these services seem to have been extremely distasteful, as they did not bring the army to any important engagement with the enemy. There is a letter of Cameron's to his father, dated "H.M.S. Inconstant, frigate, at Sea, 22nd June, 1800," which strikingly shows the care taken by those in command to conceal their intended movements from the enemy. It is in the following words: "All well, but where we are, or what we are about, I dare not mention. There is another, dated, "Inconstant, off Malaga, 6th July, 1800," where some account is given of their previous proceedings:—"On the 5th June we landed on the island of Houat, in Quiberon Bay, opposite the country of the Chouans, where we landed General Georges, a Chouan chief, who was sent by our Government with a large sum of money to try his fortune in raising his countrymen in force, and who has had the high honour and probity to return the money, on finding it could not succeed. On Houat our small army was formed into divisions, and the order of battle given, but on the 15th June we all embarked again. Embarking and disembarking, vessels running foul of each other—such is what we are engaged in." On the 4th August he writes from the Inconstant frigate, Port-Mahon: "The regiment in general is exceedingly healthy, and all

THE LADS FROM THE COUNTRY

are in excellent health and spirits." These "lads from the country" formed his special care. Again, on the 22nd August, he writes from George's Town, Minorca, saying: "We landed a fortnight ago for the benefit of our health. It was not, however, dangerously ill. Here two have died, and ninety-two are in hospital. What would I not give for a letter from home! but here there is no chance of receiving one." On the 7th October, he writes "Off Cadix," complaining not hearing from the army, and of his all in shocking spirits at having been so completely 'lumbered' during the whole of this season." On the 29th October, "H.M.S. Stately, off Tetuan Bay," he gives strong expression to these feelings: "We left our station, off Cadiz, the day after I wrote you, and

have ever since been 'parading' in a pretty severe gale of wind backwards and forwards between Gibraltar, Tetuan Bay, and Cape Spartel. I shall ever regret, and feel perfectly assured, that I belong to this army. It is now a few days more than five months since I left England, and not a syllable have I heard from, or of, my friends, which is the most trying thing in the world. It would greatly lessen the regret that I feel at a long separation from them, were I to hear frequently from them. All the lads from the country are well, except Neil McDonald, who, poor fellow, was left very ill at Minorca. These regrets and repinings were, however, speedily dissipated, the army being called to Egypt under the command of the distinguished Abercromby. Arrangements were made to bring 8000 troops from India, under Sir David Baird, in order to join those under Abercromby in the Levant, and to operate with a Turkish army which was to descend from Syria. Sir Ralph Abercromby, however, finding the re-organisation of the Turkish force proceeding very slowly, and knowing that the arrival of Sir David must be necessarily uncertain, adopted the bold resolution of at once attacking the French with the comparatively small force under his immediate command. Accordingly, he sailed for Marmorice, in the Levant, with 17,500 troops, and reached the Bay of Aboukir on the 1st March, 1801. The British effected a landing in the face of the French troops and artillery, and the Highland regiments bore their full share of the struggle, and of the loss of that engagement. In the battle of Mandora, fought shortly afterwards, Cameron's Company occupied an advanced position, and suffered severely, but conducted themselves so gallantly as to call forth special commendation from the Commander-in-Chief, who, on this as on other occasions, gave public testimony to the gallant bearing of the 92nd, from whose men

Plainly enough the confession of the butler of King Pharoah—"I do remember my faults this day," is not in favour of the Young Men's Christian Association at the present day. They like far better to remember the faults of the ministers. Yet after all the ministers might have something to say for themselves. Some may be negligent, as their severest critics represent them, but surely not all. They do not all preach long sermons. One does need to be old to remember who sermons were twice as long as they generally are now. They do not all discuss only the husks of doctrine in the pulpit. They do not all systematically neglect the young men. A little more discrimination in making their complaints against ministers would be nothing amiss in future meetings of the Young Men's Christian Association.

THE COMMUNION CUPS IN USE IN THE PARISH CHURCH OF OLD CUMNOCK

The communion cups in use in the Parish Church of Old Cumnock were the gift of the Marquis of Bute—the late and not the present. They bear a symbolical device, a dragon with a crown above, and the words, "Let grace abound," beneath, and round about it all the national motto "Nemo me impune lacessit." The flagons are of pewter, of an ancient shape, and on one of them is a ship under full sail, and the words, "Maxwell, British Colonies." The patens, too, are of pewter, and their history is unknown.

WHO "MAXWELL" WAS THERE IS NOW NO MEANS OF KNOWING.

It is surmised that he may have been some wandering Scot whose commercial transactions had been successful enough to evoke his gratitude for favours received, and who may, therefore, have donated the flagons to Cumnock. And some point is given to this suggestion by the fact that in the Parish Church of Craigie the communion service bears the same device, and the motto, "Let the United States of America flourish, S. Maxwell." Maxwell is not so very long dead, and his personality should be accepted as recoverable. In any case, it appears to have been a bit of a cosmopolitan for his day and generation.

DID YOU EVER (ASKS A CORRESPONDENT) COME

across the minister who must "boss" everything about the church and parish? If any new organisation is to be founded in the parish, however secular that institution may be, he expects to be made its president, otherwise he will denounce it. He attends the preliminary meeting, and his presence is valued for a penny which, we venture to think, has never before been attempted in the world of letters. Already we have articles of exceptional interest, stories of adventure, and thrilling records of gallant deeds, and there need be no fear that the standard of excellence to be found in this number of "The Penny Magazine" will not be maintained. We wish the promoters of this new venture every success.

LITERARY NOTES.

The "Scots' Pictorial" of last week contained an excellent portrait of Neil Munro, and an appreciative notice of his "Iainn Albin"—John Splendid. It also contains some sketches of Inveraray Castle and grounds.

A CHEAPER EDITION OF MR LARMINI'S "IRISH

Folk Tales" is to be issued in the "Antiquary's Library" by Mr Elliot Stock. It will contain many West Country romances, with some specimens of the original in Gaelic, spelt phonetically for the assistance of English readers.

WE UNDERSTAND MR ARCHD. SINCLAIR, PUBLISHER,

Glasgow, contemplates publishing an up-to-date guide to Islay, with numerous plates, maps, &c. Mr Sinclair is himself an Islander, and should know what is required in the way of a safe and reliable guide to "The Queen of the Hebrides."

THE GREAT MARQUIS OF MONTROSE IS THE

central figure in a new historical novel, entitled "The Angel of the Covenant," which Mr MacLennan Cobban has written, and which Messrs Methuen & Co. will publish in a few days. There is also set forth the tragic story of Montrose's sister, the Lady Catherine Graham, while the subordinate characters are the Earl of Argyll, and, in the French scenes, the Duc d'Armaing, whom Duménil has made famous. A little-known portrait of Montrose, from a collection of Lord Southesk, forms the frontispiece.

THE DUKE OF ARGYLL'S BOOK, "ORGANIC

Evolution Cross-Examined," will be published in a few days by Mr John Murray. It is based on a controversy which took place in the "Nineteenth Century" between the author and Mr Herbert Spencer, and the ideas then promulgated by Mr Green are in this book amplified and more closely examined. The Duke of Argyll is now engaged on a volume to which a great deal of interest will attach, namely, his autobiography. Details have not yet been made public.

MR DAVID NUTT, OF 270-271 STRAND, LONDON,

announces the issue during the forthcoming season of the following important works—Hall, "Cuchullin Saga," Abercromby, "Pre- and Proto-Historic," Bugge, "Home of the Eddic Poems." The special attention of all interested in the early history and literature of Northern and North-Western Europe in general, and of the British Isles in particular, is called to the works.

SIR MOUNT STUART GRANT DUFF IS GOING

to follow up his "Notes from a Diary" with "Notes from an Indian Diary," kept during his Governorship of Madras, 1881-5. Another volume which has sent Mr Duff to the press is Murray promises is "Haunts and Hobbes of Indian Officials," by Mr Thornhill, who wrote "Adventures of a Magistrate in the Indian Mutiny."

MR LANG HAS NOW FINISHED THE FIRST VOLUME

of his history of Scotland, taking the Roman occupation as his starting point. The object of Mr Lang's work is to trace the making of national character and institutions, a line to which J. R. Green's history may be said to have given the direction.

THE FIRST VOLUME TO BE ISSUED BY THE IRISH

Texts Society, formed last spring as an offshoot of the Irish Literary Society, has now been definitely determined upon, although the date of its appearance is uncertain. It will consist of the hitherto unedited Irish romantic tales, "The Adventures of the Lad of the Furze," and "The Adventures of the Three Children of the King of Iorwich." That Dr Douglas Hyde, who will write an introduction and add notes and a glossary, no more scholarly translator could have been found.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady having been cured of her

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CHAPTER XI. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT.

Musa's voyage home was even pleasanter, though rather longer, than her voyage out. The steamer arrived at New York on the evening of the fifteenth of May, and the next morning she took the first train for the South, and reached Washington at an early hour in the afternoon, and drove directly to her house on Vermont Avenue.

When the hack drew up before the front door, she noticed that the house was closely shut up, as if it were deserted or untenanted. "Get out, Cassy, and ring. I wonder if there is any one inside," said Musa, gazing wistfully at the silent house.

"Cassy went to the front door, and rapped an alarm. John, the footman, opened the door, and seeing the face of his young mistress at the carriage window, hastened out to open the door and let down the steps.

"How do you do, John? Are you all well at home?" inquired Musa, as she stepped from the carriage. "All mightily well, Miss. I thank you. No body here but me and the cook," replied the footman with a bow and a grin. "All started off together last Saturday, Miss."

"Where have they gone, John?" pursued Musa, as she threw off her bonnet. "I am and Miss have gone down to Pirri's Park, to stay three months longer, de Colonel O'Connell. And Miss Meda Satin have gone home to her mother."

"I am glad to hear it. It will do them all good. Now, John, go and open the windows in the library, and sir the room, and lay out some paper and pen and ink on the writing table. And be quick, for I shall follow you almost immediately."

John hurried away to obey her orders. In a few moments Musa left the drawing-room and passed on to the library, where she sat down at the writing table and dashed off the following note: "VERMONT AVENUE, Wednesday Evening.

"TO LYTTLETON LOCKE, Esq.—My Dear General: As I love still to call you, I have returned home suddenly and unexpectedly, even to my business of the most vital importance has hurried me hither. I was just writing to you, when you came to me this evening if possible. If not, come at your earliest convenience. I shall wait until I see you. Your affectionate ward, Musa."

She folded, sealed and directed the note, and gave it to the waiting footman, saying: "Take this immediately to Mr. Lyttleton Locke, John, and wait for an answer. Let me see. You had better take my saddle horse from the stable and ride, to save time; and get back as quickly as possible."

Dinner was ready; by the time John had returned, with a note from Mrs. MacArthur. Musa took it and read: "THE POPPERS, Wednesday Afternoon.

"MY DEAR MUSA: I will be with you this evening. Ever your friend, J. LYTTLETON LOCKE." After dinner Musa went into the library to await the arrival of Mr. Locke, and in about fifteen minutes he was announced.

"My dear good friend, I thank you so much for coming to me so promptly. I am very happy to welcome you home," he said, as he shook hands with her. Musa at once plunged into the distressing subject which weighed upon her mind. She stated the case to the old lawyer, who had hard work to conceal his amazement and by saying: "Mr. Locke, I wish you to collect the proofs of my marriage with the late Earl of Cressy, accompany me to England, and lay these proofs before the Duke's solicitors. And the Duke must then recognise me as the Countess of Cressy. Will you show me the officiating minister's certificate of my marriage?"

"I don't think I've got one. I'm sure I haven't replied Musa reflectively. "Oh!" exclaimed the lawyer, starting. "I do not know of any certificate of my marriage; I did not know it was ever signed, and handed to me. I gave it to the Earl of Cressy, and thrust it into his vest pocket. I had forgotten all about it."

"Oh, you insane woman! It was handed to you. Why did you not keep it?" inquired the lawyer in a troubled voice. "Do tell you the truth, I did not know what it was. I thought it was some trifling—perhaps a receipt for the fee, or something of that sort."

"The lawyer could have laughed at her simplicity, had he not been so troubled on her behalf. "Clergymen never give receipts for marriage fees, nor do bridegrooms ever expect them, you inexperienced girl," he grimly remarked. "Was that paper of much importance, Mr. Locke?" anxiously inquired Musa.

"Of much importance. It was your marriage certificate, Musa. It was given to you to keep. It is always given to the bride, who is supposed to be even more deeply interested in the stability of her marriage than is the bridegroom," gravely replied the lawyer. "Was that paper of very important?" again inquired Musa, more anxiously than before.

"Yes, it was very important, as matters have turned out. We may be able to do without it, however. Who was the officiating clergyman?" "The Episcopal minister at Bladenburg?" "Ah, yes. I know him. We will drive out there to-morrow morning and get another certificate from him, and a copy of the registry."

The next morning Musa and Mr. Locke started on their quest. An hour's drive and they entered the village, and drew up before the rectory gate. "Is this the house, now, where you were married?" inquired the lawyer, pausing for her answer before he knocked. "Why, of course it is the house," fretfully answered Musa. "You are quite sure?" "Quite sure."

"We are all liable to mistakes." "Not in affairs of this kind. I know this is the house, Mr. Locke." "Very well, then I will knock," said the lawyer, suiting the action to the word. "A servant came to the door." "Is the rector at home?" inquired Mr. Locke. "Yes, sir. Please to walk in," answered the girl, leading the way into the parlour, which at this moment was vacant and dark.

"What name shall I give, sir?" inquired the girl. "Take this card," said Mr. Lyttleton Locke. "The very girl that admitted the Earl and myself on that eventful third of February, and the very room in which we waited, and in which we were married," whispered Musa, as soon as the waitress had left. "At that moment the door opened, and a tall, dark-haired gentleman of about thirty-five years of age entered the room, and advanced cordially towards Mr. Locke, who arose and shook hands with him, and then presented him to Musa, saying: "Never!" exclaimed Musa, whose very lips had turned ashen pale.

"I have never had the honour of seeing this lady before. But I am very glad to see her now," said the rector offering his hand. Musa scarcely touched it, and sank back in her chair, white and faint. "The rector looked from one to the other of his visitors as in mute inquiry for an explanation, and then seated himself before them. Mr. Locke said: "This lady is certain that she was married to the Earl of Cressy in this house, and even in this room, on the third of last February. She was also under the impression that she was married by the rector of this church. But I think I can understand the solution of the problem. You had probably gone from home for a season and some substitute was filling your place. Was not such the case?" inquired the lawyer.

"He answered slowly. "The only occasion on which I have been absent from my duties was on the last Sunday in January, and on the last Sunday in April, when I was called to the happy death-bed of my sainted father.—Ah!"

"The minister concluded with a sudden exclamation and look of enlightenment. "My dear Lady Cressy," he said, "I think I have found a clue to this little mystery." "Ah! I thought we should. Some brother clergyman was staying with you at the time," said the lawyer triumphantly. Musa gazed and listened anxiously.

"Yes, Mr. Locke, you are right. My aged father, who was himself a clergyman, though long disabled from preaching, on account of his years and infirmities, spent the whole winter with me, for the sake of being in a warmer climate. He remained with me from the first of November until the first of April. He was not accustomed to perform any ministerial offices whatever. But it happened, some time in February, I was laid up for a few days with influenza, and my father was then able to walk about the house. It is most probable, as you are sick in bed at the time when you were married here in this parlour, that he officiated on the occasion; for he took great delight in marrying young couples. Now, my dear Lady Cressy, please to describe to me the personal appearance of the minister who performed that marriage ceremony."

"He was a very tall old gentleman, with a fair, thin face and silvery white hair, and a long flowing silver white beard. He had very light blue eyes that looked straight into those of anyone he spoke to. And I noticed also that he wore a white vest, which is unusual in the dress of a clergyman," added Musa. "That was my father. Yes, that was my father. You were married by Dr. Mortimer, Lady Cressy."

"But he had not told you of this marriage, sir?" inquired the lawyer. "No, not a word. My father was a very silent man; very much given, in his latter days, to reverie, absence of mind, and even swift forgetfulness of recent events. In fact, he was sinking into his second state of childhood," explained, in a tender and reverential voice. "That accounts for his omission to register the marriage," said the lawyer gravely.

"Yes, that was unfortunate, especially as he himself, as well as the bridegroom, has since gone to his eternal home. But if you wish to prove the marriage, as I presume from all appearances that you do, you have still the means of doing so. The first and most important is by the testimony of the living witnesses." "Oh, Heaven!" cried Musa, clasping her hands in despair, "there are no living witnesses! My husband is dead; the minister who married us is dead. And I only survive. And my unsupported testimony would be no legal proof of my marriage."

"The lawyer and the rector both looked aghast. "What?" exclaimed the two, in one voice. "No witnesses to your marriage, Lady Cressy?" "No; not one! There was no one present but the aged minister, myself, and the Earl."

"Indeed your father signed a paper, which he handed me, and which I gave Lord Cressy, who thrust it carelessly into his vest pocket." "It is a great pity that you have not it at hand. But no doubt it is filed away carefully among the important papers of the late Earl, and once more, the lawyer suggested the rector. "I fear not. I do not think it has been preserved. You see, sir, that neither of us knew its nature or its value. I am sure that I did not. I thought it was some receipt, possibly for the marriage fee, or something of the sort worth keeping."

"Still it may have been preserved. A search should be made for it, since it seems necessary to prove your marriage." "Yes," said the lawyer, rising. "The Duke should be written to upon the subject, and he should initiate a rigid search among the papers and effects of the late Earl. And now, Lady Cressy, I do think we had better go. Mr. Mortimer, I hope that you consider all that has passed between us on this embarrassing subject strictly confidential."

ALL ROUND THE SHOPS. INVERNESS TRADESMEN INTERVIEWED.

With the near approach of the rigours of winter, the thrifty housewife once more considers the relative heat-sustaining and vigour-imparting qualities of the various solids and liquids constituting the food of those under her charge. For a drink, fulfilling the necessary conditions in the highest degree, Dr Tibbles' "Vi-Cocoa" stands without a peer. Its immense popularity throughout the length and breadth of the land is of itself an eloquent testimony to its many good qualities. It is possible to "demand" a new article and create an artificial boom for it; but nothing but merit stands the test of time. Dr Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa has done that, in proof whereof we submit the following accounts of interviews with Inverness tradesmen upon the subject:—

In The Public Supply Stores, so ably run by Messrs Low & Company, of Dundee, there has been for a fortnight during October a finely-arranged display of Dr Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa occupying a prominent position in one of the main passages. Thousands of passers-by were attracted by the display. In reply to our inquiries, we were told that Vi-Cocoa is selling very well. It is pushed. The manager thinks highly of it, and whenever cocoa is asked for and no particular make specified, Dr Tibbles' is always given with satisfaction to purchasers.

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SUPERSTITION IN THE HIGHLANDS AT THE PRESENT DAY.

[By Mr JOHN MACKENZIE, B.A.] (Continued.) "Another way in which everybody should be forewarned against the Black Art is brought out in the following story.—A wicked man wished to appropriate the fruit of a neighbour's labour in the manner of our Lochbroom friends. He accordingly borrowed the symbolic piece of worsted thread and applied to an elderly woman of his acquaintance for her assistance. She replied that she would consult her master, but was afraid it would be impossible for even him to harm so-and-so, as he never crossed his threshold of a morning without "going on his knees." "However," she added, "if you can invent some plan to bring him outside without doing this, I will do my best for you." Very early next morning the base fellow went to his neighbour's house and shouted loudly that a number of horses were in his corn, and had destroyed a great part of it. The good man got up, hastily dressed, and was running out. He had reached the door, when he noticed an unnatural commotion among his own cattle, which he could not account for. Suddenly, he remembered that he had not bent his knee, and did so at once. The cattle quietened down instantly, and on going out he found not a horse on his lot. He saw at once how nearly he had fallen a victim to his neighbour's wicked machinations, and fervently did he return thanks for his timely deliverance. But it is not in all cases that the requisition by persons in all kinds of difficulties, and in order to attain every kind of object. The following romantic story, though not recent, possesses a local interest. About forty years ago there lived here the Manor Farm buildings now stand, two old women, sisters, were all day long and Harris a "Cailleach Dhu" (the Black Old Woman), and famed throughout the Western Isles for their extraordinary skill and proficiency in the Black Art. 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the material of their costumes. These original headgears in most cases were very becoming; they were not worn in the severe "Helen Macgregor" style, but were tucked here and there with chic ornaments, and so made in sure the owner's face.

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Notwithstanding the amazing popularity of the blouse, the tailor jacket is greatly in vogue, and holds an equal place among fashionable folk. The model illustrated is designed for a costume, and is eminently well suited to cloth of all sorts, heavy cheviot, tweed, and the like.

STORING AWAY APPLES, and one recipe which I had given to me lately by a lady who frequently tried it with gratifying results, may be given for the benefit of those who, notwithstanding the jams and jellies made of the fruit, still have a collection of apples in their possession.

ETIQUETTE NOTES.

It is vulgar to overload the fingers with rings, no matter how beautiful the hand or the jewellery. A few very choice rings, say two, are quite sufficient to wear at once.

When leaving a party or reception, it is not necessary to take leave of any person but one's hostess or hostesses, and the leaving-taking and departure should be done as quietly as possible.

It is not considered polite to smoke in the presence of ladies, and young women should not permit it, or encourage it by easy tolerance.

Dyed hair is considered bad form; it certainly is in the worst possible taste, and never deceives any person; neither does it make anyone look more youthful.

For a simple yet perfect little dinner four courses are sufficient; they may consist of soup, a roast, with its suitable vegetables, a salad, and a sweet dish; for instance, a pudding or ice cream and black coffee.

A pretty feature of country house weddings is the winding up of the festivity with a dance; another feature, and one which makes the affair less trying to the bride and groom is the air of informality that seems inseparable from country fetes.

Afternoon weddings are more in vogue than for many years; the high noon hour is a favorite hour for weddings this year, especially in the country.

Good form requires reserve of manner grace of bearing, and refined modesty to be shown as much in a bathing costume as in a ball dress, therefore one must be more than careful in one's conduct at the seashore.

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